

Annual Report

2023



Clarington Library
Museums & Archives

Message from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer

2023 was a year of change and growth for both Clarington and the Library & Museum. We continue to inspire curiosity and be a destination where our community can relax, connect, learn, and thrive.

As our community has changed, Clarington Library, Museums & Archives has adapted to ensure that it continues to meet community needs. With a new strategic plan, a Maker's Space, the addition of food pantries and seed libraries, and the re-opening of Waverley Place, along with expanding community partnerships and increased outreach presence, 2023 has been a very fulfilling year for the Clarington Library, Museums & Archives and it's members.

The future of libraries and museums is bright, and the Library Board is looking forward to providing more rewarding experiences within our community!



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Steven Cooke

Chair

Clarington Public
Library Board



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monika".

Monika Machacek

Chief Executive Officer

Clarington Library,
Museums & Archives



2023 Accomplishments

Significant events, milestone achievements, and favourite memories



2023 - 2027 Strategic Plan & New Brand

CLMA's first strategic plan as a harmonized organization and a new brand and website to represent Clarington's libraries, museums, and archives was launched in **September**.



Maker's Space Launch

Featuring 3D printers, Cricuts, sewing machines, a recording studio, and more, CLMA opened our first Maker's Space in **October**.



Reopening of Waverley Place

In **June**, after undergoing maintenance, remediation work, and cosmetic repairs, the Waverley Place reopened for programs, tours, and group visits!



Food Pantries

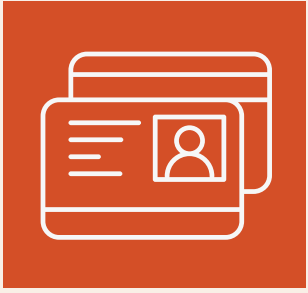
CLMA opened 3 food pantries at the Bowmanville, Newcastle, and Orono Libraries in **January** in partnership with Feed the Need Durham and the Clarington East Food Bank.



Seed Library

In **March**, we launched our first ever seed library! Members could come in and "borrow" all types of seeds, including cucumbers, sunflowers, and daisies, to bring home and plant.

By the Numbers



44,944 Active Library Users

A 15% increase from 2022!



49% Increase in Visitors

That's 820 visitors a day!



4,875 Daily Virtual Visitors



1,112,631 Items Circulated



20,839 Program Attendees



9,755 Outreach Visitors



266,923 Wi-Fi Logins



26,498 Public Computer Sessions



1,527 Programs Offered

Over 6,000lbs of Food Donated to the Pantries

4,742 New Cardholders

2,040 Seed Packets Borrowed



Economic Impact

\$743.73

The average member's annual savings provided by their Clarington Library, Museums & Archives card

\$7.45

The return on investment for every \$1 invested in Clarington Library, Museums & Archives

Budget

Revenue

Municipal Tax Levy	\$3,855,628
Transfer from Reserves	\$307,910
Grants	\$116,971
Other (Merchandise, Fees, Donations)	\$50,750
	\$4,331,259

Expenses

Staffing	\$3,420,496
Operations	\$438,199
Collections, Technology, Exhibits	\$472,564
	\$4,331,259

New Things to Borrow

We expanded our Library of Things in 2023 to include all sorts of new loanable items!

Go Pros

Chromebooks

Knitting Needles

Bike Locks

New Community Passes



Most Borrowed

Our most checked out items in 2023!



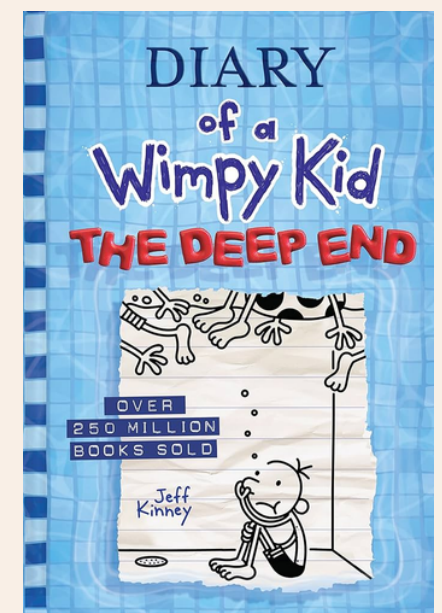
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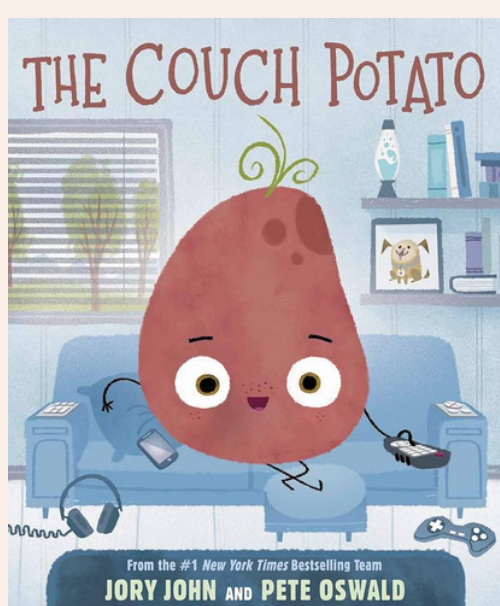
Print
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Multimedia



Junior Fiction



Picture Book



Young Adult
Fiction



Digital
Adult Fiction



Digital
Adult Non-Fiction

Programs & Services

The Library & Museum run special programs & offer a variety of services throughout the year. Here are some highlights!



Edwardian Teas

In **July & August**, we reintroduced Edwardian Teas. Over 4 teas throughout the summer, 70 attendees enjoyed a cup of tea and refreshments on the veranda of Waverley Place, before exploring the heritage home in a guided tour.



Drag Queen Storytime

In **June**, Clarington hosted drag queen storytime. Over 150 participants enjoyed song, dance, stories, and laughter while promoting love, diversity, and inclusion.



Clarington Celebrates Black History Month

In **February**, CLMA, in partnership with the Municipality of Clarington, hosted Clarington Celebrates Black History Month. This immersive experience featured entertainers, vendors, and artists from across Durham Region.



TD Summer Reading Club Kick-Off Party

In **June**, 375 children joined us for the TD Summer Reading Club Kick-Off Party on the grounds of the Waverley Place. With live music, activities, games, and pizza, everyone had a blast getting ready to read for the summer!



Customer Appreciation Day

In **October**, we brought back Customer Appreciation Day, celebrating those that visit and support us all year round! Customers were treated to refreshments while taking turns to spin the prize wheel to receive CLMA swa

Community Stories

A glimpse into what Clarrington loves about the Library & Museum

“Thank you guys for everything you do! I appreciate the library so much. Without you, I never would have made it through the last two years.”

"I wanted to reach out and thank the staff for the wonderful March Break Programming. It was so fun and engaging I think I was able to get my grandkids to each program for their ages. The staff were so kind, fun and patient with the kids. My grandchildren really enjoyed their break and I was grateful to be able to keep them busy. Thank you so much"

A customer accessing the food pantry at the Newcastle Library expressed her gratitude for the initiative and how helpful it is for her family.



Governance & Management

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Visit Us



Bowmanville
Library



Courtice
Library



Newcastle
Library



Orono
Library



Sarah Jane Williams
Heritage Centre



Waverley
Place



Clarke
Schoolhouse



OUR VISION

Clarington Library, Museums & Archives inspires curiosity and is a destination where our community can relax, connect, learn, and thrive.



OUR MISSION

We will be the cornerstone of our community by offering a treasure trove of books, artifacts, and resources that reflect the richness of our evolving culture and our shared knowledge. We inspire connections, empower minds, and create a vibrant tapestry of understanding.



OUR VALUES

- Curiosity & Ideas
- Preservation
- Innovation
- Intellectual freedom
- Community
- Respect
- Accountability

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