

## **BONFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY BRIEF HISTORY**

- 1973
  - By-Law 9-73 of the Town of Bonfield establishing a Public Library
  - Mrs. Cécile Boisvert was offered the position of Librarian at a salary of \$3.00 per hour.
- 1977
  - Official opening of the Library was held Wednesday September 7, 1977 at 7:00 pm
  - The Library Board approach the Coucil of East Ferris, Calvin, Chisholm and Papineau with a view in forming a Union Public Library with neighbouring municipalities.
- 1980
  - The Board undertook to establish a Committee to collect books and documents of a historical nature pertaining to the community in advance of the Bonfield Centennial.
- 1981
  - Maurice Shank was named Chairperson of the Bonfield Library Historical Committee to undertake the project 80-15 on February 16, 1981 in preparation of the Township Centennial in 1986
- 1982
  - In August, 1982 the library was closed for one week to move the library from Saint Jeanne D'Arc School to the new quarters.
- 1986
  - Carpet was installed
- 1992
  - Book Return Box was purchased and Installed
  - Circulation Desk was built by Mr. John Stewart
- 1993
  - Library was Painted - white
  - Policy and Procedure Manual was created updated in 1996, 1999, 2010,2016
- 1994
  - First Computer was purchased
  - First Photocopier was purchased from Nipissing Copier
- 1997
  - Submission was made to Industry Canada on October 16, 1997 for The Community Access Program (CAP)
  - Calvin Township dissolves their contractual agreement with the library Board, September 10, 1997
  - New By-Laws was established on December 31, 1997
  - CAP proposal submission, June 26, 1997 Accepted on October 16, 1997 Contract signed in February, 1998
- 1998
  - The Library Board becomes members of the OLA (Ontario Library Association) June 1998
- 1999
  - Arch Engineering received \$588.50 for the drawings required in the Library Renovation (Removing a Wall)
  - Mike's Construction was hired in the sum of \$4,290.70 for the removal of the center wall on July 12, 1999
  - Library was Painted - Green
- 2000
  - Exterior yard Light was installed on the East side of the parking lot near the library entrance
  - NECO (\$2,000) Grant - shelves
  - Environment grant from the Canada Trust in the amount of \$2,500 was awarded to purchase books/VHS related to the environment
  - Exterior yard light was installed on the East side of the parking lot near the library entrance
- 2001
  - Friends of the Library Group was established February 5, 2001
  - Spectrum Suite -SAGEBRUSH-Software was purchased November 5, 2001 (\$2,459.46)
  - Library hours increased from 19hrs per week to 24hrs
  - VDX Interlibrary Loan was introduced on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001
  - Library was broken into Stolen items: Televesion, VCR, Laminator, Scanner and one Printer
  - Security System was installed in September, 2001

- 2002
  - The Board authorize Greg Boxwell on March 4, 2002 to pursue information and funding from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Recreation under the "Sustainability for Public Internet Access Program".
  - The Board adopted the new Bonfield Public Library Policy Manual as amended on May 6, 2002.
  - Wee One Story Hour was launch October 1, 2002 from 10:30 to 11:30 am  
instructor Linda Virgoe, Program name changed in 2003 to the Sandman Story hour and was  
moved to every Monday evening from 6-7pm with Patricia Vezina the Instructor  
The Sandman Story Hour was moved Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am in 2015
- 2003
  - Purchase of the stand alone desk \$373.75 - Country Heritage North Bay 741 Wallace Road
  - High Speed Internet arrived April 2003
  - Removed the showcase (trophy) and replaced with shelving
- 2004
  - Shelving was purchased from Brodart March 4th, 2004 \$7092 using money from the Trillium Foundation
  - The Bonfield Public Library Board agreed to adopt the Township of Bonfield's Procurement By-Law 2004-40
- 2005
  - Trillium Grant was accepted for improvement of accessibility was implemented summer 2006
  - DNSSAB sponsored after school program
- 2006
  - New Flooring tiles and carpet,new shelving a new access door and ramp thanks to a successful Trillium Grant
- 2007
  - LSDF funding was accepted to digitize the Rutherglen Women Institute Collection.
  - May 2007 conference table purchased from Brodart \$1,416.16 with LSDF funding.
  - The Library Board supported Nip U & Canadore College in the reciprocal Borrowing Partnership program.(PALS)
  - 9,000.00 Family Literacy Grant from the ministry of culture was set in a reserve fund
- 2008
  - New Provincial Holiday is recognized in February, 2008 as Family Day
  - The Board accepted the quote from Carr & McLean for the purchase of Shelving from the Board Account \$3,174.44
  - The Board approves payment from the Board account to Better Business Systems in the amount of \$1,124.35 for a Toshiba Photocopier (funded by the Friends of the Library)
- 2009
  - The Board accepts the Bonfield Public Library Strategic Plan 2009-2012
  - The Board approved the payment in the amount of \$312.99 for the purchase of JFJ Easypro CD/DVD Disc Cleaner and Repair system (funded by the Friends of the Library)
  - Wireless internet arrived Dec. 14, 2009
- 2010
  - New Acer Lap-Top was purchased (Funded by CAP)
  - \$15M Project was completed by December 31, 2010  
(Received . \$15,921 grant plus \$1,389.57 HST rebate total revenue = \$17,310.57)  
(Expenditures: Carr & McLean - Circ. Desk \$12,480.74  
Robert Dougan - Literacy Computer - \$3,214.85  
Gulliver's & Librarie du Centre - Children Books - 1044.83  
Future Shop - 2 sony ereaders - \$610.15  
Total Expenditures \$17,310.57
  - Vincent Gagné Carpentry installed the new circulation/computer desks November, 2010
- 2011
  - \$1.9M Project was completed by August 30, 2011  
(Received \$2,358 purchased 140 english non-fiction books)
- 2012
  - Lost the DNSSAB After school Program Service 2005-2012
  - Feb. 2012 payment of \$760 was issued Precise Carpentry & Home Improvementfor the construction

- and installation of new young adults bookshelves.
- July 2012 installation of our new \$1,360.69 outdoor drop box sponsored by the Friends & the Board Account.
- DNSSAB started reimbursing .25 cents per photo-copy and/or print related to employment search after closing the Bonfield Employment Office.
- Summer of 2012 the Ontario Government launched their online grant applications
- 2013 ● March 06 2013 3 Kobo Glo ereaders sponsored by the Friends \$390.73
- New front door installed February 27, 2013
- Labour Dispute August 2013- June 2014 (10 months)
- 2014 ● Purchased at future shop on Apple Ipad Air and case \$600.87 from a grant
- 2015 ● New website was created Cushy
- Change the internet provider from Ontera to Bell
- Revised Facebook July 22, 2015
- ReBarcoded the library collection started October 17, 2015
- installation of designated handicap parking signage on October 28, 2015
- Blue Sky Trillium Collaboration hired Cedric Deschesne May, 2015 - Jeff Cousineau July 22, 2015 for a period of 1 year and 10 months
- Capacity Grant \$3,798.00  
New Circulation computer \$561.30/Scanner \$150.07/ Receipt Printer \$452.79  
4 Computers \$2,244.28/ Nikon digital Camera \$234.80/Surge protector \$39.07 and \$120.29 of non-fiction books
- Trillium Grant \$9,000.00  
Toshiba All-in-One Photocopier \$5,088.00/Early Years Literacy Station:\$3,200.35/ Rosetta StoneFrench \$317.37  
and Kobo eBooks \$398.15
- Dissolution Order for the Ferris Glen Community Access (CAP) Project July 24, 2015
- Early Years Program moved from Mondays 6-7pm to Tuesdays 10:30am-11:30am
- 2016 ● Capacity Grant \$3,129.00  
Jasi Membership Fee \$415.86/Ancestry.com Fee \$51.57/Overdrive License \$801.3/ Laptop & All-in-one computer \$1,438.40  
Wireless printer \$272.71 and Chapters.ca Books \$150.87
- Service Ontario \$425.00 Grant  
Worstation \$406.02 purchased through Amazon.ca and one book called bookkeeping for dummies \$25.19
- New Air Conditioner purchased through Sears July 8, 2016 with CAP funding \$593.18 - Public Works Dept. installed
- Little Free Library was installed August 24th, 2016 and stocked with 31 titles the next day August 25th, 2016@ Trick or Treats in Rutherglen
- JASI fully migrated August 31, 2016
- Interlibrary Loan Lending Library started August 22, 2016
- Little Free Library was moved to Mike's Garage in Rutherglen October 30th, 2016 also received charter signed Nov. 2, 2016
- Member with CNIB deposit collection November 16, 2016
- Reviewed and Revised the BPL Policy and Procedures, Appendix and Attachments December 5, 2016
- Greg Boxwell Signage and new Young Adult Fiction Bookcase, \$450- Rob & Debi Hillier Dec. 08, 2016
- Replaced shredder Dec., 2016 with a 3yr warranty
- 2017 ● Capacity Grant \$3,163.00  
Laptop/Wireless Mouse \$569.69(Staples) Acer Aspire Desktop PC (Bestbuy)\$508.79

- Makey Kit \$73.22 (Amazon.ca) SOLS Overdrive Licence \$817.39
- Launchpads \$1,016.58 and Variety of Books (Chapters.ca) \$133.97
- Story Time temporary closed January & February, 2017 ----Permanent May 10, 2017
- Frank Cowan \$3,000 Grant
- Seed Lending Library was created in 2017
- 2018 ● ILDS \$3,842
  - 49" curved TV 4yrs warranty(\$1,158.01/Projector \$389.22/eResources - Ancestry.com, Mango, World Warrior, LibraryAware) \$220.15
  - Overdrive license \$817.39/ 2 children computer keyboard & mouse \$123.94/All-in-Computer 3yrs warranty \$1,129.53
  - Computer protective case \$4.07
  - Jeff Cousineau Feb. 21, 2018 3hrs a week x \$25 pr/hr = \$300 a month
  - Received eCertificate from Bestbuy.ca --- Sony DVD Player value \$50.00 Feb.5/18
  - New Computer PC to replace Computer #4 -- June 13, 2018 from bestbuy.ca \$681.27
  - Friends of the Library purchased eight (8) Staples Mesh Chairs \$873.02 includes a 1yr replacement warranty - Oct. 3, 2018
  - Friends of the Library purchased two (2) Balt flipper training Tables from schoolspecialty.ca \$1,153.24--Oct. 4, 2018
  - Friends of the Library paid Carpenter Kirk Mecheske \$1,000 for the construction of a new handcrafted Interlibrary Loan Cupboard
- 2019 ● Friends of the Library paid our 2019 Overdrive License Fee \$907.67
  - Friends purchased a new Cricut machine and accessories
  - New website was created with Wix.com Nov. 2, 2019
- 2020 ● 3 -BOOKCASE,3SHLF,42",PUTTY,LOREL - purchased at officecentral.ca \$920.00
  - Library Closed March 16, 2020 COVID-19
  - Open for Curbside service June 1, 2020
  - Purchased two plexiglass countertop sneeze guard
  - March 3, 2020 Friends purchased a three year rotation english graphic novel pool \$750
  - Purchased one year license for new website Wix.com exp. Date Nov. 2, 2021
  - Purchased a webcam with build in microphone to conduct zoom meetings Nov. 30, 2020
- 2021 ● changed the damaged thermostat
- 2022 ● Increased opening hours from 15hrs a week to 24hrs pr/week starting January 4th, 2022 regular (pre-Covid) 29hrs
  - Replaced the Microwave \$112.99 from the Board Account
  - Replaced circulation chair from Staples \$215.00 including 1 yr replacement plan (exp. Oct. 19, 2023)
  - Board purchased 3 all-in-one computers Nov. 8, 2022 (MSI Pro AP241 24" All-in-One PC (Intel Core i5-11400/250GB SSD/8GB RAM/Windows) Best Buy \$2,937.96 including 4 yr warranty