



# Report to Council

January to March 2025



## PROGRAMS

### Key Highlights:

- Lanark Highlands Library is now the lead on the Lanark County Library STEM program
- Our programs have consisted of class visits, story times, take home kits, information sessions, art programs for adults, March Break & PA Day programming



## FACILITY/CAPITAL

We have new windows and have installed new blinds, additional slatboard and had two custom mobile book displays built. Slatboard will help facilitate marketing initiatives and the mobile displays will make it easier to change up the space during programming.



## SERVICES/COLLECTIONS

- Day passes to the Kanata Nordic Trails
- Chomp Saw added to our program inventory
- "Library of Things" collection expanded (craft kits, sports equip, education tablets, meters, explorer kits)



## GRANTS/FUND DEVELOPMENT

We have been very fortunate to receive:

- **\$20,000:** "Robotics Programming" - **Lanark County/Elizabeth Kelly**
- **\$2,944:** "Nature-Based Collections" - **Lanark Highlands Municipal Grant**
- **\$3,420:** "Fiction for Emerging Adults" - **Perth & District Community Foundation**
- **\$5,670:** "Student Position" - **Young Canada Works**
- **\$8,418:** - "One-on-One Literacy Tutor" - **Elizabeth Kelly Foundation**
- **\$800:** "Summer Take Home Kits" - **CFUW**
- **\$2,250:** "Reading Incentive Program" - **Lanark Civitan**



## PARTNERSHIPS/OUTREACH

### Key Highlights:

- Highlighted our services and programs at the Diner's Club at ConnectWell
- Partnered with Youth Center to host weekly programming for their teens. The Youth centre provides the craft, Library provides the space, food and reading incentive program

# New Things At The Library

# January - March Statistics

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## PROGRAMS

124 programs held

1230 attendees

*\*Economic Value: \$18,450*



## LITERACY SUPPORT

371 literacy computer uses

425 worksheets distributed

*\*Economic Value: \$2,068*



## NEW LIBRARY USERS

56 new library users



## RESOURCES BORROWED

7,573 resources borrowed

*\*Economic Value: \$234,763*



## INTERLIBRARY LOANS

50 titles loaned out

149 titles brought in



## WEBSITE/CATALOG VISITS

14,353 electronic visits



## SOCIAL MEDIA

1000 Facebook followers



## LOCAL SUPPORT

71 volunteer hours

\$700 in donations

**\$1 invested = \$3.88 of economic impact**



# Some highlights:



New Mobile Display Units



Catapult Build & Battle Program



Havin' Fun



Over the Rainbow Treats



New ChompSaw - We are in love!



Virtual Ventures Technology Playground



Take Home Kits - Jelly Soaps





Survival Traps



Perler Bead Adult Program



Leprechaun Party - March Break



Sumobot Competition



Japanese Book Binding - Adult Art Workshop



Friday Crafting



Bird House Building



StoryTime Fun



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# Testimonials

*"My father is in a long term care home and he can't read books anymore. The audiobooks on libby have been amazing! Thank you for offering Libby."* ~ **a patron**

*"I love the library! My daughter who is 9 has expressed interest in working at a library when she is older, which makes me feel happy :)"* ~ **a happy mom**

*"I love this library. The printing services are so handy, being the only available option in the village. Also compliments to whoever puts the adult spice club together! Love that too. Great recipes!"*  
~ **a patron**

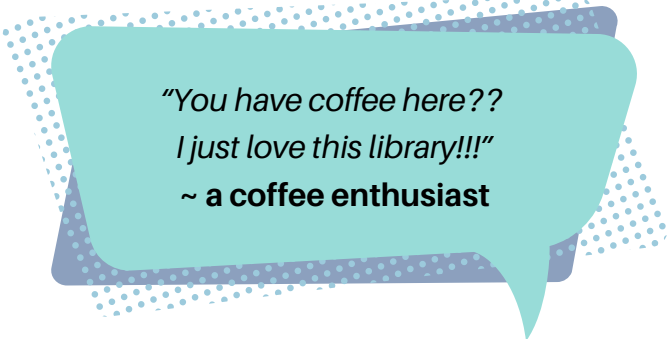
*"We feel the value of the library cannot be understated. In a rural community such as Lanark Highlands having a facility which supports diverse interests and provides a positive space for all members of the community to participate in a variety of activities is vital."* ~ **a grandparent**

*"Thank you! You just saved my life today. That headache is now out of the way!"* ~ **a patron using the fax machine**

*"This is why we come to the library! Always something new to do!"* ~ **a teacher from Sacred Heart regarding a new offering during class visits**

*"This is one of my favourite places to be!"* ~ **a patron**

*"We love the new blinds and shelving units! Really updates the library!!"* ~ **an impressed patron**



*"You have coffee here??  
I just love this library!!!"*  
~ **a coffee enthusiast**