



Library Facts

- Carnegie Foundation bought the Queen Street site for \$600 and opened the library in 1912 at a cost of \$25,000.
- As part of municipal amalgamation, Garden Hill joined the Port Hope Public Library in 2001.
- With the reopening in 2002 after a renovation and expansion, Port Hope boasted a 17% increase in membership, 40% increase in circulation and a 55% increase in computer use.
- The rural library service was moved in 2018 from Garden Hill to the Port Hope Community Hub in Canton.
- Library statistics from 2022

- Cardholders	12,382
- Circulation	114,475
- Requests Placed	9,241
- Programs Held	116
- Program Attendance	2,653

Port Hope Public Library Hours

Mary J. Benson Branch

31 Queen Street, Port Hope 905-885-4712

Monday - Thursday 10 am to 8 pm

Friday & Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday 11 am - 2 pm

(Summer Saturday hours: 10 am - 2 pm)

The Hub at Canton

5325 County Road 10, Port Hope 905-753-0031

Monday 10 am to 1 pm

Wednesday 1 pm to 4 pm

Tuesday 4 pm - 7 pm

Saturday 10 am to 1 pm

Expression of Interest Forms

Expression of interest forms are available online at www.porthopepubliclibrary.ca and at the checkout desk at both the Mary J. Benson and Hub branches.

Contact Margaret Scott, CEO, at 905-885-4712 if you have any questions.

Monthly Action Meeting



Friends of the Library drop-in meetings are held in the Program Room at Mary J. Benson. Check the library website or contact Margaret

Scott at 905-885-4712 for the next meeting date. Everyone is welcome!



Libraries Need Friends!

Friends extend a library's capacity through advocacy & building community awareness, fundraising, and volunteer & program support.



Why Become a Friend?

Libraries need ongoing support, and that's where you come in. As a "Friend of the Library" you can help with activities that are not readily accomplished by library staff or library board members.

- **Advocacy**
- **Fundraising**
- **Community Volunteer Opportunity**



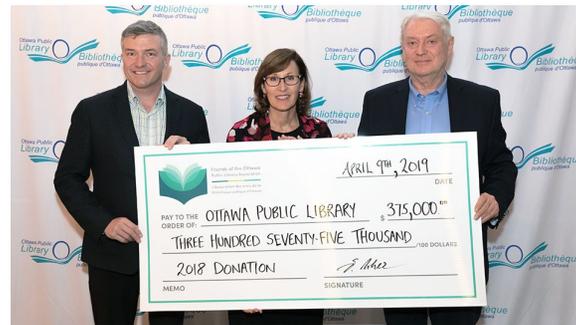
Being a "friend" today supports the original criteria required for securing a Carnegie grant for the Port Hope Public Library back in the 1900s:

A demonstrated commitment by members of the community to raise additional funds and support for a new library.



The time is right to create our own local "Friends of the Library" for the Port Hope Public Library. We need community volunteers to support and promote library services, and to fundraise for enhancements to the library.

Friends Across Canada



- Friends of the Library in Ottawa donated \$375,000 in 2018 through a campaign that included developing and publishing a youth literature anthology to be sold to raise funds.



- Friends of the Mississauga Library System offers a "Library Education Award" to support Mississauga residents who are pursuing a career in Library and Information Science.

- The Calgary Friends operate a store that sells merchandise as well as books.



- Peterborough Friends of the Library runs a semi-annual book sale. Over \$10,000 was raised at their sale in March 2019.

- Oshawa FOL partners with CINEFEST DURHAM to screen TIFF movies in support of special projects at the library.



- Belleville's FOL group has raised over \$250,000 since 1997 for equipment and collections.