

DRAFT 2026 BUDGET PROPOSED

A DRAFT copy of the 2026 budget was reviewed and discussed. It will be formally approved by the Board during November's Board meeting, and will be brought forward for County Council's review and approval on December 2, 2025.

Proposed implementations for the 2026 fiscal year include:



- New 2026 - 2030 Strategic Plan.
- Software for Book Club and equipment reservations.
- Renovations for the South Mountain Branch.
- Feasibility study for the proposed expansion of the Crysler Branch.
- Increased signage and bin wrapping.
- Program budget to support SDG Reads 2026, TD Summer Reading Club, branch and system wide programs, and community outreach.

SDG READS UPDATE

The SDG Library hosted its annual SDG Reads "Meet the Author" event on Monday, October 6, at North Stormont Place in Avonmore. The event brought together the community in a wonderful setting to meet author, Nita Prose. Guests listened intently as Nita shared insights and funny anecdotes about her family, growing up in a small rural town in Ontario, and her inspiration behind the characters in her *Molly the Maid* series. Statistical information will be provided in the next Board newsletter.



The SDG Library Board members with Nita Prose



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In celebration of Canadian Library Month, the SDG Library is running a membership drive in October highlighting the value of a Library card along with an incentive - sign up for a card in October or refer a friend if you're already a member for a chance to win a \$100 gift card to Independent Grocer or MacEwen.

The membership drive is being promoted through various channels: branch posters, website, social media, eNewsletter, local media (newspapers and radio). Our Library team also attended several outreach and community locations to promote the Library:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EarlyON centre (Alexandria) • Touch a Truck (Apple Hill) • Garden Villa (Chesterville) • Friends of Crysler Open House (Crysler) • Finch Arena (Finch) • Carefor (Ingleside) • Lancaster Long Term Care (Lancaster) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers Market (Long Sault) • Volunteer Expo (Maxville) • Morrisburg Arena (Morrisburg) • Rothwell-Osnabruck School (Ingleside) • Lancer Centre (Ingleside) • Char-Lan Arena (Williamstown) |
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