



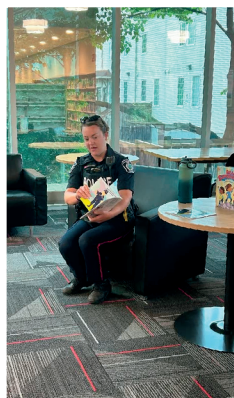
Grimsby Public Library ANNUAL REPORT

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MORE THAN BOOKS

Grimsby Public Library as a hub for learning, connection, and community.

2025 was a year of momentum for the Grimsby Public Library, extending far beyond our bookshelves. Community participation continued to grow across our programs and services, reinforcing the library's role as a hub for learning, connection, and community wellbeing. To ensure we can continue to meet evolving community needs, the library undertook a feasibility study to help guide future growth and long term planning. **For every \$1 spent, your library delivers \$6+ in community impact.**



STATS AT A GLANCE

205,011 152,426

Items borrowed Library Visitors

\$4,100,220*
SAVED BY BORROWING

*Assumes an average value of \$20 per item borrowed

MORE TO BORROW FROM THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

We launched new Library of Things additions, such as 100+ board games and puzzles, a sewing machine, and pickleball sets.



Board Game Collection, Singer Sewing Machine, and Pickleball set.

MORE VIBRANT SPACES, INSIDE AND OUT

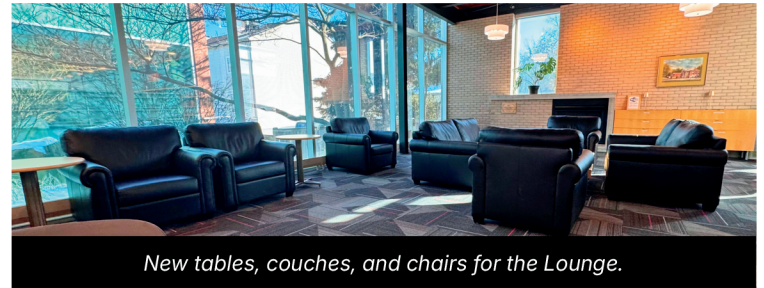
Thanks to the generous support of private community donors, we upgraded our patio and lounge furniture. Key capital improvements included repainting the library, updating our quiet study-area, and installing a new water fountain.



New tables, chairs, booths, and workstations for our quiet study-area.



New Muskoka chairs, tables and umbrellas for the outdoor garden.



New tables, couches, and chairs for the Lounge.

MORE PROGRAMS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The Library brought the community together through a vibrant mix of programs including crowd favourite events like the Meridian-sponsored Summer Reading Kickoff, and new partnerships with organizations such as the Rotary Club of Grimsby and the Brain Injury Association of Niagara. Ongoing weekly favourites, like Story time with Miss Tracy, and Ukulele for Beginners, continued to offer welcoming, low-barrier opportunities for connection and learning.

1,033

Programs offered
(64% Increase)

18,806

Program Attendees
(90% Increase)

315

Children's Programs Offered
(158% Increase)

8,625

Children's Program Attendees
(291% Increase)

923 Volunteer Hours

(22% Increase)

Thank you to the 88 volunteers who continue to play a vital role in the success and growth of our programs.

MORE AUTHOR SERIES

This year we hosted a sold-out Grimsby Author Series, where we welcomed authors like Linwood Barclay, Iona Wishaw, and Kate Quinn.



Linwood Barclay in the Spring Season.



Karma Brown and Marissa Stapley at the Holiday Romance Panel.



A young girl blowing bubbles at the Summer Reading Kickoff!



Miss Kourtney leading a Bouncing Babies Story time.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR GPL

To help guide future growth, the library completed a feasibility study this year. Scan the QR code to learn more!

