



Annual Report 2023

Explore – Connect – Enrich

Highlights of 2023

The Grand Valley Public Library plays an important role in the community. The Grand Valley Public Library Board and the Staff continue to strive to bring new and innovative ideas to the community residents. This year we made great strides in meeting some of the goals of the 2022-2025 strategic plan.

Community Awareness: If there was an event we tried to be there. Duck Day Race, Farmers Market and the Fall Fair.

Inspired Opportunities: With the help from a Dufferin Community Grant and Grand Valley Home Hardware, the library provided cooking classes for children from Grades 5-8. This program has been extremely successful with 29 registrants in 2023 and already 20 registrants for the 2 classes being held in 2024.

Service Excellence: Great customer service is a priority here at the Library. Staff are continually improving their skills and education to help serve you better.

Plan for the Future: The Library Board has created a sub-committee to research the needs of the library and what a future Library will look like.

New 2023

- Radon Detectors
- Therapy Lamps for loan
- Evenings at the Library
- Book Club
- Cooking Classes
- Food Bank Produce Market on Thursdays

Board Members

Andrew Stirk, Chair & Amaranth Rep
Julie VanAlstine, Vice Chair
Brennan Solecky
Amy Steele
Mary Hatch
James Jonker, Town of Grand Valley Rep
Dave Halls, East Garafraxa Rep.

Joanne Stevenson, C.E.O
February 2024



Quick Facts

Approximately 30,177 entered the Grand Valley Public Library. That is equivalent to 91 people entering the library each day we are open.

Grand Valley Public Library has 2728 households in their service area. That means the average household use for the library is 11 times.

1757 Active Card Holders, this means they have visited the library within the last two years.

- 1137 Town of Grand Valley
- 307 Township of Amaranth
- 160 Township of East Garafraxa
- 51 Summer Residence
- 100 Other
- 866 Expired Accounts, library card has not been used in over 2 years.

Facebook 1.2K followers to the library's facebook page.28,369 reaches

Instagram 748 followers to the library's Instagram page, 23,975 reaches

Materials Borrowed

44176 items borrowed (print & eformats)

HIGHLIGHTS

Children's Print Material 27,314

Adult Print Fiction 8,598

Audio Books 2,559

Teen Material 760

Chrombooks 24

Hotspots 396

DVDs 3707

Interlibrary Loans

1152 Borrowed from other libraries

719 Loaned out to other libraries

Program Attendance

The library held 330 programs with an attendance of 3753

There are many different aspects to a successful program. We would like to thank our many guest speakers for attending the Tea/Coffee and Connections and hosts for the Evenings at the Library.

Below are some local businesses and local groups who have contributed financial support to our ongoing effort to bring you great programming.

- Grand Valley Lions Club – Gingerbread house program and other programs.
- Grand Valley Home Hardware – Cooking Classes
- Circle K – Teen Drop in Pizza Night
- Compass Church – Children's/Teen programs
- Dufferin County RTOERO – Adult programs
- Grand Valley Drug Store
- Dufferin County
- Monday Night at the Movies

Looking Ahead

March Break Programs: Canadian Raptor Conservancy "Birds of Prey", Fireside Munsch, Bumbling Bert Magic Show

Evening at the Library: Adult Programs

Website – a new website will be launched in 2024.

Creating new and exciting partnerships within our community.

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.