

2006 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

Lincoln Public Library is dedicated to offering a full range of programs, services and materials that advance the personal growth, life-long learning and recreational interests of its community.

Message From the Chair

This past year has been a busy one for the Lincoln Public Library. We celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Moses F. Rittenhouse Library with an open house, a speakers series and a community quilt-making project.

We also became an accredited library. Accreditation is a process whereby a library is measured against standards by peer evaluators. Our library scored very highly thanks to the hard work of a very dedicated staff.

Besides all this activity, the Lincoln Public Library continues to experience increased growth both in circulation and in demand for services. The Fleming branch in Beamsville is particularly crowded because of this demand and must be expanded to meet the needs of our patrons. This will certainly be a focus in the upcoming year.

The Lincoln Public Library Board extends thanks to the Town of Lincoln Council for their continued support and to the staff and volunteers who make our library such an outstanding service to this community.

Jane Wright

Board Members

Jane Wright, Chair

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Staff Members

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| Chief Executive Officer: | Jill Nicholson |
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| Children's Services Coordinator: | Elisabeth Peters |
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| Technical Services Assistant: | Jennifer Kinsman |
| Acquisitions: | Margaret Daley |
| Local History: | Veronika Reiser |
| Administrative Assistant: | Wendy Baarda |
| Library Assistants: | Martha Bucholz, Susan Hroncek, Karin Vandermeulen |

Financial Report 2006

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| Town Grant: | \$696,089 |
| Provincial Grant: | \$40,880 |
| Donations: | \$1,000 |
| Fees and Fines: | \$23,000 |
| Salaries: | \$527,596 |

Collections:nbsp; \$115,050

Facilities: \$65,312

Did you know that...

the Lincoln Public Library provides not only books, but CDs and DVDs, books on tape and CD, computer software and on-line information databases?

you can search, place holds and renew your checked out items via the library's website?

both branches offer wireless Internet access?

there are programs for all ages from babies to seniors?

New Programs

Two book clubs for elementary school aged children were launched.

The Library created two public blogs: a general announcement blog and a teen blog.

The Library launched wireless access to users at the Moses F. RittenhouseLibrary.

The Library held a series of events to mark the 10th anniversary of thecurrent Moses F. Rittenhouse Library building, including a successful local history speakers series.

Highlights

The Lincoln Public Library received Accreditation status from the Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council which is valid for 5 years.

The Library Board completed a 2006-2009 Strategic Plan which outlines the board's projects and goals for the next three years.

The Lincoln Public Library Board undertook a community needs assessment which identified staffing and facility needs until 2026.

The Library undertook a community survey in the fall. 86% of residents indicated that the library was very important. 58% rated library service as excellent and 29% as very good. 85% of library patrons check out recreational materials and 54% view videos and DVDs.

2006 Statistics

Circulation: 234,214

Reference Questions: 11,863

Active Memberships: 8,694

Visits: 178,555