



# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



# Message from the Chair

2016 was an exciting year for Huntsville Public Library. The Board was able to make the first step to fulfill our goal to renovate and expand with the successful purchase and renovation of the previous “Becker’s/ Mike’s Milk Convenience Store”, now known as “The Annex”.

It is truly rewarding to see how a strategic idea can turn into a reality! The community wanted more space and we are able to offer it with this addition. This space is allowing us to be fiscally responsible while offering a cost effective space for our community.

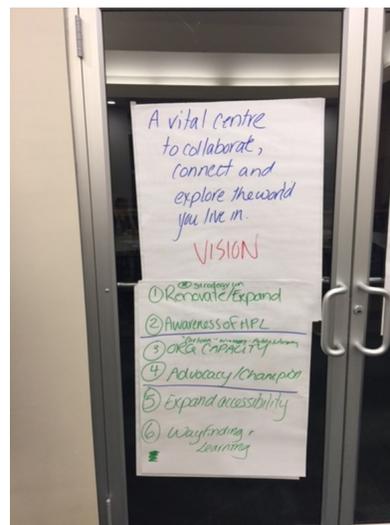
2016 also resulted in our Board connecting with the community and developing our 2017-2020 strategic plan that will take us in the next few years with clear objectives. It is extremely rewarding to be involved with a library that reaches out into the community in so many ways!

Your Huntsville Public Library delivers books to those unable to visit the library and programs occur outside our walls - at schools and public events. Under our roofs, we offer free tech help to those with new devices, seniors attend exercise class through the VON, and those learning to read aloud can do so with service dogs if they are not quite ready to read aloud to a person!

These are just a few examples of what we do. Come by to this vital center to collaborate, connect and explore the world in which we live!



Sue Dixon



# Milestones

## 2017-2020 Strategic Plan

### Vision:

A vital centre to collaborate, connect and explore the world in which we live.

### Mission:

To provide accessible services, programs, collections and spaces designed to inspire and enrich the community.

### Values:

Intellectual Freedom, Equitable Access, Sustainability, Respect, Innovation, Accountability, Leadership, Community, Life Long Learning, & Creativity.



## 2016 Milestones



### Renovation & Official Launch of the Annex

Strategic Planning for 2017-2020

Vicki Dodds Art Book Collection

Launch of hoopla

Canada 150 Infrastructure Grant

Terry Fallis @ Sutherland Hall

Pokemon Go Party with the BIA

Canada Summer Jobs & Local History

Migration to LED Lighting | TOH Energy Tactical Team

Renovation and Official Launch of the Annex



# Facts & Figures

## Revenue & Expenditures

### Where It Came From

Municipal	905,626
From Reserve	41,497
Provincial	48,075
Other (Fines & Fees)	35,894
Donations	18,434
	1,049,526

### Where It Went

Salary, Wages & Benefits	618,119
Operations	180,592
Collections	104,791
Capital Projects	160,871
	1,064,373

## Friends of the Library

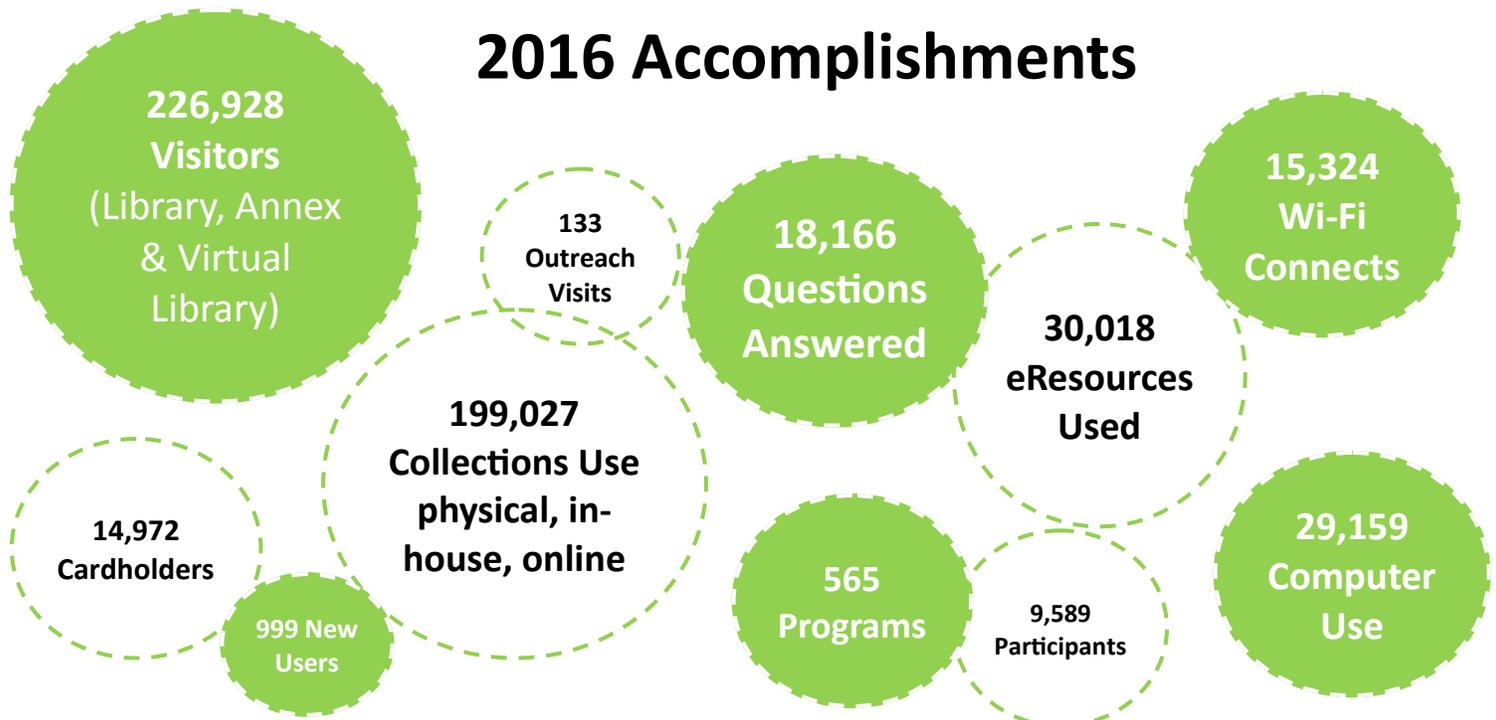
The Huntsville Public Library Board and Staff would like to thank the Friends of the Library for their continued generosity and support.

In 2016 the Friends provided funding for:



- March Break and Summer Reading Club: Presenters, Performers & Book Bags
- Annex Accessories—TV, Coatrack & Clock
- HPL Book Bags for the Novel Marathon Writers

## 2016 Accomplishments



# 2016 Happenings

## New Programs

Chess Club for Tweens & Teens and Tech Fun for Kids

## Papier-Mâché Art in the Children's Library

Local artist Patricia Astley offered to create papier-mâché versions of favourite picture book characters for Summer 2016. Due to the appreciation of library users, she agreed for the Library to display sculptures for the foreseeable future.

## Children's Author Visit

Teens learned about world building from Newfoundland author Danika Dinsmore (Canadian Children's Book Week Tour)

## 2015 Income Tax Clinics with CRA trained volunteers.

345 tax returns were completed; up 50 users from 2014.

## Art in the Library | Partnership with HAS

The Huntsville Art Society coordinated the display of artists that included: Tyler Ayles, Catherine Luce, Helena Renwick, Ron Murdoch, Ursula Toelke and Roberta Twaddle. Elementary schools from across the municipality also displayed their art works.

## Pokemon Go Party with the BIA

The Library and the BIA teamed up to host a PokéParty on August 11th. The downtown was alive with the search lures and stops.

## An Evening with Author Terry Fallis

70 readers enjoyed an evening with author Terry Fallis. The talented author shared stories, ideas and his amazing sense of humour with the audience.

## Celebrations

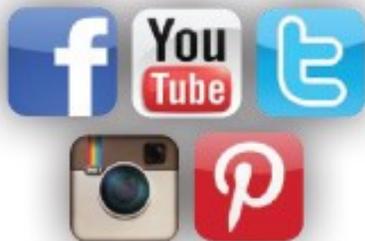
The Library joined in and hosted celebrations for Earth Week, Culture Days, and Summer Reading Club.



## Huntsville Public Library

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Our Virtual Library that is open 24/7  
[www.huntsvillelibrary.ca](http://www.huntsvillelibrary.ca)



## Library Board

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**Vice Chair**

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David James

Sue Morris

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Lorraine Thomas

Brian Thompson,  
**Council Representative**

## Lead Team

Deborah Duce,  
**CEO/Chief Librarian**

Amber McNair,  
**Youth Services Librarian**

Beth Potter  
**User Experience Librarian**

Cortney LeGros  
**Coordinator, Outreach, Programs  
& Partnerships**

Julie Manczak  
**eLibrarian**

## Library Community Supporters

The Library Board would like to thank the individuals who generously made donations and showed their support for the Huntsville Public Library. We would also like to thank these groups and businesses for their support of library programs, collections, facilities and initiatives.

Anne MacDonald	Jordan Ross—Lego Volunteer	Rotary Club of Huntsville
Applause Toy Store	Kate Brown	Rotary Club of Huntsville / Lake of Bays
Belly Ice Cream	Keith Franklin	Ryan O'Connor
Betty-Lou Rogers	Kim and Trevor Bates	Seven Main Café
Bev Watts	Helena Renwick & the BIA	Shady - Paws Therapy Dog
Community Living Huntsville	Kate Quinlan—Chess Club	TD Bank
Ethan Ross—Lego Volunteer	Kimberley-Clark Corporation	Teen Advisory Group
Family Focus of Huntsville	Mary Spring	Teri Howell
Friends of the Library	Muskoka Community Network	Tina Patterson
Huntsville Art Society	Nutty Chocolatier	Wendi Barker - Paws Volunteer
Huntsville Denture Clinic	Oliver's	Whimsical Bakery
Huntsville Fire Department	Patricia Axbage	YWCA Muskoka
Huntsville Horticultural Society	Paul Sass & Community Income Tax Program Volunteers	
Jane Stuart	Reel Alternatives	
Jasmine Kelly		