

BONFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE LAST FOUR YEARS

2019-2022

2019 Highlights

Thank you to our incredible dedicated volunteer Library Board Trustees that guided the effective operation of our Library services, finance and policies during this term that benefited residence of the Bonfield Township.

Leslie Larocque, Chairperson
Storme Van Russell, Secretary/Treasurer
Robert Rice, Vice-Chairperson
2019-2021 Tamela Price-Fry
Gail Johnston, Member
Eric Foisy, Council Representative



The inaugural meeting was held February 4, 2019 with the election of Officers for this Library Board 4 year term.

A change in our website from OLSN was moved to Go-Daddy in February 20, 2019 which eventually moved on Nov. 2, 2019 to our more current WIX website url address www.bonfieldpubliclibrary.ca

2019 saw the end of the generous \$3,000 Hometown Grant from Frank Cowan Company and Rivet Insurance which enabled us to offer 21 educational exhibitions in which 420 participants took part from June 2017 to December 2019.

From the Estate of Mrs. Donna MacPherson, an LED "Open Sign" for the library and a reference book reflecting Donna was purchased in May, 2019 and added to our collection.

The Bonfield Public Library hosted seventeen informative/sessions or workshops throughout 2019. Two hundred and eighty-two people stopped by to attend or participate.

Tech Help @ the Library was offered every Wednesdays between 10-1pm in 2019. Eighty five people had the opportunity to learn new ways with their technology.

New Express Backpacks service was introduced in 2019. These pre-packed with early literacy books made it easier and more convenient for busy lives.

Recognition to our Library Staff

- 2015-2022 Miranda Maitland
- Jeannette Martin, Library Assistant
- Holly Brodhagen, Library Assistant
- Patricia Vezina, Occasional Library Assistant
- Jeannette Shields, CEO/Librarian

2020-2021 Highlights

March of 2020 we received four Ice Fishing Equipment Kits from the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council supported by Dowdal Cabinets in memory of Aaron Purtell.

A donation in memory of Beryl Daoust was received in 2020. Fiction books were purchased for our collection and a bookplate was inserted in memory.

A donation was also received from the Community Policing Committee by which three shelving units were purchased on July 14, 2020.

Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 the Bonfield Public Library Board closed the library on March 16, 2020 for the safety of the public and staff. Curbside was introduced June 1, 2020 with a gradual safe re-opening.

In collaboration with Ontario Parks, we introduced Free Day-Use Vehicle Permit March 12, 2021.

2021-2022 Grain seed kits from the Grain Farmers of Ontario were distributed among our patrons. These kits are designed to educate people where their food comes from.

2022 Highlights

In 2022 we started augmenting our hours of operation to better serve our patrons, January 4th, 2022 we increased our opening hours from 15hrs a week to 24hrs per week.

The microwave and the circulation chair were replaced with new ones.

Three all-in-one computers were purchased November 8, 2022 to replace aging equipment.

June 1, 2022, we were the proud recipient of a \$500 mini grant from the International Dyslexia Ontario Association to purchase decodable books for our collection .

June 13th, 2022 we re-structured our 24hrs of operation that best suit our community needs.

Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic brought forth unprecedented challenges for our township and our patrons. The Library quickly adapted to ensure patrons could still access the information and resources they needed. Through Overdrive (eResources) new service was added by introducing over 1,000 eMagazines patron's could access from their homes. Curbside pick-up was offered as a safe and secure alternative. Outdoor children's program, Story Walk was made available as a great alternative to in-person meeting.

As soon as we could, the Library reopened in phases to ensure that our patrons could access the services and resources they relied on in a safe and secure matter.

The BPL continues to bring the Library into homes of our patrons by offering safe and secure programming with Grab and Go crafts for children which they can take home to create, summer and/or winter fishing gear, free Ontario Park Passes, traditional books and dvd's for relaxation or study. Or stay and research you're ancestry through ancestry.ca

We wish to thank the Friends of The Bonfield Public Library, 2022 Summer Camp, anonymous donors who donated to our library.

The BPL is committed to continuously improving access and services for our patrons.

Thank you to this term's Board members and staff, for their contributions, support and time. A sincere farewell to Board Member Tamela Price-Fry and to Miranda Maitland, Library Assistant and a warm welcome to Gail Johnston, Board member and Jeannette Martin, Library Assistant.



**We're Open
for Business**

BPL
Bonfield Public Library

Expanding Your Horizon



LIBRARY HOURS
STARTING JUNE 6TH, 2022

MONDAYS	10:00AM-3:30PM
TUESDAYS	4:30PM-7:30PM
WEDNESDAYS	10:00AM-7:30PM
THURSDAYS	4:30PM-7:30PM
FRIDAYS	CLOSED
SATURDAYS	10:00AM-1:00PM
SUNDAYS	CLOSED

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