



STIRLING-RAWDON
PUBLIC LIBRARY

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

CREATED BY JAYE BANNON, CEO

MISSION AND VISION

The mission statement of the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library is to serve the community of Stirling and area, by providing access to resources and programs for personal, educational, recreational and cultural enrichment, as well as cooperating with other organizations serving such aims.

Our Staff

The Stirling-Rawdon Public Library is fortunate to have a very dedicated staff. Working incredibly well together and relying on the strengths that each employee offers, Jaye, Theresa, Haley, Kai and Pearl always look forward to serving the patrons of the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library as defined by our Mission and Vision Statement.



Jaye Bannon- CEO

Jaye has been employed at the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library since April 2007. Starting as Casual Relief, Jaye then took the Children's Librarian position in 2008 and spent a decade in the Children's Department before accepting the CEO position in October 2018. Jaye successfully completed the EXCEL program offered by the Southern Ontario Library Service and received a certificate in Managing a Small Public Library. Jaye enjoys the new administrative role she is in while still being able to interact with library patrons on a regular basis.



THERESA BRENNAN- ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

Theresa is a graduate of Mohawk College's Library and Information Technology Diploma program and has been at the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library since December 2006. Over the last 12 years, Theresa has served our library patron's needs by taking care of Interlibrary Loans, organizing our Large Print Pool, providing exceptional reader's advisory and research services, assisting several local book clubs acquire their monthly reading material, reminding patrons of their overdue loans, duties associated with the circulation desk and so much more. Theresa goes above and beyond to provide friendly service to everyone who visits our library.



Our Staff



HALEY LETCH- CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Haley was hired in April 2017 as a temporary desk assistant and then as Children's Librarian in October 2018. Haley is a graduate of Durham College's Library and Information Technician program, Sir Sandford Fleming College's Museum Management and Curatorship program and has obtained her Bachelor of Arts from Trent University. Haley utilizes her incredible creative skills in her position at the library and has been instrumental in the success of our increased programming over the last couple of years as well as our current digitization project in the Local History department.



KAI EVOY- STUDENT ASSISTANT

Kai has been employed as Student Assistant in the Children's Department since June 2018. Kai is a homeschooled highschool student who is very active with the Stirling Festival Theatre and has been in a number of stage productions over the last few years. His outgoing and friendly personality allows him to connect easily with children and families utilizing the library.



PEARL STONE- CASUAL RELIEF

Pearl has been our saving grace since 2008, filling in during programming, staff holiday time, sick days, or whenever else she is needed. Pearl is a very pleasant and hardworking individual, always eager to help both staff and patrons and is a most valued member of the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library staff.

"I love the library and the librarians are always so helpful! They have helped 4 generations of our family and continue to be there..from providing audio books for my blind mother so she can continue in her love of reading to hosting a mom's group for my littlest grandchild who is well on her way to being another avid reader! Thank you for all your hard work...you're appreciated very much!"
{Facebook review from a Library patron}

Saying goodbye to...



SUE WINFIELD - CEO

In 2018, Sue resigned from the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library after twenty years of employment. Sue had a passion for libraries and their limitless possibilities, and she was dedicated to everyone she served. Patrons, staff and community members will miss Sue's leadership, assistance and friendly service that was offered over the years and her unwavering commitment to the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library.



SOPHIE NOEL - STUDENT ASSISTANT (JUNE 2016-JUNE 2018)

We were incredibly fortunate to have Sophie work for the Stirling Library as Student Assistant for two years. Sophie's friendly, gentle, patient, confident demeanor has provided a warm welcome to absolutely everyone entering the Children's Department. We will miss working with Sophie and sincerely wish this wise, young lady all the very best as she moves forward.

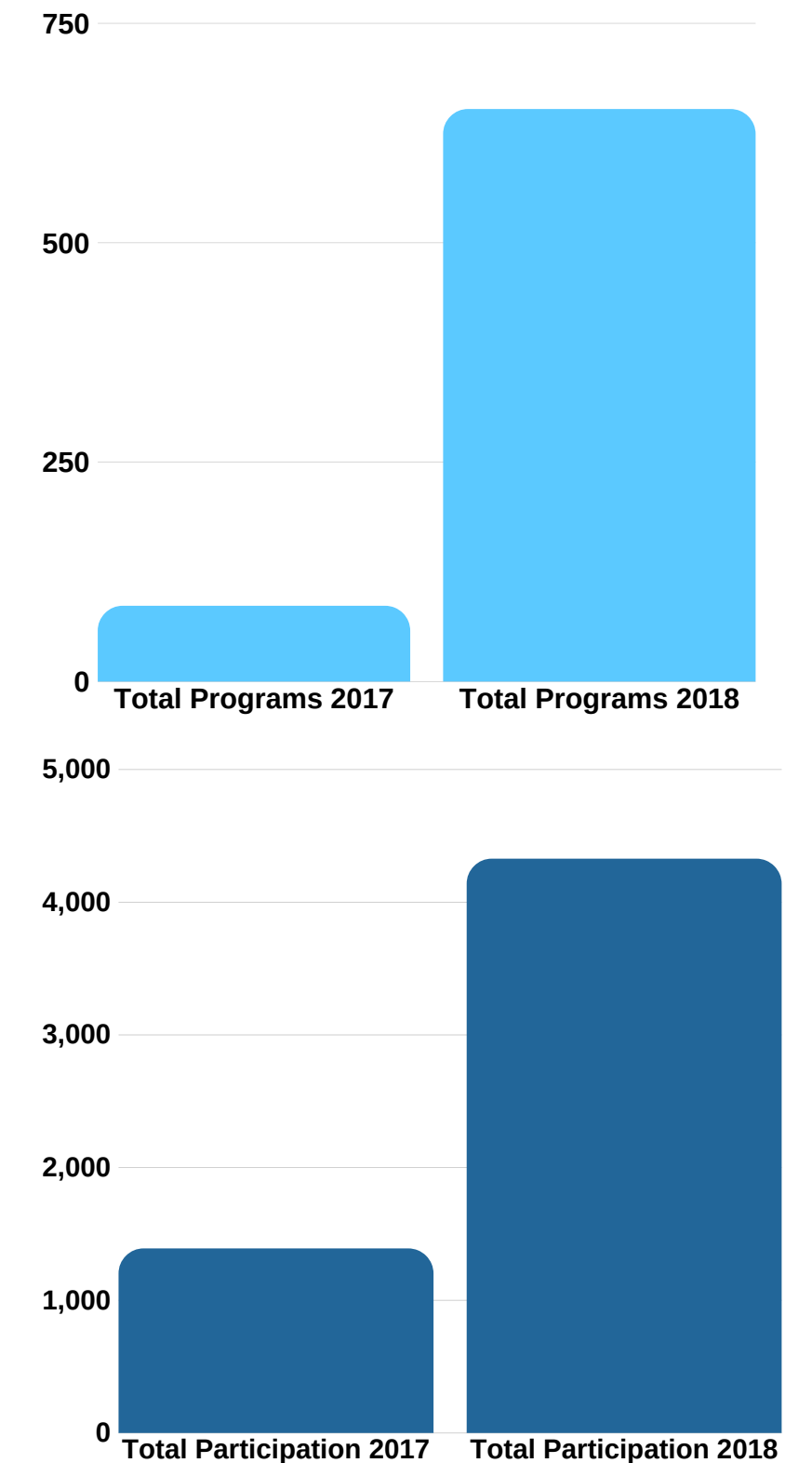
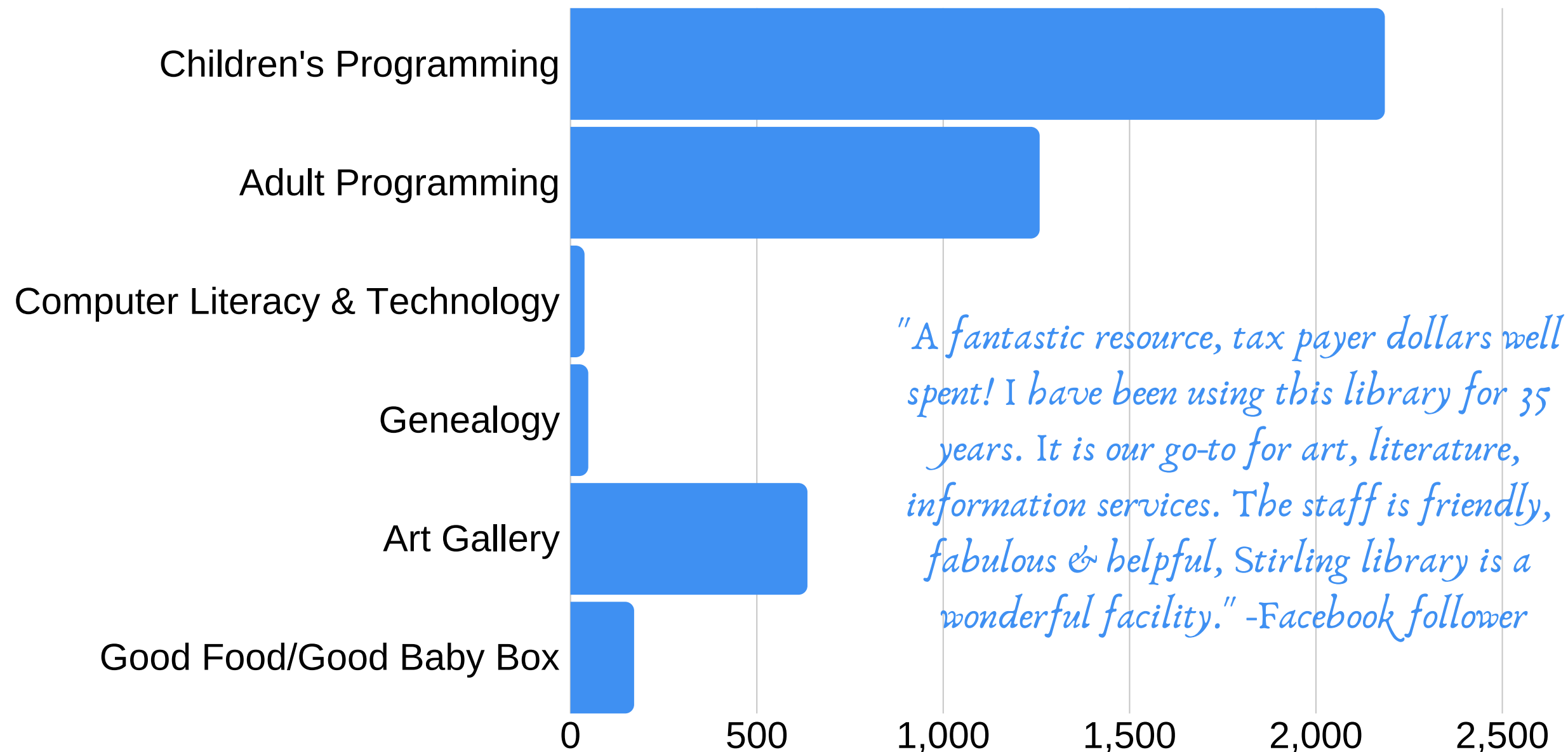
2018 Highlights

- New programs/services offered in 2018 include our Evening Book Club, after school Lego Club, P.A. Day Parties, and Quinte Conservation Park Pass Loans.
- Increased number of author/guest visits including, Janet Kellough, Bob Bickford, Vicki Delany, Sue Kehoe, Brock Kerby and Brian Long.
- New webhosting provided by Telizon and a new and improved accessible website was created.
- Upgrades to the elevator were completed, complying with TSSA Safety Standards. A new water heater and breaker on the electrical panel were installed, substantially reducing hydro costs.
- New photocopier was purchased with ILDS funds making colour printing available at a much lower cost as well as the ability to conveniently print via the wireless connection from personal devices (laptops, tablets, phones).

- A number of generous donations and bequests were received from library patrons, the Rotary Club of Stirling, anonymous donors, Stirling residents and former users of the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library.
- Regular groups and/or activities have seen consistent participation including Read-with Me, Kids Art Club, Pokemon Club, Cook & Tell, Adult Craft Night, Memory Cafe, Good Food Box program, Art Gallery Receptions and Book Club.
- Staffing changes include hiring Kai Evoy (student assistant), offering Haley Letch the Children's Librarian position and appointing Jaye Bannon as CEO.
- Extremely well attended Summer Program was held.
- Reaccreditation received from the Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council.
- Musical Instrument Lending Library space was created by installing custom built cabinetry in the former Young Adult department in anticipation of the official MILL opening in January 2019.

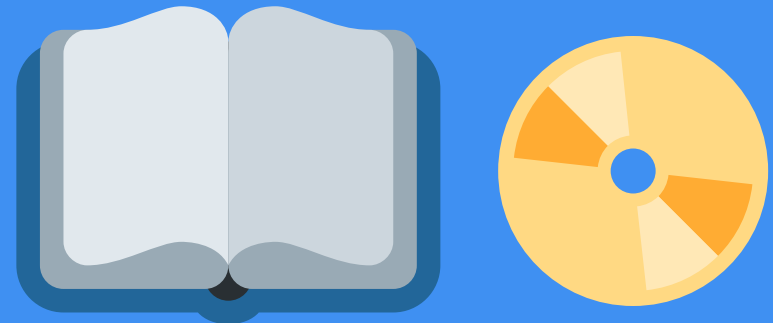
2018 Programming

In 2018, the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library significantly increased its number of programs offered, resulting in a dramatic boost to programming participation in comparison to previous years.





2018 Statistics



26,638
**Library Items
Borrowed**



1202
Cardholders

3014
**e-books
Borrowed**



3543
Internet/Wifi uses



**652 Programs
Held**

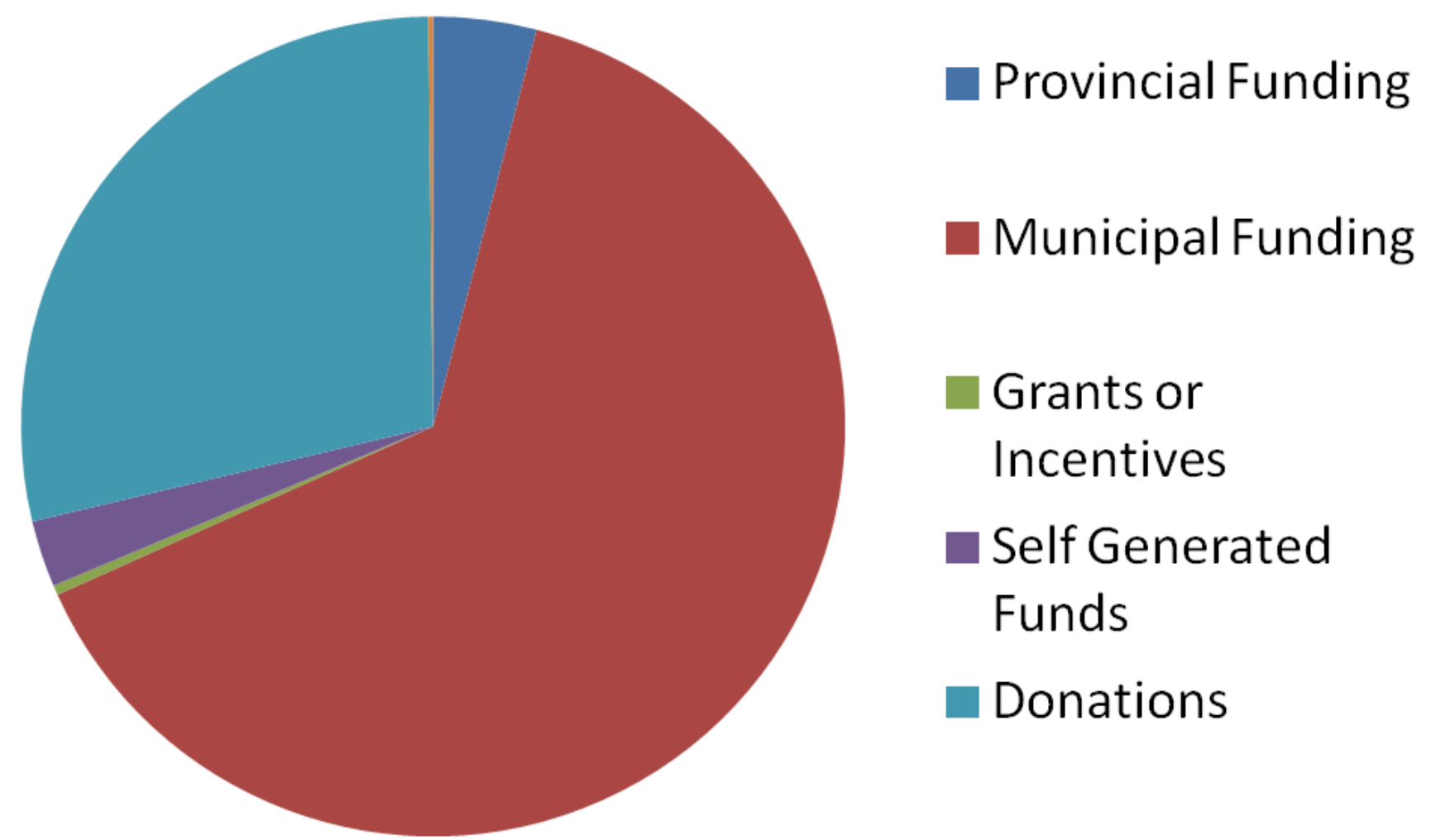
4325
Participants



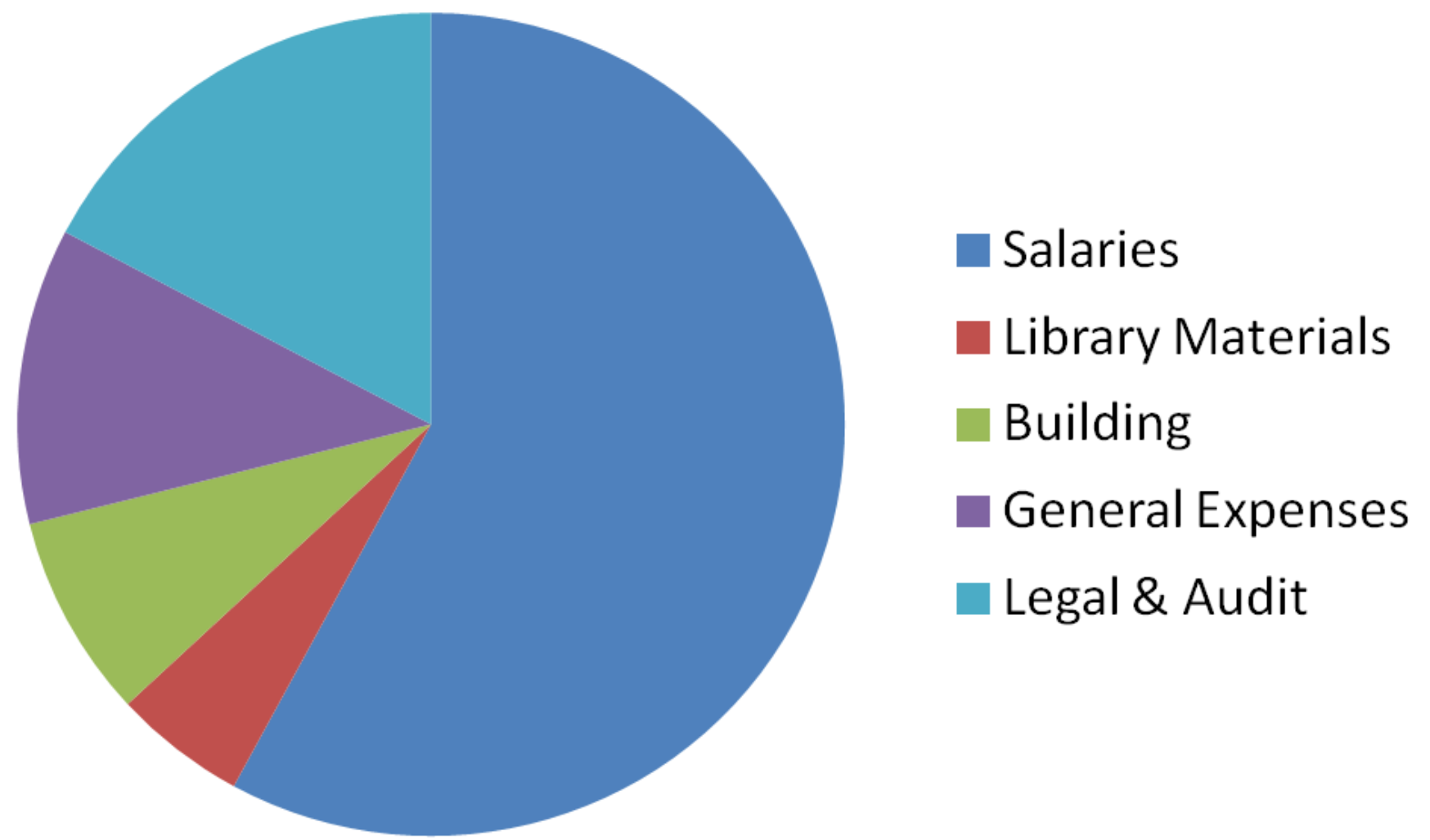
**Approximately
20,600
people visited
the library**

2018 Revenues and Expenditures

Revenues



Expenditures



Current Developments

In 2018, the Stirling Library partnered with the newly established non-profit organization, the Stirling Musical Instrument Lending Library (MILL). A space was designated within the library to house a number of instruments to be loaned through the library's existing circulation system to residents throughout most of Hastings County. The only instrument lending library of its kind within our county, opening in January 2019, the library anticipates that it will draw a large number of interested individuals to the library and the village of Stirling.

Many new passive and active programs were offered at the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library in 2018 which has emphasized an atmosphere of community within the library. Some new programs include Adult Craft Nights, Cook & Tell, Photography Contests, Lego Club, Pokemon Club, Book & DVD swaps, and P.A. Day Programming.

In an attempt to preserve, make accessible, and promote the resources we have in our Local History Department, library staff have taken the first steps in organizing the collection to be digitized as funding allows in the future.



**STIRLING MUSICAL
INSTRUMENT
LENDING LIBRARY
(MILL)**



**INCREASED
PROGRAMMING**



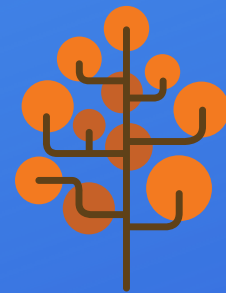
**LOCAL HISTORY
DIGITIZATION
PROJECT**

Our Volunteers & Partners

The Stirling-Rawdon Public Library is extremely grateful for the generous support of our volunteers and community partners. With such a small staff, so many of our services and programs would not be available without the assistance of the following people...



Jackie McFee has diligently been shelving our returned items to their proper places every Wednesday afternoon since 1996! To say that we appreciate Jackie's care and commitment to our library for so many years is certainly an understatement.



John Docherty and Phil Martin have volunteered their time in our Genealogy and Local History Department for well over a decade, assisting patrons and members of our community and beyond with their genealogical research.



Sarah Lanovaz, Yvonne Harrington and Esther Noel have been taking care of our Art Gallery since the fall of 2017. These three women spend countless hours corresponding with potential artists to feature in our gallery, preparing Opening Galas, and hanging and displaying artwork in a professional and thoughtful manner.



D.J. Bain has been supervising the after-school Pokemon Club every Wednesday over the last year, allowing kids a place to drop in and play Pokemon card games. Using his gaming connections, D.J. was able to have several decks of Pokemon cards donated for use within the library.



Andre Jolicoeur, professional illustrator and creator of the incredible murals adorning the Children's Department walls, runs our very successful and most consistently attended program, Art Club for Kids, every Thursday night.



James Reid and the Board of Directors for the newly established Musical Instrument Lending Library have worked extremely hard in making it possible for members of Hastings County to borrow an instrument from the dedicated MILL space of the Stirling Library.



Terri McBride has recently taken over the role of parent liaison for the long standing Read-with-Me storytime on Wednesday mornings. Terri has implemented guest speakers, entertainers and learning based activities into the weekly themes.