



Peterborough Town Library

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Annual Report 2019-20

Why our library is vital:

The Peterborough Town Library is a public building providing welcoming access for all residents to quality information, resources, technology/internet, and spaces to work, learn, and play. Our staff is dedicated to connecting the public with the trusted sources they need to achieve their goals. We are on the frontlines for education, access to information, and connecting a healthy thriving community in Peterborough. We are open 50 hours per week.

What did we do in 2019?

- Welcomed 584 new card holders
- Served 4,028 active patrons
- Loaned 73,431 items to patrons
- Patrons Downloaded 11,805 items (eBooks, audio, movies, etc.)
- Hosted an average 185 visits to the library PER DAY
- Facilitated Technology classes to 338 adult students
- Provided 153 affordable educational programs for families with 6,123 attendees
- Created weekly early literacy programs for three age groups
- Gave out 181 museum passes for deep discounts to area attractions
- Offered WiFi, public computers, printing and scanning to the public
- We added 3,251 new items
- Withdrew 972 items (includes magazine archive withdrawals)

Some things you may not know:

- The Library is the referral point for all 9 towns in the district for Employment and Career Services. We offer employment coaching, help with job searches, and assistance with resumes and cover letters.
- We have FOUR book clubs! In addition to our traditional literary book club, we host a cookbook club, a current events/ science bookclub, and a young adult club. We also have a selection of over 25 book bags for you to create your own book club with friends or family.
- We have drop-in tech help AND tech classes. Every Wednesday at noon, stop by the library with tech questions and we will help you troubleshoot.



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- We have lots of online books for kids. Browse the eBooks in Hoopla and Overdrive. You'll find a great selection.

New Services and Programs:

- We added one more decade of digitized newspapers to the Peterborough Town Library Digital Archive. The Peterborough Transcript is now fully indexed and searchable through 1970. Visit <http://peterborough.advantage-preservation.com/>.
- We created an outreach program to the Playground Program offered by the Peterborough Recreation Dept. All children in the program received a library card. Youth librarians visited the group every week and circulated over 300 books to the children.
- We added Lynda.com to our eLibrary! This resource helps patrons achieve their personal and professional goals. Skills includes things like Excel, Photoshop, WordPress, Agile, 2D/3D animation, audio engineering and way more!
- We hosted a wonderful writers' workshop this year for folks who want to improve their professional writing skills. Taught by patron John Willis, the class had over 10 people and will be offered again in 2020.

Visit us!

The best way to gain a return on your investment in the Peterborough Town Library is to use it! Our 2019 Appropriation was \$543,087. The approximate per capita cost to taxpayers was \$87.60.

We strive to bring you a return on that investment.

- Check out 7 books
- Use a Museum Pass
- Download audiobooks for your commute
- Attend affordable programming for families
- Watch an online class
- Use the library to work remotely or print documents
- Watch streaming movies or TV shows
- Call us for Career/Employment assistance

Library Project Update

In 2019, the Peterborough Library Campaign raised a further \$1.3 million dollars towards the goal for \$5.5 million in private funds for the Library Project.



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The Town of Peterborough and the 1833 Society have agreed upon a model to facilitate the flow of private and public funds. The model required the 1833 Society to secure guaranteed financing for the pledged funds and monies left to raise. The 1833 Society identified NBT Bank, of Keene, as a key partner and is in the final stages of arranging the guaranteed loan. Mike Morison, an 1833 member, has been coordinating efforts between the Town Administrator, Finance Director, Library Director, and 1833 Society to approve the project management structure and enable construction to begin as soon as possible. Select Board member and liaison to the Library Trustees Board, Bill Taylor, has also been instrumental in these efforts.

The project was put out to bid in March 2020 and is expected to begin in the spring.

Full project details may be found at <http://peterboroughtownlibrary.org/libraryproject/>.

Respectfully Submitted,
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