

2021

A YEAR IN REVIEW



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Georgina
PUBLIC LIBRARY



COLLECTIONS

Georgina Public Library offers over **192,309** titles for public circulation.

In 2021, library materials were circulated a total of **173,712** times.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND CEO

2021 was another year of constant change as the COVID-19 pandemic continued. With ongoing and ever-changing health & safety guidance and service methods mandated by the Provincial government and local Public Health authorities, staff pivoted again and again to continue meeting the needs of Georgina residents in a variety of ways.

For portions of the year, our branches were open for in-person service, though curbside pickup continued to be an option at all times and was well-received by residents. Friends of the Library volunteers delivered books to residents who were unable to access the library in person. Programs for different age groups were primarily virtual and included cooking, reading, Parents and Tots, and many other interesting ways to pass time and learn during shutdowns in the community. We offered a few outdoor programs during the warmer months—people in attendance were thrilled to be safely attending in-person programming once again!

The Library Board continued with our monthly virtual meetings.

2021 was also very busy with planning for the MURC (Multi-Use Recreation Complex), a facility designed to meet the current and future needs of everyone in the growing and evolving Town of Georgina, including library users. Town Council unanimously approved moving forward with construction of the MURC including the Discovery Branch of GPL. Members of the GPL Board participated in the ground-breaking of the MURC on November 10th, an exciting day for our entire community!

The Discovery Branch will complement our three existing library branches, offering a modern maker space as well as more traditional book collections and programs. It is designed to meet the needs of our evolving community, providing opportunities for building skills that are needed to succeed today and into the future, including better access to technology.

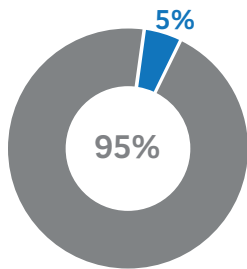
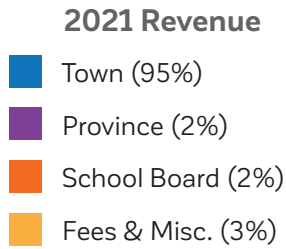
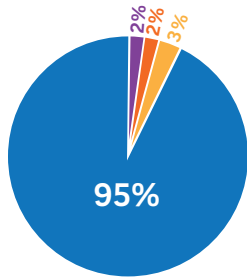
As 2021 came to a close, GPL continued to gradually expand in-person library service options while following safety guidelines for staff and members of the community.

Thank you to the GPL Board, Members of Council, staff, volunteers, and members of the community for your ongoing support; because of you, we have been able to keep your library available during these difficult times.

Mary-Catherine Macaluso (Board Chair)
Valerie Stevens (Library Director/CEO)

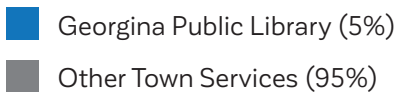


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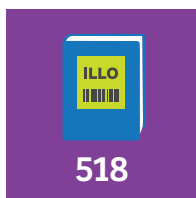


2021 Town of Georgina Budget

5% of the Town's total budget was allocated to Georgina Public Library.



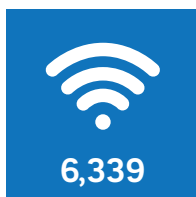
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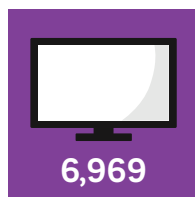
Interlibrary Loans



Program Attendees



WiFi Uses



Public Access Computer Uses

OUR STAFF

Our branches are staffed by 4 Library Managers, 12 Full-time staff, 11 Part-time staff, and 13 Students, with the support of 7 Casual staff.

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



In 2021, we were able to offer patrons the option of tracking their recent **borrowing history** in their online account.



With pandemic restrictions constantly changing, GPL introduced a **Grab & Go** service. Staff chose a selection of books on a theme or category requested by the patron, then the patron picked up their bag of surprises at the library door. We filled **344** Grab & Go requests in 2021.



We launched 15 **Mobile WiFi Hotspots** for borrowing in April 2021, improving internet access for Georgina residents. Hotspots were borrowed **106** times in 2021.



On November 10, 2021, members of the Board were on-hand for the Groundbreaking Ceremony at Georgina's new Multi-Use Recreation Complex (MURC), which will be the home of our new **Discovery Branch!**

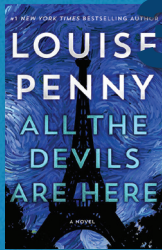
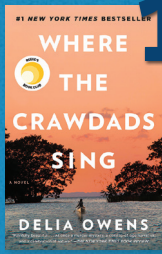


MURC
Groundbreaking Ceremony

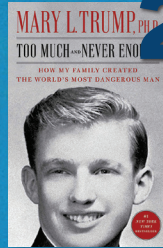
Pictured from left to right: Naomi Davison (Board Member), Councillor Dave Neeson (Board Member), Mary-Catherine Macaluso (Board Chair), Valerie Stevens (Library Director/CEO), Bobbi Sabatini (Board Vice-Chair)

2021 MOST POPULAR Adult Checkouts

FICTION



NONFICTION

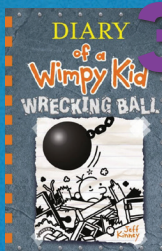
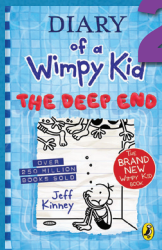
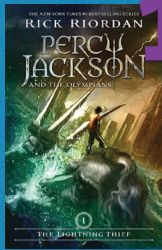


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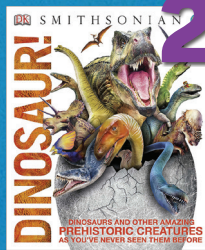


2021 MOST POPULAR Kids Checkouts

FICTION



NONFICTION



MOVIES

