

Branch News

- The Lindsay Reference department has been renamed and is now known as the **Technology and Research Department (T&R)**. Schedules and all of the department's branding are being updated to match.
- Renovation to Bethany exterior is nearing completion. The railing on the main set of stairs was installed third week of August and was painted August 24.
- Work on Queens Square Park outside **Lindsay** branch is seeing progress with the placement of sod in mid August. It is anticipated that work should be completed around Labour Day.
- **Kawartha Lakes Art Gallery** plans to be moved out of 190 Kent St by mid September.

Programs, Outreach and Partnerships

Programs/Services

- Local children's author **Judi Barr** was a guest star at Bobcaygeon story time program on August 14. This author was also featured in a Global News piece filmed at the Bobcaygeon library on July 9.
- Library staff hosted an **End-Of-Summer Party** in Lindsay branch on August 26. The Friends of Lindsay Library presented prizes to the winners of their Children's Writing Contest.
- Lindsay branch offered a special Storytime on August 20 featuring guest local children's author **Claire Stacy** reading her book *My Feelings, My Needs*
- **Fenelon Falls Quilting Group** are making wheelchair bags for several local nursing homes. The bags will be donated at the end of the summer.

Summer Reading Club

- Over 2,000 people attended Summer Reading Club programs in August.
- Total registrations for Summer Reading Club 2026 reached 715.

Outreach

- Library staff provided pop-up storytime programs at 8 different parks and beaches in **August**.
- The library attended **Ampere's Street Festival** on Saturday August 22 with a booth, steam kits, and informative library information available.

Partnerships

- **Lakelands Health Unit** set up displays to promote International Drug Overdose Awareness Day at several branches. They will be in place from August 26 to September 3.
- Bobcaygeon branch partnered with the Parks & Recreation division to do a **Safe In and Around the Water** program
- Library branches are rotating **two municipal banners** over the course of the summer. One promotes the CKL Doors Open Event taking place Sunday September 13. The other promotes the 25th anniversary of amalgamation.

Promotion/Marketing

- The library website now features a dedicated webpage for **Educators**. This page features information on library services such as classroom visits, library staff visits to schools, and book bundle requests. Teachers can also sign up on this page to receive a newsletter that features upcoming library events, services and new resources geared towards teachers, educational assistants, early childhood educators, homeschool educators, and school support staff.

City

- The Library is working with CKL Records & Archives and Curatorial Services to transfer undocumented archival material to the City. Once moved over to the City's collection, the items will be preserved, digitized and catalogued for public access.

KPIs to July 2026		
Branch Visits	Overall Circulation	Event Attendance
115,183	217,758	34,279