

2024 Year in Review



140,104 visits to the library

8,652 active card holders

1,320 new card holders



47,360 digital materials downloaded

154,562 items borrowed



15,021 Items sent through
Libraries in Niagara Cooperative

13,727 Items received through
Libraries in Niagara Cooperative



1,119 programs

17,398 attendees



287 Inter-Library Loans received

651 Inter-Library Loans shared



A Message from GPL Board Chair, Deirdra Burke

This past year presented some challenges and opportunities for the Library Board. We experienced several retirements among our long term staff in 2024, including that of our CEO & Chief Librarian Kathryn Drury who, for nine years, led our library through the trials of a pandemic, ongoing global threats to free speech, and the pressures of a growing community of library users. We wish her the best of luck with the adventures that await her. During 2024, the Board initiated a growth study to solicit input from the community to better respond to the current needs for library services as well as our town's future population growth and its impact on our one branch library. We expect the study to be completed in the early part of 2025 and we look forward to using the results to guide our strategic planning process in that same year. Our annual GLaM Gala was a focal point to our fundraising efforts in 2024 and we give much thanks to our sponsors and all those who participated in the evening. Looking forward to 2025, on behalf of the Library board I encourage you all to visit the library, attend an event and continue supporting library services in Grimsby.

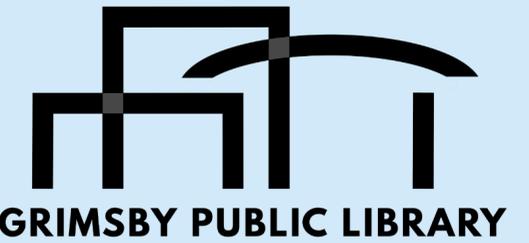
Board Members

- Deirdra Burke (Chair)
- Hannah Skinner (Vice Chair)
- Margaret Bowman
- Carrie deRoo
- Erica Noordermeer
- Kim Palios
- Alyssa Seul
- Brian Smith
- Councillor Howe
- Councillor Charrois (Until February 2024)

CEO/Chief Librarian Kathryn Drury

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2024

Annual Report

Inspiring People
Connecting Community



2024 Financials

Expenditures

Wages, Salaries & Benefits	67%
Operations	12%
Library Materials	12%
Transfer to Reserves	9%

Funding

Municipality	89%
Grants	4%
Library Generated	6%
Donations	1%

A Visit Will Get You Thinking.



Seedy Saturday

In February, we hosted the first Seedy Saturday in partnership with West Lincoln Public Library and Lincoln Pelham Public Library. We welcomed over 450 gardening enthusiasts to the Library.



Canadian Children's Author Visit

In October, we welcomed Canadian children's author Jessica Rose as part of our Ontario Public Library Week celebrations. 170 grade 4 -6 students from Central Public School attended the event to hear Jessica speak about her book *Let's Get Creative*.



Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement with St. Catharines Public Library

In October, our patrons were able to sign up for a St. Catharines Public Library card and gain access to their physical collection.



Grimsby Culture Gala

In May, the Grimsby Library, Museum and Art Gallery came together for the second annual Grimsby GLaM Gala. This fundraiser, dedicated to fostering and encouraging an appreciation for arts, literature, culture and history in Grimsby, raised over \$7,730 to help fund our children's programming.

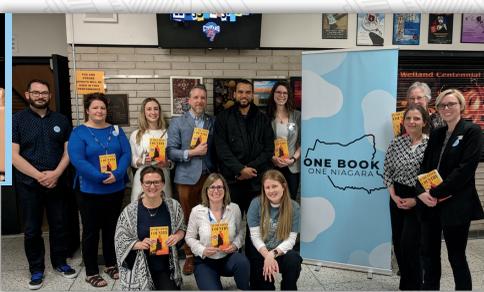
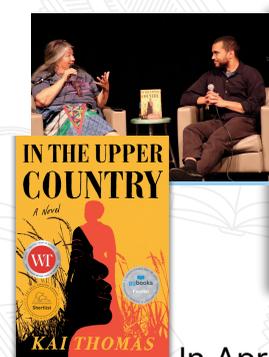


Summer Reading

During July and August we had 430 kids register for our TD Summer Reading Club.



2024 Highlights



One Book One Niagara

In April, we participated in the second annual One Book One Niagara event alongside 10 other public libraries and two academic libraries. Kai Thomas, author of the chosen title *In the Upper Country*, joined us at the culminating event that took place at Welland Centennial Secondary School.

Becka Mack and Hannah Bonam-Young

In August, we hosted a sold out event at Fielding Estate Winery featuring romance authors Becka Mack and Hannah Bonam-Young. This event was held in partnership with West Lincoln Public Library and Lincoln Pelham Public Library.

