

The Pelham Public Library Board and Staff are pleased to offer our new Strategic Plan.



STRATEGIC PLAN 2006

New Mission Statement

As the cultural and informational heart of the community the Pelham Public Library enriches, engages and encourages all Pelham residents in their pursuit of life-long learning and cultural community development. The Library develops and provides equitable access to facilities, resources, services and programs with the aim of giving residents the best possible library.

New Vision Statement

The Pelham Public Library provides vibrant, efficient, responsive services that fulfill community development needs and anticipates new avenues for expanding our role as the cultural cornerstone of the community.



Board and Staff Strategic Planning Session

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The Pelham Public Library:

- Believes the Pelham Public Library is the heart of our community.
- Supports Intellectual Freedom as a cornerstone of democracy.
- Provides invaluable enrichment and life-long learning opportunities for residents.
- Knows the ability to read contributes to an effective community and society.
- Promotes and stimulates the joy of reading, literacy, and life-long learning.
- Offers residents the best service, staff, resources and programs possible.
- Values and effectively spends your tax dollars.
- Provides, by law, free access to basic resources to Pelham residents. The Library upholds this principle of free access, knowing that excessive fines or fees impede access and library use.

Strategic Directions 2006 – 2010:

1. Providing quality services for all that meet changing user needs.
2. Planning and providing for new and expanded library facilities.
3. Communicating our passion for libraries and life-long learning in our community and beyond.
4. Further developing and promoting Pelham's culture and heritage.
5. Supporting and promoting the continued development of staff, volunteers and Trustees.



TOWN OF PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Report 2006



St. Ann's student enjoys a healthy snack as part of the library's outreach sponsored by Healthy Living Niagara.



George Tirpko performs for our Sunday afternoon concert series.



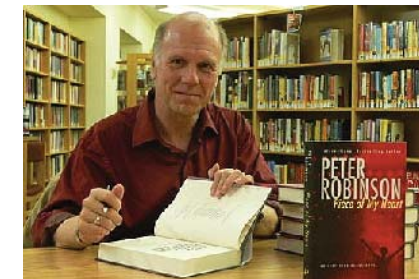
Author and staff member Nancy Ward signs the cake at her book launch.



The Peter F. Drucker Award is presented to Stephanie Stowe and Robert Winter.



Mystery author Michelle Wan speaks to one of her readers following The Heart of Niagara Fall Reading Series event.



Award-winning mystery author Peter Robinson signs his latest book on the first day of his book promotion.



TV personality and cookbook author Anna Olson and friend.



The Town of Pelham Public Library

Board of Trustees 2006

- Robert Winter, Chairperson
- C. Richard McDermott, Vice Chair
- Malcolm Allen (Councillor)
- Mary Balint
- Peter Ferguson
- Maxine Gaylor (Nov. 2006)
- Bob Gibson
- Lucy Malvestuto (Nov. 2006)
- Ivan Roden (to Nov. 2006)
- Sharon Singer (to Nov. 2006)
- Harland Young

Library Staff 2006

- Judy Abo Nassar
- Elaine Anderson
- Brigitte Armour
- Jennifer Bennett
- Heather Crole
- Jennifer Fulop
- Frances Giles
- Peggy Grady
- Clare Irwin
- Jo-Anne Teeuwesen
- Nancy Ward
- Stephanie Stowe, Library Director
- June Bowslaugh, Assistant Director

Special thanks to the Library Staff for their effort and dedication throughout 2006!



In Memorium

Barb Cosby was a friend and library colleague who served the community with dedication. She was known for her smile, her warmth, and the care she had for everyone she met. One of Barb's passions was baking and she generously shared it. In her memory, many cookbooks, a Canadian Living subscription, and books for children have been donated. Thank you for helping us commemorate Barb.

Thanks to:

- Pelham Art Festival
- Trillium Foundation
- Service Canada Summer Career Placement
- Friends of the Pelham Library
- Maple Acre Friends
- Niagara Community Foundation
- Healthy Living Niagara
- Province of Ontario
- Pelham Horticultural Society
- Canada Council of the Arts
- TD Summer Reading Program
- Local businesses, service clubs and individuals



2006 Review

2006 began with a second award. After winning the Angus Mowat Award for development in Child and Youth Services, we received the Niagara Area Peter F. Drucker Award for Strategic Planning. The library had completed all objectives of its 2003-2006 plan and we thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation for nominating us.

In March, our long-time colleague, Barb Cosby passed away. Her presence as a friend and her contributions to the library are greatly missed.

A significant achievement of the Library Board was the completion of a new strategic plan. Thanks go to the Library Board, Library Staff, and numerous members of the Library who filled out surveys and participated in focus groups.

We would also like to recognize the achievement of one of our staff. Nancy Ward published her first book -- Sir Walter Raleigh.

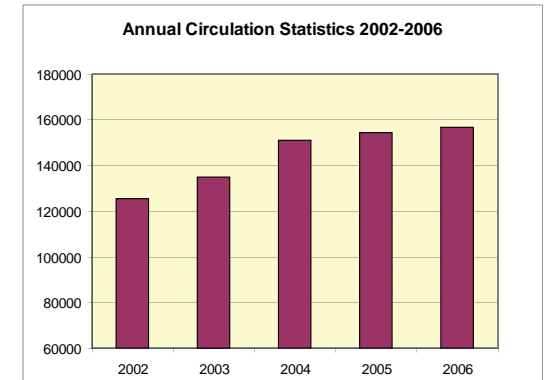
After several years of dramatic circulation increases, 2006 proved to be a year for planning and reflection, resulting in exciting new goals for the Pelham Public Library.

As usual, our innovative programs were well attended and our Friends of the Library fundraisers went well this year. We look forward to another year of accomplishments and to offering our community the best possible library service.

Stephanie Stowe
Library Director

Robert Winter
Board Chair

Highlights 2006



Annual Statistics 2006	2005	2006	% +/-
Fonthill	137939	142440	3%
Maple Acre	16562	14351	-13%
System Total	154501	156791	1%
Internet Bookings	11921	15059	26%
Collection	58861	65456	11%
Membership	7885	8639	10%
Program Attendance	5316	7194	35%

- Winner 2006 Niagara Area Peter F. Drucker Award for Strategic Planning
- New Express Internet Station donated by Pelham Art Festival
- New perennial garden at Fonthill courtesy of the Rodens and the Pelham Horticultural Society
- Receipt of a one-time provincial grant of \$21,000 for literacy promotion and reading materials
- New pilot program for children on literacy and healthy living sponsored by Healthy Living Niagara offered at local elementary schools

Please view our current audit report at www.pelhamlibrary.on.ca or ask for a copy at the circulation desk.