



# TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

C/O Box 220, Honey Harbour, ON P0E 1E0

## CEO Report

### *August 2019*

#### Library Branch Stats

##### **Circulation July**

Honey Harbour was 2386 (up 135% from June 2019) (up 4% from July 2018)

Computers 105

Wireless Users 545

Program Participants 37

MacTier was 1843 (up 156% from June 2019) (up 18% from July 2018)

Computers 81

Wireless Users 391

Program Participants 262

Port Severn was 394 (up 13% from June 2019) (down 5% from June 2018)

Overdrive was 486 (down 5% from June 2019) (same as June 2018)

#### Summary of Library Operations

##### Honey Harbour

The children's summer programs have been going well. They have been well attended with a variety of ages. This year, there have been a large number of very young children, aged 2 to 5 yrs, then a group of 7 to 12 yr olds. We now have modified the programs and run two separate programs, at the same time, to accommodate the two age groups. This is working out very well.

This coming Thursday, we have hired a magician to do a magic show and to teach the children a simple trick. The magician is also donating a book that he has written to the library on magic tricks. Our Canada Day Festival money will be helping to pay for this along with the admission fee of \$5.00 per child.

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, we are having a local author, Peter Jennings, to do a presentation at the Baxter Ward Community Centre at 7 p.m. The presentation will be *Why Being Happy Matters*". He has received many accolades on this presentation. He does expect a small fee, if possible, the amount is our choice depending on budget plus he will be selling copies of his books there.

##### MacTier

The summer programs in MacTier have been filled to capacity almost every week. They have had to limit the children to 40 per program. Just over half of the participants are the children from the Township's summer camp. Mandy and Nadine are doing a fantastic job organizing, preparing and executing these programs each week.

MacTier had its first author reading on July 25<sup>th</sup>. There were 27 who attended. Anthony De Sa was excellent! His presentation was very powerful. The audience asked many questions. It was a very moving experience.

Tomorrow we have hired a magician to do a magic show and to teach the children a simple trick. The magician is also donating a book that he has written to the library on magic tricks. MacTier Library received a donation of \$96, from Canada's Helping Hands, to pay for this along with the admission fee of \$5.00 per child.

### Port Severn

There is not much to report about the Port Severn branch. A few patrons have commented that the space is rather small. They are not able to sit and read or lounge inside the space like they had previously done when located in the lobby of the building. There is still the outside patio areas but most prefer to be inside.

The story walk has been a great hit. We have had many positive comments on the story boards. There are three different stories and each branch are now displaying their second one. I will be rotating the stories once again in next week.

### General Items

- 1) I had purchased an outdoor tent for Honey Harbour so that we could operate our summer programs outdoors this year. The community room is too small for programming when there are more than 8 children plus their parents or grand parents. This has been working very well especially since we have are running two separate age appropriate programs. The storm that came through last week did damage the tent but I do believe that I can fix it.
- 2) The air conditioner in the community room broke a few weeks ago. It is very old and the township has replaced this with a new one.
- 3) I will be moving my office back into the lounge in September. This is the first summer that we we have had the lounge and our patrons have been enjoying it. For next July and August, I may may consider putting it back to a lounge for the summer only. We can discuss this next spring during a board meeting to see if the board is in favour of it.
- 4) I will be away next week on vacation but will be available by phone, text and email during that that time should the staff or anyone need me.
- 5) In the spring, I put in a request to the Friend's of the MacTier Library group, to see if they would donate the money to purchase an outdoor storage shed for the MacTier library. They are discussing this and should be responding with decision shortly. There is very little space for the storage of tables, chairs, extra book, etc . in the library and this would resolve the problem.