

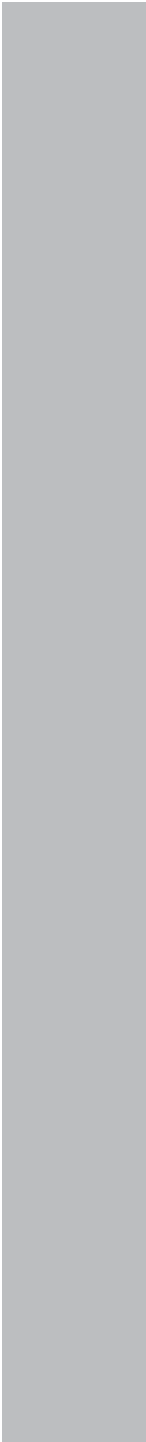


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MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Catharines Public Library Board is committed to providing all the citizens of St. Catharines with the highest level of library services, materials, and facilities within the resources available to meet their informational, educational, and recreational needs.

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS 2001

On January 27, 2000 the Library Board approved the *Strategic Agenda: serving our community 2000-2003*. This three-year strategic plan provided the framework for the renovation of the facilities and the enhancement of library services.

FACILITIES

In 1999 a consultant conducted a condition assessment of the 22-year-old Central Library. The Board approved a multi-year funding strategy to address the deficiencies identified in the report. In 2001 the second floor was re-designed, re-carpeted and painted. A new HVAC system was installed at the Merritt Branch. The Grantham Branch was closed from August 7 to September 7 and was completely renovated during that time.

PROGRAMS

Regular children's programs included: Time for Tots, Toddler Time, and Preschool Story Time. The annual Silver Birch Awards Reading Program was carried out from February to May in partnership with Memorial School. Over 540 children registered for the March Break programs which included: a photography workshop, decorative painting, the Teddy Bears Picnic, and a presentation of the film *101 Dalmatians*.

The theme for the TD Summer Reading Program was "Summer Sleuths" and 418 children were registered, an increase of 7.5% from 2000. During the summer children could also register for an Art Camp offered at each Branch. The camp was a week long and instruction was provided by local artists.

For teens, the Library offered babysitting courses throughout the year in co-operation with St. John Ambulance. The follow-up program of Emergency First Aid with CPR was also offered to the graduates of the babysitting courses. Two reading programs were offered "Red Maple" and "Cool Off with Books", a summer reading initiative. The Fresh Ink writing competition was introduced in 2001. Young adults 12 to 18 years of age were invited to submit original short stories and poems. Local authors judged the entries, prizes were awarded for the best submissions and the winning entries were published in the *Fresh Ink Magazine*. A community service program was also introduced for high school students.

A variety of adult programs was offered throughout the year. Gardening clinics were held in co-operation with St. Catharines Master Gardeners. The Institute of Chartered Accountants presented Income Tax clinics and Niagara North Community Legal Assistance offered legal seminars. Author readings were done by William J. Thomas who read from his book, *The Dog Rules*, and the Wildfire Dance Theatre performed at the Central Library. Other programs included: Tai Chi Chuan, an antique silver road show, and medical seminars. In January a Book Club was introduced and monthly meetings were held. The St. Catharines Art Association held their annual spring and winter art shows at the Central Library and the year ended with our annual Christmas concert with the Chapel Singers and the Salvation Army Citadel Band.

TECHNOLOGY

In 2000, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation provided a grant of \$40,000 for the creation of a

computer training lab. The computer lab was formally unveiled on April 19. The following programs are offered in the lab: Introduction to the Internet, Advanced Internet, Finding Health Information on the Internet, Personal Finance and Travel on the Internet, Email Basics and Searching the Catalogue. New microfiche/film reader printers were acquired for the Special Collections area to replace outdated equipment.

COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES

In 2001, Ebscohost, a full-text magazine electronic subscription database which provides access to over 1750 journals and newspapers, was added to the collection.

The hours for the Port Dalhousie Branch were reconfigured and three hours were added. This change resulted in a circulation increase of 15.4%. Prior to 1999 the Library had reduced the hours of operation for June to September by closing all the branches at 6:00 pm. In 1999 the Library started to increase summer hours of service and by the summer of 2001 the hours of service were the same all year. As of 2001 the Library system was open 8,407.5 hours per year, an increase of 429 hours or 9.5% over 1999.

ROYAL CANADIAN HENLEY REGATTA TROPHIES

In October the Library Board and the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation reached an arrangement whereby the Henley Rowing Trophy Collection was placed on display at the Central Library. In October, the collection was unveiled and it is available for viewing during all open hours.

STATISTICS

Library Use

Circulation	1,287,523
In-House Use	720,044
Information Requests	214,916
Visits	777,764
Holdings Filled	59,228
Patrons Registered	72,016

Program Attendance

Programs	9,221
Class Visits	3,622

Web Services

Virtual Visits	128,511
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Collection

Volumes held	366,746
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LIBRARY SERVICES

- Collections (Print And Non-Print)
- Information Services
- Local History/Genealogy
- Interlibrary Loan
- Computer Courses
- Reserves
- Access To The Internet
- Children's Programs
- Teen Programs
- Adult Programs
- Meeting Room Rentals
- Word Processing

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2001

Revenues

Municipal Contribution	3,746,000
Provincial Grant	228,616
Miscellaneous Revenue	513,212

Total Revenues **4,487,828**

Expenditures

Salaries and Benefits	2,463,760
Library Materials	719,422
Occupancy Costs	402,248
Library Services and Supplies	197,901
Operating Capital	477,729

Total Expenditures **4,261,060**

Unexpended Revenue **226,768**

The Library gratefully acknowledges the ongoing support of the following: the City of St. Catharines; the Provincial Government; sponsors of our programs; and the many donors who assisted the Library through contributions to the Endowment and Trust Fund, Honour With Books, and Gifts In Kind.

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Central

54 Church Street, L2R 7K2
905-688-6103, fax 905-688-6292

Tues. - Thurs. 10 am - 9 pm

Friday 10 am - 6 pm

Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday 1:30 pm - 5 pm

Oct. - Dec.

Jan. - May

Grantham

Scott and Vine Streets, L2M 3W4
905-934-7511

and

Merritt

149 Hartzel Road, L2P 1N6
905-682-3568

Tues. - Wed. 10 am - 5:30 pm

Thurs. - Fri. 10 am - 9 pm

Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

Port Dalhousie

23 Brock Street, L2N 5E1
905-646-0220

Tuesday 1 pm - 8 pm

Thursday 10 am - 12 noon

1 pm - 8 pm

Saturday 11 am - 4 pm