

2019

Bruce County Public Library ANNUAL REPORT

Message from Board Chair

On behalf of the Board, it is my pleasure to endorse the 2019 Annual Report of the Bruce County Public Library (BCPL).

The mission of our County's library system is to provide all the information, knowledge and entertainment resources you need to achieve your goals, foster your interests, and realize your dreams. In 2019, the Board and staff of the BCPL made significant steps toward achieving that mission.

This year we expanded our collections, successfully offered new programs and took steps to enhance access to books and other materials across the library system.

The addition of ukuleles to our collection, with the help of the Eva Leflar Foundation, was of particular note as were the new sensory kits and Be Active Sports Kits which were added with the support of the Community Foundation Grey Bruce and Grey Bruce Public Health respectively.

This year's 'Mini Comic-Con' event was the Library's most successful event ever and proved to be an outstanding community building event. The Business Perks program, which encouraged residents to shop local and get a library card, helped build partnerships between the Library and the local business community to the benefit of all.

The elimination of internet fees helped to enhance access to library services as did the introduction of the 'Book Club Kits' that enabled book clubs to easily borrow multiple copies of a single title.

The BCPL continues to believe strongly in a future where innovative ideas can fundamentally change the way our communities learn, play, and connect with each other. The new and innovative ideas that have been implemented by the dedicated staff of the BCPL in 2019 have continued to advance this vision.

The Board and I look forward to building on our 2019 successes in the years to come and, as always, we encourage everyone to join the library and visit often to enjoy and explore.

Sincerely,

Luke Charbonneau

Chair, Bruce County Public Library



Message from the Director

2019 was a year of firsts for Bruce County Public Library. We held our first mini Comic-Con which proved to be our highest-attended program ever. Our first Drag Queen Story Time demonstrated our commitment to inclusivity and diversity. We launched new collection materials as well as a mobile app.

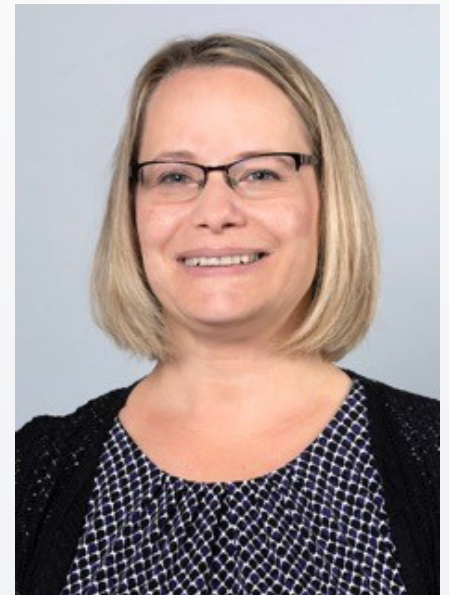
Early literacy and life-long learning remain a primary focus of BCPL. Story Times, STEAM events and programming for all ages are designed to spark your imagination. Our branches are dynamic community assets with resources to help you explore your interests and reach your goals.

The Library continues to be a hub of innovation, powered by dedicated library staff eager to serve our communities. We are always happy to hear from you. Please send any comments to libraryinfo@brucecounty.on.ca.

Sincerely,

Brooke McLean

Director, Library Services



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Trustee Patricia Symon & Warden Mitch Twolan at the OLA Super Conference



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

To our volunteers:

Bruce County Public Library extends our thanks to our many volunteers for generously donating their time and skills and helping us create a vibrant library community.

THANK YOU!

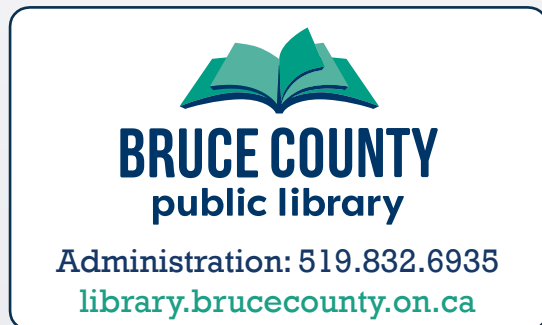
Chesley Friends of the Library
Lion's Head Friends of the Library
Port Elgin Friends of the Library
Tobermory Friends of the Library
Warton Friends of the Library



The Port Elgin Friends celebrated the branch's 111th birthday

By the Numbers - 2019

25,218 Library Cardholders 



401,146
Items Borrowed

83,345
OverDrive materials
circulated



26,447
people attended

18,240
Computer Sessions

2,811
programs

78,818
WiFi sessions

3,121 Interlibrary loan items received for patrons

Library membership is FREE!
Register online or at your local branch.
library.brucecounty.on.ca

Highlights



In 2019 we launched our mobile app. This innovative platform allows our patrons to manage their account, browse the catalogue, discover their nearest branch, explore upcoming programs and events, download eBooks, eAudiobooks, and music.

This app available for free via Google Play or the Apple App Store.

As part of our plan to launch a Bookmobile we created a survey to assess the wants and needs of our patrons for such a service. A Bookmobile will allow us to bring library resources to our communities and provide services to people who have difficulty visiting one of our library branches. Book bags were also sold in our branches to raise funds for our Bookmobile.



In 2019 we enhanced our collections with a variety of new items available both for checkout and for programming use.

Some highlights include a green screen for adding custom backgrounds to pictures & movies, coding tools for children of all ages, a variety of STEM kits that include Ozobots, Snap Circuits, ukuleles, snowshoes, sensory kits, and several Be Active kits.

In 2019 we had a total of 26,447 people attend 2,811 free programs throughout our 17 branches. In addition to our weekly programs such as Story Time, Baby Time, Kids Create, book clubs, and Needle Arts, we also hosted author visits, a National Canadian Film Day celebration, a guest speaker series, a juried art show, Let's Talk Science shows, and more!