

2012

Mission Statement

To be an informational, educational, cultural and recreational resource valued by the Niagara Falls community as a vital asset enhancing the quality of life by providing free and equitable access to information.

The Niagara Falls Public Library serves a population of 82,997 residents (2011) at its 4 Libraries, offering regular services 218.5 hours per week. Every day, the Niagara Falls Public Library helps people connect to each other and world around us.

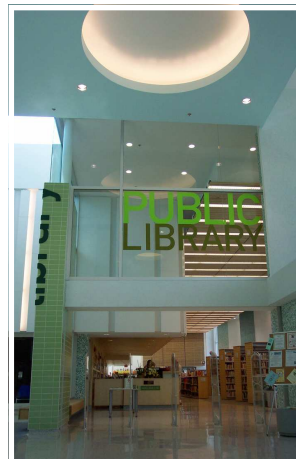
Highlights

We offered 32 weekly early literacy programs in 2012, for ages 4 months to 6+ including after school read aloud programs and remedial reading therapy tales, "read to a dog." Most such as Bouncin Babytime, have full attendance and are a great introduction to rhymes and activities for new parents. We also continued our successful Traveling Tales outreach programs and have partnered with 10 child care or schools in the community. We participated in special tours and presentations at Family Literacy nights at local schools.

We have seven adult book discussion groups of approximately one hundred people, facilitated by our staff. Our book club members have always been very loyal to the Library and we celebrated their dedication and all things book-related with a book lovers' literary lunch. Cathy Marie Buchanan spoke about the wonders of our community through the discussion of her novel, *The Day the Falls Stood Still*. It was a perfect tribute to both our city and our book club members. The lunch was so well received by our Book Discussion group members that we have made this an annual event!

The Library recognizes all who made donations to the Tree of Knowledge in 2012: K. Barker, W. Dalman, B. Duncan, friends of Linda Stanton, L. Holden, M. Lips, NF Nature Club, E Reynolds, the Sheridan family, P. Stacey, and all the many other generous supporters.

We look forward to continuing to be a community hub, "a place" to gather both virtually and in person that is relevant and accessible to all.



Annual Report



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Library Staff

Chief Librarian

Monika Seymour

Childrens Services

Inge Saczkowski

Public Services

Susan Di Battista

Reference Services

Andrew Porteus

Technical Services

Janet Martin

Systems Administrator (Acting)

Chris Dunn

Branch Libraries

Carrie Chiamonte

Acquisitions & Adult Services Librarian

Ashleigh Last

Librarians *Cathy Roy, Darlene Kornya*

Buildings & Property *Dave Styles*

(Keith Muma retired August)

Executive Secretary *Ruth Smith*

Library Board

2011-2015

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Staff Service Awards & Retirements

35 years of Service – Mary Louise Crysler–Scott, Inge Saczkowski

25 years of Service – Sandy Bain, Andrew Porteus, Heather Rodman, Monika Seymour

20 years of Service—Chris Dunn

Retirees—Keith Muma, Pat Ward

Locations

Victoria Avenue Library

4848 Victoria Avenue

Niagara Falls, ON L2E 4C5

905-356-8080

Community Centre Branch

7150 Montrose Road

Niagara Falls, ON L2H 3N3

905-371-1200

Stamford Centre Branch

3643 Portage Rd N

Niagara Falls, ON L2J 2K8

905-357-0410

Chippawa Branch

3763 Main Street

Niagara Falls, ON L2G 6B3

905-295-4391

Typical Week—2012

People entering the library 10,982

Electronic visits 115,254

Materials used in-library
(includes E resources) 112,582

Reference Questions 1,861

Internet sessions 2,264

Annual Activities Resources

Active Borrowers 46,538

Circulation
(materials borrowed) 714,031

Interlibrary Loans
-items borrowed 2,752
-items lent 3,448

Program attendance 24,399

Internet sessions 87,815

Website visits 6,103,232

Financial Summary (subject to audit)

Revenue	(dollars)	Expenditures	(dollars)
Municipal operating funds	3,729,724	Salaries & benefits	3,044,212
Municipal debentures	121,561	Library Materials	305,865
Provincial grant	167,480	General expenses	242,821
Federal Grants	12,423	Maintenance & utilities	247,118
Receipts	145,930	Debentures	121,561
Donations	6,160	Rent	82,155
		Insurance	48,669
		Transfer to reserves/capital	90,871
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We appreciate and acknowledge the contributions and donations that allow us fulfil our mandate.

The Library is funded by the City of Niagara Falls and the Ontario Ministry of Culture.

A special grant was received in 2011 from the Community Access Program – Industry Canada for the provision of Public Internet Access..

A Microsoft Citizenship Program donation allowed us to upgrade all public access computers to Windows 7.

An 1812 Commemorative Grant from the Ministry of Heritage provided funds to frame and enable display of a collection of art depicting the 1812 -14 war.