

# GRAND VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY GOOD NEWS REPORT 2017

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## **Benefit #1. Information for personal decisions:**

The modern Library is more service-oriented than ever. We used to measure our value in how many books were checked in and out. Now we know our value is a much more diffuse thing to measure. For example the individual who came in and experienced tremendous value from the library, whether that's in reduction of isolation, making a friend, learning new technology – those are things that aren't measured in a book checked in or out.

How we provide information has changed immeasurably. No longer are libraries the depository of just books. Books on CD, eBooks, eAudio Books, DVDs, downloadable and streaming music from the Library's website (Freegal), eMagazines from the Library Website (Flipster), and many reliable and helpful online databases, all contribute to a citizen's access to knowledge.

The Library provides instruction in the use of eReaders, iPads, and Tablets and how to download to them from our online databases. In 2017, the Library contributed as follows:

- ❖ 1,060 patron questions were answered at the Information Desk
- ❖ 6,493 people used the Public Internet Access Computers for research, resumes and to search the catalogue. The public also enjoy bringing their own devices into the Library to use the Library's wireless access.
- ❖ The Library's website is a popular resource and in 2017 there were 20,661 pageviews and 3,908 sessions with 1,741 users.



## **Benefit 2 : Use of Leisure Time**

The Library is many residents' primary source for recreational reading materials. The Library by providing a broad range of books, magazines and newspapers, contributes to a knowledgeable and literate community. The Library has a people counter to give a more accurate count of the number of people using our facility.

- ❖ 39,830 visits to the Library annually
- ❖ Circulated 48,610 items
- ❖ 766 people enter the library on average every week
- ❖ 13,685 DVDs, 509 books on CD, 3,625 eBooks, 1,071 eAudio books checked out. 1,382 music downloads, 4,465 songs streamed from Freegal, 553 Console games checked out.
- ❖ 11,853 adult fiction titles checked out
- ❖ 3,972 adult non-fiction checked out



**Benefit 3: Reading readiness for school children.**

The Library helps the children in our community prepare for reading readiness and helps to maintain a child's interest in reading as follows:

- ❖ 5,712 picture books, easy readers and board books were used by children
- ❖ 2,949 junior fiction books were checked out
- ❖ 2,771 junior non-fiction books were circulated
- ❖ 1,247 young adult books were checked out

**Annual Program Attendance**

- ❖ 139 children attended Story Time
- ❖ 346 children attended Toddler/Baby Time (attendance tripled over 2016)
- ❖ 310 children attended Cocoa Club
- ❖ 548 children participated in summer activities at the Library.



#### **Benefit 4: Social Interaction/Sense of Community .**

The Library is a connection to the community and surrounding townships for many residents. The Library is a meeting place and a place for ongoing learning. This year the Library contributed in many ways to a sense of community.

- ❖ 191 persons 65 years and older have a library card
- ❖ Home Delivery Service is provided for those who are unable to travel to the library
- ❖ Meeting room available free of charge to non-profit organizations
- ❖ Exercise class for older adults
- ❖ Yoga classes
- ❖ Knitting Club
- ❖ Bus trips to shows in Toronto/Drayton
- ❖ TAG – Teen Advisory Group
- ❖ Movies for Teens and Families
- ❖ Newsletter of upcoming events and other Library news
- ❖ After school Homework Help
- ❖ Saturday morning Lego Club
- ❖ Gingerbread House Making
- ❖ Home alone/Babysitting courses
- ❖ March Break Programs
- ❖ Victorian Tea (Canada 150)

A quote by Anthony J. D'Angelo is displayed on a background of a sunset over a dark horizon. The text is in a bold, dark purple font. The quote reads: "WITHOUT A SENSE OF CARING, THERE CAN BE NO SENSE OF COMMUNITY. -ANTHONY J. D'ANGELO".

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## **Benefit 6: “Other” Services to individuals, groups and agencies.**

The Library supplies meeting rooms, high speed internet/ wireless access, homework computers, copier, fax, etc. All of these support community partnerships and activities and an individuals’ participation in them.

- ❖ Meeting room space for volunteer organizations free of charge.
- ❖ 6,493 computer uses in 2017
- ❖ Library provides material to the Welcome Wagon
- ❖ Display space for Horticultural Society for their Annual Silent Auction.
- ❖ Interlibrary Loan
- ❖ All library materials are searchable from our website.
- ❖ Partnership with Orangeville and Shelburne Libraries, providing author readings once a month in our communities.
- ❖ In 2017 the Library purchased a number of electronic devices (Dash, Ozo Bots, Evo, Snap Circuits) and children are having a lot of fun in our after school program learning all about robots, electronics, and circuitry.



## **Benefit 7: Support to persons in the educational system:**

The Library supports students of all ages.

- ❖ CEO is the Community rep. on the Grand Valley & District Public School Council
- ❖ Provide online access to full text newspapers , periodicals and books, eBooks, eAudio books, eMusic, eMagazines and online databases.
- ❖ School classes regularly visit the Library
- ❖ 655 children attended the TD Summer Reading Program and Summer Programs
- ❖ Provide quality children’s programs during March Break
- ❖ Provide Babysitting/Home Alone Courses
- ❖ Programs for Teens
- ❖ Chromebooks available for loan to UGDSB Students
- ❖ After school children’s programs two nights a week.





## Good news:

❖ Work in partnership with the Shelburne and Orangeville Libraries, and Booklore to provide an annual Reading event, ``One Book One County, Dufferin Reads``.

❖ New program for 2018 with Orangeville and Shelburne Public Libraries – local author readings once a month in our communities.

❖ New programming for Cocoa Club – exploring electronics and robotics.

❖ For 2018 looking at having a Pop-up Library at events in the community.

❖ Freegal, free downloadable music available from the Library website.

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