

Monthly Statistics Report		
	October 2023	October 2024
New Patrons	128	78
Library Visits	1,669	2,252
Circulation	1,429	1,904
Phone Calls	87	106
Reference/Reader’s Advisory	13	11
Programs	43	65
Program Participation	726	1,244
Social Media Reaches	13,199	9,753
Social Media Total Likes	672	379
E-material Circulation	521	453
E-resource Usage	93	20
ILL Circulation – Received	23	38
ILL Circulation – Requests	26	52
Computer/iPad Usage	158	242
Wi-Fi	101	88
Tech Help	26	41

October Highlights:

October was a busy month with the arrival of fall and the spooky season. Throughout the month, we hosted several Halloween-themed activities, including scavenger hunts, contests for kids and teens, spooky story times, and craft programs. On October 25, during the school PD Day, staff organized a fun-filled day of Halloween festivities with activity stations set up throughout the library. Families could decorate trick-or-treat bags, complete a scavenger hunt, participate in Halloween-themed STEM activities, make spooky bookmarks, enjoy toddler sensory bins, colour sheets, and play games such as tic-tac-toe. We also had a green screen where kids could choose a spooky background and take pictures in their costumes.



As part of the spooky month activities, the library participated in the Downtown Trick or Treat event, where we welcomed 350 visitors. A big thank you to the organizers for a fantastic event.



October was also Canadian Library Month, with Ontario Library Week running from October 20 to 26. This year, we hosted a book art contest where participants transformed old books into art, showcasing the community's creativity. Kids enjoyed activity sheets designed for Library Week.



Staff also engaged in training and professional development. Librarian CEO Lacy Russell attended the OLS Virtual Conference, a one-day event themed "Stronger Library. Stronger Communities." Additionally, two staff members completed First Aid Training, and two others attended Mental Health First Aid training conducted by the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Programs and Events:

Kids:

- Each week, our story time for babies and toddlers delights little ones with enchanting tales, fostering a love for reading.
- At our library's LEGO club, children build, create, and share their imaginative constructions, fostering creativity and collaboration.
- During our Halloween decorating contest, kids transformed tissue boxes into spooky and creative masterpieces, showcasing their artistic talents and festive spirit. The winner received a treat bag.
- Kids thrilled us with their spine-chilling two-sentence scary stories, competing for a chance to win a Halloween treat bag filled with spooky goodies.
- To celebrate Halloween, our younger patrons enjoyed a spooky story time, huddling around the flickering (fake) campfire to listen to eerie and sometimes funny stories.
- Class visits to the public library have been going exceptionally well, with a full schedule and enthusiastic participation from students.



Teens:

- The afterschool book club for grades 6-8 was a lively gathering where students eagerly discussed their favorite books and discovered new stories together.
- Youth who checked out a young adult book with a dot sticker were entered into a weekly draw for a pair of spooky socks filled with treats, making the program a fun and engaging success.
- Students in grades 6-8 enjoyed dropping in after school for a fun movie screening of *The Addams Family* and delicious snacks.
- Youth aged 11-18 had a blast at the green screen Halloween program, choosing scary backgrounds and learning how to insert their images into them.
- Partakers in teams of 2-3 had a great time solving clues to uncover who had been haunting the library, earning treat bags for their detective work after scheduling their time at the front desk.
- Some youth had a creative and fun time at the DIY spooky terrarium program, crafting their own spooky graveyard scenes.
- Youth in grades 8-12 joined us for a gripping evening of scary movie and snacks, enjoying a screening of *The Watchers*.



Adults:

- The October Crafternoon participants made a DIY pumpkin candle holder.
- The Edgewood Suites book club discussed *The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue for the month of October.
- Participants in the photography club continue to enjoy learning new photography tips each session and showcasing their work.
- Participants joined the Adult Learning Centre for free weekly training sessions, learning how to use their devices, emails, apps, and more. We extend our thanks to the Adult Learning Centre for their invaluable support and expertise.
- Participants enjoyed learning American Sign Language as a group through Transparent Language, enhancing their communication skills together.
- Adults had a fantastic time at the craft night, creating beautiful drip-dyed scarves and enjoying a creative evening together.
- Adults enjoyed a delightful paint night, creating a vibrant fall pumpkin-themed artwork and sharing a cozy, creative evening together.
- Participants enjoyed a Diwali celebration with a presentation and craft hosted by YMCA Settlement Services. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the YMCA for their wonderful support and collaboration.

