



## 2024: A Year in Review



2024 was undoubtedly a highly atypical year. The library was housed in a small, temporary location for the entire year while renovations occurred in the regular library building. There were some advantages to the temporary location such as improved workspaces for staff and easy accessibility for the public. Additionally, our story time attendance was much higher than it had been in many years and we received very large numbers of visitors on days with events downtown.



Highlights of 2024 included:

- The launch of our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program and some very eager young participants
- The start of the Eco-Literacy Centre programming in conjunction with the Rideau Roundtable
- Continued robotics programming by Steampunk, funded by the Elizabeth Kelly Foundation, was well-attended
- Usage of OverDrive/Libby (15,351 in 2024 versus 14,426 in 2023) and hoopla (3,867 in 2024 versus 2,979 in 2023) was up
- Active cardholders increased slightly over 2023 (1,670 versus 1,665 as of December 31)
- Saturdays when events were held downtown had very high door counts



- Take and make craft kits were very popular with people of all ages
- Donations, large and small, were received to help with the purchase of new furniture for the renovated children's department