



**ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK**

**LA SEMAINE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES  
PUBLIQUES DE L'ONTARIO**

# **LIBRARIES FOR LIFE**

**BIBLIOS  
POUR LA VIE**



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# THOROLD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Report

# COMMUNITY BENEFITS





# HOW YOUR LIBRARY STACKS UP (2022)



**Let's meet**  
**28,718** individuals  
participated in **1,036**  
programmes



**Books, books, books**  
**48,303** books borrowed  
**8,206** eBooks &  
Audiobooks downloaded



**Checking things**  
**out online...**  
**98,083** visited the  
Library's website

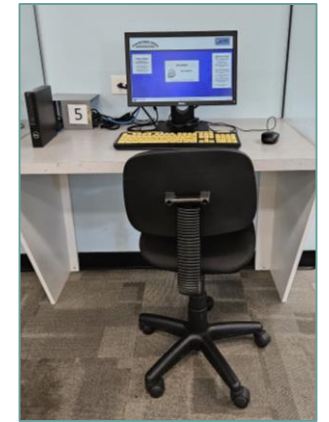
**Libraries in**  
**Niagara**  
**Cooperative**  
**4,566** items  
borrowed &  
**8,586** Thorold  
Items lent



**Show time!**  
**8,611** DVDs &  
Blu-Rays  
borrowed  
**Just**  
**browsing..**  
**7,817** items used  
in the Library



**Surfing the 'net**  
**3,666** Internet Users spent  
**2,675** hours on the Library's  
Internet Computers  
**3,503** wireless users logged  
**5,305** hours  
**230** Hotspots/Chromebooks were  
borrowed and users spent **3,520**  
hours on Internet at home



**Library users received....**

**\$2,858,466** worth of services. A return of **\$4.06** for every dollar of municipal funding!

# HOW YOUR LIBRARY STACKS UP (2022)

(MINISTRY OF TOURISM, CULTURE AND SPORT (2022) WEBSITE).

| Library Activities Report (Niagara Region) |                          |  |  |  |                                |                               |  |                        |                           |
|--|--------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Library Name & Population                  |                          | Reference Transactions                 |  |  | In-Library Materials Use       | Library Visits                |  | Programs               |                           |
| Library Name (Alphabetical Order)          | Population (2022 Census) | Annual Standard Reference Transactions | Annual Information Communication Technology Transactions | Annual Electronic Reference Transactions | Annual In-Library Material Use | Library Visits Made in Person | Electronic Visits to the Library Website | Programs Held Annually | Annual Program Attendance |
| Fort Erie                                  | 32,901                   | 1,900                                  | 1,750  | 200                                      | 4,450                          | 41,800                        | 61,620                                   | 484                    | 5,875                     |
| Grimsby                                    | 28,883                   | 1,150                                  | 1,550  | 200                                      | 9,100                          | 97,700                        | 114,504                                  | 446                    | 6,797                     |
| Lincoln Pelham Union Public Library        | 43,911                   | 7,150                                  | 1,600  | 250                                      | 37,350                         | 75,950                        | 145,184                                  | 879                    | 26,878                    |
| Niagara Falls                              | 94,415                   | 10,400                                 | 4,750  | 150                                      | 32,750                         | 217,750                       | 295,100                                  | 1,286                  | 24,565                    |
| Niagara-on-the-Lake                        | 19,088                   | 1,600                                  | 1,850  | 400                                      | 2,400                          | 30,000                        | 65,468                                   | 348                    | 4,390                     |
| Port Colborne                              | 20,033                   | 4,700                                  | 2,050  | 100                                      | 22,100                         | 36,750                        | 20,904                                   | 380                    | 5,052                     |
| St. Catharines                             | 136,803                  | 71,500                                 | 32,400   | 3,600                                    | 48,050                         | 217,000                       | 1,898,364                                | 727                    | 17,454                    |
| Thorold                                    | 23,816                   | 6,200                                  | 2,800  | 850                                      | 20,250                         | 45,200                        | 90,792                                   | 1,036                  | 28,718                    |
| Wainfleet Twp                              | 6,887                    | 6,050                                  | 300  | 350                                      | 17,800                         | 19,650                        | 35,984                                   | 215                    | 3,166                     |
| Welland                                    | 55,750                   | 12,250                                 | 3,650  | 1,400                                    | 22,050                         | 144,350                       | 174,356                                  | 1,219                  | 25,743                    |
| West Lincoln Twp                           | 15,454                   | 1,350                                  | 550  | 0  | 10,200                         | 32,750                        | 19,396                                   | 468                    | 5,250                     |
| <b>Total :</b>                             | <b>496,133</b>           | <b>2,865,650</b>                       | <b>1,815,650</b>   | <b>421,950</b>                           | <b>18,458,500</b>              | <b>119,783,150</b>            | <b>261,228,240</b>                       | <b>148,443</b>         | <b>3,472,334</b>          |

# PROJECTS

## 2023

1. Digitization of local history (Niagara Community Foundation Grant)
2. Community Outreach
3. Fundraising Feasibility Study
4. Library Board Orientation



## 2024

1. Community Outreach
2. Diversity Audit – collections
3. Website Refresh – AODA compliance
4. Strategic Planning



# SPECIAL EVENTS

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**MONDAY, OCT 16:**

- Pathstone Mental Health (11:30AM)
- Storytime in Port Robinson (2PM)
- Teen Advisory Board (3:30PM)
- S.T.E.A.M. (6PM)

**TUESDAY, OCT 17:**

- Bingo (10AM)
- Ukulele Club (3:30PM)
- Junior Writing Club (3:30PM)
- Dungeons & Dragons (6PM)

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 18:**

- Baby Time (10:30AM)
- Cocoa Club (3:30PM)
- Junior Art Club (3:30PM)
- Adult Craft Night (6PM)

**THURSDAY, OCT 19:**

- Music & Movement (10:30AM)
- S.T.E.A.M. at C.E. Grose (3:30PM)
- Teen Writing Club (3:30PM)
- Book Club (6PM)

**FRIDAY, OCT 20:**

- EarlyON partnership (9:30AM)
- Movie Matinee (2PM) Eddie the Eagle

**SATURDAY, OCT 21:**

- Halloween Open House (10AM)

Vote for your favourite entry in our Pumpkin Contest, enter our Literary Costume Contest, and make a fun drop in craft.

**THROUGHOUT THE WEEK:**

- Book Giveaways

Ballots will be available in the library for daily book draws for all ages.

- 8th Annual Literary Pumpkin Contest

Enter your book inspired creation from October 16th at 10:00 a.m. to October 20th at 4:00 p.m. Entrants must provide their own pumpkin. Entries can be painted/decorated and/or carved. Literary theme must be communicated upon submission. All ages welcome. One First Prize and one Second Prize winner will be awarded. Patrons may vote on their favourite submission during our Halloween Open House October 21.

**youth mental health symposium**

**Your Mental Health Matters**

**NOV 18**

**Thorold Public Library**  
14 Ormond St. N

**Start from**  
12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of ending stigma!  
Recommended for ages 10-19 and adults.

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Drop-in Resource Library

2:00-4:00 p.m. Speaker Series and Q&A  
Including:  
Distress Centre Niagara  
Niagara Falls Community Health Centre  
Pathstones Mental Health  
Quest Community Health

Registration required: 905-227-2581  
programs@thoroldpubliclibrary.ca

**Learn more about:**

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Community Resources
- Healthy Boundaries
- Body Image
- Being an Ally
- Suicide Prevention
- Self Care

**Join us!**

## Youth Mental Health Symposium event:

### Resource Library for Event:

Pathstones Mental Health  
Niagara Falls Community Health Centre  
Quest Community Health  
Distress Centre Niagara  
PFLAG Niagara  
Youth Unlimited

### Speakers:

#### Depression and Anxiety Coping Skills

Ryan Andres and Jill Osterman  
Registered Therapists  
Pathstones Mental Health

#### Services and Suicide Prevention

Lynn Johnstone  
Program Coordinator  
Distress Centre Niagara

#### Body Image, Boundaries and services available to youth

Ilana Dixon  
2SLGBTQ+ System Navigator  
Niagara Community Health

#### How to be an Ally in Niagara

Ailish Westaway  
Quest Community Health