

**Port Elgin Branch**

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**November, 2018**

<b>Early Literacy Programs: Programs for babies, children, and parents that develop pre-reading skills</b>	Preschool Story Time	This preschool program invites preschoolers and their families to come out to play games, read stories, make crafts, learn and have fun. This month a total of 36 children participated.
	Read to Me, Please	A spin-off of preschool story time, children enjoy stories and STEAM activities. This month a total of 45 children participated.
	Learning with Laura	This program is offered every other Saturday. The theme on November 3 was Indoor Games. Children played mini golf, bean bag toss and pumpkin tic-tac-toe. On November 17, the theme was Colours. Children played a colour sorting ball game and created squishy bag colour paintings. This month 34 participated.

<b>Community Development: community events, partnered programs with community groups</b>	Let's Learn - Northport Elementary School	Approximately 100 people stopped by the library booth and picked up information about the Library including the branch calendars (Port Elgin and Southampton) for November and December.
	Let's Learn - Saugeen Central School	Approximately 140 people stopped by the library booth and picked up information about the Library including the branch calendars (Port Elgin and Southampton) for November and December.
	Storybook Christmas	Port Elgin Branch was transformed into a Christmas wonderland. This 4 <sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Library Celebration was held prior to the Santa Claus parade. Approximately 172 community members enjoyed stories, activities and holiday crafts. Hot apple cider was served for the adults and juice boxes for the children. Goody bags were handed out to all children who attended. This annual event is funded by the Friends of the Port Elgin Branch Library.

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Adult and Senior Programs	Do-it-Yourself - Bath Gifts	In line with the Christmas Season, this program offered the creation of two Do-it-Yourself bath items. Participants created a Vanilla Brown Sugar Scrub and an Herbal Tub Tea. Recipes were available to participants to take home at the end of this program allowing them to create more gifts. There were 12 participants.
	Movie & Munchies	“National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation” was played in the Rotary Room. Munchies and beverages were provided by Queen’s Bar and Grill. Funds to support this program were provided by the Friends of the Port Elgin Library. There were 11 people in attendance.

Technology Based Programs	iPad Basics	An introduction to the iPad workshop was offered by branch Tech Buddy Volunteer, Zackary. There were 5 in attendance. The class was working on a Robot Lesson Plan. This provided them the opportunity to see a robot. They created an obstacle course for Dash to move through - quite the challenge! These tech toys teach hand-eye coordination with the use of a Samsung tablet.
	Dash & Dot - Northport School	Twenty-two junior kindergarten/senior kindergarteners had fun playing with Dash & Dot.

Other Children’s and Teens Programs	STEAM Mondays	STEAM Challenges are held every Monday after school. Weekly themes included: Creating Blow-up Balloons (balloons that explode); a Melting Ice Experiment; Make an Igloo; and Make Fake Snow. This month they were 50 in attendance.
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Total Circulation for	4,363 items
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Santa arriving to celebrate Storybook Christmas