



AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY

OPERATING BUDGET 2025



ABOUT US



Aurora Public Library provides our community with access to information, programming, resources and services that foster learning, creativity and community engagement for all ages and backgrounds.





AURORA TOWN SQUARE

The opening of Aurora Town Square offers greater opportunities for us to grow together, develop new program partnerships and expand how we can work together to create positive change.

LIBRARY VISITS

APL is one of the most visited libraries of our size in York Region. People come to work, study, attend programs, browse the collection, check out materials and spend quality time in our space.

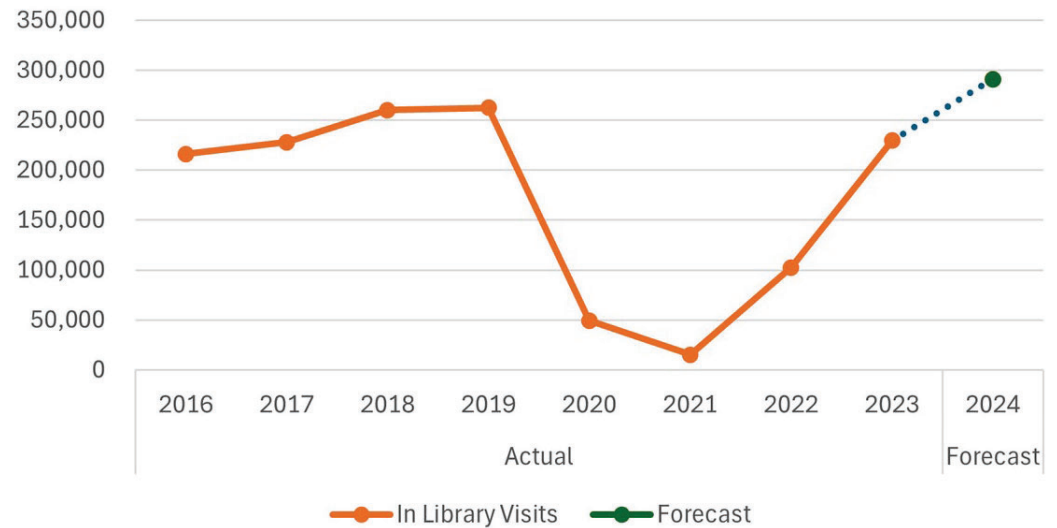


2023 In Library Visits
229,520

2024 YTD In Library Visits
221,622

2019 Highest In Library Visits
262,520 ★

Historical Trends in In Library Visits



IN LIBRARY VISITS

2024 is forecasted to have the most in library visits on record.

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

Library membership provides customers with access to physical and digital resources.

10.9%

increase
over last year
YTD



LIBRARY PROGRAMS



The Library is an active space that provides programming for all ages. We foster lifelong learning, creativity and social inclusion through the educational, cultural and recreational activities we offer.

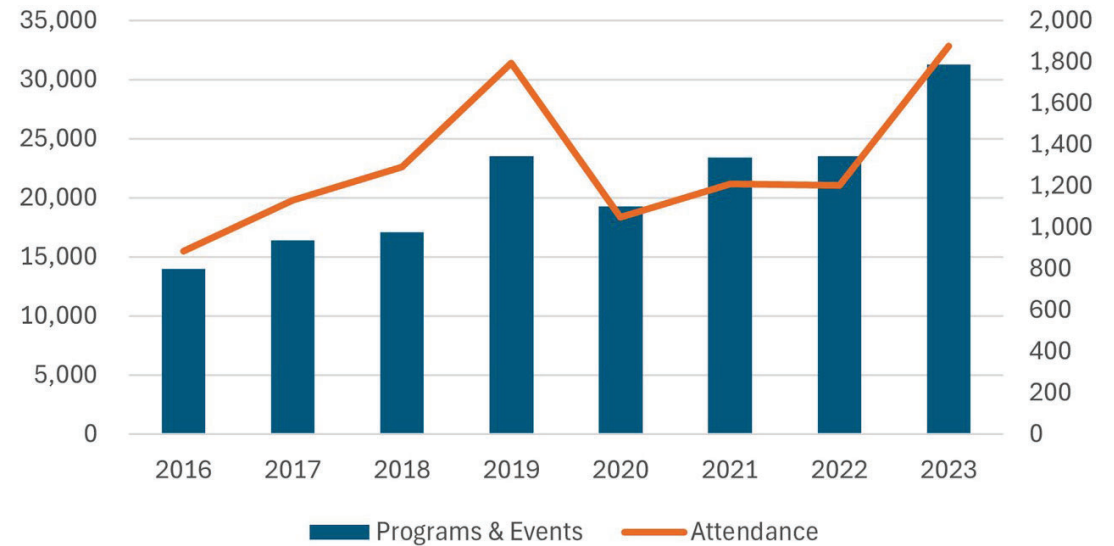


2024 YTD Program Attendance
25,715

2023 Program Attendance
32,810 ★

Economic Impact
~ \$820,250

Historical Programs & Attendance Trends



PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

Program attendance reflects community engagement.



CREATIVE STUDIO

We support hands on learning and provide a place for our community to explore, experiment and create.

The Creative Studio is a space for innovation, skill development and supports entrepreneurial endeavors.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Aurora Public Library is a dynamic place that actively seeks to collaborate with our community. We work directly with other community organizations to deliver engaging partnership programs, maximize resources and address diverse community needs.

45+

**Partnership
Organizations in
2024**

CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We celebrate the diversity of our community, promote inclusivity and cultural awareness by providing a platform for expression, events and opportunities to share traditions as well as foster an understanding of distinct perspectives.





NEWCOMER ASSISTANCE

The Library plays a crucial role in supporting newcomers by offering a variety of resources and services tailored to their needs.

We create a welcoming environment that aids in their transition and fosters a healthy connection with the community.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS

In addition to the online resources for self-directed learning, the Library provides programming that directly impacts early literacy, reading skills development and language learning.



COLLECTIONS

Library collections support community interests and informational needs. They provide access to knowledge, support growing creativity, supplement lifelong learning and simply support the activity of reading for pleasure.

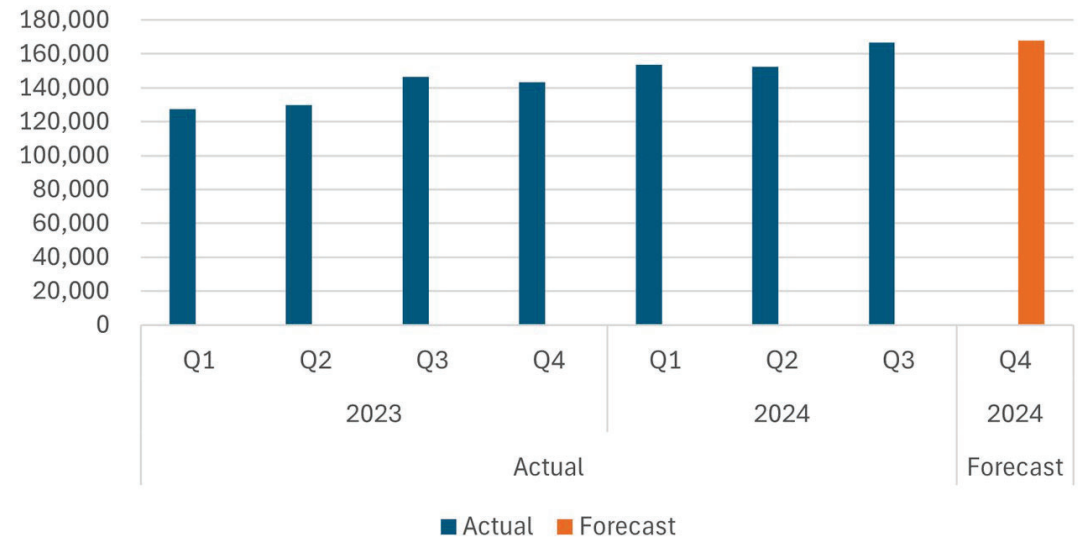


2024 YTD Circulation
473,130

2023 Circulation
546,933

2019 Highest Circulation
731,842 ★

2023 & 2024 Circulation



CIRCULATION

Forecasted circulation for 2024 is 641,054

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Economic Impact
 ~ \$13.5 MILLION

AVERAGE ESTIMATED COST OF LIBRARY ITEMS = \$25

Daily Newspaper \$3	Video Game \$85	Audiobook \$28	DVD TV Series \$50
Weekend Edition Newspaper \$6	Hardcover Book \$35	Paperback Book \$20	DVD/Blue Ray Film \$28
Magazine \$10	Children's Picture Book \$18	Children's Paperback Book \$10	eBook \$15



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- Library of Things
- Parks Passes
- Activity Backpacks
- Dyslexic Materials
- Braille
- VOX Books
- Multilingual
- Seed Kits

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

These online resources include things like live one-on-one tutoring, instructor led courses, TV and movie downloads, newspaper articles, eBooks, audiobooks and language learning courses.

Pressreader

1.99 MILLION

Articles Viewed

Brainfuse

604 Live tutoring sessions

Hoopla

7125 Downloads

Gale Courses

4086 Hours

Tumblebooks

3467 Downloads

Mango Languages

1055 Sessions

Kanopy

402 Downloads

2025 BUDGET PRESSURES

- Cost of Living Increases
- Increased Vendor costs
- Collective Bargaining with CUPE 905.27
- Ongoing funding to Library Capital Reserve



	2024 Approved Budget	2025 Proposed Budget	% Change	2026 Proposed Budget
Personnel Costs	3,232,000	3,260,000	1%	3,311,000
Operating Expenses	735,000	795,000	8%	828,000
Contribution to Capital	220,000	220,000	0%	220,000
Total Expenditures	4,187,000	4,275,000	2%	4,359,000
General & Grant Revenue	65,000	70,000	7%	70,000
Municipal Requisition	4,122,000	4,205,000	2%	4,289,000
Total Operating Budget Revenue	4,187,000	4,275,000	2%	4,359,000





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