

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**Clarrington** | **Library  
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# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO & LIBRARY BOARD CHAIR

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The Clarington Public Library Board is exceptionally proud of our accomplishments from 2022! As our community's needs evolve, we evolve alongside you. We introduced a multilingual collection to ensure all residents can access learning and literacy materials.

Our Library of Things grew to include Light Therapy Lamps, Sports Equipment, and Sensory Support Kits to support the spectrum of learning styles. Most importantly, we removed fines for overdue materials. Over the course of the pandemic, we came to understand that fines create a barrier to accessing vital learning supports, and our commitment to the community is to ensure you have free access to learning and discovery.

As 2022 ushered in the re-introduction of in-person programming, we were thrilled to see our residents come out and enjoy our popular Historic "Spirit Walks", to join in our first Local Author Festival and our Drag-Queen Storytime.

Our incredible accomplishments and stellar reputation are a testament to our most valuable resource, our employees. Our staff work tirelessly to ensure we are a safe place, to make you feel welcome, and to help you find what you are looking for. We look to 2023 with optimism and excitement for the next chapter in our story!

We want to sincerely thank you for continuing to visit us! We thank our valuable community partners, especially the Municipality of Clarington and Council for their continued support of our organization.

We can't wait to see what you discover during your next visit.



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**Steven Cooke**  
Chair  
Clarington Public  
Library Board



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Chief Executive Officer  
Clarington Public Library,  
Museums & Archives

# 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Significant events, milestone achievements, and favourite memories



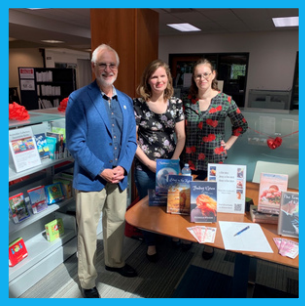
## Fines Free

We went fines free in **May**! The elimination of fines helps to ensure we are providing barrier-free access to our community.



## Multilingual Collection

A multilingual collection was launched in **October**! Featuring Spanish, Ukrainian, and Arabic titles, we continue to provide resources to our growing community.



## Local Author Book Festival

We held our first-ever Local Author Book Festival in **June**! Celebrating authors that live in or write about Durham, participants were able to speak with local authors and discover their works.



## Spirit Walks

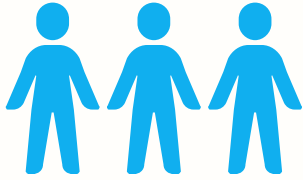
Our popular Spirit Walks returned in **October**! While learning of Bowmanville's past, participants also heard a spooky story or two!



## Summer Reading Club

The beloved Summer Reading Club returned to in-person in **June**! New books, new adventures, and new friends were found by all.

# BY THE NUMBERS



**112%  
INCREASE IN  
VISITORS**

**65,694**

People that attended programs, virtually and in-person!

**38,822**

Active library cardholders



That's an 11% increase from 2021!



**52%**

Increase in **print material** checkouts

**526,563**

Physical items borrowed

**294,500**

Digital items borrowed

**139%**

Increase in **multimedia** checkouts

**490**

Programs offered

**200,545**

Wi-Fi logins

Increase in borrowing from the **Library of Things**

**165%**

**Top Items Borrowed**

Hotspots  
Mini-Maker Kits  
STEAM Kits  
Storytime Kits  
Board Games

**3,974**

Outreach visitors

**23,497**

Public computer uses

# ECONOMIC IMPACT

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**\$763.71**

The average member's annual savings provided by their Clarington Public Library card

**\$8.15**

The return on investment for every \$1 invested in Clarington Public Library

## BUDGET

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### Income

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Municipal Tax Levy	\$3,265,384
Transfer from Reserves	\$57,624
Grants	\$88,320
Other (Fines, Fees, Donations)	\$18,639
	<b>\$3,429,967</b>

### Expenses

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Staffing	\$2,599,472
Operations	\$370,013
Collections, Technology, Exhibits	\$460,482
	<b>\$3,429,967</b>

# NEW THINGS TO BORROW

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We expanded our Library of Things in 2022 to include all sorts of new loanable items!

## Sports Equipment

Get outside with your public library! Borrow Bocce balls, soccer balls, Spikeball, tennis and more.

## Home Theatre Equipment

Have a big-screen movie night, at home! Borrow a projector, screen, & DVD player.

## Light Therapy Lamps

Help beat the winter blues, while improving mood and overall sense of well-being.

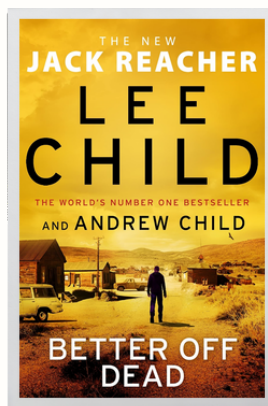
## Sensory Support Kits

Reduce stress and anxiety, stimulate learning, and provide comfort in unfamiliar environments.

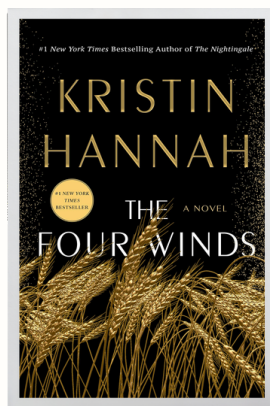
# MOST BORROWED

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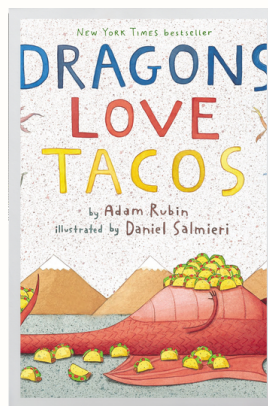
Our most checked out items in 2022!



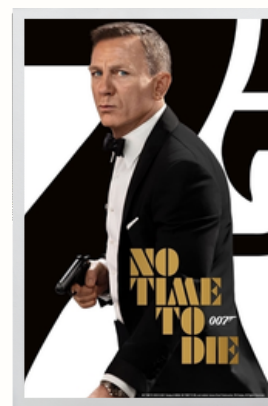
Print Fiction



Digital Fiction



Print Children's



Multimedia

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The Library & Museum run special programs & offer services throughout the year. Here are some highlights!



## Book Club in a Bag Launch Party

**May 5:** Members had the opportunity to view and place holds on brand new Book Club in a Bag kits. Many were happy and excited to have been a part of the selection process and to browse the chosen titles.



## Clarington's Garden Gala

**June 4:** Community members celebrated Clarington's vibrant and rich local arts on the historical grounds of the Sarah Jane Williams Heritage Centre and Waverley Place with unique art displays, entertainment, delicious food, and a silent auction.



## Drag Queen Storytime

**June 11:** Everyone came as their fabulous selves in this storytime celebrating self-expression, diversity, and inclusion! Lucy Flawless and Miss Violet Parks led a family-friendly program with stories, music, and fun!



## Harvest Festival Book Sale

**October 1:** The Harvest Festival Book Sale is part of a major event in the community's calendar. Activities, games, and book browsing were huge hits amongst the 700 visitors who visited the Library during the Newcastle Harvest Festival.



## StoryWalks

Four different StoryWalks were posted on local walking trails and Library grounds this past year. In partnership with Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA), families have been able to enjoy a book while getting out in nature.

# COMMUNITY STORIES

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A glimpse into what Clarington loves about the Library & Museum

**Museum Spirit Walks:** "Very happy to see the return of this event! I have enjoyed it every year I've been able to go!"

**TD Summer Reading Club:** "I wanted to write a quick note to say the Library's Summer Reading Club was awesome this year. My kids had such a wonderful time and were so happy to get back to the in-person activities."

**Family Time:** A father visited the Newcastle Branch and while speaking with library staff, the dad noted that his 2-year-old son chose to come to the Library over all other options and therefore had "lovingly dragged" his 2 older siblings in to build castles with the blocks in the children's area.

**Library Appreciation:** "We are very fortunate to have such an amazing library in Bowmanville. Lots of great reading material and a relaxing place to chill with a good book."





# GOVERNANCE

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## Library Board

Steven Cooke, Chair  
Judy Hagerman, Vice-Chair  
Nancy Brandon  
Chris Hinbest  
Local Councillor Ron Hooper  
Donald McKenzie  
Regional Councillor Joe Neal  
Marina Ross  
Katharine Warren

## Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

Marina Ross, Chair  
Steve Middleton  
Marilyn Morawetz  
Regional Councillor Joe Neal  
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# VISIT US

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Bowmanville  
Branch



Courtice  
Branch



Newcastle  
Branch



Orono  
Branch



Sarah Jane  
Williams Heritage  
Centre



Waverley  
Place



Clarke  
Schoolhouse

# Clarington Public Library, Museums & Archives

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## Library Mission

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The Clarington Public Library empowers and enriches the lives of all Clarington residents by connecting them to responsive, accessible, high-quality services and resources that support an informed citizenry, lifelong learning, and love of reading.

## Museum Mission

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To illuminate Clarington and its heritage through lasting and meaningful experiences with artifacts, exhibitions, and programs that inspire future generations and enliven our community.

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