

## OPCUG Library Presentation

### **Slide 1- Title slide**

Welcome to everyone! Thanks for joining. My friend Elisabeth and I put a presentation together for the benefit of The Ottawa Newcomers' Club- women new to the Ottawa area. I thought it would be easy to offer it up to OPCUG. But no, I end up going down rabbit holes, with a lot of extra info. I hope you will find it as interesting as I have, If you are not an OPL cardholder, you should be! I'm hoping after this, with all the valuable resources the OPL provides, you will find it a valuable resource for information of all types. I hope you will learn something new tonight as well.

### **Slide -2**

*The Library Book: An Overdue History of the Ottawa Public Library, 1906-2001, by Phil Jenkins (2002) – see opposite*

2001 City of Ottawa Amalgamation: Ottawa's 8 original library branches merged with 25 branches in outlying municipalities

The Ottawa Public Library is now the largest bilingual (English/French) public library system in North America.

Serving close to one million Ottawa residents

Before I start, I am NOT a librarian, an employee, volunteer, or official representative of any kind of the Ottawa Public Library (OPL). Although I have done my best to provide accurate, and up-to-date information throughout the presentation, the information provided is based solely on my "laypersons" understanding of OPL collections and services and does not necessarily reflect the views of the library or other associated parties. I apologize in advance for any errors or omissions.

Check slide - There is this little book about the history of OPL, available in the library. The OPL was founded in 1906 with a donation from the Carnegie Foundation. The Rosemount branch is the last of the original Carnegie buildings 18 Rosemount Ave between Gladstone and Somerset. With amalgamation there are now 34 branches throughout the Ottawa area, all accessible with your OPL card. OPL is the largest Bilingual Library System in North America.

Food for thought, as you listen today, the last chapter of The OPL History book talks about the future of libraries. With so many eBooks- does that spell the end? Hopefully there will be info today that will show you the library is not just books!!!

### **Slide 3 Title Page**

### **Slide 4**

## EXTENSIVE LIBRARY COLLECTIONS & FREE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

Books, Videos, Music, Newspapers, Magazines  
Hardcopy print, downloadable, on-line and streaming formats  
Accessible items (e.g., e-books, audiobooks, DAISY format, large print, etc.)  
DVDs and streaming movies, TV shows, operas, ballets, etc.  
Great Courses Series – DVDs and streaming  
Music CDs and streaming for millions of musical tracks  
Games for X-box, PS5 and Switch, Wii- Equipment too!

### **Slide 5**

Thirty-four (34) physical branches across the city  
Programs and services offered in both official languages  
On-line OPL Website: **BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca**  
Access on any device: laptop, tablet, smart phone, etc.; use your web browser of choice or download library app or use in-branch catalogue stations  
In-branch computers stations, printing and photocopying  
OPL catalogue browsing, public Internet, wireless access, assistive technology workstations, printing on site or via remote file uploads (mobile), copying services  
Two mobile libraries (Bookmobiles)  
Homebound services (e.g. for long-term care facilities)  
Social media presence  
e.g., YouTube Author Series

Bookmobiles are mobile libraries –they serve various areas in the community. The schedule of stops is available on the library website. Although the bookmobiles offer a small selection, anyone with a card, can borrow or return books to the bookmobile. It helps to serve all residents of Ottawa.

Homebound - Ottawa residents, who are unable to visit the library regularly due to age, illness or disability can sign up for a free monthly delivery service, a minimum commitment of three months is required to sign up ; at Individual homes, retirement residences, and long-term care facilities within the City of Ottawa. You can also get a card for guests, children and teens.

The OPL has a social media presence with Facebook, X, Pinterest, Instagram, YouTube, Google Play,

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**A SAMPLE OF IN-BRANCH OFFERINGS  
Varies from month to month**

- Creative Writing Group – Stittsville
- Knit and Knatter – Sunnyside
- Movie Night – Main Branch
- Novel Conversations Book Club – Beaverbrook
- StoryWalks for your grandchildren – North Gloucester
- Health and Wellness Series - Rosemount
- Digitization Lab Tour – Beaverbrook
- OPCUG Computer Lectures- Multiple locations



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## Slide 7

Home Browse ▾ Hours and locations ▾ Services ▾ Programs and events ▾ Kids

### Find a program or event

Search programs

Search Reset


Filter Your Search

Choosing a filter below will cause the page to reload.

Audience

- (-) Adults 50-plus
- Adult (12)
- Teen (2)

- (-) Adults 50-plus
- (-) Computers and technology



Exploring Online Banking and Shopping

This is a tab on the OPL homepage. Here is where you find the OPCUG in person presentations. Where you can register to attend. If no one is signed up, the event might not happen!

## Slide 8

**DIVERSITY OF COLLECTIONS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMMING**  
Quality, Diversity, Relevance, Timeliness

English and French languages  
Indigenous collections  
World language collections

Canadian content  
Audiences of all ages  
Accessible formats  
Importance to community needs

OPL website is fully bilingual to ensure the provision of a strong bilingual (English / French) context for all services and programs:

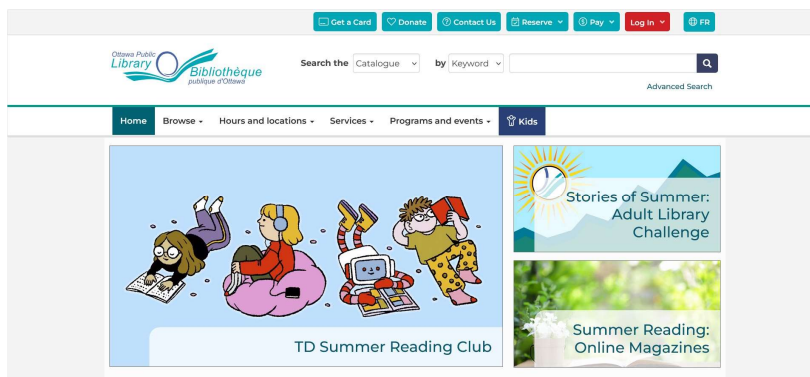
There are bilingual employees within branches and departments at all times; to ensure customers receive services in the official language of their choice.

The library budget allows for a proportion of the annual budget to be directed to French language materials. This proportion is determined by English to Francophone proportion population in the Capital region.

Other languages available include publications in 13 languages, including Ukraine, German, Spanish indigenous Russian, Chinese!

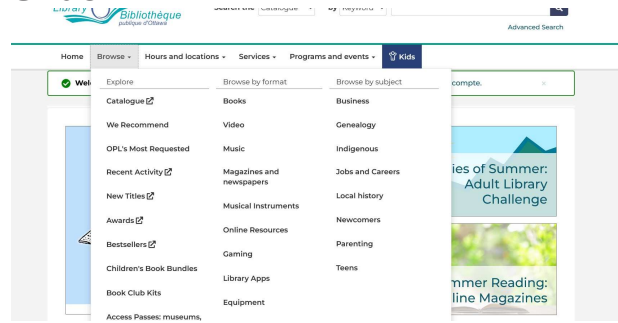
## Slide 9 Title page

## Slide 10



This is the home page of the OPL Website. There are three sections to check to find what you want. There are multiple ways to navigate the website. I just chose one. The tool bar across the top “Get a card” and to the right. Here you see the log on. You can choose to view the website in English or French. There is the get a card tab if you don’t already have a card. That tab also tells you how to get a card for a child, a visitor, how to register for special disability services, and if you lost your card. There is the donate tab which allows to donate financially to the library, donate as a volunteer, or donate to the Friends of the Ottawa Public Library, or FOPL. Contact us is what it says, reserve is used if you want to reserve a room or a special service, etc. Pay is where you can pay a fine for a lost book or upload funds to pay for mobile printing.

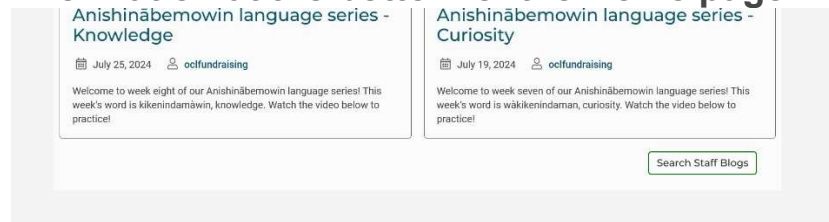
## Slide 11



The second toolbar, is mid page from home and to the right. This is the means to find most content on the library page. **This is the drop down from Browse button.** You can see choices for books, online resources and almost everything we will talk about. There are several ways to find what you are looking for, but this is my go to means. The program and events- OPCUG in person events.

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### Information at the bottom of the Home page



The third “toolbar” for information is at the very bottom of the homepage. Here you find information that is a potpourri of items. Jobs, recent media spotlights, the OPL board tab contains minutes and agendas from public board meetings. Under Library Card all types of memberships, adult, teen, child guest, disabled and FAQ. Also, you will find a 20% discount on City of Ottawa sports and fitness

membership by showing your library card. The discount applies to the one-year “All-inclusive” or “One-option (Class A)” membership options. Learn more by visiting the City of Ottawa’s sports and fitness [webpage](#). One blog is about this project. Food sharing a few branches in conjunction with the Ottawa Valley Food sharing project- in Ottawa’s west end. Over 150 families signed up to learn and grow vegetable gardens. In partnership with the Ottawa Public Library, Food Sharing Stands are hosted at the Constance Bay Pharmacy and four library branches for families and community members to share a portion of their harvest with those in need. Project leaders hope to continue expanding next year by For More <https://www.ccaeresearch.ca/ottawa-valley-food-security-project/>

**Slide 13 Loan, and fee information is also at the bottom of the page.**

General Collections				
Item Type	Loan Period	Limit	Renewals	Replacement Cost
Book - Print / Audio	21 days	none	5	variable
Book - Print / Audio (Express)	7 days	none	1	variable
eBook (Express)	7 days	2	0	variable
eBook / eaudiobook	varies	10	0	variable
DAISY audiobook	42 days	none	5	variable
Magazine	21 days	none	5	variable
DVD	21 days	none	5	variable
DVD Film (Express)	3 days	none	0	variable
DVD - TV Series (Express)	7 days	none	0	variable
Music CD	21 days	none	5	variable
Music CD (Express)	7 days	none	1	variable
Video Game	21 days	5	5	variable
Video Game (Express)	7 days	1	1	variable
Interlibrary Loan	varies	none	0	variable

**Loan, and fee information is also at the bottom of the page. Pretty Self Explanatory. You might notice, there is no fee anymore for overdue books.**

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### IN-Branch Computer Workstations and Printers

All OPL Branches have computer workstations with Windows 10 and various software. and printers, available for use. 24-hour WIFI.

All OPL Branches have printers, which can print and scan. B&W Printing \$0.10 a page. Upload Documents at home, print them at any branch.

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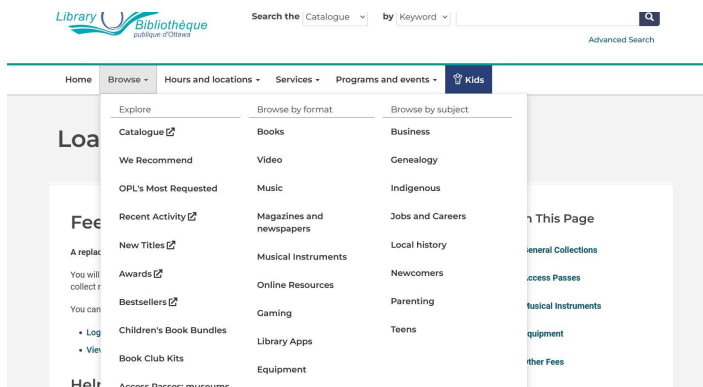
All OPL Branches have printers, which can print and scan. B&W Printing only, \$0.10 a page. Upload Documents at home, Prepay online and print them at any branch To use the printing, you must go to Smart Pay and upload funds. As far as I know, there is no way for cash payment. Preload funds on the Smart pay, and then your print job is deducted from that.

You can save any work done on library computers to flash drives, USB’s, or the cloud.

Specialized ZoomText PCs provide screen magnification software and larger screens. Available in all Branches, Windows10/11 provides a variety of Accessible Features in System Settings under Ease of Access/ Accessibility, such as High Contrast Display, Speech Dictation, and Narrator Screen Reader (*Narrator* is a *screen-reading* application that's built into Windows 11, It reads what is on your screen) Maybe in a future presentation I can go down that rabbit hole!!!

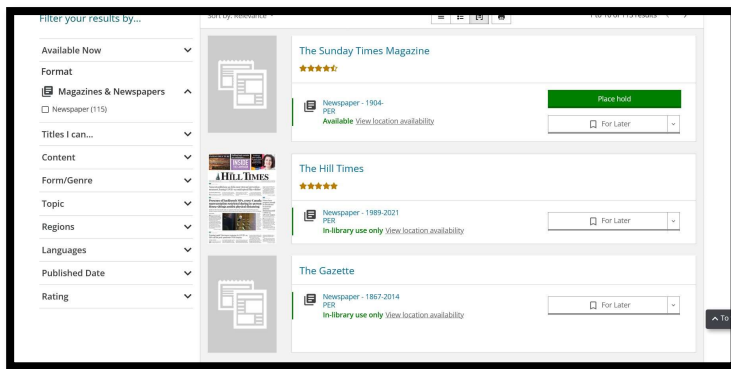
## Slide 15 Title Books, Print Periodicals

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This is where you search for books, periodicals, and magazines. Under the books you will see all formats listed, but this is the only place you will find the hardcover, paperback books to read. The only newspaper in actual print and current that I saw was the Sunday times, and it can be reserved and checked out. All the rest, the collections seem to end in the 2000's (in print). I will say most, because I'm not definitely sure. Some magazines are available in branch to read And yes, you can still borrow actual movie DVD's, and Music CD's.

## Slide 17



Most of the newspapers are in digital format. As you can see except for the Sunday Times, one paper only goes to 2021 and the other to 2014. In print, The Sunday times



Magazine still available at certain locations. Most of the rest of Newspapers cease to be available in the libraries. Magazines still available in print,

## Slide 18

- Express Books are meant for **fast turnaround circulation of current bestsellers** – no holds possible and shorter loan periods.
- Express is First Come, First Serve-You can borrow whatever is available in person on the Express shelves – the online catalogue will show the availability of desired item by Branch.
- Express applies also to Free Access Passes to Museums, Parks and other special sites, check availability on website pass page to see Branches where you can borrow them. To provide equitable access, passes are Express items and cannot be put on hold. You can check out one pass at a time for up to seven days.
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- On the website, there is a category of Express books, Items. It will tell you where the express books are. To get the book, you must go to the branch to pick it up. It also means if someone picks it up before you get there, too bad. This system also works the same for museum passes. You can return express books, and museum passes at any branch. If you see in transit, that is what has happened

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Other Express Items

**BORROW FREE ACCESS PASSES**

Free general admission to museums, parks, skiing, etc.

Available on Express Shelves in CD cases, pick up in person

Check availability on website; no holds allowed

Can use passes for one week; instructions provided

**Art Pass-** National Gallery- family

**Ingenium Pass-** Access to Canada Agriculture and Food Museum, the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum and the Canada Science and Technology Museum.

**Library Pass** –Currently suspended: Regular admission for a family (maximum of 4 adults and 6 children) to: Billings Estate National Historic Site, Bytown Museum, Cumberland Heritage Village Museum, Diefenbunker: Canada's Cold War Museum, Goulbourn Museum, Nepean Museum, Osgoode Township Historical Society and Museum, Pinhey's



Point Historic Site, Vanier Museopark, Watson's Mill, Fairfield's Heritage House.

**Nature Card-** Pass to Canadian Museum of Nature

**Ontario Parks 2024 Commercial Vehicle Permit-** Each pass entitles a vehicle to enter any provincial park for free (depending on parking availability), valid until posted hours of closing. Container also includes Parks guide with phone numbers and brief information about the parks.

**City of Ottawa Ski Pass (Mooney's Bay); Gatineau Park Cross Country Ski Pass** (new season starts Dec. or Jan. (when snow arrives))

These are the current passes you can borrow to use for local museums. The library museum pass has been suspended indefinitely, I was told these smaller local museums were losing money since Covid, so they can't afford to offer free passes.

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### FREE SMART LIBRARY CARD

Available to all OPL card holders. Inquire at your local branch.

Browse all library catalogues: <https://smartlib-bibliogen.ca>

Each library has specific rules about how to access their materials.

### Collections available at 12 libraries in the National Capital Region:

- Universities: Carleton University, Dominican University, L'Université du Québec en Outaouais, U Ottawa
- Colleges: Algonquin, La Cité
- Museums: Canadian Museum of History, Canadian Aviation and Space Museum, Canadian Museum of Nature, Canada Science and Technology Museum, National Gallery of Canada, Canadian War Museum
- Public: Ottawa Public Library, La Bibliothèque Municipale de Gatineau

Inquire at your local branch if you would like a smart library card. This card allows you access to all the libraries of the institutions shown. This card is good for one year. Each facility may have specific rules about borrowing.

Also available, **Interlibrary Loan Service-** Books that the Ottawa Public Library does not own. Fill out form, there is a fee. Additional items you can request are Archival microfilm (census, vital statistic records, church records etc.) Microfilm (books, newspapers, periodicals) Copies of articles from periodicals and newspapers. Complete issues of periodicals or newspapers are not requestable.

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Suggest a purchase – items published in last 2 years can be acquired, if available in Canada

Free access to all libraries across the National Capital Region – Smart Library

Interlibrary loans—across Ontario and Canada (small fee)

**Slide 22** Book club kits Children's book bundles

### Book Club Kits

Each kit comes in a sturdy denim bag and contains:

- 10 copies of the same book
- A laminated guide with additional resources, including discussion questions

**Children's Book Bundles** Our staff will pick out a bundle of 5 books based on your child's interests and place them on hold for you.

Book club kits are available if you run a book club- you can choose from a list of books, fiction, non-fiction etc. List of about 90 different books. They can be reserved 6 months ahead. And borrowed for 6 weeks, no renewals.

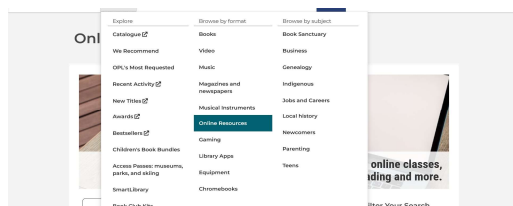
Children's book bundles Parents fill out a form for the age of a child, reading levels, interests, etc. Our staff will pick out a bundle of 5 books based on your child's interests and place them on hold for you. Helpful for parents, and grandparents, as who keeps up with children's books. You can't read everything!

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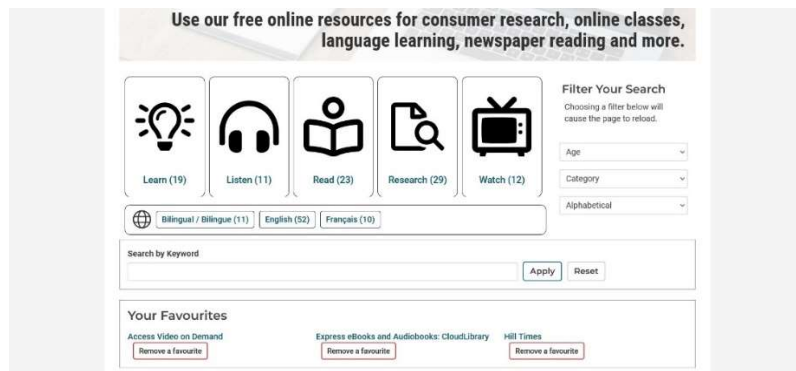
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Online. Digital resources

Keep your library card handy as many of the resources will require another log in with your card number



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## Online Resources- Filters

And here you can choose which online resources you want to access. Choose filters to reduce your selection. Again, there are multiple ways to search for thing on the website. This is the way I choose.

### Slide 26 DIGITAL AND ON-LINE COLLECTIONS

Available for free with library card

**e-Books:** Libby (Overdrive), CloudLibrary, Cantook French Language, TumbleBook

**Audiobooks:** Libby (Overdrive), Audiobook Cloud  
French Audiobook Cloud Naxos Spoken Word

**Magazines** downloadable (English and French): Eureka (Fr.), Libby, Flipster, PressReader

**Newspapers** on-line: Canadian Major Dailies ProQuest, Globe and Mail ProQuest Historical, New York Times, Ottawa Citizen, PressReader (12 French newspapers)

**Streaming video or music:** Hoopla, Kanopy, (incl. French series), Curio-CBC & RadioCanada, Naxos, Medici

**Other On-line resources:** Canadian Reference Centre, ConsumerReports.org, Creativebug, AtoZ World Foods, Ancestry Library (in-branch computers only), Canadian Encyclopedia, etc.

The library has licenses and subscription services to all the above and more. Some apps have a limit to the number of people using them at the same time. It is also important to logout after using an app, so that someone else can use it.

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#### Digital Book

#### OVERDRIVE - Libby

Digital Books , the library has many formats.

Overdrive- Libby is the app. eBooks and downloadable audiobooks. This is the most used app, as all the OPL online books go through Overdrive. If you can't find an e book right away that you need, Overdrive also allows access to the digital assets from five public libraries through Overdrive app- Hamilton, Kingston, London, Mississauga, Burlington libraries

Plus, you can enjoy offline reading, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto support, push notifications, and more.

A few of the apps above:

**AudioBookCloud:Your Online Audio Library** is an online audio book library collection of streaming audio books for schools and libraries. AudioBookCloud gives you **unlimited** remote access to the audio book collection.

Most of the **Tumble Apps** are geared towards kids. Tumblebook, Audio book cloud- Tumblebook for kids are animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you.

**French audio books-** have to put a hold on. Cantook-French e books and audio books

**Naxos Spoken word library- Listen** to the world's literature! Access the complete catalogue of critically acclaimed Naxos **audiobooks**, with transcriptions available for English language learning. There is also an app for this. There is a limit of 5 users at a time, so it is important to log out once you are finished.

Flipster is a digital newsstand offering online access to **more than 1,300** current magazine titles.

**Slide 28** Title Slide, Online Resources Movies, Videos, and Music

**Slide 29, 30, 31 Streaming**

Look at video resources **Kanopy, Medici, Hoopla** movies ,streaming music

**Just for kids** is just for kids.

**Naxos Video Library** composers of all names, there are 383 selections for Beethoven. The world's leading performing arts distributor brings you an extensive streaming video library of classical music performances - operas, ballets, concerts, dances, documentaries and many more.

Watch fine productions from the world's greatest opera houses, ballet and dance companies, orchestras, artists, festivals and concert halls on demand.

**Kanopy is a video app.** We stream thoughtful entertainment to your preferred device with no fees and no commercials by partnering with public libraries and universities. We have a diverse catalog with new titles added every month. At Kanopy, we believe in the power of film to bridge cultural boundaries and bring people together. **12 free** selections

per month. Get an Email every We have a diverse catalog with new titles added every month

**Apps can be downloaded to firestick or apple tv**

**Hoopla Digital** is another app. motion picture films, television shows, complete music albums, graphic novels & comics, and Binge Passes. The collection includes current and past hits, as well as classics. Technologically, we focus on the latest browser, phone, tablet, Hoopla is accessible from your computer, laptop, or wireless device, including Android Auto. There are karaoke and music playlists available for download for 7 days. **6 selections per month.**

Find music lessons in several formats such as books or a series of video episodes on both Kanopy and Hoopla.

There are two types of BingePass available on Hoopla now. Each checkout of an individual BingePass offers Unlimited Streaming for 7 days with a single borrow

The Great Courses BingePass: Gain access to hundreds of popular online courses from leading experts and professors. The robust platform includes courses on language, history, travel, fitness, nutrition, personal and professional development, and more.

Curiosity Stream BingePass: Access thousands of High-quality and engaging documentaries, films, shows, and series covering science, nature, travel, history, and more. Curiosity Stream has something for everyone - including an entire Curiosity KIDS collection tailored for younger learners

## **CBC Corner**

Developed specifically for public libraries, CBC Corner is a digital portal that brings together the wide variety of CBC and Radio-Canada digital content and resources into a single experience

The portal allows you to access a wide variety of content including trusted news, local stories, entertaining TV and radio shows, award-winning podcasts, educational kids content, innovative podcasts, a free English and French language learning app, news in foreign languages, and much more!

**Medici. TV-** watch ballets, classical music concerts, jazz concerts

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## **Slide 32** Linked in Learning

This slide maybe hard to read- but Linked in Learning offers over 16,000 video tutorial courses led by experts in Business, Creative, and Technology. Some tutorials are available in English, French, German, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese, and Spanish. Under tech things like

Software development, cloud computing. Under the creative Adobe photoshop, and photography.

### Slide 33 Gaming

Gaming kiosks with PlayStation 4 and Wii U  
 Available at 13 branches, look under kids tab.  
 Games available for Switch, Wii, Xbox and PlayStation

### Slide 34, 35 So many other apps to explore

AtoZ food World

6,500 + Recipes, 750 + World Beer Reviews, 500 + Ingredient Articles, 6 Food Glossaries, Personal Recipe Book, and more

Creativebug different craft classes Learn how to paint, knit, sew, and much more. Creativebug offers thousands of award-winning arts & crafts free video classes and workshops. They are all taught by recognized design experts and artists.

Mango Languages offers 40 online language learning courses for English speakers and 15 English courses for non-English speakers. Each course has 100 lessons. In each lesson, the students see text and hear dialog that they are invited to repeat

ValueLine The Value Line Investment Survey and Small & Midcap Survey offers access to over 3,500 stocks across 100 industries. This includes analysts' reports, statistics and forecasts of stock performance

### Slide 36

Title	Physical Book Cost (with discount)	OverDrive Cost for Libraries	Amazon Kindle Cost
The Women / Kristin Hannah	\$18.00	\$60/copy - 24-month license Audiobook is \$59.99 (ownership, no license)	\$14.99
Listen for the Lie / Amy Tintera	\$17.00	\$60/copy - 24-month license Audiobook is \$49.99 (ownership, no license)	\$13.99
James / Percival Everett	\$17.00	\$27.50/copy - 12-month license or \$55.00/copy for 24 months Audiobook is \$76.00 (ownership, no license)	\$14.99
The #1 Lawyer / James Patterson	\$18.00	\$65/copy - 24-month license Audiobook is \$75/copy for a 24-month license.	\$14.99
Toxic Prey	\$19.00	\$27.50/copy - 12-month license or \$55.00/copy for 24 months Audiobook is \$95.00 (ownership, no license)	\$14.99

Let's start with a "bit" of info about libraries. A friend of mine is a librarian- and I asked, why is there a wait time for an eBook? Can't you just download it anywhere, anytime? Well, No! You can't. In fact, as I investigated, I learned digital resources are more

costly to the library than an actual book or magazine. For actual hardcover books, libraries can purchase these on the open market (even Amazon). However, for libraries to buy and provide digital access (an app) themselves to distribute e books, would be very expensive and labor intensive. So instead, Libraries use several companies to subscribe or license online resources, books periodicals, movies and more. This means most e books aren't actually owned by libraries, they are licensed. Some of the common apps you will see though out this presentation. One example-The OPL licenses come with "Overdrive" Overdrive provides the platform and technology to make digital checkouts possible – a website, and the Libby (user) app. Overdrive works with publishers to make their titles available to the library market and to the library user, who accesses these books through the Libby App.

Library costs for eBooks and digital audiobooks vary widely by publisher. But Library licenses are significantly more expensive than personal licenses, and they expire (either after a certain number of checkouts or a certain amount of time but instead license the books to libraries with restrictions, such as a max number of checkouts, a time limit, or some combination of both. "(source **The Real Costs of Digital Content: eBook and Digital Audiobooks** by [kstorbeck](#) April 24, 2024)

Video Resources are also licensed. Kanopy and Hoopla films. Kanopy is with the Overdrive platform, and Hoopla charges libraries 0.99 to 2.99 per usage

## Slide 37 Genealogy

In Library use only- Ancestry databases available only in person- advise to bring a thumb drive to download info

Ancestry Library- It includes American, Canadian and U.K. sources as well as some for Australia, New Zealand and Europe. Canadian coverage includes major sources such as the censuses from 1851 to 1916, Ontario civil registration of births, marriages and deaths, and the Quebec Drouin Collection (courthouse copies of parish registers). German records include passenger lists for many people leaving Eastern Europe. New databases are constantly being added. Many of the sources are digitized. Bring a USB flash drive to download your records.

Other Library Ancestry online resources - FamilySearch Affiliate Library

Various other sources of newspapers

Canadiana by Canadian Research Knowledge Network

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Imagine Spaces and Labs

Digitization lab (Beaverbrook), music editing station (Cumberland,

Dickinson), 3D Printing (Nepean Centre Point)

Ottawa Room – Main Branch (all things Ottawa) including over 1,200 maps from 1856 to present

Archives and Library Materials Centre – Nepean

Meeting rooms for community bookings – most branches

Borrow musical instruments - guitars, keyboards, banjos



Main, Nepean, Cumberland, Greenboro

Borrow specialty equipment like telescopes, carbon dioxide monitors and thermal cameras (various branches) or book sewing machines (Nepean)

Gaming kiosks with PlayStation 4 and Wii U

Available at 13 branches

More at the OPL – Read slide:

Imagine Spaces and Labs-includes a digitization lab. This lab allows you to convert old VHS, 8MM videos onto DVD's These are found at the Beaverbrook Branch Kanata, and it requires you make an appointment

For specialty equipment – you can take home telescopes, monitors and cameras, but sewing and embroidery machines are to be used on site – orientation to the machines will be provided by staff

### **Slide 39**

These are some of the instruments you can borrow from different branches around the city!! Cello, Digital Keyboard Electric Guitar with amp, Mandolin, Percussion set, Acoustic guitar, right and left handed, Bongo, Cajon(A cajón is a box-shaped percussion instrument originally from Peru, played by slapping the front or rear faces with the hands, fingers, or sometimes implements such as brushes, mallets, or sticks. Cajóns are primarily played in Afro-Peruvian music, but have made their way into flamenco as well. [Wikipedia](#), Djembe(djembe or jembe is a rope-tuned skin-covered goblet drum played with bare hands, originally from West Africa. According to the Bambara people in Mali, the name of the djembe comes from the saying "Anke djé, anke bé" which translates to "everyone gather together in peace" and defines the drum's purpose.), Dumbek(the goblet drum is a single-head membranophone with a goblet-shaped body. It is most commonly used in the traditional music of Egypt, where it is considered the national symbol of Egyptian Shaabi Music. The instrument is also featured in traditional music from West Asia, North Africa, South Asia, and Eastern Europe. [Wikipedia](#)), ukulele The diversity that is represented here.

### **Slide 40**

#### **Special Equipment**

Some specialised equipment requires a certificate – means maybe watching a video and signing a permission of some sort. Crafters or sewers! You can reserve time on this equipment under their services tab on the home page.

### **Slide 41**

#### **Telescopes, 3D printers**

at various branches- different telescopes. Telescopes, Laser cutters, and 3 -d Printers, Home Equipment to borrow. Thermal camera, kill a watt monitor, co 2 monitors for the home

## **Slide 42 Various other Digital Conversion etc.**

Image scanning workstation, movie maker-8mm or super 8 to digital, VHS conversion to digital station, music editing station For the VHS digital conversion, there are instructions there. It is time consuming as I did do it one day. When you copy a VHS, you have to watch it all. You can't fast forward and copy. Also, there might be a learning curve to edit, start and stop, as I didn't get that figure out. Games available for X-Box, Wii, PlayStation and switch.

Chrome books for in library use( 3 hrs per day) and home. They can be checked out for up to 90 days, Each Chromebook comes with a bag, a mouse and a charging cord.

## **Slide 43 Accessibility**

### **Accessibility**

**The Ottawa Public Library is a designated public sector organization under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and is committed to meeting the accessibility needs of people with disabilities. All branch PC Workstations have II library PCs come with:**

**a built-in narrator, magnifier, high contrast options, closed captioning, Sticky Keys**

**reading and writing software that allows users to scan a document and have it read aloud,**

Every Ottawa Public Library (OPL) branch is equipped with an assistive technology workstation. These provide additional equipment and features to help clients with various types of disabilities. All assistive technology workstations include:  
Accessible keyboards, StickyKeys, Trackball mice, 23" touchscreen monitors Height-adjustable tables, Scanners with Presto! PageManager software  
Other assistive technology features that are available at OPL include:  
Victor Readers (also known as DAISY players), Assistive Listening Devices, Video Magnifiers

DAISY (the Digital Accessible Information System) is **the emerging world standard for digital talking books for people who are blind or have a print disability**. This format has been under development for over ten years, with most of the world's talking book libraries now employing some form of the standard.

This might be a future presentation to consider.

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**Information Services – 613-580-2940**

**Friends of the Ottawa Public Library Association**

**Fundraises for the OPLS**

**Accepts book donations and sells at volunteer-run stores**

## (Stores at five branch location)

### Volunteering for the Library e.g. Adult Literacy Program, ESL groups

FOPLA( Friends of the Public library Association) bookstores 5 locations around the city. You can buy used books and donate them. Mammoth sales at Distribution center Next Sale October 25. James Bartleman Center  
100 Tallwood Drive, Ottawa (ON)  
K2G 4R7. every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10-2

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### By the book: Ottawa Public Library takes a stand on intellectual rights, book bans and cancel culture

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In response to recent challenges to materials in libraries across North America, including the banning of books, some public libraries have been declaring themselves "Book Sanctuaries", a movement that began in September 2022 when the Chicago Public Library declared themselves a space for endangered stories and called for others to do the same. A Book Sanctuary is a physical or digital space that actively protects the freedom to read. It provides shelter and access to "endangered" books, and can be created by anyone and can exist anywhere – in a library, a classroom, a coffee shop corner, a community center, public park, or even on social media. Find out more about how you can get involved in the [Book Sanctuary Movement](#).

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Since 2019, together with Library and Archives Canada, we've worked in partnership with Kitigan Zibi Anishinābeg and the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation on many aspects of our joint facility project. We are honoured that Elders and members from these two communities have named the building *Ādisōke*, an Anishinābemowin word that refers to the telling of stories. Storytelling is the traditional means by which Indigenous Peoples share knowledge, culture and history over generations. *Ādisōke* is a meaningful and fitting name as storytelling represents the coming together of knowledge, history, discovery, culture, creativity, collaboration, and connections.

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**"Books are the bridges that carry us to lands unknown and minds unexplored." – Emily Dickinson**

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**Questions**

**The end**