

ANNUAL REPORT

2022

Maker Corner
Make it at Your Library

CATHERINE



EAST GWILLIMBURY
Public Library



MESSAGE FROM EGPL'S

LIBRARY BOARD CHAIR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

East Gwillimbury Public Library is an energetic and enriching community resource. We provide gathering spaces, books, and technology for residents to create, play, and grow. As an active and engaged part of the East Gwillimbury community, we are committed to offering inclusive programs and services without the pressure to spend money so that everyone can participate and feel like they belong.

In 2022, we saw continued increases for in-person library card registrations, library visitors, program attendees, and public wifi use. Our membership and print circulation surpassed pre-pandemic levels by the end of the year, with our circulation of physical material seeing the highest on record.

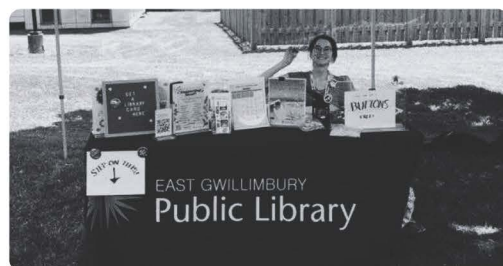
Libraries contribute to strong, vibrant neighbourhoods full of people who feel curious, inspired, and connected to their community. All our successes would not be possible without the support of the Town of East Gwillimbury, The Friends of the East Gwillimbury Library, and the community at large. Thank you for your contributions to a wonderful year. Together, we build a healthy and desirable community.



Diana Robichaud
Library Board Chair



Angela Ramsey
Chief Executive Officer



BUILD & INNOVATE

- **Food Pantry Renovation:** The Holland Landing Food Pantry completed its renovation work in summer 2022 with increased storage and refrigeration space. New community partnerships were developed with groups like the Victory Baptist Church, Revera Retirement, and St. James Clothing and Food Closet. New volunteers have also been recruited and trained to keep up with increased demand for services.
- **York Cinemania Relaunch:** East Gwillimbury Public Library and Newmarket Public Library relaunched the York Cinemania film screening series after pausing during the pandemic. York Cinemania brings international and Canadian films from the TIFF circuit to audiences who may not have access to them otherwise.
- **SharePoint Modernization Project:** Part of larger Town Modernization initiatives, the Library migrated to SharePoint for its internal file storage and organization, allowing for increased collaboration and better records retention by staff.
- **Study Rooms:** Our Mount Albert branch was renovated to include two new study rooms for our community. These much needed rooms offer a private space for residents to work or study and are available to use free of charge.



ENGAGE

- **Wonderbook Collection:** To make reading fun and engage young learners in creative ways we added over 40 new Wonderbooks to our collection, encouraging children to read on their own or listen to the stories they love while following along on the page.
- **Community-Led Programming:** As the Library reintroduced our regular in-person programming, we collaborated with community residents and groups to showcase local talent and knowledge. Examples included our pop up community legal clinics, outdoor arts circle, and Winter Solstice events.
- **Digital Literacy Outreach:** For the first time since the pandemic the Library has been in the community offering STEAM programming at local schools and events while also offering special Tech Help sessions in Sharon with the 55 and Up Club.



DELIVER

- **Home Library Service:** This new monthly delivery service is a convenient and flexible solution for busy families, shift workers or anyone who has trouble making it to the Library during open hours. Home Library Service is available to all residents of East Gwillimbury with a valid Library card.
- **Maker Corners at Both Branches:** Our new dedicated space has not only increased the visibility of our Makerspace equipment but also allows for more public use of equipment. Further plans to decorate the spaces will be coming in 2023.
- **New Merchandise:** We expanded our merchandise offerings to include Library sweaters. Our merchandise helps raise Library awareness and build recognition in the community. All proceeds from merchandise sales support Library programs and services.
- **Cricut Joy:** Our makerspace has been such a success that we wanted to encourage East Gwillimbury residents to make at home by adding two Cricut Joys. Makers can create new and interesting items with these digital cutters from the comfort of their own homes.



BY THE NUMBERS



16.7%
Active Library
Card Users



65.2%
Library Card
Registrations



17.6%
Audiobook
Circulation



70.6%
Children's Program
Attendance



10.9%
Digital Movies



95.8%
Book Circulation



127.4%
In-person Visits



55.4%
Technology
Circulation



2.4%
eAudiobook
Circulations



238%
In-Library
Reference

IN APPRECIATION TO

- EG Gardeners for their ongoing maintenance of the Literacy Garden in Holland Landing
- Friends of the East Gwillimbury Library for their ongoing support and financial donation
- Community members and local groups who donated to the Holland Landing Food Pantry and Library literacy programs
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport Public Library Operating Grant
- Service Canada Summer Job Grant to hire two students for the TD Summer Reading Program
- Southern Ontario Library Service Connectivity Grant
- Town of East Gwillimbury Council, staff, and residents for their on-going support
- Young Canada Works Grant to hire a Library Intern
- Canada Healthy Initiatives Grant funded by the Government of Canada for the Holland Landing Food Pantry renovations



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