

21,421

Questions Answered



98 adult programs

1007 attendees



66 youth programs

271 attendees

56 kids programs

4561 attendees



51 Story times

1009 attendees

14,946

Active Cardholders



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Facebook Likes

1,984

↑ 10%

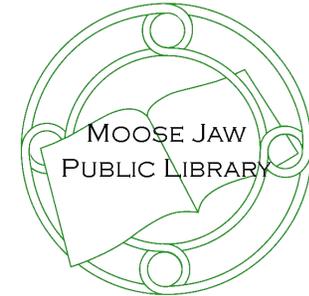
64,320

Visitors

That's an average of 24 every hour!

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MOOSE JAW PUBLIC LIBRARY

2021

"Thank you for getting back to me! I really appreciate your kindness."

- Cathy

THANK YOU TO THE 2021 LIBRARY BOARD

- Chairperson Sarah Simison
- Jamie Atkins
- Teri Bourdages
- Heather Eby
- David Howick
- Brian Sykora
- Mayor Fraser Tolmie
- Wei Qi

"Excellent!! I really appreciate your assistance... "

-Sharon

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"With your help and others in Moose Jaw, I am exceptionally pleased with the research efforts of the community on our behalf and deeply appreciate all the efforts to fulfill a very long, yet satisfying, effort for our family. We are truly grateful!!!"

- Robert



"Thank you very much! Excellent service!"

- Ronald

"My kindergarten boys truly enjoyed all the "cat" materials you put together for us ...Thanks so much."

-Sharon

Message from the Chair of the Board

Despite still experiencing challenges in the face of a pandemic, the library learned a lot in the last two years and again successfully met the diverse needs of our community in 2021. Acting Head Librarian, Shevaun Ruby, and her team worked hard to adapt to ever-changing regulations to serve Moose Javians in the best ways possible including handing out Covid rapid tests to the public. The library also provided a balanced selection of in-person and virtual programs and even launched some new programs such as the movie club screenings and discussion.

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 Wei Qi and Fraser Tolmie. Lastly, sincere gratitude to the Friends of the Library for their continued support.

Looking ahead, we are eager to continue the work of developing and implementing our strategic plan so keep an eye out for exciting changes coming in 2022.

Sarah Simison Chair, Moose Jaw Public Library

Head Librarians Report

2021 was another great year at the Moose Jaw Public Library. On behalf of the Library staff, thank you for using your Public Library. We are so proud to be part of learning and culture in our Community.

In 2021 we were elated to welcome back our patrons to regular browsing and in-person programming after the interruptions in 2020 due to the pandemic. We were pleased to welcome citizens back to our Avid Knitters program as well as other regular programming for Adults. We also launched some new programs like our Movie Club and continued to serve those who wish to remain at home by offering virtual programs as well. Perhaps the most significant change to our service in 2021 came in March when The Moose Jaw Public Library Board joined the ranks of many other Libraries in the province and passed the motion to offer fine free Library service. Fine Free Library Service is an evidence based model for reducing barriers to Library Service thereby making it more equitable to all citizens.

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.

Thank you to Acting Head Librarian Shevaun Ruby, Acting Assistant Head Librarian Carolyn Graham, and Children's Librarian Tina Dolcetti for providing leadership throughout the year in 2021. Thanks to City Council for valuing Library service in our community. 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. Thanks to

the Palliser Regional Library, The Friends of the Library and the Administration at the City of Moose Jaw. Finally- Thank you, patrons! Thank you for your continued patience over another unusual year. We are looking forward to offering efficient and transformative library service in 2022. 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

Accomplishments in 2021

- Our first Movie Club Monday, which featured Knives Out, had 19 attendees!
- The Library partnered with the Moose Jaw Crystal Meth Strategy Committee to offer three programs during National Addiction Awareness Week in November. There were 24 attendees across 3 programs
- Programming staff continued visiting care homes and providing programming materials to recreation directors. Each month we saw over 35 attendees across approximately 4 care facilities.
- We sent out over 80 Take 'N' Make kits per month to Moose Jaw Family Services.
- The Children's Department created over 100 Take 'N' Make kits per month for our local library readers.
- We responded to user needs and have created decodable phonics based kits for kids who struggle with reading.
- We reached over 734 children through TD Summer Reading Club

