



LIBRARY SERVICES

JUNE 16th, 2025

SUBJECT: Library Operations

BACKGROUND:

This report serves to update Council on the activities and operations performed by Library Services.

Programming

1. The month of May saw a total of 153 programs across our fifteen (15) branches, with a total of 1,683 attendees. This month's highlights included:
 - a. Alexandria Branch hosted a "Native Plants Workshop" led by local Master Organic Gardener, Angel Beyde. Registration was full, with participants driving in from Morrisburg to learn about planting an organic, native plant garden designed to attract pollinators and support the local eco-system. With permission from the Township of North Glengarry, a bed was planted in front of the Branch, beautifying the space and attracting compliments.
 - b. Class visits continued in District 3, with Alexandria, Avonmore and Maxville all hosting local schools. Visits were focused on highlighting Library collections for project completion, Mini Maker Kits, and kickstarting summer reading plans. Educators were excited to learn about and support our "Every Kid a Card Membership Drive" which promotes and supports early literacy goals.
 - c. The May-ker Month Maker programs at the MakerLab were a huge hit, offering hands-on creativity and innovation for everyone who participated. From designing your own 3D prints to exploring the vibrant world of sublimation printing and crafting personalized faux leather keychains, each activity sparked imagination and skill-building. Participants loved the chance to create unique, custom items while learning new techniques in a fun and supportive environment.
 - d. The Long Sault Branch welcomed thirty-two (32) 4-H Cloverbuds and their leaders for a special Library Visit focused on fun and discovery. The visit showcased the library as a hub for creativity, learning, and community engagement. Participants explored hands-on activities with Mini Maker Kits, played board games, and enjoyed the button maker. A special Storytime added to the excitement. Each Cloverbud also received a 3D-printed four-leaf clover keychain, a unique keepsake celebrating their visit and 4-H spirit.

Community Outreach

2. Alexandria Branch Staff provided outreach to St. Finnan's Catholic School for their Pre-Kindergarten Open House and Community Helper Week. Staff engaged children in early literacy activities, including providing a story time at both events. The Sphero Indis made an appearance



at the Open House, showcasing that the library is more than just books and engaging children in accessible STEM activities.

3. The Summer Reading Club and Outreach Facilitators have been undertaking school visits to promote the TD Summer Reading Club program. They have scheduled StoryWalks across SDG Counties; an activity that places a children's book, page by page, on laminated poster boards along a path or in a park. Children and their families have the opportunity to enjoy reading a book while strolling through their community. This year's story, provided by the TD Summer Reading, is *Let's go! haw êkwa!* by Julie Flett.
4. Library staff, accompanied by our courier truck, participated in the Chrysler Community Touch a Truck event. Despite wet weather, staff engaged with over 150 community members. Attendees had the opportunity to explore the courier truck, enjoy a game of giant Jenga, and create custom buttons as part of SDG Library's interactive activities.

Branch Renovations and Improvements

5. The Alexandria Branch parking lot was resurfaced as part of local road improvements.

Technical Services

6. During the month of May:
 - a. 683 print and audio-visual items were processed along with 48 magazines and 8 newspapers;
 - b. 64 interlibrary loan items were received, and 96 items were shipped to other libraries;
 - c. 23 Book Club kits were distributed to branches and 3 new kits were added;
 - d. 21 books were repaired, and 24 discs were cleaned in-house; and
 - e. 147 new patron registrations, including 29 online registrations.

Communications and Marketing

7. The SDG Library website had 7.9k unique website users in the month of May, who visited over 105k SDG Library website pages.
8. Twenty-one (21) Facebook posts were made in the month of May, which reached 3.9k people.
9. Twenty-one (21) Instagram posts were made in the month of May, which reached 502 people.

Staffing

10. Patti McLeod has retired from the SDG Library after seven (7) years of service. She had served in multiple Districts as a Casual Support Assistant before accepting a Library Services Assistant position in Maxville. As such, the SDG Library is currently recruiting for a Library Services Assistant (LSA) for the Maxville branch.