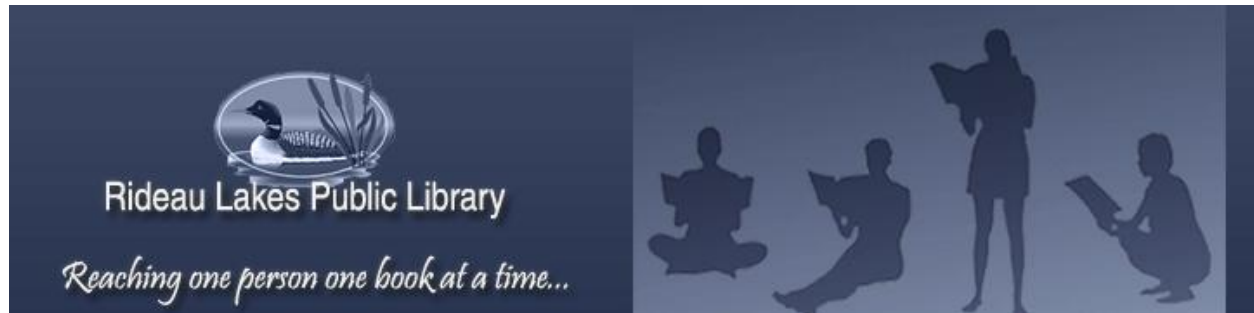


Rideau Lakes Public Library



2008 Annual Report

Highlights of 2008

- Lakes and Islands Lifelong Learning Project implemented in January 2008
- Library surveys were undertaken in the summer
- Library Board began the process of strategic planning
- Our DVDs were increased substantially
- Newboro Library Branch was painted and brightened up
- Another partnership was undertaken with Leeds and the 1000 Islands Public Library - a digitization grant to digitize materials of local heritage organizations
- 4 new book clubs were established in Elgin, Portland, Newboro and South Elmsley and more book club sets were developed
- we received additional ServiceOntario funding to assist the public in government online services
- our website was redesigned to make it cleaner and easier to navigate
- we purchased two literacy stations for children age 2-8

Board of Trustees

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The Statistical Story

- 52,512 checkouts at Rideau Lakes Public Library (7% increase from 2007)
- 3,276 registered library card holders
- 39,396 items available for checkout
- 34,650 visits to the library
- 64,900 in-library use of materials
- 14,276 electronic visits
- 3,599 people used our public computers and wireless services

What does that mean????

- At the average cost of \$25 per library item—library patrons checked out the equivalent of \$1,312,800 worth of items
- Each patron would have checked out 16 library items this past year!
- Attendance is over 3 times the total population for Rideau Lakes
- Internet use is 49% higher than in 2006
- It means our library is very busy. We are the public face of our township.

Partnerships are important to our operation. Our partners include

- Leeds and the 1000 Islands Public Library
- North Grenville Public Library
- Country Roads Community Health Center
- Upper Canada Board of Education
- 1000 Islands Workforce Board and Job Bank in Elgin
- Local Hall Boards
- Rideau Lakes Horticultural Society and community beautification groups
- Ontario Early Years
- Township of Rideau Lakes Recreation Department and Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Comments from our patrons

"The library is my most important source of entertainment, enjoyment and camaraderie. Bravo!" Delta resident

"This library is one of the best I have used in a long time. I have moved all over the country and feel I am qualified to judge the services." New Rideau Lakes library user

*"I love this library! It rocks."
A young library user*

Rideau Lakes Public Library
Elgin Branch 613-359-5315
Portland Branch 613-272-2832
Delta Branch 613-928-2991
Newboro Branch 613-272-0241
South Elmsley Branch 613-284-9827
Headquarters 613-359-5334
On the Web:
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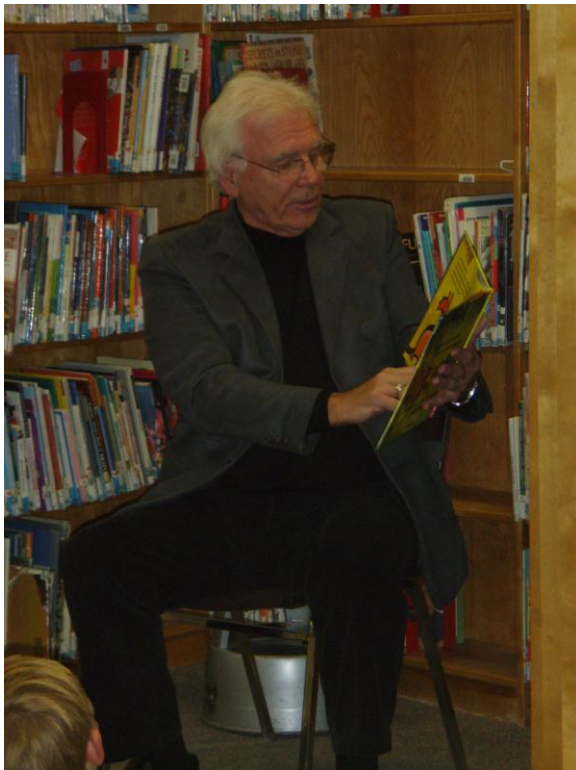
Children's Programs

Studies show that children who read succeed. Some of our programs included

- The Ontario Library Association Forest of Trees Reading Programs were participated in by students at South Crosby, Lombardy and Rideau Centennial Public Schools
- Toronto Dominion Summer Program "Laugh out loud" was presented at

our libraries, at beaches and local day camps with 352 boys and girls participating

- Partnered in operating a summer drama camp in Newboro with the Township and Country Roads
- We operated regular toddler programs and themed juvenile programs in Elgin, South Elmsley and Portland
- During Library week, we hosted readings and made bookmarks with children at Lombardy and Rideau Centennial schools
- We also have regular class visits in Lombardy and Elgin



Mayor Holman reads to classes during Library Week

Adult Programming

- Outreach to seniors in Lombard Manor, Rideau Lakes Apartments and Mill Bay Court
- Outreach to shut-ins
- Lifelong Learning Lecture Series for local Diners' Clubs
- Internet training and Service Ontario training upon request
- Book clubs for adults at four branches

Lakes and Islands Lifelong Learning

The Lakes and Islands Lifelong Learning: Library Community Development is an exciting joint literacy initiative supported by the Public Library Boards of Rideau Lakes and Leeds and the Thousand Islands thanks to a special literacy grant from the Province of Ontario. In 2008, we hired a coordinator to develop activities at our library branches. Some of our programs included job search strategies, tax tips, financial fitness, accessing government grants, well awareness, first aid, Internet safety, Service Canada information, and estate planning. The library's profile was also increased with workshops on birding, genealogy, card making, flower arranging, landscape art, scrap booking and rug hooking. Other projects are planned for the early part of 2009. Please consult our web page at www.rideaulakeslibrary.ca for more information on this project.

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