


## Mission Statement

We seek to bring community members and library resources together in a congenial, supportive environment.

All library operations exist to support the delivery of information, materials, and services to people of all ages in their pursuit of formal or self-directed educational and recreational interests.

## 2012 Highlights Supporting our Plan of Service\*

- Our Teen Area was redecorated with stylish and comfortable chairs, a colorful rug, and improved book location and displays. Visitors enjoy using the area to study, play board games, connect to Wi-Fi, relax with magazines and talk.
- Topical and thematic books displays are now installed on 90% of fiction and non-fiction book shelves easing access to and selection of both popular and lesser-known titles of all material types.
- These EZ-selection collections (aka Reader's Advisory) are created by Kris Moeller (Fiction) and Michele Goodenough (Non-fiction).
- Youth displays are created by or with guidance from Anne Rehor.
- Circulation of e-readers was introduced this year. Staff are knowledgeable with functions and use of many different kinds of these devices. Training sessions were offered—and filled to capacity with enthusiastic participants. Online support is available, too.
- Technology cycle of annually replacing computers that are no longer under warranty continued; five new computers purchased. Ipad2 and Google Chrome purchased.

\*noteworthy accomplishments toward goals and objectives (Long Range Plan 2009-2014)

## From the Library Director

With a twist on the adage too familiar to quote I am pleased to offer instead that sometimes the more things change—the better they get. Here's a few things I noticed:

Winning another New York Council of the Humanities grant for the multi-session Making Sense of the Civil War reading group, Lidia Grzegorek drew together over 30 participants. Though the Council prefers groups to be no larger than 20, Lidia pulled it off winning high praise on her successes when audited by a Council Program Officer who attended a session. Ontario residents love these groups; growing attendance in traditional and new book groups is a change we are pleased to have happening.

We love reference work. Today and especially in some fields accurate information involves online research. Sometimes we use commercial databases, other times free credible websites, and other time print resources. In weighing the cost and timeliness of printed reference series, we frequently select state funded online sources. You win with accurate answers and also with better display and reading areas. Expect more exciting changes — I love it, we all do. —Sandra

**The Friends of the Ontario Public Library** are devoted fans of our library without whom we would not be as successful as we are!

Gifts our Friends gave us this year include:

- A new cutting-edge Multimedia Projector
- A fabulous Summer Reading Kickoff Party with Magician J. Bush and a fun-filled Pizza Party Finale.
- Refreshments for all adult book groups!
- Over 30 new second copies of popular fiction to shorten wait times for these high demand titles. And so much more! Thank you.

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# Ontario Public Library

## 2012

## REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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# Your Library is...

## Helping ...

- ...adults master software and new technologies; Anne Tobin and staff gave over 23 classes and small group meetings teaching skills, tips, and new technology tricks to over 200 attendees.
- ...adult and teenage job seekers with online access to internet forms and company applications, job search sites, email access, and resume review.
- ...children prepare for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Anne Rehor holds fun-filled story hours advancing the skills of our youngest patrons as they learn numbers and letters, words, listening-skills, handling of books and start reading.
- ...new adult readers who are learning to read, and struggling readers with current high-interest fiction and non-fiction books written for new literates. We are thankful to the members of the **Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club** for their grant to start up this new and well used collection.
- ...homebound readers with selection, delivery and pick of books to inspire, entertain, educate our members who are ill or otherwise unable to visit in-person. Nancy Obaid manages this service.



Little Owl's Night

## Offering ...

- Programs to inform, teach, entertain and enrich lives; this year we held
  - 162 youth programs
  - 84 programs for adults
  - and 36 for all ages
- 6100+ ebooks and downloadable audio for all ages in OWWL2Go
  - Electronic resources can be searched in our OWWL catalog or through OWWL2Go
  - E-readers available to borrow
- Open space for small group meetings
- Comfortable reading areas throughout facility
- Dependable research databases — because Google isn't always enough
- 3500 DVDs and 2200 Audiobooks
- About 36,000 books— 23,989 fiction books and 12,021 non-fiction
- Over 100 magazine subscriptions



## And more 2012 numbers

132,049	Books & other materials checked out
60,490	Visits to the library
7,455	Public-use computer sessions
500,000+	Visits to the library website & catalogs
6,698	Ontario resident cardholders
69,300	Minutes read by youth during summer reading program
6,522	People attending library events

## Being a Good Steward of Taxpayers' Dollars

Real property taxes fund approximately 60% of the Library's services with another 34% coming from PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes). Combined real estate and school tax was \$0.54111/\$1000; this includes \$0.02/\$1000 school tax.

In 2012 the Library's total revenues and expenditures were less than \$523,000. Ontario collects about \$50 per person for the Library. Check out the comparison of that investment to average retail costs for the same services:

Library Service	Retail Cost
12 new adult hardback books	\$216.00
15 new children's books	\$235.00
2 magazine subscriptions	\$40.00
15 downloaded audio-books/ebooks	\$120.00
48 rented DVDs	\$48.00
	<b>\$659.00/household</b>

These sample charges do not include the cost savings realized by residents who use the public computers for work and internet. Nor do they include the price of entertainment received in programs spanning concerts and author talks, craft clubs and licensed movies.

Your library is the best place for you to flip through a magazine, get a book, enjoy a film, hang out with friends, read to your children, not for free but as a service you've already paid for with your taxes.