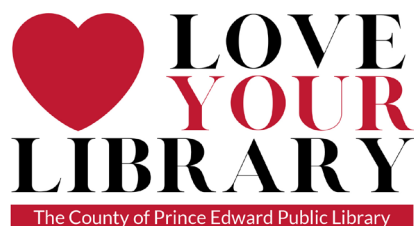


# County of Prince Edward Public Library & Archives

# ... 2020 annual report ...



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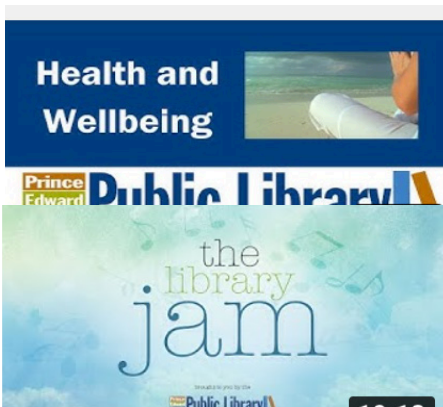
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## 2020: A Year in Review • • • • •

2020 began with library participation in Flashback February, International Women's Day, and more. A full schedule of activities for March Break was planned. In March, all library programs were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The library was then closed by provincial order until July 17. From July - December, limited hours with curbside service were available with regular consultation with Hastings Prince Edward Public Health.



curbside service



online programs



## WHILE WE WERE CLOSED (March - July):

9,692 items borrowed by mail and through curbside pickup

17,104 ebooks and audio-books borrowed

4,129 films streamed through Kanopy

302 language learning sessions - Mango Languages

Ancestry Library Edition made available remotely

### ONLINE PROGRAMS

78 Storytimes & 16 Baby Rhyme Time Programs

15 Makerstations at Home

36 Functional Fitness classes

14 Mindfulness & Meditation classes

Designating Your Heritage

Home (Archives)

4 Library Jam videos

### TECHNOLOGY

24 technology workshops

Conducted Edge 2.0 Technology Services Audit

Opened two virtual meeting rooms for the community and instructed people on their use

Applied for, and recieved, funds for easily sanitized technology

Implemented website chat

Author Talks and Interviews: Katherine Ashenburg, Alan Bradley, Jane Christmas, Shani Mootoo, Peter Blendell, and Shelagh Hurley, Vicki Delany, JD Carpenter, Andrew Binks Spectral Musings Podcast creators Cheryl Bruce and Jennifer Sommer

- Discover YOUth Sessions, Learn Gothic Calligraphy with Tommy Ferris
- 2 Spanish classes a week with Cecilia Jost
- Participated in webinars with Southern Ontario Library Service and the Library Outreach Network
- Archives: 60 Research Requests, 100 wills digitized, 60 new database entries created
- First ever complete inventory of the library's collection
- Created the Bloomfield Research library to bring local research books together in one place
- Assessed collection for relevancy and condition

### PARTNERSHIPS

- Partnered with Picton Kiwanis to share our programs on Eastlink cable TV
- Partnered with 99.3 County FM to present the County Reads on the radio
- Curious Goat offers library mugs for sale
- 555 Brewing Co fundraised for the purchase of books by BIPOC authors
- Prince Edward Learning Centre (presentation on using library service from home)
- Community Care for Seniors (using the library from home, using the Archives, and tech.)



# 2020 by the numbers

## January - December 2020

### INTERLIBRARY LOAN

2020:  
Received: 2598  
Shipped 1512  
2019:  
Received: 3797  
Shipped 3054

### NEW MEMBERS

2020: 587  
2019: 872

### CIRCULATION

2020: 173,560  
2019: 179,543

### PROGRAMS

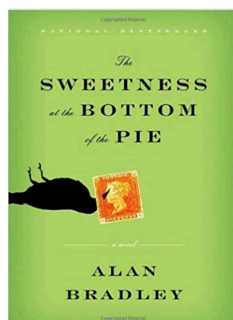
2020:  
820 programs  
13,069 attendees  
2019:  
1,119 programs  
15,371 attendees

## Author Conversations

We were delighted to chat with each of these authors in 2020.



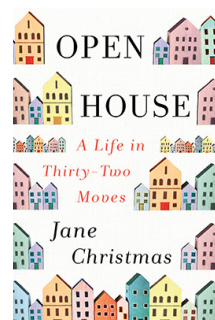
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Alena Schram**



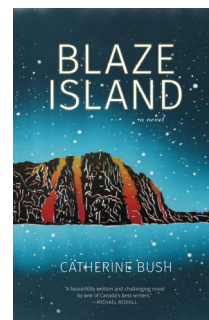
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Bradley**



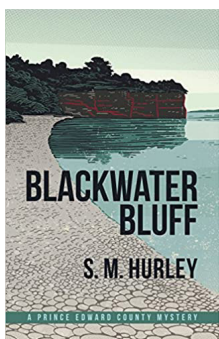
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Ashenburg**



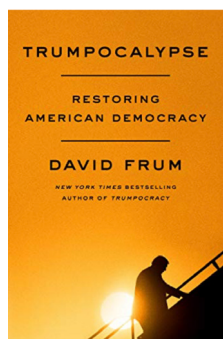
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Christmas**



**Catherine  
Bush**



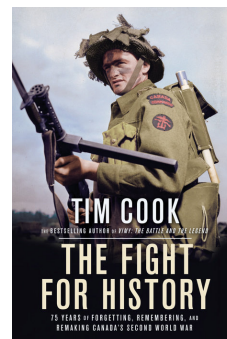
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Hurley**



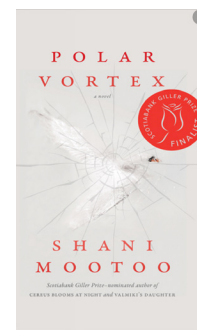
**David  
Frum**



**Peter  
Blendell**



**Tim  
Cook**



**Shani  
Mootoo**

## Young Writers

Cressy Lakeside Books and Tammy Noyes, Realtor at Century 21 Lanthorn sponsored a contest for young writers. Congratulations to Maggie Sager and Emily Taylor who were chosen by the judges, and thank you to all of the young writers who participated.



# Prince Edward County Archives . . . . .

## Number of Visitors

2020 - 231

2019 - 663

## Requests

2020 - 520

2019 - 365

## Volunteer Hours

2020 - 315

2019 - 90

## New Acquisitions

2020 - 40

2019 - 65

## Will Digitization

500 wills (over 9,000 pages) digitized

2020 presented a number of challenges and opportunities for Archives services.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Archives was closed to the public from March to July. From July through December, visits were scheduled by appointment only with time reserved in between appointments for COVID-19 safety protocols.

Though in-person outreach was limited during 2020, social media outreach was increased to share postcards and other aspects of the County's history with the community.

An at-home request service, launched in March, allowed 60 researchers to make requests from home with copies provided by mail or electronically. For the first time, the Ancestry Library Edition was made available for patrons to use from home.

Archives staff created a video instruction guide and assisted people in the use of this service.



Congratulations to Linda Mathews who celebrated her 40th anniversary as an employee of the Library and Archives in 2020!

Linda has worked at every branch of the library over the years, and is currently working in the Archives scanning delicate wills and other papers to protect them for future generations.

**Thank you Linda for your long and faithful service!**

## 2020 Highlights

- Shared a postcard from our collection for weekly "Throwback Thursday" posts on social media
- Posted a photograph and accompanying question so patrons could share their oral history memories
- Invited patrons to ask us questions on Instagram for an Ask the Archivist day
- Created an online tutorial to show patrons how to use the library version of Ancestry
- Via Zoom, we conversed with homeowner Braydon Scully and PEHAC member Liz Driver about the Historic Designation process followed by Q and A session with event attendees
- Created a Historic Designation blog post about the Zoom event with additional content from homeowner Debby Cermak
- Through the sale of replica Tremaine Maps, and with the assistance of patron donations, the Archives were able to purchase a much needed microfilm scanner in May 2020.

## Participated in Events:

- Arranged for David More to speak at the Historical Society's Barley Days event at Parson's Brewery
- Invited Ph.D. student Katherine Viscardis to speak about "The History and Legacy of the Huronia Regional Centre" as part of Flashback February

# Prince Edward County Archives and the Prince Edward County Historical Society : partners in protecting, preserving and sharing the County's history

The Archives was founded on October 25, 1983 under the authority of Bylaw 1568 which established the mandate and activities of the Archives.

Until 2010, the Archives was operated by Historical Society volunteers through the summer months at the old jail in Picton. In 2009, the Historical Society officially gifted the collection, formerly on deposit, to the Archives. It was in that same year that the Historical Society approached the library to take over the Archives and in 2010 it became official.

On February 14, 2010 the last of the Archival records were moved out of the jail and into the current facility at the Wellington Branch Library. The Archives were in operation year-round and a full-time staff member was employed to run the research facility.

The relationship between the Archives and the Historical Society has been ongoing. The Historical Society has provided assistance and partnerships in applying for grants, working on projects, special events and outreach activities. This has included the Diamond Jubilee and Fibre Fest, where the Archives was able to assist the Historical Society in planning, research and promotion.

The Historical Society provides the Archives with the HODGE Grant which contributes to the operation of the facility. When a question about Prince Edward County's history arises, the Historical Society will forward research requests to the Archives. The Archives arranges guest speaking events, hosts class visits, and works closely with schools, allowing people to experience history through documents, manuscripts, and other visual aids.

The Archives makes the Historical Society's books available for sale, and copies of these books are also available for sale at the Bloomfield Booktique at the Bloomfield Branch Library, which attracts locals and tourists alike.

By advocating for the Archives, the Historical Society supports and works within its Mission Statement of, "stimulating and encourage interest within the community in the study of history and Heritage of Prince Edward County, encourage and foster awareness in children and youth through education, preserving existing documents, and in cooperating with related organizations."

In 2012 the Historical Society updated the constitution and worked towards creating a cohesive brand.

Through this partnership, the County of Prince Edward Public Library & Archives and Prince Edward Historical Society have been able to serve researchers, assist students and not only make history available but come alive.



## Ten Years!

2020 marks the 10 year anniversary of the Archives at it's current location at the Wellington Branch of the County of Prince Edward Public Library.



# Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Picton Branch Library Expansion in 2020. There are many other anonymous donors including those who have given generously at donation jars.

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the limitations of the Picton Branch Library building including the insufficient washrooms and crowded areas. These will all be remedied through the expansion and renovation, leading to a safer building that is welcoming to all.

In fall 2020, Prince Edward County Council approved the project tender and in 2021, construction will begin on this exciting project!

Find the latest at [loveyourlibrary.ca](http://loveyourlibrary.ca)

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Affleck, Jacob  
Aitken, Iain  
Algar, Jean  
Allen, Heather  
Anderson, Peter & Joanna  
Anderson, Wendy  
Anderson, Leah  
Armitage, Kevin  
Armstrong, Terry B.  
Arnold, Liz & Terry  
Aston, Ron & Janet  
Bake, Alexandra  
Bakker, Sadie  
Banks, Susan  
Barnes, Carolyn  
Bateman, Marjorie  
Beiles, Brian  
Berlin, Joyce & Horst  
Bethell, Vivian  
Blake, John  
Boardley, Samantha  
Books & Company  
Boos, Denise  
Bordman, Risa

Bowen, Pearl  
Boyd, Glenda  
Braj, Bettina  
Branscombe, Ken  
Brett, Mary  
Brownbill, Ellen  
Browne, Larry  
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Peter Finnegan  
Burn, David  
Burns, Kenneth  
Butler, Gail D. &  
Diez Santiago  
Cain, Jane  
Campney, Gayla  
Cartwright, Mark  
Castle, Liza  
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Davis, Heather A.  
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Lane, Wendy

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Mann, Philip  
Mason, Michael  
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Martin, Margaret  
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Matthews, Louise  
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Mitchell, Virginia

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Picton Firefighters  
Picton United Church  
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Prince Edward  
District Women's  
Institute  
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