

Branch News

- Reconstruction of the front entrance and ramp at the Bethany Branch began on May 19. The main entrance is closed, with staff and patrons using the east-side entrance. Work is expected to take approximately three weeks.
- Revitalization of Queen's Square Park in Lindsay began on May 25 and is expected to be completed by the end of June. During construction, the Kent Street entrance to the Lindsay Branch will be closed.
- The Fenelon Falls design project is ongoing, with staff reviewing initial plans.
- Rehabilitation of the brickwork and stairs at the front and rear entrances of the Oakwood Branch began in April and is expected to be completed by the end of June.

Programs, Outreach and Partnerships

- Despite two blizzards taking place over the week, **March Break 2026** saw another record number of attendees.
- March's Kawartha Lakes **LoreTalks** program at Lindsay, which covered high-profile community events held throughout the region over the years, was a smashing success, attracting 10 patrons attending the talk.
- Over 450 people visited Fenelon Falls branch as part of the town's **Easter Eggstravaganza**.
- **Children's author Judi Barr** visited Lindsay and Bobcaygeon branches to share her new book "*The Tale of Eileen: A Timid Housecat*."
- **Local author Emma Couette** visited the Lindsay branch to promote her new book "*Season of Ruin*."
- A **Seed Library** officially launched at the Lindsay Branch, encouraging community members to explore gardening and seed saving. The collection launched with 12 vegetable varieties and 8 flower varieties available for patrons to borrow. The Seed Library has recorded 52 participants and has already received 2 seed donations from community members.
- **OPP officer Jake Daynes** came out to Bobcaygeon to chat with the public about Fraud Awareness.

Outreach

- Library **care home exchanges** continue monthly with visits in Lindsay at Adelaide Place, William Place, Frost Manor, Caessant Care, and Victoria Manor. In Bobcaygeon, library staff exchanged books with Case Manor and Aspira Retirement as well as Fenelon Court in Fenelon Falls.

- Library staff provided an **outreach storytime** visit to CAPC (SIRCH Community Services) in **Fenelon Falls**. Kids literacy programming information was provided to parents.
- Library staff attended **The Easter in the Park** event at Victoria Park in **March**. Two 30-minute storytime sessions took place at the event, as well as kids programming sheets handed out.
- Library staff attended **Victoria Manor's Wellness Fair** on May 20 to highlight some of the library's health and wellness resources, the active living collection, as well as cognitive kits.
- Library staff attended Leslie Frost's **Get Ready for Kindergarten** event the evening of May 20, highlighting the library's early literacy resources and programs

Partnerships

- The library partnered with the Salvation Army to offer free **income tax return clinics** at Little Britain, Bobcaygeon, Oakwood and Woodville branches in April
- Bobcaygeon has a specialized **art instillation of heritage photos** to showcase both Kawartha Lakes' 25th amalgamation anniversary and Bobcaygeon's **sesquicentennial**

Promotion/Marketing

- The library is ran it's **Get Caught Reading** campaign in May in which patrons are invited to submit photos of individuals reading around the community.

KPIs to April 2026		
Branch Visits	Overall Circulation	Event Attendance
63,061	121,967	18,096