

2015

WINDSOR PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT



JUST THE FACTS...

Library Cardholders: 90,641

New Library Members: 9,494

Visitors: 669,200

Collection Size: 410,346 volumes

Items Borrowed: 1,133,269

Physical: 997,984

Digital: 135,285

Website: 1,210,637 visits

Computers Accessed: 54,157

Programs Offered: 1,972

Program Attendance: 33,694

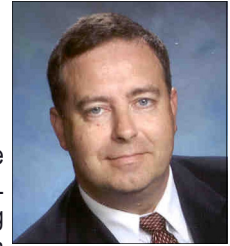
Questions Answered: 102,850

IT Related: 49,400

Reference: 28,650

General: 24,800

Message from the WPL Chair



First and foremost, a heartfelt thank you to the thousands of Windsorites who visited the WPL in 2015 and witnessed the amazing transformation of our library system, and a sincere thank you to our skilled and dedicated staff who are making it happen.

Our facility plan announced in 2014 is well underway. The expansion of the Optimist Community Centre to include a 6,500 sq.ft. library is on schedule for a late 2017 opening and the Budimir branch expansion which will see over 5,000 sq.ft. of additional space, is slated to open the following year. Library staff are working on the footprint and functional plan to turn the old Fire Hall on Mill Street into a brand new public library which retains the heritage look and feel of the structure. This will add to the historic significance of Sandwich Towne and provide a flourishing public library at the centre of this thriving community.

Work concluded on setting up the new Automotive Archives, a dedicated area at Central Library which tells the story of the development of the automobile and the auto industry in Windsor, the role of the car in everyday life and its importance to the economic wellbeing of our community. The grand opening earlier this year was a tremendous success. We also began the creation of a dedicated Local History Centre at the same location and it is shaping up to be a wonderful new facility as well. Be sure to drop by and see it for yourself!

The opening of a Library Living Room at Central Branch, a large area furnished with comfortable chairs and tables, lamps, magazines, newspapers, a television and other items more often found at home, was a welcome addition for our customers. Our Self-Publishing Centre, located in our new Technology Hub reached 12,500 books printed at the end of 2015 and with the addition of 3-D printers, robotics, a vinyl cutter, a garage band music system and other technology, will prove to be a popular destination for our customers. We were particularly excited to note the large growth in the number of library cards issued to Windsorites. WPL cardholders increased over 10 percent to 90,640 in 2015 – a tremendous achievement! The Board is pleased with this vote of confidence in the hard work of WPL staff and administration.

All of these achievements culminated in December when the Windsor Public Library Board was recognized by the Ontario Library Boards Association with its inaugural Public Library Board of the Year Award. We are delighted with this recognition for a continued high level of collaboration with staff and our City and of the innovation to produce an outstanding public library system – one of which our community can be proud.

*Dr. Peter Frise
April 2016*

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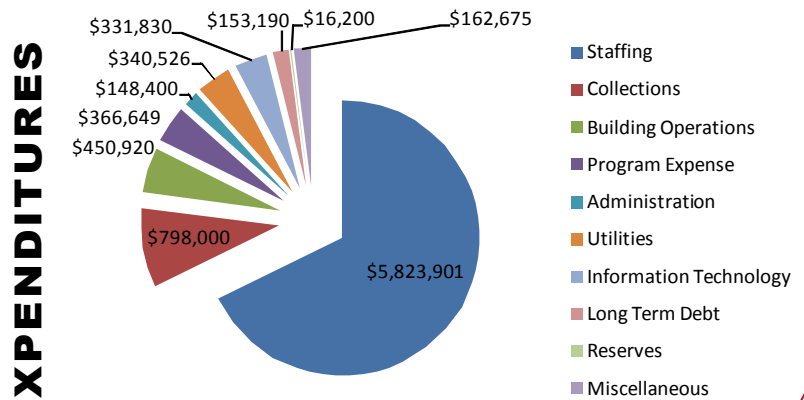
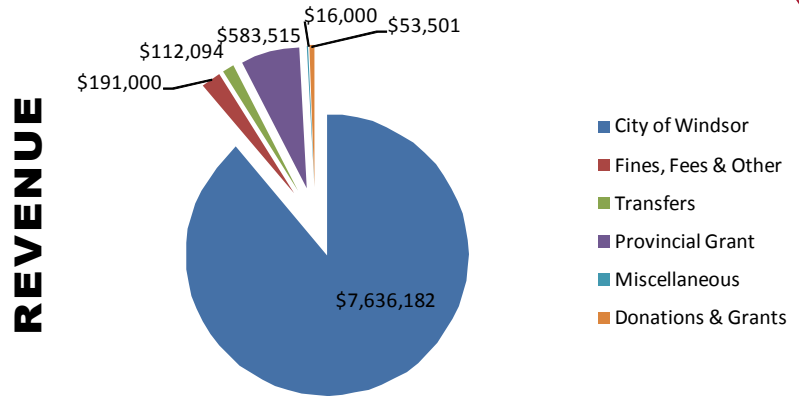
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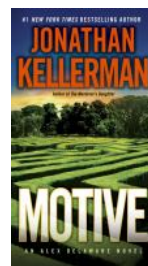
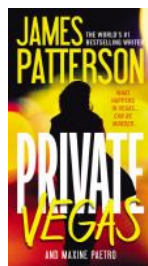
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JUST THE FIGURES...

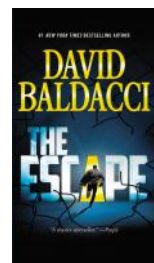
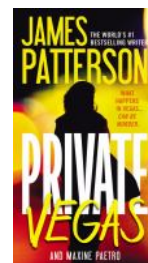


Total Revenue/Expenditures: \$8,592,292

TOP 5 ITEMS BORROWED



TOP 5 EBOOKS BORROWED



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