

## PUBLIC LIBRARY



2005

ANNUAL REPORT

## Community

- Introduced new procedure for handling incoming calls at Chatham to allow Circulation staff to devote time to serving in-Library patrons.
- Expanded Reading Area in Chatham and added seating and new periodical shelving to encourage patrons to sit and relax – to reflect Library's role as a Community Meeting Place.
- Secured funding to provide Internet training for the public.
- Friends of the Library contributions included: Ridgetown Friends of the Library purchased tables and chairs, Chatham Friends of the Library purchased banners and display boards and paid to have chairs upholstered.
- Library short-listed for the Angus Mowat Innovation award for its Family Literacy READ Bingo card distributed to every child in JK to Grade One in CK and partnered with every School Board and Capital Theatre to promote and encourage reading development.
- Chatham-Kent Friends of the Library formed in fall 2005 to take on fundraising projects for the entire system.
- Upgraded Youth services in CKPL by consulting with Mayor's Youth Council.
- A marketing/funding pamphlet was produced before Christmas as part of a marketing strategy to promote what CKPL provides for the Chatham-Kent community.
- Library Board formed an Advocacy and Marketing Committee to look at developing a Marketing plan and Speakers group to promote Library Services.
- Bothwell library started a book club.
- CKPL continued to support and promote the Need to Read Festival held in partnership with the lead organization, the Tri-County Literacy Network.
- Established a number of partnerships with the Public Health Unit that included: continued circulation of pedometers, Health-e @ Work and Home project, Get Wet-Get Wild-Get Well Program, Virtual Home Safety Tour.

## Reading

- The theme for 2005, Blast Off with Reading, had 2,390 participants. During the summer, children read 50,793 books and borrowed 6,638 non-print materials
- The Library hosted local author visits by Lori Lansens, Sara Sims, Sheila Gibbs, Bryan Prince.

## Information

- Circulation was up 2.7% over 2004
- The collection was increased by 23,086 items – an increase of 11% over 2004.
- Children's collections continue to be heavily used at all locations and account for 37.8% of the total circulation.
- There were 160,079 patrons who borrowed items.
- There were 61,866 hold requests filled – a 12.5% increase over 2004.
- The Library system offered 1,391 programs which were attended by 30,713 people.
- The Library received funding under the Ministry of Culture's Sustainability for Public Internet Access Program to support public Internet access. Computer equipment and peripherals and the computer facilities in Ridgetown were upgraded.
- Received grant monies from Industry Canada's Community Access Program to support public Internet access at 11 libraries. The Ministry of Culture covered Internet Connectivity costs in Dresden and Ridgetown libraries. A pilot project to participate in ServiceOntario delivering government information services was held at the Tilbury, Blenheim, Wallaceburg and Thamesville libraries.

## People

- Judy Jackson (Tilbury Branch Head) – retired after 16 years, with Jone Dalglish taking her position.
- Claudette Sykes was successful in becoming the Wheatley Branch Head – replacing Jone Dalglish.
- Lisa Cirka (Highgate Branch Head) resigned.
- Lucie Lavigne was the successful candidate for the Highgate Branch Head position.
- Service awards were presented to: Vera Todd (30 years), Diane Sanford (20 years), Stacey Van Daele (10 years) and Diane Kalbfleisch (15 years).
- Wheatley student volunteer, Jessica Foot, received an award from the Mayor.
- New student pages hired included: Angela Jack (Blenheim), Lacey Liberty (Dresden), Jay Wood, Jacqueline VanDommelen (Wallaceburg), Brandon Cook, Mitch Vandenberg, Shelsie Tunks and Stephanie Woods (Chatham).

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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 at year-end for donation of \$10 or more. For more information, please contact the Administration Office at 354-7352.

Lots of children and adults participate in Craft Day at the Dresden Library.



Summer Reading Program at the Chatham Library.



Christmas craft at the Merlin Library.



Chamber of Commerce, Ridgetown Rotary and Ridgetown Library partnered together to decorate the downtown area with scarecrows that were assembled at the Ridgetown Library.

## CHATHAM-KENT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD 2005

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## CHATHAM-KENT PUBLIC LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

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## 2004 2005 Usage Statistics

691,561	709,552	Items were circulated
394,732	331,500	People visited the Central Library and Branches
45,742	47,956	People were active Library patrons
63,856	52,884	Reference questions were answered
28,462	31,653	People attended programs and class tours
1,222	1,107	Items were borrowed from other libraries
1,444	1,520	Items were loaned to other libraries

## 2004 2005 Collection Statistics

20,751	23,086	New items were added to the collection
297,197	277,558	Total items held in collection Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2005

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

## 2004 2005 Sources of Funding

\$2,329,341	\$2,723,303	Municipality of Chatham-Kent
\$221,373	\$221,373	Ministry of Culture
\$85,055	\$85,200	Fees and Fines
\$24,854	\$48,316	Donations
\$44,212	\$58,973	Other Provincial
\$46,896	\$52,693	Other Federal
\$7,203	\$9,104	Other Revenues
\$2,758,934	\$3,198,962	TOTAL

## 2004 2005 Areas of Expenditure

\$1,959,526	\$2,004,160	Wages and Benefits
\$324,798	\$347,043	Materials
\$213,373	\$233,856	Buildings and Maintenance
\$0	\$264,350	Hardware / Software System Upgrade
\$75,551	\$74,896	Miscellaneous
\$120,248	\$202,887	Supplies and Equipment
\$38,095	\$39,698	Telephone
\$18,896	\$22,247	Training & Travel
\$10,269	\$9,825	Van rental
\$2,760,756	3,198,962	Sub-Total
-\$1,822	\$0	Net appropriations (from) reserves
\$2,758,934	\$3,198,962	TOTAL