

2025 A YEAR IN REVIEW

A shared path of growth, discovery, and connection



Ah-Ha!

Keswick Book Club at Discovery Branch

Customize a Mug Program
in the Maker Space

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Georgina
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Message from the Board Chair

In 2025, Georgina Public Library experienced a year of focus, progress, and meaningful advancement. Guided by our Strategic Plan, the Board and Staff worked collaboratively to strengthen our foundation while continuing to deliver high-quality programs and services to our community. The year was defined not only by what was achieved, but also by how those achievements positioned the Library for long-term success.

Significant progress was made throughout our library system. Leadership capacity was strengthened, core services were stabilized, and key operational and strategic priorities were advanced, resulting in improved consistency, access, and overall customer experience across all branches. At the same time, the Library continued to evolve its programs and services in direct response to community needs, ensuring we remain relevant, inclusive, and forward-thinking.

Importantly, the majority of the Library's 2025 goals were successfully achieved or substantially advanced. Where work remains, it has been thoughtfully carried forward into 2026, ensuring continuity and accountability as we build on this momentum. This progress reflects the dedication and professionalism of Library staff, the commitment of the Board, and the ongoing support of the Town of Georgina, our partners, and community. Together, these efforts have strengthened the Library's role as a welcoming, accessible, and essential community hub.

Looking ahead, the Library is well-positioned to continue modernizing services, enhancing the customer experience, and expanding our impact across Georgina. With a strong foundation now in place, there is great excitement about the opportunities ahead. On behalf of the Board, sincere gratitude is extended to everyone who contributes to the Library's success. This continued support enables growth, innovation, and meaningful service to the community, and we look forward to building on this momentum in 2026 and beyond.

Bobbi Sabatini (Board Chair)

2025 Library Board

Bobbi Sabatini, Chair

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2025 Management Team

Joseph Moncada, CEO/Director of Library Services

Amy Butcher, Manager, Library Community Engagement

Becky George, Manager, Library eServices

Nikolina Likarevic, Manager, Library Customer Experience

Maria Romano, Manager, Library Collections

Lori Puckett, Supervisor, Library Branches

2025 Staff

Our branches are staffed by:

17 Full-time staff

12 Part-time staff

17 Students

9 Casual staff

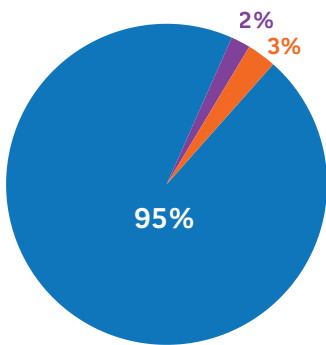


2025 at a Glance

SERVICE REACH, KEY OUTCOMES, AND GOAL PROGRESS

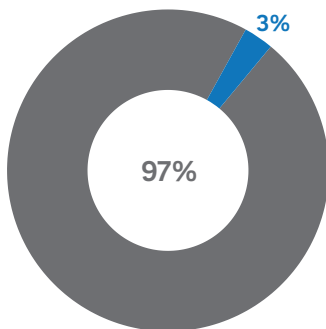
GPL tracks annual performance indicators that show how residents use library spaces and services—visits, borrowing, program participation, digital usage, and access supports.

Financial Summary



2025 Funding Sources

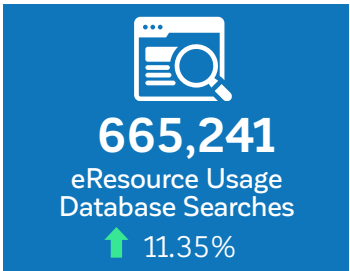
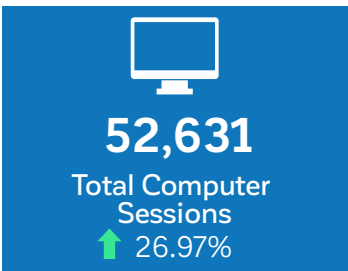
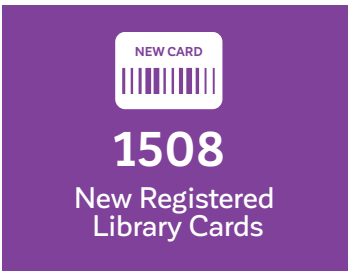
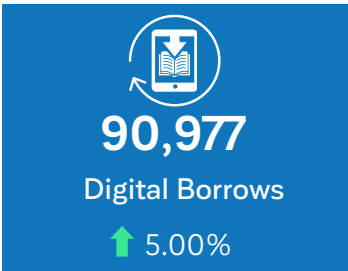
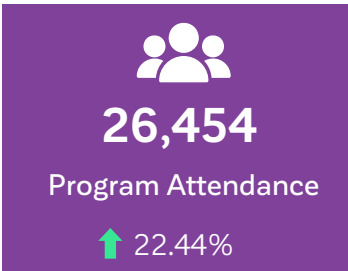
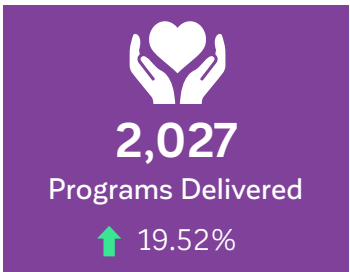
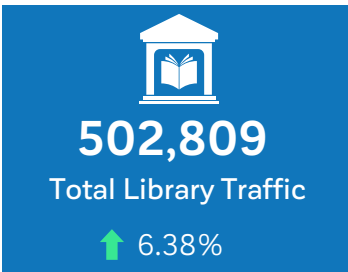
- Town of Georgina (95%)
- User Fees, Room Rentals, Lease (2%)
- Donations and grants (3%)



Town of Georgina 2025 Budget

- Georgina Public Library (3%)
- Other Town Departments (97%)

Library Statistics



* Percentages indicate year-over-year increase/decrease from 2024.



Inclusive and Responsive

WELCOMING SPACES, EQUITABLE ACCESS, AND SUPPORT WHEN RESIDENTS NEED IT MOST

The Strategic Plan emphasizes creating welcoming, inclusive, and growth-oriented spaces that reflect the needs of our community. In 2025, GPL advanced this priority by enhancing service consistency across branches, expanding access during high-demand periods—including opening on select Mondays—and introducing practical changes to make services more inclusive and accessible for all residents.

2025 ICE STORM

During the March 2025 ice storm and resulting power outages in parts of Georgina, the Town provided regular public updates and coordinated community supports. During this time, GPL played an important operational role, serving as designated warming centres during open hours and supporting local response efforts, including welcoming residents at the Sutton branch and assisting response operations using in-library resources.

TAX CLINICS

GPL also partnered with community agencies to reduce barriers to essential services. One of those partnerships saw free tax clinics in partnership with Routes Connecting Communities, processing 91 tax returns for Georgina residents—an example of the library leveraging trusted space and partnerships for practical benefit access.

GPL IDEA COMMITTEE

GPL strengthened its commitment to inclusion and accessibility by formalizing this work through a staff-led Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) committee. The committee helped identify opportunities to improve services, raise awareness, and ensure GPL spaces and programs are welcoming and accessible to all members of the community.



2025 Partnerships



Town of Georgina



Friends of the Library



GBK Financial Inc.
Lic. #11921



Routes
Connecting
Communities



Good Food Collective



Georgina Chamber
of Commerce



Community Legal
Clinic of York Region



Connors Music



York Region
Paramedics



Georgina Fire
Fighters



Georgina Brock
Garden Club



Georgina Village
Museum



Rose of Sharon



York Region

Green and Innovative

SUSTAINABILITY, TECHNOLOGY LITERACY, AND MAKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

GPL's Strategic Plan calls for environmentally sustainable strategies and focused programming that promotes environmental awareness, alongside equitable access to technology and innovation. 2025 was a year of practical sustainability outcomes paired with expanded opportunities for residents to use and learn new tools.

THE SEED LIBRARY

The Seed Library, available at all branches, empowers residents to grow, share, and connect through gardening. GPL's model promotes free access, no card required, seed sharing through donations, and a per-visit packet limit to support sustainability.

REPAIR CAFÉ

In collaboration with York Region, GPL hosted The Repair Café. Nearly 200lbs of waste was diverted from landfill, as the program saw 25 of 34 broken items brought into the library repaired (74% success rate).

LEARNING LAPTOPS

GPL implemented a suite of learning laptops and the launch of tech-focused workshops, alongside Maker Space programming intended to maximize community engagement and collect data to support future resource needs.

Maker Space

A SPACE TO CREATE AND LEARN

GPL's Maker Space is more than equipment—it's a community hub for innovation.

Residents can:

- Learn new digital and technical skills
- Turn ideas into real projects
- Access tools they may not have at home
- Participate in workshops that build confidence and creativity

Community Benefit:

By providing open access to technology and guided learning, GPL is helping residents build practical skills, explore new interests, and engage with innovative tools in a supportive environment.



Empower and Connect

STRONG TEAMS, STRONG GOVERNANCE, AND PROGRAMS THAT BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

The Strategic Plan emphasizes staff growth, strong governance, and meaningful community connection through services that reflect local needs and encourage participation. In 2025, GPL made significant progress in these areas by strengthening onboarding practices, refreshing staff training, and delivering two staff development days focused on customer experience and safety protocols—key foundations for consistent, high-quality service across all branches.

STAFF AND BOARD DEVELOPMENT

GPL continued to strengthen its governance and organizational capacity through targeted training and development opportunities. Both staff and the Library Board participated in sessions led by industry experts on topics including intellectual freedom, governance best practices, customer service, and emergency preparedness. These efforts reflect GPL's commitment to continuous learning, strong leadership, and a shared approach to delivering excellent public service.

BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Throughout 2025, GPL delivered engaging programs that connected residents, fostered learning, and created memorable experiences for all ages. A few highlights from our wide range of offerings include:



STORYTIME WITH PARAMEDICS AND TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL

A hands-on, interactive experience that helped children learn about community helpers in a fun and supportive environment.

THE EYRIE: BIRDS OF PREY LIVE DEMONSTRATION

A captivating program that brought audiences face-to-face with birds of prey while promoting education and environmental awareness.



LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE

An expanded event celebrating local talent, bringing together over 30 authors and creating meaningful connections between writers and the community.

LIFE-SIZED CANDYLAND

A large-scale, immersive experience delivered in partnership with the Town of Georgina, transforming a classic board game into a vibrant, interactive event for families.

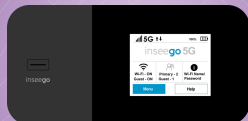


Library Resources and Experiences

BORROW MORE THAN BOOKS: ACCESS, INCLUSION, AND COMMUNITY VALUE

THE LENDERY

GPL's Lendery expands access by allowing residents to borrow items they may only need occasionally or wish to try before purchasing. This unique collection reflects the Library's commitment to reducing barriers, supporting exploration, and providing meaningful community value. The Lendery includes a wide range of resources, including experience-based passes to local and regional attractions such as Georgina Recreation facilities, the Aga Khan Museum, Reptilia, and the Royal Ontario Museum, as well as WiFi hotspots, Nature Backpacks, ukuleles, and more.



ACCESSIBLE TOOLS FOR READING AND LEARNING

To support accessibility and inclusive learning, GPL offers loanable C-Pens through the Lendery. These tools are designed to assist individuals with dyslexia, vision impairments, and other reading challenges by scanning printed text and reading it aloud, as well as providing definitions, translations, and comprehension support.

Most Popular Checkouts of 2025

TOP 5 ADULT FICTION



TOP 5 ADULT NONFICTION



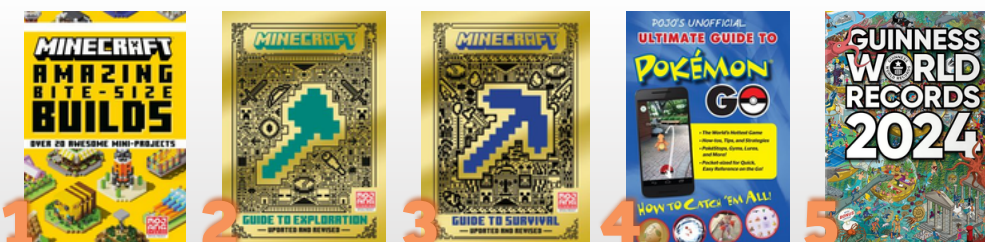
TOP 5 ADULT MOVIES



TOP 5 KIDS FICTION



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TOP 5 KIDS MOVIES



Our Library, Our Community

LOCATIONS, THANKS, AND HOW TO CONNECT

Thank you to all residents, partners, volunteers, donors, and staff who helped strengthen Georgina Public Library's impact in 2025. The Library's work depends on collaboration—across municipal teams, regional partners, community organizations, and local supporters—so that collections, programs, learning opportunities, and practical supports reach residents where they are.

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