



PUBLIC LIBRARY



MOOSE JAW PUBLIC LIBRARY

2023
Annual Report

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I love the audiobooks through Libby during harvest. I listen to them in the combine--it sure makes long days pass more quickly!

~ Karin, Library user

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

I'm happy to report that in 2022 the library started to return to what feels like some pre-pandemic normalcy. In-person attendance numbers were increasing again while use of all services continued to be high. Thank you to the staff of the Library. Children's Librarian Tina Dolcetti moved on to another Library system. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Tina for all of her years of community building and dedication to the Moose Jaw Public Library.

2022 also saw the retirement of longtime Palliser Regional Director, Jan Smith. We thank her for years of hard work and advocacy and we look forward to working with the new Regional Director, Arwen Rudolph.

The Head Librarian, with the support of the Board of Directors, has been working to reprioritize safety and wellbeing in the downtown core. This was some of the work we focused on during Phase 2 of our strategic planning process throughout 2022. We continue to work with community partners to make the library a safe and healthy space for all citizens of Moose Jaw.

Heartfelt thanks from the Moose Jaw Public Library Board of Directors, to our loyal and dedicated management team, staff, and patrons, as well as our partners at Palliser Regional Library and the City of Moose Jaw. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work done by our outgoing board members Brian Sykora and David Howick. Lastly, sincere gratitude to the Friends of the Library for their continued support.

We look forward to a successful 2023! Sarah Simison Chair, Moose Jaw Public Library

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD LIBRARIAN

2022 was another great year at the Moose Jaw Public Library. Every day amazing things happen under the roof of our library thanks to our dedicated team. A proud thank you to the staff of the Moose Jaw Public Library for your efforts to make this Library a great one and a gem of our community!

This year we said goodbye to long time staff members Donna, Suzanne and Debbie who are off to enjoy the new horizon of retirement. We also said goodbye to Tina Dolcetti, MJPL's Children Librarian after 10 years of service. We are so proud of the work that Ms. Dolcetti has done and wish her the very best in her future endeavors. This year we were joined by Acting Assistant Head Librarian Kari Hennenfent and thank her very much for her contributions to our Library.

Sincere gratitude to Chairperson Sarah Simison and the Moose Jaw Public Library Board, a group of committed volunteers who are at the foundation of our service. Special thanks to outgoing Board Members David Howick and Brian Sykora for 8 years of service on the Library Board. Thanks to the Palliser Regional Library, The Friends of the Library and the Administration at the City of Moose Jaw.

Finally-

Thank you, patrons! We are looking forward to offering library service in 2023. If you haven't been to the Library in a while please do come and visit us, renew your library card and see what we have to offer.

Gwen Fisher, Head Librarian

CONNECTION

KNOWLEDGE

COMMUNITY



ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2022



- With our partners at the Moose Jaw Literacy Network, Moose Jaw Events Centre and Moose Jaw Early Years Family Resource Centre we planned the first annual Touch a Truck show with 1000 visitors!
- 200 people attended our Children and Youth Hallowe'en party.
- The Library became a pilot site for the Provincial Library's Dyslexia Friendly collection which includes books published in different fonts and colours to help people with dyslexia in making reading accessible.
- Children's Librarian Tina Dolcetti was a contributor to a published article about the diversity of the Moose Jaw Public Library board book collection in "Children and Libraries", a publication of the American Library Association for Library Service to Children.
- Moose Jaw Public Library was the host site for a successful World Breastfeeding Week event. Thanks to the Saskatchewan Health Authority and sponsors for their hard work in supporting young families!
- We introduced a new role of Makerspace Technician and started our maker programming for youth and children. More maker opportunities to come!
- The Library began hosting Rapid Access Counseling delivered by Moose Jaw Family Services for one-time emergency counseling sessions. We are so proud to have them with us!
- We focused on making the Library a safe and positive environment for everyone by undergoing staff training in Trauma Informed Care, The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness and Mental Health First Aid Training.
- We welcomed 122 members of the community for the launch of local poet Robert Currie's new book "Shimmers of Light".

Our family loves the Library. We use it to borrow books, especially Manga for my kids, and video games. We have saved thousands of dollars using the Library.
~ Stacey, Library user

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Children's Programs

65 kids programs with 6790 attendees & 103 storytimes with 1323 attendees



Trusted Agency

15,556 active cardholders - a 5% increase over 2021



Visitors

118,834 visitors - a 84.75% increase over 2021



Adult Programs

107 adults programs with 971 attendees



Total Circulation

Total circulation of 301,999 - a 15.75% increase over 2021



Questions Answered

19,383 reference questions answered



Social Media Reach

Social media posts reached 134,825 people



YOU BELONG HERE



My sons, 2 & 4, love books so much, even more than toys!
~ Renita, Library user

THANK YOU

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- Safeway
- First Book Canada
- GoldWave Play Center
- Moose Jaw Co-op
- Comic Readers
- Friends of the Library
- Wipro
- Superannuated Teachers Fund
- Wandering Market
- University of Regina Press

Thank you to the 2022 Library Board:

- Chairperson Sarah Simison
- Jaimie Atkins
- Teri Bourdages
- Councilor Heather Eby
- David Howick
- Brian Sykora
- Mayor Clive Tolley
- Sarah Vennes-Ouellet



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