



REPORT

Uxbridge Public Libraries

TO: Parks Facilities and Tourism Committee

FROM: Corrinne Morrison, Library Manager and Dave Phillips, Library Board Chair.

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SUBJECT: Uxbridge Public Libraries Year in Review 2025

BACKGROUND:

The Uxbridge Public Library is a supportive and vibrant community hub that values our environment, history, culture and one another.

The Uxbridge Public Library is committed to providing relevant, universal access to knowledge, experience and resources through technology, collection development and programming in a welcoming, supportive environment.

DISCUSSION:

The Uxbridge Public Library Board and staff have prepared a concise summary of 2025 statistics and the impact of the Uxbridge and Zephyr libraries to share with Council and the community. This one-page “Year in Review” document highlights the value and contributions of the libraries and the dollars saved by patrons.

Many of the statistics included are collected for the Province’s mandatory Annual Survey and the Library Board has chosen to present these statistics in a clear accessible format for the public. This report also features select metrics to help illustrate the broader benefits the libraries provide to this community.

It is incredible to see that the community saved almost \$1.3 million by checking out a library book vs buying one. Even more if you consider the value of the eResources that

is not reflected in that total. The 31,007 items borrowed through Libby are also an excellent ROI as our annual cost for our Libby participation is just over \$6,000

We are very proud of our volunteer engagement. 2,490 volunteer hours is a significant number. Our volunteers range from high school students to seniors, and reflect the diversity of our population.

The Library is an active place with an average of 200 visiting every day that we are open. We offered 535 programs throughout the year and welcomed 7,468 program attendees. It is evident that the library is enriching the lives of our residents and the community as a whole. Our programs serve all ages, starting with newborns (Peekaboo Playtime), preschoolers (TOTally Kids, MoJo and Co, Wiggles and Giggles) school aged children (Reading Buddies), adults and seniors (Poetry Aloud, book clubs, presentations and workshops). Additionally, many of our programs such as Seedy Saturday manage to incorporate all ages of participants for a single event.

The Culture Pass collection is relatively new to us and an area that we have put significant effort into over the past two years. We have actively reached out to a number of organizations to request passes and as a result have accumulated a substantial variety of passes to enrich the experiences of our residents. We currently offer passes to the following,

- Aga Khan Museum
- Canadian Canoe Museum
- Canadian Tank Museum ***NEW***
- Jungle Cat World ***NEW***
- McMichael Canadian Art Collection
- Ontario Parks Vehicle Permit
- Reptilia
- ROM
- Scugog Shores Museum Village and Archives
- Township of Uxbridge Recreation
- Village at Black Creek

Overall, the 2025 Year in Review demonstrates that the Uxbridge and Zephyr libraries delivered strong, measurable results.

The library aims to produce a similar annual report moving forward to promote transparency and keep the community informed.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

- 1.1 Deliver accountable transparent government.
- 1.4. Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and continue to offer value for money.
- 1.5. Committed to ethical, responsible and sustainable practices.

- 4.1. Amplify corporate communication.
- 4.2. Promote resident engagement in our community.
- 5.4 Enhance community health and well-being of residents

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report RC-06/26 of Corrinne Morrison, Library Manager and Dave Phillips, Library Board Chair be received for information;

AND THAT the Year In Review data be shared with relevant staff, committees and residents.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Corrinne Morrison, Library Manager and Dave Phillips, Library Board Chair