

# ARNPRIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT  
TO THE COMMUNITY





## **THE YEAR OF IDEAS**

Guided by a new Strategic Plan, Vision and Mission Statement, the library embarked on a variety of initiatives, collaborations, ventures and resources in 2016.

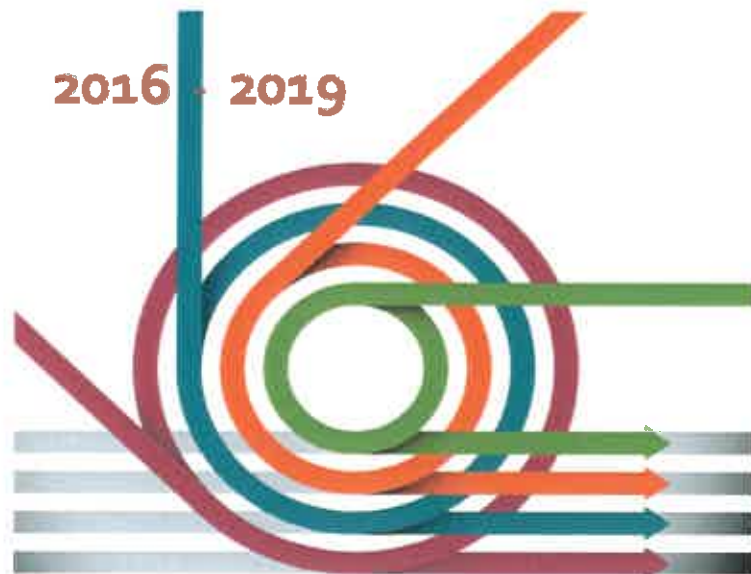
These efforts align the library with the community hub movement.

The Board of Directors and staff are proud to serve a community that embraces library services and resources to the extent that Arnprior is home to one of the busiest libraries per capita in all of Ontario.

More than 740 individuals offered input to assist the board in its creation of the library's new Strategic Plan.

## Mission Statement

The library is an inspiring, stimulating destination that bridges inquiries with answers, creative ideas with outcomes, the present with our heritage, and actual with virtual.



## VISION STATEMENT

The comprehensive resources of the kind, friendly, open and welcoming library will enable the community to learn, to do and to become.

## Providing the Tools

The library provides the resources required by our informed and engaged community to thrive, through availability of quality and unbiased information for every pursuit in every format. With the support of skilled staff, community members are able to access all resources available to resolve an issue or answer a question.

- Ensure relevancy and currency of non fiction
- Increase awareness of library's resources
- Increase patronage of contracting communities

## Comfortable Community Space

The library balances the needs of all community members by providing space – virtual/physical, noisy/quiet, individual/social – that supports learning, reflection and relaxation.

- Increasing program area, extending physical space
- Increase quiet study space

The Library strives to stimulate the imagination by promoting fun.

Our vibrant community space is filled with opportunities for creating, socializing, discovering and learning.

The library bridges connections between the generations and communities by providing programs, resources and space.

- Add 3 adult programs that stimulate imagination
- Increase participation in teen programs

## Inspire and Excite

The library empowers every community member to reach his/her literacy potential. As a destination for families, library programs support preschool children to begin school ready to learn, read, write and listen; students to maximize their potential; and adults on their journey of life-long learning.

- Increase awareness among all families
- Increase outreach to community agencies to get teens and adults coming to the library
- Maintain school and other educational partnerships

## Success in School / Success in Life



# Community Space

The library is used to capacity every day it is open. Traditional print material and entertainment is only a portion of what the library offers. Access to technology, programming for all ages, meeting spaces and a cultural outlet round out the library's mandate.

**94,377 visits**  
(even with downtown revitalization  
limiting access to the parking lot)

**130,951 items loaned**  
(13% increase over 2015)

**8659 program attendance**  
Full range of adult and children's  
programming offered

**479 room bookings**  
Community groups, business  
meeting and private bookings

**2254 new acquisitions**



# Prestigious Recognition



7446 program spaces

162 class visits

Children throughout the area have long known that Carolyn Swayze is an amazing librarian. In November, the Ontario Library Association announced she had won the provincial recognition of Youth Services Librarian of the Year.

Full range of programming  
babies to teens





We even celebrated diggers!



We embraced the TD Summer Reading Club theme WILD in 2016 offering 80 different activities and nearly 1500 program spaces filled.



Great stories and crafts



Creating beautiful art

Taking programs outside of the library too!

A total of 10,435 items were borrowed from the children's collection. That's a stack of books over 132 metres high! By comparison, Parliament's Peace Tower measures 98 metres.



# New ideas for youth



To meet a need in the community for both bilingual programs and programs offered on Saturdays, the library began offering *Bonjour Mes Amis* on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. This fun and educational bilingual story time for the entire family has proven to be very popular, with 174 participants in the last 6 months of the year!

## Read with Radar

Elaine and John Lowe attended our Exam Study Sessions with their therapy dog, Radar, in June. The visits were a great way for the students to have a relaxing break from their studies and Radar loved the attention and all the snacks he sniffed out in the kids' backpacks! Because the response was so overwhelmingly positive, plans were set in motion to have Radar offer his therapy dog services on a regular basis with our "Read with Radar" program for emergent readers.



We began a reading incentive program called Puzzle Posse. All ages are invited to reflect on a borrowed library book and earn a piece to help complete our puzzle. A celebratory party with all participants will mark the completion of the puzzle!

## New Ideas for Adults



Within a 6 month period, the library initiated a community fundraising and awareness campaign to bring personalized playlists to seniors in the community.

By October the first phase of the project was complete and garnered local, national and even international recognition, including a community partnership award recognizing the Library and Arnprior Regional Health.

The program has now expanded so personalized playlists can be offered to all library members, homebound patrons and other institutions in our catchment area.



# Community Building with Adult Programs



**Armchair Travel Series**  
China, Ireland, Norway,  
New Orleans, France



**Pop-up Library**



**Fundraising fashion show**



**Ring in 2017**



**And a new monthly  
eNewsletter with more  
than 500 subscribers**

And more...



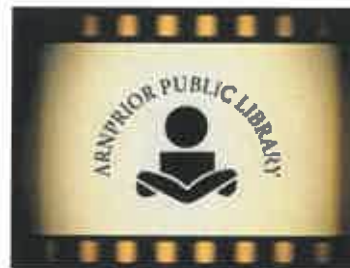
Music concerts



Author visits



Film Club



## Seniors hold a special place at the library

232 Homebound Deliveries

"Thank you for going the extra mile and sending me this book. It was humorous and witty. Thanks again for all your efforts on my behalf."

"Thank you for your steady supply of books during the past 2 years. They have been a constant joy, filling many long, long hours."



iPod Project

Green Screen outreach



The library also serves on the Greater Arnprior Seniors Council as part of the Age Friendly Community Initiative.

# The People Who Make it Happen

## 2016 Board Members

Maureen Sly Havey, Chair  
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Esther Donis  
Anita Brown  
Heather Benedict  
Kathleen Brennan  
Ruth Jones  
Stephanie Hanniman  
Kate Burman

## Summer students:

Alex Boese, Kate Burman, Claire Pecora



## Volunteers

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