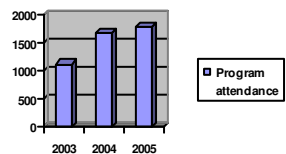
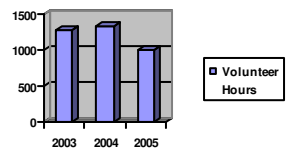
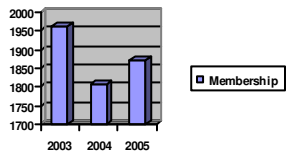
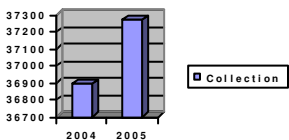
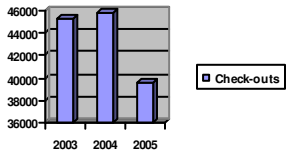




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The **vision** of the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library Board is to nurture the love of reading and the pursuit of knowledge for citizens of all ages.

Partnership Projects

- Kids Read Program donated \$300 worth of books for children.
- The Lansdowne Masons, Lodge # 387 donated \$500 towards cloth bags for our Home Outreach program.
- The Township Fire Department donated two information display cases for the Lyndhurst and Lansdowne branch.
- 16 Thematic literacy kits were assembled with a grant of \$5,000 from United Counties of Leeds & Grenville.
- Participation at Seeley's Bay's Frost Fest, the Lansdowne Agricultural Fair, and the Turkey Fair in Lyndhurst.

Migration was the word in 2005 at our library as we moved our database to a web based system. The new software enable library users to browse our collection online, renew material they have out and place holds on titles they want to read, all from the comfort of their home and at their convenience. Much time and effort were required from staff to train and implement training this new system.

Programs

7 more programs were added this year and Toddler Time was extended to Seeley's Bay. We offered a Poetry Reading at Seeley's Bay. Summer Reading Program reached 107 participants. The library regularly accommodates class visits for grade 1 and 2 at the Lansdowne Branch.

Training

Staff participated at the OLA Conference; other workshops attended were: Local History and Genealogy Sources for Libraries; Customer Strategy; Customer Satisfaction; Collection Assessment and Development. Training of new staff at the Lyndhurst/Seeley's Bay branches.

Activities

2,074 titles were added to the collection; we circulated 39,612 items; 4,167 books were moved among branches; 1,801 people attended 97 programs. Membership increased to 2,304; Volunteers donated 988 hours of their time.

FINANCES

Revenues – A large portion (76%) of our expenses is financed by the Township. The Province contributes 11% of our budget. United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, (UCLG) and Community Access Program (CAP) grants represent 7% of our revenues. Another 6% of monies come from collected fines, cost recovery charges for lost books, photocopies.

Expenses – The core service we offer, providing information and reading material, is based on our collection, the cost for Acquisitions is the second highest portion of our expenses (12%) next to wages (61%). The cost of Communication and Technology is gradually increasing. Because the Province is downloading the cost of connectivity to the libraries and CAP is no longer subsidizing public access to Internet we foresee further increases in this area with. Others include Capital Expenditures and CAP and UCLG project.

