



The Corporation of the County of Wellington Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee Agenda

October 14, 2015

Terrace Boardroom

4:30 pm Museum and Seniors

6:00 pm Library

Members: Warden Bridge; Councillors Black (Chair), Anderson, Driscoll, Watters; Lucia Costanzo, Jennifer Dixon, Janice Sheppard, Walter Trachsel

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Next meeting date November 18, 2015 or at the call of the Chair.



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee
From: Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Subject: Museum Financial Statements and Variance Projections as of September 30, 2015

Background:

This report is respectfully submitted in accordance with the County's Budget Variance Reporting policy, and provides an updated projection to year-end based on expenditures and revenues to September 30, 2015 for the County Museum and Archives.

Operating:

- The provincial grant has yet to be received for the year
- Licenses, permits and has exceeded the budget as room rental has been higher than anticipated, a small positive variance is anticipated
- User Fees and Charges are ahead budget as a result of revenue generated from school tour admissions in the summer, a positive variance is expected
- Sales revenue is ahead of budget, a small positive variance will result
- Other revenue consists of donations that will be transferred to the appropriate reserve at the end of the year as well as amounts received for the Elora Arts Council's Insights program which is offset through the transfer payments line
- Supplies, materials and equipment are low relative to budget as building related costs are lower than budgeted - a positive variance will result
- Purchased services are well under budget as snow removal costs as well as repair costs and site maintenance have been lower than anticipated. Depending on the severity of winter a positive variance between \$20,000 and \$30,000 may result.

Capital:

- **Terrace / OPP Road upgrade:** Construction of this roadway is now complete and access to Wellington Place is open. The project will remain open until year end for one additional payment to the contractor in October and any outstanding professional fees. Overall savings are estimated at \$200,000 and will be transferred to the Property Reserve.
- **Groves Hospital Grant:** Construction on "Street B" is substantially complete, however, concrete blocks will remain in place and the roadway will remain closed until the completion of the hospital at which time the top coat of asphalt will be applied.
- **The Commons** - this project has been delayed based on the timing of the hospital.
- **Wellington Place & Artifact Storage Buildings:** The second of the 2 storage buildings within the scope of this project is currently on hold to further analyze the need.
- **WP Generator and Coal Room:** Repairs to the coal room will be completed by year end however the project will remain open into 2016 to finalize the generator portion.

Overall, the Museum and Archives is on budget with a possible positive variance between \$20,000 and \$40,000 by year-end.

Recommendation:

That the Financial Statements and Variance Projections as of September 30, 2015 for the County Museum and Archives be approved

Respectfully submitted,

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Ken DeHart, CPA, CGA
County Treasurer



County of Wellington
Museum & Archives at WP
Statement of Operations as of
30 Sep 2015

	Annual Budget	September Actual \$	YTD Actual \$	YTD Actual %	Remaining Budget
Revenue					
Grants and Subsidies	\$52,300	\$0	\$0	0%	\$52,300
Licenses, Permits and Rents	\$42,000	\$8,977	\$49,351	118%	\$(7,351)
User Fees & Charges	\$60,000	\$8,471	\$60,308	101%	\$(308)
Sales Revenue	\$7,200	\$3,163	\$7,282	101%	\$(82)
Other Revenue	\$5,000	\$20	\$6,396	128%	\$(1,396)
Total Revenue	\$166,500	\$20,631	\$123,338	74%	\$43,162
Expenditures					
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$1,367,300	\$120,795	\$1,042,374	76%	\$324,926
Supplies, Material & Equipment	\$153,700	\$25,279	\$103,180	67%	\$50,520
Purchased Services	\$363,400	\$13,124	\$201,531	55%	\$161,869
Transfer Payments	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	0%	\$5,000
Insurance & Financial	\$17,300	\$1	\$17,497	101%	\$(197)
Internal Charges	\$0	\$0	\$15	0%	\$(15)
Total Expenditures	\$1,906,700	\$159,198	\$1,364,597	72%	\$542,103
NET OPERATING COST / (REVENUE)	\$1,740,200	\$138,567	\$1,241,259	71%	\$498,941
Transfers					
Transfer to Capital	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	100%	\$0
Total Transfers	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	100%	\$0
NET COST (REVENUE)	\$1,940,200	\$138,567	\$1,441,259	74%	\$498,941



County of Wellington

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Museum & Archives at WP

Capital Work-in-Progress Expenditures By Departments

All Open Projects For The Period Ending September 30, 2015

	Approved Budget	September Actual	Current Year	Previous Years	LIFE-TO-DATE ACTUALS		
					Total	% of Budget	Remaining Budget
Terrace / OPP Road Upgrade	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$302,602	\$709,868	\$1,012,470	78 %	\$287,530
Groves Hospital Grant	\$3,882,000	\$0	\$372,239	\$1,893,741	\$2,265,980	58 %	\$1,616,020
WP& Artifact Storage Buildings	\$730,000	\$0	\$0	\$206,736	\$206,736	28 %	\$523,264
Commons Development	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0 %	\$100,000
WP Generator & Coal Room	\$400,000	\$4,569	\$12,741	\$0	\$12,741	3 %	\$387,259
Total Museum & Archives at WP	\$6,412,000	\$4,569	\$687,582	\$2,810,345	\$3,497,927	55 %	\$2,914,073

Family HALLOWEEN Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 FROM 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

Get your Halloween Spirit on and have some family fun!

Join us for: crafts, games, spooky stories in the barn. Make your own puppets, pumpkin and gourd decorating. Bring your own clothes to make a scarecrow for home!



Wear your costume and take part in our Costume Parade around the Museum, starting at 3:30 pm.

Drop-in format all afternoon.

\$5.00 per person or \$12.50 per family.

Poor House Spirit Walk

Meet several characters from the Poor House past. This year's theme focuses on the farm and house chores, the staff and some of the residents who lived here at the turn of the twentieth century. The walk will include two stops in the 1877 Barn.

Walks take place October 22, 23, 29, 30 at 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

Poor House Cemetery Walk

October 25 at 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm; October 28 at 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

The walks will begin at the Cemetery parking lot on the south side of the road, across from the Cemetery itself.

Space is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Museum or call 519.846.0916 x 5221. Admission is \$8.00 per person plus HST.



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND HOURS:

Saturday,
October 10

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Sunday,
October 11

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Monday,
October 12

CLOSED



THE BANK BARN

The Bank Barn will close October 30 for the season and will re-open in May for the 2016 season.

Genealogy Workshop Series

Events and Other Happenings

ArtiFACT:



Earlier this year, the Museum received a donation of a student desk and chair from one of Minto Township's old one-room schoolhouses. There were eighteen of these schools spread throughout Minto Township, organized so that every child had no more than two miles to walk to school. This desk is from the Upper Drew School which operated from 1872 until 1965 when Minto-Clifford Central School was opened. It appears that some bored students sat at this desk over the years because it has many names, initials and doodles carved into its surfaces! Wilmer Shannon, a graduate of the Upper Drew School, purchased this desk at the school closing sale. The school building itself was also sold and is still in use as a private home.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 at 2:00 pm

An Ancestor Investigator Biography Workshop by Tammy Tipler-Priolo.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 at 1:30 pm

For King and Country: Canadians in the Great War, 1914-1918 Canada at War, 1939-1945: Documenting Your Second World War Ancestor by Glenn Wright.

Admission \$20.00 plus HST

Register for each workshop by calling 519.846.0916 x 5225.

Remembrance Day Merchandise

Get ready for Remembrance Week with official **Royal Canadian Legion Merchandise** now available at the Museum Shop.

- Umbrellas
- Silk scarves
- Poppy Magnets
- Mitts, toques and headbands
- Ties



Honour the fallen this Remembrance Day by wearing a beautiful leather poppy brooch. Available for sale at the Museum Shop.

And much more! For more information, please contact Kym at kynd@wellington.ca or call 519.846.0916 x 5221.



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COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee
From: Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Subject: Terrace Financial Statements and Variance Projections as of September 30, 2015

Background:

This report is respectfully submitted in accordance with the County's Budget Variance Reporting policy, and provides an updated projection to year-end based on expenditures and revenues to September 30, 2015 for the Terrace.

Revenue

- As reported to committee in May the County's Case Mix Index (CMI) increased from 97.11 to 101.42 as of April 1, 2015. The resulting impact to the County is an additional \$193,000 in funding for 2015.
- Resident revenue is currently close to budget with only a small variance anticipated.
- Municipal recoveries represents the City of Guelph funding of the Terrace for the month of January
- Other revenue relates to unbudgeted donations, the net amount of which (after donation related purchases) will be transferred to the Terrace Donation Reserve Fund.

Expenditure

- Salaries and benefits comprise the majority of expenditures and are tracking slightly ahead of budget as a result of a number of staff absences and resulting coverage in Housekeeping, should this result in an overall negative variance, it may be funded from the Short Term Disability reserve
- Supplies, materials and equipment is under budget as a number of operating supplies including raw food and incontinence supplies are underspent, a small positive variance is anticipated
- Purchased services are on budget with no variance anticipated
- The full insurance premium has been processed.
- The remaining debt charges related to the Terrace will be posted later in the year.

Capital

- The Furniture Replacements and 2015 Nursing Equipment Replacement projects are underway and expect to be completed by year end with no significant variance.
- The Resident Equipment lifts is now complete and will be closing with a small positive variance.

Overall, the Terrace budget appears to be on target. Taking into account the above mentioned revenue increase a surplus of \$150,000 to \$170,000 is anticipated at year-end.

Recommendation:

That the Financial Statements and Variance Projections as of September 30, 2015 for Wellington Terrace be approved

Respectfully submitted,

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Ken DeHart, CPA, CGA
County Treasurer



County of Wellington
Homes for the Aged
Statement of Operations as of
30 Sep 2015

	Annual Budget	September Actual \$	YTD Actual \$	YTD Actual %	Remaining Budget
Revenue					
Grants and Subsidies	\$8,081,200	\$709,266	\$6,405,332	79%	\$1,675,868
Municipal Recoveries	\$112,000	\$0	\$124,356	111%	\$(12,356)
User Fees & Charges	\$4,256,000	\$360,685	\$3,185,405	75%	\$1,070,595
Other Revenue	\$0	\$1,279	\$7,670	0%	\$(7,670)
Total Revenue	\$12,449,200	\$1,071,229	\$9,722,762	78%	\$2,726,438
Expenditures					
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$14,382,500	\$1,233,401	\$10,920,290	76%	\$3,462,210
Supplies, Material & Equipment	\$1,191,800	\$92,626	\$824,723	69%	\$367,077
Purchased Services	\$982,100	\$96,686	\$732,951	75%	\$249,149
Insurance & Financial	\$32,000	\$0	\$32,062	100%	\$(62)
Debt Charges	\$1,964,000	\$0	\$1,517,421	77%	\$446,579
Internal Charges	\$1,139,900	\$96,096	\$843,643	74%	\$296,257
Total Expenditures	\$19,692,300	\$1,518,809	\$14,871,089	76%	\$4,821,211
NET OPERATING COST / (REVENUE)	\$7,243,100	\$447,579	\$5,148,327	71%	\$2,094,773
Transfers					
Transfer to Capital	\$95,000	\$0	\$95,000	100%	\$0
Transfer to Reserves	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	100%	\$0
Total Transfers	\$345,000	\$0	\$345,000	100%	\$0
NET COST (REVENUE)	\$7,588,100	\$447,579	\$5,493,327	72%	\$2,094,773



County of Wellington

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Homes for the Aged Capital Work-in-Progress Expenditures By Departments All Open Projects For The Period Ending September 30, 2015

	LIFE-TO-DATE ACTUALS						
	Approved	September	Current	Previous	Total	% of	Remaining
	Budget	Actual	Year	Years		Budget	Budget
Furniture Replacements	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0 %	\$40,000
2015 Nursing Equip Replacement	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0 %	\$35,000
2015 Resident Equipment Lifts	\$60,000	\$0	\$59,097	\$0	\$59,097	98 %	\$903
Total Homes for the Aged	\$135,000	\$0	\$59,097	\$0	\$59,097	44 %	\$75,903

2015 Quality Report – Wellington Terrace LTCH

	Total Previous Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total for 2015
Human Resources														
New hires	45	0	0	2	2	4	3	2	8					
Exiting Employees	33	0	2	1	1	2	2	5	10					
# calls to Ministry of Labour	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0					
Lost hours due to workplace injury	0	0	15 (1 employee)	0	0	15 (1 employee)	0	0	0					
Hours worked by employees in modified role (WSIB)	899.5	45 (1 employee)	60 (2 employees)	30 (1 employee)	0	0	0	0	52.5 (1 employ ee)					
Volunteer Total Hours	9389 hours			Q1 total 1832			Q2 total 2648			Q3 total 2190				
Excellence in Care														
% of residents who have had a fall in the last 30 days		21.3%* (Province 13.8%)	n/a	21.5%* (Province 14%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	22.8% (province 14.1%)	n/a	n/a				
% of residents who were physically restrained		7.3%* (Province 8.1%)	n/a	3.9%* (Province 7.7%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.6% (province 7.4%)	n/a	n/a				
% of residents who had a pressure ulcer that recently got worse		3.9%* (Province 3.3%)	n/a	2.9%* (Province 3.3%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.3% (province 3.3%)	n/a	n/a				

# of Emergency Room visits experiencing illness listed on page 3		3	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	1				
% of residents on antipsychotics without a diagnosis of psychosis		31%* (Province 29%)	n/a	29.7%* (Province 28.1%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	29.0% (province 27.1%)	n/a	n/a				
% of residents with worsening bladder control		10.2%* (19.2%)	n/a	14.5%* Province 18.9%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	21.3% (province 21.3%)	n/a	n/a				
# of outbreak days		20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Census/ Compliance														
# of deaths	70	9	2	7	4	2	1	4	5	4				
Inspection: # areas in non compliance	8 (annual RQI)	0	0	0	0	0	4 (annual RQI)	0	0	0				
Risk Prevention														
Review of Fire Plan through Fire Drills completed	12/12	yes	yes	yes	yes	Yes	Yes	yes	yes	yes				
Reporting to Ministry of Health														
# of Formal Complaints made by family or resident	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
# of Critical Incidents	13	2 1 Outbreak 1 abuse allegation *retracted	0	0	2 (1 verbal abuse) (1 resident to resident)	1 (fractured hip)	0	0	0	0				

NA = Some HR and clinical data will not be available until the final report for the month is completed

*January data is from q 2 2014 (July-Sept 2014), March data nursing quality indicators reflect Oct –Dec 2014 , July data nursing quality indicators reflect Jan-March 2015

Supporting Data for Report

Definitions:

Human Resources:

Calls to Ministry of Labour occur where an accident occurred. Employee or resident has lost consciousness or fractured a bone and requiring hospital attention from an accident.

Hours lost to employees in modified role (WSIB) – number of hours is tracked where staff is working in a modified role until they can return to full duties.

Fall with injury: injury may include redness, pain or fracture, or break in skin integrity.

Emergency Department Visits:

The Ministry of Health views some visits to the Emergency Department as ‘potentially preventable’. The conditions we will report on where a visit may not have been necessary include: Angina, Asthma, Cellulitis, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Congestive Heart Failure, Septicemia, Dehydration, Dental conditions, Diabetes, Gastroenteritis, Grand mal seizure disorders, Hypertension, Hypoglycemia, Injuries from falls, Mental health/behavioural disorders, Pneumonia, severe ear, nose and throat disorders.

Skin and Wound Management at Wellington Terrace

Wellington Terrace has a formal skin and wound care program lead by two RNs with a special interest in wound care. Recently, we have conducted education for all RNs and RPNs on the staging and treatment of wounds. We have the expertise of an advanced wound care therapist who will do advanced treatment plans on the request of the home. We have medical directives in place for treatments with a quality dressing.

What makes residents in LTC more susceptible to skin and wound issues?

- Increased aging of the skin `thin skin`
- Nutritional status compromised related to medical diagnosis
- Cognitive impairment- more bumping into and accidents
- Impaired mobility- not repositioning selves regularly.
- Dehydration
- Steroid use

Current processes to mitigate responsive behaviours:

- The home follows a Gentle Persuasion Approach Philosophy. There are 3 education sessions held per year. Focus of this program is respectful, non violent, self protective strategies for staff to use when dealing with a resident with responsive behaviour.
- Responsive behaviour program. Focus is on reporting responsive behaviours so all team members are aware of potential resident action. These incidents are recorded in the resident progress notes and read every shift at report.
- The Behaviour Support (BSO) Team reviews all responsive behaviour progress notes and follows up when required. They determine if resident requires increased assessment or if the change can be attributed to a clinical reason. The BSO along with the team develops individualized toolboxes for all staff to review. These tool boxes contain information on resident triggers for responsive behaviours as well as interventions to mitigate responsive behaviours.
- Weekly team meetings are held to discuss resident specific case studies and problem solve. Specific techniques for preventing or responding to responsive behaviour are shared.
- Care plans are updated as required to include specific approaches recommended when doing residents care (complete care with two PSWs, for example)
- All direct care staff carry walkie talkies so they are able to quickly deploy assistance if required.
- Wellington Terrace is supported by external expertise – Psychogeriatric Resource Consultant (PRC). We hold monthly Psych clinics under the direction of a Geriatric Psychiatrist



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee
From: Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Subject: **Library Financial Statements and Variance Projections as of September 30, 2015**

Background:

This report is respectfully submitted in accordance with the County's Budget Variance Reporting policy, and provides a first projection to year-end based on expenditures and revenues to September 30, 2015 for the Library.

Operating

- The one-time grant of \$25,000 for electronic database improvements was received in February; an additional \$20,900 was received in July. The \$152,500 budgeted annual operating grants for 2015 will be received later in the year as well as grant funding for students in the amount of \$5,000 is also expected in late 2015
- Municipal recoveries are based on the agreement with the Township of Southgate for the provision of library services for their residents, the remainder of this amount is still to be received.
- Additional rent revenues from the Harriston and Puslinch branches are still to be received. Room rental revenue is close to budget and no variance is expected.
- User fees and charges are on budget (made up predominantly of late fees), no variance is anticipated
- Supplies, Materials and Equipment are slightly ahead of budget at this time as a result of building equipment and computer hardware costs. The book budget accounts for the majority of this budget and is expected to be fully expended. A negative variance of \$20,000 to \$30,000 is anticipated.
- Purchased services are ahead of budget as a result of higher than anticipated utility costs, snow removal costs and one time contract payments made early in the year. If costs follow a similar pattern as 2014 a negative variance in the range of \$40,000 to \$60,000 may result.
- Insurance premiums have been incurred for the year

Capital

- The renovation of the Fergus Library project will be closing by year end and is expected to remain within budget.
- Aboyne Branch – the timing of the facility improvements included in this project is still under review and will be revisited in the near future
- The renovation of the Palmerston Branch is currently underway and tracking within budget. Completion is currently scheduled for March 2016

Overall, the Library department is likely to have a negative variance between \$40,000 and \$60,000 by year-end.

Recommendation:

That the Financial Statements and Variance Projections as of September 30, 2015 for the County Library Service be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ken DeHart, CPA, CGA
County Treasurer



County of Wellington
Library Services
Statement of Operations as of
30 Sep 2015

	Annual Budget	September Actual \$	YTD Actual \$	YTD Actual %	Remaining Budget
Revenue					
Grants and Subsidies	\$182,500	\$0	\$45,917	25%	\$136,583
Municipal Recoveries	\$27,000	\$0	\$11,947	44%	\$15,053
Licenses, Permits and Rents	\$35,000	\$761	\$23,557	67%	\$11,443
User Fees & Charges	\$84,000	\$6,962	\$66,345	79%	\$17,655
Sales Revenue	\$7,900	\$1,373	\$5,843	74%	\$2,057
Other Revenue	\$0	\$935	\$3,104	0%	\$(3,104)
Total Revenue	\$336,400	\$10,032	\$156,713	47%	\$179,687
Expenditures					
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$3,799,200	\$317,548	\$2,785,761	73%	\$1,013,439
Supplies, Material & Equipment	\$828,100	\$54,735	\$685,394	83%	\$142,706
Purchased Services	\$836,500	\$83,768	\$778,347	93%	\$58,153
Insurance & Financial	\$22,200	\$(10)	\$23,620	106%	\$(1,420)
Minor Capital Expenses	\$68,000	\$1,923	\$36,254	53%	\$31,746
Debt Charges	\$690,100	\$12,355	\$589,040	85%	\$101,060
Internal Charges	\$1,500	\$350	\$1,854	124%	\$(354)
Total Expenditures	\$6,245,600	\$470,669	\$4,900,271	78%	\$1,345,329
NET OPERATING COST / (REVENUE)	\$5,909,200	\$460,637	\$4,743,558	80%	\$1,165,642
Transfers					
Transfers from Reserves	\$(218,800)	\$(1,923)	\$(36,254)	17%	\$(182,546)
Transfer to Capital	\$2,270,000	\$0	\$2,270,000	100%	\$0
Total Transfers	\$2,051,200	\$(1,923)	\$2,233,746	109%	\$(182,546)
NET COST (REVENUE)	\$7,960,400	\$458,713	\$6,977,304	88%	\$983,096



County of Wellington

02-October-2015

Library Services

Capital Work-in-Progress Expenditures By Departments

All Open Projects For The Period Ending September 30, 2015

	Approved Budget	September Actual	Current Year	Previous Years	LIFE-TO-DATE ACTUALS		
					Total	% of Budget	Remaining Budget
Aboyne Facility Improvements	\$820,000	\$0	\$0	\$106,166	\$106,166	13 %	\$713,834
Fergus Branch Exp and Reno	\$5,000,000	\$183	\$861,134	\$4,107,574	\$4,968,709	99 %	\$31,291
Palmerston Branch Exp	\$3,500,000	\$372,718	\$1,202,759	\$93,458	\$1,296,217	37 %	\$2,203,783
Palmerston Br Coll Enhancement	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0 %	\$50,000
Self Check out Drayton & MtFor	\$70,000	\$0	\$18,028	\$0	\$18,028	26 %	\$51,972
Total Library Services	\$9,440,000	\$372,901	\$2,081,921	\$4,307,198	\$6,389,119	68 %	\$3,050,881



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee
From: Kevin Mulholland, Construction & Property Manager
Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Subject: Palmerston Library Renovation - Project Status Report #4

Work completed last month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The exterior stairs have been excavated, formed, poured & backfilled- Electrical ductbanks have been installed- Re-parging of exposed foundation has begun- Exterior masonry restoration has continued- Work on east entrance canopy has begun- Soffit & fascia rework has begun- Window installation has begun- Elevator block shaft walls are complete- Wood floor levelling & framing is now complete- Interior brick restoration is finished- Mechanical & electrical installations have continued- Spray foam insulation complete- Steel studs & Drywall have continued
Work to be completed in the next month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exterior masonry restoration will be completed- Re-parging of exposed foundation will be finished- Work on east entrance canopy will be finished- Soffit & fascia will be complete- Window installation will be complete- Mechanical & electrical installations will continue- Sprayfoam in walls will be installed- Drywall & tape installation will be complete- Acoustic ceilings will be installed- Washroom partitions & library shelving will be installed- Work on elevator will begin- Ceramic will be installed- Paint & millwork are scheduled to begin- Flooring & door installation are scheduled to begin- Site improvements (for Remembrance Day) to be complete
Status of construction schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Completion is currently scheduled for February 29, 2016
C.O.'s approved since last meeting	5
Total change orders approved to date	32
Net value of C.O.'s approved to date	\$72,190.98

Recommendation:

That the Palmerston Library Project Status Report be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K Mulholland', written in a cursive style.

Kevin Mulholland
Construction & Property Manager



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee
From: Murray McCabe, Chief Librarian
Date: October 14, 2015

Subject: Summary of Library Activities September 2015

Background: To provide the Library Board with a brief overview of events and activities from across the library system.

Library Branches:

The Marden Branch, under the direction of supervisor Cathy Stewart-Leahey hosted a celebration Tea for area Women's Institutes on September 16. Staff and I express our thanks to Chair Rob Black for speaking at the event and doing a great job in demonstrating how the work of the Institutes has contributed to the vitality of communities in Wellington County. My thanks also to library trustee Janice Sheppard for attending as well as the many staff from the library and the museum who all pitched in to make the event a success. The 50 ladies in attendance were very grateful for the recognition.

Palmerston:

While work at the construction site is progressing, a number of people have asked if the cenotaph adjacent to the library will be accessible for Remembrance Day this November. I'm pleased to report that the County's Construction Manager, Kevin Mulholland has directed the contractor to ensure the memorial will indeed be available for November 11 ceremonies.

The Chief Librarian and Branch Supervisor, Barb Burrows recently met with Valerie Anderson, the interior designer for the project. This meeting begins the process of selecting furnishings for the building. While some of the furniture will be unique to Palmerston other furnishings have been selected based on their use at other branch libraries in the County.

Rockwood:

Under the guidance of branch supervisor Neil Arsenault and Assistant Chief Librarian, Chanda Gilpin, Rockwood has been participating in an experiment to increase circulation at the branch. The project is called "Move the Needle" and is being undertaken in partnership with Whitehots Inc. Whitehots is one of the library's main book vendors.

The idea is to use the company's knowledge of the book industry in tandem with our knowledge of public library trends to increase the borrowing of library materials through promotional displays and the timely selection of popular materials. The outcome of this partnership will be shared with other

libraries at the 2016 Ontario Library Association conference in Toronto. The project began just prior to the summer of 2015 and will continue into the foreseeable future. Staff has already attributed a steady increase in borrowing patterns to the changes introduced as a result of the partnership. In the coming months library staff will try to duplicate some of these initiatives at another of the County libraries to see if the results can be repeated.

Library Facilities Worth Noting:

It may be of interest to Wellington library trustees to know that in the course of a year we receive regular requests from Architects, Chief Librarians and their Boards to tour our facilities. Since it opened at the end of March, the Fergus library has received many visits by those planning new libraries. Visitors and phone calls have come from both public and academic libraries and during the first week in October, +VG Architects will be touring library trustees from King Township through the Arthur, Drayton, and Fergus libraries. In the past week we have had a visitor from the city of Hamilton tour the Puslinch branch with plans to visit some of our other libraries in preparation for a new library building in their village of Carlisle.

Retirement Party:

The Hillsburgh library hosted a retirement event for Donna Revell who retired October 1 after having worked at the library since 1995 when it was a municipal library. Donna became the Branch Supervisor in 2001 and continued in that role after the library joined the County. Donna is well known locally for her contributions to the community beyond the library and many of those in attendance applauded her for that work. The drop in event on Saturday attracted over a hundred well-wishers, a testament to how well Donna is liked. Thanks to Mayor Al Alls and Councillor John Brennan for being on hand in the afternoon and to Mayor Alls for speaking to Donna's contribution to the community. The retirement party was front page news in the most recent edition of the Erin Advocate.

Maker Space Electronics Demonstrated for Council:

Staff members Lindsay Trimble and Shannon Hydon attended County Council in September to demonstrate an array of electronic gadgets that the library provides through its Maker Space programme. A number of councillors took interest in the demonstration asking questions and trying their hand at operating some of the equipment. As a result of the demonstration at council, Mayor Lever has arranged for library staff to provide a similar demonstration to Puslinch Council in early November.

Provincial Grant:

As briefly mentioned at the September board meeting, the library has made application to Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport for grant money that will allow Wellington County libraries to offer internet hotspots for borrowing. One of the main eligibility requirements of the grant is that the proposed project be innovative. To that end Wellington's grant application asks for approximately \$155,000 in funding over two years to provide the programme and help bridge the digital divide between rural residents and access to the Internet. To the best of our knowledge, no other library in Canada is currently offering this service. New York and Chicago public libraries are leading the way with a similar initiative but one aimed at low income families living in cities. Wellington's application is

unique in that the target audience is rural residents. I hope to hear by January if our grant application has been successful.

Upcoming Library Events of Note:

Ontario Public Library Week – October 18 – 24, 2015

SOLS Trustee Council meeting in Hanover, October 31, 2015

Ontario Library Association Conference January 28 – 31, 2016

Recommendation:

That the Summary of Library Activities for September 2015 be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Murray McCabe

Murray McCabe
Chief Librarian

Wellington County Library

SEPTEMBER 2015

Use Statistics

Prepared for: Wellington County Library Board

Meeting Date: October 14, 2015

Prepared by: Chanda Gilpin, Assistant Chief Librarian

Date: October 7, 2015



Use Statistics

	2015	2014
System wide circulation:	September	September
Print, cds, dvds, magazines and audiobooks:	82,861	76,636
eBooks borrowed:	5,930	4,239
Inter-library loan, material loaned:	158	333
Public computer usage within the libraries:	5,950	5,888
Programme attendance:	3,148	2,510
Database usage	9,011	11,123
Public wireless users:	5,688	3,630

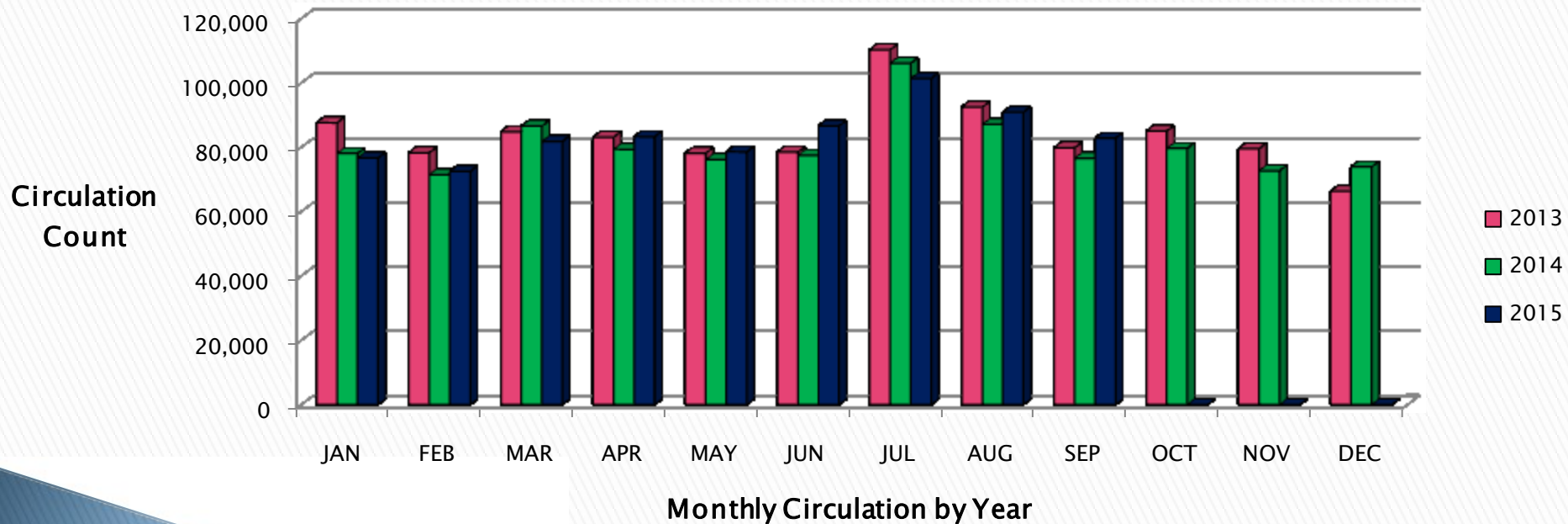
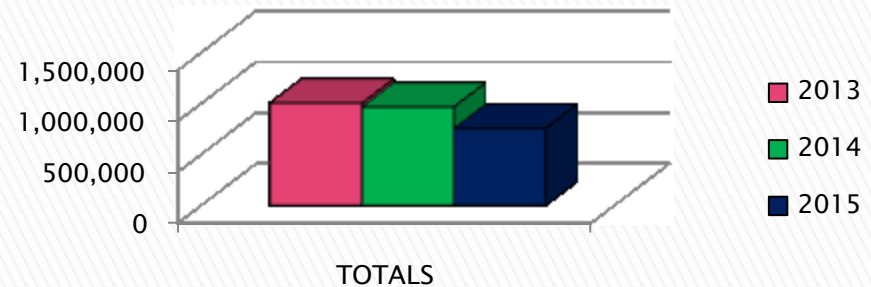
Circulation Statistics

*Circulation of Material – Traditional Formats

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
ABOYNE	2013	12,232	11,460	13,023	12,133	11,571	12,535	16,665	14,355	11,838	11,831	11,807	9,425	148,875
	2014	12,479	10,993	14,565	11,264	12,268	12,391	16,870	13,469	10,593	11,634	10,940	11,188	148,654
	2015	11,897	11,221	14,691	9,295	8,830	10,081	11,478	10,305	9,419				97,217
ARTHUR	2013	4,965	3,996	4,722	4,529	4,542	4,913	6,924	5,380	4,737	5,162	4,567	3,414	57,851
	2014	4,587	4,321	4,716	4,768	4,506	4,762	6,459	5,209	4,493	5,137	4,440	4,430	57,828
	2015	4,413	4,689	4,900	4,443	4,768	4,512	5,988	5,286	5,238				44,237
CLIFFORD	2013	1,543	1,367	1,538	1,357	1,490	1,557	2,045	1,624	1,184	1,576	1,254	1,177	17,712
	2014	1,372	1,264	1,623	1,264	1,392	1,534	2,056	1,544	1,440	1,433	1,053	1,078	17,053
	2015	1,306	1,124	1,224	1,192	1,138	1,125	1,607	1,567	1,419				11,702
DRAYTON	2013	11,088	10,128	10,136	10,306	8,582	9,903	14,501	10,694	9,753	10,431	10,174	8,704	124,400
	2014	9,908	9,502	10,947	9,314	8,648	9,901	13,317	10,716	9,503	9,266	8,430	8,401	117,853
	2015	9,235	9,067	10,060	9,036	8,338	10,472	12,148	10,007	8,347				86,710
ELORA	2013	5,961	5,162	5,718	5,789	5,513	4,902	7,933	6,589	5,727	5,698	5,659	4,704	69,355
	2014	5,520	4,759	5,988	5,791	5,498	4,790	6,699	6,056	5,318	5,598	5,173	5,390	66,580
	2015	5,513	4,870	5,751	5,689	5,345	6,204	7,185	6,961	6,372				53,890
ERIN	2013	5,075	4,167	4,880	4,702	4,691	4,409	6,772	5,889	5,135	4,979	4,579	3,735	59,013
	2014	4,214	3,793	4,766	4,285	4,198	4,226	6,107	4,765	4,521	4,604	4,361	4,585	54,425
	2015	4,593	4,443	5,075	4,612	4,474	4,785	5,880	5,476	4,906				44,244
FERGUS	2013	12,383	11,474	11,738	10,773	10,713	8,125	11,894	11,284	9,744	10,691	10,339	9,275	128,433
	2014	10,052	9,000	10,803	11,077	10,023	8,008	13,506	11,435	10,249	10,272	9,285	9,397	123,107
	2015	9,376	8,588	7,152	17,235	15,589	17,428	19,241	16,862	14,859				126,330
HARRISTON	2013	4,794	4,264	4,625	4,353	4,126	4,184	6,310	5,535	4,543	4,980	4,385	2,790	54,889
	2014	3,879	4,026	4,652	4,062	3,825	4,154	5,633	4,585	4,207	4,428	3,902	4,060	51,413
	2015	4,234	3,969	4,925	4,475	4,330	4,172	5,104	4,706	4,402				40,317
HILLSBURGH	2013	3,588	3,212	3,465	3,627	3,110	3,378	4,662	3,837	3,287	3,893	3,647	2,954	42,660
	2014	3,547	2,845	3,440	3,632	3,147	3,370	4,271	3,524	2,835	2,923	2,473	3,009	39,016
	2015	2,956	2,770	3,344	3,161	2,669	3,078	3,759	3,333	2,907				27,977
MARDEN	2013	4,661	3,848	4,038	4,658	3,960	4,002	5,278	4,227	4,013	3,866	3,865	3,240	49,656
	2014	3,887	3,267	4,276	3,843	3,502	3,905	5,040	4,634	3,841	3,943	3,704	3,813	47,655
	2015	3,668	3,554	4,037	4,022	3,868	4,102	4,310	3,909	3,600				35,070
MT FOREST	2013	7,566	7,008	7,674	7,820	7,011	7,284	9,789	8,694	7,904	8,652	7,754	6,919	94,075
	2014	7,392	7,539	8,416	7,486	7,476	7,246	10,308	8,180	7,949	8,120	7,236	7,596	94,944
	2015	7,746	7,388	8,283	8,055	7,614	7,684	8,315	8,078	7,757				70,920
PALMERSTON	2013	2,804	2,530	2,496	2,822	2,738	2,430	3,190	2,684	2,293	2,635	2,304	2,272	31,198
	2014	2,100	1,944	2,239	2,410	2,188	2,403	3,270	2,707	2,411	2,801	2,236	2,325	29,034
	2015	2,756	2,318	2,526	2,260	2,485	2,781	3,648	3,230	2,986				24,990
PUSLINCH	2013	3,924	3,595	3,886	3,827	3,902	3,910	4,501	4,032	3,088	3,763	3,177	2,738	44,343
	2014	3,234	2,777	3,269	3,343	3,317	3,878	3,905	3,140	2,937	3,010	3,065	2,800	38,675
	2015	2,918	2,700	3,148	3,100	2,659	2,884	3,459	2,991	2,862				26,721
ROCKWOOD	2013	7,068	6,145	6,935	6,478	6,248	7,041	9,914	7,738	6,649	6,924	6,073	5,017	82,230
	2014	5,942	5,473	6,930	6,867	6,236	6,997	8,758	7,191	6,339	6,553	6,428	5,889	79,603
	2015	6,088	5,807	6,757	6,754	6,518	7,362	9,325	8,263	7,787				64,661
TOTALS	2013	87,652	78,356	84,874	83,174	78,197	78,573	110,378	92,562	79,895	85,081	79,584	66,364	1,004,690
	2014	78,113	71,503	86,630	79,406	76,224	77,565	106,199	87,155	76,636	79,722	72,726	73,961	965,840
	2015	76,699	72,508	81,873	83,329	78,625	86,670	101,447	90,974	82,861	0	0	0	754,986
Annual Change		-2%	1%	-5%	5%	3%	12%	-4%	4%	8%				2%

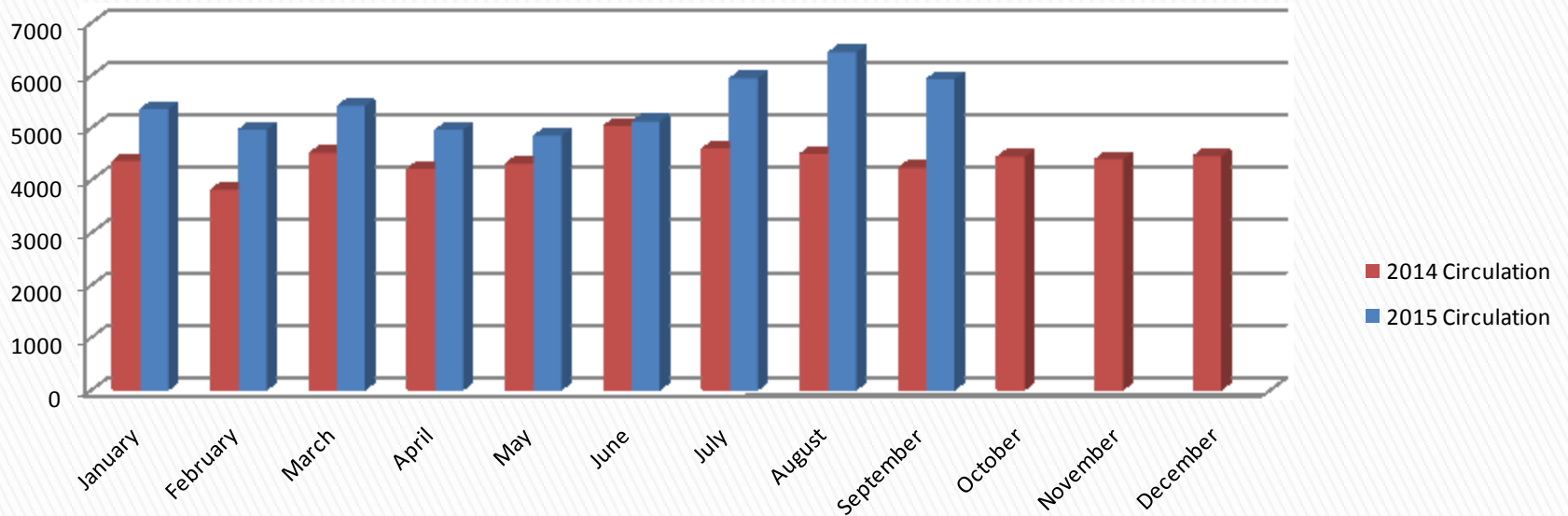
Circulation Activity

Wellington County Library Total Circulation of Materials by Year



eBook Circulation Activity

eBook Circulation by Month*



*includes eBooks, eAudiobooks, eVideo and eMusic circulation from OverDrive.

Website Statistics

September 2015

Top Pages Visited

Library Home Page	6,952
Online Resources	1,854
Borrowing	1,463
eBooks and More	1,116

Our website was accessed in a variety of ways including 1,522 visits from tablets and 1,375 from Mobile Devices.

Mobile devices include Apple iPad, Apple iPhone, Blackberry Playbook, Blackberry Z10 and Blackberry KBD.

Visits to Library Website

of total visits 8,531

of pages viewed 17,500

Location of people accessing our website:

Canada, U.S., U.K., India, Philippines, Germany, France, Seychelles and Cyprus.

The majority of visitors were within Canada:

Guelph, Fergus, Toronto, Waterloo, Minto, Orangeville, Kitchener, Elora, Clifford, Halton Hills and Cambridge.

Of the visitors 68% were returning and 32% were new visitors to our website.

Programming Report

September 2015

BRANCH	TOTAL NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES OFFERED	ATTENDEES			
		CHILDREN/ TEENS	PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS	ADULTS	
ABOYNE	19	134	56	50	
ARTHUR	20	140	45	137	
CLIFFORD	11	47	26	2	
DRAYTON	23	170	82	18	
ELORA	11	111	27	76	
ERIN	20	104	42	23	
FERGUS	25	187	110	72	
HARRISTON	18	73	33	85	
HILLSBURGH	16	93	30	149	
MARDEN	13	45	9	85	
MT FOREST	21	153	31	116	
PALMERSTON	14	61	30	33	
PUSLINCH	13	118	68	48	
ROCKWOOD	17	131	78	20	
	241	1567	667	914	3148
Total Programmes					Total Participants

September 2014

BRANCH	TOTAL NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES OFFERED	ATTENDEES			
		CHILDREN/ TEENS	PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS	ADULTS	
ABOYNE	14	95	67	18	
ARTHUR	28	124	175	79	
CLIFFORD	13	47	34	5	
DRAYTON	22	188	101	34	
ELORA	8	17	15	44	
ERIN	16	96	48	17	
FERGUS	18	137	93	41	
HARRISTON	21	55	30	72	
HILLSBURGH	8	6	7	46	
MARDEN	14	47	8	50	
MT FOREST	21	54	96	91	
PALMERSTON	14	74	53	18	
PUSLINCH	9	78	43	23	
ROCKWOOD	11	82	84	18	
	217	1100	854	556	2510
Total Programmes					Total Participants



October is an exciting month for public libraries! We are celebrating Canadian Library month and Ontario Public Library week which takes place from **October 18 to 24**.

This is a great time to recognize the important contributions public libraries make toward a community's literacy, education and life-long learning. Wellington County Library will be celebrating with a number of exciting activities!

Highlights for the week include:

Evergreen Award voting: Each year during Ontario Public Library Week, library patrons are invited to vote for their favourite Evergreen Award nominee. The Evergreen Award is designed for adults of any age and the lists are comprised of Canadian Fiction and Non-Fiction titles. Adult library patrons have the opportunity to explore these books by themselves, through their Public Library or just in a book club format. At Wellington County Library, a patron's vote will also act as a ballot towards a grand prize. This year's prize is a \$100 gift card to Drayton Entertainment.

Author Visit with Jennifer Robson: 2015 Evergreen Award nominee, Jennifer Robson, will be visiting the Rockwood Branch during Ontario Public Library Week. Learn about Jennifer's path to publishing her novels "Somewhere in France" and "After the War is Over." Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 pm.

Let's Talk Science: Chemistry Magic Show: Let's Talk Science is a national organization dedicated to delivering services and programmes designed to teach youth about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) topics. The local Let's Talk Science branch is based out of the University of Guelph and they will be working with the Library to host monthly workshops at rotating branches. Our first workshop happening at the Mount Forest Branch is a "Chemistry Magic Show" which will teach kids about basics in chemistry and physical sciences while having fun! Monday, October 19 at 6:30 pm.

Creepy Creature Animal Show: Greg Meredith of the Grand River Conservation Authority is visiting the Marden Branch. He'll be teaching kids about "creepy creatures" and giving them hands-on experience with his live creatures. Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm.

Graphic Novel Workshops: Jennifer Haines of The Dragon comic book store will be presenting a Comic Book Imagery workshop at the Drayton and Harriston branches. Students will discuss how panels and images create ideas of time, mood, character, sound and more. Jennifer has a teaching degree and also runs a successful comic book store in Guelph. Tuesday, October 20 at 10:30 am (Harriston) and 1:30 pm (Drayton).

Paws 4 Stories: This is a very popular programme where children have the chance to sign up and read to a literacy therapy dog trained through St. John Ambulance. It is great for both avid and reluctant readers alike!
Saturday, October 17 from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm (Aboyne)
Tuesday, October 20 from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm (Fergus)
Saturday, October 24 from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm (Marden)

We are also running book draws at all 14 branches during Ontario Public Library Week as a customer appreciation event. There will be a children's, teen and adult book available to be won.

During Ontario Public Library Week, we also run a Food for Fines programme encouraging patrons to bring in donations for local food banks.

22/9/15

Dear Mr. McCobe

Just a note to thank you
for the delightful afternoon we
enjoyed September 16 at Madison.

We really appreciated having
our Women's Institute organization

so honored.

And thank you, too, for the
beautiful book on Wellington County.
Our branch members will all
enjoy it: and it will be a great
memento of a special afternoon.

ConnectHome Program To Provide Broadband for 275,000 Low-Income Households

 lj.libraryjournal.com/2015/07/technology/connecthome-program-to-provide-broadband-for-275000-low-income-households/

Lisa Peet

On July 15 President Barack Obama announced the launch of the “[ConnectHome](#)” [broadband initiative](#), which will provide high speed home Internet access to nearly 200,000 children in more than 275,000 low-income households. ConnectHome is the next step in Obama’s [Connecting America](#) initiative. In January the president announced planned steps to help ensure that [reliable, affordable broadband](#) would be more widely available, including the promotion of community-based broadband and a calling for State and local governments to roll back restrictive regulations. And the [ConnectED initiative](#), which Obama announced in April, aims to connect 99 percent of American students to high-speed broadband in their classrooms by 2018.



The ConnectHome pilot program will launch in 27 cities selected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)—Albany, Atlanta, and Macon, GA; Baltimore; Baton Rouge and New Orleans, LA; Boston; Camden and Newark, NJ; Cleveland; Denver; Durham, NC; Fresno and Los Angeles, CA; Kansas City, MO; Little Rock, AR; Memphis and Nashville, TN; Meriden, CT; New York City; Philadelphia; Rockford, IL; San Antonio, TX; Seattle; Springfield, MA; Tampa, FL; and Washington, DC—and one tribal nation, Choctaw Nation, OK. Eight Internet Service Providers (ISPs), including Google Fiber and Sprint, will partner with mayors, public housing authorities, and business entities to provide broadband access to assisted housing units.

Nonprofits and private sector businesses will collaborate with HUD to provide a number of support services for low-income housing residents. Best Buy will offer computer training and technical support, including afterschool technical training for students. The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) is planning educational, children’s, and digital literacy content specifically for ConnectHome participants, and Age of Learning Inc., will offer its ABCmouse.com online early learning curriculum for free. Boys and Girls Clubs of America will provide digital literacy training in participating communities where they have a chapter; Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Durant Independent School District are collaborating on similar courses for residents of the Choctaw Tribal Nation.

In Macon, the James M. Cox Foundation will make 1,500 tablets, pre-loaded with educational software, available for \$30 to participating students. Organizations such as GitHub, the 80/20 Foundation, and the College Board in partnership with Khan Academy have pledged hundreds of thousands of dollars to support devices and digital literacy.

Not only will ConnectHome provide connectivity for residents of existing low-income housing, but HUD Secretary Julián Castro announced new rules for future HUD-funded residential construction and rehabilitation projects that will support broadband access for residents. HUD will also provide new guidelines for spending on broadband by HUD-funded grantees, and options for recipients of Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grants to spend them on local broadband initiatives.

LIBRARIES PLAYING A PART

The American Library Association (ALA) plans to lead a collaboration with local libraries in all ConnectHome communities to deliver support for both children and adults. ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) will help develop programing, said ALA president Sari Feldman, to enable users "not just to be digitally connected but digitally competent," including instruction in digital literacy, privacy issues, and technical skills. The latter, she explained, extends to helping ConnectHome participants make informed decisions about the equipment they will need.

"Helping people to make choices about connectivity is going to be important," Feldman told *LJ*, "and to make choices about devices, to understand the differences. We recognize that people who are late adopters, who have not, perhaps, gone through a stepping-stone relationship with technology, are going to need support to know what is the best device to meet their individual needs or the needs of their families."

"[Libraries] have really helped to lead the way in our communities," Feldman added, "so to be recognized as a partner in ConnectHome for...people with the least opportunity and least access is very important to us as a profession. What we're hoping to do through ALA is to help strengthen the collaboration by sharing best practices across the country and to be able to help communities deliver some of the on-site digital literacy programing and resources to public housing residents."

MAKING BROADBAND A PRIORITY

The President's Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) issued an analysis, [Mapping the Digital Divide](#), to coincide with the announcement. Among other findings, it shows that less than half of the country's lowest-income households have home Internet access. "While many middle-class U.S. students go home to Internet access, allowing them to do research, write papers, and communicate digitally with their teachers and other students," stated an accompanying White House fact sheet, "too many lower-income children go unplugged every afternoon when school ends. This 'homework gap' runs the risk of widening the achievement gap, denying hardworking students the benefit of a technology-enriched education."

According to the [U.S. Census Bureau's 2013 American Community Survey Report on Computer and Internet Use in the United States](#), while 92 percent of households with income between \$100,000 and \$150,000 have broadband service, the adoption rate for households with income below \$25,000 is only 47 percent (1.2 percent of low-income households have dial-up Internet access only, while eight percent have mobile-only access). Some five million households with school-age children do not have high-speed Internet at home, a problem which disproportionately affects low-income, black, and Hispanic households.

"Librarians know from our work in communities every day that far, far too many Americans currently lack the technology access and skills to participate fully in education, employment, and civic life," said Feldman in a statement. "Broadband is essential, and we are so pleased the Obama administration has made home broadband access a priority."

"THE INTERNET IS NOT A LUXURY"

To mark ConnectHome's launch, President Obama traveled to Durant, OK, to address community members, library staff, and tribal leaders. "The internet is not a luxury, it's a necessity," Obama told the assembled crowd, noting that the people who "could benefit the most from the latest technology are the least likely to have it." ConnectHome will help not only children but adults in the households as well, he noted, who may use it to apply for jobs, learn new skills, study for adult education courses, or start a business.

Oklahoma Department of Libraries Director Susan McVey was in attendance, and told *LJ* that while the initiative has great potential to reach rural community members of all ages, she hopes that community

partners will work closely with libraries to ensure that all participants' information needs are met. "They mentioned at the [press conference]...that Best Buy technicians or staff would be involved. I'm not sure that those individuals have experience...helping people with the type of transactions that some of our libraries do." While she knows that the Donald W. Reynolds Community Center and Library in Durant will be working to support ConnectHome, she is unsure where else it will be implemented. "There undoubtedly will be some areas that, because of their rural nature, may not have a library at all, or what's available would be in a school," she explained.

However, overall the community was pleased and receptive to the plan. "I think it's wonderful that the president made such a commitment by coming to a very remote location to emphasize [the importance of] everybody being involved and having the ability, at their home, to get information, McVey told *LJ*. "There was a tremendous spirit at the event. It meant so much. Many tribal elders were there and felt very connected to the president and very honored by his comments."

Earmarking funds for connectivity now, Obama stated, is an investment in the country's future. "These investments are the right thing to do for our communities," he said. "They're the smart thing to do for the national economy."

Reviews from Wellington County Teens

Looking for something new to read? Check out these books reviewed by teens in Wellington County:

Paper Towns by John Green **Reviewed by:** Sadie- Lyn B.

Paper Towns by John Green is an exhilarating read that really takes you on an adventure! Quentin is a loveable and quirky character whose perspective really adds a flair to the book. I absolutely enjoyed reading Paper Towns and once you go to Paper Towns, you never go back! I highly suggest reading it.

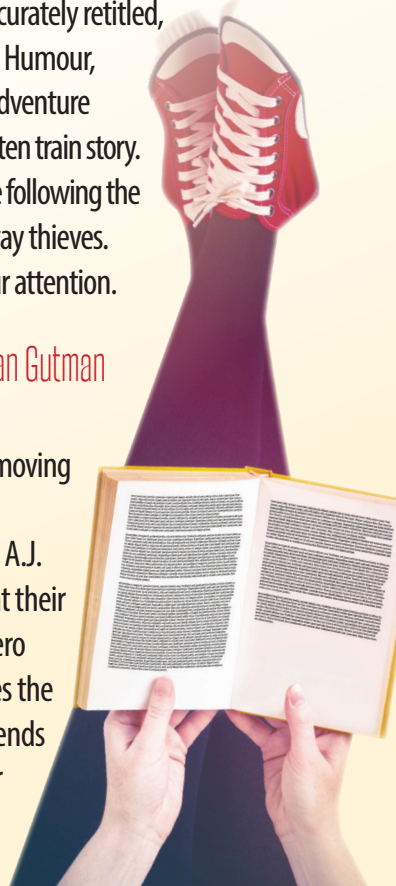
Secret Seven on the Trail by Enid Blyton **Reviewed by:** Emily S.

This book could be more accurately retitled, "Secret Seven on the Track". Humour, education, suspense, and adventure intermingle in this well-written train story. Learn how trains work while following the Seven on the tracks of railway thieves. This book will captivate your attention.

Mr. Cooper is Super! by Dan Gutman

Reviewed by: Evan

A.J.'s third grade teacher is moving away. Their new teacher pretends he's a super hero. A.J. and his friends suspect that their teacher acts like a super hero because no one appreciates the real him, so A.J. and his friends appreciate the real teacher and he becomes normal.



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Staff News

Welcome to new staff member **Nicole DeBoer**, in her position as a Page in Harriston.

Congratulations to our long service Library Employees and Recent Retirees:

Cindy Krul,
ABS at the Arthur
Branch (10 Years)

Andrea Beattie-Hahn,
ABS at the Palmerston
Branch (10 Years)

Lynn Rawlins,
Branch Supervisor at the
Arthur Branch (30 years)

Donna Revell,
Branch Supervisor at
the Hillsburgh Branch
and recent retiree
(20 years)

Susan Marcoux,
ABS at the Rockwood
Branch and recent
retiree (30 years)

3D Printer Certification

Interested in using our 3D printer? Register for this one hour course and get your certification. You will then be able to reserve the printer and create!

Erin Branch:

Saturdays, October 3, 17 and 31 at 11:00 am
Please call 519.833.9762 to register.

Harriston Branch:

Wednesdays, October 14, 21, 28 at 2:00 pm
Tuesday, October 20
at 6:30 pm
Saturday,
October 10,
10:30 am
Please call
519.338.2396
to register.



Ontario Public Library Week



October is an exciting month for public libraries! We are celebrating Canadian Library month and Ontario Public Library week which takes place from October 18 to 24.

This is a great time to recognize the important contributions public libraries make toward a community's literacy, education and life-long learning. Wellington County Library will be celebrating with a number of exciting activities!

Highlights for the week include:

- Evergreen Award voting
- Author visit from 2015 Evergreen Award Nominee Jennifer Robson
- Creepy Creature Animal Show
- Graphic Novel workshops
- Let's Talk Science: Chemistry Magic Show!
- Paws 4 Stories
- Food for Fines will be returning this year
- Book draws for all ages

We are looking forward to celebrating the power of public libraries! Take a look inside our newsletter for more information on times and locations of events. We also have this information available on our online calendar at www.wellington.ca/Library.

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I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card
– **Laura Bush, Former First Lady**



Cast your Evergreen Vote!

The Ontario Library Association's EVERGREEN™ Award gives adults the chance to vote for a Canadian work of fiction or non-fiction they like the most. Vote for your favourite title during Ontario Public Library Week in October at your local branch. Your vote will also be used as a ballot to enter our Evergreen draw for a gift card to Drayton Entertainment!

The nominees are:

Between Gods: A Memoir

by Alison Pick

This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate

by Naomi Klein

Forgiveness: A Gift from My Grandparents

by Mark Sakamoto

Juliet Was a Surprise

by Bill Gaston

Little Bastards in Springtime

by Katja Rudolph

The Lobster Kings

by Alexi Zentner

Medicine Walk

by Richard Wagamese

Somewhere In France: A Novel of the Great War

by Jennifer Robson

Station Eleven

by Emily St. John Mandel

Who By Fire

by Fred Stenson

Voting takes place October 18 – 24 at your local branch.

Fishbowl: A Novel by Bradley Somer (Adult Fiction)

Reviewed by: Sheri Cockerill, Elora Branch

Told through the perspective of a goldfish named Ian, falling from the twenty-seventh floor balcony of an apartment building, this novel follows a diverse cast of characters on a single day. There is the handsome grad student, his girlfriend, and his mistress; the construction worker who feels trapped by a secret; the building's superintendent who feels invisible and alone; the shut in; the pregnant woman on bed rest; and the home-schooled boy, Herman, who thinks he can travel through time.

In this one apartment building are stories of love, new life and death, of facing the ugly truth of who one has been and the beautiful truth of who one can become, and of learning that sometimes taking a risk is the only way to move forward.

I loved this quick little read! It is a witty story of loneliness, life, love and death but told with sensitivity. The message is that we all live our lives together; life is not a solitary journey. We also learn that sometimes we need to take a risk to move forward. On the far right hand margin each page has a tiny ink goldfish that if the pages are flipped will plunge down the column like Ian plummeting from the 27th floor. You will have to check out this fun flip book!



Have you made up your mind how to vote in the October federal election?

The current campaign is the longest in Canadian history, giving voters more time than ever to ponder the issues, gather information, and make informed decisions. If you are interested in knowing more about the issues, the library's online databases are your 'go-to' resource for information that is current, accurate, and trustworthy.

MACLEAN'S For example, if you would like to test your knowledge of the election process, take "The quiz: this week, we test your trivia skills on everything election-related, from a magician MP to puppet politics" written by Maclean's magazine's Terrance Balazo. This and many more publications are available through the CPI.Q. (Canadian Periodical Index Quarterly) database. You'll find articles from more than 700 Canadian and international periodicals, including The Globe and Mail, Maclean's and Canadian News Facts.



The database Canadian Points of View provides objective background and critical thinking guides as well as articles and excerpts from magazines, academic journals, newspapers and more. Energy issues have been featured a lot in the 2015 election so far, with each side focusing on different solutions. To research more about sources

of energy and how they could impact Canada, this database has a helpful function called the "Points" and "Counter Points." Articles offering alternate views of each topic will be presented. For example you could read "Point: Nuclear Energy is a Useful Power Source for Canada" by Adele Cassola and then "Counterpoint: Nuclear Energy is an Unnecessary Risk" by Melanie Lambrick. Before the next debate check out Canadian Points of View to help decide who will make the right choices for you.

These databases are available 24/7 through the library's website. Access a wealth of information including Canadian magazines, academic journals, news media, and much more. Visit www.wellington.ca/Library to get started.



October Programme Highlights

Unless otherwise noted, our programmes are free of charge.

For the Kids



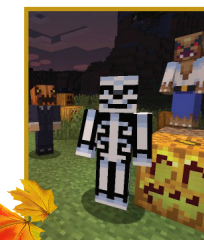
Let's Talk Science: Chemistry Magic Show! (Grades K – 6)
Fires! Slime! Rockets! Learn basic lessons in chemistry and physical science while having fun! Make your own slime and take it home. Please register.

Monday, October 19, 6:30 pm
– Mount Forest Branch, 519.323.4541

Creepy Creature Animal Show (All Ages)

Greg Meredith of the Guelph Lake Nature Centre is coming to the Marden Branch. Join him for a slide show and a hands-on experience with his live "creepy creatures"! Please register.

Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 pm
– Marden Branch, 519.763.7445



Minecraft Madness! Spooky Edition (Grades K-6)

Come out and explore Minecraft in real life! Spooky crafts, games and activities inspired by those awesome 8-bit characters. Wear your Halloween costume! Please register.

Friday, October 30, 1:30 pm - Rockwood Branch, 519.856.4851
Friday, October 30, 1:30 pm – Aboyne Branch, 519.846.0918

For the Teens

DIY Thursday (Ages 16 and up)

Get creative at the library and discuss DIY ideas to create more practical or beautiful versions of everyday items. Go home with something unique!

Thursday, October 8, 6:30 pm
– Arthur Branch, 519.848.3999



DIY Upcycling (Teen)

Don't miss out as we find fun new ways to reuse and repurpose old treasures. Please register.

Thursdays, October 8 and 22, 6:30 pm
– Hillsburgh Branch, 519.855.4010



Teen Café (Teen)

A Halloween party for the Undead! Dress up in your Zombie best and join us for a terrifyingly good time! For grades 7-12. Please register.

Tuesday, October 27, 6:30 pm
– Harriston Branch, 519.338.2396

For the Adults

Culture Nights: Author visit from Terry Fallis (Adult)

Join us for our October edition of Culture Nights at the Fergus Library with a visit from award-winning author Terry Fallis. Author of four national bestsellers, Terry will be speaking about his new novel **Poles Apart** being released in late

October. Copies of **Poles Apart** will be available for purchase at the event before they are available in stores! Friday, October 16 at 6:30 pm - Fergus Branch, 519.843.1180



Author Visit with Jennifer Robson

In honour of Ontario Public Library Week, 2015 Evergreen-nominated author Jennifer Robson will be visiting the Rockwood Branch to talk about her books, **Somewhere in France** and **After the War is Over**. Hear from one of the Evergreen-nominated authors before casting your vote this week!

Thursday, October 22, 6:30 pm
– Rockwood Branch, 519.856.4851

Carnegie Café - Monster Month edition (Adult)

Join us as master storyteller Donna McCaw spins some monster tales that will chill you to the bone! Please register.

Thursday, October 29, 2:00 pm
– Elora Branch, 519.846.0190



For a complete list of programmes happening at the Library, visit www.wellington.ca/Library.