



# **Township of Uxbridge Public Library Board Meeting Agenda**

**Date: Thursday, March. 23, 2023 @ 7:00 PM**

**Location: Uxbridge Public Library**

## **1. Call to order - Amanda**

- First Nations Land Acknowledgement - Dave

## **2. Announcements**

- Round table

## **3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof.**

## **4. Approval of Agenda**

## **5. Approval of February Minutes**

## **6. Committees:**

### **6.1 Governance and HR Committee**

- Elections for the Officers of the Board
  - Secretary
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - Treasurer
- Committees
  - Governance and HR Committee members
  - Finance Committee members
  - Community Committee members
- Library Board training - Corrinne
  - Date: March 25
  - Time: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
  - Location: Whitby Public Library, Main Branch

### **6.2 Finance – Amanda**

- February accounts

### **6.3 Community Committee - Corrinne**

- March Break
- Drag Queen Storytime
- Uxbridge Strategic Plan 2023-2026 – How can this link to the Library's Strategic Plan?



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## **7. New Business**

## **8. Ongoing Business / Action items**

- Action items - Corrinne
  - Kudos books are now at each circulation desk
  - PowerPoint for Council (attached)
  - A staff member will speak to the Board in April
- Facility update - Amanda

## **9. Correspondence**

- A very interesting interview with 3 prominent library CEOs in Ontario.  
<https://www.tvo.org/video/is-this-the-era-of-the-library>

## **10. Date of Next Board Meeting:**

## **11. Adjournment**



# Township of Uxbridge Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

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**Location:** Uxbridge Public Library

**Present:** Dave Phillips, Agnes Croxford, Cathy Peters, Dwight Clements, Sheldon Wolfson, Christine Peter, Corrinne Morrison, Amanda Ferraro

**Regrets:**, Gord Shreeve, Zed Pickering

**1. Amanda called the meeting to Order at 7:00 pm.**

- First Nations Land Acknowledgement - Dave

**2. Announcements**

- Introductions and committee member's bios were received as part of a round table discussion. The importance of Libraries was a common theme.
- All bios will be posted on the website.

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary interest and the General Nature thereof.**

✓ *No disclosures*

**4. Approval of Agenda**

✓ *Moved by Sheldon, seconded by Christine; carried.*

**5. Approval of November Minutes**

✓ *Moved by Dwight, seconded by Cathy; carried.*

**6. Committees:**

**6.1 Governance and HR Committee**

- 10 things you need to know as a New Library Board Member
- Cut to the Chase
- Homework assignment for next meeting:
  - The Public Library Board & the Chief Executive Officer: Who does what? – Christine / Agnes
    - What was not covered?
    - What surprised you?
    - What was interesting?



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- The Public Library Sector in Ontario – Sheldon / Dwight
  - What was not covered?
  - What surprised you?
  - What was interesting?
- Board and Responsibilities - Dave / Cathy
  - What was not covered?
  - What surprised you?
  - What was interesting?
- Uxbridge Public Library: Board Governance Handbook
  - Reviewed
    - Timing of meetings and committee meetings
      - The group was happy with the fourth Thursday of every month.
      - July and August optional – call of the chair or CEO.
    - Meeting agendas
      - Happy with the format with the option to re-visit later.
- Officers of the Board – nomination will be received through email to CEO and voted on at the next meeting.
  - Secretary – often the CEO
  - Chair and Vice Chair
  - Treasurer
  - Committees to be assigned at next meeting.
    - Community
    - Governance and HR
    - Finance
- Review Library Board self evaluation summary
  - Could be a useful tool moving forward on a yearly basis.
  - Could be adapted for CEO evaluation.
- Related Party Disclosures of Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.
  - Reminder to submit this to our Treasurer.





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## 6.2 Finance – Amanda

- November, December 2022, January 2023 accounts

✓ *Moved by Dwight, seconded by Dave; carried.*

- Rates By-law 2023-11

✓ *Moved by Agnes, seconded by Sheldon; carried.*

- BUDGET update was received. Official budget to be adopted by Council shortly.

## 6.3 Community Committee

- Battle of the Books – April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please let Corrinne know if you are interested in attending.
- Globe and Mail Article - December 2022

## 7. New Business

- Dwight asked about doing a deputation to Council – Corrinne suggested we share the power point deck to the Board, that was presented to Council in January.
- Comments that the Board should be the face of the library – Act as a Library booster.
- Kudos books – discussion around potentially bringing it back.
- Action item: Could we do a demographics report.
- Corrinne gave a brief description of the Survey that we currently do as part of our grant requirement.
- Action item: Suggestion to bring back staff talks (5 minutes) at the beginning of the meeting. Maybe start in April.



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- Amanda gave a brief facility update.
  - Phase 2 and 3 of the Masonry work will be completed this year.
  - Outdoor Painting to be completed this year.
  - New Flooring and Bookshelves to be Tendered. This may require the top floor to be closed for a month.

### **9. Correspondence**

- N/A

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### **11. Adjournment 8:22 pm**

- ✓ Moved by Agnes, seconded by Cathy; carried.

Date	Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	Amount \$
2023-02-02	CIBC VISA	DEC 25 TO JAN 24/LIB	EXPENSES-DEC 25 TO JAN 24	\$3,493.82
2023-02-03	ELEXICON ENERGY	51001548-02/JAN2023	HYDRO-DEC 8 TO JAN 8	\$876.46
2023-02-03	CORRINNE MORRISON	MILEAGE-JAN 2023	MILEAGE-JAN	\$84.32
2023-02-03	ANDREA STEWART	JAN 2023	EXPENSES-JAN 2023	\$39.28
2023-02-03	CATHY REESOR	JAN 2023	EXPENSES-JAN 2023	\$64.66
2023-02-13	CWB NATIONAL LEASING	18572576	EQUIPMENT LEASE-MARCH	\$353.92
2023-02-13	BLUE HERON BOOKS	364694	BOOKS	\$19.28
2023-02-13	BRODART CANADA COMPANY	078790	SUPPLIES	\$344.31
2023-02-13	BRUCE CLARK & SON PLUMBING &	14386	REPAIRS	\$158.20
2023-02-13	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	635122	BOOKS	\$128.19
2023-02-13	PRESSREADER	SI002008	REFERENCE-11/15-22 TO 12/31/23	\$6,392.41
2023-02-13	WHITEHOTS INC	3477625	BOOKS	\$215.73
2023-02-13	HEAT-AIR MECHANICAL LTD.	37786	MAINTENANCE-JAN	\$2,430.95
2023-02-13	CORRINNE MORRISON	MILEAGE-FEB TO MAR	MILEAGE-FEB TO APR	\$69.62
2023-02-13	KIM BYFORD	MILEAGE-DEFIB	MILEAGE	\$13.57
2023-02-13	CORRINNE MORRISON	EXPENSES-JAN/2023	EXPENSES-JAN	\$45.17
2023-02-13	ELEVATOR ONE INC.	INV-11731-G9V4	ANNUAL BILLING-QTR MAINT.	\$1,380.48
2023-02-13	FIBERNETICS CORPORATION	618299	TELEPHONE-FEB 1 TO MAR 1	\$135.54
2023-02-13	FOREST RIDGE LANDSCAPING INC.	17015-LIBRARY	SNOW REMOVAL-FEB-LIBRARY	\$1,993.32
2023-02-13	BRODART CANADA COMPANY	070382	SUPPLIES	\$24.40
2023-02-13	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	635119	BOOKS	\$322.03
2023-02-13	NETAGEN	104881-LIBRARY	SERVICES-FEB-LIBRARY	\$2,041.91
2023-02-13	WHITEHOTS INC	3476272	BOOKS	\$217.57
2023-02-21	MINISTER OF FINANCE	EHT-FEB-LIB/2023	EHT-FEBRUARY 2023	\$678.17
				<b><u>\$21,523.31</u></b>



2023-2026

# **Uxbridge** **Strategic Plan**

[www.uxbridge.ca](http://www.uxbridge.ca)



# Uxbridge Strategic Plan 2023-2026

## Introduction

The Township of Uxbridge adopted the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan to establish a vision for the municipality and serve as a framework for setting priorities and making decisions over the next 4 years. Based on direction from Council, and reflecting the priorities of our residents, Township staff established this plan to define a long-term vision for our community and provide a means to track performance and accountability as we work to achieve our vision over the council term and beyond.





# Mayor's Message



This is a pivotal time for the Township of Uxbridge. Despite a number of challenges over the past 3 years, we have many accomplishments to be proud of and we have shown our community is connected, collaborative and resilient; we solve problems together. While we have seen changes across the Township, what has not changed is our commitment to our community, and to one another.

You have entrusted Council to face our challenges head on, to focus on the things that matter. We are taking steps to be prepared for tomorrow...today. We have been hard at work preparing a plan for the future that will enable us to deliver on our commitment to focus on the most important community priorities and, importantly, to deliver the highest level of service possible as cost effectively as possible.

This Strategic Plan is the foundation that allows us to move toward the future and it will serve as the basis for the allocation of Township resources, both fiscal and human, over the coming four-year term. For Council and Township staff, this Strategic Plan establishes key priorities and programs, services, and initiatives based on the needs, values and aspirations that Community members shared with Council during the election.

To that end, we have established 5 Strategic Priorities that will work collectively to accomplish our agenda:

1. Good Governance
2. A Vibrant and Growing Economy
3. Collaboration and Partnerships
4. Community Engagement
5. Community Well-Being

This Council is committed to transparency and this report will help us communicate with our residents by reporting and tracking on our activities to achieve our vision. On behalf of The Township of Uxbridge Council, I look forward to achieving our strategic goals over this term of Council and setting up future Councils for success.

**Dave Barton, Mayor**

# CAO's Message

I am proud to present the Township of Uxbridge Strategic Plan for the 2023-2026 term of Council. Council and Staff have defined our shared values, vision, and mission for the future. Guided by facilitated discussions, we have collectively determined short- and long-term strategic goals and objectives for the Corporation. This is our collective commitment to action.



The Township is fortunate to employ dedicated and committed staff and I am proud of what we have accomplished. We have many more priorities that we will work together to achieve. This plan is both a compass and a roadmap. With our plan and by following a values-driven approach we will build an even more vibrant, safe, inclusive, sustainable and resilient community for all our residents.

The 2023-2026 Strategic Plan is a reflection of the aspirations and priorities that have been shared by our community members and, as such, it is our commitment to serving you well.

**Kristi Honey, CAO**

# Vision

The Vision statement is a declaration of what our organization aspires to achieve and what we continuously work toward.

**The Township of Uxbridge is a thriving, supportive and vibrant community that values our environment, our history, and one another.**

# Mission

Our Mission statement describes the principal focus and purpose of our organization.

**The Township of Uxbridge is committed to responsible government and the delivery of exceptional public services to provide a vibrant community where everyone feels welcome, safe and connected.**

# Values

Values define the behaviour required for our organization to achieve its purpose and are the foundation upon which the organization operates. Values guide our actions and decisions and describe how we should act to fulfil our mission.

## Excellence

- We are a high performing organization that is driven by service excellence, management excellence and the achievement of exceptional results. We are an organization that not only gets the job done but leads the way.

## Integrity

- We demonstrate ethical, responsible, transparent and honest governance in all that we do.

## Accountability

- We take responsibility for our actions, while ensuring the efficient, cost-effective and sustainable use of public resources.

## Inclusivity

- We seek input from and develop services for all residents.

## Innovation

- We are a forward-thinking and solutions-focused organization that values continuous improvement, employee and community engagement and encourages creativity.



# Strategic Priorities

1. Good Governance
2. A Vibrant and Growing Economy
3. Collaboration and Partnerships
4. Community Engagement
5. Community Well-Being

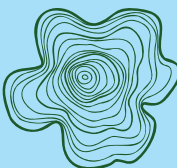
We will achieve our strategic priorities through good governance. Good governance enables our success and is the foundation that drives exceptional service, efficiency, and effectiveness.

## Strategic Priorities

### Good Governance



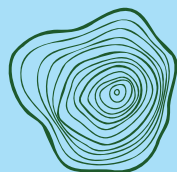
**A Vibrant  
and Growing  
Economy**



**Collaboration  
and  
Partnerships**



**Community  
Engagement**



**Community  
Well-Being**

# Good Governance

Objective	Strategic Action
1. Deliver accountable, transparent government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver high standard of customer service excellence.</li> <li>• Communicate to engage residents and share regular updates on the initiatives underway across the Township.</li> </ul>
2. Excel at operational efficiency and effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business plans and initiatives are aligned to the strategic plan.</li> <li>• Identify strategic technologies and process modernization to deliver improved services and programs.</li> <li>• Foster a culture of continuous learning and professional growth.</li> </ul>
3. Commit to organizational resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build recruitment, retention, succession planning, knowledge and skill transfer and staff training and development.</li> <li>• Advance the development and implementation of performance objectives.</li> <li>• Create an inclusive culture where everyone is respected and valued.</li> </ul>
4. Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and continue to offer value for money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain committed to fiscal responsibility.</li> <li>• Manage top and bottom line (increase revenues, decrease expenses).</li> <li>• Identify opportunities to diversify funding sources (e.g., non-levy revenue, grants, partnerships).</li> </ul>
5. Committed to ethical, responsible and sustainable practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult stakeholders and work collaboratively to address the needs of the community.</li> <li>• Integrate accessibility, sustainability, safety and inclusivity into decision making and project implementation at all levels.</li> </ul>

# A Vibrant and Growing Economy

Objective	Strategic Action
Grow the economy and maximize opportunities to realize competitive advantage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the Township of Uxbridge is 'open for business' and 'opportunity ready' by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Placing priority on Downtown Revitalization and beautification.</li> <li>○ Supporting post-tornado restoration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Engage our business community.</li> <li>• Collaborate with Regional and local area municipalities on economic development.</li> <li>• Align committees with Township strategic priorities.</li> <li>• Explore strategic use of municipal property and assets to promote economic success.</li> </ul>
Leverage tourism and heritage cultural assets to drive economic advantage for future generations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultivate and support creative and innovative business opportunities that are tourism-based.</li> <li>• Identify tourism-related opportunities to establish Uxbridge as a 'Tourism Destination'.</li> <li>• Continue to learn from Tourism industry best practices.</li> <li>• Continue to partner with upper tier and provincial tourism resources to deliver programs and services.</li> <li>• Continue to maintain and invest in the preservation of our heritage assets.</li> </ul>
Address Infrastructure Deficit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan to develop and implement an Asset Management Plan, including the capital budget implications for all assets across the Township (roads, bridges, parks, community facilities etc.).</li> <li>• Continue to fund the asset preservation reserve.</li> <li>• Make optimal use of and maintenance of existing assets.</li> <li>• Seek grants and alternative funding sources for the maintenance of key facilities.</li> <li>• Seek partnerships to build a new Animal Shelter.</li> </ul>

# Collaboration and Partnerships

Objective	Strategic Action
Enhance and nurture existing partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue to strengthen existing partnerships with government at all levels, as well as business, industry and community organizations and volunteers.</li><li>• Continue to engage with partners that support critical community services such as affordable housing, medical services, and care facilities.</li><li>• Continue to work with educational institutions (primary, secondary, and post-secondary).</li><li>• Continue to work with industry and private sector partners.</li><li>• Continue to develop cross-functional collaboration.</li><li>• Continue collaboration with Indigenous neighbours.</li><li>• Seek opportunities to leverage naming rights and other non-levy revenue opportunities.</li></ul>
Explore new partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify opportunities to build new partnerships.</li><li>• Build new alliances with industry and business.</li><li>• Connect with the local business community to ensure the Township is aware of and responsive to their needs.</li><li>• Enhance cultural partnerships to inform and enhance programs and services.</li></ul>

# Community Engagement

Objective	Strategic Action
Amplify corporate communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish a community engagement plan.</li><li>• Continue to invest in and support communications, marketing and outreach.</li><li>• Target volunteers, committee members, contractors, staff and service partners with information updates.</li><li>• Grow general communications through expanded outreach, channels and methods.</li><li>• Seek to broadly share information related to Township of Uxbridge initiatives lead by Durham Region.</li></ul>
Promote Resident Engagement in Our Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify opportunities to enhance community and stakeholder engagement.</li><li>• Maintain relevance and accuracy of public information sources to enable transparency and equitable access to information.</li></ul>

# Community Well-Being

Objective	Strategic Action
Operate responsibly and ethically to create a sustainable future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate with partners to protect our natural capital (ecological systems).</li> <li>• Seek means to reduce our carbon footprint and find energy efficiencies.</li> <li>• Task Committees of Council to achieve social, economic, and environmental objectives.</li> <li>• Continue our stewardship of public lands.</li> <li>• Develop a plan for Centennial</li> <li>• <del>Continue</del> Continue to plan and develop our trail network.</li> <li>• Facilitate urban and rural tree planting.</li> <li>• Review and update the Township of Uxbridge Official Plan.</li> <li>• Continue to monitor and respond to new policy, legislative and regulatory direction from the Province.</li> </ul>
Enhance community accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to identify opportunities to improve accessibility throughout the municipality.</li> <li>• Integrate accessibility considerations into Advisory Committee work.</li> <li>• Advocate for community-wide accessibility improvements through programming and education.</li> </ul>
Enhance community safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate with local and Regional partners to support Vision Zero.</li> <li>• Continue Life, Fire and Water Safety education and outreach programs for the public.</li> <li>• Enhance the community's natural disaster response capabilities.</li> <li>• Improve community's emergency preparedness.</li> <li>• Maintain and plan for future investments in staff and resources related to addressing community safety.</li> <li>• Advocate for a community-wide enhanced stable source(s) of power.</li> <li>• Maintain and plan for future investments in civic infrastructure.</li> <li>• Continue to monitor and address road safety.</li> </ul>



## Community Well-Being *(cont'd)*

Objective	Strategic Action
Enhance community health and well-being of residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate and support community health and social service programs.</li> <li>• Advocate for better health care for residents by working collaboratively with upper levels of government and Regional partners.</li> <li>• Continue to review community needs for recreational facilities, services and programs to provide recreational opportunities across the Township.</li> <li>• Promote and support programming for an inclusive community culture where everyone is respected and valued.</li> </ul>
Enhance community liveability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to explore opportunities to improve inter and intra-Town transit.</li> <li>• Advocate and collaborate to enable a range of housing choices that address housing affordability and aging in place.</li> <li>• Nurture improved social relationships to build community cohesion, resiliency, reciprocity and trust.</li> <li>• Identify opportunities to improve active transportation opportunities.</li> <li>• Identify opportunities to enhance Broadband connectivity.</li> <li>• Identify opportunities to enhance community facilities.</li> <li>• Enhance communications to ensure residents who require social supports are aware of and readily connect with available assistance.</li> </ul>
Develop climate resiliency through infrastructure planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate with Regional partners to incorporate climate adaptation strategies into infrastructure management plans.</li> <li>• Support programs and educational opportunities about climate adaptation strategies for local property owners and residents.</li> </ul>



# Community Services Department

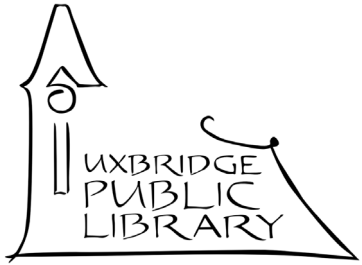
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# LIBRARY

The "Living Room" of our community



## We bring HISTORY to the table...

- The original section of the Uxbridge Public Library is 135 years old!
- It was donated to the Township as the Mechanics Institute on December 9, 1887 by Joseph Gould (\$4,200)
- The clock has been here for that entire time, and STILL WORKS! (\$315)
- In 1981, the Uxbridge Public Library was declared an historic building
- The "new" section is celebrating 35 years, it was built in 1987



## Statistically Speaking....

- Roughly 57,000 items currently in our collection (counting Uxbridge and Zephyr)
- 49,654 items checked out in 2021 **AND** over 68,257 in 2022
- 14,357 ebook downloads in 2021 **AND** 13,837 in 2022
- 8,299 audiobook downloads in 2021 **AND** 8,598 in 2022
- Average of 21,000 online magazine article opens each month via PressReader
- 175 programs in 2021
- Program attendance of 3,358 for 2021



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## We cannot turn the page on our commitment to public libraries

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LEDERMAN

OPINION



Long before there was Google, or big-box bookstores with inviting chairs where you could flip through potential purchases, or coffee shops serving up WiFi and a place to park yourself with your six-dollar macchiato – there was the library.

Today, for new parents seeking community, toddlers a space to sing and wobble through piles of books, immigrants a place to practise their English, or seniors wanting to learn a new skill – there is the library.

The library is a space for all. For people who are homeless, struggling with mental health, addiction and affordability issues, the library is a necessary haven – an all-day refuge from the cold, the heat and the street, filled with comfortable chairs, reading material, internet access and bathrooms.

As Susan Orlean notes in *The Library Book*, libraries have become de facto community cen-

tres for homeless people around the world. "The publicness of the public library is an increasingly rare commodity," she wrote in her 2018 bestseller. "It becomes harder all the time to think of places that welcome everyone and don't charge money for that warm embrace."

Vancouver's new mayor, Ken Sim, who is preparing his first city budget, recently mused about getting the Vancouver Public Library to step up and bring in more revenue. If each branch raised even about \$500 a month, he calculated, that would bring in \$100,000 a year for the city. (Although the mayor had the number of branches wrong; he thought there were 17, but there are 21.) Mr. Sim did not explicitly suggest charging for basic services such as borrowing books. Anyway, the Library Act forbids that.

The VPL, with its \$58-million operating budget last year – which represents a tiny fraction of the city's annual spending, and has covered the same number of staff for 10 years, in spite of growing demand – presented a dire financial situation as it looks ahead to next year's budget.

"To be clear, any budget reduction will lead to reduced hours and branch closures," board chair Kevin Lowe told council at City Hall budget consultations.

For next year's budget, the VPL is actually asking for some new money: \$250,000 to open branches that are currently closed on Mondays and extend hours on Sundays. It is also seeking \$350,000 for three new positions: A social worker to train and support beleaguered library staff, helping them to de-escalate difficult situations and recover from them, and two community access workers who can connect marginalized people with needed services.

Instead, the mayor would apparently have library workers somehow find the time and bandwidth to raise \$500 per branch per month (in addition to the revenue the library currently brings in, largely from room rentals). The last thing any public library needs is to be nickel-and-dimed and forced to deploy its already novella-thin resources to try to raise a few bucks.

Library staff are at or beyond capacity; the burnout is real. This work would have to be done off

the side of already-stretched workers' desks, in between helping new Canadians find jobs, teaching computer skills, hosting book clubs and presenting puppet shows – among the many services that are free to the public.

Hard-working library staff in any city do not deserve this. For many of us of a certain age, the library was all about books. It's where we met Beezus and Ramona and Judy Blume's Margaret, explored Narnia, cried our first book tears over *Charlotte's Web*. The feel of the books' protective Mylar and that distinct library smell remain a wonderful Pavlovian trigger. There are great things ahead, your senses tell you: escape, enlightenment, stories.

Today's libraries offer even more. "We do mind-building, soul-affirming, life-saving work," Khalil Gibran Muhammad, then the director of the New York Public Library's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, says in Frederick Wiseman's 2017 documentary *Ex Libris: The New York Public Library*.

"Libraries of today have become community centres," Mr.

Wiseman wrote in his director's statement. "The library remains an ideal of inclusion, democracy and freedom of expression."

In case you have any doubts about the power of the library, consider the story of Richard Wagamese. The Ojibwa man was homeless in St. Catharines, Ont., when, looking for shelter, he followed some people into a building. It was a library. He became a regular, parking himself at a desk, asking librarians for books about an array of topics and jotting things down in a notebook. One day, a brown bag appeared on his desk. Inside was a muffin and a sandwich – a gift from a librarian. She gave him another gift: She introduced him to Beethoven in the listening room, and later took him to a music performance.

Mr. Wagamese became one of this country's great writers, publishing 14 books before he died in 2017, and two more posthumously. In this time of growing scarcity, political division and anti-intellectualism, the library is a reminder of what society can and should be.

Do the math – and preserve it at all costs.



# LIBRARY

Books plus  
so much more!



## NEWS

### DID YOU KNOW?: Unique items to borrow at the Uxbridge Public Library

From park passes to video games, you can get a lot more than books with your library card

By Moya Dillon Uxbridge Times Journal  
Friday, August 26, 2022

While most people head to the Uxbridge Public Library for a good read, the facility has lots more to offer.

"In keeping with our vision, mission statement and values, the Uxbridge Public Library is always looking for ways to positively impact our community by providing additional items, opportunities and activities to our patrons," said Corrinne Morrison, library manager.

"While books are the cornerstone of our offerings, they are complemented by programs, games and educational items that can be attended or borrowed by individuals and/or families."

Items you didn't know you could borrow with a library card:

- **Ontario Parks** daily vehicle permit: this is the first year the library has offered park passes for borrowing. Pre-booking is required for this item. Book in person or by phone at 905-852-9747.
- **Electronic devices:** the library offers GPS units to borrow for all card holders and iPads for seniors only.
- **Coding robots:** kids and adults can practice coding with the help of coding robots, including Bee-Bots and Cubelets.
- **Puzzles:** Enjoy some family time with a variety of puzzles.

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**WHAT'S NEW @ THE LIBRARY?**  
Come 'check out' our newest collection of unique & family friendly

**BOARD GAMES!**  
Take a game home for a week to create lasting memories with your family!  
Available today in our Children's Library!

**UPWORDS**  
THE GAME OF WORDS

**My Feelings**  
A book about emotions

**Friends and Neighbors**  
A book about community

**Monkey Around**  
A book about monkeys

**1000 Pieces**  
A puzzle about 1000 pieces

**1,349** People reached  
**53** Engagements  
**+1.2x average** Distribution score

**Boost post**

You and 10 others  
Like Comment Share

Comment as Uxbridge Public Library

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Leslie Elizabeth · November 8 ·

**BOOK CLUBS !!** Great news !! Looking for a brand new title? Uxbridge's Dr. Jennifer Wilson's book, **GRANT US TOMORROW**, is our newest Book Club Set! The set includes 10 copies of this 346 page book which includes so many colour photos. A Discussion Guide focusing on 22 questions is located in the back of the book for easy referral during reading. Interested?? **BOOK** a date online using your library card and password or give us a call @ (905) 852-9747. If you need a library card, p... See more

**GRANT US TOMORROW**  
A medical memoir

**2,477** People reached  
**92** Engagements  
**+2.0x higher** Distribution score

**Boost post**

3 shares



# LIBRARY

## We strive to make our community stronger!

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Maureen O'Shea Brown · November 17 at 9:08 PM · 🌐

In 2019 we had a spectacular night called the Jingle Mingle where we carolled, crafted, we drank hot cider and enjoyed the evening. 🥰 After a LONG 2 year hiatus we are back! 🎄 December 1st join us for a Holiday Hurrah! 🥳 An evening of carols, hot cocoa, crafts and stories. We have elves to guide you through the library on a Jolly Tour, so sign up today! 📝  
See poster for more info! HURRAH!

#holidays2022 #holidaysatthelibrary #uxbridgepubliclibrary #zephyrpubliclibrary #uxbridgeontario #reading



Hot Chocolate Karaoke Caroling

Join us for our  
**Holiday HURRAH!**

Thursday  
December 1st  
6:30-8pm

This fun is...  
**Free!**  
Reserve\*  
Your Spot Today &  
Take the Jolly Elf Tour!

Crafts  
For all ages

Holiday Stories

Uxbridge Public Library

2,501  
People reached

67  
Engagements

↑ +2.2x higher  
Distribution score

Boost post

7 shares

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Leslie Elizabeth · November 29 at 2:51 PM · 🌐

Adults / Teens -- do you like to COLOUR? The Uxbridge Public Library would like to deliver 110 Festive cards to the good folks at Butternut Manor and Reachview Village!  
We've got 4 coloured so far so we just need 106 more ready to go by December 18th.  
Cards are available for pick up at the Adult Circulation Desk.  
Thank you UXBRIDGE~ ❤️🎨📖  
#theuxbridgelibrary #zephyrlibrary #connectinginuxbridge #TownshipofUxbridge #uxbridgestrong



4,616  
People reached

395  
Engagements

Boost post

31 12 comments 21 shares

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Leslie Elizabeth · December 1 at 12:09 PM · 🌐

Thank you Uxbridge for helping fill the Uxbridge Cares 2022 Holiday Family Basket at the library! Our basket is for a small family of 3 - Dad with a 2 year old girl and 6 year old boy. Just a little update ... there are still a few more items the family could use if you are able to help out. The items are on the check list and on the little ornaments above the basket are the items we're still hoping to collect. Thank you kindly for all the support for this family and the man.... See more



uxbridge  
cares  
basket location

950  
People reached

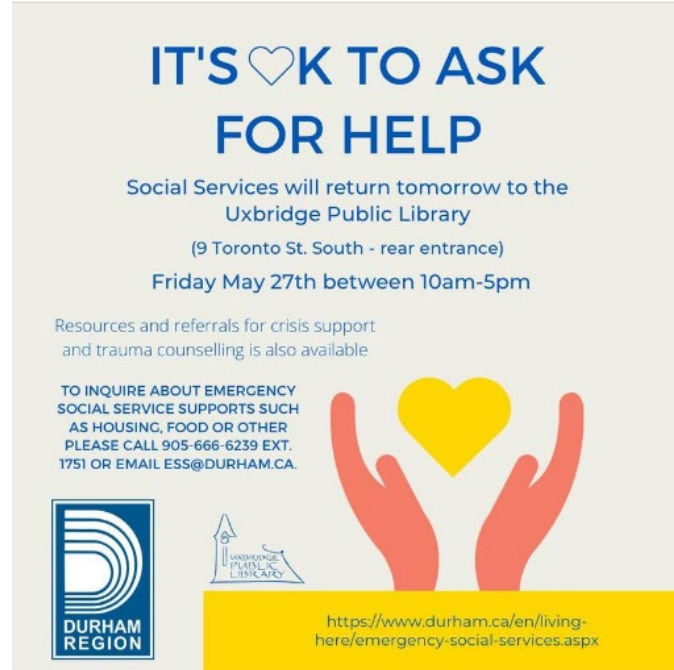
67  
Engagements

Boost post

You and 4 others 1 Share

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Maureen O'Shea Brown · May 26 · 🌐

In case you missed it, Emergency Social Services will be at the library again tomorrow from 10-5pm. Please come if you need help, or have questions about how to get through this tough time. ESS is here for you Uxbridge. ❤️  
#uxbridgetomorrow #uxbridgetownship #uxbridgepubliclibrary #zephyrpubliclibrary #uxbridgeontario #ESSdurham #durhamregion



**IT'S ♥️K TO ASK  
FOR HELP**

Social Services will return tomorrow to the  
Uxbridge Public Library  
(9 Toronto St. South - rear entrance)  
Friday May 27th between 10am-5pm

Resources and referrals for crisis support  
and trauma counselling is also available

TO INQUIRE ABOUT EMERGENCY  
SOCIAL SERVICE SUPPORTS SUCH  
AS HOUSING, FOOD OR OTHER  
PLEASE CALL 905-666-6239 EXT.  
1751 OR EMAIL ESS@DURHAM.CA.

DURHAM REGION

Uxbridge Public Library

https://www.durham.ca/en/living-here/emergency-social-services.aspx

1,763  
People reached

56  
Engagements

↑ +1.8x higher  
Distribution score

Boost post

10 8 shares



# LIBRARY

## We try new things!

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Maureen O'Shea Brown · November 4 ·

Check out the story, but in case you're not a story person check out our impromptu games day!

#gamesday #uxbridgepubliclibrary #zephyrpubliclibrary #uxbridgeontario

**DON'T WORRY WE HAVE DROP-IN GAMES TODAY!**

COMPTON ROOM | FREE DROP-IN | TODAY NOV. 4

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1,775 People reached 28 Engagements +1.5x higher Distribution score

Boost post

5 6 shares

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Patricia Green · May 9 ·

Preparing for your first-ever camping trip?

Do we have an event for you!

Parks Canada will be here for two pop-up/workshop combo events to teach you how to plan for your camping trip. From equipment tips (always bring that rain tarp 🌧️), to safe campfires and wildlife sightings.... See more

**Learn to Camp WITH PARKS CANADA!**

FREE

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: YOUR FIRST FRONTCOUNTRY CAMPING TRIP!

Find out how to plan for your first camping trip with tips on equipment, safe campfires, and wildlife sightings!

This program is designed for adults, but children and families are very welcome!

Presented by Parks Canada/Rouge National Urban Park.

\*SAVE YOUR SPOT FOR THIS IN-PERSON EVENT WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD AND PIN ON UXLIB.COM

TWO DATES TO CHOOSE FROM!

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1**  
Pop Up: 11:30 am - 1 pm  
Workshop: 1:30 - 3 pm

**SATURDAY, JULY 2**  
Pop Up: 10:30 am - 1 pm  
Workshop: 1:30 - 3 pm

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625 People reached 10 Engagements -1.7x lower Distribution score

Boost post

2 1 Share

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Ethan Goldsmith · July 12 ·

Have you ever wanted to meet an astronaut? 🚀

On Tuesday, July 19 we will be holding a live viewing for the Super Star Story Teller event with real-life astronaut Chris Hadfield! Join us at 3:30 pm, before the live viewing to participate in fun space themed games and activities that are out of this world! 🌌

#uxbridgepubliclibrary #chrishadfield #superstarstoryteller #funatthelibrary #discoveruxbridge

**SuperSTAR Storyteller**

Space themed games and activities begin at 3:30 pm  
**FREE to attend!**  
Don't miss the live viewing at 4:30 pm

Meet Astronaut Chris Hadfield

Check your library website for details

Tuesday, July 19 | 4:30 pm • Drop in at 3:30 pm for space themed games and activities before the live viewing at 4:30 pm

Join our star-packed viewing party featuring a virtual visit from legendary Canadian Astronaut, Chris Hadfield!

2,036 People reached 138 Engagements +2.1x higher Distribution score

Boost post

13 5 comments 7 shares

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Leslie Elizabeth · November 16 at 12:02 PM ·

MEET Cadence (7), Gracie (5) and Dave!

The Uxbridge Library is celebrating National Game and Puzzle week ALL MONTH LONG! Last week's 100 piece puzzle was completed 3 times so this week we are working on a 500 piece puzzle. Pop in anytime and put a piece or two or three in!

PS. We have puzzles for all ages available for loan. 🧩🧩🧩

"Once I get on a puzzle, I can't get off." Richard P. Feynman

#th... See more

2,447 People reached 98 Engagements +1.9x higher Distribution score

Boost post

9 2 comments 2 shares

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Leslie Elizabeth · 3d ·

Merry Jolabokaflod!

Celebrate Iceland's tradition of gifting books on December 24th, then spending the evening reading them and eating chocolate! How WONDERFUL does that sound?

Please take a book to keep or gift courtesy of: Amperland Inc., Canadian Manda Group, Harger Collins and Penguin Random House. (While supplies last!)

#theuxbridgelibrary #merryjolabokaflod #connectinginuxbridge #townshipofuxbridge

1,213 People reached 42 Engagements +1.2x average Distribution score

Boost post

You, Uxbridge Music Studio • Piano & Cello Lessons Online and 9 others 2 shares

# LIBRARY

And shake things up -alot...

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Patricia Green · February 13 ·

Family Day is a week away! Available starting tomorrow, a super fantastic Family Fun STEM kit to go! The kits have a great water experiment, word search, snow dough recipe and scavenger hunt! Perfect for Family Day. Learn together - know forever! Science YAY! 🧊🔍🧪  
#uxbridgepubliclibrary #uxbridgeontario #takeandmake #STEM #FAMILYDAY2022



Available Starting February 14th while supplies last.

457 People reached 5 Engagements -2.2x lower Distribution score [Boost post](#)

3 1 Share


UPDATE! All 19 penguins have now found a home/reading buddy 😊  
Is your child in SK - Grade 4? Could they use a little encouragement reading? We have 19 little penguins who are looking to be adopted by a buddy who promises to read to them everyday! Email [cathy.reesor@uxlib.com](mailto:cathy.reesor@uxlib.com) to adopt! More info on the poster!! 🐧🐧🐧🐧🐧  
#adopta... See more

Uxbridge Public Library presents....

## ADOPT A WINTER READING BUDDY

JAN 17 - FEB 28

- \* Read to your adopted penguin!
- \* Then report what books you've read & help our little penguin Flipper hop over the icebergs to reach their friends!
- \* Email [cathy.reesor@uxlib.com](mailto:cathy.reesor@uxlib.com) to adopt! Only the first 19 families will be able to adopt. Participating families will be contacted Jan. 17th!



WIN PRIZES | SK-GRADE 4

1,510 People reached 66 Engagements +1.6x higher Distribution score [Boost post](#)

22 10 shares

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Leslie Elizabeth · April 12 ·

Our Seed Library is officially open! 🌱 Upstairs in the Adult department we have our seed library - free seeds for you to take, grow and hopefully give back at the end of the season (1-2 per visit) 🌱

AND a huge shout out to Uxbridge gardeners and our SEEDY SATURDAY sponsors! Great support, over 350 packages of seeds were distributed, over 275 people visited! 🌱 Still come in anytime to get inspired about planting with our incredible gardening collection, pick up some seeds and s... See more



1,591 People reached 102 Engagements [Boost post](#)

You and 21 others 3 shares



# LIBRARY

We are here for all ages...

Uxbridge Public Library  
Published by Patricia Green · May 10 ·

After a "nee" hiatus, we're getting back to some highly anticipated children's programming with our fun-filled Wiggles & Giggles program!

Join us every Monday June 6, 13 & 20 from 10:30 - 11:15 am in the Children's Department for stories, rhymes, songs and crafts.

Ages 2.5+ are welcome, accompanied by a caregiver... See more



**WIGGLES and giggles MONDAYS!**  
JUNE 6, 13, 20 | 10:30 - 11:15 AM  
Join us for a fun-filled program of stories, songs, rhymes and crafty endeavours!  
Ages 2.5 & UP (WITH A CAREGIVER)  
Limited spots available! Please pre-register with your library card and PIN on uxlib.com!  
THIS FUN IS FREE!

uxlib.com

1,301 People reached 55 Engagements +1.3x higher Distribution score Boost post

10 5 comments 5 shares


Uxbridge Public Library  
Published by Corinne Morrison · April 3 ·

\*\* FULL for Little Buddies -A few High School Volunteers still needed \*\*

Hey everyone! Does your child need a little extra practice reading? We have the answer! We are doing one session of Reading Buddies this spring!

Registration starts tomorrow, April 4th, payment is required between April 11-14th, and the session starts April 21st!

See ... See more



**LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

## Reading BUDDIES

A great reading program that fosters literacy through one-on-one reading, literacy based activities, and fun!

**Spring 2022 - 8 Week Session**  
Thursdays | April 21 - June 9 | 4:30 - 5:30 pm

**LITTLE BUDDIES:** Grades 1-3 English or French (upon availability) **Cost: \$15/8 weeks**

**BIG BUDDIES:** High School aged volunteers\* needed, required to arrive by 4:15 pm

**Beginning April 4 please email [andrea.stewart@uxlib.com](mailto:andrea.stewart@uxlib.com) to register your child as a Little Buddy or to become a Big Buddy volunteer.**

\*Receive 1.5 hours of volunteer time per week for a total of 12 towards high school requirements.

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1,328 People reached 23 Engagements +1.3x higher Distribution score Boost post

You and 8 others 4 shares

Uxbridge Public Library  
Published by Corinne Morrison · June 23 ·

What an amazing kick off to the summer!!! We had an Incredible Zombie Survival Night for our last Teen Takeover last week! So great to have a bunch of teens scouring the library for clues and random tasks - well done to everyone who came out! Great crew! #teentakeover #tweentakeover #NQTs

All year TAB (Teen Advisory Board) have shared ideas, helped with prep for programs, participated in programs and just been super awesome! The teens and tweens in town have carved... See more



3,444 People reached 310 Engagements Boost post

You and 14 others 5 shares

Uxbridge Public Library  
Published by Leslie Elizabeth · 19h ·

Season's Greetings from Ian, Uxbridge's tech treasure!

Ian is offering FREE tech help on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month by appointment. If you need a little extra help with any of your devices this month Ian is available on December 21st. Should you be the recipient of a new device over the holidays, feel free to book an appointment with Ian for Wednesday January 4th or 18th to help with set up if needed! Super friendly, knowledgeable and incredibly patient Ian can ... See more



1,593 People reached 98 Engagements +1.9x higher Distribution score Boost post

16 1 Comment 3 shares



# LIBRARY

## And stages!

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Patricia Green · May 2 ·

Children, prepare your stuffies!!! 🧸

We're so excited to announce that after a brief hiatus, the Stuffy Sleepover at Uxbridge Public Library is back!

Little ones aged 3-6 are invited to bring in their favourite stuffed toy and leave it at the library for a sleepover. Upon picking up their stuffy, your child will receive a fun package to open to see what their stuffy did, along with a video of sleepover footage to enjoy (and giggle at) at home. 📺

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**THE ULTIMATE LIBRARY**  
**Stuffy Sleepover!**

**AGES 3 - 6** **MAY 30 (DROP-OFF) | JUNE 1 (PICK-UP)**

Ever wonder what would happen if your stuffy had a sleepover at the library?! Drop off your special stuffed toy and see what they get up to without you around! This will be a bear-y fun event, indeed!

**PLEASE SIGN-UP ONLINE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD!**

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3,340 People reached 179 Engagements ↑ +3.3x higher Distribution score [Boost post](#)

3 comments 15 shares

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Maureen O'Shea Brown · October 23 ·

Need to run to the grocery store and your 9 year old wants to stay home! 🤔

Give them the confidence they need (and the piece of mind you need!) to leave them home safely! 🙌

Sign your kids up today to learn basic first aid and safety skills in our STAY SAFE Alone at Home Course offered by the Red Cross and Durham First Aid! 📅 📄 check poster for more details

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**STAY SAFE**  
ALONE AT HOME COURSE  
for youth ages 9 - 13!

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**  
10 AM - 4 PM

**\$60/Participant**

**PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN:**

- ✓ The importance of responsibility, respect and accountability when staying home alone
- ✓ Safety skills at home and within the community
- ✓ Setting and following safety rules
- ✓ Basic first aid skills
- ✓ How to prepare for, recognize and respond to unexpected situations

**Please pre-register with your library card and PIN on uxlib.com starting October 31!**

**Participants are asked to bring lunch, snacks and a reusable water bottle.**

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624 People reached 78 Engagements [Boost post](#)

2 comments 5 shares

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Leslie Elizabeth · November 15 at 12:21 PM ·

**NEW additions to our Parenting collection!**  
These titles are located in the Children's Library and can be reserved online (uxlib.com) or give us a call @905-952-9747. ❤️

#theuxbridgelibrary #zephyrlibrary #parenting #TownshipofUxbridge #connectinginuxbridge #readinglearninggrowingtogether



1,652 People reached 30 Engagements [Boost post](#)

4 shares


**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Leslie Elizabeth · October 11 ·

♥️ **KNITTERS!! KNITTERS!!** ♥️

The Library is offering a six week knitting class starting tomorrow, Wednesday October 12th from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The advanced beginner project is "Flax" -- a beautiful sweater suitable for children or adults. There is still space available! Cost is \$25.00. Register @ the library. Contact Carol or Barb at Never Enough Wool @905-985-0030 for questions and supplies.

"I love the way knitting brings people together." Debbie Macomber♥️

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2,436 People reached 107 Engagements [Boost post](#)

8 comments 6 shares

#theuxbridgelibrary #zephyrlibrary #Town... See more



**I ♥️ Book Club**

966 People reached 63 Engagements [Boost post](#)



# LIBRARY



We welcome residents,  
visitors and tourists!  
(Psst! We are a Tourism Ambassador Site)



**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Leslie Elizabeth · September 27 ·

MEET local author Michael Cameron!  
Michael recently popped into the library to generously donate his newly published book: Jack, The Turtle Who Wanted To Fly!  
Originally told to his daughter, the littles of Uxbridge will be delighted to enjoy Jack's adventures!  
Thank you, Michael!... See more



1,556 People reached 159 Engagements ↑ +1.5x higher Distribution score

Boost post

18 5 shares

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Amanda Lyons · September 21 ·

It's not too late!!  
There are 16 days remaining to participate in our bingo card contest. Submit a ballot for your chance to win a library "Swag Bag".  
There are also 9 days left in celebration of Library Card Sign up Month!  
To date 54 residents have signed up for a library card this month!  
Whether you come in now or a month from now, know that the library is here to welcome you back whenever you are ready. Unlock the endless possibilities that are available to you just by ow... See more



1,069 People reached 26 Engagements ↑ +1.0x average Distribution score

Boost post

6 2 shares

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Leslie Elizabeth · August 23 ·

MEET Doug and his granddaughter, Luna!  
Doug (the new owner of Sam Sharpe's house on First Avenue) shared with us ... whenever Lucy Maud Montgomery came into town from Leaskdale, she stayed and was hosted by Sam Sharpe!! Luna wondered if it was her bedroom at her grandfather's house where Lucy Maud slept! So cool!  
#theuxbridgelibrary #zephyrlibrary #TownshipOfUxbridge #leaskdaleontario #lucymaudmontgomery #uxbridgeontario #connectinginuxbridge #uxbridgecommunity #uxbridgehistory



1,076 People reached 82 Engagements ↑ +1.1x average Distribution score

Boost post

29 4 comments 1 Share

**Uxbridge Public Library**  
Published by Leslie Elizabeth · September 28 ·

MEET Diane and Bryan!  
The Havelock couple were visiting Uxbridge for the FIRST time! They enjoyed a train tour and delicious lunch aboard the York Durham Heritage Railway this afternoon which they highly recommend. Next stop was the library looking for some local genealogy information on the Gillis / McLean families. Welcome to Uxbridge! It was great to meet you!  
#theuxbridgelibrary #TownshipOfUxbridge #connectinginuxbridge #yorkdurhamheritagerailway #uxbridgegenealogygroup #welcome



1,038 People reached 76 Engagements ↑ +1.1x average Distribution score

Boost post

27 2 comments 4 shares



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And we have a true "Librarian" sense of humour!

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S  
**GROWN-UP SPIRIT WEEK**  
MARCH 28-  
APRIL 3

*Let your inner child shine!*

ANY DAY THIS WEEK WHEN YOU  
COME INTO THE LIBRARY:

- \*Dress up as your favourite literary character or author even just a hat will do!
- \*Wear your favourite sports team gear
- \*Throw back clothes! 50's-80's
- \*Make a librarian laugh!
- \*Dress up as your favourite superhero - including a healthcare hero!

WIN PRIZES

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**SATURDAY STORYTIME!**  
Saturday Afternoon February 26th on our Facebook Page!

Africville  
By Shauntay Grant

WINTER IS  
**Bearable**  
WITH BOOKS!

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