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# Annual Report

LIBRARY NEWS

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# From the Chair

Looking back at 2021, I want to recognize the incredible efforts of the staff and board as we worked diligently to provide exceptional library services to the citizens of North Grey, while navigating the constantly changing circumstances related to the pandemic. Whether it was developing and launching programs such as the "smile" button campaign and the vaccine receipt printing help or it was offering new resource to borrow... our hard-working library team demonstrated creativity and commitment to our community.

The foremost achievement in 2021 must be the successful negotiation and ratification of a new ten-year Union Library Agreement. I commend our municipal partners; the Townships of Chatsworth and Georgian Bluffs and the City of Owen Sound for believing in the continued value of our wonderful "Union" library and finding the ways and means to ensure its future for all of us. Special thanks to the negotiating committee members from all three municipalities, my colleagues on the library board and senior library staff for the tremendous effort given to this endeavor. It was truly a pleasure to accomplish this significant achievement together.

Other accomplishments in 2021 included the launch of our new library catalog, the introduction of our library app, the design refresh of our newsletter, and the addition of new online resources such as LinkedIn Learning. Considering our small staff size, the library provides a startling breadth of programming and services.

I thank you, our valued patrons for your continued support of the library. It is an honour for the Board to work on your behalf, to ensure the long-term viability of our wonderful library. I extend thanks to our municipal partners, board members, community donors and our staff for their support, commitment and service.



**Website:** [www.owensound.library.on.ca](http://www.owensound.library.on.ca)

**Catalog:** [www.osngupl.bibliocommons.ca](http://www.osngupl.bibliocommons.ca)



**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/OSNGUPL](https://www.facebook.com/OSNGUPL)

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**Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/OSNGUPL](https://www.instagram.com/OSNGUPL)

**MISSION:** Building generations of readers

**VISION:** The Library respects its legacy, cultivates future opportunities, enriches community life and inspires personal growth.

# Library Board

**Richard Thomas:** Board Chair - Councillor, Owen Sound

**Esra Samli:** Board Vice-Chair - Owen Sound Representative

**Elizabeth Thompson:** Treasurer - Councillor, Chatsworth

**Rhonda Brown:** Owen Sound Representative

**Rosemary Buchanan:** Georgian Bluffs Representative

**Bob Droine:** Owen Sound Representative

**Frank Emptage:** Meaford Public Library Representative

**Nancy Shaw:** Owen Sound Representative

**Ryan Thompson:** Councillor, Georgian Bluffs



## Senior Management

**Tim Nicholls Harrison:** CEO / Chief Librarian

**Nadia Danyluk:** Deputy Chief Librarian

**Lindsey Harris:** Administrative & Facilities Manager

## 2021 Financial Summary

| Revenue              |                    | Expenses           |                   |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Municipal Support =  | 1,656,254          | Staff =            | 1,316,1870        |
| Provincial Support = | 75,980             | Collections =      | 164,7463          |
| Library Revenue =    | 92,038             | Operations =       | 327,8687          |
| Reserves =           | 56,424             | Special Projects = | 84,0483           |
| Donations =          | 20,054             | Surplus =          | 7,901             |
| <b>Total =</b>       | <b>\$1,900,750</b> | <b>Total =</b>     | <b>1,900,7501</b> |

Municipal support includes funding from the municipalities of Chatsworth, Georgian Bluffs, Owen Sound and the Meaford Public Library.

## 2021 Statistics

**Members: 7,452**

**Visits: 66,149**

**Materials Borrowed: 232,373**

**Questions Answered: 16,834**

**Programs: 203**

**Program Attendance: 3,363**

**Public Computer Sessions: 1,670**

**Wifi Sessions: 27,598**

# 2021 Author Visits



Carolyn Fisher, Jennifer McGuire, Bombghiiizhik Isaac Murdoch, Nathan Niigan Noodin, Keeshig Spade & family, Neal Shannacappo and Richard-Yves Sitoski

## 2021 Highlights

We started 2021 with the Province of Ontario issuing a stay-at-home order in response to the pandemic, but allowing libraries to offer curbside services. We reopened to the public in March and then the Province issued an emergency brake in April and we were back to offering curbside services. Their roadmap to reopening in June allowed us to begin to add back services, but it wasn't until September that we saw a real reset. During the year, we improved the air purification and circulation within the building. We supported the public by assisting with the printing and laminating of over 3,000 vaccination receipts.

In response to the pandemic, we continued to offer most of our programming online, often using Zoom. One programming highlight was the launch of Poet Laureate Richard-Yves Sitoski's legacy project, No Sleep 'Til Eden, which utilized augmented reality to incorporate multimedia embedded in the book of poetry. Other programming highlights included our virtual OSMiCon, the summer reading program, seven author visits, the me and white supremacy book club, our storytime live sessions, the cozy kids and caregivers book club, the book club with a twist, our sketch circles, the Scientists in Schools program and our adult poetry contest.

In 2021, we added more e-resources including LinkedIn Learning (formerly Lynda.com) for our patrons to be able to access anywhere 24 hours a day, every day. We launched a new OSNGUPL app for smart phones and tablets. The app helps library patrons to sign out materials, manage their account, access eBooks and eAudio through Libby, access Mango Languages, PressReader and LinkedIn Learning and access our social media.

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Another highlight was the transition to our new online catalog which is designed for enhanced user engagement and satisfaction. We also began work on the redesign of our library website.

We were pleased to improve not only our online collection, but our physical collection as well. In 2021, we loaned Chromebooks and Amazon Fire tablets, book bundles, Ontario Parks passes Grey Sauble Conservation Authority passes, radon detector kits, board games, jigsaw puzzles and poetry packs. We created take and make kits and storytime to go kits.

Internally we upgraded our telephone system, rebranded email system, enhanced our online banking and accounting systems and redesigned and refreshed our library newsletter process. We began discussions and development of our new "Open Card" which will be launched on May 18th, 2022.



Special thanks to all staff for the hard work, willingness to take on new challenges and commitment to delivering exemplary customer service. We have a talented and dedicated team at the Library. We would like to thank Chris Carmichael, Carolin Brooks, Laura Stirling, Debbie Davidson and Stephanie Welsford for their many contributions to the library. Best wishes on your future endeavors. We welcome Dale Albrecht, Jodi Burton-Scheifley and Suzanne Majzik to our team.

In December, all three municipal partners approved a new Union Library Agreement for 2022 through 2031. "Union" is a specific designation in the Ontario Libraries Act which means that the library is formed through the active co-operation of more than one municipality. Serving the municipalities of Chatsworth, Georgian Bluffs and Owen Sound, our library is the largest "union" library in Ontario by service area and population. For over 25 years, we have been fortunate to be able to demonstrate the commitment of our local municipalities to work together to ensure library services for their citizens. It truly is a highlight of 2021 to have this continue with the completion of a new ten-year agreement.

Lastly, we would like to thank you for supporting local library service as a patron. We strive to provide quality twenty-first century services to you. Please let us know how we can better serve your information, education and entertainment needs. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support!

# Most Borrowed in 2021

## Adult Services - Fiction

1. The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
2. All the Devils Are Here by Louise Penny
3. A Time for Mercy by John Grisham
4. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
5. Fair Warning by Michael Connelly

## Adult Services - Nonfiction

1. Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer
2. A Promised Land by Barack Obama
3. Till Murder Do Us Part: True-crime Thrillers by James Patterson
4. The Answer Is: Reflections on My Life by Alex Trebek
5. The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz by Erik Larson

## Adult Services - Magazine

1. People
2. The Economist
3. Canadian house and home
4. Vanity Fair
5. Canadian living

## Adult Services - Audiobook

1. Beginner Ojibway language [sound recording] by Basil Johnston
2. Sooley [sound recording] by John Grisham
3. Saints for all occasions [sound recording] by J. Courtney Sullivan
4. The four winds [sound recording] by Kristin Hannah
5. Walk the wire [sound recording] by David Baldacci

## Adult Services - DVD

1. Game of thrones. The complete 8th season [videorecording]
2. Age reversing workouts for beginners [videorecording]
3. News of the world [videorecording]
4. 1917 [videorecording]
5. Murdoch mysteries. Season 13 [videorecording]

# Most Borrowed in 2021

## Youth Services - Fiction

1. Dog Man. Fetch-22 by Dav Pilkey
2. Dog Man. Grime and punishment by Dav Pilkey
3. Dog Man. Mothering Heights by Dav Pilkey
4. Guts by Raina Telgemeier
5. Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets by J.K. Rowling

## Youth Services - Nonfiction

1. Guide to Minecraft dungeons : a handbook for heroes by Stephanie Milton
2. Guinness world records
3. Minecraft : construction handbook by Matthew Needler
4. Fake news by Tom Jackson
5. Minecraft : beginner's handbook by Stephanie Milton

## Youth Services - Magazine

1. Mad
2. Chirp
3. National geographic kids
4. Chickadee
5. Sports illustrated for kids

## Youth Services - Audiobook

1. Magic tree house collection. Books 1-8 [sound recording] by Mary Pope Osborne
2. Little house on the prairie [sound recording] by Laura Ingalls Wilder
3. Matilda [sound recording] by Roald Dahl
4. Fish in a tree [sound recording] by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
5. Harry Potter and the sorcerer's stone [sound recording] by J. K. Rowling

## Youth Services - DVD

1. Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets [videorecording]
2. Road to Avonlea. The complete 1st season [videorecording]
3. Harry Potter and the philosopher's stone [videorecording]
4. Road to Avonlea. The complete 2nd season [videorecording]
5. Road to Avonlea. The complete 4th volume [videorecording]

# Most Borrowed in 2021

## E-Content - Libby Book

1. Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century by Jessica Bruder
2. The Secret, Book & Scone Society by Ellery Adams
3. The Sentinel by Lee Child
4. Walk the Wire by David Baldacci
5. All the Devils Are Here by Louise Penny

## E-Content - Libby Audiobook

1. Cold Mourning: Stonechild and Rouleau Mystery (unabridged) by Brenda Chapman
2. Butterfly Kills: Stonechild and Rouleau Mystery (unabridged) by Brenda Chapman
3. In Search of April Raintree (unabridged) by Beatrice Mosionier
4. The Law of Innocence (unabridged) by Michael Connelly
5. A Time for Mercy (unabridged) by John Grisham

## E-Content - Libby Magazine

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. You South Africa | 4. HELLO! Magazine |
| 2. Woman's World    | 5. The New Yorker  |
| 3. Us Weekly        |                    |

## E-Content - PressReader Newspaper

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Toronto Star         | 4. Hamilton Spectator |
| 2. Owen Sound Sun Times | 5. The National Post  |
| 3. Toronto Sun          |                       |

## E-Content - Mango Languages

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Spanish, Latin American | 4. Chinese, Mandarin |
| 2. French                  | 5. Greek, Modern     |
| 3. German                  |                      |

## E-Content - LinkedIn Learning

1. Entrepreneurship Foundations
2. Photography Foundations: Composition
3. The Six Morning Habits of High Performers
4. How to Train Your Brain For Happiness
5. Drawing Foundations: Fundamentals