

# Tillsonburg Public Library Annual Report 2005

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## Part A: Statistics

### Memberships:

**2005** 5,827

**2004** 5,670

**2003** 5,687

**2002** 5,563

These statistics represent active members only.

### Residency:

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Elgin:</b>	184	223	192
<b>Norfolk:</b>	425	452	445
<b>Oxford:</b>	831	865	912
<b>Tills</b>	4,225	3,956	3,909

### Resources:

	<b>New</b>	<b>Discard</b>	<b>Unreturned</b>	<b>Lost</b>
<b>Fict</b>	756	1,254	32	33
<b>NonFic</b>	406	303	62	34
<b>AdPap</b>	520	114	33	32
<b>JuvFic</b>	199	150	104	15
<b>JuvNF</b>	73	117	22	9
<b>JuvPap</b>	209	104	33	9
<b>Videos</b>	68	56		
<b>Audio/rec</b>	86	50		
<b>Talk Bks</b>	0	3		

**2005** 2,317 2,161 286 132

**2004** 2,767 1,750 287 193

**2003** 3,397 2,719 233 134

Unreturned = materials not returned

Lost = presumed stolen

The issue of talking books in cassette vs cd format remains a vexing one. Ideally, it would be best to purchase talking books in a single format. However, the demand remains strong for both formats and so

we need to continue the double format until the demand becomes more focussed, or publishers select a dominant format.

### Projector Use

	2005	2004	2003
<b>8mm</b>	0	7	2
<b>16mm</b>	5	4	2
<b>Overhead</b>	3	9	9
<b>Slide</b>	3	3	9

As expected, projector equipment use continues to decline, as new forms of technology becoming available. We remain, however, the only source of such equipment, so that some people remain grateful to have this access.

### Other Services

	2005	2004	2003	2002
<b>Internet Users:</b>	7,875	7,092	5,903	5,468
<b>Website Hits</b>	4,464	3,946	4,501	3,486
<b>Database Hits</b>	2,276	2,271	1,584	1,192
<b>Photocopies</b>	n/a	83K	91K	98K
<b>Faxes</b>	380	365	862	485

### Circulation

	2005	2004	2003	2002
<b>Fiction</b>	58,606	58,830	52,555	50,961
<b>Ad NF</b>	15,023	15,927	14,024	14,083
<b>JuvFic</b>	34,228	36,470	33,483	31,131
<b>JuvNF</b>	6,225	6,127	6,167	5,694
<b>Audiotapes</b>	3,677	3,501	2,586	2,278
<b>Videos</b>	11,770	13,530	10,396	4,103
<b>Talking Bks</b>	290	476	186	181
<b>Totals</b>	129,819	134,861	119,397	108,431

Circulation dipped a little in terms of children's book loans. This is surprising, because we enrolled a record number in the summer reading program, but compared to last summer, book loans were down. It is possible that the books actually checked out during last year's program were not actually read.

### Interlibrary Loan

	2005	2004	2003	2002
<b>In:</b>	865	1,020	580	440
<b>Out:</b>	615	735	575	549

An increase in interlibrary loan this year has been absolutely amazing. This can easily be attributed to the efforts of staff in general, and Mary Stevens in particular, to assure that no reasonable book request is left unsatisfied. The new Reading Club requirements for multiple book titles have also increased interlibrary

loan.

## **Part B : Highlights**

### **Staffing**

Denise Off joined the staff early in the year and left for university in the late summer. Rita VanLamoen began work in January when Katherine Goulet moved away. In July, Mary Stevens joined the Library on a fulltime permanent basis. We are very fortunate to have her on our staff because of her skills, enthusiasm and community involvement. In August, I marked my 35 th year as CEO of the Library.

### **Vandalism**

Perhaps it's a sign of the times, but for the first time in my administration of the Library, we are experiencing vandalism of the property and difficulty with certain young individuals. This has taken the form of damage to walkway lights, washroom and front door, and personal disruptions within the library (loud talking, books dislodged, skateboards).

### **Building Expansion**

A structural engineer's report was received, outlining various options for expanding the library building to resolve problems arising from the space limitations we currently face. These options will have to be reviewed to determine the best course of action in terms of properly expanding the 30 year old building. Some easing of shelving pressures was achieved in the spring by the addition of new fiction shelving in the adult department.

### **Library Promotion**

To mark the 30 th anniversary of the building, we arranged for some library book bags. It was a surprise to all of us, how quick-ly these sold out. We intend to order a new supply if and when the same style bag becomes available again.

This year, in addition to our usual March Break and summer children's program, we added a Christmas magic show that was well received.

Mary Stevens is particularly to be commended for her success in building partnerships with community groups, especially those concerned with promoting children's literacy skills.

### **Library Board**

David Stubbs found it necessary to resign from the Board towards the end of the year.

### **Appreciation**

On behalf of the Library staff, I would like to thank the members of the Library Board, for their continuing interest in effective and efficient library service for our community.

Thanks are also extended to Cynthia Hildebrand, Director of Community Services, and other Town staff for their continuing support.

Respectfully submitted

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