



# CEO Report March 2026



## 2025 Annual Survey

Each year all public libraries in Ontario must complete a typical week survey. Data from it is used in the Annual Survey of Public Libraries. This survey is required by the province to receive our Public Libraries Operating Grant (PLOG).

A full report to the province is due April 30<sup>th</sup>. As soon as our audited statement is ready, I'll be submitting our annual stats.

Here is a preview of our program stats from 2025 that will be reported as part of the 2025 Annual Survey. Note that program types listed are those requested by the Ministry.

Counts refers to the total number of programs offered.

2025 saw a staffing change in our programs department. With this change, we reevaluated our staff capacity and phased out certain programs in favour of exploring new ideas.

- We created the Youth Lounge
- We created the walking group, targeting older adults
- We phased out facilitating Homeschooling groups. They are now self-directed and book our meeting space once a month.
- We phased out individualized small business support sessions favouring a targeted promotion of our Library of Things. ie "Got and Idea" pamphlet.

Program Type	2025 Counts	2025 Attendance	2024 Counts	2024 Attendance
Early Literacy/Learning	35	232	87	287
Other Children's Programming	34	415	38	167
Summer Reading (TD Summer Reading Club)	0	0	29	266
Teen Programming	14	102	1	0
Business Development	0	0	0	0
Community Development	0	0	46	71
Technology, Social Media and Computer Literacy	0	0	0	0
Adult Learning	23	119	49	306
Seniors Programming	26	74	3	22
Book Clubs	6	36	7	36

Other	4	66	0	0
	142	1044	260	1155
Technology Help	56	56	45	45
Cricut Cutter	10	10	16	16
Small Business Support	0	0	14	14

The drop in the total number of programs offered realistically reflects our staff capacity and our ability to deliver programs without relying on unpaid overtime. It is also important to note that the strength of our summer programming schedule will depend on whether we are successful in securing Federal and Provincial funding to hire a summer student.

**Bill C-15 – Getting up to Speed**

The Federal government introduced Bill C-15 (the Budget Implementation Act) in November of 2025. Bill C-15 includes amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act, which would, when passed, repeal Section 19 (1) (g) of the Act.

Paragraphs 19(1)(d) to (g.1) of the Act was the result of a Private Members’ Bill (Bill C-321) which received Royal Assent in 2013 and was supported by all parties in the House of Commons. C-321 specifically amended the Canada Post Corporations Act to provide for a reduced rate of postage for library materials lent by a library to a borrower, including by means of an interlibrary loan.

C-15 eliminates the provisions agreed to by the House of Commons and Senate in Bill C-321.

Through advocacy efforts, the House of Commons Finance Committee approved amendments to Bill C-15 that reinstates the protections for free literature for the blind and reduced postage rates for library materials in the Canada Post Corporations Act.

**New Wording**

**Exceptions — rates**

- (3.1) The Corporation must provide for
  - (a) the transmission by post, free of postage, of letters, books, tapes, records and other similar material for the use of the blind; and
  - (b) a reduced rate of postage for library materials lent by a library to a borrower, including by means of an interlibrary loan.

**Next Steps**













Bill C-15 must now be sent back to the House of Commons for Report Stage and 3rd Reading. Once passed, it will proceed to the Senate. No changes to this section are expected.

## 2026 Community Flea Market – Update

60 tables sold so far! We are expecting to sell out this year!

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Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
<b>2</b> 1:00 pm French Conversation Café	<b>3</b>   1:30 pm Social Hour	<b>4</b> 6:00 pm – 7pm PJ Night Soirée Pyjama "Storytime & Marshmallow Creations!"  All ages welcome	<b>5</b>
<b>9</b>  1:00 pm French Conversation Café	<b>10</b> 1:30 pm Social Hour 7:30 pm Trivia Night! @ East Ferris Community Centre  Registration required	<b>11</b> 6:00 pm – 7pm Kid's Craft Night "DIY Buttons!"  All ages welcome	<b>12</b> 
<b>16</b> 1:00 pm French Conversation Café  5:30 pm Cook 'Book Club "Everyone's Irish"	<b>MARCH BREAK FUN!</b>		<b>19</b> 
<b>23</b>  1:00 pm French Conversation Café	<b>24</b>  1:30 pm Social Hour	<b>25</b> 11:15 am – 12:15 pm Early Learners' Playgroup "Storytime, Egg Decor & Egg Hunt" Fun for ages 0-8yrs 	<b>26</b>
<b>30</b> 1:00 pm French Conversation Café	<b>31</b> 1:30 pm Social Hour		