

## Prince Township Public Library Survey Information

Dear Resident(s) of Prince Township,

The Prince Township Public Library Board is seeking your support in planning our Library's future and your input is very important.

Whether you are a patron or not, we appreciate your help to complete and return the survey (on the back of this sheet) **by the end of March**, to the Prince Township Municipal Office, Library or to the Library drop-off box outside the main door. We must consider a non-response as no support, but we hope for your support.

At 30 years, our library is one of the few Ontario libraries operated entirely by **volunteers**.

- In 2017, our 7 desk volunteers keep our door open 16 hours a week. However, the hours of service depend on volunteers available.
- Our Library CEO receives an honourarium of \$300 per month for 10 months (September – June), averaging 16 hours per week which is approximately \$4.69 per hour. She also volunteers for two shifts at the desk each week.
- To pay for the CEO's honourarium, Library Board members and the Friends of the Library (all volunteers) sell calendars in the fall and used books in our April Mammoth Book Sale.
- The Friends of the Library apply for a federal grant to hire a student who is supervised by the volunteer CEO for July and August.
- Provincial grants, municipal grants and Friends of the Library cover the purchase of materials (books, tablets, and furniture), operating costs, and licenses.

Your responses and comments matter. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact any Board member listed below or the Library at 779-2992 ex 4. If you aren't already a patron, drop in for a free library card. And please consider joining our aging volunteers to help us increase our hours of service. Thank you!

Respectfully,  
*The Prince Township Public Library Board*

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| Brittany Agliani       | 705 206-3982 | Sandy Fulcher     | 705 779-3762 |
| Councillor Dave Amadio | 705 779-2836 | David Yanni       | 705 779-3170 |
| Bev Couch              | 705 779-2764 | Rita Wagner (CEO) | 705 779-3905 |

These statistics below from [Ontario.ca/data/Ontario-public-library-statistics](http://Ontario.ca/data/Ontario-public-library-statistics) 2014, compare Prince Township Public Library's funding to the funding of some of our northern neighbours. Our municipal grant of \$16,254 (2014) included the library's share of heat, electricity, phone and internet services and audit costs. The actual Municipal cash grant is about \$4,000 annually.

| Township                         | Population | Weekly Hrs of Operation | Provincial Library Operating Grant | Municipal Operating Grant | Self-generated Funding | Total Paid Staff | Total Operating Revenues |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Prince                           | 1,031      | 18                      | \$2,069                            | \$16,254                  | \$5,674                | 0.0              | \$26,037                 |
| Bruce Mines & Plumber Additional | 1,216      | 35                      | \$3,826                            | \$80,000                  | \$5,256                | 2.63             | \$102,639                |
| Cobalt                           | 1,133      | 37                      | \$3,425                            | \$42,515                  | \$1,466                | 1.06             | \$54,805                 |
| Ear Falls                        | 1,026      | 30                      | \$3,942                            | \$100,183                 | \$2,064                | 1.05             | \$118,416                |
| Hilton Union                     | 423        | 12                      | \$2,894                            | \$23,192                  | \$1,947                | 0.37             | \$30,631                 |

# Prince Township Public Library Survey

1. Does anyone in your household use the Prince Township Library? How many people? Yes  No  #\_\_\_
2. Does anyone in your household use a Sault Ste. Marie Library? How many people? Yes  No  #\_\_\_
3. Do you feel that a SSM Library provides services that we don't? Examples? Yes  No

Examples: \_\_\_\_\_

4. The following lists services provided or planned by the Prince Township Library. Please check the services you use currently, have used, or would like to use:

- Lending: books, audio books, CDs, DVDs, tablets
- Inter-library lending; province-wide access
- For visually impaired – Daisy readers, large print books, audio books, Closed Circuit TV
- Children's corner: Mother Goose Story Time, TD Summer Reading Club, French book material, and youth book materials
- E-Resources – Overdrive (free download of books & audiobooks) and Ancestry.ca
- Use of on-site computers and Internet access plus print material including magazines
- Monthly book club
- Free computer classes on many applications (including Word, Excel, Overdrive)
- Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) site access
- Chance to win a monthly theme basket – each visit, fill in a ballot for the draw
- The library to be used as a meeting room for small groups, approximately 10 people
- Used book sale within the Library, including collectible books listed on Amazon
- Small town touches: we deliver materials to shut-ins and call to remind patrons of due dates

5. Would you as a taxpayer support an increase in Municipal grant support to the Library, such as increasing the CEO's honourarium? Yes  No  Please comment on your answer below:

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6. Whether you use our library or not, how do you suggest we improve our services in order to serve you or others better? Please comment or suggest below:

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**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and please come visit us ☺**