



TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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CEO Report

March 2020

Library Branch Stats

Circulation February

Honey Harbour was 260 (up 64% from January 2020) (down 16% from February 2019)

Computers 14

Wireless Users 21

MacTier was 394 (down 6% from January 2020) (down 38% from February 2019)

Computers 15

Wireless Users 65

Port Severn was 166 (up 43% from January 2020) (up 16% from February 2019)

Overdrive was 542 (up 23% from December 2019) (up 1% from January 2019)

Summary of Library Operations

January was a very quiet month for all three branches. A few of the staff have been taking holidays.

I was registered to attend the OLA Super Conference in Toronto on January 29th and 30th. Two seminars that I was scheduled to attend, were cancelled prior to the conference. These two were the most relevant to small rural libraries. I chose to cancel the reservations.

We have started to pack a few things in Honey Harbour in preparation for the move. Staff have been scheduled accordingly from February 27th to March 16th.

I have applied for two grants that will cover the costs for our two summer students if we are successful. The wages for these students have been included in our budget though so we will post the positions in March. I will not know the outcome to the grant applications until April.

Last summer, Paige Gendron was the summer student that worked in Honey Harbour. She was a great asset to the summer programs. She contacted me and is interested in returning this coming summer. This year, she is fostering a Service dog and has asked if she can bring him/her with her. The dog is a certified service animal and will have its vest on while at the library. Most of the work that Paige does is in the back room preparing for programs so the dog will be with her. It is our plan to have one program that is based on service animals so that people can understand their role and how a service animal can save lives.

There is a new program that was announced called "I Read Canadian Day" and the first one will be on February 19th. Basically it's to encourage young readers to read 'Canadian'. The idea is

to have people read 'Canadian' for 15 minutes on Feb 19th. We will be participating in this event by putting up posters, have print materials ready, make a display of Canadian authors, etc. There are many ideas on the 'I read Canadian Day' website.

On February 19th, 2020, the MacTier library is hosting a Lantern making workshop starting at 6:30 p.m. Please call the MacTier library if you would like to register for the workshop. The cost is \$25 per person.