

# PUBLIC LIBRARY



## 2008

## ANNUAL REPORT

CHATHAM-KENT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### Top Stories

- CKPL completed a Library Master Plan that addressed three areas: Facilities; Programs and Services; and Management and Governance. The goal was to provide recommendations that would assist with planning for the future, while ensuring the continued provision of quality library service. The Plan identified significant gaps in funding for collections, staffing, programming and marketing. The Plan also identified a critical need to raise awareness in the community about what the library has to offer. The Board and staff will be working hard in 2009 to develop strategies for implementing the recommendations outlined in the Plan.

### Improvements

- Renovations at the Merlin Library included accessible washroom, upgraded electrical, central air, new paint, flooring and lighting as well as two new front windows.

### Fun at the Library

- Chatham Library hosted a contest for patrons to nominate the scariest book they have ever read.
- Wallaceburg Library hosted a Mad Science demonstration with the theme Fire & Ice, 70 children were entertained and amazed by the interactive magical experiments.
- Tilbury celebrated fall and apple picking time with a guess the different varieties of apples contest, the prize was a bag of apples.
- Bothwell Library displayed baseball collectibles in the Boosters display case.
- Merlin Library hosted a display of books with flower in the title; every time a patron took out a book from the display they received a ballot to win two flower mugs.
- Ridgetown Library staff and Friends of the Ridgetown Library held an Anne of Green Gables Tea for girls in grades three/four with their Mom's or Grandmothers.
- Wheatley Library featured Curious George during the March Break.
- Highgate Library displayed "fair" books to coincide with the Highgate Fair.
- The Children's Library hosted a Family Literacy Day program entitled Soup & Stories. Stories were read, alphabet soup was served and the video "Stone Soup" was played. Children measured soup ingredients into a jar and attached a recipe and received a Robert Munsch book to take home. Honda House sponsored the event.

### Service Awards

Gloria Magee • 25 Years of Service	Jason McIntyre • 10 Years of Service
Tania Sharpe • 15 Years of Service	Jan Meloche • 10 Years of Service
Eileen Crouch • 10 Years of Service	Sandra Tetreault • 10 Years of Service
Arlene Maris • 10 Years of Service	

### Partnerships

CKPL is proud of the many partnerships that help to provide vibrant library service to the Chatham-Kent community.

- A Storytelling Program was offered at the Chatham-Kent Museum, Milner House.
- The IT Librarian, visited McNaughton Ave. Public School to demonstrate the online resources available through the Library's website.
- Chatham-Kent Children's Services created a Foster children display at the Chatham Library.
- Over 450 welcome packages were dropped off for distribution to students at local high schools, St. Clair College and for new employees at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance.
- Great Race participants visited the Blenheim Library to use the Internet computers as part of their scavenger hunt.
- Several Library locations provided space for a worker from the Service Canada Centre for Youth to assist young people with job searches, interview advice and to assist with resumes and cover letters.
- The Prism Centre held a "Playskills and Preschool Readiness" program at the Dresden Library.
- The CKPL held two information sessions for ECE students from St. Clair College.
- The Thamesville Library hosted LaSertoma & Sertoma who provided a display to encourage young people to apply for scholarship money.
- Blenheim staff and Friends of the Blenheim Library provided a booth for the Chatham-Kent Seniors Information Fair.
- A partnership between the Library and the Public Health Unit promoted the importance of walking. Pedometers are available for loan at all 11 Library locations.
- World Refugee Day - nine of eleven locations partnered with Adult Language and Learning and Settlement Services to offer presentations about available services.
- The Chatham Library hosted an Art Display of creative works done by Community Living clients
- Ridgetown Library partnered with the Local Optimist Club to host a Kite Making day.

### Fast Facts 2008

Items circulated .....	781,501
People visited CKPL.....	375,908
Active library patrons .....	52,162
Reference questions answered.....	51,532
Class tours/programs attended .....	35,319
\$ from average annual tax bill that support C-K libraries.....	\$53

### During a Typical Week

Items signed out .....	14,441
Patrons walk through our doors.....	6,997
Cost per person in C-K per week for library service .....	50¢

# Library Locations

## BLLENHEIM

16 George Street  
Blenheim ON N0P 1A0  
519-676-3174

## BOTHWELL

320 Main Street  
Bothwell ON N0P 1C0  
519-695-2844

## CHATHAM

120 Queen Street  
Chatham ON N7M 2G6  
519-354-2940

## DRESDEN

187 Brown Street  
Dresden ON N0P 1M0  
519-683-4922

## HIGHGATE

291 King Street  
Highgate ON N0P 1T0  
519-678-3313

## MERLIN

13 Aberdeen Street  
Merlin ON N0P 1W0  
519-689-4944

## RIDGETOWN

54 Main Street West  
Ridgetown ON N0P 2C0  
519-674-3121

## THAMESVILLE

3 London Road  
Thamesville ON N0P 2K0  
519-692-4251

## TILBURY

2 Queen Street  
Tilbury ON N0P 2L0  
519-682-0100

## WALLACEBURG

209 James Street  
Wallaceburg ON N8A 2N4  
519-627-5292

## WHEATLEY

35 Talbot Road West  
Wheatley ON N0P 2P0  
519-825-7131

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Teachers of Ontario  
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Merlin Volunteer Firemen  
Optimist Club of Bothwell District Inc.  
P & L Odette Charitable Foundation  
Ridgetown IODE Confederation Chapter  
Ridgetown Rotary  
Rotary Club of Chatham Sunrise  
Royal Canadian Legion Br. 18  
Sprucedale United Church Women  
St. Patricks Catholic Womens League  
Thamesville La Sertoma  
Thamesville Tops  
Tilbury Lioness Club  
Wheatley Lions Club Inc.  
Wheatley Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 324

We would also like to thank the hundreds of others who contributed financially and/or provided volunteer assistance to the Chatham-Kent Public Library throughout the year.

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For more information, please contact the Administration Office at:

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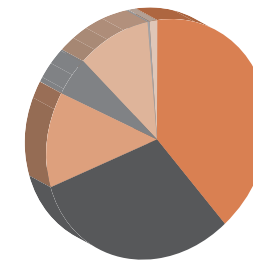
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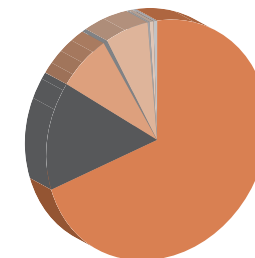
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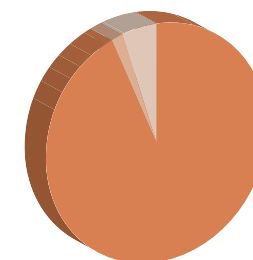
Municipality of C-K	\$2,842,140
Ministry of Culture	\$221,373
Fees & Fines	\$91,514
Donations	\$35,603
Other Provincial	\$74,570
Other Federal	\$1,226
Other Revenues	\$7,672

Wages & Benefits	\$2,305,317
Materials	\$470,533
Buildings & Maintenance	\$236,543
Miscellaneous	\$17,341
Supplies & Equipment	\$203,202
Telephone	\$8,106
Travel & Training	\$22,536
Van Rental	\$10,520

# Expenditures



# Items Added to Collection



Books	28,618
Books on CD	483
DVD's	1,478

# Total Items Held in Collection

Books - Adult	178,163
Books - Children / Youth	113,385
DVD's / CD's / Playaways Books on CD	17,545

