

Branch News

- Carpeting project in **Lindsay Circulation** and **Program** department was completed. **Lindsay Circulation** reopened to the public September 16. **Lindsay Programs pop up space** was set up in Meeting Room during temporary closure of Program department. **Lindsay Programs** had a soft re-opening on October 19.
- Construction to the parking lot and land around **Dalton branch** was completed at the end of October.
- Improvement to the entrance ramp at **Kirkfield branch** took place October 28-30. In addition, several dead trees were cut down and removed from this location.

Programs, Outreach and Partnerships

Programs/Services

- **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation** was honoured on Monday, September 30th. On Saturday September 28, all branches offered activities for both kids and adults. Lindsay branch also offered two reconciliation sessions that included a smudge ceremony.
- This school year, the Library will offer exciting programs on **PA days**. The first PA Day was Friday, October 25. Programs will be available at all open branches, with a different program happening each PA day.
- **Rainbow Families** - a new library-supported community get-together targeted for 2SLGBTQIA+ families, but welcoming to all – commenced October 19 at **Lindsay branch**. This event was well attended with families asking for continued monthly dates
- **Bobcaygeon** branch has launched a **Homeschool STEM** program with activities for children who learn from home
- **One-on-one tech support** sessions are now offered at all branches. Staff will provide dedicated learning sessions to library patrons seeking support on how to operate new tablets, smart phones and various computer software systems. These free 30 minute sessions can be booked in advance and are offered every month.

Outreach

- Library staff made seven presentations to all grade 9 L.C.V.I students. Specifically highlighted in this presentation was how students can receive volunteer hours by volunteering at the library.

- During the **Lindsay** branch closure, library staff hosted three pop-up story times during, once at Edwin Binney's Community Garden and twice at Logie Park.
- Library staff attended **The CKL Wellness Fair** at the Armories on September 25. The library's active living collection, community passes, cognitive kits, as well as sensory support kits, were all promoted at this event.
- The library hosted an information booth at the **International Plowing Match**. The library table displayed items from the physical collection as well as items from the Library of Things collection. Pictures from our digital archive were also on display. The library was located in the Educational Building with many kids from surrounding communities bussed in for this event.
- Library staff coordinated 5 **care home visits** in September and October at Case Manor and Aspira in Bobcaygeon as well as William Place, Frost Manor and Caressent Care in Lindsay.

Partnerships

- **CKL Heritage Development Officer** has been visiting all library branches this fall to promote the City's Archaeological Plan.
- **Fire Prevention Week** was October 6th – October 12th. The Library collaborated with Kawartha Lakes Fire Rescue to offer programs at the **Bobcaygeon** and **Lindsay** branches.
- The **Lindsay** and **Bobcaygeon** branches hosted the **3rd Annual Kawartha Lakes Book Festival** on October 26. The event helps celebrate and promote local authors.
- The library has submitted a proposal to secure a grant through **The Commonwell LEAF** project. Any funds received will go towards equipping the Creativity Lab in former Kawartha Art Gallery Space. Several patrons have left supportive comments on our proposal webpage.

Kudos

Positive feedback from a Lindsay patron

... I really appreciated the ceremony at the Lindsay branch for Truth and Reconciliation Day with Claudia. She was amazing. I have no background in Indigenous culture, and felt very honoured to be able to participate in the prayers and smudging she led. While I try to keep current with news and developments, having the experience of listening to her was very different.

KPIs to September 30		
Branch Visits	Overall Circulation	Event Attendance
148,169	296,927	41,083