

A Visit Will Get You Thinking.

YOUR TOP, TRUSTED COMMUNITY ASSET . . . AND PARTNER

In Ontario's 305 public library systems there are 1157 public library branches serving **99.34% of Ontario's population including indigenous communities.** In person, Libraries see 137 in-person visits per minute – over 80 million visits a year. With our 24/7/365 digital services, that rate more than doubles!

With 155.8 Million visits per year, 426,849 Visits per day, and 17,785 Visits per hour, that comes to 296 visits per minute! There's simply no other public institution which gets 5 visits every second, all year long.

Ontario's Public Libraries offer so many fantastic programs equitably for all – over 250,000 in 2016 which attracted over 4.5 Million residents! **We've grown over 82% in ten years.** The public value goes on and on: Early literacy and early learning, career skills, and job help, genealogy, business, entrepreneur and community development, Summer Reading Club, homework help, teen programs, newcomers to Canada, seniors programs, Book Clubs, Culture Days, Makerspaces, and so many more! Choose to visit and learn!

The **Public Library value proposition** is strong and includes (but isn't limited to):

- **Excellent Return on Investment for municipalities and the province**
- **Strong Economic Development and Impact (averaging \$6 for every \$1 invested)**
- **Great Employment and Business Support**
- **Access to all kinds of technology – with talented support**
- **Welcoming New Canadians & Refugees**
- **Provable Early and Adult Literacy Development**
- **Ongoing Lifelong Support for Formal Education and Homework Help**
- **Serving the whole community equitably**
- **Affordable access to community resources**
- **Guided access to Government Services and e-government**
- **Questions Deserve Quality Answers**
- **Support for Cultural Vitality, creativity, and innovation**
- **AND Recognized and Valued Leisure Activities for majority of Ontarians**

Ontario's Public Libraries: Check Us Out!

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Southern Ontario Library Service SOLS.org Ontario Library Service - North OLSN.ca