



Annual Report 2025

Explore – Connect – Enrich

Highlights of 2025

The Grand Valley Public Library plays an important role in the community. The Grand Valley Public Library Board and the Staff continue to strive to bring new and innovative ideas to the community residents. This year we made great strides in meeting some of the goals of the 2022-2025 strategic plan.

Community Awareness: If there was an event we tried to be there. Duck Day Race, Fall Fair and Santa Claus Parade

Inspired Opportunities: With help from the Greenwood Family Fund and Dufferin Community Foundation, the library continued to provide 5 sessions of cooking classes for children from grades 5-8 and 3 teen cooking programs. The library was also able to create incredible opportunities for our summer programs. A TD summer reading launch party, a TD summer reading Closing Foam Party and and 2 amazing prizes for highest number of books read and highest number of minutes read. We cannot forget the Spring Fling Tween Dance and the Fall Fair Tween Dance, which the library partnered up with the GV Agricultural Society’s Fall Fair event, where the children danced away for 2 hours of fun.

Service Excellence: Great customer service is a priority here at the library. Staff are continually improving their skills and education to help serve you better.

New for 2026

Review of the Strategic Plan
Recruit/Plan for New Board Members

<p>Board Members of 2025 Julie VanAlstine, Vice Chair Brennan Solecky Amy Steele Mary Hatch James Jonker, Town of Grand Valley Rep. Lenora Banfield, East Garafraxa Rep., Chair Susan Graham, Amaranth Rep.</p> <p>Andrew Stirk, Amaranth Rep., Past Chair</p> <p>Joanne Stevenson, C.E.O</p>
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Quick Facts

Approximately 37,349 entered the Grand Valley Public Library. That is equivalent to 112 people entering the library each day we are open.

Grand Valley Public Library has 2727 households in their service area. That means the average household use for the library is approx. 13 times.

1986 Active Card Holders, this means they have visited the library within the last two years.

- 1319 Town of Grand Valley
- 377 Township of Amaranth
- 190 Township of East Garafraxa
- 54 Summer Residence
- 113 Other
- 810 Expired Accounts, library card has not been used in over 2 years.

Facebook 1,366 followers to the library's facebook page

Instagram 1,011 followers to the library's Instagram page

Materials Borrowed

50,495 items borrowed (print & eformats)

HIGHLIGHTS

Children's Print Material	18,154
Adult Print Fiction	8,053
Audio Books	234
Teen Material	869
Chromebooks	137
Hotspots	383
DVDs	3,080
Park/Museum Passes	93
Seed Library	2651

Interlibrary Loans

566 Borrowed from other libraries
448 Loaned out to other libraries

Program Attendance

The library held 317 programs with an attendance of 5,772.

There are many different aspects to a successful program. We would like to thank our many guest speakers for attending the Tea/Coffee and Connections and hosts for the Evenings at the Library.

We would like to thank all the community members, organizations and businesses in Grand Valley for their support of the library.

Looking Ahead

March Break Programs: Team T & J, Dove & Poodle Show, Bubbleology

Evening at the Library: Adult Programs

More cooking classes, sponsored by the Berger Family in memory of Robin Berger

Creating new and exciting partnerships within our community.

The Grand Valley Public Library is the foundation of the Community, providing social and educational resources. The Grand Valley Public Library Board and Dedicated Staff are committed to serving our communities. The library will continue to offer a variety of programs, support and online resources to meet the needs of our communities. Comments and suggestions from the community to help improve our services are always welcomed.