



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to endorse the 2022 Annual Report of the Bruce County Public Library (BCPL).

In 2022, BCPL made significant strides implementing their strategic priorities. As a Trusted Community Connector, staff attended several outreach events including Fall Fairs, Touch-a-Truck, and the Grey-Bruce One World Festival. New Resident packages are now available at all 17 branches, ensuring that those new to our communities can easily access important local information. While supply chain difficulties impacted our ability to launch the Bookmobile, staff have been hard at work behind the scenes to ensure it can quickly begin providing service once it is received.

Recognizing the increase in remote work, several of our branches now offer digitally equipped spaces available to those looking for an alternate work location. As a Digital Community Facilitator, we also provide technology assistance and instruction. We appreciate the donation from NPX that allowed us to update our iPads to continue providing this service.

As a Community Sharing Place, we now have a Local Author Collection and a Borrow by Mail Service. BCPL offers a wealth of items to borrow beyond books, including technology kits, binoculars, and fishing rods. On behalf of the Library Board and Staff I invite you to join the library and discover all that BCPL has to offer.

Luke Charbonneau
Board Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We were excited to welcome our communities back to in-person programs and regular branch services in 2022. Our library branches are community hubs where all are not only welcome but encouraged to visit and be themselves. Our friendly library staff love to see you! Come for a book or a movie, or to borrow a robot. Stay for a 3D printer lesson, a children's program, or to create something new. Share your skills, your thoughts, and your aspirations. Leave with the knowledge that Bruce County Public Library is here for you, finding innovative ways for you to read, connect, learn, and discover. And don't forget to come back again soon.

Brooke McLean
Library Director



COMMUNITY

In 2022 we helped welcome those new to Bruce County with our New Resident Packages. Packed with information local to their new communities, those new to the County were encouraged to come in and pick one up.

We had two notably successful community programs this year: Food for Fines, which brought in 634 items for local food banks, and Summer Reading Club, which saw its most successful year ever with a combined total of 217,570 minutes read!

COLLECTIONS

BCPL worked throughout 2022, diversifying our collection. By identifying titles that fall under the eight selected Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) topics, we were able to bring in relevant, interesting and informative materials to all our Bruce County patrons. This will aid in an overall goal of inclusion as well as helping those who identify outside of these topics experience views and realities they may not have the opportunity to in their day to day life.



Food for Fines

PROGRAMMING

2022 saw the launch of our Digital Literacy Workshops for seniors. These workshops branched into our now regular program, Tech Coach. We created a space where small groups can get one-on-one assistance that provides the building blocks for digital learning. Many Branches were able to bring in specialists in their community to share their experiences and knowledge, from Sign Language to Salsa classes. We learned Mindfulness from Mindful Mike, and kids learned to dream big with encouragement from Impact Wrestling's Cody Deaner. While we openly embraced the return of in-person programming, we still worked to bring fresh online programming, including two YouTube live events with David Chapman.



Summer Reading Club Kick-Off Party

BY THE NUMBERS

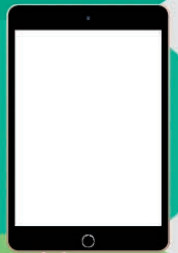
21,280
LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS

ITEMS BORROWED

368,226

EAUDIO AND EBOOKS

113,588



6,538 SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS



WEBSITE VISITS **219,941**

138,500 CATALOGUE VISITS

PROGRAMS **1,674**

21,745 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

THANK YOU

Board Members

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Donors

We are incredibly thankful for all the generous support we received this year from all our 2022 donors.

Bookmobile Donors

NWMO - \$50,000
Bruce Power - \$15,000
Society of United Professionals - \$10,000
Walkerton Rotary Club - \$3,000
Community Foundation Grey-Bruce - \$1,500
Bruce-Grey OECTA - \$1,000
Rotary Club of Hepworth-Shallow Lake - \$1,000

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Volunteers

Bruce County Public Library extends our thanks to our many volunteers for generously donating their time and skills and helping us create a vibrant library community.

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Chesley Friends of the Library

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