



Branch Report, November 2021, District 1

CHESTERVILLE BRANCH - Jennifer H.

Playing a key role in the public's quest to print off proof of vaccination, the Chesterville Branch fulfilled many printing requests in the past couple months.

CRYSLER BRANCH - Josée B.

Local partnerships continue to be a priority, despite current COVID restrictions. The Crysler Branch has been faithfully providing reading material to elementary school students even though in-person class visits are not yet allowed.

MAKERLAB – FINCH BRANCH - Josée C.

Strengthening the Library's internal capacity is of utmost importance. The Library's MakerLab has found its new maker expert – LSA Josée has completed her orientation and is busy familiarizing herself with the Lab's maker mission.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BRANCH - Ginette T.

The Library continues to provide patrons with opportunities to explore new educational avenues. The 'Homework Helpers' curriculum kits have been very popular, especially in South Mountain, where several families have taken advantage of this innovative offering.

WINCHESTER BRANCH - Rose D.

As more patrons become comfortable visiting the Library for extended stays, the Winchester Branch is seeing an increase in the use of in-branch resources. Items such as the mobile internet hotspots and museum passes have been in-demand in recent weeks.

DISTRICT SUPERVISOR - Jenna L.

Priorities in October included program planning and support, recruitment and training of the new Finch/MakerLab LSA, participation in the Advancing Public Library Leadership (APLL) Intensive, and coordinating/releasing the November/December edition of the 'Navigator Flash'.



Branch Report, November 2021, District 2

INGLESIDE BRANCH: (Linda P. and Colleen C.)

Book clubs are an important opportunity to connect amongst Library members, and although in-person meetings are still not possible, patrons have found that virtual get-togethers have allowed them to get re-acquainted with others after so many months of isolation.

LONG SAULT: (Christine D. and Joann L.)

Staff and Library patrons are still enjoying the refreshed look and feel that recent renovations have created in this popular neighbourhood Library branch. It is very welcoming and is much appreciated by many.

MORRISBURG BRANCH: (Stacey P. and Kate M.)

While having personal attention is always appreciated, patrons who have been trying out the recently-installed Self-Checkout system at this branch are enjoying this unique and independent way of using their Library.

IROQUOIS: (Jeannette D. and Eleanor P.)

The Library is proud to have been able to support everyone in this community with free printing of Proof of Vaccination forms. For us, this is a relatively simple gesture, but for them, it means the world!

WILLIAMSBURG: (Cheryl T.)

When changes happen in staffing, it can affect the public's perceptions of Library service. And, while another staffing change has recently taken place at this beloved branch, the community has been very gracious in welcoming a relatively new face, in part because its owner has made the effort to make connections here.

DISTRICT SUPERVISOR: (Cheryl S.)

The many facets of being a supervisor for a number of Library branches and their front-line staff is that you wear a lot of hats, including hiring and training new colleagues, planning programs, assisting in collections maintenance and development (in this case, picture books, early readers and board books for babies), and even taking on the occasional shift at "the desk". The SDG Library benefits from the experience and dedication of its supervisory staff!



Branch Report, November 2021 District 3

ALEXANDRIA BRANCH - Sylvie J. and Iris C.

SDG Libraries, among other libraries in Ontario, are offering free proof of vaccination printing. Staff at the Alexandria Branch have been very busy assisting patrons of all ages to access their information and printing their vaccination certificates.

AVONMORE BRANCH - Kelsey D.

The 'Cupcakes in a jar' giveaway and children's colouring contest were activities planned to help celebrate our 50th Anniversary during October, as well as to also help raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in Canadians' lives.

LANCASTER BRANCH - Tara N. and Valerie E.

Book Clubs promote a love of literature in a positive, nurturing environment, while also offering opportunities to meet new people and making new friends. The Cairnview Book Club took a hiatus during the early months of the pandemic, but now, facilitated by LSA Valerie, is meeting virtually until it can resume meeting at the branch.

MAXVILLE BRANCH - Emily A.

Building internal capacity by ongoing staff training and development strengthens and enhances staff skills to meet the needs and changes of the communities we serve. LSA Emily continues to do exactly this, by pursuing the Ontario Library Association's certificate program in Managing Small Public Libraries, where she recently successfully completed a Community Outreach course.

WILLIAMSTOWN BRANCH – Rachel L.

Staff engagement in community outreach is a way to collaborate with community organizations such as our local schools, especially now as pandemic restrictions are starting to ease up. LSA Rachel reached out to her local public school to offer safe Library services in various ways, which has resulted in 16 new Library membership registrations.

DISTRICT SUPERVISOR – Darlene A.

October supervisory duties included preparing information for the November-December edition of the Library's Navigator newsletter, and planning and hosting our (virtual) quarterly staff district meeting.