CEO Report August 2026



Summer Highlights

It was a busy summer! At the time of this report, we still have 3 events to go. Our multi-session Youth Lounge on Wednesday the 19th and a full day of Escape Room fun on the 26th.

The Youth Lounge was a massive success again this summer. Attendence from last year went up 41%! Word of mouth was the primary way they were finding out about it. We will definitely be continuing the Lounge into the Fall.

Library Operations

General

The Municipality received some funding to upgrade lighting and the library will one of the recipients. Fixtures will be upgraded to more engergy efficient LEDs. The site visit was done, but there is no word on when the work will be completed.

Strategic Planning Initiatives

ED1.2 Build staff capacity - Ongoing
All staff are enrolled and working through the Huntress Managed Learning security training. This in an ongoing program delivered to their inbox.

DI3.1 Set up database fields to track genres easily – Completed
With the help of the volunteers, all adult ficiton now has a genre item type. This gives us another level of querying we can use to get a better understanding of the how the collection is being used. It will assist us a lot in future strategic planning initiatives.

LS1.1 Review and update all policies to include inclusive language – Completed

CE1.8 Assess feasibility of library branded merchandise – Completed

We created a library branded "merch" button that patrons can acquire if they leave us a book review as payment. We keep all reviews in a box on the counter for others to browse through.

"Take a button, Leave a Book Review". Here are some examples.









Collections

New to the Library of Things – Kindle Fires! We have 3 Kindle Fires available for circulation. They were generously donated by the Action 50+ club. We've developed a colorful how-to trifold to hand out to assist users on using their library card with Libby on the Kindle Fire.

Intersting Statistics

Summer program attendance initial comparison: July 1st – August 18th 2026 with same period in 2025.

We saw a 22% increase in attendance at our summer programs!

With an increase in traffic, I wanted to know if this affected our circulation stats. It did! We saw a 28% increase over last year.

Did we see also see an increase in the number of new members?
During July 1st and August 18th of last year, 23 new members joined. The number was 28 for this year.

Website
Here are the most visted pages on our website this summer: July 1st – August 18th

/programs – 98
/services-fitness-centre- 95
/library-of-things- 91
/calendar- 36
/event-details/escape-room -18

Community Outreach Initiatives

A mini feedback form has been put up on the library's homepage to assist us with late fall programing ideas.

“As we plan for the fall, we want to hear from you! What kinds of programs, activities, or events would you like to see a the library?”

The Fall 2026 mail-out newletter is as the printer’s and will be sent out the week of the 31st.

The September elecronic newsletter in being finalized by the staff and I. Keep an eye on our socials, your inbox and our website for what’s happening.

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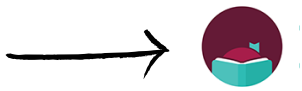
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FIND AND OPEN LIBBY

LOCATE THE LIBBY APP 1.

The Libby App has already been downloaded to the Kindle Fire.

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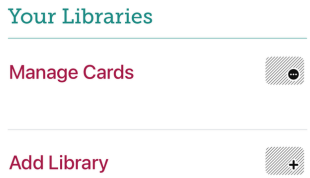
GO TO THE SETTINGS 2.

When you first open the Libby App, click on the middle Libby icon in the menu at the bottom.



SET UP YOUR LIBRARY CARD 3.

Click on "Add Library". Search for East Ferris Public Library. Click on Ontario Library Service Consortium. Click on "Sign in With My Card".



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To search for a specific book, tap the search icon (Magnifying Glass) at the bottom of the screen and enter the title, author, or topic. To browse through collection, tap the Library icon (Library Building), then tap on a featured guide or list.



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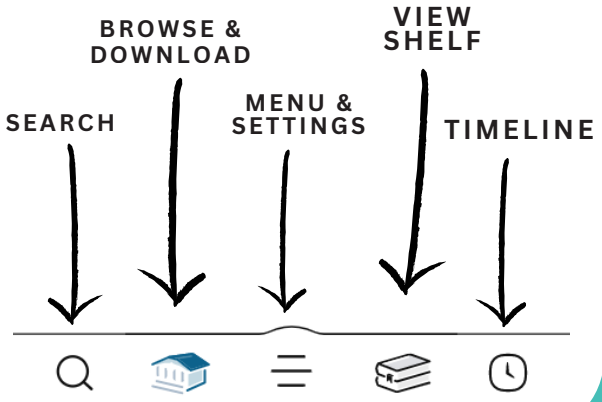


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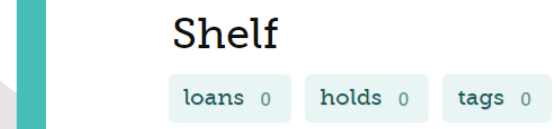
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