



Library Board Report

To: Chair and Members of the Bruce County Public Library Board

From: Stephen Wood - Branch Supervisor

Date: June 19, 2024

Re: Lucknow Branch Update

Staff Recommendation:

The Lucknow Branch Update is for information.

Background:

It has been an eventful year at the Lucknow Branch. After hosting the library's Summer Reading Club Kick-off Party last June we've focused on hosting a variety of programs for people of all ages. The branch hosts a weekly Story Time for preschoolers and their parents or guardians. Our monthly programs include a book club for adults and ukulele jams, as well as providing a space for VPI Working Solutions to host a monthly drop-in program that help residents of Ontario improve job readiness, explore training, and get back to work.

We offer a variety of technology programs which include information sessions on fraud awareness, general tech help, 3D printers, and Cricuts. We've hosted several digital photography exhibits featuring the works of local photographers, and have partnered with various organizations including the Bruce Botanical Food Gardens, EarlyON, and the Ripley Horticultural Society. In May we hosted an Emergency Preparedness session with the Red Cross.

Our Seed Library seed exchange program has increased in popularity and has lead to different programming opportunities. This month, the Lucknow Branch will be hosting Christine Roberts from the Ripley Horticultural Society, who will be leading a presentation about native plants and pollinator gardens. This time of year is somewhat busy with class visits to the Lucknow Branch, and we will also be distributing TD Summer Reading Club materials to schools in our area as well.

This summer we'll be cohosting several programs with EarlyON, including Story Time Adventures and Story Journey programs, and in May we participated in the Lucknow town-wide yard sale. These outreach opportunities allow us to reach families who may not visit the library and share what the library has to offer.

The library offers a variety of materials suitable for all community members and strives to offer relevant and meaningful programming for all.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

None.

Link to Strategic Plan:

Trusted Community Connector
Digital Community Facilitator
Community Sharing Place