



HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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THE BOARD CHAIR**
Ray Love

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Message From the Board Chair

Ray Love, 2025 Library Board Chair

A Year of Growth and Community Engagement

In 2025, the Huntsville Public Library celebrated several significant achievements. The library began work on the new Community Impact Lab, which will offer innovative resources and collaborative opportunities for community members. Strengthening community ties, the library saw an increase in partnerships with local organizations and schools. Patron visits increased noticeably, reflecting the library's growing importance in the community.

The library introduced a community ambassador, Library Barry, who has increased the library's visibility in the Huntsville Community. It also initiated a Story Skate partnership with Arrowhead Provincial Park. In addition, the library website was updated to improve customer use, and the library transferred over the digital newspaper archive of the Huntsville Forester to a new platform, contributing to better access to this valuable resource.

The library board remained active in outreach, at pop-up booths in the community, and in helping draft and revise the Library Master Plan, which may set the direction for a new library build. The board also supported staff in implementing a fine-free policy.

In conclusion, the Huntsville Public Library remains on a path of continuous improvement and community recognition.

Yours sincerely,






Ray Love
Board Chair



- Story Skate at Arrowhead Provincial Park

Activity Report

Annual Milestones

				
Visitors to the Library (2025) 88,261	Active Card Holders in 2024-2025 5,095	New Card Holders (2025) 1,292	Questions Answered By Staff (2025) 12,128	WiFi Connections (2025) 63,096*
(2024) 87,828	(2023-2024) 5,034	(2024) 1,416	(2024) 7,975	(2024) 87,709

Best estimate due to WiFi tracker being down for 3 months

- Barry going for a ride with Officer Ted



- Crafting with the Horticultural Society



- Kids enjoying a craft during Fall Into Reading

“Thank you so much for so capably setting up my new iPad last week... Sending my thanks to you for your time and expert help.”





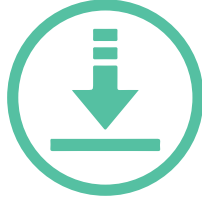

-Email from patron after receiving help from Info Staff

“On behalf of Riverside staff and students thank you very much for the donation of the French books for our library! We are very appreciative and they will be well used!”

-Email from Vice Principal at Riverside Public School

Activity Report

Annual Milestones

					
Activities Offered (2025) 583	People Attended Activities (2025) 12,541	Items Checked Out (2025) 129,807	Items Added to Collection (2025) 6,311	Items Borrowed (2025) 56,362	Outreach Visits (2025) 232
(2024) 494	(2024) 11,529	(2024) 118,984	(2024) 4,616	(2024) 53,221	(2024) 141



- A presentation from Algonquin Outfitters about winter camping.

“Thanks for your visit and for your help. My students are very excited about the many wonderful programs happening at the Huntsville Public Library!”
-Email from a teacher at Pine Glen Public School



- Outdoor Storytime at Port Sydney Beach

Top 10 Lists

Most Popular Items of 2025



– Top 10 Adult Fiction of 2025

“Storytime was Holly’s highlight of the week”
 - Comment from parent at Central Service Desk mentioning that her daughter in kindergarten misses coming to Storytime.

– Top 10 Adult Non-Fiction of 2025

“I wanted to thank you for the tour of the library. I could see that all the participants enjoyed the tour and had lots of questions for you.”
 -Email from Rehabilitation Counsellor after brining a small group of patients for a tour



– Top 10 Picture Books of 2025

“Hello Amber thank you for everything. Both classes had a fantastic time and they are very impressed with everything the library has to offer.”
 - Saint Mary’s School teacher after field trip to library

Acknowledgements

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library play a crucial role in supporting the Huntsville Public Library by providing essential financial assistance. Their contributions have funded children's performances during March Break and the summer, purchased book bags for the TD Summer Reading Club, acquired Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 5 games, and bought Ontario Parks Passes, among other initiatives.



In 2025, they made wonderful contributions to the library! Thanks to their generosity, we were able to expand the Library of Things collection with fun outdoor games, boost our Libby eBook and audiobook selection, and purchase more Wonderbooks for the Children's Library.

We deeply appreciate the hard work and contributions of everyone involved with the library. The Library Board and Staff thank the Friends of the Library, donors, and partners for their generous support, which helps us meet our community's needs.



- Barry & HPL Staff with Ben the Goose



- Kids at the Homeschool STEAM Club enjoying the huge Snakes & Ladders game

VISION

A vital centre to collaborate, connect and explore the world in which we live.

MISSION

To provide accessible services, programs, collections and spaces designed to inspire and enrich the community.

VALUES

Intellectual Freedom
Equitable Access
Sustainability | Respect
Innovation | Accountability
Leadership | Community
Life Long Learning | Creativity