

Orillia Public Library 2015 Annual Report

Hours:

Monday 10-8

Tuesday 10-8

Wednesday 10-8

Thursday 10-8

Friday 10-6

Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-4 (Oct-Apr)



OPL is a welcoming, accessible and safe space in downtown Orillia.

We provide books, e-books, DVDs, CDs, e-readers and audiobooks, readers' advisory services, access to reference materials, research help and technical assistance, access to databases, programs for children, teens and adults, free public computers and wifi, study space and bookable program rooms.

Thanks to The City of Orillia, The Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, our community partners, sponsors, donors and volunteers.

"It's the people that make volunteering rewarding."

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6,551 volunteer hours

29,519 program attendees

43,685 wireless connections

67,847 questions answered

293,792 in-person visits

311,389 items circulated

2015: out, up and home again

Reaching out!

The library took programming out into the community. Storytimes popped up in public places around Orillia and at the Early Years Centre, day cares and preschools. We set up shop at the Mariposa Folk Festival and the Leacock Summer Children’s Festival. Library staff provided literacy programs in local classrooms including Sensory Storytime for special education students at Lions Oval Public School.

The 2015 Orillia’s Big Read featuring **The Martian** was a blockbuster! The community reading extravaganza wrapped up with an exclusive movie night for Big Readers.



Bringing it home!

Three days of free interactive activities marked the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain’s arrival in Huronia. 2,500 people joined OPL’s celebration.

500 people attended the library’s tribute to Orillia’s sports history at our Doors Open event on June 20.



Powering up!

In October we unveiled our new 3-D printer funded by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

The Ministry also funded upgrades to our wifi, ensuring better connectivity and easier access.

Kids 6-13 gathered weekly for Minecraft Club to play together and to share tips and ideas.

“Orillia Public Library popup storytime was a hit! Beautiful scenery while we enjoyed the amazing programming! I’m excited for the next one happening at Scouts Valley in 2 weeks!”

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