

LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS 2019-2022

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LIBRARY Locations

CENTRAL LIBRARY
54 Church Street, L2R 7K2
905-688-6103, fax 905-688-6292

DR. HUQ FAMILY LIBRARY BRANCH
425 Carlton Street, L2M 4W8
Ext. 300

MERRITT LIBRARY BRANCH
149 Hartzel Road, L2P 1N6
Ext. 400

PORT DALHOUSIE LIBRARY BRANCH
23 Brock Street, L2N 5E1
Ext. 500

BOOKS TO GO & HOLDS TO GO
SEYMOUR-HANNAH
SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
240 St. Paul Street West, L2S 2E7

Want to learn more?

Keep up-to-date with all of
the latest news, events, and collections
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links on our homepage under
“Connect With Us”
at www.stcatharines.library.on.ca

“Libraries store the energy
that fuels the imagination.
They open up windows to
the world and inspire us to
explore and achieve, and
contribute to improving
our quality of life.”

SIDNEY SHELDON, WRITER



St. Catharines Public Library

ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR VISION

A community enriched by life-long opportunities for learning and connection.

The St. Catharines Public Library was founded in 1888 and over the last 130 years, the Library has served residents in the community by providing access to resources, programs, and services that promote literacy, encourage life-long learning, uphold intellectual freedom, and support diversity.

Early in the year, the Library launched cloudLibrary, a digital collection of ebooks and e-audiobooks that are accessible on the web, a tablet, or mobile device. All you need is a St. Catharines Public Library card.

Library staff met patrons in the community at events and activities like Pride in the Park, Libraries@Brock, and Pop-Up Library. Our first Genealogy Fair saw authors, researchers, genealogists, and the public came together to attend seminars, tour the Library's special collections, explore available resources, and learn how to research family history.

In mid-2019, the Library Board undertook a Strategic Plan that would engage the community and help direct the Library's priorities and directions over the next four years.

SCPL has something for everyone. Please visit one of our four branches or our virtual branch at www.stcatharines.library.on.ca.

OUR MISSION

The St. Catharines Public Library provides spaces, resources, and experiences for all citizens to learn, grow, and connect.

QUICK FACTS

1,020,542	Items borrowed and used in-library
331,753	Patron questions answered
435,000	Library visits (in person and online)
198,496	Uses of online resources
52,087	Internet workstations and wireless sessions
14,169	Children's & Teens attended 770 library programs and class visits
5,874	Adults attended 525 library programs and class visits
3,655	New user registrations
59,499	Library cardholders

“What an awesome addition to the offerings available. I was contemplating a subscription with Lynda.com to learn Fusion 360, now I don't need to spend that hobby cash. Thank you!!”

G. V., PATRON - (5-1-2019)

OUR VALUES

**Inclusion
Change
Community**

**Teamwork
Service
Accountability**

REVENUES

Municipal Contribution	\$5,512,338
Provincial Grant	228,616
Miscellaneous Revenue	213,505
Funds Transferred from Reserves	155,736
Total Revenues	\$6,110,195

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and benefits	\$4,069,650
Library Materials	1,004,509
Occupancy Costs	552,893
Library Services and Supplies	307,467
Operating Capital	175,676
Total Expenditures	\$6,110,195

“Thank you from the bottom of my heart and our grandkids!”

J. C. S., PATRON - (7-30-2019)