



The Newmarket Library Annual Report to the Community

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Agenda

- Library Board and Vision
- 2023 Library's Commitment to the Community
- Connecting with our community
- Embracing equity & breaking down barriers
- 2023 by the Numbers
- What's next for the Library

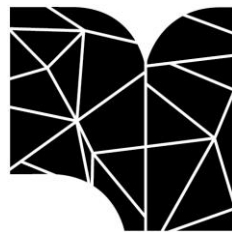
Library Board & Vision

- Darryl Gray – Board Chair
- Councillor Kelly Broome – Vice Chair
- Neila Poscente
- Beth Stevenson
- Rex Taylor
- Councillor Trevor Morrison
- Councillor Victor Woodhouse

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2023 Goals

- Getting outside the four walls of the Library
- Outreach around the community
- Programs at the Seniors Centre
- Pop-Up programs in the Parks
- More collaboration with other community groups
- Taking advantage of spaces where people are already congregating



Creating connection beyond our walls

- Walk among the stories: StoryWalks™
- Park pursuits: taking library programs to the parks
- Extending our reach to the mall and community centres
- Engaging events at the Newmarket Seniors Meeting Place and Old Town Hall



Harmonizing with our amazing community

- Cultivating community connections with the Plant Swap and Seed Library
- Amplifying the reach of local authors
- Summer fun extravaganza with camps
- Joining forces with NACCA to deliver empowering programs
- Unleashing innovation with NewMakeIt's Repair Cafés and Creative Aging programs



Affirming Inclusivity & Driving Change

- Breaking Barriers: We waived goodbye to Fines!
- Unlocking the doors at 9 am
- Spectacular storytimes with diverse groups
- Tales from different perspectives
- Book club kits to build connections and impart perspective



Vibrant Community, Thriving Library: The Numbers!

- Celebrating **5,357** new additions to our library family!
- Hosting a bustling **159,913** in-person visits to our library in 2023
- **460,195** borrowed treasures, each one sparking imagination and discovery
- **2,205** items borrowed are from the innovative Lendery, the Library of Things
- Our knowledgeable staff tackled **8,912** reference questions for our curious community
- Our programs brought joy to **9,356** people in 2023



What's next for the Library?

- Expanding our outreach horizons
- Forging ahead with more amazing collaborations
- Embracing diversity with intention in the collections
- Igniting inclusivity in Library programs
- Creating a welcoming, vibrant, and accessible library space





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