

Pelham Public Library in order to hire a Senior Services and Volunteer Coordinator. The new Coordinator, Melanie Taylor-Ridgway, had conducted several surveys, established a newsletter and offered a great number of new programs from exercise to bookclubs to health care topics by December.

“Communicating our passion for libraries and life-long learning in our community and beyond”

- The Fahrenheit 451: Freedom to Read website and blog attracts over 41,000 hits and is noted in the blog of an international



newspaper columnist
 • Programs such as “Harry Potter and the Overnight Party” and the Wine and Cheese

program offered by Anna Olson attract regional interest. The Library’s regular complement of computer, special interest, and digital equipment courses, author readings, children’s programs and winter music concerts continue to generate interest and good attendance. As of December the Library was offering six bookclubs for all ages.

“Planning for new and expanded facilities”

- In keeping with this priority, the Library staff began the consultation process with DmA consultants as part of the Town Facilities review

Please view our most recent audit report on our website at: www.pelhamlibrary.on.ca or ask to see a copy at the Fonthill Branch.

Notable:

- Receipt of an \$18,000 provincial literacy grant for literacy promotion and reading materials
- Pelham Public Library nominated and shortlisted for the Ontario Library Association Angus Mowat Award of Excellence for service to teens.



OPERATING PRINCIPLES

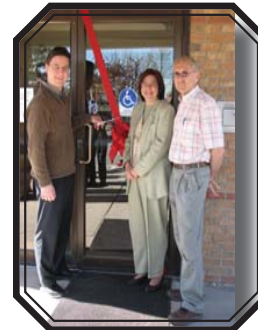
The Pelham Public Library:

- 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.



TOWN OF PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Report 2007



Author Visits Open Mondays

Storytimes Book Clubs Strategic Plan

Volunteers New Programs Children’s Literacy

Life-long Literacy Computer Classes

Great Community Support

4% Increase in Circulation Sunday

Concerts Award Nomination

Ontario Trillium Foundation

Grant Information Free Internet

Wine and Cheese with Anna Olson

New Senior Services

Children’s Programs Great Adult Programs

“55 and Better” Summer Reading

Program Harry Potter and the All-nighter

Photo Captions:

- Mayor Dave Augustyn, Library Director Stephanie Stowe, and Board Member Harland Young prepare to cut the ribbon for Monday Openings.
- Chinese New Year is celebrated during a Family Literacy Night.
- Volunteer and Seniors Coordinator Melanie Ridgway-Taylor helps the Friends of the Pelham Library set up for the Auction and Gala.

Board of Trustees 2007

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In Memorium

Hugh D. Molson, former CEO passed away on Dec. 30, 2007. Mr. Molson had a life-long passion for education and travel, obtaining several university degrees. He worked as a librarian in Ontario and B.C. During his 18-year tenure as CEO of the Pelham Library, Mr. Molson's vision and accomplishments included the construction of a new Fonthill Branch in 1988 and an automated circulation system in 1994. Mr. Molson is remembered as a vibrant, caring gentleman with a unique gift for making everyone feel special. He will be missed.



Thanks to:

- Pelham Art Festival
- Trillium Foundation
- Service Canada Summer Career Placement
- Friends of the Pelham Library
- Maple Acre Friends
- Province of Ontario
- Pelham Horticultural Society
- Canada Council of the Arts
- TD Summer Reading Program
- Sawmill Golf Course
- donors of gifts in memory of Olivia Sylvester, Pamela Haist, Jean Dayman
- Local businesses, service clubs and individuals



Special thanks to the Library Staff for their effort and dedication throughout 2007.

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.

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.

2007 Review

The Pelham Public Library accomplished two important Strategic Plan goals during 2007: opening Mondays and obtaining funding to address the needs of those “55 and Better” in our community. Both goals are pivotal in providing “vibrant, efficient, responsive services” as expressed in our Vision Statement. As with so many of our past achievements, the contributions of the Town of Pelham, the Ontario Trillium Foundation and our Library Friends groups were invaluable.



The long-term planning of the Pelham Public Library Board has resulted in improved collections, location hours, and services for the Pelham Public Library. As a result of community response, the Pelham Public Library reached a very exciting milestone in 2007. When many other public libraries are experiencing stagnant circulation, **our Library's circulation has increased by over 50% the last six years!** This speaks volumes to our community's appreciation, support and high use of Pelham's public library system.

With the help of the Library Board, our dedicated staff, volunteers and Friends groups Pelham Public Library continues to offer the exceptional

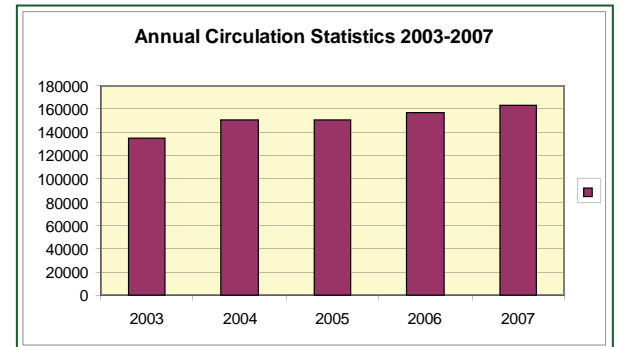


levels of programming and services our community deserves. Thank you for your support - we look forward to another year of giving Pelham residents the best library possible !

Robert Winter
 Chair, Library Board

Stephanie Stowe
 Library Director

2007 Highlights



	2006	2007	% +/-
Fonthill circulation	142440	149471	5%
Maple Acre circulation	14351	13837	-4%
System Total	156791	163308	4%
Internet Bookings	15059	15453	3%
Collection	65456	64686	-1%
Membership	8639	9329	8%
Program Attendance	7194	7366	2%

Strategic Plan Directions:
“Providing quality services for all that meet changing user needs”

- Pelham Public Library opens Mondays in May for the first time in over a decade
- The Library Board recognizes the community's need for improved senior services and the Ontario Trillium Foundation approves a grant for almost \$35,000 to the