



CARLETON PLACE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

PROGRAMS 2026

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LIBRARY GOALS

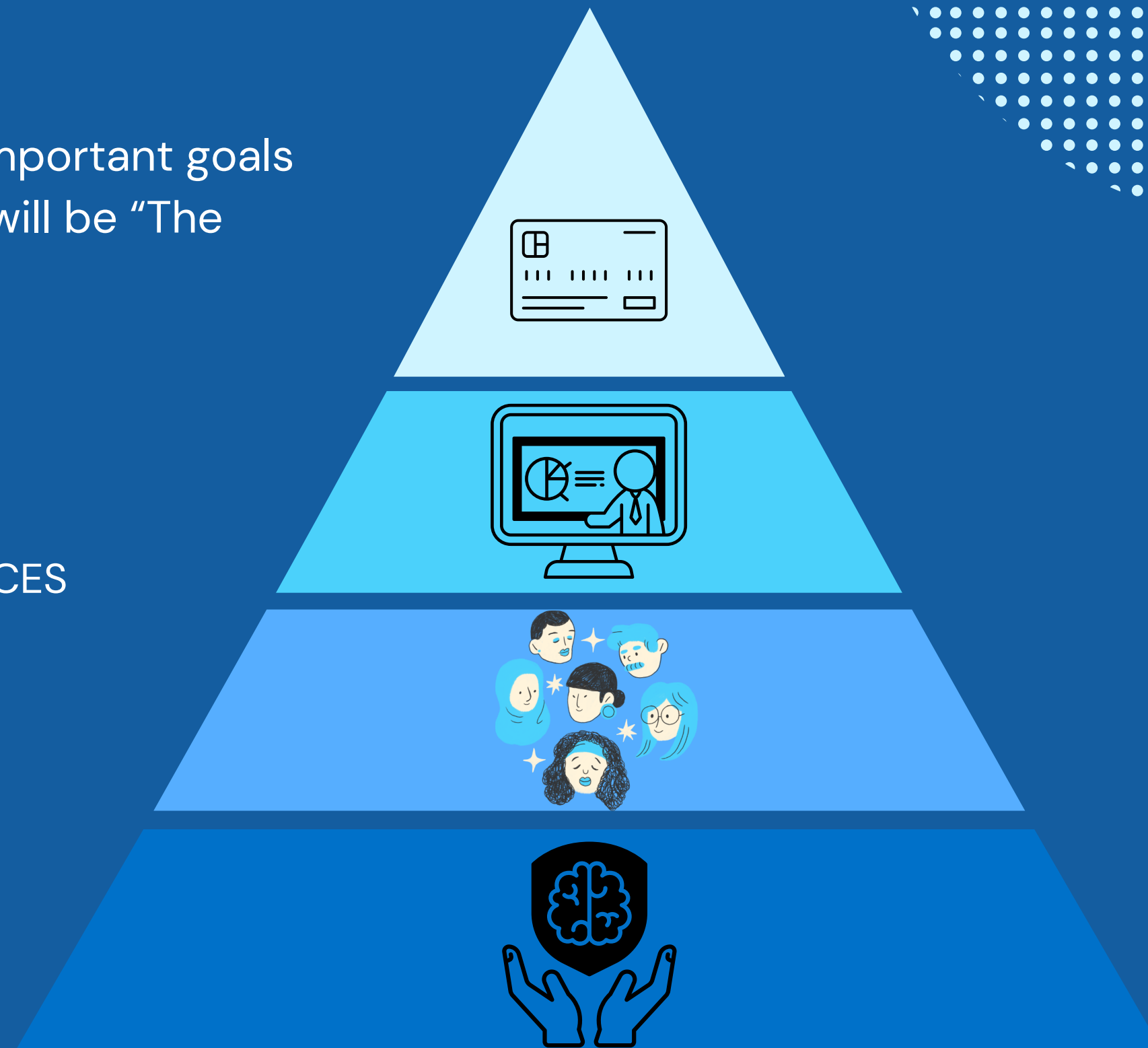
In 2026, we are choosing to focus on four important goals guided by the Library's Strategic Plan. This will be "The Year of You".

01 LIBRARY CARD REGISTRATIONS

02 INCREASED ONLINE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

03 GREATER PROGRAM DIVERSITY

04 MENTAL HEALTH & COMMUNITY





OUR STRENGTHS

OUR PROGRAMS, OUR STAFF

We are proud of the quality programs that we run and we strive to develop new ideas that allow us to shine. As a smaller staff, we understand our limits and create based on what we do best.

HAPPY PATRONS

Our patrons are at the forefront of everything we do. We aim to provide a memorable experience at the library every time they come through the doors.



OUR CHOICES

VALUE VS. VISIBILITY

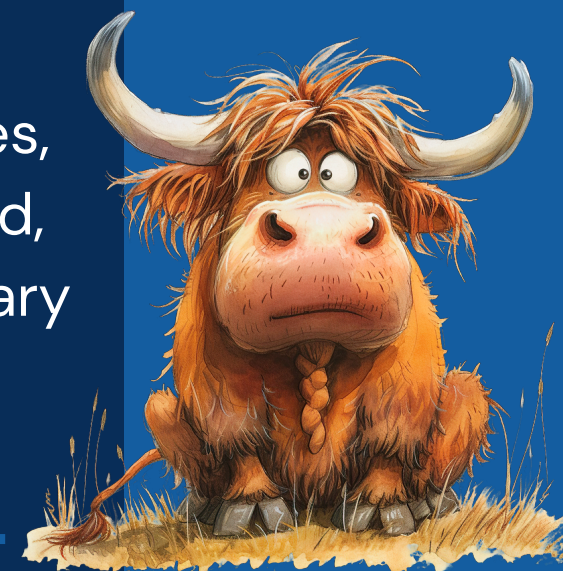
In 2025, we made a goal to engage with our community at events, and it had a huge impact. We talked about programs, services, and answered questions, and the feedback was positive. In 2026, we will provide the opportunity to get library cards, discover programming, and learn more about library services at all community-based events.

CONNECTION

This year, we've chosen a Library Mascot to unify our monthly themes, give children a fun library experience they can take out into the world, and connect with patrons. Our "Name the Mascot" post in early January garnered hundreds of entries and thousands of "likes".

Welcome, Bibli!

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EVENTS

This year, we are committed to value in three categories:
Diverse Library Programming, Community Events, and Collaboration.



Library Programming

- Our roster of NEW activities includes:
- After school programming for kids
 - Exam week stress buster kits for Teens
 - Monthly Technology tutorials
 - Social-based Seniors Programs
 - Monthly Walking Club for Mental Health
 - Family Pride Connect sessions
 - Financial Planning workshops
 - Olympics Watch Parties
 - Long-weekend Take Home Activities



Community Events

You will see us at:

- CP Sign Up Night
- Teen Expo
- Welcome to Kindergarten events
- Beckwith Heritage Days
- Summerfest
- Beckwith Sign Up Night
- Community Connections Event
- Beckwith Glow Fest
- Indigenous Cultural Fair
- Franktown Lilac Festival



Collaboration

We will also work with partners on:

- French & Intergenerational Storytimes
- Class visits
- English as a Second Language sessions
- Spooky Storytimes
- STEM programming
- Tech Workshops for Seniors
- Babysitter's & Stay Safe Courses for youth
- Youth Art Competition and Art Show
- Seed Library



HOW WILL WE REACH OUR GOALS?

LIBRARY CARD REGISTRATIONS

At all community events, we'll promote getting a library card, offer information about library services to newcomers and new card holders, and promote the benefits of using the library. September will be devoted to new library card registrations.

GREATER PROGRAM DIVERSITY

This year, our focus is on programming that caters to a wider demographic with a focus on connection. Afterschool programs, outdoor activities, and programs for young adults and retirees will allow our community members to meet new people and experience new things.

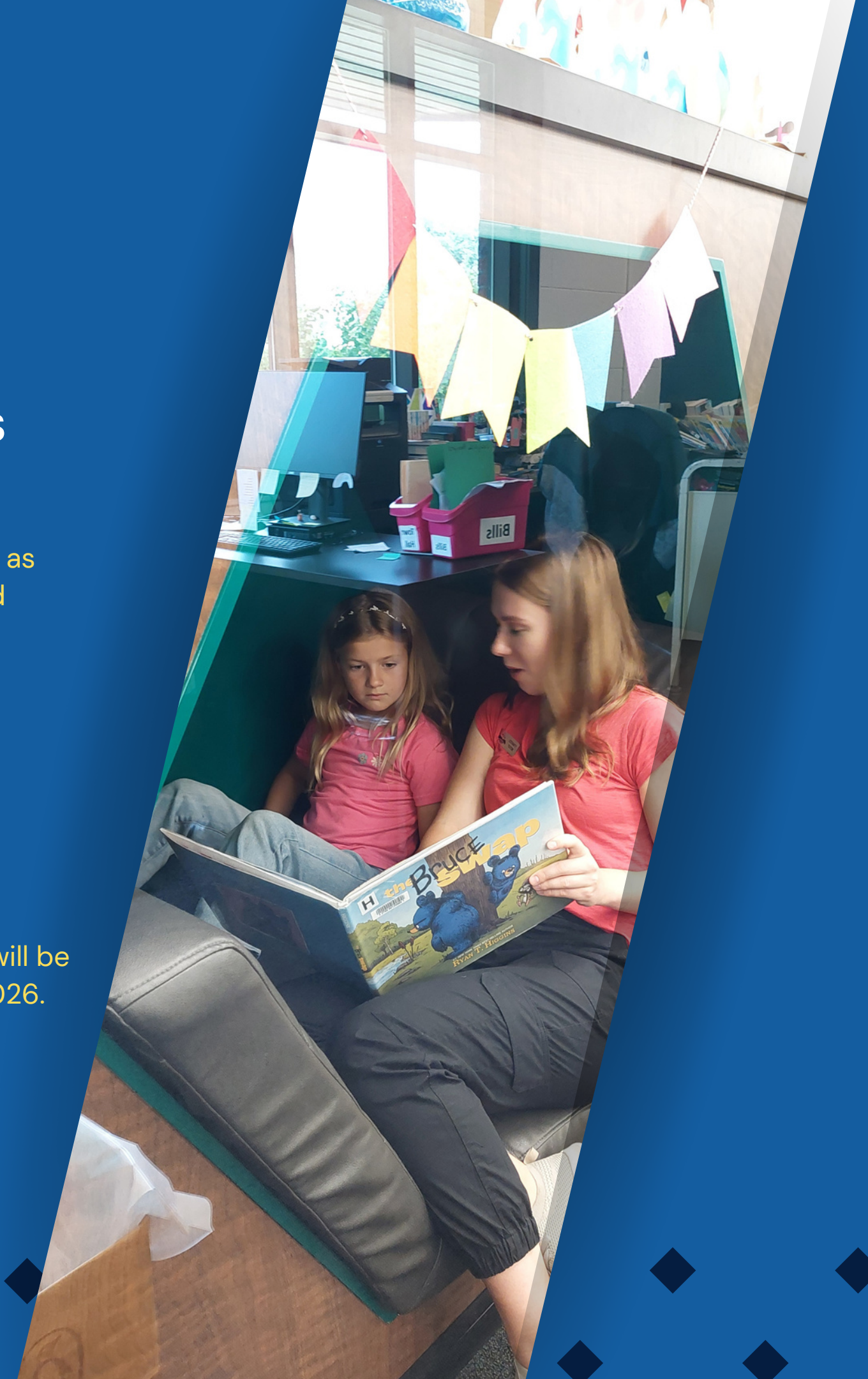
INCREASED ONLINE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

We will offer more library services on our website such as always-accessible storytimes and tech tutorials for everyone.

MENTAL HEALTH & COMMUNITY

Positive connections with other people will be the mainstay of our programming in 2026.

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VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers play an important role in helping us do many things at the library.

- Teen volunteer positions throughout the year provide support for programming staff and help us to complete time-consuming projects. Teens earn volunteer hours required for their High School diplomas.
- Community Groups like Lanark County Support Services bring in young adults to straighten our shelves and keep the library looking neat each week.

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PROGRESS

PA Days

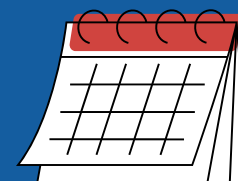


We offer a simple I Spy or take home activity on PA Days and when possible, a self-directed activity on snow days.



Holidays

We offer a take home activity or I Spy at the library leading up to the holiday event in order to celebrate or recognize a special day.



Programs and Events

We partner with the BIA and other local community groups and businesses, offering programming or participation at special events that allows us to reach our community with unique content and in unique settings.

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OUR AMAZING PROGRAMMING TEAM!



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Carleton Place Public Library

OUR MISSION:

Creativity, exploration, and inclusion: We inspire our community by connecting people to their passions.

OUR VISION:

Where the library is the beating heart of a strong and engaged community.

OUR VALUES:

**We are: Dedicated to community health and well-being.
People centered.
Diverse, equitable, and inclusive.
Adaptive to future needs.
Vibrant, creative and welcoming.**

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