



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021



## JAMES L. MCINTYRE CENTENNIAL LIBRARY

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# Our Library

## Our Vision

Our Library enriches lives, is a community hub that provides access to information, technology and supports and encourages personal growth and creativity.

## Our Mission

One stop... endless possibilities

## Our Values

Acceptance  
Caring  
Community  
Hospitality  
Respect  
Stewardship



The following pillars support the Vision and Mission of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

**Financial Management**  
**People**  
**Community**  
**Products**  
**Environment**



Matthew MacDonald, CEO

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“Libraries remind me that there are good things in this world.”

- Lauren Ward

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I consider the above quote by stage actress/singer Lauren Ward as being particularly relevant lately. During the good times, the easy times, libraries are useful. They bring added value to our communities and our lives. During the bad times, the difficult times, libraries are necessary. They provide services essential to some, feed the minds and imaginations of the many, and hold fast the straining fibers of our communities. Without question, 2021 was another difficult year predominated by the ongoing pandemic. The year contained closures, new health measures, and controversial restrictions. Yet despite this, we persevered.

Once we were permitted to reopen we proceeded with cautious optimism, opening first at one location then the other. Slowly we increased our operational hours and expanded the services we provided. For more than a year, the Library hadn't offered even a single in person program or activity. The children's areas have been quiet, reminiscent of libraries from bygone eras. Though by outward appearance the Library may have seemed subdued, what many may not have realized was that there was a flurry of activity behind the scenes. Now with greater experience, Library staff began to churn out more online content with hundreds of unique videos and thousands of views. Furiously they created take home crafts. Diligently they worked on digital preservation projects. They sought books on your behalf and made sure that not even a pandemic could prevent you from getting your reading materials.

Our organization, not because of the pandemic but in spite of it, has continued to evolve. In August, the Library became officially fines free, ending the long tradition of charging late fees on all except for a few special collections. Though first conceived as an incentive to encourage people to return items in a timely way, research has proven that it is ineffective. In reality, the items return at the same general rate but fewer people return.

Though much our staff's attention was on the present, we still made room for future planning. The Board initiated the planning process for a new strategic plan. Staff collaborated with the City and the Invasive Species Center to lay the groundwork for an educational Biodiversity Garden to be completed in 2022. The seeds of many other ideas were also planted last year, needing only time to germinate.

Finally, at the end of the year, the Library made real strides towards Truth and Reconciliation which you can read more about further in our report.

For our library, 2021 was supposed to be a year of celebration. It was our Quasiquicentennial anniversary, a milestone not to be ignored. Due to Covid restrictions we did not have the big parties we had hoped for but we celebrated nonetheless. The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library has existed for 125 years. It has been a long journey from the Library's humble beginnings to the organization it is now with over 20,000 members serving multiple communities. Through all that 125 year history there have been plenty of good times, easy times. There have also been plenty of bad times, difficult times. Throughout it all, the Library has been there for the community as it will continue to be.



**Wayne Greco**  
Board Chair

*"One stop... endless possibilities"*

## Message from the Board Chair

*"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. Libraries change lives for the better." - Sidney Sheldon*

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the SSM Public Library, I extend thanks to the many people who have contributed to the success of the Library during the chaos of COVID.

Despite the lockdowns, staff is to be applauded for finding innovative ways of doing business and providing service to the community. The Library's success is also due to the extremely important contributions of our extensive volunteer community. We look forward to welcoming them back to the library community. The Friends were on track toward a highly successful year. It is truly my favourite place to acquire new reading material! It would be remiss to not acknowledge our City Council. Their continued support in recognizing the value and the service of the Library is critical to its success. No other community initiative gives such a high return on tax dollars. There is no Fake News at the Library. We're a trusted source of information on all topics. Explore the abundance of resources available at the Library to expand your horizons and interests. Take advantage of the Library's extremely experienced staff to help in your quest for truth and knowledge.

There were many exciting events this year, including the success of the North Branch in acquiring the historical documents of the Sault Star, the opening and partnership for the Biodiversity Garden, the 125th Anniversary, the introduction of a Fines Free policy and the introduction of free service to the Indigenous communities of Batchewana, Garden River and the Metis community.

Our community has a rich and fascinating history that can be explored through the 'Oral Histories' or the Archives. Take the time to explore the collection of oral histories of past and present community leaders. You will not be disappointed. We look forward to providing continued service to the community of Sault Ste Marie. Please take advantage of the James L. McIntyre Centennial Public Library and the North Branch. We are here in your continued quest for knowledge.

*Hope to see you soon!*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021**

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 Chief Executive Officer

## Meet our Manager of Community Engagement Elise Schofield

# Welcome

We welcome Elise Schofield to the Sault Ste Marie Public Library as the new Manager of Community Engagement.



With a Master of Library and Information Science and a Bachelor of Arts and Humanities from The University of Western Ontario, Elise also brings years of experience working in public libraries. Starting as a Student Page at Burlington Public Library, she moved on to work at London Public Library, Huron County Public Library, and Woodstock Public Library where she gained valuable experience working in a multitude of roles within the library field. With a passion for community development, Elise brings a positive spirit in developing new resources, opportunities, and programming to strengthen the role of the library as a second home to the community's residents.

## Retirement

**Marlene Mooney**  
Administrative Assistant

# Farewell

Marlene has long been a welcoming face in the Library's Administration Office. She started work at the Library in 1988 as an Adult Page, eventually moving into the Administration Office in 1990 where she remained until her retirement on December 31, 2021.



Known for her lovely singing voice, she represented the Library for several years on the City's Soo Sings team, participating in the annual children's charity event. Her hard work and great sense of humour will be greatly missed by the library.

**Congratulations on your  
retirement!**

# Timeline 2021

Feb. 22 - Library re-opens to the public.

May 27 - Niche Academy added to the website.



JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

Lockdown  
Dec. 26 - Feb. 21  
With curbside pickup available.



April 3 - Library closed to the public, offering curbside only service once again.



July 5 - Library re-opens its doors to the public, with limited capacity.

Sault Pridefest Care Packages assembled and distributed through the Library.

Nov. 17 - Library capacity reduced.

Nov. 19 - Biodiversity Garden Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

NaNoWriMo  
Event for National Novel Writing Month - Writer Care Packages given out

Sept. 7 - Centennial Library expands open hours.

Cultures Days  
Online programming begins Sept. 24th until Oct. 24th

**JULY**

**AUGUST**

**SEPTEMBER**

**OCTOBER**

**NOVEMBER**

**DECEMBER**

Aug. 3 - Centennial Library expands capacity to 60.

Aug. 31st - 125th Anniversary  
The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library becomes Fines Free in August as part of our 125th Anniversary.



Nov. 23-Dec.31  
Giving Tree collection for winter accessories.

October - Proof of Vaccination and ID takes effect.  
Lamination service offered.

Ontario Public Library Week  
Oct. 17th - 23rd

- Gift Basket Draw
- 125th Anniversary Giveaways
- Annual Food Drive "Food for Thought"



On December 6, 2021, the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board officially adopted a Land Acknowledgement statement. This statement will now be read at the beginning of all Library Board meetings and library events.

## Land Acknowledgment



*The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library is a gathering place where community comes together to share stories, to explore new ideas and to gain knowledge of the past. It is through this unique position in our community that we support and promote truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.*

*We acknowledge, with respect, that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory, that the last on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishanaabe and is known as Bawating. Bawating is the home of Ketegaunseebeee (Garden River) First Nation, Batchewana First Nation, and the Historic Sault Ste. Marie Metis Council.*

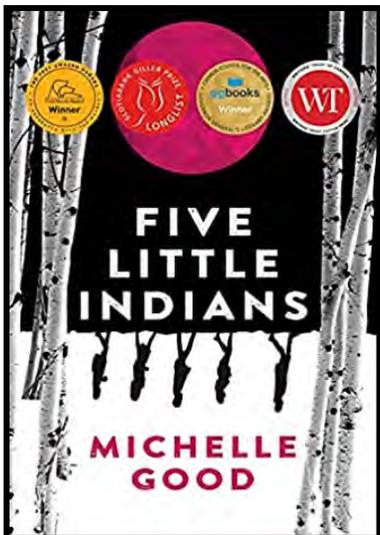
*The Library, and we as individuals, have a deep desire to bring about change in our community and move forward together as diverse and inclusive peoples. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.*



September 30th,  
2021  
Orange  
Shirt Day  
recognized by  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Public Library  
Staff

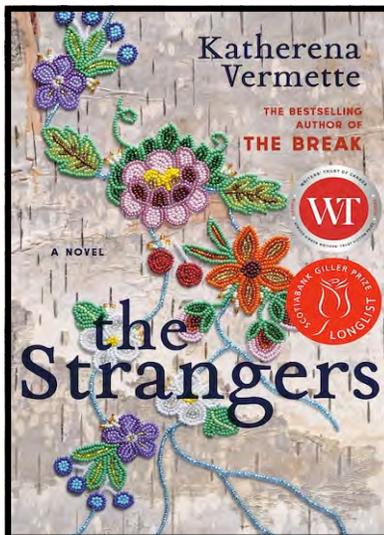


## 2021 Top Indigenous Reads



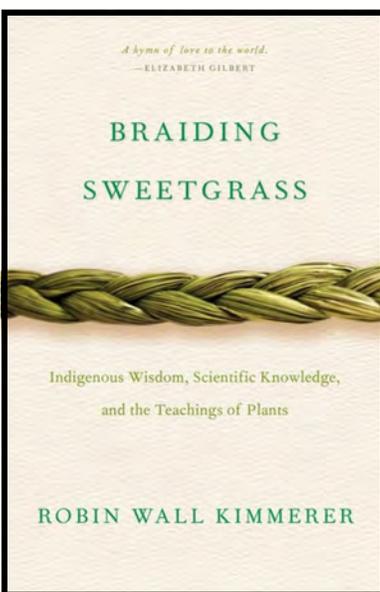
Five Little Indians

Michelle Good



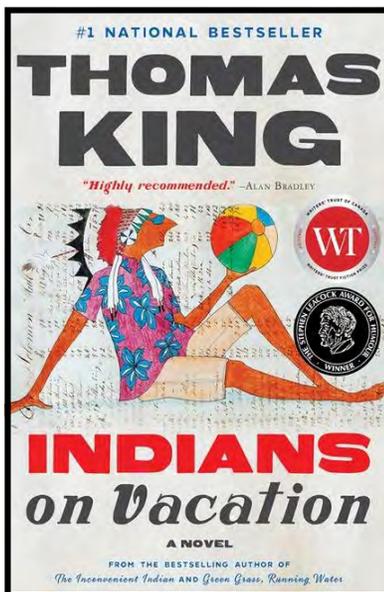
The Strangers

Katherena Vermette



Braiding Sweetgrass

Robin Wall Kimmerer



Indians on Vacation

Thomas King

# Truth and Reconciliation



## Membership Policy

In December of 2021, the Library Board approved both a change to the Membership Policy and Fees schedule to provide free memberships to First Nations members, Metis Council members, and residents of Garden River and Batchawana. Prior to this, these groups (except for SSM residents) were required to pay a non-resident fee for a membership.



# Community

The pandemic has had a significant impact on how the Library interacts within our community due to the social distancing directives and limits on social gatherings, however we have still been able to find unique ways to partner with organizations within our community.

In recognition of the fact that many people in our community are facing hardship the Library participated in several projects that encouraged our patrons to contribute by donating items.



**Giving Tree** The Library held a Giving Tree drive encouraging the public to donate winter accessories and people could take what they needed. Unclaimed items were donated to SOYA (Save Our Young Adults), St. Vincent Place, Pauline's Place, Child & Youth Services, and Women in Crisis.

An estimated 200 items were donated

104 Social Services brochures were picked up



**Food for Thought Food Drive** During Ontario Public Library Week, the Library held its annual food drive. This year, because of going fines free, the use of non-perishable food items to reduce library fines was no longer relevant. As a result, the Library put out a call for food donations under the new program name of Food for Thought.



**Sault Pridefest Care Packages** In July, the Library partnered with Sault Pridefest to assemble and distribute LGBTQIA2S+ care packages consisting of a donated book (primarily geared towards teens), a bookmark, stickers, a rainbow bracelet, a Read with Pride reader's advisory pamphlet, and resources from organizations such as Rainbow Camp, Welcome Friend, Algoma Family Services, and LGBT Youth Line.



### Illuminate the Season

The Library was invited to create a gift basket for a Silent Auction fundraiser to support ARCH (Algoma Residential Care Hospice). The gift basket was created with the theme of 'Cozy Up by The Fire Bundle' and raised \$100 for ARCH.



### Culture Days

The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library participated, in partnership with other local organizations, including but not limited to the Ermatinger-Clergue Historical Site, Art Gallery of Algoma and the Sault Community Career Centre, in the month-long event from September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 24<sup>th</sup> with virtual content.

507 Views  
8 Videos

Ranked #6 Nationwide Top Participating Mid-Size Community!

## Biodiversity Garden

In March 2021, the Invasive Species Centre approached the Library and the City of Sault Ste. Marie with a proposal to partner on creating a Bio-Diversity Garden on the grounds of the Library. The purpose of a Biodiversity Garden is to “grow a diverse array of native plants, attract and support pollinators, as well as actively absorb and hold groundwater, keeping it out of storm drains. The garden will also showcase how residents can prevent the spread of invasive species while providing an educational element.”



The front lawn of the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library was selected as the site for the garden and design plans were drawn up detailing the native plants and trees that would be included. Orders for the plant material were placed and applications for additional funding were applied for. Some preliminary site work began in the fall with the bulk of the work to be completed in the spring of 2022. An official ground-breaking ceremony took place on November 19, 2021.

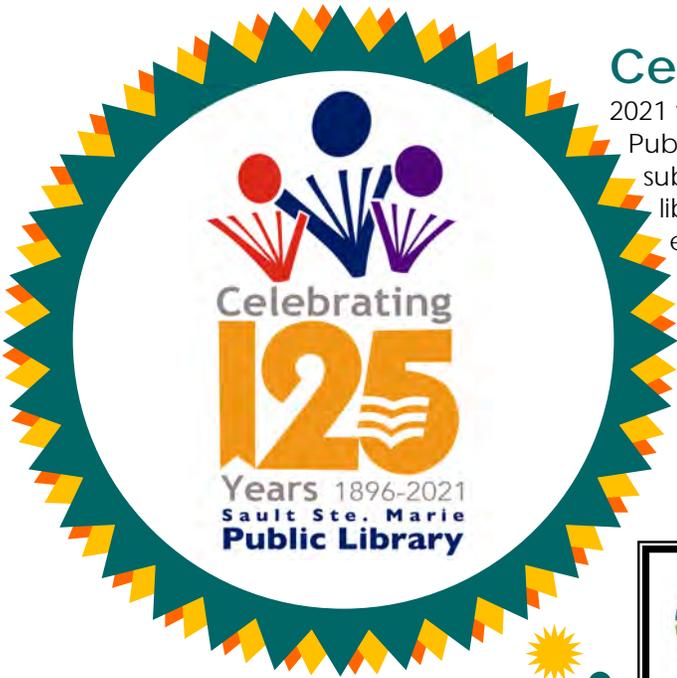
We look forward to the next phase for the development of this garden when the plants and trees are put in place in the spring of 2022. The addition of benches will make this an attractive destination for those looking for a quiet, restful place to sit down and read a book!

## Take a Seat



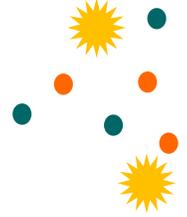
Visitors to the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library will notice that during the past year new furniture has begun to appear in the public areas. With the emphasis recently on the need to be able to clean and sanitize surfaces, it was decided to start replacing some of our 30-year-old upholstered furniture with furniture that could be easily cleaned. New lounge chairs, a couple of loveseats, along with several occasional tables were purchased for the Adult and Children’s Reading Areas. New wooden benches were purchased for the front entry lobby. Adjustable task chairs were purchased for the public Internet stations to coordinate with the other furniture purchases.





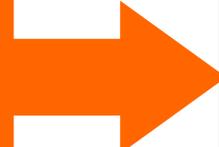
## Celebrating 125 Years!

2021 was an important year in the history of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library. In 1896, Sault Ste. Marie changed from a subscription-based Mechanic's Institute Library to a free library system and Sault Ste. Marie Public Library was established. This anniversary was observed during 2021 in a number of ways, despite the restrictions on physical gatherings.



### City Proclamation

At the City Council meeting on August 9, 2021, a proclamation was read acknowledging the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library.



**SAULT  
STE. MARIE**



### PROCLAMATION

"Whereas the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library was first established by resolution by the council of the Township of Sault Ste. Marie on August 31, 1896.

And whereas the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library has served the community for a hundred and twenty-five years, providing numerous services over those years that have advanced literacy, knowledge, culture and the overall enrichment of the community.

And whereas the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library has continued to be a public space that is open and accessible to all members of our community, providing equitable service that respects the rights and dignity of each individual,

Now therefore, I, Mayor Christian Provenzano, and council do hereby proclaim August 31, 2021 to be the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library's quasiquintennial anniversary and a moment to be celebrated."

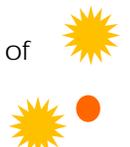
### Fines Free

In recent years, many libraries have discussed the barrier to accessing Library services posed by charging Library fines. After investigating the potential impact of removing fines, the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board voted to become Fines Free on most library materials, effective August 31, 2021.



### Flower Bed

The city's flower bed located on Bay Street in front of City Hall commemorated the Library's anniversary.



### Chocolate Bars

Launched in August 2021, the Library began selling chocolate bars with the Library logo on them, made locally by Sweet Change Chocolate.

# Congratulations!



Matthew MacDonald, CEO presenting certificate to Eva T.

## 125<sup>th</sup> Writing Contest

In the fall, the Library held a writing contest for children ages 9 to 13. They were invited to write an essay, 300 to 500 words in length on the theme of "Celebrating 125 Years of Public Library Service in Sault Ste. Marie" and specifically, its impact on their life. The panel of judges reviewed the entries and declared Eva T. as the winner.

In December, she was presented with a certificate and a backpack from the Royal Bank of Canada, filled with items from both the Royal Bank and the Public Library in addition to being a recipient of a \$1000 contribution to her RESP.

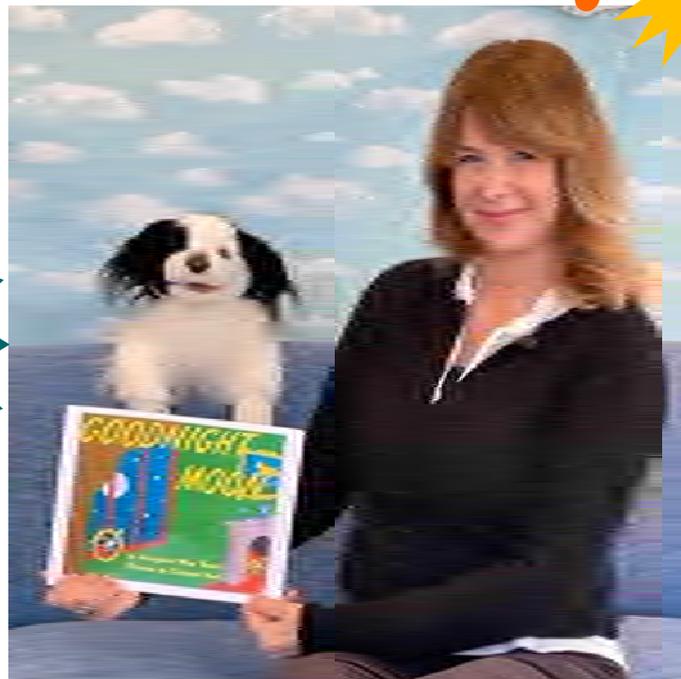
## Customer Appreciation Days

Starting on August 31<sup>st</sup> and periodically throughout the fall, "surprise" Customer Appreciation Days were held! On these days, any patron who visited the Library was offered some special items printed with the Anniversary logo, including water bottles, pens, and USB's.



## Book Talks Featuring Staff's Favourite Books

Staff from the Adult Services and Children's Departments selected some of their favourite books from the last 125 years and segments were filmed for the Public Library's YouTube channel sharing some of these items



# Programming

Once again programming was presented using online formats, either through the Public Library's YouTube channel or on Social Media. The following are just a few highlighted programs for both adults and children.

## Children

Literacy is a key component in planning children's programming and staff were able to create a variety of programs that supported this objective. Online content included Story Times, Craft Videos, Take Home Craft Kits, Art Programs, and Reading Contests.



### The Children's Art Book

Nearly 100 children participated in the 4-week digital art lessons. The finished masterpieces were compiled into a book that is available for viewing in the children's collection.



### Surprise Reads

Each week, Children's Staff selected and prepared 3 books each for 25 different children, based on their interests and reading levels.

Over  
**100**  
Participants  
Per Month!

**103 Story & Craft Videos = 1,705 Views**



### Puppet Plays

Puppet plays are a favourite way to engage with children and their caregivers. One of the puppet plays, Enid the Intrepid Puppet Play, was recorded featuring a 'glow in the dark' film technique.

**38**  
Views

**114**  
Views



### Musical Story Times

The Sault Symphony approached the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library about partnering with them to present musical story times. In December, staff members recorded a reading of Twas the Night Before Christmas while being accompanied by a trio of musicians. The Story Time was filmed by Shaw and broadcast on their channel before Christmas.



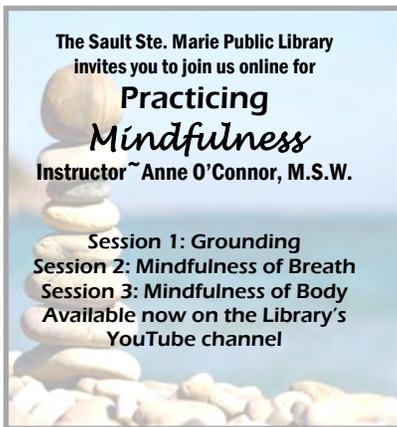
### Storybook Walk

During the past year, the Library has partnered with the City of Sault Ste. Marie to create Story Book Trails, featuring popular children's books. Working with the publishers, the Library has secured permission to display specific titles on podiums with full page spreads of some favourite books. City staff have looked after setting the podiums up in Clergue Park so that children and their families can wander along the trail and read a book.

## Adult

Adult Programming focused on lifelong learning, diversity and creativity as a way to connect with community members. Online programming covered a variety of topics from gardening and hobbies to literature to exploring Indigenous culture.

During the year, **25 videos** were created with **1,766** views.



### Practicing Mindfulness

An interactive program offered through Zoom by Anne O'Connor with several sessions offered throughout the year.



### Indigenous History Month - Voices of Bawating

A series of videos were recorded by members of the local Indigenous community highlighting different aspects of Indigenous culture. (See playlist on Library's YouTube channel)



### Author Palooza

Local authors were interviewed in a series of online segments about their writing process and highlighting some of their recent publications. (See playlist on Library's YouTube channel).



### Paper Festival

In November, staff from all departments worked on creating Take Home Craft Kits featuring the wonders of what you can create with paper.



# Archives

## Newly Added Collections:

- The General/Plummer Hospital
- Algoma Art Society
- Blueprints for the Canadian Plaza Redevelopment Project for the International Bridge.

## 6 New Oral Histories added:

- Ruby Newell Farmer
- George Gough
- Erno Alfred Guylas
- Ken MacDougall
- Karl Sepkowski
- Linda Irene Szabo



Oral History with Ruby Newell Farmer

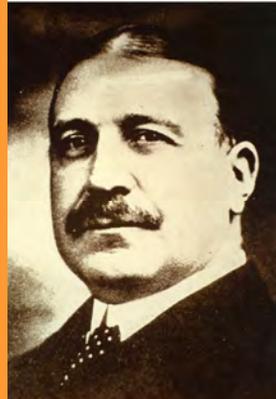


Oral History with Ken MacDougall

79 Items requested from the Archives



Edwin Durham



Francis H. Clergue



Dr. Roberta Bondar



Dr. Roberta Bondar's NASA Training Suit

## Outreach

### The Northern Community Centre 55+ Zoom Programs

Kevin Meraglia, the Library's Archive Technician, held 3 presentations that focused on an artifact and presented the history surrounding the item.

### Archive Association of Ontario (AAO) Conference

The Archive Technician created a virtual Archive Tour for the conference.

### Algoma University Virtual Lecture

On March 11, the Archive Technician presented a lecture to an Algoma University class discussing the history of WWI veteran Edwin Durham.

Staff have been continuing to digitize the negatives from the Sault Star collection.

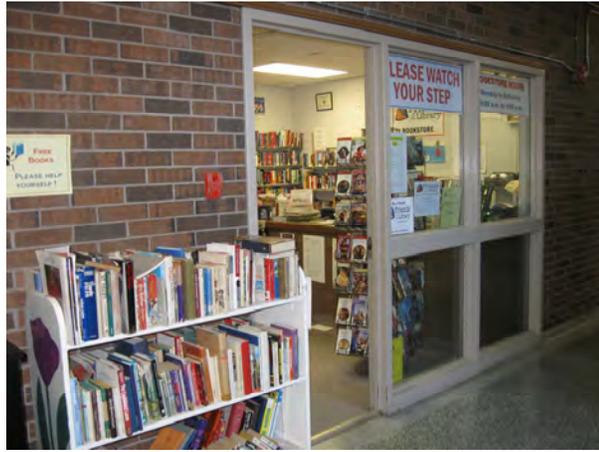
1,463 scans were completed for the Archive Digitalization project.



# Friends of the Library

## Friends of the Library

(Excerpts from Susan Hall, President of the Friends of the Library - Annual Report)



# Volunteers

The Friends of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library provide a valuable service to the Library and have been able to meet the challenges of the past year successfully. President Susan Hall reported that, "We have to be very proud of the fact that over forty dedicated volunteers kept the Friends' Bookstore open and thriving for another year of ups and downs, openings and closings, as we navigated the changes that the pandemic brought."

Despite the lockdown/closures, the bookstore was able to resume almost normal operations for the last six months of the year, with donations coming in regularly to re-stock the shelves. Regular requests were received to provide books for the "Pop-up Little Free Libraries" around the city.

Susan reported that the sales in the bookstore and the books for the free libraries "represents at least 20,000 books that were enjoyed by our customers . . . we also kept thousands of books from the landfill by recycling them." There is an active network within the city for sharing of used books, including Christmas Cheer, avid readers, collectors, and those who buy books to read to others or for shut-ins.

**\$16,178  
IN SALES  
IN JUST OVER  
7 MONTHS!**

**40 BOOKSTORE  
VOLUNTEERS  
VOLUNTEERED  
OVER 4,000  
HOURS**

Clean North partnered with the Library by featuring the Friends of the Library Bookstore on their poster about "Green Gifts" and during their Christmas tree chipping operation, books were collected for the Bookstore.

In an excerpt from their Annual Report it is stated that, "the Friends of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library are happy to make an important contribution to literacy and community action. Whether it is providing community volunteer hours for high

school students, work placements for Community Living Algoma clients or free books to strollers at Bellevue Park, the Friends' volunteers will pitch in. A BIG thank you to the Friends!"

**3 LIBRARY  
COURIERS  
VOLUNTEERED  
65 HOURS  
on Inter-branch  
deliveries**



Del W., Volunteer Courier

## The Library is more than just books...

The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library's Object Library is growing and we are pleased to offer our patrons more than just books.



**Radon Kits:** In partnership with the Lung Association, Radon Detection Kits are available for patrons to borrow.



**Urban Poles:** Urban Poling walking sticks are available to borrow from the Library.



**Disc Golf:** Check out a Disc Golf Kit and play some rounds at the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore's course at Penhorwood Park.



Ermatinger • Clergue National Historic Site

**Arts & Culture Activity Pass:** The Arts & Culture Pass allows library users to visit the Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site with up to 4 family members.



**Snowshoes:** The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library has teamed up with Hiawatha Highlands to offer our patrons the use of snowshoes for the whole family to be checked out on a valid library card.



**Ontario Parks Pass:** Explore provincial parks by checking out a day pass with your library card.



Niche Academy is an online learning resource that was added to the Library's website in 2021. It is still growing and being developed by our Library staff. On the public side of this resource, patrons will find webinars on learning how to use the latest social media platforms and technology including information on how to use the Library's various databases.

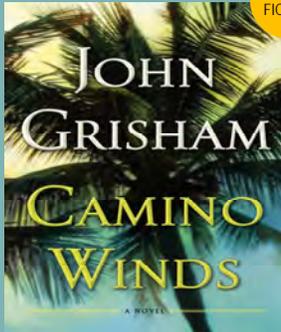
Lessons are presented in a fun and engaging format and can be customized to meet the needs of our Library.



# Top Trends 2021

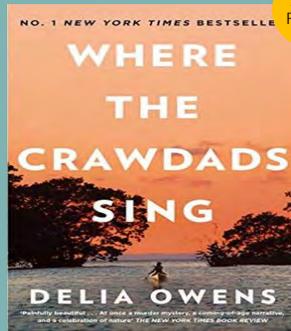
## BOOKS

ADULT FICTION



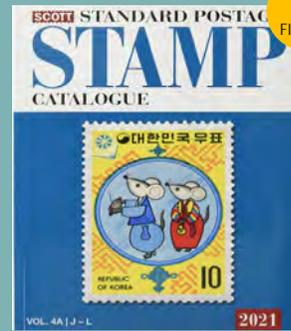
*Camino Winds*  
John Grisham

ADULT FICTION



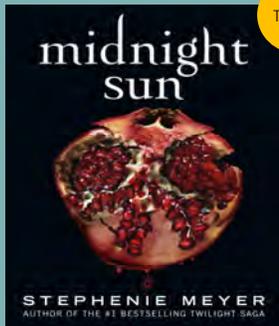
*Where the Crawdads Sing*  
Delia Owens

ADULT NON FICTION



*Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*

TEENS



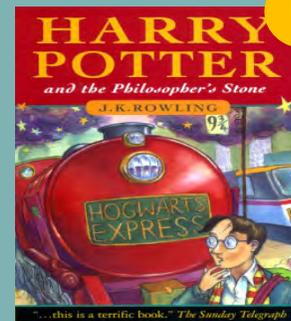
*Midnight Sun*  
Stephanie Meyer

GRAPHIC NOVEL



*My Hero Academia Vol. 1*  
Kohei Horikoshi

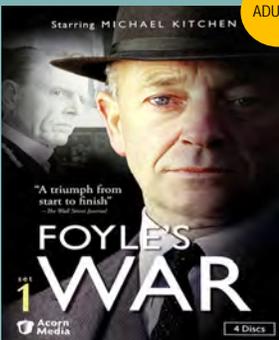
KIDS



*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*  
J.K. Rowling

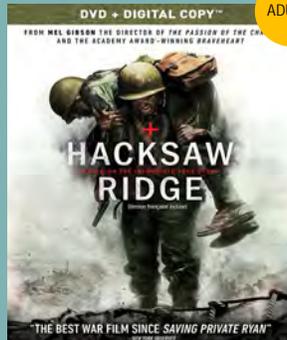
## DVDS

ADULTS



*Foyles War - Set 1*

ADULTS



*Hacksaw Ridge*

KIDS



*Strawberry Shortcake: Bright Lights Big Dreams*

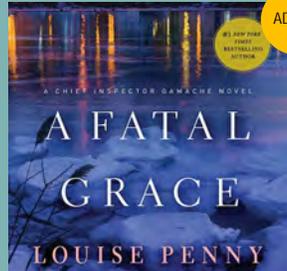
## BOOKS ON CD

ADULTS



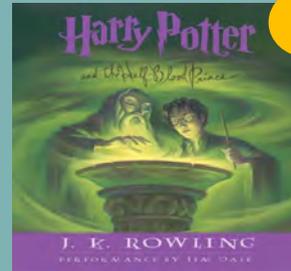
*The Essential Agatha Christie*  
Agatha Christie

ADULTS



*A Fatal Grace*  
Louise Penny

KIDS



*Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*  
J.K. Rowling

# Year @ a Glance

**Lockdown with Curbside Only - 119 Days**  
**Open to Public with Capacity Limits - 154 Days**  
(not including Public holidays and Sundays)

## Public Services

### Lockdown Circulation – Total

Jan.1 - Feb. 21: **14,839**  
April 3 - July 4: **24,997**

### Open Dates Circulation – Total

Feb. 22 - April 2: **19,948**  
July 5 - Dec. 31: **98,602**

**158,386**  
Total  
Circulation

**39,836**  
Curbside  
Checkouts

**21,241**  
Library Card  
Holders

**7,117**  
Curbside  
Appointments



**1,243**  
Interlibrary Loan items  
borrowed for our  
patrons

**703**  
Interlibrary Loan items  
loaned to other libraries

Total  
Questions  
asked  
**30,414**

## Vaccine Passport Printing and Laminating

The Library began providing a vaccination passport and laminating service for the public in October 2021 so that vaccination passports could be laminated free of charge. With the announcement that a proof of vaccination with a QR code would be required by many businesses as of January 4, 2022, the need for this service rose significantly in December 2021.

**Total  
Laminations**  
October: 80  
November: 368  
December: 1,105  
**1,553**

# Year @ a Glance

## Electronic Resources

### Social Media

Total Overdrive and Hoopla Circulation  
**93,634**



Overdrive Audiobooks Borrowed  
**26,243**

Overdrive eBooks Borrowed  
**63,624**

Overdrive eVideos Borrowed  
**38**



Hoopla Audiobooks Borrowed  
**1467**

Hoopla eBooks & Comics  
**1473**

Hoopla Media (including videos, music and television programs)  
**789**

**2,160**  
Public Computer Bookings

WiFi Access  
**37,613**

**766,230**  
Library Online Catalogue Page Views

**275,765**  
Library Website Page Views



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**564,819**  
Social Media Impressions

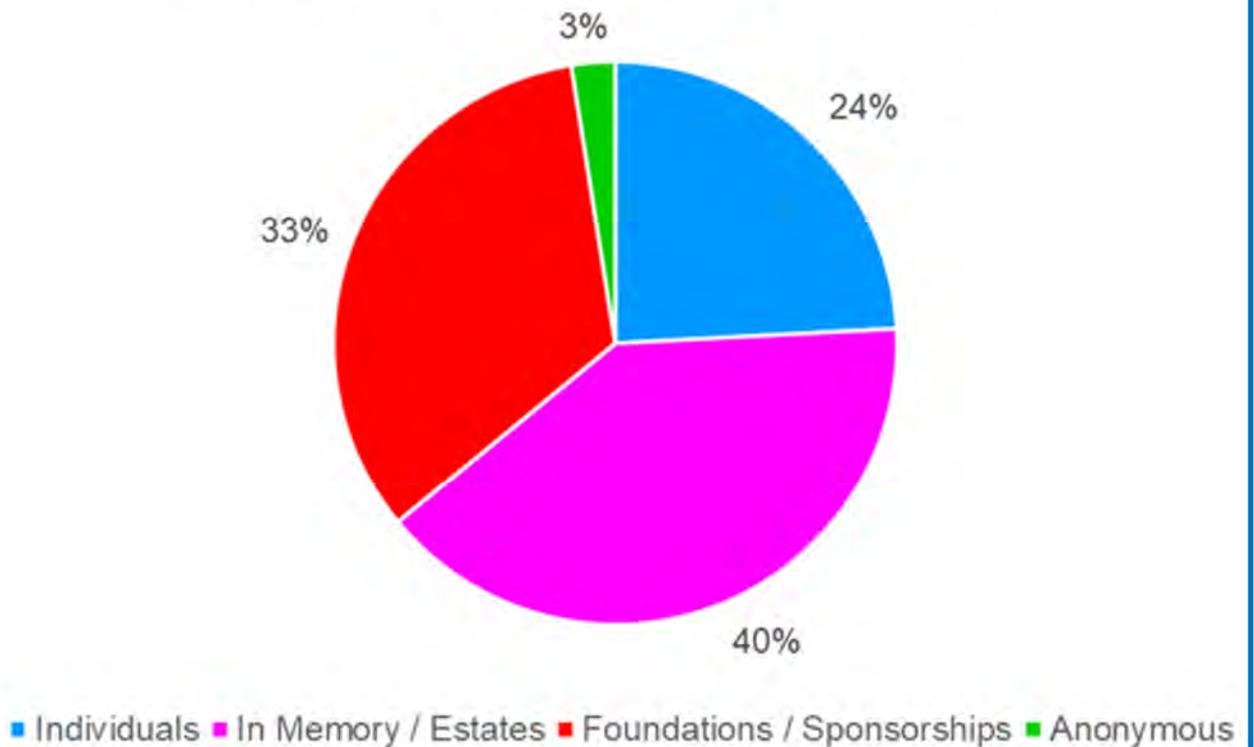


**9,718**  
Database Searches Conducted

## Sources of Funding 2021

Total Amount  
of Donations for 2021  
**\$22,600.00**

2021 Library Donations by Donor Type



### GRANTS

Invasive  
Species  
Centre

**\$10,000**

for  
Bio-diversity  
Garden

City's  
Community  
Development  
Fund for Green  
Initiatives  
Program

**\$2,033.96**

to purchase  
Thermal Cameras

International  
Dyslexia  
Association

**\$500**

to purchase  
Dyslexia-friendly  
books



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to our generous  
2021 Donors

Donors/Sponsors

Donor or  
Sponsorship  
Category

**GOLD**  
\$5,000-\$50,000

In memory of Dr. James Owen  
Donated by Mrs. Irene Owen

Donor or  
Sponsorship  
Category

**SILVER**  
\$2,500-\$4,999

FMI Elliott Foundation

Donor or  
Sponsorship  
Category

**BRONZE**  
\$1,000-\$2,499

In memory of Bill Latham - Donated by Brian Latham  
Kiwanis Club of SSM - sponsorship of Baby Time  
Zonta Club - sponsorship of Toddler Time  
Kevin Dorse  
Howard Bennett

Donor or  
Sponsorship  
Category

**COPPER**  
\$500-\$999

Friends of the Library  
Estate of Dorothy St. Michael  
Don & Joyce Watts  
Mary Coventry  
Just-In-Credible Lawn Care Services Inc. in Memory of  
Mr. Bisson

*Each feather on this heart represents the remains of 10 children whose graves have been located on Residential School sites across Turtle Island.*



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