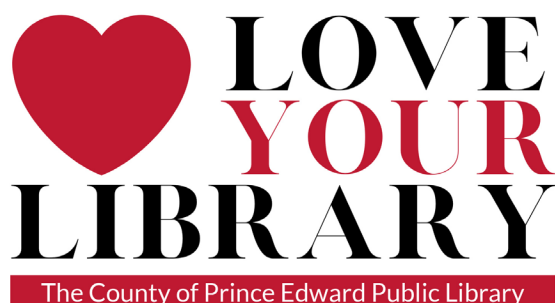


# County of Prince Edward Public Library & Archives 2022 Annual Report



## Library Board 2022

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## Special Grant Funding Received in 2022

### My Main Street Community Activator Funding

Bringing library service outdoors at the Bloomfield Branch Library. Programs made possible included an Indigenous Arts Series with Melanie Grey, a writer's series with Andrew Binks, local history talks with Joanne Cournyea-Fralick, a presentation by Andrew McLuhan about the McLuhan Institute, a presentation about the study of flags with Rob Leek and more. Outdoor furniture and children's toys further enhance the space.

**IDA Ontario** "Mini-Grant" to purchase decodable books. Decodable books are ideal for people with dyslexia.

### Youth Accessibility Funding through the Government of Canada

Creating a sensory room in the expanded Picton Branch with resources including rocking chairs, relaxing lights and sound machine and more.

**The Huff Family Fund**, administered by the County Foundation, supported new technology for youth. The expanded Picton Branch Library will have Virtual Reality, gaming, and video recording technologies.



### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Volunteer Nancy Puddy celebrates a reader in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Ameliasburgh Branch.



Janet Kellough and Vicki Delany at the Bloomfield Branch Library

**Sarah Badgley Literacy Fund for Rural Ontario Children** to support the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program by adding early readers, picture books and prizes for children.

**The Writer's Union through the Canada Council for the Arts** allowed us to virtually host Maude Barlow in conversation about her book, "Still Hopeful".

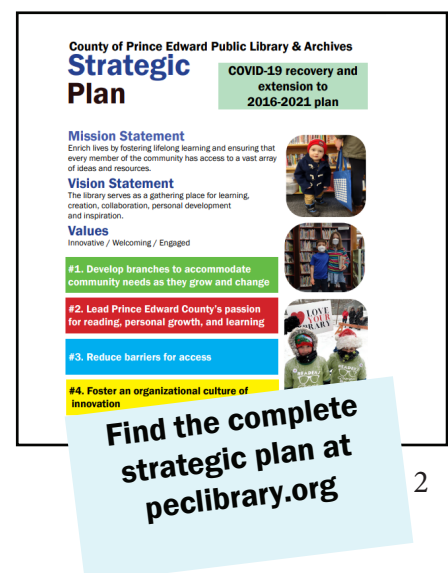
### Thanks to the Friends of the Library:

Ameliasburgh/Consecon, Milford and Wellington for your enthusiastic support of the Library & Archives.

## Strategic Plan

In 2022 the library board extended the existing strategic plan with the following goals:

- #1. Develop branches to accommodate community needs as they grow and change
- #2. Lead Prince Edward County's passion for reading, personal growth and learning
- #3. Reduce barriers for access
- #4. Foster an organizational culture of innovation





## #1 Develop branches to accommodate community needs as they grow and change

One strategy to accomplish this goal is experimenting with new initiatives at each branch.

### Ameliasburgh

Innovative Writers-in-Residence from the Al Purdy A-Frame experimented with new ways to reach the community through innovative projects. The Friends of Ameliasburgh & Consecon Branches of the library celebrated the retirement of long-serving Friend Helen McLaughlan by adding new books to the library collection.

### Bloomfield

With support from the Government of Canada through “My Main Street Community Activator Placemaking Programs”, a new outdoor space was created and special programs with guest speakers inspired and educated attendees.

### Consecon

Thanks to a generous benefactor, the Consecon Branch Library added new, easy-to-move shelving. This makes it possible for the branch to host larger groups and events by moving the shelves. This is a great complement to the recently completed lobby reno which added an automatic door and refreshed the entire space. The Consecon Branch Library also served as an advanced polling location for the municipal election

**Milford** - The Milford Branch Library learned that there is an acrobatics class for children happening at the town hall, and that families and caregivers needed a welcoming place to wait for their student. The library began opening in the evening as a way of meeting community needs.

**Picton** - The Picton Branch Library expansion is well underway. This community-supported project is many years in the making and will provide countless new opportunities for services and programs.

**Wellington** - The Wellington Branch Library’s Dianne Cranshaw meeting room became the home for many of the groups who were displaced when the Picton Branch Library meeting room became unavailable due to the construction. A popular ukulele class, led by William Tunbull, started many aspiring musicians on their uke journey. Don Hinde and the Library Orchestra spent many hours practicing and are now ready to take bookings with proceeds supporting the library. The Friends of the Wellington Branch Library’s Canada Day and Pumpkinfest book sales returned to the appreciation of the community.



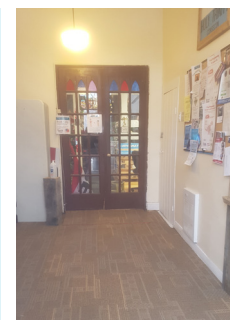
### Bloomfield Branch Library

New chalkboard and TD Summer Reading Program Storywalk



### Consecon Branch Library

New mobile bookshelves & restored foyer. The bell, originally in the church tower, is now on display.



### Canada Day in Picton

The Library fundraising team sold refreshments at Picton’s Canada Day festivities at the Crystal Palace in support of the library expansion.

## #2 Lead PEC's passion for reading, personal growth and learning

Women Killing It Crime Writers Festival and the Prince Edward County Authors Festival featured virtual and in-person talks with authors : Janet Kellough, Vicki Delany, Catherine Forgarty, SC Lalli, Lisa Unger, Bryn Turnbull, Rosemary Sullivan, Michael Posner, Kim Thuy, Marissa Stapley, Robert Hough, Hannah Mary McKinnon plus stand-alone author visits including Maude Barlow, Linwood Barclay, Roz Bound, Dan Needles and Laurie White

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program & the Impressive Reader Society encourage the earliest learners to celebrate reading. The library received funds from IDA Ontario to add decodable readers (ideal for people with dyslexia), as well as from Sarah Badgley Literacy Fund for Rural Ontario Children for board books and early readers.

## #3 Reduce barriers for access

The library has committed to live-streaming or recording programs and talks when possible to increase participation. The library applied for, and received, funds from the Youth Accessibility Fund to create a Sensory Room in the expanded Picton Branch Library. This will create a safer space for people who need a quiet place to spend time. Home delivery in partnership with Community Care for Seniors helps ensure that no one is left without reading material.

## 4. Foster an organizational culture of innovation

Staff are encouraged to pursue training opportunities. The library is responsive to patron requests and regularly solicits feedback in the newspaper, social media and in person.



### Women Killing It

Moderator Lynn Pickering in with Lisa Unger and SC Lalli.

Sponsored by Vanessa Pandos.



### IDA Ontario

Every branch of the library recieved new decodable readers and celebrated Read October in support of dyslexia awareness.



### What's Happening at the Library

Thanks to 99.3 County FM for airing the biweekly program "What's Happening at the Library?"



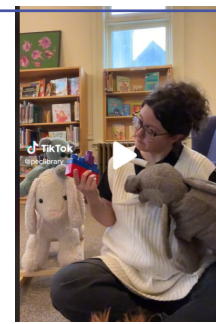
### A New Children's Room

In 2022, this temporary children's room as well as two public washrooms and a temporary meeting room became the first portion of the expanded library to open.



### Main Street Picton Artefacts

Construction at the Picton Branch Library unearthed many interesting jars, bottles and even one jawbone! These items were loaned to the County Museums for their expertise in identifying and dating them.



### Now on TikTok!

In 2022 we launched a new TikTok Channel. Michele shares clever videos on TikTok to attract a new audience to the library 4 @peclibrary



## 2022 By The Numbers

### Programs

#### Children and Youth

4,596 people

333 programs

#### Adults

3,086 people

315 programs

#### Seniors

2,893 people

149 programs

### Circulation

183,780 items loaned

#### Interlibrary Loan

Loaned 3,580

Borrowed 4,548

#### New Members

747

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## County of Prince Edward Archives

The Archives are located at the Wellington Branch Library.

#### Highlights of 2022:

- Added to the existing Metcalfe Collection
- Provided resources for an exhibit at Camp Picton and received \$1100 grant from Base 31 in thanks
- Thank you to Wellington Rotary for \$600 for software to make scanning historical documents possible
- Participated in Flashback February with two virtual talks by Suzanne Pasternak and Historic Cooking on Macaulay's Hearth with Nancy Woods

**Visitors: 250**

**Requests: 299**



Replica Tremaine Maps are available for purchase at the Archives as a fundraiser towards a new microfilm machine. Contact (613) 399-2023 for details.

# Picton Branch Library Expansion Fundraising

## Home Hardware Holiday Heroes!

Thanks to the Busscher Family and Picton Home Hardware for a December 2022 matching campaign!



**Pictured:** Adam Busscher, Alexandra Bake, Mark Busscher and Devon Jones.

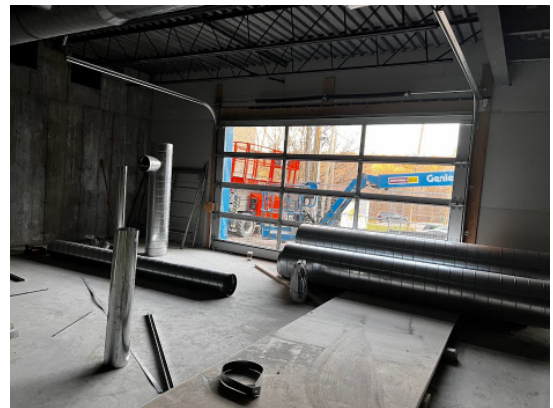
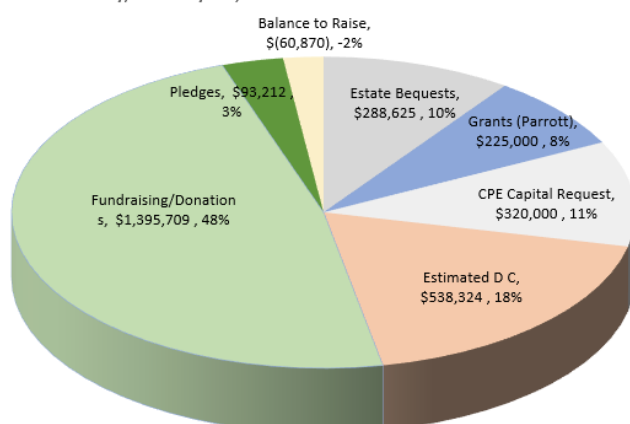
Thank you to **Alexandra Bake** and her tireless fundraising committee for their continued efforts in support of the Picton Branch Library expansion.

Construction is well under way. At the end of 2022, two small rooms in the expanded library as well as two public washrooms became available for use.

The expanded library will open fully in 2023 to serve the community.

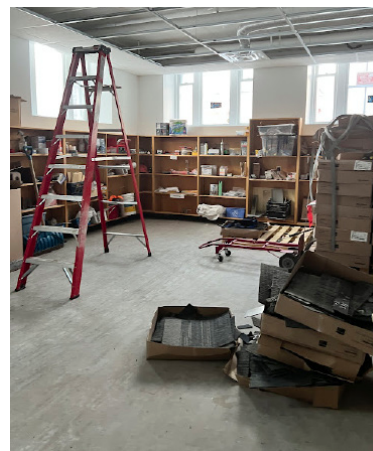
## Source of funds:

CPE Public Library, January 13, 2023



The flex space on the lower level, will be an open room used for meetings, active programs and more.

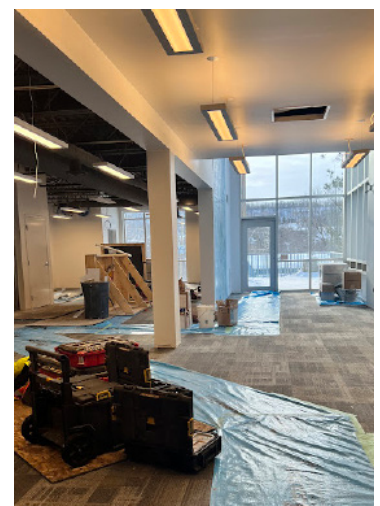
**Pictured:** a garage-style door will create an indoor-outdoor space for performances and other uses.



The children's room will be an expanded, welcoming space with convenient washroom and accessible entrance.

The new area of the library is open, light-filled and modern.

**Pictured:** the door to the new balcony (inspired by the original design of the Picton Branch Library, which had a balcony).



## 2022 Picton Branch Library Expansion Donors

### LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

**We thank everyone who has supported the Picton Branch Library expansion project including the many people who have given at the circulation desk, purchased a ticket to the 2023 Gala event ([peclibrary.org/gala](http://peclibrary.org/gala)), or simply dropped into the library to check out the construction project. This is truly a community effort and it would not be possible without you.**

Abram, Angie  
Adams, Anne & Paul  
Affleck, Jacob  
Algar, Jean  
Anonymous  
Aston, Janet & Ronald  
Bake, Alexandra  
Bakker, Sadie  
Baklinski, Krystina  
Base31 - PEC Partners  
Bay of Quinte Mutual  
Beardsley, Sandra  
Beggs, John & Sid  
Benton, Bryce & Mary  
Berg, Adrian  
Biasutti, Alida  
Bishop Smythe, Tim  
Blake, John  
Books & Co  
Bordman, Risa  
Boutilier, Bill  
Bowen, Pearl  
Broadbridge, Ronald & Susan  
Bronskill, Reg  
Brown, Douglas  
Brownbill, Ellen  
Burford, Kathy & Fred  
Burns, Kenneth  
The Busscher Family - Picton  
Home Hardware  
Burrows, Michael  
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Fedor, Kim  
Filo, Katarina

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