

## Our Board

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## Annual Report 2014

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## Message from our Board Chair

At the end of 2014, the term of the Board listed in this Annual Report ended. I want to thank these unsung volunteers who contributed so much expertise and time to the Library. Whether serving on one of the Board committees, promoting the Library to the public or participating in discussions and decisions at Board meetings, board members were a delight to work with and helped the Library meet some significant challenges, plan for the future and continue to grow as a vibrant part of the community.

## Message from our CEO



Through innovative programming, community partnerships, and providing access to information, library staff has helped OPL become a true community hub. In the words of one member: *"It's the staff that makes the difference"*. Thanks to ongoing support from City Council and staff, and the dedicated contribution of the Library Board, OPL will continue to be an inspiring space for individuals and the community.

## Our Volunteers

Eighty-eight dedicated adults and twenty-four teens contributed more than 5,600 volunteer hours in 2014. Shelf-reading, delivering books to housebound members and to nursing homes, greeting library visitors at the front desk, helping in the local history room, running the bookstore, lending a hand at special events – we count on our volunteers every day to make OPL a great place for everyone!

# Inspiration 2014

## 2014 Quick Facts

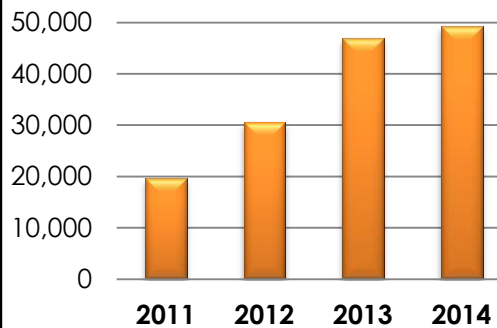
program attendance:  
20,069

reference questions:  
69,117

in-person visits:  
287,525

items borrowed:  
316,842

## Public Computers and Wifi Total Annual Use



In this World War I centenary year, our Doors Open event paid tribute to Orillia's contribution to the Great War. A record-setting 2,500 people attended homegrown exhibits and interactive displays at OPL on May 21.

Orillia Public Library hosted a Genealogy Festival on October 18. Eleven experts and genealogy groups came together to provide advice and resources to more than 500 family history buffs.



The force was with us on Star Wars Reads day in October when more than 220 people enjoyed Jedi-inspired crafts, creative challenges and light sabre training.

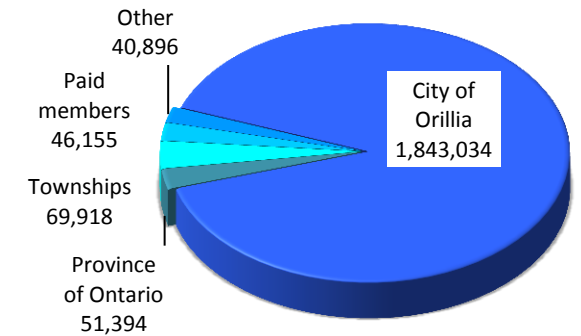
People of all ages attended free courses and drop-in sessions in OPL's Community Technology Lab throughout the year. Popular courses included Comfy with Computers, iPad Appy Hour, Email Help, Facebook for Grownups, Google Time, Explore the OPL Online and What Does an iPad Do?

Our Board of Extraordinary Teens (BET) met monthly through 2014. BET members participated in the Salvation Army Fashion Show, organized a lemonade stand fundraiser, helped plan and deliver the Halloween Boo House, and ensured that children received replies from the North Pole to their Dear Santa letters.

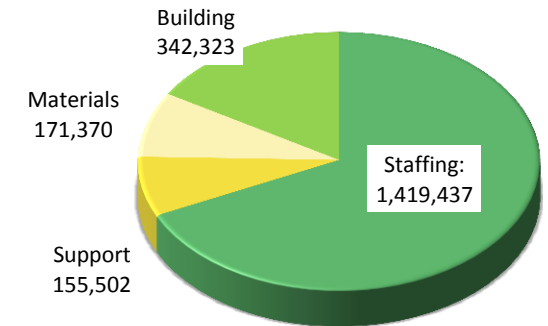
The Library's French services expanded in 2014 with two continuing programs: French Conversation for adults, and preschool Fun with French.



## Revenue



## Expenditures



Unaudited figures

Our partners: AIDS Committee of Simcoe County – LGBT Youth Connection; British Home Children; Canadian Diabetes Association; Chippewas of Rama First Nation; City of Orillia Parks, Recreation and Culture Department (Culture Days); Doors Open; Downtown Orillia Management Board; Georgian College; Information Orillia; Lakehead University; Manticore Books; Mariposa Arts Theatre; Mariposa Revisited Committee; Mariposa Writers' Group; Ontario Early Years Centre; Orillia Museum of Art and History; Orillia Community Gardens; Orillia Heritage Centre; Orillia Lions Club; Orillia Midwives; Orillia Music Centre; Orillia Youth Centre; Rotary Club of Orillia – Lake Country; Royal Canadian Legion; Santa for Seniors; Sharing Place Food Bank; Simcoe County Archives; Simcoe County Museum; Sunshine Ukulele Network; TD Summer Reading Club; Welcome Immigrant Services; YMCA.