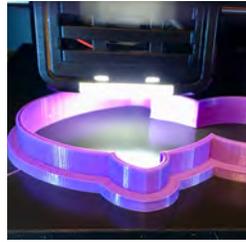


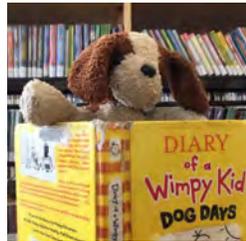


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The
PERTH COUNTY
INFORMATION NETWORK



Five libraries.
One card.



2018
Annual
Report



Perth County Information Network

The Perth County Information Network is a county wide membership and technology collaborative serving all public libraries in the County by strengthening our ability to serve our community. We achieve our mission cooperation on cost-effective services, creating and supporting educational and professional development, and fostering innovation.

Providing Value to Libraries

PCIN provides the technological infrastructure to enhance each library's functionality.

We do this by:

1. Operating and maintaining a computerized library system in a secure environment
2. Providing seamless integration of electronic and print resources
3. Sharing the library's physical collections through daily delivery services
4. Providing 24/7 technical support to members
5. Providing data, email and web hosting for member libraries

More Than Just Numbers

Libraries exist to transform people's lives. Libraries provide free access to materials and resources, and in doing so they play an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed. A 2018 study by Nordicity found impressive outcomes demonstrating the impact libraries make. The study showed that libraries help reduce poverty, decrease social isolation and school bullying, and provide access to social services in a non-stigmatized environment. Nordicity also found that libraries help people find jobs through the provision of free computer and Internet access. Libraries also help by providing access to free courses, allowing people to improve skills on anything from photography to accounting. Visits by staff and volunteers provide homebound cardholders with entertainment and a friendly smile

A public library improves the quality of life in a community - including yours right here in Perth County.

A visit will get you thinking.

Not Just Books

Our libraries have LOTS of traditional items for loan - books, music cds, movies and magazines, but did you that some of our libraries loan out:

- fishing poles and tackle boxes
- seeds
- coding robots
- swimming passes
- video games
- digital scanners
- virtual reality headsets
- chess sets
- step counters
- energy meters
- early learning tablets
- bicycle locks
- board games

2018 by the numbers

3,005
new card holders

19,977
library cards were
used in the past 2 years

5,114
cards were
renewed

680,779

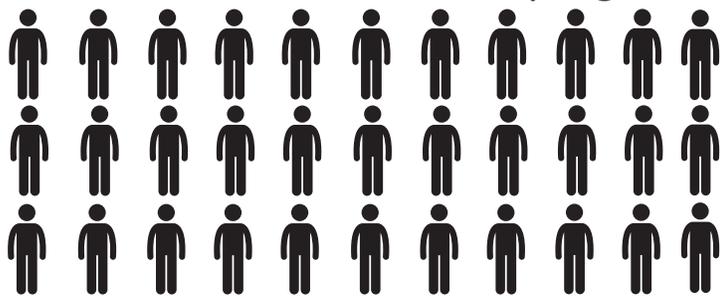


checkouts of print, electronic and digital materials across the county

17% of checkouts were
digital materials
83% were physical

72,515
items were shared between
the 5 libraries

35,921

 people
attended one of our 2,108 programs

45,295
sessions on 38 computer
workstations



25,051
connections to free wifi

336,217

visitors walked through our doors.

PCIN libraries are open **281** hours each week.

97,907
searches
in research
databases

20,080

new items were added to
PCIN library collections.
Total physical collection
size is **215,579**
items.

Member Updates

NORTH PERTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our Library mission is: **We connect people.** We connect people to the world. Our computers are used to connect our users to the news, their friends and family, government services, as well as continuing education opportunities. We connect people with each other. We bring people together through organized programs like book clubs and our recent partnership with North Perth EarlyON. We welcome and encourage people to linger and have casual conversation. We provide a location for local youth to hang out, and reduce isolation by welcoming seniors. Our trained staff help customers connect with community agencies and services they need, as well as resources that support their personal well-being and aspirations. Whatever your reason, we hope you come in and connect.

Rebecca Dechert-Sage, CEO

PERTH EAST PUBLIC LIBRARY

2018 was another exciting and busy year. We opened our MakerSpace which features a Cricut cutter, virtual reality headsets, as well as interactive robots and MakerKits for younger makers. The MakerSpace has been very popular and we are always amazed by the creativity of our local makers.

The library hosted a variety of programs for different ages and interests, including numerous book clubs, craft nights and our second community Bike Rodeo in July. The library is looking forward to continue serving the community in 2019, so come in and say hello!

Kendra Roth, CEO

WEST PERTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

In 2018 West Perth Public Library's programs for patrons of all ages continued to be well attended. Our long running Summer Reading program was revamped and invited participants to explore our community. Over the summer we visited a dairy farm, the vet clinic, the wetlands and the local gym with stories to go along, of course! The library's collection was well used both in person and online and circulation of e-books continues to grow. Enhancements to our technology included increased wifi coverage for the building. Our library addition celebrated its 10th anniversary with updated flooring in the program area and new energy saving LED lighting both inside and outside. With a new Library Board in place, we look forward to a busy 2019!

Caroline Shewburg, CEO

STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

In 2018 SPL continued to see record high usage of programs and services. The MakerSpace has been a great success and we are excited to expand on the possibilities for the library to help people realize their dreams. Likewise the experiential programming for people of all ages is sparking community connections and personal discovery. And underpinning it all is a superb staff complement whose dedication and joy in their work make the Library such a vibrant place.

Julia Merritt, CEO

ST MARYS PUBLIC LIBRARY

2018 was a really big year for our library. We saw many enhancements to our facility, services and the technologies that we offer including refreshment of paint and carpet, the additional after-hours programming, updated public computers, and the development of our new Digital Media Lab.

Staff have been exceptionally busy providing the communities with programs and activates focused on STEAM, literacy and socialization.

2019 promises to be a another busy year with a continuation of smaller capital projects. We will be examining the current physical footprint of the Library, and investigating ways to further enhance our physical space by ways of study and reading areas. We also will continue to develop our collection to best serve our community.

Matthew Corbet, CEO

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