

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

- 1** Expanded drop-in programming with fun Lego Days and Makeshops
- 2** Upgraded Wi-Fi access throughout the facility (including the café, Magna and Lebovic Rooms)
- 3** Enabled a mobile version of the catalogue (iPhone and Android)
- 4** Expanded streaming and downloadable resources
- 5** Introduced 3D printing
- 6** Increased eBook purchases to reduce wait time
- 7** Hosted innovative Doors Open, Culture Days and Ontario Public Library Week festivities
- 8** Initiated a community-read project – OneBookOneAurora
- 9** Organized an all-candidates meeting for the 2014 municipal election
- 10** Mounted seven new art exhibits in the Colleen Abbott Gallery

IN APPRECIATION

Every day we impact our community by helping people connect to each other and to a world of ideas and information. We very much appreciate the generous contributions that enhance the Library's ability to meet the educational, recreational and lifelong learning needs in our community:

Town of Aurora Council
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Aurora Film Circuit
Optimist Club of Aurora Inc.
Personal donations from generous supporters

WE ALSO THANK THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

who volunteer in our Visiting Library Service Program and the Secondary School Community Service Program for the generous support, dedication and personal time they contribute to the Library.

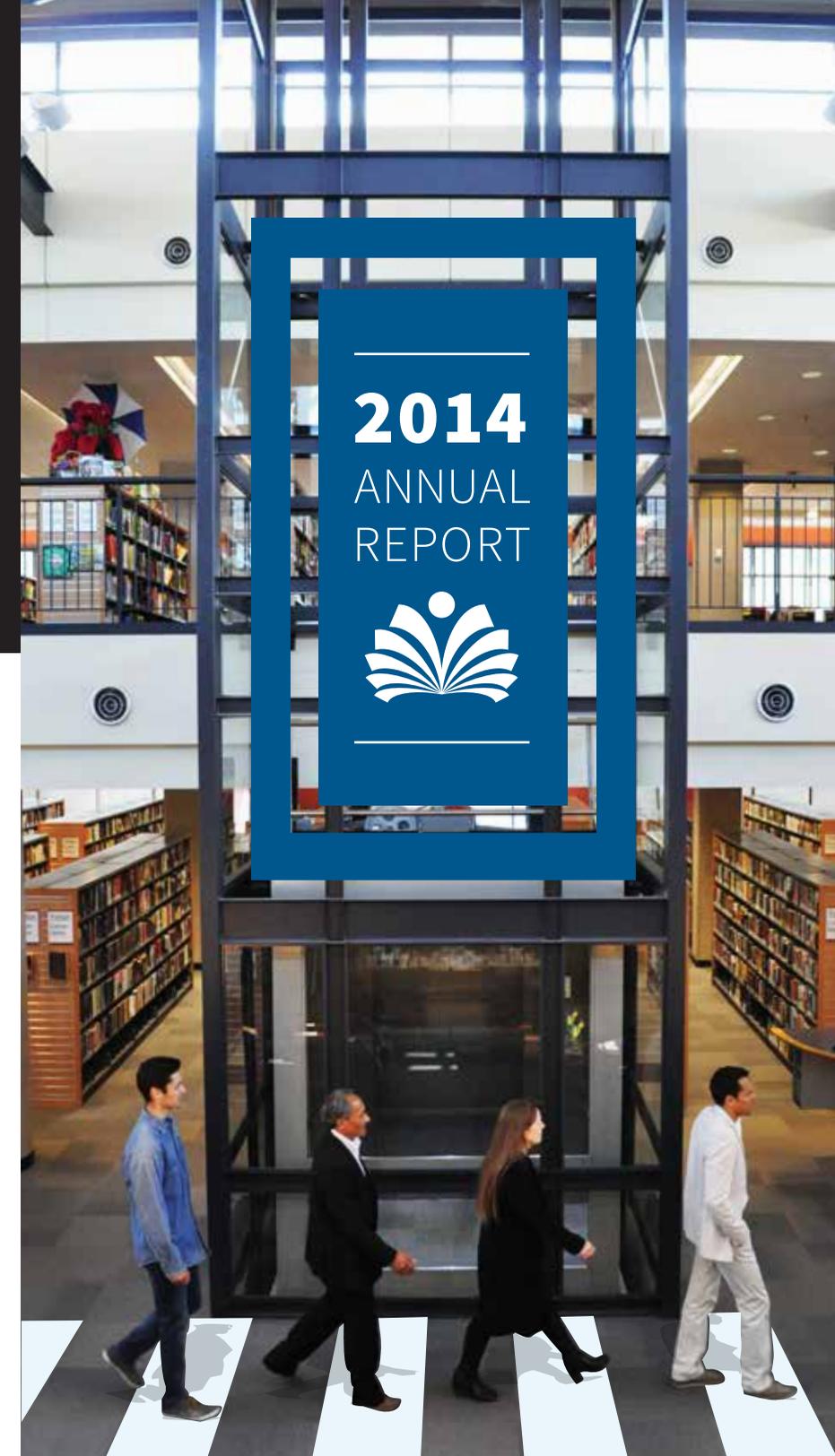
AND FINALLY, A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU TO ALL LIBRARY STAFF

for your commitment, dedication and welcoming presence in providing excellence in library service for the residents of Aurora. You provide the personal touch in an increasingly technological world.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

JILL FOSTER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Technology has a significant impact on the way we develop as a society and communicate information. As I reflect on this past year's accomplishments, it becomes apparent how important it is to position our community for success in a time of rapid and ongoing change.

In 2014, we added new digital streaming and downloadable products, mobile apps for convenient access on your personal devices, upgraded public computers and introduced browser-based laptops for in-library use.

Libraries have a proud history as a cultural and information catalyst for social interaction, ideas and creativity. New initiatives included our first "One Book One Aurora" project, where we developed more than 10 community partnerships. Special events and programs included a documentary film festival, introduction to "Hour of Code", sessions on 3D printing and fascinating guests speaking about new discoveries in physics and astronomy.

Looking forward to 2015, we will continue to provide the traditional services our users enjoy while transforming space and digital services to access new forms of information delivery and innovative community engagement.



2014 LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

The Library Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month September through June at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Agendas and Minutes are posted on the library website and the full monthly package is available at the Adult Information Desk.

Back Row: Matt Maddocks (Chair), Councillor Michael Thompson, Gregory Cook, Charles Levine, Rino Roncadin

Front Row: Elaine Copsey, Councillor Sandra Humfries, Jill Foster (CEO), Marie Rankel (Vice-Chair)

Absent: Councillor Paul Pirri

YOUR STORIES YOUR LIBRARY



"I feel like the Library is going through this amazing transformation, and it is so wonderful to see!"



"We received the photo with many thanks. That's a really nice memory for us. Thanks for Doors Open Aurora 2014."

"Thanks for a wonderful evening on Wednesday – a great example of the Library as a focal point for community engagement. Well done!"



QUICK FACTS USAGE

641,815
Library materials borrowed

225,261
Website visits

107,891
Uses of catalogue

28,514
Registered members

77,828
Materials placed on hold

100,931
In-library use of print materials

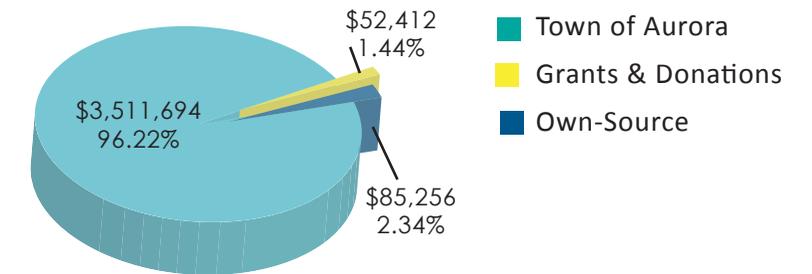
13,210
Program attendees

18,013
Wireless connections

31,388
Uses of 42 public computers

QUICK FACTS MONEY

Where the money comes from...



Where the money goes...

