



Brockville
Public Library

ANNUAL REPORT

2022



2022 HIGHLIGHTS



- 140,881 in-person visits to the Library
- 116,026 items borrowed
- 5,263 program participants
- 786 kids and families fed
- 974 books delivered to homes



LIBRARY PROGRAMS



- Storytime at the Library
- LGBTQ+ Teen Drop-In
- Free Brunch on Saturdays
- Workshops hosted by local businesses and nonprofits
- Bi-weekly community program for developmentally disabled adults
- Free one-on-one technology lessons for seniors
- Plus bridge and chess clubs, book clubs and more!



786 PEOPLE FED



We noticed a gap in low-cost and free meals provided to those experiencing food insecurity in our community on Saturdays.

Since fall 2022, we've hosted a free brunch every weekend that has fed 786 kids and families.



NO MORE LATE FEES!



In 2022, the Library Board voted to permanently eliminate late fees, allowing our community to more freely use our services without worry, guilt or financial penalty.



This move welcomed back 1,475 library cardholders, many of them from households with small children.



BEYOND BOOKS

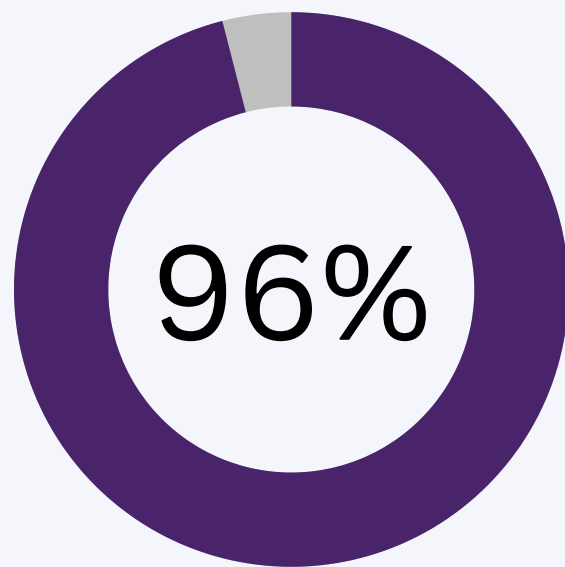
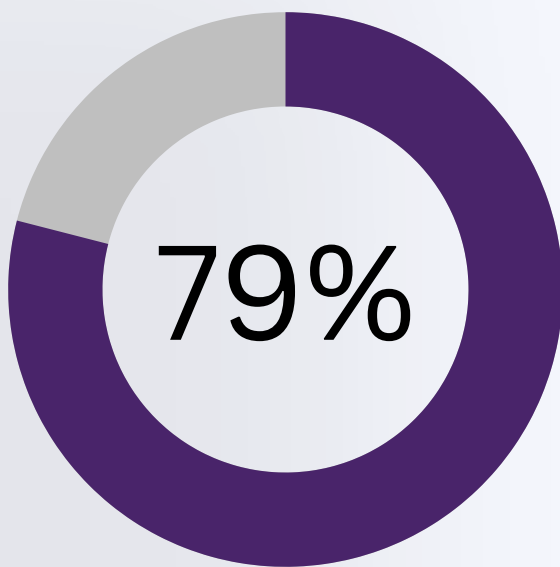
Items you can borrow with your library card include:

- Snowshoes
- Fishing rods
- Lawn games
- Board games
- Museum passes
- Disc golf sets
- Video games
- Movies and TV shows
- Books, audiobooks and eBooks



FUNDING CHALLENGES

The majority of our funding comes from the City of Brockville, at \$782,254 or 79% of our budget. On average, Ontario's public libraries receive 96% of their budget from their municipalities.



This breaks down to just \$36.06 per capita in taxpayer dollars.

LIBRARY IMPACT

Libraries are connected to the health, education, prosperity and social cohesion of our community.

We are responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Committee's calls to action by creating an Indigenous Ways and Decolonisation position to reflect our community and design a Library for everyone.

We are partnered with the Municipal Drug Strategy Committee to address the root causes of individuals struggling with substance use disorder in our community.

Buying just two books costs more than the per capita cost of the Library, but our impact goes beyond books. The Library teaches early literacy skills to children, bridges the digital divide, and provides a warm gathering space for members of our community in a political environment of increasing division and social isolation.

WHAT OUR USERS HAVE TO SAY



"We haven't been able to experience this sense of community since my daughter was born."

"Warm, welcoming sense of community, and lots of great programs."

"When my mother was sick, the library's endless supply of books kept her going."

"My second home."



OUR BUSIEST DAY IN 2022



1,179 people visited the Library on December 17th, 2022, making it our busiest single day of the year.

Thank you to Mayor Matt Wren for stopping by to show your support for our wildly popular Drag Storytime event!



ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY IN 2023 AND BEYOND



**1,095 people visited the
Library on January
11th, 2023.**

**That's 5% of
Brockville's population
through our doors in
just a single day!**





THANK YOU
for loving your library