



# NORMAN WILLIAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Dear Library Patron,

November 2023

Thanks to your generous support and to our committed and creative staff, the Library has been able to maintain and continue to improve many of its vital connections and services. It is wonderful to see such appreciation for the return of our regular services as well as some additional ones. Our programs and services are back and thriving and the NWPL once again provides a welcome location for all ages to meet, share, and connect. This past summer we were instrumental in providing especially heavily used flood related resources and links on our website to assist community members in dealing with the results of the devastating flooding.

The Norman Williams Public Library, whose services are available to all at no charge, is not a fully-funded municipal library. Each year, nearly two-thirds of the NWPL's operating budget must come from fundraising. Unfortunately, the Library's largest annual fundraiser, the Ex Libris Gala, which provides over 10% of our revenues, was canceled for the third year in a row, though we are looking forward to hosting our Gala in the spring. Please help us maintain our services with a donation to the Norman Williams Public Library.

Funds donated to our Annual Appeal provide salaries for our staff of knowledgeable librarians, technical support for visitors of all ages, programs for children and adults, and countless other services. Through your support, many of our statistics are returning to pre-pandemic levels. This past year alone:

- Nearly 72,000 people came through our doors, including more than 7,000 last month alone - and it is likely our librarians spoke with each and every one of them!
- 51,000 books were checked out
- 1,400 children and caregivers visited pre-school story time
- 3,500 children attended after-school programs
- Nearly 1,400 books were added to our collections

To sustain and grow these levels of support for our community, we need your contributions more than ever: Each year the library becomes a more central part of the lives of residents across our greater Woodstock community.

Won't you please consider a gift to our 2023 year-end appeal to support the Norman Williams Public Library?

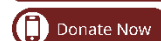
As always, the staff and trustees thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Joe Boyd  
President of the Board of Trustees

Clare McFarland  
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