

The Library engages in outreach programming with the goal of accommodating families who are unable to travel to the Library to take part in literacy activities, such as story times.

- In July and August alone, the library made 20 visits to local parks programs to encourage summer reading and learning.
- Over 50 visits were made to schools to promote literacy, work that was positively impacted by the addition of the library's new Outreach Technician.
- Through a partnership with Westpark Crossing, programming to seniors homes was initiated offering programs designed to sustain mental acuity in seniors through the sharing stories and games.

Collection:

- In 2016, the Library introduced Hoopla to its collection. Hoopla is an online streaming service that allows patrons to use their library card to stream or download audiobooks, movies, TV shows, music albums and eBooks. There are no wait times for this service, patrons can just sign in, select and enjoy!

Statistics:

- The Library was open 334 days or a total of 3297.5 hours in 2016 and hosted 174, 410 patron visits. That's an average of 53 visits/hour!
- 18,152 Moose Jaw citizens have library cards giving them access to print and digital magazines, books, audiobooks, TV shows, graphic novels, movies, documentaries, music albums, video games and more!
- A total of 423,661 print and digital items were circulated to Moose Jaw patrons as well as to others in the rest of the province.
- There were 12,015 computer log-ons through Public Access computers.
- 55 youth programs with an attendance of 345 youth; 108 adult programs with an attendance of 1388 adults and 305 children's programs with an attendance of 5,396 children were also delivered by the library in 2016.
- The library's social media programs received 826 Facebook Likes and gained 30 Instagram Followers.
- Library staff answered a total of 16,831 general questions and 376 archive questions.
- Through the library's outreach services, it delivered 3,763 items to people who weren't able to reach the library.
- During 2016, Meeting Room and Theatre bookings reached 691. Of this, 256 were paid bookings.



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2016*

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

2016 was a great year at the Moose Jaw Public Library. I would like to thank each of the nine members of the Library Board for their dedicated efforts which support lifelong learning and literacy in our community! We also extend our thanks to the Moose Jaw City Council for their continued support in 2016.

In addition to attending many events held during the year that bring the library and community together, I was delighted to take part in the Citizenship Ceremony held in September in the library's Theatre where more than 40 people become Canadian Citizens.

In November, Karon Selzer retired as Head Librarian after 30 years of outstanding service. Prior to her retirement, the Personnel Committee sought to recruit a new head librarian and spent countless hours reviewing resumes, and interviewing potential candidates. As a result of our recruitment campaign, Gwen Fisher was appointed as the new Head Librarian. To this end, I would like to recognize and thank my colleagues on the Personnel Committee, Matthew Zantingh, Eddy Moore and Patty Perry, for their work during the transition. We look forward to and are excited to see Gwen's vision for the library unfold in the coming years.

Janice Lamb

Chair, Moose Jaw Public Library

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HEAD LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Another year has come to a successful end at the Moose Jaw Public Library (MJPL). We have had so much fun offering informational, educational, cultural and entertaining resources and programming this year. Thank you to the staff at the MJPL for their hard work in helping to make our library a great one. I would also like to welcome to the MJPL Team, our new Assistant Head Librarian, Jessie Marchinko, and extend my deepest thanks to Children's Librarian, Tina Dolcetti, for her continued excellent service.

In 2016, our library served 174,410 Moose Jaw citizens. It is an absolute pleasure to serve you. Thank you to everyone who visited us at the library, joined us at programs - sometimes even leading our programs - and used our resources. You have made our year a very gratifying one and we look forward to continuing to find new ways to better serve you in the future.

I am honoured to have moved into the role of Head Librarian and to have the opportunity to work with our wonderful team at the library, our dedicated group of Library Board members, the Friends of the Library, our community partners and our patrons! It is a joy to be part of the amazing legacy that is our Moose Jaw library.

Gwen Fisher

Head Librarian, Moose Jaw Public Library



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Children's Department Report:

- The Summer Reading Launch Party held on June 4th, offered in partnership with the Moose Jaw Literacy Network, saw an attendance of 110 participants. Children who signed up that day were most likely to complete their reading logs, demonstrating the importance of hosting fun educational events.

- The summer program 'Stories in Crescent Park' attracted over 300 visitors in its first four sessions.
- The Canada Summer Jobs grant allowed us to hire two summer student program assistants who helped children beat the summer slide, offering fun educational programming as part of our Summer Reading Program.
- 'Make It for the Market' was one of our fundraising initiatives involving making muffin mixes to donate to the Farmer's Market! Our mixes helped raise funds for the community gardens and Child Nutrition Program at Hunger in Moose Jaw, and the Yara Community Gardens. Our donation also 'gives back!' This past year, it inspired a young Moose Jaw boy to learn how to bake. From this experience, he went on to use the same recipe to raise funds for a cancer charity.

Adult Department Report:

- New programs were introduced to the community in 2016. These included, a monthly Adult Coloring Book Night and Saskatchewan Festival of Words/Library Book Club.
- Celebrating diversity and cultures is an important role for the Library and this past year included the Celebration of Fransaskois Culture, in partnership with the ACF de Moose Jaw. This initiative saw 70 people of all ages attend and featured spoon-playing workshops, poutine sampling and a display of artifacts of Fransaskois culture.
- In honour of Freedom to Read Week (February 21-27 2016) the Library hosted an invigorating and thought provoking panel on Intellectual Freedom.
- To promote the diversity of many local community cultures, the library responded to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action by hosting a "Blanket Exercise" Program, which was led by Jeff Cappo. It also supported the preservation of indigenous languages through the hosting a five-week Cree language learning class. Both programs were offered with funding provided by the Palliser Regional Library and the Committee on Aboriginal Library Services.
- As part of the community technology programming, two introductory intensive courses on Windows 10 were offered in conjunction with the Moose Jaw Literacy Network.
- The Drop-in Tech Time program was adapted to one-on-one technology appointments where participants obtained the targeted technology help they required during half hour long sessions.
- The professional librarians on staff continued to cultivate community connections, through their continued involvement with the MJ Literacy Network, the MJ Early Childhood Coalition, the Newcomer Services Steering Committee as well as a new connection with the Age-Friendly Saskatchewan initiative.