

West Grey Public Library





“A library outranks any one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never-failing spring in the desert.”

Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919)

Who We are



Part of Durham since c1860 (Mechanic's Institute)



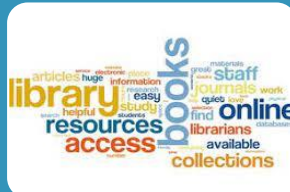
3-branch system: Durham, Ayton, Neustadt



Governance: Council-appointed volunteer Board of Directors, under *Public Libraries Act*



Operations under CEO/Chief Librarian; 2 part-time, 7 part-time staff, 2 student pages, 3 volunteers



Operations include patron access to collections, services, programming, facilities, plus 24/7 access to online resources

Community connections





Stats for 2022

(coming back
from COVID-19)...

Over 52,000 physical, digital materials
circulated

12,000+ in-person visits

Partnered with 14 local organizations

Offered 630 programs & events for almost
5,000 people

All on track to be exceeded in 2023....
Some already surpassed!

Over 3000 children/youth, over 1300 adults @mid-
Sept/23

Making the most of the Library...

Meeting patron/emerging needs: eg, social isolation
Using alternative delivery methods: passive programs, off-sites, virtual, community visits, outdoors

Services for all: mobile WiFi hotspots, free computers and WiFi in branches, no fines, recreation and interest kits (fishing tackle, self-care), park passes
partnerships for mental health counselling, employment advisement, SOS community services

Staff training to serve community: dementia-friendly, homeless and vulnerable populations, 2S-LGBTQIA+ , Indigenous issues

Why it works

Our patrons
and visitors

Support from
leadership

Careful listening
to community

Ongoing
research,
curiosity about
emerging issues

Getting out to
community



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Being a library volunteer, I have observed many ways in which the library is important to its patrons and the community at large.

Can't afford or not willing to buy a book or video?

Don't have a computer?

Need to fax or email documents?

Need to make copies or send forms after business hours?

Need help with your device?

Want to learn a new skill or craft or just socialize?

Come to the library!

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Questions?

Thank you!