



Ramara Township Public Library Timeline – 2001 to Present

2001

- February 2001, Atherley branch of the library closes, moving into the new Ramara Centre location
- March 2001, Open House celebrating new library and recreation centre
- October 2001, first website for library, www.ramaralib-rec.org

2002

- Online Interlibrary Loan system implemented, resulting in much faster service for processing patron requests for materials from other libraries
- Simcoe County Access Network (SCAN) high speed fibre optic Internet lines installed
- June 2002, library wins \$2.068 grant from The Community Foundation of Orillia and Area, for its program *Capturing Young Minds*

2003

- January 2003, Ramara Library Book Club created, meeting monthly at the library to discuss a popular book
- April 2003, Ramara Library becomes a lending member of VDX interlibrary loan system (previously just a borrowing member)
- September 2003, Ramara Library Quilting Club created, meeting weekly at the library to create and raffle a quilt annually to support library projects and summer programs
- Our Ramara coalition formed with Ramara Township Public Library, Ramara Chamber of Commerce, and Township of Ramara
- Secured a \$14,100 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant to host the first annual Our Ramara FunFest in 2004

2004

- Circulation system upgraded to Mandarin automation system, sponsored by Friends of the Library, Quilting Club, Beryl Bevan Memorial Fund, One of a Kind Printing, and the library piggy bank
- Patrons now able to browse the library catalogue, place reserves and check their account using the Internet

2005

- Library wins Ramara Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Award for Greatest Contribution to the Community
- LPT One and PC Reservation software installed for public computer usage, giving patrons the ability to reserve a computer up to one week in advance
- Better monitoring of computer usage for statistical purposes, and printing software eliminates wasted paper and ink

2006

- June 2006, 1st Annual Ramara Funfest held
- Reciprocal membership agreement reached with Chippewas of Rama Public Library, enabling residents of Ramara and Rama to obtain free memberships at both libraries
- Awarded a grant of \$40,000 from the Federal government, in partnership with the Ramara Chamber of Commerce, for a Rural Community Capacity Building project (2006-07)

2007

- January 2007, Library receives from the Library Strategic Development fund, Ministry of Culture, \$7,284 to further develop the Our Ramara Community Portal
- February 2007, Ramara Public Library wins Minister's Award, Small Libraries category at OLA Conference in Toronto, for the website www.ourramara.com
- Launched the OverDrive platform for downloading digital audio books made available to County of Simcoe Library Cooperative member library patrons via PULSE website pulse.simcoe.ca
- Received a \$1000 grant from the Community Foundation of Orillia and Area for the marketing and promotion of the Our Ramara FunFest 2008
- New logo designed by Georgian College students for the library