

## Draft 2025 Budget Discussion

A DRAFT copy of the 2025 budget was reviewed and discussed. It will be formally approved by the Board during November's Board meeting, and will be brought forward for County Council's review and approval on December 3rd.



Proposed implementations for the 2025 fiscal year include:

- All branches to be outfitted with the Square Terminal.
- New branch furniture planned in Maxville and Chesterville.
- Two (2) new databases: cloudLibrary Comics and cloudLibrary Biblio +.
- Program budget to support SDG Reads 2025, TD SRC, volunteer appreciation, branch programs, march break, maker month, film day, and holiday events.
- Improved signage at our branches.
- Implementation of Niche Academy.

## Friends of the Library Policy

The "Friends of the SDG Library group (Friends group)" is a formally established, independent, organization with its own executive committee, constitution and bank account(s). They are made up of volunteers with a common interest in supporting library goals and activities and serve as the as "connecting links" between the Library and the community.

The "Friends of the Library" policy was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Current friends of the Library groups include:

- Chrysler Friends of the Library
- Ingleside Friends of the Library
- Long Sault Friends of the Library
- South Mountain Friends of the Library
- Williamsburg Friends of the Library

### Key Objectives of Friends of the Library Groups

Advocate and promote library services and literacy in their communities

Establish closer ties between the SDG Library and its community

Assist, support and further the goals of SDG Library



## Ongoing Community Outreach

SDG Library continues to provide outreach services to long-term care, hospice, and retirement facilities. SDG Library staff visit a number of locations monthly, spending time with residents, reading to them or providing assistance with Library e-resources.

The SDG Library currently partners in eight (8) service locations across SDG Counties and is consistently exploring further partnership opportunities.

Library visits are well received by the facility residents and promote a number of health benefits



Mental Stimulation



Social Engagement



Emotional Well-Being