WINDSOR, HISTORY AND PICTURES: WPL has an extensive collection of historic photographs all accessible online at http://heritage.windsorpubliclibrary.com. This photograph, part of the Windsor, History and Pictures Digital Exhibit, was taken in July 1953 and shows vehicles entering the city from the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. The cars would exit onto Park Avenue, with Ouellette Avenue to the left. The Prince Edward Hotel is shown in the background.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE NUMBERS...

Annual Visitors 727,887
Library Cards 87,762
Items Checked Out 1.13 M
Collection Size 369,418
Web Pages Viewed 1.27 M
Program Attendance 55,975
Reference questions 69,400
The Windsor Public Library is in the midst of a growth and evolution phase, and we are proud to help write the next chapter of our storied history.

Much of 2018 was focused on the construction and commissioning of the new John Muir Branch* on Mill Street in Sandwich Town. It has been amazing to witness the transformation of the 1921 Ontario heritage site from its previous incarnation as a fire hall to a spectacular 21st century library. The $5.5 million project is expected to be complete this Spring and planning is underway for a series of opening events. This innovative facility will have a positive impact on the surrounding neighbourhood. All involved with the process are to be congratulated. Good work!

Our next project is the $3.5 million renovation of the Budimir Branch on Grand Marais Road West in South Windsor. The 6,000 sq. ft. expansion includes more space for customers and resources and improved sightlines. It is scheduled to be complete by Spring 2020.

In early 2018, the library board began to address another component of the facilities plan - Central Library at 850 Ouellette Avenue. The building is over 40 years old and the design and layout is not conducive to the realities of a 21st century public library. After much thought and deliberation, the WPL Board authorized the sale of 850 Ouellette to the Downtown Mission. It was not an easy or simple decision, but after weighing the needs of the community and WPL, the offer was accepted.

Library Administration immediately began working on a temporary location while plans for a new central library are formulated. The Central Library Functional Plan, released in November, provides a framework for a new library and includes community feedback that a new library should be in the downtown area with an optimal mix of public space and the latest in technology and materials - all housed in a welcoming and environmentally friendly building.

On behalf of the Windsor Public Library Board and staff, I would like to thank the over 725,000 customers who visited WPL in 2018. Our library system is a go-to destination for Windsorites - and I know after one visit, you will return.

*The branch is named in recognition of John Muir who was Vice-Principal of General Brock Public School for 4 years in the 1970s and returned as principal from 1981 to 1987 and immediately became a leader in advocating for a public library in Sandwich. Mr. Muir passed away in July, 2016.

His Worship, Drew Dilkens
Mayor, City of Windsor
Chair, Windsor Public Library Board
April 2019
## ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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TOP 5 ITEMS BORROWED

- LEE JACK REACHER CHILD
- JOHN GRISHAM THE ROOSTER BAR
- FIFTY FIFTY
- JAMES PATTERSON THE PEOPLE VS. ALEX CROSS
- JAMES PATTERSON THE 17TH SUSPECT

TOP 5 EBOOKS BORROWED

- JOHN GRISHAM THE WHISTLER
- LILAC GIRLS
- THE TEACHER
- MICHAEL CONNELLY THE WRONG SIDE OF GOODBYE
- JOHN GRISHAM WITNESS TO A TRIAL

TOP 5 DVDs BORROWED

- JUMANJI
- READY PLAYER ONE
- THE GREATEST SHOWMAN
- INCREDIBLES 2
- THE SHADE OF WATER

TOP 5 CHILDREN’S FICTION BORROWED

- SAMUEL
- POKÉMON
- HEROES OF OZ
- DOG MAN AND CAT WOMAN
- MADELINE L'ENGLE A WRINKLE IN TIME
Quick Facts

Card Holders: 87,762

2018 Circulation: 1,131,085

Digital Circulation: 186,393

Print Circulation: 920,835

369,418 items to borrow

12.9 circulations per capita

1.7 items per capita

*Windsor Population: 217,188
CUI aggregates five key performance indicators into one statistic which is driven by how libraries are actually used. They are circulation, gate count, in-house use, public service and website usage.

WPL connected with customers 152.7 times per hour in 2018, up 2.4% from 2017.

CIRCULATION 1,131,085

GATE COUNT 727,887

IN-HOUSE USE 187,421

PUBLIC SERVICE 124,703

WEB SITE VIEWS 1,274,733

*Open hours = 22,396 in 2018.
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COMPUTER AND WIFI USE

- 249,682 Sessions Per Month
- 684 Sessions per Day
- 20,807 Sessions Per Month
- 11 Sessions per Hour

COMPUTER: 96,208 sessions
WIFI: 152,521 sessions

68 public computers available
All 9 locations provide free WIFI

WEB SITE USE
windsorpubliclibrary.com

VISITORS
350,547

PAGES VIEWED
1,274,773

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