



2025 Annual Report



MISSION

The Brantford Public Library enhances the quality of life in our diverse community. We invest in valuable experiences, resources, and services, in a welcoming and equitable environment for all.

VISION

The Brantford Public Library listens and adapts to offer engaging services that foster development for our whole community.

VALUES

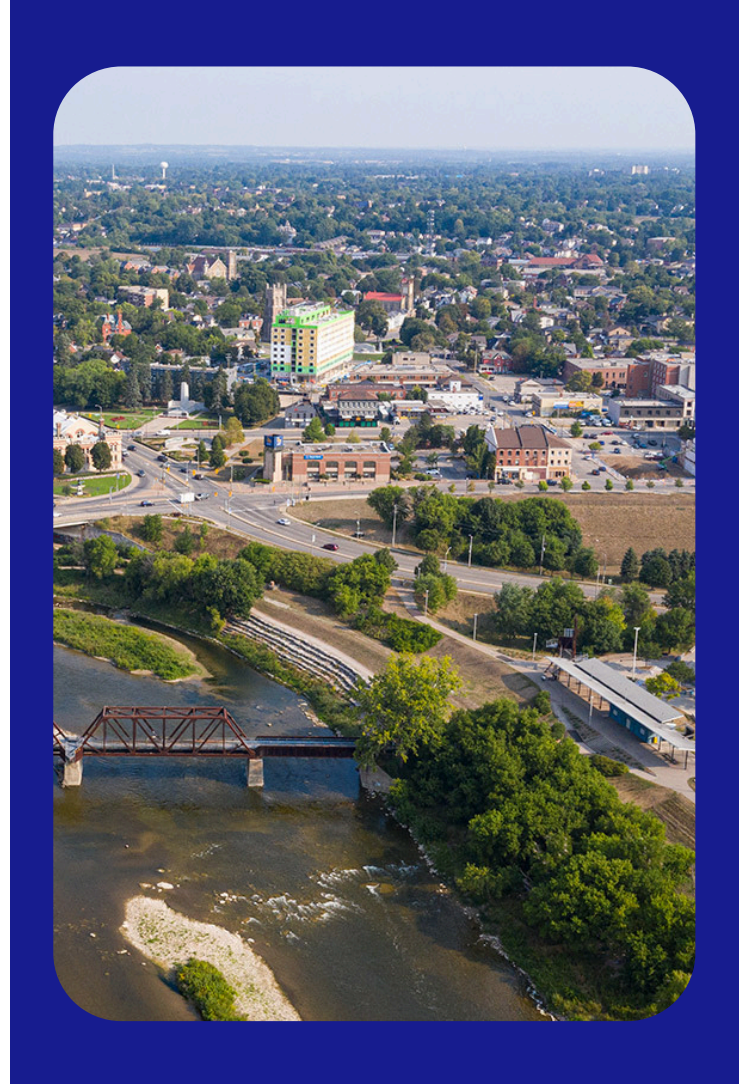
- We serve our customers with professionalism, respect and knowledge.
- We welcome everyone and strive to reduce barriers to access. We encourage curiosity and creativity.
- We work in partnership.
- We support lifelong learning and literacy.

Land Acknowledgement

Brantford Public Library respectfully acknowledges that we are located on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, and Neutral peoples. In the present day, Brantford is home to many Indigenous residents and near to long-standing communities of Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit.

It's important to learn about the history of the land where we work and reside, to understand the current impacts of that history, and to consider our place within that context.

The Library is committed to identifying and implementing actions of reconciliation. As a public library, we must ensure that we provide resources, programs and services that are representative and welcoming of Indigenous individuals and communities.



A Message from our Board Chair

MARION MCGEEIN

As Chair of the Brantford Public Library Board, I am pleased to reflect on another year of growth and progress for the Brantford Public Library. Throughout 2025, the Library continued to evolve to meet the changing needs of our community while advancing one of the most significant projects in our organization's history — the new Shellard Lane Branch.

Progress continued on the construction of the future Shellard Lane Branch throughout the year, building excitement for expanded library services in Brantford's growing southwest community. In 2025, the Library also officially announced the branch name following community consultation and Library Board approval. Opening this fall, the new branch will expand access to library spaces, programs, technology, and collections for years to come.

The Library also continued to strengthen services across the system through projects including the launch of the new Print Hub at Main Branch, the introduction of automatic renewals, facility improvements, and the creation of the new Supervisor of Safety and Wellbeing position.

On behalf of the Library Board, I would like to thank Library staff, leadership, community partners, volunteers, and residents for their continued support and dedication. We are proud to support an organization that continues to grow, adapt, and serve our community in meaningful ways.

Sincerely,

Marion McGeein
Chair, Brantford Public Library Board



2025 Highlights

Community Connections

- Partnered with the Gihekdaye Friendship Centre to create an Indigenous medicines garden at St. Paul Branch, supporting programming for Indigenous youth and strengthening community partnerships.
- Gathered feedback from more than 2,000 community survey responses to help guide future operating hours and service planning across the library system.

Improving Library Spaces

- Continued major facility improvements, including completion of the Main Library roof replacement project and upgraded LED lighting in the auditorium and boardroom.
- Officially announced the new southwest branch name: Brantford Public Library – Shellard Lane Branch, following community consultation and Library Board approval.

Enhancing Services

- Launched the new Print Hub at Main Branch, improving access to printing and computer services while enhancing customer service and staff efficiency.
- Implemented automatic renewals to improve customer convenience and reduce overdue materials for eligible borrowed items.
- Introduced the new Supervisor of Safety and Wellbeing position to support staff training, incident response, and overall library safety initiatives.

2025 By the Numbers

Books Borrowed

351,317

Home Delivery Items

4,822

eBooks Borrowed

156,775

New Members

4,774

In-Person Visits

481,528

Computer Bookings

27,605

Program Attendees

28,880

Pages Printed

173,923



The Guitar Society of Brantford performs at Main Branch.

2025 Financial Statement

Extracted in a condensed format from the audited financial statements

Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus:

	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Actual 2024
Revenues			
Government transfers	5,846,700	10,248,662	7,559,993
Other revenue	272,100	307,752	280,700
	6,118,800	10,556,414	7,840,693
Expenses			
Salaries and benefits	4,677,000	4,844,263	4,344,680
Building	314,300	353,866	326,603
Other operating expenses	699,800	608,947	557,392
Administrative expenses	160,000	171,252	168,857
Excess of Revenues over Expenses Before Under-noted Items	5,851,100 267,700	5,978,328 4,578,086	5,397,532 2,443,161
Other Income/(Expense)			
Asset retirement obligation accretion expense		(62,507)	-
Amortization of tangible capital assets		(833,458)	(813,579)
Annual Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations		3,682,121	1,629,582
Accumulated Surplus - Beginning of Year		6,797,727	5,168,145
Accumulated Surplus - End of Year		10,479,848	6,797,727
Other Financial Information			
Capital Asset Additions - Library Resources		380,139	439,056
Capital Asset Additions - Other		5,395,452	2,104,906
Transfers to Reserve Funds		133,534	160,479
Transfers from Reserve Fund		389,030	255,001
Asset Retirement Obligation		1,483,117	1,420,610
Post Employment/Retirement Benefits Liability		304,400	280,400

2025 Library Board



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Board Chair



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