

- We got a whole new look this year! In March we updated our website equipped with mobile friendly features. Special thanks to Terry Smith and Debbie Alix for their hard work on that project.

#### Collection:

- In 2017, the library launched an exciting new learning database called "Lynda.com" which offers thousands of free courses in hundreds of different subject areas. Enrollment in these courses has been very popular and it has proven to be a great way to support a community of lifelong learners!

#### Statistics:

- The library was open 332 days for a total of 3278 hours in 2017 and hosted 164,943 patron visits. That's an average of 50 visits/hour!
- 18,137 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 mores!
- A total of 281,436 print and digital items were circulated to Moose Jaw patrons as well as to others in the rest of the province.
- There were 14,381 computer log-ons through Public Access computers.
- 53 youth programs with an attendance of 480 youth, 125 adult programs with an attendance of 1209 adults, and 260 children's programs with an attendance of 4,373 children were also delivered by the library in 2017.
- The library's social media programs received 108 Facebook Likes for a total of 986.
- Library staff answered a total of 17,668 general questions and 411 archive questions.
- Through the library's outreach services, 3,611 items were delivered to people who weren't able to reach the library.
- During 2017, Meeting Room and Theatre bookings reached 747. Of this, 226 were paid bookings.



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Moose Jaw Public Library thanks you for another great year!



# Moose Jaw Public Library Annual Report 2017



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

We had several successful initiatives this year at the Moose Jaw Public Library. The provincial launch of Saskatchewan Aboriginal Story Telling Month was a huge success. Over the course of the spring, elders came to speak, and a Blanket Ceremony was held to foster understanding. In addition to honouring the recommendations of Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, it was a tremendously enriching month for all who participated.

The summer reading program was also a wonderful success story. Our first adult reading program saw much more participation than we anticipated. The children's reading program saw over 100 participants attend the Ice Cream Social wind down event. It was a great afternoon of delicious treats, music, and, of course, a celebration of literacy.

Despite the most stressful of circumstances in her first year as Head Librarian, Gwen Fisher navigated us through the funding cuts and the restoration of funding. Both of these had major ramifications for our staff. Tina and Jessie worked tirelessly to develop resources and programming during this time. Our library truly thrived during the harshest budget year in my time on the board. Once again, I would like to extend my thanks to Moose Jaw City Council for their support of public literacy in 2017.

Thank you to all the members of the board for the great work they did this year, continuing the work of and advocating for libraries. It is my great pleasure to serve with you.

Janice Lamb  
Chair, Moose Jaw Public Library

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## HEAD LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

2017 was quite a year at the Moose Jaw Public Library! Every year we find new ways to deliver the best in informational, educational, cultural, and entertaining resources and programming. This year we had the great honor of discovering how much our patrons love their library service. Thank you to everyone who advocated for their Library last year. We are excited to continue to find new ways to make you proud and it is an absolute pleasure to serve you.

We couldn't deliver our service without the dedicated group of Library Board members and The Friends of the Library who provide so much support for our programming and services. Thank you to both of those groups for their continued support. Every year we are lucky to work with numerous Community Organizations with whom we aim toward collaborating for better impact for an even greater Moose Jaw. Sincere thanks to all of our Community partners!

Deepest thanks to Assistant Head Librarian, Jessie Morris, and to Children's Librarian, Tina Dolcetti. Finally, thank you to the staff at the MJPL for their hard work in helping to make our library a great one!

Gwen Fisher  
Head Librarian, Moose Jaw Public Library

## Children's Department Report

- Moose Jaw Public Library is committed to educating young Moose Javians about their community and about future work opportunities. From hosting 2 CWEX students to delivering Maker Faires, touring the radio station, a restaurant, the Co Op, City Hall, the Fire Department, and the Police Department, we provided active learning experiences for our young patrons and hope to continue this into the future!



Mayor Tolmie does Storytime in the Park

- We made 27 visits to community organizations including parks last summer, engaging with 406 people who were able to keep learning while having fun!
- Our staff attended a comprehensive series of training workshops on early childhood literacy, and pioneered early literacy workshops in Moose Jaw in partnership with the Moose Jaw Literacy Network. The program was well received by both parents and children! Caregivers were especially appreciative of the hands-on family literacy activities ideas/tips.

## Adult Department Report

- In February, we hosted the **Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling Month** Launch event, celebrating traditional storytelling with a school tour, followed by an evening of storytelling in the MJPL Theatre.
- Our **Golden Gears** program, which paired student tech-experts with seniors in need of technology training, was a wildly successful intergenerational program.
- In support of the dads in our community and recognition of the importance of strong male role models we introduced **"Geek Dads and Super Kids"** for male role models and their young ones to come out and get geeky with our new maker program, full of robots, coding, and games to inspire participants to play and learn together!
- 2017 welcomed another exciting new program—our community choir, "Bel Coro" directed by community volunteer, Wanda Reid.
- In March, we celebrated **One Book One Province** with an author panel which featured several local authors, including David Carpenter, co-author of *The Education of Augie Merasty*.
- In June, we launched our first ever **Adult Summer Reading Club**—in which 87 adults participated with 171 check-ins throughout the summer! Our summer of fun concluded with **"Miss Information's Literary Trivia Night"** which put participants' literary and pop culture knowledge to the test!
- In celebration of Moose Jaw's incredible cultural diversity we partnered with Festival of Words, Moose Jaw Pride, Moose Jaw Museum & Art Gallery, Newcomer Welcome Centre, Tourism Moose Jaw, WACA, and Association Communautaire Fransaskoise to form a Culture Days Hub, themed **150+ Years of Stories**. As part of this hub, MJPL created its very first **Human Library Project** by inviting six members from our community to participate as "books" and share their incredible stories with us!