

PUBLIC LIBRARY



2006

ANNUAL REPORT

CHATHAM-KENT PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Top Story

On May 31 CKPL migrated from a text based Integrated Library Computer system and introduced Horizon a Windows based application to manage all circulation, catalogue and behind the scenes functions. Despite the usual minor hiccups along the way the program was launched successfully and has proved to be efficient and easily learned.

Improvements

The Chatham Library Circulation Desk was redesigned. These renovations improved Chatham staff's ability to interact with library users and addressed concerns about ergonomics.

The children's room welcomed the delivery of four new tables and sixteen chairs just in time for March Break programs. Many thanks to the Friends of the Chatham Library for providing the funding for the beautiful and functional child sized furniture.

Fun at the Library

- Thamesville Library, Adult Book Club began its 29th year.
- The Thamesville Library offered story time in a bag in celebration of Family Literacy Month. Each kit was created around a theme and included several stories as well as supplies to create a craft.
- Dresden Library celebrated the Chinese New Year – Year of the Dog with a contest to guess how many dog biscuits were in a box.
- The Ridgetown Library hosted a Mother & Daughter Valentine program that focused on skin care, make up and hairstyles.
- Knitting classes were offered at the Wallaceburg Library.
- On the library website our page entitled Useful Links made it into the top ten sites hit on the municipality's website after our Homepage and CKAT.

New Staff / New Positions

Kathryn Hill – Branch Assistant – Ridgetown Library
Erica Hoppe – Coordinator, Systems and Information Services
Tamar Malic - Assistant Clerk Children's Services
Dianne Pearson – Branch Assistant – Ridgetown Library
Janet Scott – Branch Head - Dresden
Breanne Sloan – Library Technician – Reference Services
 New Pages: **Hillary Poole** (Chatham), **Erica Brophy** (Dresden),
Allyda Bergsma (Thamesville) and **Michael Fehr** (Tilbury)

Retirements

Carol Richmond retired as the Dresden Branch Head after 17 years.
 Diane Kalbfleisch retired from the Ridgetown Library after 16 years.

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Partnerships

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

- Black History Booklists were created and distributed to the Black History Museum, Buxton Museum and Uncle Tom's Cabin for workshops.
- CKPL, in partnership with the Early Years Centre and Tri-County Literacy, promoted Family Literacy week with the Literacy Bingo Card. Children were encouraged to participate in literacy activities at their school, at the library and other agencies in the community.
- Children's Services hosted a presentation at the Ontario Early Years Centre introducing board books to parents.
- Chatham-Kent Black Historical Society loaned a print depicting Rosa Parks by local artist Artis Lane to the library for Black History Month.
- Blenheim Library partnered with Carrie Myers from the Ontario Early Years Centre to provide a literacy workshop for parents.
- Ridgetown Library staff worked with clients from the Association for Community Living to offer an interactive program that provided an opportunity to search for favourite websites.
- The Randolph Churchill Chapter IODE sponsored a Family Pajama party at the Blenheim Library as part of their Literacy Program and supported the Summer Reading Program.
- Thamesville Sertoma & LaSertoma members visited the Library for the day in March to encourage young adults to apply for a scholarship that the service group offers to students for post secondary education.
- A display of robots and library materials about robotics, engineering, and other science fair topics promoting the 2006 Chatham-Kent Regional Science Fair was provided at the Chatham Library.
- Children's Services arranged with the organizers of the Kiwanis Music Festival to have children's and adult booklists placed in program guides to encourage recreational reading on the Music theme.

Service Awards

Linda Jackson • 35 Years of Service	Beverly Whalls • 35 Years of Service
Carole E. Harris • 30 Years of Service	Dorian Toll • 25 Years of Service
Grace Goetheyn • 25 Years of Service	Sharon McDonnell • 20 Years of Service
Gail L. Scott • 15 Years of Service	Michelle Sims • 15 Years of Service
Elaine Warriner • 15 Years of Service	Donna Rowley • 10 Years of Service

Our Thanks...

A sincere thank you to the following individuals, service clubs and businesses, our most generous contributors in 2006.

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 Wheatley Lions Club
 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.

Receipts for income tax purposes are issued for donations of \$10 or more.

For more information, please contact the Administration Office at:
519-354-2940 Ext. 239.

How the Library has affected the lives of Chatham-Kent Citizens...

"Everyday I read a book. Before I never did."

-Student Patron

"The town of Bothwell is lucky to have a library. It sure has affected our family life as all of us are avid readers. It is satisfying to know that your reading needs can be met in such a small town."

-Bothwell Patron

"A way the library has affected my life is that I found some stuff that I couldn't find anywhere else which would get me good grades if I needed to look up something for school. I did get good grades."

-Highgate Patron

"I would feel lost if we didn't have a library."

-Library Patron

"If there was no library I wouldn't have read half as many books and I wouldn't be as smart as I am today."

-Chatham Patron

"Over the years it has been an invaluable tool. I could never afford the breadth of nonfiction books or fictional authors that exist on your shelves. A lovely place; a place where they understand a passionate reader."

-Chatham Patron

"Being a senior, widowed, living alone – books are my best friends. I find them comforting, educational and time fulfilling. They are a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. I for one really appreciate everything they do to make my life more worth while."

-Ridgetown Patron

"The library has affected our lives in many ways – all positive! My three daughters "grew up" at the library from "story time" to adolescence."

-Blenheim Patron

"Couldn't live without the library, our lives are always surrounded by books."

-Tilbury Patron

"They brought back my passion for reading and encouraged me to try new things. They are not just "staff" to this small town, they are friends, and the library is a meeting place where you can entertain, chat, cry or find an ear to bend."

-Ridgetown Patron



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2005 2006 Usage Statistics

2005	2006	
709,552	725,449	Items were circulated
331,500	343,616	People visited the Central Library and Branches
47,956	51,317	People were active Library patrons
52,884	61,204	Reference questions were answered
31,653	28,991	People attended programs and class tours
1,107	1,133	Items were borrowed from other libraries
1,520	1,590	Items were loaned to other libraries

2005 2006 Collection Statistics

2005	2006	
23,086	26,241	New items were added to the collection
277,558	287,073	Total items held in collection Dec. 31 st , 2006

++Not including periodicals, special collections [ie. Public Health, Thames Art Gallery & LACAC] & materials on order.

2005 2006 Sources of Funding

2005	2006	
\$2,723,303	\$2,621,256	Municipality of Chatham-Kent
\$221,373	\$221,373	Ministry of Culture
\$85,200	\$91,380	Fees and Fines
\$48,316	\$43,722	Donations
\$58,973	\$38,062	Other Provincial
\$52,693	\$34,481	Other Federal
\$9,104	\$8,994	Other Revenues

\$3,198,962	\$3,059,268	TOTAL
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2005 2006 Areas of Expenditure

2005	2006	
\$2,004,160	\$2,173,925	Wages and Benefits
\$347,043	\$410,346	Materials
\$233,856	\$221,066	Buildings and Maintenance
\$264,350	\$0	Hardware / Software System Upgrade
\$74,896	\$63,539	Miscellaneous
\$202,887	\$153,974	Supplies and Equipment
\$39,698	\$4,151	Telephone
\$22,247	\$21,831	Training & Travel
\$9,825	\$10,436	Van rental
\$3,198,962	3,059,268	Sub-Total

\$0	\$0	Net appropriations (from) reserves
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\$3,198,962	\$3,059,268	TOTAL
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