

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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2021 - 2025 STRATEGIC GOALS

Service Delivery

Develop and strengthen the library's human resources

Services

Expand access to programs, services, and collections

Facilities

Provide versatile, welcoming, and safe spaces for the community

Community

Engage the community in developing and promoting resources and partnership opportunities

2023 LIBRARY AT A GLANCE

**160+ Library, Makerspace
and Store Volunteers**

Bridgenorth Library

836 Charles Street,
Bridgenorth, ON
(705) 292-5065
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Ennismore Library

551 Ennis Road,
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Lakefield Library

8 Queen Street,
Lakefield, ON
(705) 652-8623
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SPL Makerspace

1 Bridge Street,
Lakefield, ON
(705) 651-8601
heshikaty@mypubliclibrary.ca

**Two New-to-You
thrift shops in
partnership with
Community Care
Chemung**

Causeway Treasure Trove

826 Ward Street,
Bridgenorth, ON
(705) 296-5065

Ennismore Community Thrift Shop

549 Ennis Road,
Ennismore, ON
(705) 292-8708

NEW CARD
HOLDERS

NEWSLETTER
SUBSCRIBERS

MAKERSPACE
BOOKINGS

STORE
REVENUE

1028

2060

622

\$27,615

2023
ITEMS BORROWED

Total Items Borrowed	128,426
Physical Books Borrowed	89,621
Digital Checkouts (e-Collections*)	38,805
Special Collections* Checkouts	2,200

*Selwyn Public Library's e-Collections include:

- eMovies
- eMusic
- eBooks
- eAudiobooks
- eMagazines



*Special Collections include:

- Wifi Hotspots
- Puzzles
- Board Games
- Disc Golf Kits
- Pickleball Kits
- Ontario Parks Day Passes
- STEAM Kits
- Fishing Rods & Tackle
- Watt Reader

- Take & Make Kits
- Mystery Book Bags

New in 2023:

- Bird Watching
- Naturalist Kits
- Children's Storywalks
- CO2 Monitor



The SPL Makerspace was opened in October 2022. This space is a collaborative workspace designed for making, learning, and exploring using high-tech and no-tech tools.

21 volunteers helped run the Makerspace in 2023. The SPL Makerspace held **51 programs** with **390 attendees**. The MakerShop, stocked with donated and volunteer-made products, made **\$4,444 in shop revenue** in 2023.

Makerspace Equipment:

- 3D printer
- Glowforge laser cutter
- Cricut vinyl cutter
- Sewing machines
- Sergers
- Embroidery machine
- Sound booth
- Heat presses
- Printers & scanners
- Digitization tools
- Sublimation equipment
- Button maker
- and more!

Children's Programs

244 Children's programs
5,154 Attendees

Programs include:

- Storytimes
- PA Day programs
- Concerts
- Homeschool Connect
- Silver Birch Reading Club
- STEAM Programs

Teen Programs

28 Teen programs
77 Attendees

Programs include:

- Teen Advisory Group
- Teen Newsletter
- Button Fundraiser
- Gingerbread House Decorating

Adult Programs

- Movie Night
- Technology Help
- Book Clubs
- Art Display
- Sharing Dance Seniors
- Blind Date with a Book

Outreach

- Shamrock Festival
- Lakefield Literary Festival
- Lakefield Farmers Market



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Revenue

Grants	\$60,993
Operating Receipts & Fees	\$29,349
Fundraising Receipts	\$36,259
From Taxation	\$619,030
From Reserves / Reserve Funds	\$22,072

Expenditures

Supplies & Overhead	\$68,305
Books, eBooks, DVDs, etc	\$92,174
Library Buildings	\$64,490
Capital Expenses	\$12,450
Salaries & Benefits	\$520,031



LIBRARY REVIEWS

"I am truly grateful for the Selwyn Public Library. As a student the library was a place to do research. As a young newlywed it was a place to volunteer. And, as a new mother the library was a place for my children and I to sing and share stories with Kathleen. It goes without saying that the library was a blessing during COVID. Members of our family were able to connect with others through online activities like Trivia, Bingo and a needlework club. We really looked forward to all the activities. Thank you to all the wonderful staff and volunteers through the years--you are appreciated!"

"I love the atmosphere of the library. Everyone is always so friendly and understanding even when I have a loud and energetic toddler! I love the sense of community that the library brings along with their registered programs."

"The library is a great community meeting spot - meet friends old and new. We have a wonderfully wide collection, so you can always find something to enjoy."

"I have been using the Makerspace to meet fellow crafters at the needlework nights. It's been wonderful to meet new people of all ages in different stages of life and share a common interest, swap tips, and have a few laughs."