
Tired website turns a page

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WELLAND -- Welland library's tired old website has turned a page.

The seven-year-old Internet stop has been updated.

Besides being outdated, says library CEO Janet Booth, the website has been changed to reflect how people are accessing information.

Designed by Welland-based vxFusion, the new website took eight months to get up and running.

Booth is happy with the decision to use local people.

"They learned about the library and we learned about web design."

Much time was spent adding content to the website. It now features Google maps, information about the library board, library public policy information and an event calender.

Booth and support services manager Barbara Murphy describe the site as more user-friendly.

Along with over 50 databases, alphabetized and searchable by topic, there is access to research and book catalogues.

There is also a new font-size option for the visually impaired and a translation tab to convert web pages to almost any language.

For the new Kid's Space and Teen Zone, pages were made with graphics to appeal to youngsters.

The website has about 115 pages and can be accessed on mobile devices.

"We wanted to bring it up to the 21 century," says Booth.

Library staff hope the site will last a few years, but are aware of the constant change in technology.

"There may be design tweaks over the years," says Kelsey Roach, the vxFusion web designer who worked on the site.

"We may change pictures over time to make it look new without having to change the whole site," adds Murphy.

See the website at www.welland.library.on.ca.

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