



FIVE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND A SCHOOL BOARD

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Chromebooks in your public library!

"The Guelph Public Library is pleased to partner with Upper Grand District School Board to help promote digital literacy and support our local education system," says GPL CEO Steve Kraft. "This is just another benefit of your library card and how the library continues to support its community through the power of partnerships."

OBJECTIVE:

To help bridge the digital divide for students who do not have access to the internet or devices in their homes.

A unique partnership between Upper Grand District School Board and five public library systems in the board's jurisdiction where the school board donated 5 Chromebooks for each branch library to circulate to Upper Grand students only.

Public Library	April - June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Guelph	29	12	32	73	89	61	296	
Wellington County	90	45	25	58	65	116	501	
Shelburne			24	25	20	22	91	
Orangeville				2	9	6	17	
Grand Valley				4	9	4	17	

STATEMENT OF NEED:

Research shows that children with connectivity at home tend to do better at school. As more homework and learning activities are provided digitally, we are further disadvantaging those students who cannot access curriculum outside of school hours.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE:

- ⇒ **April 2015:** Pilot project with 3 Wellington County branch libraries (Drayton, Palmerston, & Mount Forest). Each branch provided with 5 Chromebooks, protective cases and charging bins for storage
- ⇒ **May 2015:** Shelburne PL - 1 branch
- ⇒ **June 2015:** Orangeville PL - 2 branches
- ⇒ **June 2015:** Grand Valley PL - 1 branch
- ⇒ **July 2015:** Guelph PL - 7 branches
- ⇒ **August 2015:** Wellington County PL - 11 more branches

25 Libraries in Total

