

Moose Jaw Public Library

**Annual Report
2015**

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Chairperson's Report

Writing my thoughts for the annual report brings to a close my role as Chairperson of the Moose Jaw Public Library Board for 2015. It also brings to a close my 8 years as a member of the Moose Jaw Public Library Board, 5 years of which I have been proud to serve as Chairperson.

The 2015 Board of the Moose Jaw Public Library began the year with 13 members, adding newcomers Jasmine Hoover, David Howick, Dave Moore, Brian Sykora and Matthew Zantingh. At a time when volunteers are in high demand I am grateful for their desire to support the library.

I would like to thank Moose Jaw City Council for their continued support and Mayor Deb Higgins who, despite her busy schedule, chose to represent City Council on the board.

I would also like to say thank you to the Joan Heaton Estate for the generous bequest.

The Friends of the Library again merit special recognition for their hard work and dedication to the library. They purchased iPads and tablets and provided funds for computer and internet training. They also provided funds to purchase book club kits, materials for MakerSpace kits, a film license, and prizes for the Teen Summer Reading Club. Thank you.

In 2015 the library continued its mandate to provide access to physical and electronic materials, adding Mango and Zinio to complement the highly popular Library Press Display and other existing databases. It provided space for social and leisure activities and it expanded programming to all library patrons to keep pace with growing demand. From children's storytime to retirement planning, the broad range of programs reflects the library's goal to support lifelong learning.

The Library staff worked diligently to promote literacy and they continued to develop new partnerships through which the library could expand access to programming and services.

The Moose Jaw Public Library is an historic building in a picturesque setting, but it is the dedicated staff, volunteers and patrons that give the library life. They create the space that offers a warm, welcoming embrace. Throughout my time on the board I have had the privilege to work with a diverse and very talented group of volunteers and library staff and have benefited and grown from their knowledge, experience and guidance. Thank you for a wonderful and rewarding experience.

Terry Gabel

Meeting Room Bookings

	2014	2015
Meeting Room Bookings	521	556
Theatre Bookings	123	111
Total Bookings	644	667
Rentals	190	201

Head Librarian's Report

2015 was another year of many challenges, in terms of personnel, and preparing and training staff for the switch to a new provincial ILS (Polaris); but there were also many positives, such as program offerings, community outreach, new resources made available to the public, and the ongoing support from City Council, the Board and the Friends of the Library.

The beginning of the year started with 2 Page positions vacant and this proved to be the trend with 10 different people hired to fill various Page positions over the course of the year. 2015 also saw the retirement of Donna Hunter from the Children's Department after 22 years with the Library. Our best wishes went with her for a happy and healthy retirement. In the Fall, two full-time Clerk 2s were off work for lengthy periods due to illness.

Technology and its uses brought changes to how the Public Library provides service to the public. The Library began offering patrons free access to two new online services - Zinio which offers full text, full colour magazines for download; and Mango Languages which provides language learning courses for 71 different languages. Another digital initiative was undertaken through the Archives Department. Moose Jaw city directories from 1908 to 1965 were sent to the University of Alberta Libraries for digitization as part of their Peel's Prairie Provinces website project. Online access to these directories should be available early in 2016.

Early in the year, the Saskatchewan Library and Information Services (SILS) consortia made the decision to move to a new automated system, Polaris, by September. Preparing and training staff, accelerating the selection and expenditure of the Library's materials budget, plus the various migration committee work required made the year a hectic one. Data migration errors and the lack of statistics created problems, some of which had not been resolved by year-end. It is hoped

that useful statistical reports will be available early in 2016.

Program offerings, both inside and outside the Library, continued to be a priority. The staff of the Children's Department have successfully offered many programs such as storytimes, science themed programs and a school literacy club to promote literacy to children and families. New program initiatives for adults and youth, such as "Tech Time" and the 'Cookbook Club', plus the establishment of the Moose Jaw Seed Lending Library all have contributed to making the library a place to connect with other members of the public and to obtain information in a variety of forms. Staff involved in these initiatives are commended for their excellent work. In closing, I wish to thank the Board and staff for their commitment to the Public Library and the services which it offers. A special thank you to Gwen Fisher and Tina Dolcetti for their enthusiasm in their work and their initiative in instituting new partnerships and new programs and services.

Karon Selzer

Exciting New Databases in 2015!



Zinio- Instant Access to Popular Publications - no holds or checkout limits



Mango Languages - Learn a new language or improve your English

LANGUAGE LEARNING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

Assistant Head Librarian's Report

2015 was an exciting year at the Moose Jaw Public Library and I am grateful to Karon Selzer, the Library Board and the staff of the Moose Jaw Public Library and Palliser Regional Library for a wonderful year.

In 2015 we offered 107 adult programs and 72 youth programs. Some of the highlights were Tour the Trees of Crescent Park, Nature Conservancy of Canada: Saskatchewan's Natural Habitat and Quilts Galore with Debbie Richards. We continued to hold "Avid Knitters" gatherings, our bi-weekly meetup for knitters and launched new programs including a Games Night for Adults and held our first Cookbook Book Club to which we invited cookbook author Amy Jo Ehman for the inaugural event. In addition to holding iPad and Tablet sessions we launched "Tech Time" a drop-in technology group with the aim to enhance the digital literacy.

We continued our tradition of youth programming during the year and over the summer we offered "The Storytelling Sessions", a series geared at developing storytelling skills. The program was made possible by Community Initiatives Fund. The Teen Summer Challenge saw more than 4985 points earned and several teens completing the entire challenge. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for their support and to reference staff for planning great programming!

We held several special events this year. We hosted the launch of Robert Currie's book of poetry *The Days Run Away* and welcomed Shelley Leedahl for a reading from her collection, *It Wasn't Always Like This*, with the support of the Writers' Trust of Canada. We offered hands-on programming including a Writer's Workshop with Brenda Baker with the support of the Friends of the Library. For Culture Days, we held a Digital Storytelling workshop with Evie Ruddy with the support of SaskCulture, Culture Days and The Saskatchewan Library Association and celebrated Saskatchewan Library Week with a family oriented "Maker Activity Night" with the

support of SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Library Association.

We launched the Moose Jaw Seed Lending Library, in partnership with Green Sister Gardens and the South Central Food Security Network. The MJ Seed Lending Library is an initiative to promote skill building and lifelong learning with the aim of building a more resilient local food system. 30 people signed up to borrow seeds from the library and they checked out seeds 167 times. Thank you to community member Keri Fox of Green Sister Gardens for her contribution to this project.

In our virtual space, there were over 118,560 website clicks with an average at 325 visits daily. Our Facebook following this year climbed to 600 likes and we connected with youth through the MJPL youth Instagram and Facebook Page. Thanks to our staff for their work on the library's social media.

I was thrilled to attend the Ontario Library Association Conference in January and the Saskatchewan Library Association Conference in May.

Thanks to everyone for a great year!

Gwen Fisher

Moose Jaw Seed Lending Library



Children's Department Report

2015 marked another incredibly busy year for the Children's Department. I thank Karon Selzer, Gwen Fisher, and the staff of Moose Jaw Public Library and Palliser Regional Library for your ongoing enthusiastic support of the Children's Department.

2015 saw an increase in the number of programs that we offer, in the number of group visits to the Children's Department, and in the number of visits we made in the community. The Children's Department hosted 248 children's programs, as well as 70 school and group visits. The Children's Department conducted 45 visits to schools and other community venues. Summer Reading Club 2015 was quite well received—our programs were busy, and we had many dedicated readers! Bryton Luxton was an innovative and enthusiastic summer programming assistant, and we are thankful for the many generous gifts and sponsorships we received from local businesses.

Preschool Storytime, Babies and Toddlers Together, and Lego Night continued to be our regular programs in 2015. To these, we added Tuesday evening programs for children ages 6-10. We also continued to offer the Little Bookworms program at the Strong Start Early Years Family Resource Centre.

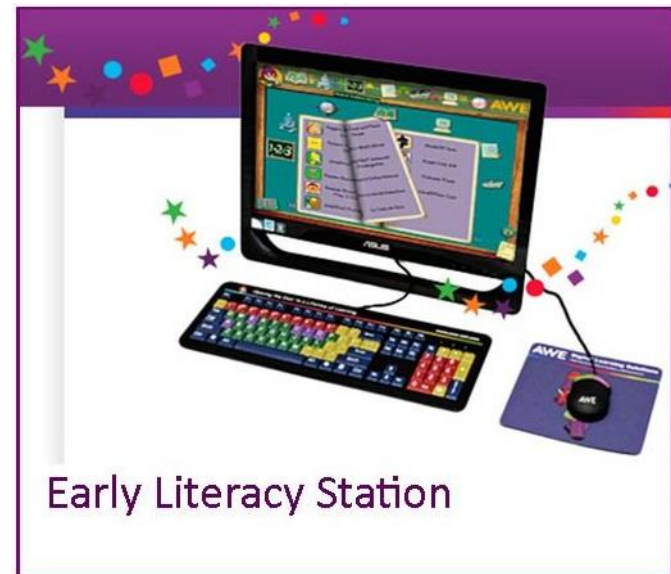
I presented at three conferences in 2015: the Creating our Future Early Years Conference, the Saskatchewan Library Association conference and the Canadian Library Association conference in 2015. My sessions focused on early literacy tips, inclusive summer programs and community partnership ideas. I also represented Moose Jaw at the Targeting Autism forums

held by the Illinois State Library in March 2015. During the summer, Bryton and Wendy were encouraged to attend webinars on STEAM programming and inclusive programs. Alicia and I attended an Early Childhood Facilitators' workshop.

2015 saw some staffing changes in the Children's Department. We wished Callyn Whalen all the best in her new endeavors, and we welcomed Alicia Reader as the incoming Children's Clerk 2.

Thanks for another wonderful year,

Tina Dolcetti
Children's Librarian.



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MOOSE JAW PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL STATISTICS REPORT 2015

CIRCULATION		2005	2010	2014	2015	
ADULT						
Books & other material		146,202	133,334	76,694	75,752	
Video Cassettes		4,273	1,814	119	40	
DVDs		7,379	16,060	34,275	29,149	
Young Adult		11,460	20,131	11,137	10,098	
Video Games				2,573	2,086	
Compact Discs		38,985	15,178	10,490	8,044	
Total Adult Circulation		230,178	187,314	135,291	125,224	***
JUVENILE						
Books & other material		68,868	69,996	73,080	73,386	
Compact Discs		2,254	903	1,527	1,383	
Video Cassettes		7,709	996	11	3	
DVDs		5,493	20,824	16,985	14,689	
Total Juvenile Circulation		87,478	92,942	91,605	89,461	***
			50,929	Renewal 50,552	Renewal 47,439	renewals+unallocated
GRAND TOTAL		317,656	331,185	277,449	262,124	***
SERVICES						
Reference Questions	Adult	12,996	11,125	9,784	12,311	
	Children	2,824	3,130	2,077	2,503	
Internet Usage		17,827	16,260	9,875	9,430	
Online Databases		603	682	13,182	18,837	
Overdrive/Library2Go				42,686	40,535	
Holds Filled		7,533	31,667	50,815	49,597	
Registered Borrowers		11,776	10,469	8,910	19,315	with 3 year expiry
Programs - Youth/Adult	(No.)	33	30	82	76	/105
	(Att.)	857	522	1,084	903	/1283
Programs - Children	(No.)	90	27	87	97	
	(Att.)	1,519	430	1,638	1,977	
Library Visits - Adult	(No.)	9	12	10	7	
	(Att.)	179	227	222	247	
Library Visits - Children	(No.)	67	70	77	70	
	(Att.)	1,060	1,213	1,184	1,391	
Classroom Visits - Children	(No.)	34	56	41	45	
	(Att.)	1,917	3,777	4,645	4,538	
Story Time	(No.)	56	61	184	146	
	(Att.)	1,367	1,444	2,951	2,807	
Newspaper Clippings		2,404	1,565	1,688	1,524	
Archive Questions		771	476	390	399	
Microfilm Usage			428	337	339	
Inter/IntraLibrary loans (Borrowed)		7,309	17,411	22,881	24,185	***
Inter/IntraLibrary loans (Loaned)		11,706	43,412	57,157	62,192	***
Shut-in Service		6,311	3,081	2,429	3,241	
Visitor Count		188,071	171,313	144,340	51,816	**

***Circulation data is incomplete due to ILS statistical capabilities

** 2014 & 2015 no people counter for parts of the year.

TOTAL LIBRARY MATERIALS

BOOKS (Catalogued collection)	2014	2015
ADULT		
Non-Fiction	34,160	35,293
Fiction	36,451	37,880
Reference	4,970	4,975
CANADIANA		
Non-Fiction & Fiction	5,238	5,245
FRENCH	152	154
TOTAL ADULT BOOKS	80,971	83,547
YOUNG ADULT BOOKS AND PAPERBACKS	10,670	11,297
JUVENILE		
Non-Fiction	13,735	14,592
Fiction (including Easy)	19,581	20,156
Reference	647	651
French	1,161	1,209
TOTAL JUVENILE BOOKS	35,124	36,608
PAPERBACK COLLECTION		
Adult	12,116	13,158
Juvenile	8,634	8,946
TOTAL PAPERBACKS	20,750	22,104
GRAND TOTAL BOOKS	147,515	153,556
Compact discs	4,236	4,807
Microfilm	1,073	1,079
Photographs in Archives	7,993	7,993
Videos	73	73
Video Games	319	410
DVDs	9,413	10,484
CD Books	<u>2,965</u>	<u>3,081</u>
TOTAL AUDIOVISUAL	26,072	27,927
GRAND TOTAL	173,587	181,483

** Data may not be accurate due to the statistical capabilities of the ILS

MATERIALS ADDED AND WITHDRAWN

	ADDED		WITHDRAWN	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
ADULT				
Books	4,041	3,560	21,89	1,070
Paperbacks - Adult	1,741	1,516	921	474
Graphic Novels - Adult	184	88	254	10
Books/Paperbacks - Young Adult	436	452	345	55
Graphic Novels - Young Adult	309	384	19	109
Clippings	1,688	1,524		
Compact Discs	416	595	339	106
Blu ray Discs	45	29		
DVDs	744	602	42	19
Video Games	135	99	22	8
CD Books	274	219	97	155
CD Books - Young Adult	24	22	1	
JUVENILE				
Books	2,521	2,397	1,492	1,159
Paperbacks	709	627	204	315
Graphic Novels	292	280	44	82
Blu ray discs	3	4		
Compact Discs	82	101	2	19
Videos			6	
DVDs	474	493	200	38
CD Books	61	62	3	34
ARCHIVES				
Microfilm	7	6		
Photographs	368			
GRAND TOTALS	<u>14,554</u>	<u>13,060</u>	<u>6,179</u>	<u>3,653</u>

MATERIALS REPAIRED

	2014	2015
Adult Books	756	742
Children's Books	862	428
Covers Laminated	137	37
Periodicals	43	28
TOTAL REPAIRS	<u>1,798</u>	<u>1,235</u>

Sincere appreciation is extended to

The Joan P Heaton estate for her generous bequest of over \$50,000 to the Public Library;

the Friends of the Library for funding the purchase of iPads and tablets to be used in future program offerings; additions to the Book Club Kit collection; materials for MakerSpace kits; prizes for the Teen Summer Reading Challenge; and a writing workshop with Brenda Baker;

the Saskatchewan Library Association, the Saskatchewan Writers Guild, the Writer's Trust of Canada, the Canada Summer Jobs program, Postmedia Raise-a-Reader and the Community Initiatives Fund, SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Library Association for the grants awarded to the Library Culture which enabled the Library to offer more programming for all ages;

the South Central food Security Network and Green Sister Gardens for co-founding the Moose Jaw Seed Lending Library with the Public Library;

all of the program presenters who donated their time and services, and to

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and*

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