



Windsor Public Library Background Information

GLOBAL ENDS POLICY

Windsor Public Library exists so that residents of Windsor, and those who own or rent property in Windsor, have:

- information
- recreation
- enriched lives

QUICK FACTS	
2004 BUDGET - \$7.61 million	2003 BUDGET - \$8.16 million
ACTING CEO Brian Bell DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE Jean Foster DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING Laurence Grant	GOVERNING BODY Windsor Public Library Board (10 members appointed by City of Windsor) CHAIR Patricia McMahon LEGISLATION Ontario Public Libraries Act
2003 STATISTICS	
REGISTERED BORROWERS – 103,156	ANNUAL CIRCULATION – 1,550,776
ANNUAL VISITS – 1,013,900	HOURS OF SERVICE – 25,100
PROGRAMS OFFERED – 2,107	PROGRAM ATTENDANCE – 30,302
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION – 182,000	VISITS VIA INTERNET – 206,700
SUMMARY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Windsor Public Library has over 100,000 active library users – over 50 percent of the community using, depending and thriving on library services. In 2003, WPL logged OVER 1.5 million transactions – approximately 15 for each active library patron. • Community library use is well ahead of the Ontario average – where just over 40 percent - or 5 million - of Ontario's 12 million plus residents own a library card. In total for the last year on record, Ontario residents borrowed almost one billion items from their libraries. • Circulation up 9% in 2003; 30% in the last 4 years. • Children's Learning Centre has experienced a 250% increase in attendance in 2003. 	

CORPORATE FIRSTS

- Electronic Books (e-books): Windsor Public Library was the first library in Ontario to implement this new technology;
- Millennium Card project: Windsor Public Library was the first North American library to actively deliver a library card to each household in the community
- NewspaperDirect: Windsor Public Library is the first Public Library in Ontario to offer a print-on-demand newspaper service which provides the capability to select from over 225 same-day edition newspapers from around the world and to tailor them to the WPL collection and customers.



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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION 1999-2004

- 2004 Technology Planning Award from **WebJunction** – recognizing creative and effective technology planning
- 2004 Recognized by CULTURE.CA which selected **Settling Canada's South: How Windsor Was Made** as their featured website for September 2004. The website was developed by the Windsor-Essex Centre of Digital Expertise
- 2004 Recognized as one of the pre-eminent child-focused library systems in North America. Selected as a runner-up in the 2004 School Library Journal/Gale Thompson Giant Step Award, which identified the Kaysandra and Christopher Curtis Children's Learning Centre as being innovative and having a significant impact on children in the community. WPL was the only Canadian entry to receive recognition
- 2004 CLA/Information Today Award – Health GIS – Digital Alliance, Ontario Ministry of Culture
- 2003 Ontario Public Library Service Angus Mowat Award of Excellence, Ministry of Culture - Kaysandra and Christopher Paul Curtis Children's Learning Centre, Central Library
- 2002 Ontario Public Library Service Angus Mowat Award of Excellence, Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation (Tornos Report – examining relationship between tourism and the public libraries of Ontario)
- 2002 Canadian Library Association Award for Innovative Technology (iCity – Historic Sites of Walkerville)
- 2002 Industry Canada LibraryNet Best Practices Award (iCity – Historic Sits of Walkerville website)
- 2002 Honourable Mention - 2002 OLITA Award for Technological Innovation together with the The University of Windsor's Leddy Library for WIBS - the Windsor Internet Booking System.
- 2001 RoweCom Marketing Award (Millennium Card Project)
- 2001 Industry Canada LibraryNet Best Practices Award for Innovative Use of Information and Communications Technologies to Enhance Services to the Public (Online Book Club)
- 2000 Minister's Award for Innovation in the 2000 Public Library Service Awards, Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation (Electronic Books)
- 2000 Ontario Public Library Service Angus Mowat Award of Excellence, Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation (P.O.W.E.R. Surfers project)
- 2000: Industry Canada LibraryNet Best Practices Award in the Category of Community Partnerships (WeConnect project)
- 2000 Ontario Library and Information Technology Association Award for Technological Innovation (WERLnet)
- 1999 Technology in Government Distinction Award (WERLnet)



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FACILITIES INFORMATION

CENTRAL LIBRARY

850 Ouellette Avenue
TTY – For Hearing Disabilities: 252-4775
Built: 1972
Architects: Johnson & McWhinnie
Elevator/Escalator
Renovations:
Circulation Desk/Workroom-May 1998
Architect: Greg McLean
Dufferin Entrance-November 1999
Architect: Greg McLean
Kaysandra & Christopher Curtis
Children’s Learning Centre-November 2002
Architect: Greg McLean
Floor Area: 101,467 sq. ft. (3 floors)
Parking: Municipal Lot off Dufferin St.
(pay parking)4 handicapped plus 2 commercial

BRIDGEVIEW LIBRARY

1295 Campbell Avenue
Built: May 2002
Architect: Greg McLean
Floor Area: 5,100 sq. ft. (1 floor)
Parking: 11 spaces

FOREST GLADE – OPTIMIST LIBRARY

(Part of Forest Glade Community Centre)
3211 Forest Glade Drive
Built: 1988
Architect: J.G. Hreno
Floor Area: 5,500 sq. ft. (1 floor)
Parking: 340 spaces plus 4 handicapped
(entire complex)

NIKOLA BUDIMIR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1310 Grand Marais Rd. West
Built: 1966
Architect: Johnson & McWhinnie
Elevator
Floor Area: 9,385 sq. ft. (2 floors)
Parking: 21 spaces plus 1 handicapped

RIVERSIDE LIBRARY

6305 Wyandotte St. East
Original building built in 1954
Architects: J.G.Hreno
Re-Built: 1995
Architect: Montgomery Sisam
Floor Area: 14,160 sq. ft. (2 floors)
Elevator
Parking: 39 spaces plus 2 handicapped

SANDWICH LIBRARY

*(joint facility shared with Windsor Police Service
Sandwich Towne Community Patrol, General Brock
School and Sundowners Childcare)*
3312 Sandwich St.
Built: 1999
Architect: Greg McLean
Floor Area: 4,425 sq. ft. (1 floor)
Parking: 4 spaces

SEMINOLE LIBRARY

4285 Seminole St.
Built: 1953
Architect: Shepard & Mason
Renovated: 2000
Architect: Greg McLean
Floor Area: 4,092 sq. ft. (1 floor)
Parking: 7 spaces

SOUTH WALKERVILLE LIBRARY

1425 Tecumseh Road. East
Current location opened in 1959
Floor Area: 3,400 sq. ft. (1 floor)
Parking: 2 spaces, also metered parking
on Tecumseh Road

FONTAINEBLEAU LIBRARY

Scheduled to open Winter 2004
Architect: Montgomery Sisam

WINDSOR’S COMMUNITY MUSEUM

254 Pitt St. West
Phone: 253-1812 – Fax: 253-0919
Built: 1812
Floor Area: 6,720 sq. ft. (2 floors and basement)
Parking: parking garage/metered parking on
Pitt St.

WINDSOR’S COMMUNITY ARCHIVES

(located in the lower level of the WPL)
850 Ouellette Avenue
Phone: 255-6770 ext. 4414
Established: 1984
Floor Area: 2,617 sq. ft.