



BONFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

2015-2018 End of Term Report

The inaugural meeting was held January 26, 2015 with the election of officers: Chairperson Tamela Price-Fry, Vice-Chairperson Leslie Larocque, Secretary/Treasurer Storme Van Rassel, Board member Robert Rice and Council Representative Sylvie Beaudoin. We've been very fortunate to have a dedicated team who shared great ideas, connected with the community and strived to create library services that met, and often exceeded, the needs of users of all ages.

2015 Highlights

- This Board took the reins of the JASI project by passing a motion at the March 2, 2015 meeting after sending two staff members to travel to local libraries to observe different automation systems with the result of joining OLS-North Joint Server (JASI) Integrated Library System. In preparation to the migration to JASI the staff was very busy in the groundwork, a new website hosted by "cushy" and overseen by OLS-North was created.
- A change in the internet provider from Ontera to Bell.
- The staff and volunteers started re-barcoding the library collection in October 17, 2015.
- With the 2014/2015 \$3,798 capacity grant, 5 new computers were purchased to replace aging hardware. A new slip printer, handheld scanner, a surge protector, digital camera and non-fiction reference books were also purchased.
- 2015 brought us some changes in staffing: The Library Board accepted the resignation of the Library Assistant, Kristina Vincent on April 27, 2015 and offered the position to Miranda Maitland June 3, 2015.
- The \$425 Service Ontario grant went towards new printer toners and paper.
- \$9,000 Trillium grant was used towards an all-in-one photocopier, all-in-one Literacy Station, Rosetta Stone "Learn French" and eBooks.
- Through a partnership with the Blue Sky Regional Network Libraries a successful application to Trillium was made possible to hire a Network Technology Trainer & IT support Coordinator for a period of 1 year and 10 months which began in May, 2015. (Cédric Deschênes May, 2015-July 3rd, 2015 – Jeff Cousineau July 22, 2015 - May 22, 2017).

The library offered many promotional/programs for all ages throughout 2015 starting with a presentation from Peter Johnston on Life in China, Crochet & Knitting workshop, Valentine's TEA-rrific, TD summer reading program, Librarian Tea Party, Hero-the Super Collie, Read the Rainbow "chocolate bar" Cake, Françoise Noël author of *Nipissing Historic Waterway*, *Wilderness Playground*, Let's talk Science Series and soap-making workshops.





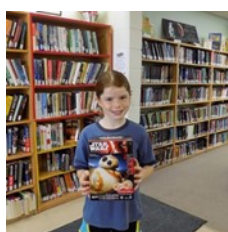
A Visit Will Get You Thinking.

2016 Highlights

- We had a successful launch of our new automated system JASI (Joint-Automation-System- Integration) On April 25th, 2016 we started to re-register all patrons with a new library card which gave them access to the Bonfield Library online catalogue. We simultaneously registered patrons who wished to access the self serve Interlibrary Loan system. To celebrate the launch the Friends of the Bonfield Public Library sponsored the purchase of a Samsung Galaxy Tablet that was drawn at 12:00pm (noon) at the Friends Annual Book Sale June 4th, 2016. Congratulations to Dorothy MacPherson winner of the Tablet.
- It was a pleasure to welcome our new Library Assistant Holly Brodhagen on April 11, 2016 for a 10 month contract that managed the new self serve Interlibrary Program and Programming. These new programs proved to be so successful that on February 11, 2017 Holly's position change to a permanent part-time position.
- The Library Board accepted the resignation of the Library Assistant, Andree Gagne effective May 2, 2016
- On June 14th, 2016 a long time library supporter, Greg Boxwell passed away leaving this community a legacy of his "*Library Board Member Footprint*" by introducing and implementing numerous projects within his 17th years with the Board. Greg was most passionate about technology. He introduced us to the most up to date, current, innovated technology equipment and software relevant at the time. A signage was put in place at the library to memorialize Greg's hard work and dedication.
- Little Free Library was introduced to our community August 24, 2016 to foster the love of literature.. The charter signed arrived November 2, 2016
- Story Time was temporarily Closed January 3rd, 2017 to March 7th, 2017 due to the lack of interest in this program. On May 10, 2017 the program was cancelled in its entirety due to the in-activity of the Early Years Program but retains the Library Employee Patricia Vezina to replace staff on a needs basis.
- A new book club was started by the Friends of the library member Gail Snook with five participating members.
- The Policies and Procedures have been reviewed and revised and are available on our webpage.

PROGRAMMING:

TD Summer Reading program, Let's Talk Science, Reptilia, Library Family Picnic, Soap Making, Cheese Making, Library 101 and Soil Renewal.



2017 Highlights

- We added a new service this year by adding to our collection ten pre-loaded *Playaway Launchpads Tablets* for kids to adults. These tablets do not require any internet to operate. They are as simple as turning on the device anytime.
- New this year is our *Seed Lending Library*. Thank you to our staff member Holly for organizing this project and to Robert Rice for donating the Seed Cabinet.
- February 26, 2017 The Bonfield Public Library Strategic Plan 2015-2019 was accepted as submitted.
- The Bonfield Public Library Board agreed on April 3, 2018 into creating a designated social media page via Facebook that pertaining solely on the Bonfield Seed Lending Library.
- In celebrating Canada's 150th Anniversary the library Board approved 150 Reasons to Read Campaign with a grand prize of \$150 dollars President Choice Gift Certificate that was drawn June 29th, 2017. Congratulations to Brian Benish as our 150 Reason to Read Winner.
- It was with great pleasure to announce the successful application from the Home Town Grant sponsored by Frank Cowan and Company. With these funds we were able to provide events, programs and workshops.
- The Blue Sky Region Trillium Grant expired which sponsored our Technology Educator Jeff Cousineau. Jeff brought his expertise in technology to our community as an on-site specialist, Thank you Jeff for your service.

PROGRAMMING:

2017 was a year of innovation and accomplishment for the Bonfield Public Library. BPL successfully developed and showcased 15 programs and events for our community throughout the year. During the March break a series of **Makey, Makey** (*Electronic invention tool and toy that allows users to connect everyday objects to computer programs*) was offered to children of all ages encouraging them to find creative ways to interact with their computers, by using everyday objects as a replacement for keyboards and mice. Three workshops were offered during the year on learning the basics of making your own soap. **The Calamine and Christmas soap workshops** were geared towards adults. A **Soap Bomb** workshop was offered for children during the summer programming. It was fun and educational. During the summer programming the BPL provided a workshop for all ages on making your own **Homemade Ice Cream** as part of our Ice Cream Party. **Tealia Carriere** from Tickled Teals entertained the crowd with her talent of face painting and balloon games and to wrap up our summer programming children ages 5 to 13 were able to take part in the **TD summer reading program**. Every three books they read during the summer months they received a sticker and their name went on our wall of fame for the lucky draw of a "Hatchimal" toy. Congratulations to Amber Bowman the grand prize winner. Kris Ledoux from *Off the Grid's* gave a fantastic presentation and a green energy alternatives talk on **solar power**. What great fun and informative evening we had at the **Kombucha** workshop where we had the opportunity to try out a variety of Kombucha flavours and had the opportunity to go home with a starter kit to start our own beneficial health drink. We had a very educational and better understanding of **Essential Oil** from our presenter Janet Van Wyck on how to use essential oils safely, what to look for when shopping for pure oils and the healing benefits of pure essential oils. The technique of making your own **homemade bread** was enjoyed by all from our presenter Monica Bessette.

In the past, libraries were seen as a storage room, places where books and other stuff were housed with the expectation to be quiet....Now, the BPL is a place where people gather to learn, generate ideas and create. The librarians are still on hand to assist with your literature needs and coach the many groups who take part in a growing list of programs geared for everyone from the tiniest tots to the most respected senior.

2018 Highlights

- Due to popular demand of a Technology assistant, the Library Board contracted Jeff Cousineau on January 8, 2018 to assist any residents who seek assistance with their Technology devices .
- It was a pleasure to announce our Library Assistant Holly Brodhagen's new arrival of a Baby Girl August 3, 2018. Congratulations!
- The aging accessibility ramp at the front door was replaced at the same time that the township parking was resurfaced.
- Improving Library Digital Service (ILDS) \$3,842 was completed by purchasing e-resources, overdrive license, TV, Projector, Early Years Keyboard and Mouse and an all-in-one PC.
- New Interlibrary Loan Cabinet was delivered and installed. We wish to thank Kirk and the Friends of the Library for this beautiful functional piece of furniture. The Friends also funded two flipper tables in order to accommodate programming along with the most anticipated DVD series.

PROGRAMMING:

The Magic of Christophe, TD Summer Reading, Valentine Party, St. John Ambulance Babysitting/Home Alone Course, Soap Making, Story time, Christmas decoration and Movie, Canada dark Secret, Weavers, Science North Make it Move, Break Out of the Library.

Friends of the Library

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

GOAL OF THE FRIENDS:

Friends of the Library assist in heightening awareness of Library resources available to the local community. Another important function of the group is fundraising through the hosting of local events. These funds are used by the Library for special programs and initiatives. They could be as varied as: assisting with physical needs of the library, providing food and refreshments for adult or kid's programs at the library, presenting shows for the community and/or members assisting with in-house projects which the Library budget cannot accommodate.

Recognition

The Bonfield Public Library recognizes the financial contribution which agencies have given to reflect the needs of our patrons. Through the generosity of our donors, we help ensure that knowledge, information and programs enhance our innovative services. Funds raised do not replace the Library's core funding, but augment collections, equipment, programs and services which may better serve our community. Thank You to all our Financial Contributors.

Our Mission

The Bonfield Public Library mission is to offer a place for residents to come together; A place of empowerment, creativity, innovation and learning.

Our Vision

The people of the Township of Bonfield are the centre of the Public Library Community.

Our Values Are To:

- Promote literacy
- Inspire creativity innovation and lifelong learning
- Ensure inclusivity and accessibility
- Engage our community
- Accountability
- Centre for research
- Excellent Service



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