

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

**PREPARED BY**

*Lanark Highlands Public Library*

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# A Year in Review

*"All these items we can take out on loan are amazing!!"*





# Board Members

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## NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY

Every year we make changes to ensure that our library is keeping up with the needs of the community. Keep reading to find out more about the latest changes you can find at your library!

## HIGHLIGHTS

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### **Lanark County Wide Sumobot League**

Thanks to a donation from the Elizabeth Kelly Foundation and Lanark County, libraries in Lanark County hosted its first Sumobot League. Children competed locally and the winners moved on to a County-wide competition where Lanark Highlands brought home the win!

### **Facility Updates**

The library had a makeover in the spring with a fresh coat of paint and the installation of slatboard on the ends of each row of shelving. The installation of slatboard facilitates our ability to better advertise our programs & services.

### **Take Home Kits Available**

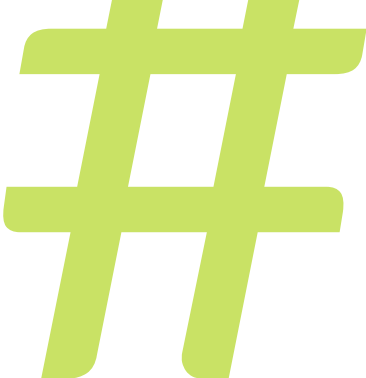
We offer three kits biweekly throughout the year. "Spice Club" for adults, and STEM kits for 7+ and crafting kits for the 0-6 age range.

### **"Library of Things" Collection**

Thanks to the Municipal Community grant and PDCF grant, we have a growing collection of every day items that can be borrowed. Items include crafting kits, explorer packs, electric pump, radon meters, educational tablets, sports equipment, health equipment, etc.

### **Programming for Seniors**

Thanks to the Province of Ontario we received funding to offer programming to seniors. Throughout the year there were information sessions, tech tutoring, cards & coffee club and art programs.



## Fund Development in 2024

Private Donations:	\$9,467
CFUW:	\$600
Municipal Community Grant:	\$2,298
PDCF Foundation:	\$3,697
ON Senior's Grant:	\$14,138
Big Brothers Big Sisters:	\$517
Canada Summer Jobs	\$5,000
Elizabeth Kelly Foundation:	\$15,938
OMYA:	\$3,000
Foodsmiths:	\$693
Lanark & District Civitan	\$2,250
Commonwell LEAF	\$23,782
Young Canada Works	\$5,762
Foodsmith's BYOB	\$729

## Local Business Support:

Lanark Timbermart | Lanark Centex  
Highlands Country Store | Pretty Goods  
Balderson Village Cheese Store  
Fitz's Fries | Lanark Medical Pharmacy  
Village Treats | Perth Independent  
Lanark Village Pets | Lanark Pizzeria  
Fork in the Road

The Library relies heavily on donations.  
If you are interested in supporting our efforts,  
you can make donations, in-person, via mail,  
by phone or online through our website.

**\*\*Charitable receipts can be issued.**

# BY THE NUMBERS

# OF LIBRARY USERS

1,153

# OF LITERACY WORKSHEETS DISTRIBUTED

1,833

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

6,042

# OF VISITORS IN PERSON

11,388

LIBRARY INTERNET & WIFI USED

2,912

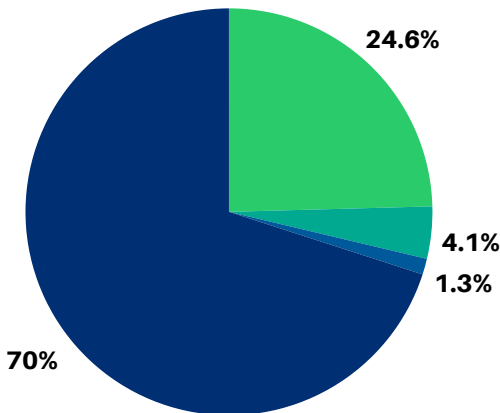
TOTAL ITEMS BORROWED

26,940

ECONOMIC IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY

\$945,785

# FINANCIALS

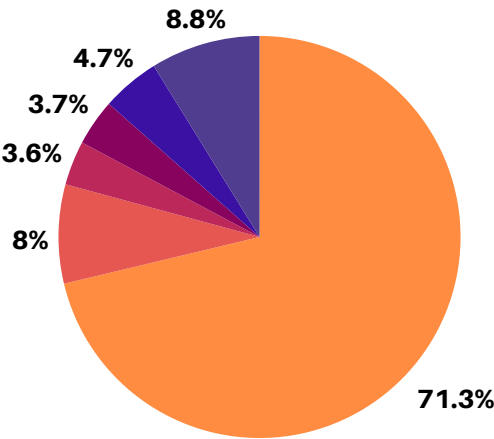


## Where the money comes from:

Library Generated Revenue (book sale, fines, printing)	\$4,217.62	1.3%
Donations/Fundraising/Grants	\$80,628.25	24.6%
Province of Ontario	\$13,599.00	4.1%
Township of Lanark Highlands	\$229,788.00	70.0%

## How the funds are allocated:

Wages & Benefits/Training	\$246,677.39	71.3%
Collections, Resources, & Furnishings	\$27,557.15	8.0%
Facility/Utilities	\$12,328.22	3.6%
Programs	\$30,512.69	8.8%
Administration	\$12,932.83	3.7%
Technology	\$16,145.06	4.7%



**\$58.38**

Local operating support  
per household

**6.47%**

% of operating budget dedicated  
to collection development



# OUR LIBRARY IS YOUR LIBRARY



## OUR MISSION

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We celebrate ideas, promote creativity, connect people and enrich lives by providing access to information and changing technology.

## OUR VISION

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Lanark Highlands Public Library is a welcoming, inclusive, and creative space where people from all walks of life come to connect, discover, and grow.

## THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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EarlyON  
ConnectWell  
Community Health  
Perth & District  
Community Foundation  
Library Volunteers  
Private Donors

CFUW  
Province of Ontario  
Township of Lanark  
Highlands  
Elizabeth Kelly  
Foundation  
Lanark STEM Committee