



Annual Report

We are a place where hope and wonder fly.

Thanks to you, our engaged and dedicated community, SPL had significant successes in 2019, including: a 25% increase in program attendance across all ages, a 260% increase in Summer Reading Club participation, new and expanded partnerships, and the opportunity to provide advanced lifelong learning tools such as Lynda.com & Gale Courses. Although we suffered a setback in the spring with the Province's budget cut to the provincial library agency, the Perth County Information Network has rallied and will soon be back up and running at the previous level of service. We are looking forward to a renewed PCIN presence in 2020, and another 20 years of this superb partnership.

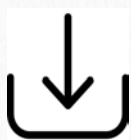
Julia Merritt, CEO

How did Stratfordites use SPL in 2019?

8,286

Stratfordites used their LIBRARY **CARD**

You enjoyed a variety of digital content such as eBooks, magazines, videos and more.



72,800

eResources
DOWNLOADED

812 FREE
CLASSES & EVENTS

ATTENDED
18,839 times



You visited to check out the latest additions to the collection.

207

thousand



ITEMS

borrowed

SPL benefits
Stratfordites by

**\$17.5
million**

each year

438,000

IN-PERSON
& VIRTUAL
**visits
to SPL**

You were supported by
SPL staff in person, by
phone, email and in the
community

10,400+
QUESTIONS
answered

14,973
COMPUTER
sessions

\$1

INVESTMENT IN
SPL RETURNS

\$7.87

"The technology services helped me to learn how to access and use audiobook app... I have dyslexia and this allows me to read and enjoy books and enhances my conversations with my colleagues, friends. The library app allows me to access large amounts of texts that would otherwise be a struggle to read."

- Bridge Technology Survey Response



"This is an AMAZING resource for my family! As a homeschooling mother of 6, living in the country with limited wifi, this allows us so much more freedom in our learning. This has been a Godsend!!"

- Review of Wireless Hotspot Lending

At closing time:

Patron 1: We're gettin' the boot!

Patron 2: Yes, we are. It's my favourite place to get the boot from!



Ever. Wonder.

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