

2025

Annual Report





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Our Mission

Clarington Library, Museums & Archives 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.

Inspiring Curiosity

Message from the Board Chair & CEO

2025 has been a year of meaningful progress for Clarington Library, Museums & Archives, defined by a deepened commitment to sustainability, community connection, and inclusive growth. We focused on creating opportunities that bring people together while supporting a more resilient and vibrant Clarington.

Throughout the year, we expanded our offerings with diverse programs designed to inspire learning, foster connection, and bring our shared history to life. We also built new partnerships with local businesses and community organizations, helping us better support and celebrate the people who make Clarington unique.

We're proud to share stories, past and present, that connect us and reflect Clarington's spirit.

Thank you for bringing your curiosity to CLMA. We can't wait to see what this year brings!



Tenzin Shomar
Chair, Clarington
Public Library Board

Monika Machacek
Chief Executive Officer, Clarington
Library, Museums & Archives



Bowmanville Library



Courtice Library



Newcastle Library



Orono Library



Sarah Jane Williams Museum



Waverley Place Museum



“We love coming to the Courtice Library, my 2- and 3-year-olds have lots to do, there is a great variety of kids’ books in both English and French and we enjoy attending the many programs the library has to offer. The staff are friendly and kind and often go out of their way to add to our library experience.”



2025 Highlights

Repair Cafes

The CLMA hosted 3 Repair Cafes in 2025, demonstrating our commitment to sustainable resources. Volunteer fixers were able to repair items for community members including bicycles, furniture, clocks, jewelry and household electronics.



Golden Tales: Chronicles of Our Community

Through interviews conducted from October 2024 to March 2025, this Oral History Project curated a treasury of narratives and portraits contributed by local seniors who have either settled in or were born in Clarington.

Book Locker

In May, the CLMA and Municipality of Clarington unveiled our Book Locker at the Darlington Sports Centre in Hampton, allowing residents to borrow high-interest adult and junior books from a convenient area in the community.



Heritage Fair

The CLMA hosted our first Heritage Fair in November at the Bowmanville Library. Attendees explored presentations from local heritage, arts, and culture partners and learned what each organization offers to the community.

Curious Communities

In June, CLMA introduced our library card discount program! Participating businesses offer a discount or promotion to customers who present their CLMA library card. The program was shortlisted for a Provincial award in November!



“[CLMA] is such an incredible resource for the community. The programs offered are not only fun and engaging but also deeply beneficial for children’s growth and development. [They] provide kids with opportunities to explore their interests, build new skills, and develop confidence in a safe and welcoming environment.”

“Thanks again for such an amazing opportunity. Students who do not have success with sports or other endeavours LOVE [Battle of the Books]. It gives them a place to come once a week and peers to connect with. They feel success through growing their academic readings skills as well as their social skills.”

By the Numbers



42,245

Cardholders

5,287 New Cardholders



7,687

Questions Answered



3,600,197

Visits

338,533 In-Person
436,856 Website
2,824,808 Mobile App



20,791

Computer Uses

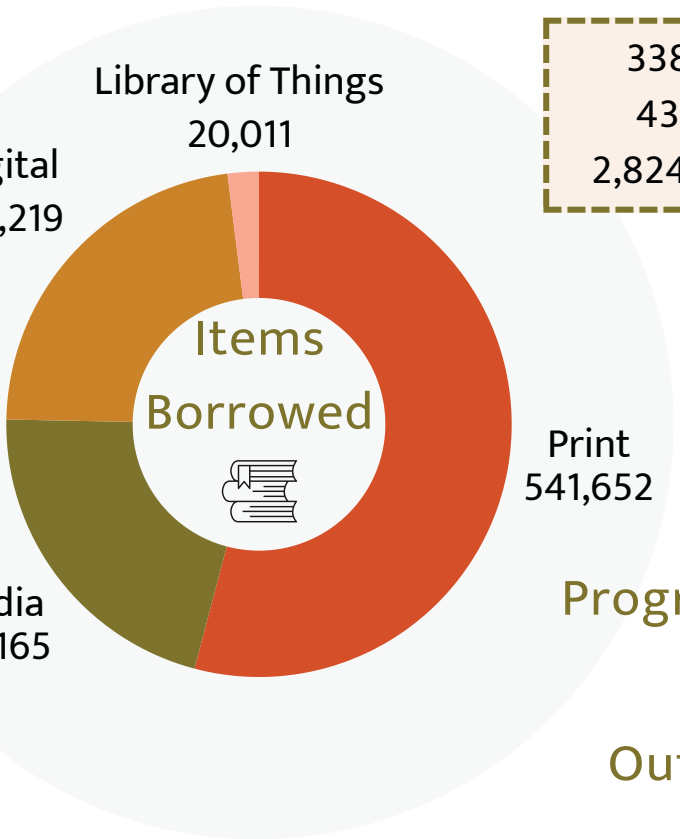
259,203

WiFi Uses

Library of Things
20,011

Digital
227,219

Media
212,165



Items Borrowed



27,424

Program Attendees

10,811

Outreach Visitors

“My daughter and I attended a free tour of Waverly Place a few weeks ago and had such an enjoyable time. [...] Very interesting piecing this together - the home, the families and their legacies to our town. Thank you for putting on the tour and for all your hard work keeping the history alive.”



What's New
in the
Library of
Things?



Musical Instruments



Gardening Kits



Cricut Joys

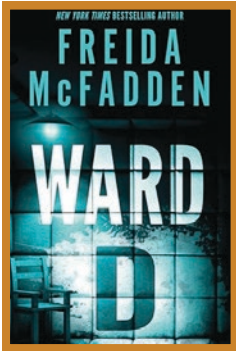


Sewing Machines



Teen Book Bags

Most Borrowed



#1 Adult Fiction
Ward D,
Freida McFadden

#1 Digital Fiction
Onyx Storm,
Rebecca Yarros

#1 Picture Book
Leaves!,
Robert Munsch



#1 Library of Things
Ontario Parks
Day-Use Pass

Did You Know?

Every \$1 invested in CLMA
generates \$7.64 in economic
benefits for Clarington.

The average person saves
\$1,028.37 a year by using
their CLMA library card.



Revenue & Expenses

Revenue	
Municipal Tax Levy	\$5,039,202
Transfer from Reserves	\$357,777
Grants	\$113,981
Other (Fees, Donations)	\$116,039
	\$5,626,999

Expenses	
Staffing	\$4,429,379
Operations	\$729,360
Collections, Technology & Exhibits	\$468,260
	\$5,626,999

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