



IDEA|EXCHANGE®

2021 Community Report

Virtual Knitting & Crocheting Circle

Tuesdays: 10:30am

All are welcome, from beginners to advanced participants, as we knit and crochet poppies for **The Cambridge Poppy Project**, a community art project of remembrance to honour our Veterans and military personnel. For information on The Cambridge Poppy Project, visit www.cambridgepoppyproject.ca



The Cambridge Poppy Project

The Cambridge Poppy Project is a community art project of Remembrance that will be created using hand-made poppies to honour our Veterans.



Idea Exchange staff and volunteers created over **1,600** kits for community members to take and make poppies.

The completed poppies were returned in our drop boxes.
The community knit and crocheted over **30,000** poppies!



**IDEA EXCHANGE IS
NOW FINE FREE**

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ONLINE RESOURCES



214,763 EBOOKS AND EMAGAZINES WERE BORROWED ONLINE FROM OVERDRIVE AND HOOPLA.



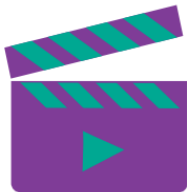
13,175 GALE COURSES TAKEN. THE MOST POPULAR COURSES WERE ACCOUNTING, SIGN LANGUAGE, EXCEL/OFFICE 365, BEGINNING FRENCH, QUICKBOOKS, AND SPEED SPANISH.



43,393 SEARCHES ON ANCESTRY AT HOME. 14,000+ MORE SEARCHES THAN 2020.



1,039,044 ARTICLES READ ON PRESSREADER.



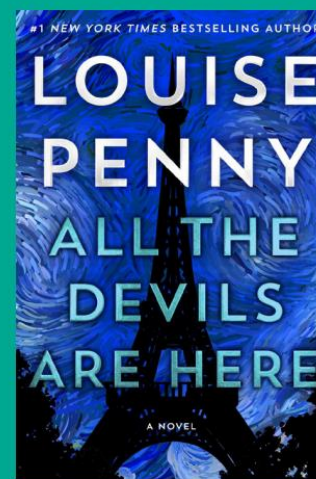
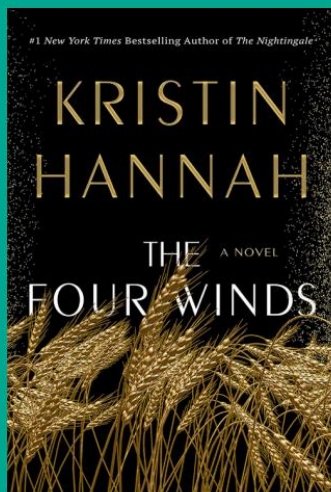
19,235 DOCUMENTARIES AND MOVIES STREAMED FROM KANOPY.



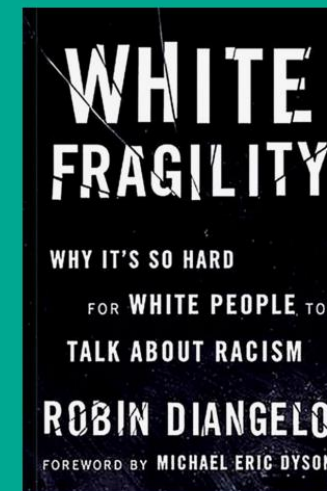
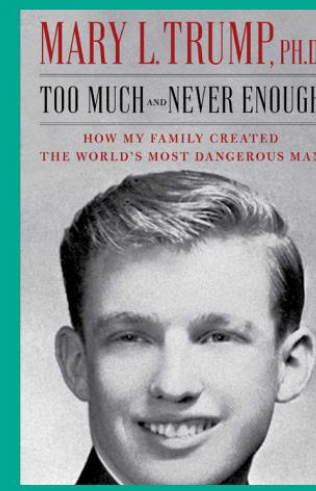
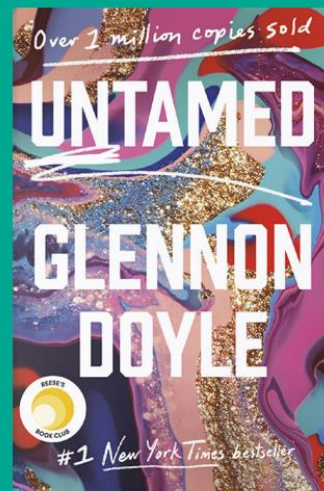
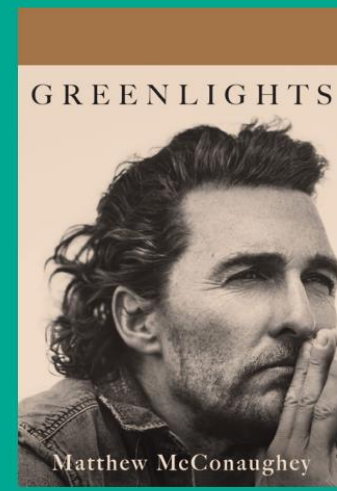
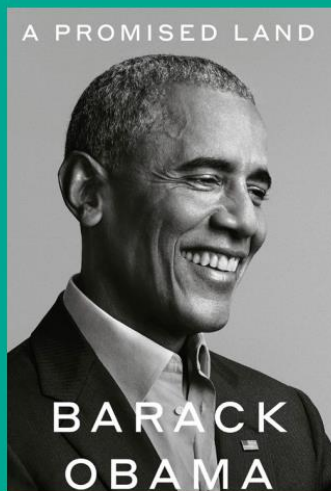
48,047 WIFI CONNECTIONS (INSIDE AND OUTSIDE BUILDINGS).

TOP TITLES IN 2021

TOP FICTION BOOKS BORROWED IN 2021



TOP NON-FICTION BOOKS BORROWED IN 2021



3,472 SIGN-UPS



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9,880

CRAFTY CREATIONS KITS FOR CHILDREN

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Local Artist Exhibitions: Riverside Print Group



Fabio Gasbarri



Vaccination Support for the Community



Fast, free COVID-19 vaccination
Walk-in Community Clinic

Moderna or Pfizer (adults 30+) / Pfizer (age 5 to 29).
Walk-ins only. No appointments.

Location: **Idea Exchange Old Post Office, Cambridge**
12 Water St S, Cambridge, ON N1R 3C5

Date: Thursday, May 19

Time: 5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
Nurse onsite to answer questions.

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#TeamVaccineWR

In March 2021, Idea Exchange staff contacted **3081** seniors 70+ for their COVID-19 vaccinations.

In the Spring and Fall, we printed & laminated over **2,000** Vaccine Passports for free!

Drop-in vaccine clinics are continuing at Hespeler & the Old Post Office.

ONE SEED, ONE COMMUNITY 2022: GOLDEN QUEEN TOMATO!

Life + Learning



Over **50,000** seeds were distributed from our Preston Seed Library in 2021! Together with the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank, rare Charitable Research Reserve, and Seeds of Diversity, the Fresh Food Drive meant that 337 pounds of food was donated to the Food Bank.

Collections That Impact Families

"Your library has been a lifeline for our family. I have been bringing my kids here for years, they grew up going here. Now we have some completing masters, and in high school. Your dedication is much appreciated. You truly are a lifeline." Clemens Mill parent

Last fall, a parent came into Clemens Mill shortly after a difficult doctor's appointment. She had just found out that her child had been diagnosed with ADHD. Staff gave her a walkthrough of our educational kits and pre-loaded learning tablets. She teared up when checking out, and said,
"I don't feel like I am alone anymore."



Online Rave Reviews



- **GOOGLE REVIEWS:**

- **Old Post Office – (5 Stars)** A perfect blend of history into the modern!!! Definitely worth looking at!!!
- **Old Post Office – (5 Stars)** The only digital library in Canada, WOW! Beautiful terrace, live green roof and awesome view of the river!

Green Roof Habitat at the Old Post Office

