



COUNTY OF BRANT
Public Library

Annual Report
2025



A Letter from Fred Gladding, Library Board Chair

I am incredibly proud of the impact our library continues to have on our community. Over the past year, despite ongoing challenges, our staff and Board have shown just how essential libraries are in supporting lifelong learning, curiosity, and opportunity for people of all ages.

In 2025, we reached several meaningful milestones, including re-starting the search for a site to locate our New Main Branch, welcoming more community members through increased card registrations and program attendance, and forming new local partnerships.

We also celebrated 20 years of *One Book, One Brant* with author Emma Donoghue, explored new initiatives such as *Winter at Pemberley*, and continued to inspire young readers through story times and the TD Summer Reading Program.

None of this would be possible without our patrons—your enthusiasm and support are what make our libraries vibrant and welcoming places for all.

Fred Gladding
Library Board Chair



Photo: Fred Gladding and Marilyn Sewell accepting the Community Impact Award at the County of Brant Volunteer Recognition Ceremony.

2025 Library Board

Fred Gladding, **Chair**
Marilyn Sewell, **Vice-Chair**
John Bell
Kari Raymer Bishop
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Nathan Etherington
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Our Mission, Vision, and Values

Our Mission

The County of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity and empowers lifelong learning.

Our Vision

Explore Today. Navigate Tomorrow.

Our Values

Community innovation | Equitable access | Client-centred service | Cooperation
Respect | Service team excellence | Intellectual freedom

2025 by the numbers

Traffic

128,910

In-person visits to our branches.

Members

As of 2025, we have

32,070

registered members

Reference Queries

Our staff answered

43,029

research and reference questions from patrons

“As a homeschooler, I greatly appreciate having **access to expensive equipment and technology** that is thought provoking and so easy to curate lessons around.”

Internet Usage

Brant Library saw a

9.11%

increase in internet usage in our branches.

Online Classes

122.85%

more patrons used online classes to improve their skills.

Items Borrowed

378,144

items were borrowed from Brant Library.

Our patrons saved **\$7,271,709.12*** using the library!

That is an average of **\$19.23*** for every item borrowed!

25% more savings than 2024!

*Based on 2025 circulation statistics.

Programming highlights

Programs Held

1,859

Adult & children programs

Program Attendance

30,650

patrons attended our programs.

“The library is doing a great job at programming. There are **programs offered that I haven't even heard of previously!** Great job!”



One Book, One Brant 20th Anniversary

2025 marked 20 years of CBPL's beloved community reads event. Over 200 patrons celebrated with us at bestselling author Emma Donoghue's visit and author talk in April.



In partnership with Therapeutic Paws of Canada, our new program **Paws to Read** quickly became a fan favourite.

Marcus, a certified (*and adorable*) therapy dog, listens while children practice reading to him.



We celebrated our first annual literary-themed gala, **Winter at Pemberley**, honoring Jane Austen's 250th birthday. Patrons enjoyed Regency-era crafts, learned period dancing, and put their knowledge to the test with trivia.

Community Initiatives



Free Period Products

In 2025, Brant Library began offering free menstrual products at all branches. This initiative is part of our commitment to period equity and improving access to essential resources for everyone in our community.

English Conversation Circle

ECC attendance jumped **116%** in 2025, leading to nearly three times more practice conversations than in 2024—and the momentum keeps building.



Wellness Drop-Ins

Introduced in 2025, Wellness Drop-Ins with the Sexual Assault Centre of Brant offer a supportive space for community members to explore wellness practices and concepts, while also accessing support related to sexual assault.

Our staff made **424** visits to local schools to promote early literacy!



Library Love



Friends of the Library

The Brant Friends of the Library volunteer group had a successful year, supporting Library programs through fundraisers like Trail of Toonies and the bi-annual book sale.

In 2025, the group celebrated its 25th Anniversary!

Award Winning

CBPL was honoured with the prestigious **Angus Mowat Award for Service Excellence**, in recognition of our innovative and highly popular programs for seniors.

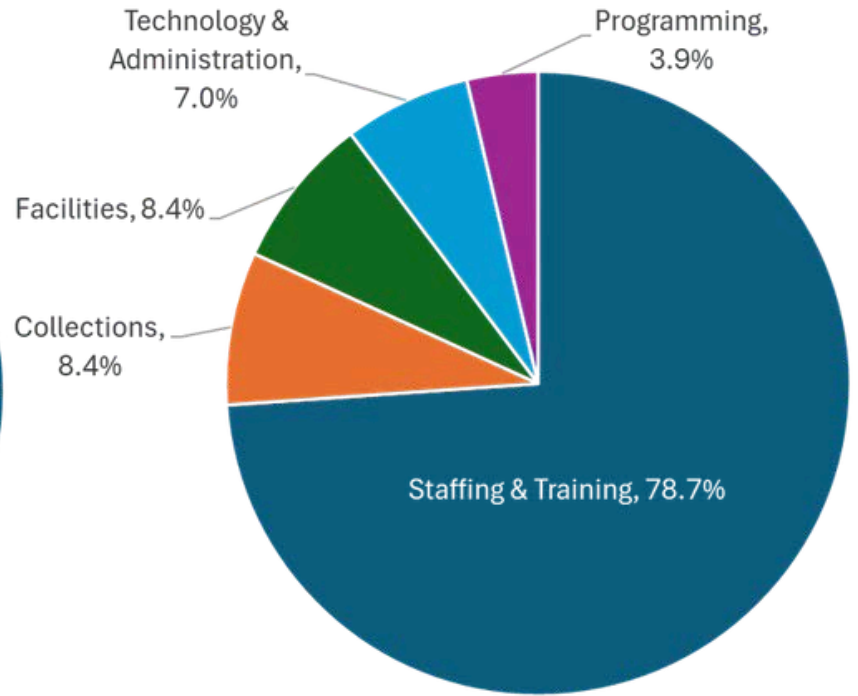
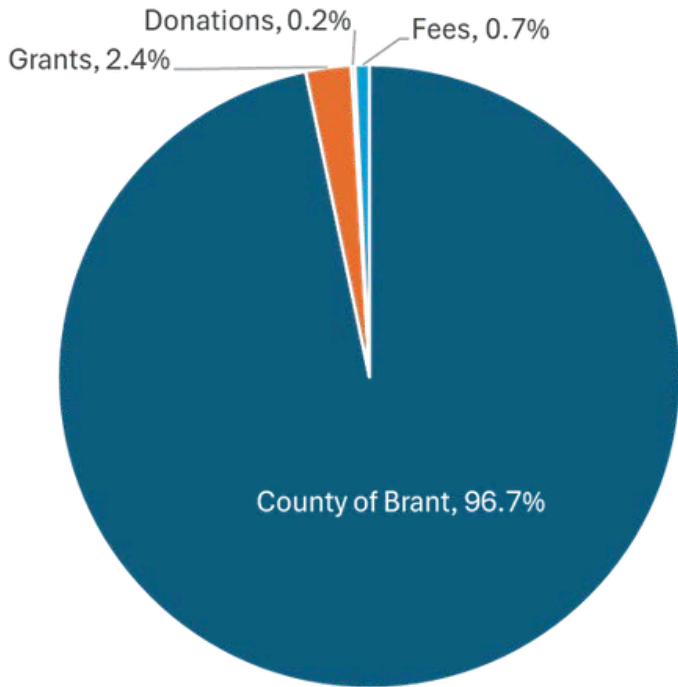


“Every experience that I have had with the [library] has been thoroughly enjoyable! **Staff are so welcoming and friendly every time I have been there** ... it doesn't cost anything to participate and learn new things. I am so thankful for all that you do.”

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Revenues & Expenditures



2025 Operating Budget

Thank you to our generous sponsors for supporting Library programs in 2025.



Did you know?

TD Summer Reading Club participants earned **3,204** prizes donated by our sponsors!



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Locations

Paris Branch

12 William Street, Paris
519-442-2433

Burford Branch

24 Park Avenue, Burford
519-449-5371

Glen Morris Branch

474 East River Road, Glen Morris
519-740-2122

Onondaga Mobile Service

Thursdays, 4-7 PM and 24/7 lending Kiosk
734 Highway 54, Onondaga
519-442-2433

Scotland-Oakland Branch

281 Oakland Road, Scotland
519-446-0181

St. George Branch

78 Main Street North, St. George
519-448-1300

