

Deep River Public Library Annual Report 2025:



Throughout 2025 the Deep River Public Library continued to grow. While our circulation remained steady at approximately **57,000 items per year**, our community engaged with the library in many other meaningful ways.

- Approximately **1,000 people** come through our doors each week.
- **6,242 residents participated in library programs** (*up 7.8% from 2024*).
- Volunteers contributed **more than 4,000 hours**, equivalent to **2.2 full-time positions**.



With the support of dynamite partners and keen volunteers, 2025 was a year of connection, curiosity, and collaboration.

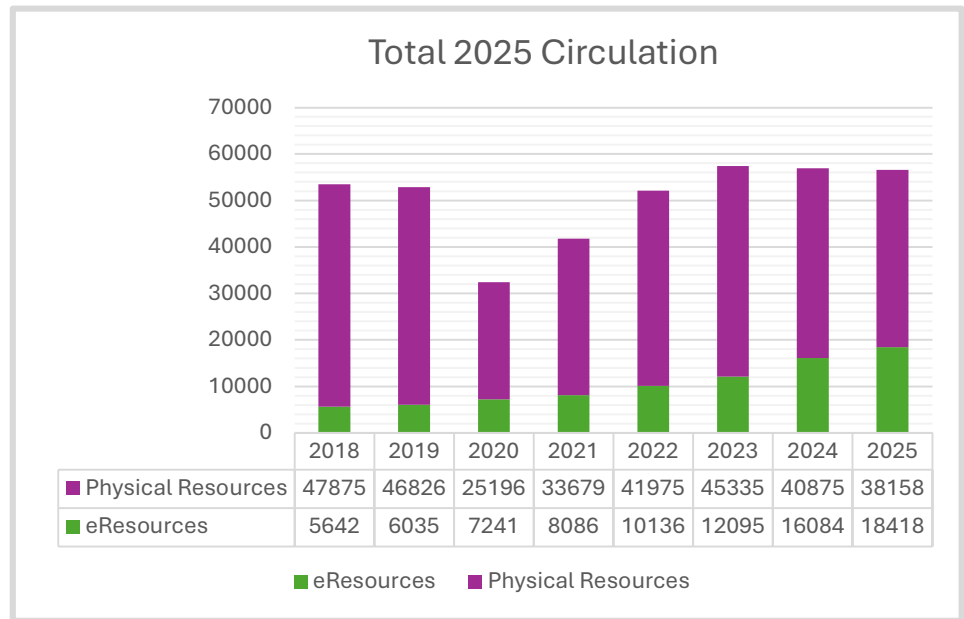
We launched new programs including Caregiver Coffee Time, Family Art Night, Middle Grade Book Club, and a summer reading challenge that invited Deep River's youngest to read 10,000 pages for an ice cream party. They exceeded all expectations, reading 53,000+ and we were grateful for the help of the Town's Recreation Department and Fire Department in celebrating! Working closely with the newly established Seniors Connect program (Town of Deep River), we supported one-on-one Tech Tutor sessions with knowledgeable experts and volunteers.



We were keen to extend our learning further, growing always, literally by lending 627 seed packets or figuratively by expanding our writers' and author talks into a two-day Riverside Writers' Creative Immersion, thanks to THEOP and the Library Arts Committee. A highlight was celebrating the Canadian Clock Museum's 25th anniversary with Jeff Winch's world-premiere "Clockumentary." Those that missed this special event can now view the film [online](#).

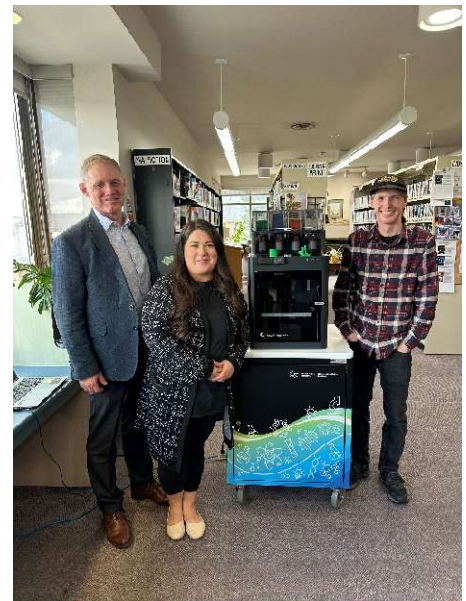
In 2025, we:

- Invested in additional Libby titles so that Deep River residents have shorter holds. Our electronic circulation grew by 14.5%, however.
- Extended Monday hours to 5:30pm to better serve area youth, in particular.
- Added accessible tech, dementia-friendly resources (through Seniors Connect), and early literacy assessment resources to the collection.
- Recorded and shared key presentations via our [Youtube Channel](#).
- Expanded access to key local history resources, adding Camp 33 and the Index of Roman Catholic Church Burial Registries, for example to the [local history section of our website](#).
- Worked to build understanding of our area's pre-nuclear history with a pamphlet titled *Deep River Before 1944* that coincided with the special launch of the Pinesi Paddle from Lamure Beach last fall.



Technology continues to evolve rapidly, and we are grateful to Canadian Nuclear Laboratories for supporting learning in our community, whether through their presentations on AI in Nuclear Science or by sponsoring our 3D printer and community workshops, which were an exciting addition to our facility this year.

Staffing changes marked an important year of transition. The library welcomed Melissa Daley (Interlibrary Loans) in January and Alex Stephens (Digital Services) and Nolan Teyseyre (Student Page) in September. They are all wonderful additions to a dynamic, responsive team.



With new staff arrivals also came a bittersweet farewell. Mira Anghel retired this summer after many years of exceptional service. Mira set a standard of excellence and care that will shape our library for decades. At a time when many libraries are no longer circulating DVDs, our DVD circulation reached its highest point in five years—despite offering Kanopy, our film streaming service. So strong was Mira’s curation that we began lending DVD players so that patrons without equipment could play them. We wish her a well-earned retirement.



Each person, whether staff, volunteer, resident or visitor makes a big difference to our library living room. We hope that you each seek inspiration, exploration, and learning, and find a place for connection when you come through our door in 2026.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Naomi Balla-Boudreau
CEO, Deep River Public Library

Our Community Partners in 2025

Town of Deep River / Deep River Police / Deep River Fire Department

Seniors Connect Program with the Town of Deep River

Friends of the Library / Library Arts Committee

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories / Children’s Junction Day Care Centre / Deep River and Area Horticultural Society (Green Thumbs Program) / Deep River & District Community

Foundation / Deep River and District Health / Deep River Nursery School / Deep River Queer Connection / Deep Tech / Effective Computer Solutions

Mackenzie Community School / Maven Catering

North Renfrew Long-Term Care / Renfrew County and District School Board /

Renfrew-Lanark Local Immigration Partnership / Saturday Morning / Scotiabank

Service Canada / Steffanie Adams of George Brown College / THEOP

Upper Ottawa Valley Seniors Friendship Club / WCCT

Upper Ottawa Valley GLAM partners, including:

Canadian Clock Museum, Head, Clara and Maria Library, Laurentian Hills Library, School House Museum (Rolph, Buchanan, Wylie, and McKay Historical Society), Society for the Preservation of Nuclear Heritage, Valley Artisans Coop

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Our 2025 Board of Directors

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2025 Snapshot Statistics


 **1,686 active cardholders** (40% of the population; some families share a card)

 **265 new cards issued** this year

 **38,158 physical items borrowed**

 **18,418 digital items borrowed** (14.5% increase from 2024), including:

- 5,320 eMagazines
- 3,289 films streamed with Kanopy
- 4,415 eAudiobooks
- 5,394 eBooks

 **Interlibrary Loans:** 1,180 items borrowed, 277 lent

 **2,790 new titles added**

 **Our collection includes:**

- 95,178 eBook and eAudiobook titles
- 30,623 print titles
- 8,201 DVDs, CDs, and Talking Books
- 117 items in our Library of Things

 **375 programs offered**

 **6,242 program participants**

 **54,000 visits**

 **322 program room rentals**

 **4,000+ volunteer hours** (2.2 FTE)

 **Technology use:**

- 3,600 computer sessions
- 8,200 WIFI connections

 **Connecting online:**

- 1,608 Facebook followers
- 21,509 Facebook engagement (up 35.4%)
- 703 Instagram followers
- 16,400 Instagram views
- 21,210 website views

