



**Belleville**  
Public Library &  
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**Real results for our community: Benefitting from the support of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, 2011 - 2014**

The Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport has provided:



**Yearly Public Library Operating and Pay Equity Grants:**

- supports operations and wages, reduces burden on municipal taxpayers, **over \$340,000** in four years

**Cultural Strategic Investment Fund Grant 2012 - \$12,300**

- In partnership with Community Archives, funding for Belleville History Alive Digital Library for online historical documents and images.
- Supported labour costs for digitization, and the purchase of new equipment for Library and Archives, including a large flatbed scanner.



**Capacity Building Fund 2012 - \$6,455**

- Supported the purchase of 6 new computers and a teaching laptop for our public computer lab, as well as iPads and a projector.
- The computer lab allows us to offer free computer and technology training sessions to give people essential skills for job searching, research and recreation in today's connected world.
- The Library enrolled 219 people in tech training sessions in 2014.

**Cultural Development Fund Grant 2014 - \$5,968**

- In partnership with Community Archives and the Hastings County Historical Society. Funded a research project to examine ways for the three organizations to work more closely together and resulted in a useful, comprehensive report to guide us moving forward.

**Electronic Resources Funding Support, 2012 - 2014 - \$30,000+**

- The Ministry funding through SOLS for the electronic resources and e-content products has been essential for us to offer a wide range of online learning tools.
- Information sources provided include genealogy, health information, career help, and more.





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## **What lies ahead in 2015**

The Library will be undergoing renovations to create a new Archives facility for the Community Archives of Belleville and Hastings County, and also to provide office space for the Hastings County Historical Society. This will provide “one-stop shopping” for cultural services in our region.

We also have received our Capacity Building Grant for 2015, which has provided us with \$6,765 for new I.T. equipment, which will be invested in network infrastructure and new computers to better serve our customers.

Building upon the work made possible from the CSIF, CDF, and 2012 Capacity Building grant funding, as well as Ministry funded electronic resources, we are planning on offering a Digital Education Program for all ages which will teach people Digital Information Literacy skills and provide training in how to use online learning tools. This will also tie in with a new product we are offering, Gale Courses, which provides our customers with free, online, college-level courses on a variety of subjects.