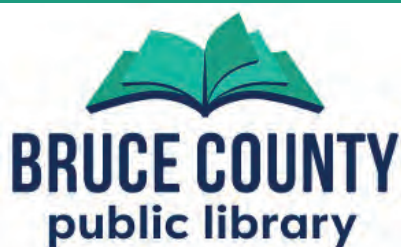




2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Rediscover your library!



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Melissa Legacy - Library Director/CEO

2016 was another successful year working toward our goals. Being responsive to community needs is very important to us. This past year we focused on engaging with communities in a different way.

One of the goals of our strategic plan is to work outside our walls and build strong community partnerships. Another goal is to become the hub of the community with accessible multi-use space and customer friendly access for all ages.

We implemented a number of great initiatives and plan to work on even more in the coming year. As we work toward these goals we hope to hear from you, our community!



2016 BY THE NUMBERS

445,026 physical items circulated
55,429 digital items were checked out
25,424 library card holders
1,362 programs were offered
10,856 people attended library programs
198,010 website and online catalogue visits
Over 14,000 Internet sessions on library computers

2016 Expenditures

Total Budget: \$3,126,740

Wages and benefits 74%

Capital (includes books, DVDs,
and audio books) 14%

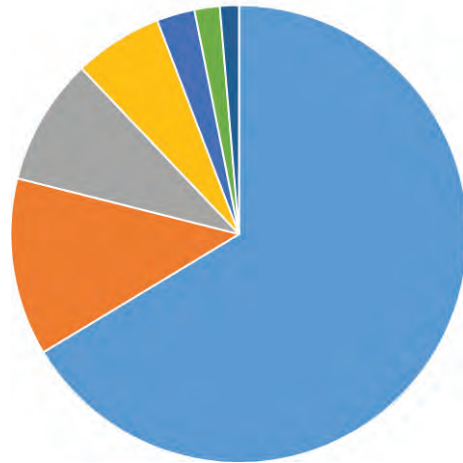
Branch rent 10%

Materials and services 7%

Facility costs 3%

Contract services 2%

Staff training and travel 1.5%



2016 Sources of Funding

County of Bruce 88%

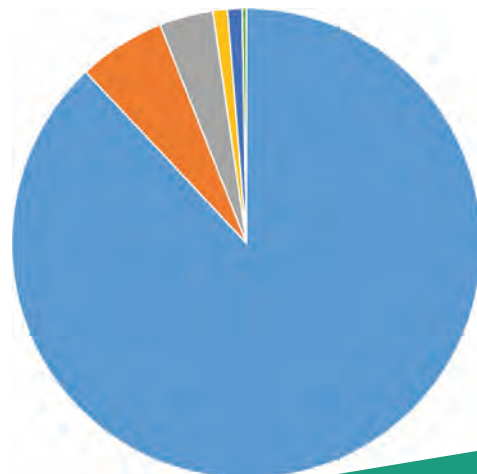
Ministry of Tourism & Culture 6%

Reserve Funds (operating
and capital) 3.7%

Fees and Services Revenue 1%

Other Provincial Funding 1%

Donations 0.3%





2016 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2014 when we were preparing our strategic plan, we held a number of community consultations to hear what people wanted from their local library. We want to let you know what we have accomplished so far.

You asked for:

Free online courses

We Introduced Lynda.com - a leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals.

lynda.com



A rotating cultural space

We celebrated 2016 Culture Days with the creation of a community canvas where members of the public created a collaborative painting in their local branch.

Museum summer students provided an outreach program for children in a number of branches based on their Chagall exhibit.

Walkerton, Chelsey, and Wiarton Branches feature an art space that showcases local artists. This is ongoing and rotates regularly. The Walkerton branch held its annual juried art show in partnership with the Municipality of Brockton and the Brockton Art Committee.

Authors for both adults and children toured the area and visited branches throughout the year.

Branches celebrate National Canadian Film Day in April by showing Canadian Films where possible.

A space focused on community building

On May 19, 2016 we held a Newcomer Night at the Port Elgin branch to provide community information to people new to the area. Groups involved: Municipality of Saugeen Shores, Chamber of Commerce, County departments (Social Services, Museum, Tourism), 211 Grey Bruce, Georgian College, Adult Learning Centre, Lake Huron Learning, Contact North, Police Services, Chantry Centre, Rotary Club, Public Health, VPI Employment Services

LIBRARY



WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

Becoming a hub for community groups and linking groups across Bruce County, hosting creative events for people of all ages to connect

2017 has three Community Info Expos planned that will bring together community groups and services in one convenient place to share info and ideas.

In 2017 we will host a “maker” event linking many creative groups in the community and giving them a venue to show the public what they make.

We will look for more opportunities to link community groups across the county. We will plan to offer creative events for people of all ages.

Change the way patrons access the library:

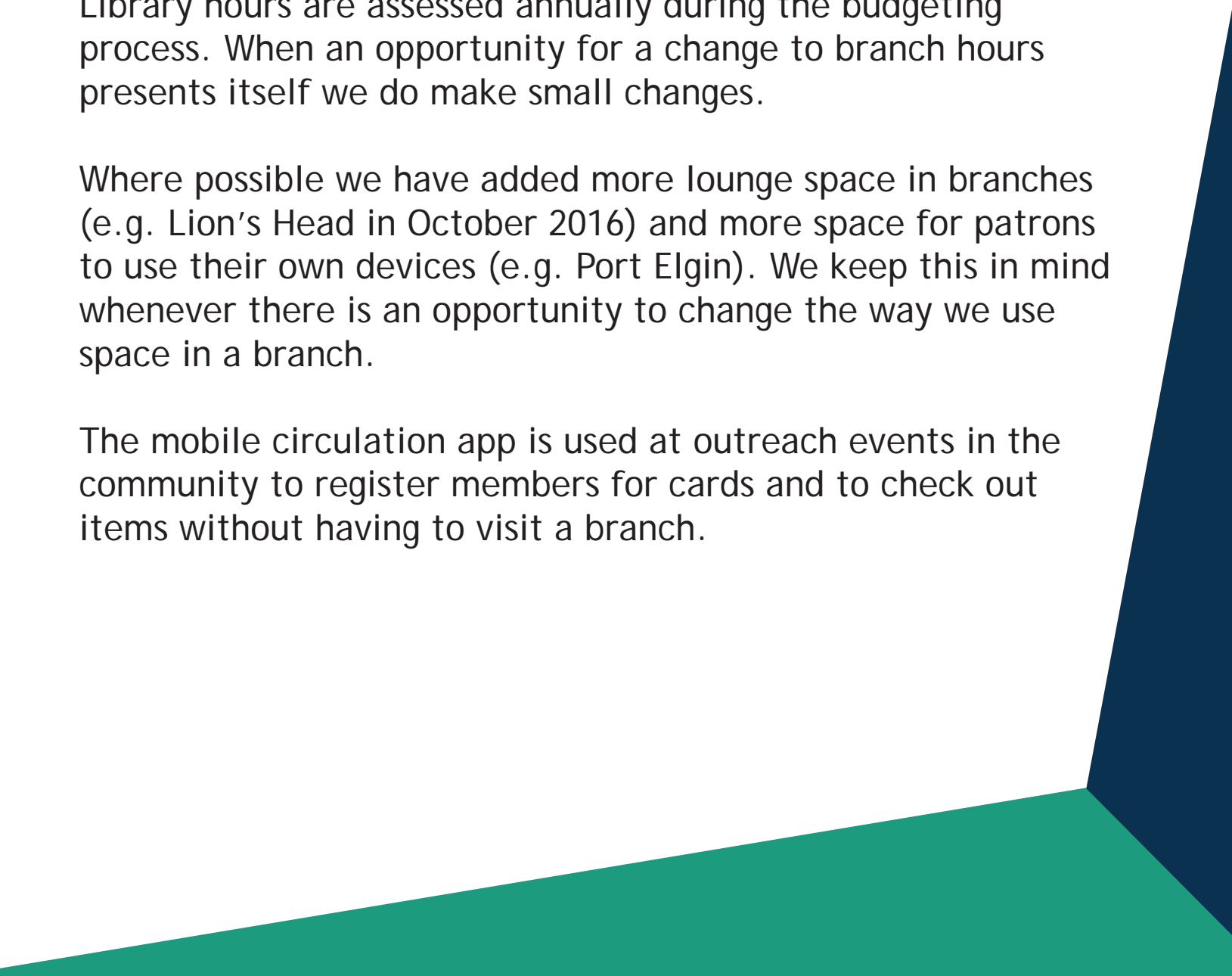
In 2017 we have committed to phase 1 of a bookmobile project with the hope of providing the service throughout the county in the coming years.

We provide a virtual library through our online book and audio-book collections, various learning databases, various links to community information and children's educational games. We are always looking for ways to expand what we currently offer. This is assessed annually.

Library hours are assessed annually during the budgeting process. When an opportunity for a change to branch hours presents itself we do make small changes.

Where possible we have added more lounge space in branches (e.g. Lion's Head in October 2016) and more space for patrons to use their own devices (e.g. Port Elgin). We keep this in mind whenever there is an opportunity to change the way we use space in a branch.

The mobile circulation app is used at outreach events in the community to register members for cards and to check out items without having to visit a branch.





THANK YOU!

Friends of the Library

Chesley Friends of the Library
Port Elgin Friends of the Library
Sauble Beach Friends of the Library
Tara Friends of the Library
Tobermory Friends of the Library
Wiarton Friends of the Library

ABOUT US

Board Members 2016

Mayor Mike Smith, Saugeen Shores
Mayor David Inglis, Brockton
Mayor Milt McIver, Northern Bruce Peninsula
Warden Mitch Twolan
Patricia Symon, Wiarton
Mike Moszynski, Ripley
Catherine Dickison, Brockton

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Kincardine	519.396.3289
Lion's Head	519.793.3844
Lucknow	519.528.3011
Mildmay	519.367.2814
Paisley	519.353.7225
Port Elgin	519.832.2201
Ripley	519.395.5919
Sauble Beach	519.422.1283
Southampton	519.797.3586
Tara	519.934.2626
Teeswater	519.392.6801
Tiverton	519.368.5655
Tobermory	519.596.2446
Walkerton	519.881.3240
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