

About SCPL

The St. Catharines Public Library (SCPL) is a hub of information connecting people to ideas and community to culture.

In addition to books, SCPL is home to a variety of experiential programs, spaces, and public services, as well as host of digital collections and online resources. It is a place for people of all ages and demographics to come as they are; to uncover the past, rediscover the present, and reimagine the future with the momentum of a turning page.

Social Return on Investment

SCPL calculates our Social Return on Investment to assign a monetary value to the economic benefits of library access.

Through our collections, services, and programs, SCPL created

\$46,364,707

of economic benefit for our community in 2025.

Based on calculations using the Valuing Ontario Libraries Toolkit developed by the Ontario Library Service and NORDIK Institute.

Visit Us

Central Library
54 Church Street

Dr. Huq Family Library Branch
425 Carlton Street

Merritt Branch
221 Glendale Avenue

Port Dalhousie Branch
23 Brock Street

Seymour-Hannah Books to Go Kiosk, Holds to Go Locker
240 St. Paul Street West

Merritton Holds to Go Locker
111 Hartzel Road

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**Join the
Library Board**

About the Library Board

SCPL is governed by the Library Board. The Board defines, implements, and approves the strategic direction, governance, and organizational goals of SCPL.

Board Members impact the future of their community by contributing ideas and skills to shape library services.

Responsibilities

Board Members responsibilities include:

- Attending monthly board meetings.
- Providing strategic direction and governance to SCPL.
- Reviewing and approving Board policies.
- Acting as an advocate for SCPL in the community and with Municipal Council.
- Supporting fundraising efforts.
- Attending SCPL events and networking on behalf of the organization.
- Determining the strategic direction of SCPL and overseeing necessary adjustments.
- Evaluating Board effectiveness and CEO's performance.

Composition

The Board consists of 9 members:

- 2 members of City Council
- 7 members of the public

The Board elects a Board Chair and Vice-Chair from amongst its members to serve their roles for length of the board term.

Time commitment

The Board meets on the third Thursday at 6pm each month, excluding July, August and December.

Board Members should expect to spend at least 5 hours each month completing board business.



A board term is 4 years, running concurrently with the term of City Council. The term begins and ends when City Council appoints the new Library Board.

To create a well-rounded board, SCPL is seeking a range of experience and skills including:

- Governance
- Finance
- Legal
- HR
- Technology
- Philanthropy
- Strategic planning
- Marketing and public relations

Do you qualify?

SCPL Board members must meet eligibility requirements including:

- Must be a resident of the City of St. Catharines
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
- Cannot be employed by the City of St. Catharines or the St. Catharines Public Library.

How to apply

Applying to join the Board is simple! Following the municipal election, interested individuals can apply through the City of St. Catharines' online application portal.

Visit myscpl.ca or follow SCPL's social media for updates.