

**County of Prince Edward  
Public Library & Archives  
Annual Report**



Wellington Branch Library

## 2021 Highlights

- Groundbreaking ceremony for the Picton Branch Library expansion, signalling the start of construction.
- COVID-19 restrictions continue to limit in person programs but through creative thinking we have adapted to online and outdoor programs.
- Continued tech help. Through a partnership with **Community Care for Seniors**, tablets were made available for seniors to borrow
- Through funding from the **County of Prince Edward**, the library held a popular series of talks by Indigenous authors including Chef David Wolfman, Lisa Bird-Wilson, Michelle Good and Darrel McLeod
- Completed first collection diversity audit, providing a baseline for future planning to purchase additional titles by authors of under-represented ethnicities.



Dahlia Donovan held a lemonade stand in support of the Picton Branch Library expansion and joined us in 2021 for the groundbreaking ceremony. Also pictured: Devon Jones, library board chair, Barbara Sweet CEO, representatives from Knudsen Construction, Fundraising committee chair Alexandra Bake, and expansion mascot Chico.

**Thank you to Alexandra Bake for her tireless efforts in support of the expansion fundraising.**

## By The Numbers

**Programs** 804 programs with 11,518 attendees

### Circulation

2021: 185,378  
2020: 173,560

### Interlibrary Loan

2021:  
2284 loaned and  
3517 borrowed  
2020:  
1512 loaned  
and 2598 borrowed

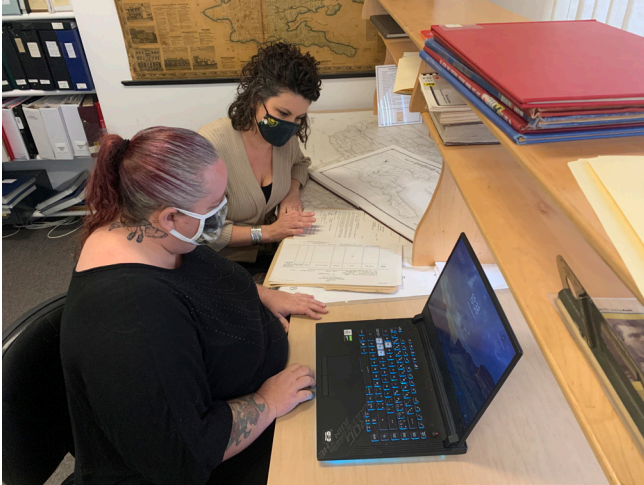
### New Members

2021: 971  
2020: 872

Category	# of programs	# of Participants
<b>Adult Programming</b>		
Adult Learning (not covered elsewhere)	73	690
Culture Days, Poetry and Story Readings, Art Shows	19	1,118
Genealogy, Local History, Doors Open	3	89
Maker Space, Digital Media Lab, Self-Publishing	1	27
Newcomer Focus	6	54
Technology, Social Media and Computer Literacy	28	344
OTHER (Meeting Room Use, etc)	108	8
<b>Seniors Programming</b>		
Deliveries	11	570
Seniors Programming	125	3,051
<b>Book Clubs</b>		
	42	307
<b>Children's/Teen Programming</b>		
Class Instruction at a Library or School	126	3,516
Early Literacy and Early Learning	75	539
Homework Help	1	2
Other Children's Programming	104	669
Summer Reading	21	162
Teen Programming	61	372
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>11,518</b>



# Archives



Archivist Krista Richardson tutors a student from Prince Edward Learning Centre as she works on a genealogy course over a period of six months.

**Visitors:** 202

**Requests:** 432

17 New Collections

Major project: Reorganizing the collection and rehousing materials to create larger collections and rehouse materials in a more efficient manner in an effort to save space.

**Natives and Settlers : The View from the Archives**, a talk with Belleville Archivist Amanda Hill, provided a look at relations between Indigenous people and settlers in our region as revealed by written records and physical artifacts held in archives and museums around the world.

## Thank you Rotary Club of Wellington

The Rotary Club of Wellington provided funding to purchase a license for professional digitization software to ensure ongoing access to fragile archival documents. Digitizing paper files helps to protect them from damage caused by handling, and makes them available quickly.

## Thank you Huff Family Fund

The County of Prince Edward Archives is the repository for Prince Edward County's history. Copies of local newspapers are preserved on microfilm, which is still the industry standard for preserving and viewing information in a space-efficient manner. The microfilm machines are in constant demand by researchers. The Archives has two microfilm machines. In 2020 through fundraising efforts an updated machine was purchased. The second machine is no longer reliable and is costly to maintain. It will soon be replaced, supported by a matching grant from the **Huff Family Fund administered by The County Foundation.**



**Doubling Heritage Research Capacity**

**12 Days of Giving  
Huff Family Fund Grants**

# 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

The **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** program (name used with permission) challenges children and their families to read 1000 Books before starting school. This program launched in 2021 at the County of Prince Edward Public Library.



Mayor Steve Ferguson joined us at the Wellington Branch Library to launch the program. Councillor Kate McNaughton visited Picton Branch Library storytime the same day.

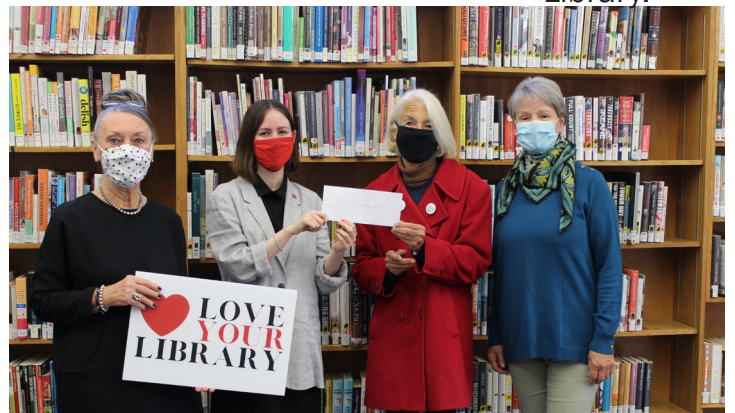


Nancy Puddy, a founding member of the 1000 Books committee, pictured here with a display she created at the Consecon Branch Library.



Lyla was one of the first readers to join the program. Here, she celebrates reaching the first milestone of 100 books read.

Thanks to the many generous shoppers at **Books & Co.** who donated children's books and their Books & Co "points" to the library.



Martha Riddell and Janet Howes of St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church present library CEO Barbara Sweet and board chair Devon Jones with a cheque in support of the program

When children start kindergarten they are invited to join the **Impressive Reader Society**.

One "most impressive" reader is chosen each month to be highlighted in the newspaper, and each participant is given a sign for their lawn or window!



# Accreditation



**An  
A+ library  
system!**

**99.16%**

In 2021 the library was re-accredited with a score of 99.16%! This involves meeting a high standard for policies, spaces, and procedures, as set out by the Ontario Public Library guidelines. For the first time the audit was held over video conference. Library staff at each of the six branches provided video tours and answered questions.

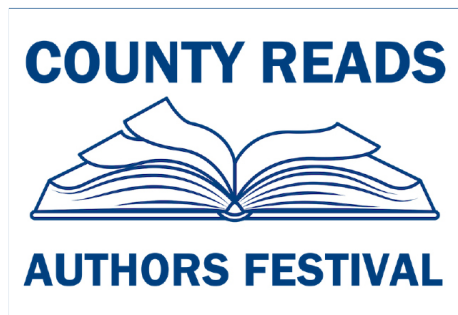
The auditors noted limitations in the Picton Branch (including narrow aisles and insufficient washrooms) which will be remedied in the expansion and they were otherwise very complimentary.

“The library should be commended for offering a wide array of programs, both online as recorded and interactive programs as well as in person programs as they can.”

“All branches continue to offer 24/7 wifi access free of charge – something appreciated by residents and visitors alike. During the 2020 closure period, the library continued to offer virtual program and expanded the offerings of e-resources during this time. The library was one of the first to reopen, once permission was given, and never stopped offering provincial services such as Interlibrary Loan.”

“The site audits were conducted while the branches were open for limited browsing by the public. Due to the pandemic, we noticed that some furnishings had been removed from the branches – for physical distancing and for spacing. At the same time, the staff felt that they just needed to have spaces for patrons to sit while browsing. The Consecon branch is housed in a former church... but the staff made sure that one of the old pews became the “perfect spot to park oneself”. Very nice touch, as demonstrated by a caring, committed branch staff member.”

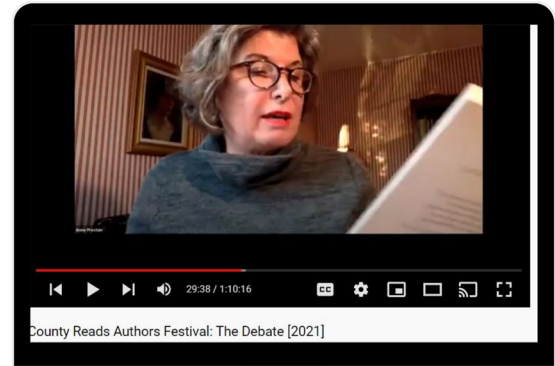
# The County Reads & Authors Festival



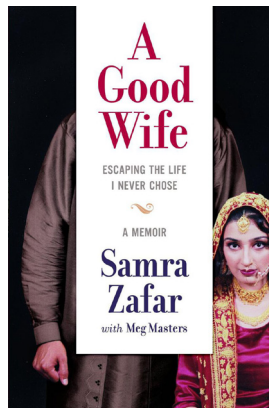
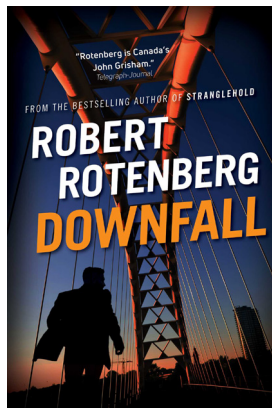
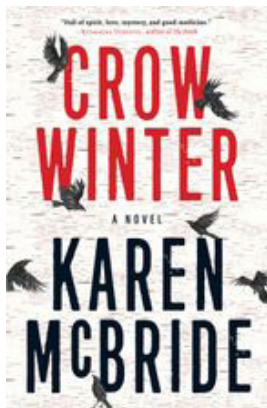
For the first year, The County Reads was held in a completely virtual format.

Contenders Councillor John Hirsch, Alexandra Seay, Sandra Barnes, Kevin Scanlon and Anne Preston passionately defended their selected books.

Moderator Ken Murray handled the transition to online with tremendous skill.



Anne Preston's passionate case for "Ru" by Kim Thuy was victorious in the virtual 2021 County Reads Debate.

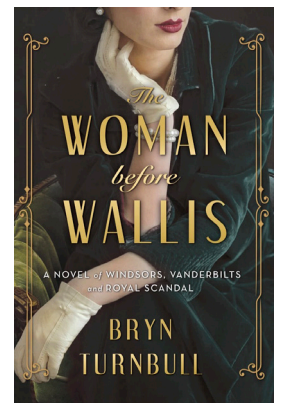
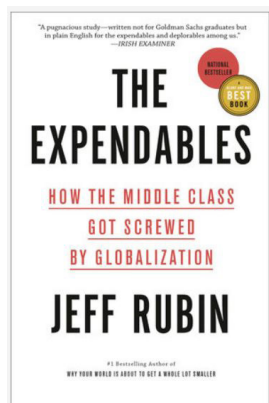


## 2021 Authors

Karen McBride  
Robert Rotenberg  
Samra Zafar  
Jeff Rubin  
Iona Whishaw  
Bryn Turnbull

Thank you to the brave County Reads presenters, volunteer moderators Dr. Thomas Harrison, Councillor Mike Harper, Elizabeth Etue, and Ken Murray.

Thank you to the volunteer committee members Alexandra Bake, Marlene Fraser and Janet Aston.





# THANK YOU!



## MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LENDING LIBRARY

Don Hinde cleans, repairs, and tunes many of the instruments available at the MILL, and assists musicians.

Laser-etched ornaments created in the Maker-space were a hit!



**Community Care for Seniors** delivers library books to readers across Prince Edward County. Howard Ziedenburg, pictured here, is a dedicated volunteer!



HOSPICE  
Prince Edward

We have partnered with **Hospice Prince Edward** to offer a dedicated grief & bereavement collection. The collection can be browsed in person at the Bloomfield Branch Library, or ordered from any branch.



In partnership with **Prince Edward Learning Centre** and **County Kids Read**, the library set up a pop-up library at Macauley Village



**Beverley Marr** is a Friend of the Consecon and Ameliasburgh branches of the Library. Pictured are her handmade dishcloths, sold as a fundraiser. Bev's holiday crafts-to-go were popular with families. Her ongoing enthusiasm has made a difference.



## BLOOMFIELD BOOKTIQUE

**Patsy Haugh** has been a dedicated volunteer, giving countless hours over the past 7+ years to the Bloomfield Booktique



**Phil Parkin** is a supporter of the Consecon Branch library. Through his generous donations, the lobby has been restored, hardwood floors refinished, and coming soon - new shelves. Phil is community minded and believes in giving back.



Students designed bookmarks including this one by Nora of Athol South Marysburgh.

## **In memory of Doug Sloane**



We will remember Doug for many years of book sales, dinners, musical afternoons, art shows, and meetings. We recognize his passionate efforts to help facilitate the Wellington addition, the 2001 Picton elevator addition and most recently on the Picton Branch Library expansion fundraising committee.

**Thank you, Doug.**

**Your passion and enthusiasm had a  
lasting impact on library service in  
Picton.**



# THANK YOU

**Thank you everyone who has contributed to the Picton Branch Expansion in 2021. There are many anonymous donors as well.**

**To see the latest updates on the expansion project, visit [loveyourlibrary.ca](http://loveyourlibrary.ca)**

## 100 People Who Care

Abdol, Hossein Banani  
Affleck, Jacob  
Ainley Group  
Aitken, Iain  
Algar, Jean  
Allen, George  
Alyea, Monica  
Amer Sports in memory of  
Carl Stacey  
Amos, Monika & Gord  
Anderson, Wendy  
Anderson, Judith  
Armstrong, Terry  
Ashton, Chris  
Aston, Janet  
Bake, Alexandra  
Bakker, Sadie  
Bancroft, Jim & MaryLou  
Barclay, Susanne  
Beggs, John & Sidney  
Bellegris, Agnes  
Belnyk, Edward  
Benevity SunLife  
Benton, Mary  
Bethell, Vivian  
Blake, John  
Blendell, Peter  
Boardley, Samantha  
Books & Co - David & Barbara  
Burns-Sweet  
Boutilier, William  
Braj, Bettina  
Brant, Blaine & Rose Marie

Bronskill, Reg  
Brown, Douglas  
Brummelhuis & Guthrie,  
Emma & Kim  
Burn, David  
Butler & Diez, Gail &  
Santiago  
Bye, Michael  
Campney, Gayla  
Candy, Paul  
Carnahan, John  
Chappell, Janet  
Collier, Lionel  
Collins, Marjorie  
Collins, Cath  
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Connor, Marie Josee  
Cooper, Krysten  
Corey, Jane  
Cowan, Elizabeth  
Cronk, Bryce  
Crowe, Tanis  
Curnock & McDonell, Edward T. & Lorna  
Currie, Karen  
Dacombe, Alan & Ann  
Dalicandro, Janet  
deBoer, Jocelyn and Ken  
DiMarco, Rhonda  
Dowswell, Jean Elizabeth  
Dumbrille, Anne  
Durrell, Brian  
Dury, Leonard A  
Edward, David & Lynn  
Edwards, Bill & Sandra  
Ellison, Patricia & Chris  
Elson, Pat  
Elson, Margaret  
Emma Robinson Medicine Professional Corporation  
Ken Murray & Emma Robinson  
Etue, Elizabeth  
Falkner, Thomas Duncan  
Farrington, Marilyn & Don  
Ferrier, Diane  
Filo, Katarina  
Fischer, Teresa

Forbes, Jane  
Gates, Julie  
Gee, Estelle  
Goostrey, Paul  
Goranson, Sandra  
Gord, Amos  
Gordon, Anne  
Green, Colleen  
Gunsolus, Drew  
Haigh, Kim  
Hall, Peta  
Hall & Treasure, Christine & Stephen  
Hampton, Richard  
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Hawkins, David  
Hawley, Andrew  
Hazell, June  
Hedges & Miller, Debra & Julie  
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Helm, Glenn & Dianne  
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Hobson, Hazel  
Holloway, Rod  
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Holowacz, Borys  
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Hughes, Marion  
Hunt, Rena  
Hussey, Valerie  
Huxley, Tim  
Ippersiel, Martha  
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Johnson, Nancy & Rob  
Jones, Devon  
Kapral, Maureen  
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Kellar, Corey  
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Kerr, Archie and Fran  
Kinsella, Helen  
Kirkham, Allan

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 Lavender, Scott  
 Lavender , Alice and Tom  
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 MacMillan, Ian  
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 Mann, Nora  
 Marino, Ron  
 Jenkins, Marilyn  
 Martin, Margaret  
 Mason, Michael  
 Mason, Lori  
 Matheson, Larry & Joanne  
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 Mulloy, Peter  
 Murray, Mary  
 Murray, Holland & Annabel  
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 Owens, Beverly  
 Palmer, Angela  
 Paterson, Jennifer K  
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 PEC Master Gardeners

Penny's Pantry - Penny Morris  
 Picton Dental Centre  
 Picton Friends  
 Pierson, Linda  
 Prince Edward County Lions  
 Club  
 Prince Edward County Master  
 Gardeners  
 Quinnett, Janet  
 Rankin, John  
 Rankin & Perruzza, Debbie &  
 Jeannie  
 Reader Day, Janet  
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