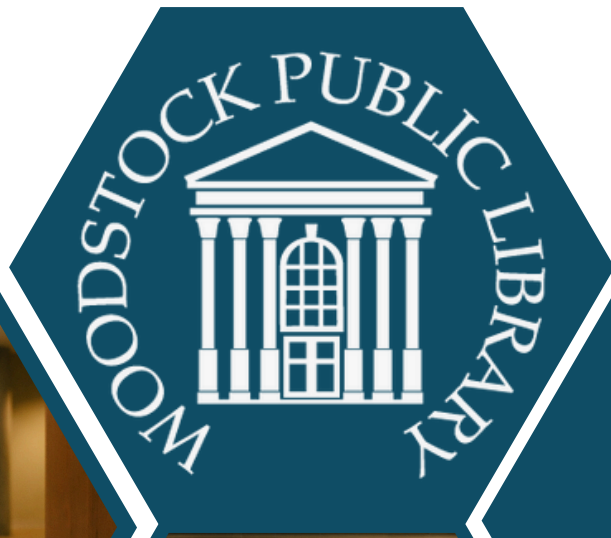


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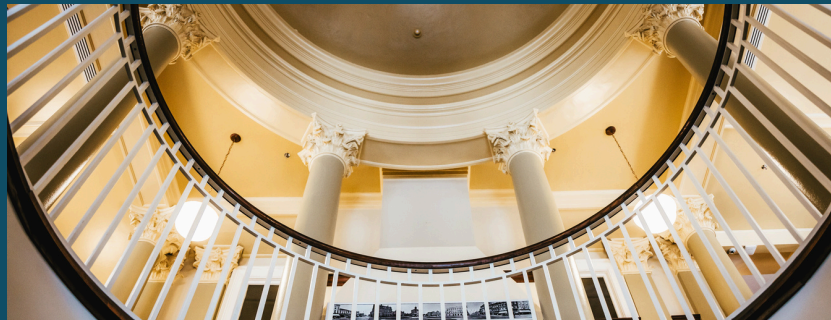
Messages



MARY ANNE SILVERTHORN
LIBRARY BOARD CHAIR

The members of the Library Board continue to appreciate the commitment and dedication of the Library and its staff.

As a Board we are excited to build on the past and welcome the “new growth” of the forthcoming strategic plan to meet the needs of the patrons of the Library, and you the citizens of this community. We are here to support you!



LINDSAY HARRIS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Let's Grow Together!

The Library launched our Let's Grow Together Strategic Planning process in 2024. We spent the year engaging in extensive community consultation and learning more about what the Library means to our community - and how we can better support you. This feedback is the backbone of the new Strategic Plan - launching in 2025. While we reflect upon this past year, we welcome you to watch for new and exciting things at your Library - designed by you!

2024 Highlights

1 826 284 total library uses, including:

- 140 310 visits to the library
- 1 057 701 visits to the library website, program registration and online catalogue
- 241 061 social media engagements
- 293 445 items borrowed
- 26 825 program participants
- 31 739 computer uses
- 35 203 database searches

Plus 2 188 NEW library card holders!



2024 Top Reads



Adult Fiction:

I Only Read Murder: A Novel
by Ian Ferguson 🍁

Adult Non-Fiction:

The Great Displacement: Climate Change and the Next American Migration
by Jake Bittle

Teen:

Queen of Shadows
by Sarah J. Maas

Children's Fiction:

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days
by Jeff Kinney

Children's Picture Book:

How to Party Like a Snail
by Naseem Hrab 🍁

🍁 *Canadian Author*

Library Programs

- Local Author Fair
 - Multilingual Storytime
 - Book Clubs for all ages
 - Haunted Jail Tours
 - Chit Chat Circle
 - Streetfest
 - Family Literacy Day
 - Lunchtime Breakout EDU
 - The BarryO Kidshow
 - Understanding Homelessness
 - A Visit with Ojibwe Spirit Horses
 - Heads up for Healthier Brains
 - Author Visits
 - Retro Video Game Nights
 - Baby-Sign Storytimes
 - Crafty Adults
 - Mah-Jongg
 - Pub Trivia Night
 - Cyber Assist
- ...and much, much more!



Our Customer Service Commitment



In 2024, all Library Employees gathered together to create a customer service commitment to help identify and address barriers to library services and to better serve our community.

Here is our commitment to you.

Providing Courteous and Efficient Customer Service

- Friendly and streamlined services that engage, educate, and empower our patrons.

Fostering Respectful Relationships

- Honest and reliable communication with patrons, volunteers, partners, and staff.

Creating a Community Space for all

- A safe and inclusive gathering space where everyone feels valued.

New Services At Your Library

- Local Author Collection and Local Author Fair
- Adult English Language Learning Materials
- Updated Website
- Mango Languages app for world language learning
- Multilingual storytimes



What our patrons have to say

"It's truly what brings our community together. The Library is the heart of the community."

"I love the Woodstock Public Library. They have been part of the 'village' that it takes to raise our family."

"The Woodstock public library is an inclusive and welcoming space that is vital to the community."

"As a senior with limited income the Library is my main source for reading material and current DVDs."

"Literacy is the utmost important skill. Everyone deserves access to educational material. It includes all ages with various programs and classes. I love our library."

"The library and our librarians are essential to the community. They are invaluable!"



Looking Forward 2025

Growing with our Community by:

- Launching the Library's new Strategic Plan.
- Expanding our digital collections.
- Expanding collections and services for newcomers to our community.

Thank you
for loving
your library!



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