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# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



 **North Perth  
Public Library**



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Community is at the heart of what we do. As Chair of your Library Board, I have marvelled at the impact the North Perth Public Library has on our community. Whether that's a safe and warm place on a cold evening, an outlet for creative energy, or the source of inspiration through words, music, or friendship. NPPL serves the community every time we connect with someone through their library experience, but this could not happen without the amazing work and dedication of our library team. Every day, our staff goes above and beyond to reach out to our community, inspiring hope and joy, and bringing people together. The team has introduced a variety of initiatives increasing the diversity of programs: Memory Cafe, Moccasin Identifiers, STEAM team, Let's Learn series, Community Living Room (partnership with VON and CLNP), and author talks, all of which encourage reading for all ages.

As well, the Library Board, continues to work in collaboration with our CEO and senior staff, having translated community input into a plan of action. Our library team also consists of a group of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers who give their time, expertise and creativity. Volunteers play an important role as active community partners, serving and supporting as student librarians, Arts Council, Friends of the Library, and North Perth Library Board members. This year was marked by the sad passing of board member Bernice Weber Passchier in July. Bernice had been a key part of the North Perth Public Library Board, where she served as a board member for over 12 years. She will be missed for her expertise, insight and her strong support for the future of the NPPL.

By working together, we make it possible to provide amazing opportunities for learning and connection at NPPL. Thank you to all who make the North Perth Public Library a vital and welcoming part of our community.

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# TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS & BIG NEWS

## **Tough Topics Made Easier**

Access a simplified list of Non-Fiction books on tough topics! The NPPL created this initiative to reduce barriers, increase access and to connect our community to needed resources. Find this list in person or online!

## **2000 People?!**

Program attendance increased from 6325 in 2024 to 8295 attendees in 2025! Despite a transition of staff members, the numbers reflect an awesome year of programming loved by the community of North Perth!

## **All the Art**

We incorporated more artwork throughout all branches, enhancing the warmth of our spaces while cultivating foundational community partnerships. Check out the new additions in all branches!

## **Who Needs Diapers?**

The NPPL implemented a diaper drive at all three branches which brought in over 3500 item donations, with 3000 of those items utilized by the community! This diaper initiative continues to be a much-needed resource.

## **Growing While Weeding**

Have you seen our special collections lately?! We have added Sunflower Walk passes, Nerf War Kits, Mini-sticks kits, Multi-gas meters and more. It has been a tremendous year of growing our whole collection, while weeding to ensure quality is met!

# SNAPSHOTS OF 2025

We are a team of 13 and are supported by volunteers and summer staff. 6 employees are full-time, 5 are part-time, and we have 2 students.

Between all of our spaces, both physical and digital, we currently have 133,254 items for you to borrow!

We had 147,898 total checkouts in 2025!!

We have over 5,613 items in our collection that are NOT books!

We offered 507 FREE inclusive and diverse programs this year!

# Statistics

## OUR PHYSICAL SPACES

- Total NPPL members: 9,818
- Total visits to NPPL branches: 51,258
- Total new cards issued: 785
- Total public computer sessions: 4507
- Total open hours: 4,048
- Total of volunteers help: 552.5 hours

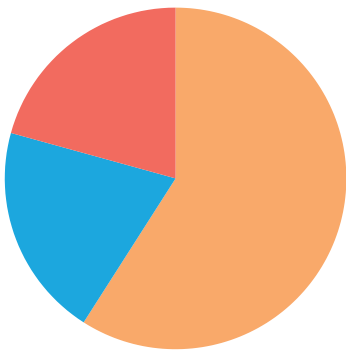


## OUR COLLECTIONS

- Total of collection items: 39,771
- Total checkouts: 106,685
- Total ILLO use: 737
- Total courier deliveries: 195



## OUR PROGRAMS



- Total programs hosted: 507
- Total attendance in programs: 8,295

- = % of youth who attended programs
- = % of adults who attended programs
- = % who attended family friendly programs

## OUR DIGITAL SPACE

- Total digital check outs: 41,213
- Total WiFi use: 14,085
- Total website sessions: 57,687
- Total resource/database sessions: 1,287,072\*\*
- Digital collection items: 93,483

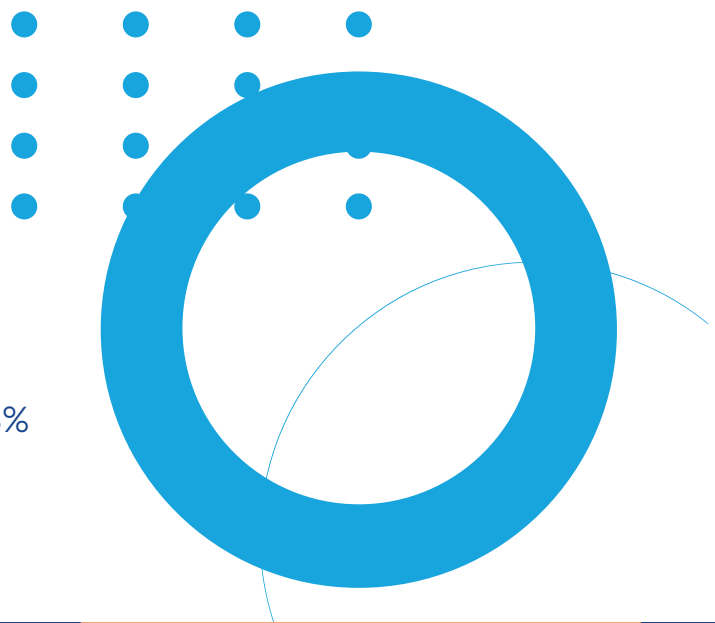


Statistics reflect all three branches (unless specified) and is the total from the 2025 year

\*\* Numbers reflect shared databases with PCIN

# In Summary...

- Visits to our website increased by 141%
- Wifi usage increased by 67.7%
- Program attendance increased by 31%
- Summer Reading participation increased by 35.8%
- Facebook reach increased by 499%
- Database usage increased by 116.9%



# Thank You

We are so grateful to the North Perth community for yet another awesome year filled with fun, connection, learning, exploring, and community. Thank you for your continued support in our programming, events, and all the services we offer. We love seeing your faces in our spaces, seeing our virtual spaces accessed, and interacting with you out in the community. Our strategic priorities of reducing barriers, growing out into our community, and aiming for sustainability and good stewardship remain at the forefront in our plans for moving forward.

Can't wait for you to join us in 2026!

-Ellen Whelan, CEO of NPPL

