



Annual Report 2022

Board Members

Carol Hall, Chair
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Philip Rentsch, Town of Grand Valley Rep
Fran Pinkney, East Garafraxa Rep.
Steve Niedzwiecki, Amaranth Rep.

Joanne Stevenson, C.E.O
January 2023

The Grand Valley Public Library plays an important role in the community of Grand Valley and surrounding area. This year the library created a new Strategic Plan for 2022-2025. With this plan the library has redefined the goals of the library: Community Awareness, Service Excellence, Inspire Opportunities and Plan for the Future. The Vision statement: Explore-Connect- Enrich.

We had a great start to these goals with an increase in programs giving the community a way to connect again with friends, and neighbours. With the growth of the Town we have seen the community diversify. The library has added a new online resource, Lote4kids. This database provides children’s picture books in different languages from around the world. The library was able to help different community groups within the year. The three that resonate the most are: providing craft kits for the fall fair, providing the WDG Health Unit the McGinnis Room (program room) for nine vaccination clinics and the Grand Valley Small Business group with the occasional meeting space and providing reusable bags for their Welcome Bag Promotion for new community residents.

This year we also say goodbye to many of the Library Board Members.

- Fran Pinkney, East Garafraxa Rep., 2001-2022
- Carol Hall, 2006-2022
- Shane DiBenedetto, 2019-2022
- Ram Etti-Balogun, 2019-2022
- Philip Rentsch, Town of Grand Valley Rep., 2014-2022
- Steve Niedzwiecki, Amaranth Rep., 2021-2022

We thank them for their commitment to the library and wish them the best in the future.

New 2022

- Birdwatching Kits to the check out
- Puzzles to check out
- Lote 4 Kids – Online Database of Children’s Picture books in different languages
- Beanstack – resource to record reading and complete challenges
- Strategic Plan
- Renovation: Outside patio & Solarium facia
- Tween programs



Quick Facts

1755 Active Card Holders, this means they have visited the library within the last two years

1133 Town of Grand Valley

312 Township of Amaranth

160 Township of East Garafraxa

56 Summer Residence

100 Other

694 Expired Accounts, have not used the library in over 2 years.

Materials Borrowed

43,865 items borrowed (print & eformats)

HIGHLIGHTS

Children's Material - 16,174

Adult Fiction - 8,994

Audio Books - 1,714

Teen Material - 831

Chromebooks - 41 (provided by the UGDSB)

Hotspots - 369

DVDs - 4,288

Interlibrary Loans

1011 Borrowed from other libraries

719 Loaned out to other libraries

Program Attendance

The library held 305 programs with an attendance of 2993

Fun Fact: 60 Gingerbread House Curbside Kits (sponsored by the Grand Valley Lions Club) were available this year with 231 people participating in the program.

GVPL Program information can be found @

<https://www.townofgrandvalley.ca/en/our-services/online-databases.aspx>

Online Resources Available

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- Research Databases
- Overdrive (ebook (print & audio), eMagazines)
- World Book Encyclopedia
- Flipster – eMagazines
- Freegal – Streaming/Downloadable Music
- Ancestry Library Edition
- Chilton Manuals – vehicle repair
- Small Engine Repair
- World Information- Travel, Maps, Food and Culture
- Pressreader – Newspapers and Magazines
- Mango Languages – learn a new language
- Novelist Plus & Novelist K-8 – reading resource for book suggestions
- Beanstack – reading app

- Lote 4 Kids – Children’s picture books in different languages
- Niche Academy – online tutorials
- Creative Bug – online database with free & unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft classes that you can watch anywhere, anytime!
- World Book Activity Centre – thousands of low-cost crafts & activities for all levels of crafting from basic beginners to advance

Moving Forward – New for 2022

Library Board Members For 2023- 2026: Julie Van Alstine- ViceChair, Amy Steele, Brennan Solecky, Mary Hatch, Councillor James Jonker (Town of Grand Valley), Councillor Dave Halls (Township of East Garafraxa), Councillor Andrew Stirk (Township of Amaranth)-Chair

Radon detectors for loan in the Fall of 2023

March Break Programs are back. Comic Juggler Craig, Dufflebag Theatre and Hands on Exotic Safari Adventures.

The Grand Valley Public Library is the foundation of the Community, providing social and educational resources. The Grand Valley Public Library Board and Dedicated Staff are committed to serving our communities. The library will continue to offer a variety of programs, support and online resources to meet the needs of our communities. Comments and suggestions from the community to help improve our services are always welcomed.