

# 2025

## Annual Report

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# Inspiring Curiosity

## Message from the Board Chair & CEO

2025 has been a year of meaningful progress for Clarington Library, Museums & Archives, defined by a deepened commitment to sustainability, community connection, and inclusive growth. We focused on creating opportunities that bring people together while supporting a more resilient and vibrant Clarington.

Throughout the year, we expanded our offerings with diverse programs designed to inspire learning, foster connection, and bring our shared history to life. We also built new partnerships with local businesses and community organizations, helping us better support and celebrate the people who make Clarington unique.

We're proud to share stories, past and present, that connect us and reflect Clarington's spirit.

Thank you for bringing your curiosity to CLMA. We can't wait to see what this year brings!



**Tenzin Shomar**  
Chair, Clarington  
Public Library Board

**Monika Machacek**  
Chief Executive Officer, Clarington  
Library, Museums & Archives



Bowmanville Library



Courtice Library



Newcastle Library



Orono Library



Sarah Jane Williams Museum



Waverley Place Museum



## Governance & Management

### Board

Tenzin Shomar, Chair	Chris Hinbest
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Alannah Hamdic	Ward 2 Councillor, Lloyd Rang
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### Management

Monika Machacek, CEO	Samantha Aitken
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## Our Mission

*Clarington Library, Museums & Archives will be the cornerstone of our community by offering a treasure trove of books, artifacts, and resources that reflect the richness of our evolving culture and our shared knowledge.*

*We inspire connections, empower minds, and create a vibrant tapestry of understanding.*





“We love coming to the Courtice Library, my 2- and 3-year-olds have lots to do, there is a great variety of kids’ books in both English and French and we enjoy attending the many programs the library has to offer. The staff are friendly and kind and often go out of their way to add to our library experience.”



“Thanks again for such an amazing opportunity. Students who do not have success with sports or other endeavours LOVE [Battle of the Books]. It gives them a place to come once a week and peers to connect with. They feel success through growing their academic readings skills as well as their social skills.”

# 2025 Highlights

# By the Numbers

## Repair Cafes

The CLMA hosted 3 Repair Cafes in 2025, demonstrating our commitment to sustainable resources. Volunteer fixers were able to repair items for community members including bicycles, furniture, clocks, jewelry and household electronics.



## Golden Tales: Chronicles of Our Community



Through interviews conducted from October 2024 to March 2025, this Oral History Project curated a treasury of narratives and portraits contributed by local seniors who have either settled in or were born in Clarington.

## Book Locker

In May, the CLMA and Municipality of Clarington unveiled our Book Locker at the Darlington Sports Centre in Hampton, allowing residents to borrow high-interest adult and junior books from a convenient area in the community.



## Heritage Fair



The CLMA hosted our first Heritage Fair in November at the Bowmanville Library. Attendees explored presentations from local heritage, arts, and culture partners and learned what each organization offers to the community.

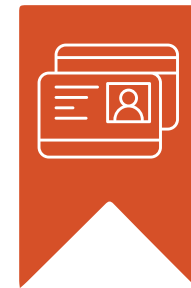
## Curious Communities

In June, CLMA introduced our library card discount program! Participating businesses offer a discount or promotion to customers who present their CLMA library card. The program was shortlisted for a Provincial award in November!



“[CLMA] is such an incredible resource for the community. The programs offered are not only fun and engaging but also deeply beneficial for children’s growth and development. [They] provide kids with opportunities to explore their interests, build new skills, and develop confidence in a safe and welcoming environment.”

“My daughter and I attended a free tour of Waverly Place a few weeks ago and had such an enjoyable time. [...] Very interesting piecing this together - the home, the families and their legacies to our town. Thank you for putting on the tour and for all your hard work keeping the history alive.”



42,245

Cardholders

5,287 New Cardholders



7,687

Questions Answered



3,600,197

Visits

338,533 In-Person  
436,856 Website  
2,824,808 Mobile App

Library of Things  
3,517

Digital  
60,549

Print  
131,246

Items Borrowed

Media  
52,232



27,424

Program Attendees

10,811

Outreach Visitors



20,791

Computer Uses

259,203

WiFi Uses

## What's New in the Library of Things?



Musical Instruments



Gardening Kits



Cricut Joys

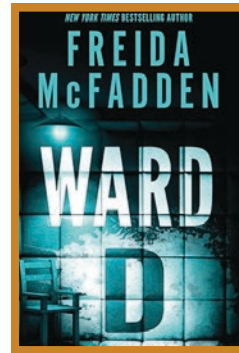


Sewing Machines



Teen Book Bags

# Most Borrowed



**#1 Adult Fiction**  
Ward D,  
Freida McFadden

**#1 Digital Fiction**  
Onyx Storm,  
Rebecca Yarros

**#1 Picture Book**  
Leaves!,  
Robert Munsch



**#1 Library of Things**  
Ontario Parks  
Day-Use Pass

## Did You Know?

Every **\$1** invested in CLMA generates **\$7.64** in economic benefits for Clarington.

The average person saves **\$1,028.37** a year by using their CLMA library card.



### Revenue & Expenses

#### Revenue

Municipal Tax Levy	\$5,039,202
Transfer from Reserves	\$357,777
Grants	\$113,981
Other (Fees, Donations)	\$116,039

**\$5,626,999**

#### Expenses

Staffing	\$4,429,379
Operations	\$729,360
Collections, Technology & Exhibits	\$468,260

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CLMA would like to thank our sponsors and donors for their generous support in 2025.





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