

**Present:**

**Regrets:**

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Board Feedback
3. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Minutes of September 4th 2024 meeting
  - b. Items for Information
    - i. Correspondence
      - a. BRCF – Irving Fund 2024 and CRA Changes
    - ii. Libraries in the News
      - a. \$25 Million in Federal Funding Announced to Help with the Cost of Sudbury's New Cultural Hub
      - b. 2024 Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence Booklet
  - c. Reports
    - i. Director's Report
    - ii. Program Overview to September 30 2024
    - iii. Program Report and Library Stats July and August 2024
    - iv. Program Report and Library Statistics September 2024
4. Items for Discussion and Decisions
  - a. Finance Committee Verbal Report
  - b. Policy Committee Verbal Report
  - c. Plan of Service Committee Verbal Report
  - d. Renee Greer – Verbal Report on Stronger Together Conference
  - e. Deferral of Bethany Grant to 2025 Budget
  - f. Allocate Reserve Funds for 2023 Pier Report
5. In Camera Items for Discussion
  - a. ADP and Payroll with Sherry Hauck
6. Items for Decision
  - a. ADP and Payroll

**Next regular Board meeting: November 20 2024, 5:00pm**

**Present:** Renee Greer (Chair), Naomi Finseth (Vice-Chair), Alyssa Martin (Director), Cheryl Dezall, Joy-Anne Murphy (City Council), Vikki Williams (Treasurer), Margaret Holliston (Secretary),

**Regrets:** Lucy Ernst, Peter Hamm, Don Simpson (Camrose Council).

**Guests:** Magaret Law

(Vikki joined the meeting at 5:27, having notified the board that she would be late.)

**Call to Order:** Chair Renee Greer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

1. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion 43/24 M/S/C** –Joy-Anne Murphy/Naomi Finseth: That the agenda be approved as amended: Item 4d. 2024 fund deferral to 2025 budget.

2. Board Feedback: Naomi reported that she promoted the survey to county residents over the summer break; others said they had also promoted the survey.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2024, meeting:

**Motion 44/24 M/S/C** – Naomi Finseth/Cheryl Dezall: That the minutes for June 19, 2024, be approved as presented.

b. Items for Information: Board members reviewed prior to the meeting.

c. Reports: Board members reviewed prior to the meeting.

4. Items for Discussion and Decision

a. Financial Committee Verbal Report: Met twice in August to help with budget preparation; plan to continue working on financial policy and the reporting process/format at the next meeting.

b. Policy Committee Verbal Report: Took a break over the summer and will resume with Governance Policy in the fall. (Also see June 19 minutes.)

c. Plan of Service Committee Verbal Report: Completing the consultation phase; summer focused on the survey (Jaywalkers, summer programs, Farmer's Market, ongoing in-house/on-line, and Community Registration Night on Sept. 5. Expect between 300 and 400 submissions.

d. Fund deferral: The Bethany Group recently donated funds to support the dementia program, notably the Mindmaster Newsletter. Funds exceed what is needed in 2024; it makes sense to defer an estimated unspent amount of \$1,030 at year-end to the 2025 budget.

**Motion 45/24 M/S/C** – Cheryl Dezall/Joy-Anne Murphy: That the board defer unspent funds from the Bethany Group's 2024 donation intended to help cover Mindmaster Newsletter printing costs to the 2025 budget for the same purpose.

5. In-Camera Presentation

**Motion 46/24 M/S/C** – Naomi Finseth/Margaret Holliston – That the board go in-camera.

**Motion 47/24 M/S/C** –Margaret Holliston/Joy-Anne Murphy – That the board go out of in-camera.

**Motion 48/24 M/S/C** –Joy-Anne Murphy/Naomi Finseth – That the board approve the proposed contract with Margaret Law, with a cap of \$15,000, to conduct an organization review, and that the funds come out of the CPL operating reserve.

It was noted that a second motion will be needed to approve exact amount when the invoice is submitted, anticipated by the end of the year.

6. In-Camera Presentation

**Motion 49/24 M/S/C** – Cheryl Dezell/Naomi Finseth – That the board go in-camera.

**Motion 50/24 M/S/C** – Cheryl Dezell/Margaret Holliston/– That the board go out of in-camera.

7. Items for Decision

a. 2025 and 2026 Draft Budgets

**Motion 51/24 M/S/C** – Margaret Holliston/Joy-Anne Murphy – That the board approve the draft 2025 and 2026 budgets as amended.

b. ADP and Payroll

**Motion 52/24 M/S/C** –Naomi Finseth/Cheryl Dezall – That the board approve contracting Salopek and Associates to conduct a payroll requisition, at a cost of up to \$3,700, and that the funds come out of the CPL operating reserve.

c. Organizational Review – See **Motion 28/24**, above.

d. Director's Annual Performance Evaluation

**Motion 52/24 M/S/C** –Naomi Finseth/Margaret Holliston – that the Director move up a grid from Step 3 to Step 4 effective July 1, 2024.

**Adjournment:** Chair Reneer Greer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

**Next regular Board meeting:** October 16, 2024, 5:00 pm



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September 10, 2024

Alyssa Martin, Director  
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Dear Alyssa,

I am pleased to advise you that a grant from the Ross and Denise Irving Fund in the amount of \$13,200 has been approved for the Camrose Public Library. Our cheque #4780 is enclosed.

As you are likely aware, Foundation grants for 2024 are determined by the investment income earned on Endowment Funds in the year prior to the grants being made. The principal balance of Endowed Funds is protected from the effects of inflation.

Changes to the Disbursement Quota by the Canada Revenue Agency, however, will see the Foundation go to a flat rate granting percentage moving forward. That said, the Foundation will continue to achieve the same goals we have always had in managing the funds: give annual grants to communities and ensure endowments can grow.

We appreciate when you offer recognition of these grants in a way that builds awareness of the Community Foundation and how it supports your community.

The Board Members of the Community Foundation extend their best wishes and thank you for the important contribution you make to our communities.

If you have any questions, please call Bobbi Way, Executive Director, at 780-679-0449.

Yours truly,

Bobbi Way  
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Sudbury

## \$25M in federal funding announced to help with the cost of Sudbury's new cultural hub

Building will house the city's main library and an art gallery and a multicultural centre

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Exterior sketches of the new cultural hub. The hub is planned to be located at Tom Davies Square. (Submitted by the City of Greater Sudbury)

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Sudbury's future "cultural hub" is getting an investment of \$25 million in federal funding.

The money will help cover about 40 per cent of the total cost of the project which aims to retrofit the Tom Davies Square building downtown to host the city's library and art organizations. Municipal funding is expected to make up the rest of the \$65 million needed to bring the project across the finish line.

"The cultural hub project at Tom Davies Square is a transformative opportunity for our community, allowing us to create a unique cultural destination that reflects our vibrant spirit." said Greater Sudbury Mayor Paul Lefebvre.

He called the federal support "pivotal in our mission to enrich the lives of our residents while upholding our dedication to environmental stewardship."

Federal funds come from the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program (GICB) and the Northern Ontario Development Program (NODP).

- [Greater Sudbury's Tom Davies Square could become a cultural hub in 2026](#)
- [Confederation Centre gets \\$47M to renovate former library space](#)

"\$25 million is the maximum any organization municipality in Canada could receive." said Nickel Belt Liberal MP, Marc Serré. "From a federal perspective, we're making sure we get our fair share."

The cultural hub will be home to the Art Gallery of Sudbury, the new central library, and the Sudbury Multicultural and Folk Arts Association.

The city says the facility will be a unique and exciting community space that provides residents with a variety of cultural and educational services in one convenient centralized location. It also promises a commitment to accessibility, environmental sustainability, multiculturalism, Indigeneity, social inclusion, and culture.

The cultural hub will be equipped with rest area seating, tactile guidance systems, charging stations for mobility devices, and voice announcements for floor identification. Sustainable upgrades include energy-efficient LED lighting and improved insulation to minimize heating and cooling loss.

Sudbury's MP, Viviane Lapointe called the federal money "an investment in our downtown and in our arts and culture. It's also a decisive investment in our future economy and the revitalization of our downtown area."

The building is expected to be ready in 2026.

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# 2024 Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence



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## Message from the Minister



It is with great pleasure that I announce the 10 winners of this year's Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence. These awards highlight the significant contributions made by Alberta's local governments and library boards in service to Albertans. It is an honour to recognize the many hours of effort, work, and dedication that went into these truly impressive projects.

Whether it's a city, town, village, or a municipal district or county, very little that happens in Alberta occurs outside of a municipality. In this respect, local governments are the unsung heroes of everyday life, working behind the scenes to deliver valuable services and programs that countless Albertans rely on. Their ability to deliver these essential services directly translates into a better quality of life for all residents, ultimately fostering more connected, vibrant and sustainable communities. The municipal component of these awards reflects the wide range of services, programs, and initiatives that often fall under municipal governance. Congratulations to this year's winners, and thank you for sharing your successes with us.

Public libraries are invaluable community hubs, offering a wealth of services and programs that significantly enhance the lives of members in the community. By providing a welcoming space for learning, community engagement, and skill-building, public libraries empower Albertans to pursue their educational goals, enhance their job prospects, and contribute more fully to their communities. In doing so, they play a vital role in fostering inclusivity, lifelong learning, and economic opportunity for all. Recipients of this year's public library awards exemplify the very best that our libraries can offer our communities; congratulations to the winners and thank you for sharing your stories with us.

To pull off these awards every year, Municipal Affairs relies on an expert review committee made up of municipal and public library representatives. For the municipality awards, thank you to representatives from Alberta Municipalities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, the Local Government Administration Association, the Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators' Association, and the Society of Local Government Managers. I would also like to thank our library award representatives from the Alberta Library Trustees Association and the Library Association of Alberta. Thank you for your time, efforts, and thoughtful contributions.

Once again, congratulations to this year's winners on this well-deserved honor, and thank you to everyone who submitted an entry for consideration.

**Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs**

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## About the awards



Since 2002, the Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence program has encouraged municipalities to share their successes by recognizing accomplishments in the provision of municipal services in Alberta. The Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Library Service were created in 2010. The two programs were combined in 2022 to ensure both municipalities and public libraries could be recognized for their work.

Each year, municipalities and public library boards submit successful initiatives to be considered for recognition.

Submissions include new and unique approaches to issues, streamlined processes for existing practices, and creative community partnerships. Submissions must show the practice addressed a community need and has been in place for enough time to produce verifiable results.

For 2024, submissions were received from municipalities in the categories of Building Economic Strength, Enhancing Community Safety, Partnership, Red Tape Reduction, Service

Delivery Enhancement, and Smaller Municipalities. Public library board submissions were considered in two categories: Public Library Services (serving under 10,000 population) and Public Library Services (serving over 10,000 population),

Municipal submissions were evaluated by a panel of municipal representatives from Alberta Municipalities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Local Government Administration Association, Society of Local Government Managers, and Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators' Association. Public library board submissions were evaluated by representatives from the Alberta Library Trustees Association and the Library Association of Alberta.

Review committee members considered how submitted initiatives demonstrated measurable and sustainable impacts, used innovative approaches to meet community challenges and needs, the transferability and applicability of the initiative for other municipalities to support learning and knowledge sharing, and the quality of the submission.

## Award categories

### Building Economic Strength Category



The Business and Entrepreneur Centre is a gathering place for events, summits and workshops.

**The Building Economic Strength award is given to an innovative initiative that builds economic capacity, fosters community resiliency, or improves the attractiveness of the community to businesses, investors, and visitors.**

#### 2024 AWARD RECIPIENT

**Leduc County: *Redevelopment of the Nisku Recreation Centre***

The Nisku Recreation Centre (NRC) was repurposed into the Leduc County Business and Entrepreneur Centre (BEC), addressing the challenge of a closed municipal asset. Closed municipal buildings often become neglected liabilities, but innovative strategies and partnerships can transform them into economic hubs. Nisku did not have a central business resource and networking hub, which was needed especially during economic downturns.

The BEC's goals included revitalizing the NRC, optimizing land and building use, establishing an economic development team, and engaging the business community. Opened in March 2023, the BEC now offers co-working spaces, a social area, a commercial kitchen, a coffee bar, and a retail pantry. These features have supported start-ups in various sectors, fostered business connections, and created an innovative ecosystem.

The project has helped people in the community to get along better and learn about different cultures. The BEC promotes sustainability and inclusivity, with initiatives like community herb planters and composting programs. The BEC has attracted four new businesses and created more than 16 jobs in 2023. It has also helped start or grow 32 businesses, supported 84 experts in their fields, and trained 143 people.

#### BUILDING ECONOMIC STRENGTH: OTHER INITIATIVES

**Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo: *Downtown Revitalization Incentives Program***

The *Downtown Revitalization Incentives Program* offers matching grants for the rejuvenation of Fort McMurray's downtown. The program's objectives include retaining and encouraging new businesses, increasing downtown vibrancy, enhancing decorative qualities of private buildings, and leveraging public funding to increase private investments. Launched in June 2020 and expanded through phases, the program supports aesthetic, accessibility, and security improvements to commercial, institutional, mixed-use, and residential buildings. Despite economic challenges, including the oil industry downturn and natural disasters like floods and the COVID-19 pandemic, \$9 million was approved for 275 projects by April 2023. Future program revisions aim to further enhance safety, aesthetics, and revive vacant buildings, leveraging community feedback and partnerships for continued success.



## Award categories

### Enhancing Community Safety Category



Family Violence Liaison and stakeholder members attend AJHL Whitecourt Wolverines home game to spread awareness on Family Violence Prevention Month, along with an honorary puck drop, proceeded by a moment of silence for all those affected or harmed by family violence.

**The Enhancing Community Safety award is given to an innovative initiative that engages the community to address a safety issue. This could involve crime prevention, infrastructure enhancements, or community service initiatives.**

#### 2024 AWARD RECIPIENT

##### Town of Whitecourt: *Whitecourt Family Violence Initiative*

The *Whitecourt Family Violence Initiative*, started in 2004, is a community-based program aimed at reducing family violence. Supported by the Town of Whitecourt and with funding from the Alberta government, the initiative uses best practices to provide supports and services to community members.

Family violence is a significant issue that affects the entire community. Local trends show many calls related to domestic disputes, child custody issues, and breaches of no contact orders. The initiative partners with various organizations, including the RCMP, Victim Services, and the Boys & Girls Club, meeting monthly to address community issues. The initiative has three main pillars: support, intervention, and prevention. Unique in Alberta, *Support* offers a court-coordination program and the New Hope program for adults and Roots for children, which support both victims and offenders to help end the cycle of violence. *Intervention* involves immediate response and coordination with law enforcement and legal systems. *Prevention* focuses on community education and awareness activities.

In 2023, the Initiative responded to 176 RCMP-generated files and made 355 client referrals. The New Hope program was condensed into a two-day format, and additional funding was received to expand programming, especially for youth.

#### ENHANCING COMMUNITY SAFETY: OTHER INITIATIVES

##### City of Edmonton: *Vision Zero + 40 km/h Speed Limit Reduction*

Edmonton's Safe Mobility Strategy 2021-2025 aims to achieve Vision Zero for zero traffic-related serious injuries and fatalities by 2032. A key action is reducing the default speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h, supported by traffic-calming tools and public education. Lower speeds make streets safer by giving drivers more reaction time and reducing collision severity. Implemented in August 2021, this change is expected to reduce fatalities by 20 per cent and injuries by 10 per cent. Edmonton has added nearly 500 traffic calming measures to enforce the new speed limit. The strategy emphasizes community support and serves as a model for other cities.

##### City of Leduc: *Traffic Advisory Committee*

The *Traffic Advisory Committee* (TAC) enhances community safety by advising the City of Leduc on vehicle and pedestrian movement. Comprised of city officials and public safety representatives, TAC evaluates traffic, implementing improvements through a dedicated budget. Key initiatives include a 40 km/h residential speed reduction pilot program,

crosswalk safety enhancements with better signage and solar flashers, and traffic-calming measures, such as speed tables and road closures. TAC also recommended traffic bylaw amendments, including a temporary parking ban for improved snow removal. TAC provides a vital platform for addressing public traffic concerns, promoting safer streets, and fostering community involvement.

### **Strathcona County: *Next Generation 9-1-1***

Strathcona County's Public Safety Answer Point (PSAP) was the first in Canada to implement the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) technology. The *Next Generation 9-1-1 initiative* aims to establish a secure, reliable network and improve emergency response using advanced digital technologies. Strathcona County's implementation serves 168,000 citizens across 30 municipalities and supports the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission mandate that requires all PSAPs be upgraded by 2025. Strathcona County influenced and upgraded 9-1-1 service provider designs, including continuous 9-1-1 service during the transition, ensuring continuity and integrity of response services. Through collaboration with providers and sharing their experiences with other municipalities, Strathcona County has played a leadership role in preparing other municipalities for a transition to NG9-1-1.



## Award categories

### Partnership Category

The Partnership award is given to an innovative initiative involving a local or regional partnership that achieves results that could otherwise not have been accomplished by the municipality alone. This could involve cooperation, coordination, collaboration with other municipalities, businesses, Indigenous communities, non-profit organizations, community groups, and other orders of government to achieve a specific outcome.



The endless dedication of the Vegreville and Area Stands With Ukraine Committee has touched the lives of many.

#### 2024 AWARD RECIPIENT

##### **Town of Vegreville: *Vegreville and Area Stands with Ukraine***

The *Vegreville and Area Stands with Ukraine Committee* was established in 2022 with the aim to support displaced Ukrainians who chose Vegreville as their new home, following the outbreak of war. Vegreville, with its deep Ukrainian heritage, empathized with the plight of those affected by war. Powered by community efforts, and facilitated by the Town, a town hall was held to establish the Committee to streamline volunteer work, fundraise, and provide immigration support.

The Town, and its partners - the Vegreville and Area Stands with Ukraine Committee, the Vegreville Cultural Association, and St. Michael's Vegreville Manor - worked together to provide supports and resources to Ukrainian refugee newcomers to their community.

The Committee and volunteers, many Ukrainian speaking, assisted newcomers with housing, healthcare, and integration into Canadian life. Supported by widespread donations and fundraising events, the Committee's community-driven approach raised over \$120,000 in financial aid and facilitated essential services like housing setup, groceries, and education.

The Committee also extended its reach beyond Vegreville, aiding Ukrainian refugees across Canada. The initiative not only united locals but also showcased solidarity and compassion in times of crisis. By bridging cultural and linguistic barriers, the Vegreville and Area Stands with Ukraine Committee ensured that newcomers found more than shelter—they found a supportive community in Vegreville, fostering hope for a secure future.

#### **PARTNERSHIP: OTHER INITIATIVES**

##### **Town of Bashaw: *Regional Truck Flush***

The Regional Flush Truck initiative benefited the Town of Bashaw and the Village of Rosalind by offering reduced-cost access to vital services that are challenging to maintain, such as drainage, water, and sewer infrastructure. The Village of Rosalind secured grant funds to purchase a hydrovac truck and the Town of Bashaw assisted with cross-training staff, enhancing sustainability and operational efficiency. The collaborative effort addressed challenges such as high service costs and contractor availability during emergencies. Initially established in 2014, the partnership evolved to provide broader community access to the truck, demonstrating a successful model for cost-effective equipment sharing among rural municipalities.

##### **City of Lacombe: *City of Lacombe Community Builder***

Lacombe City Council revised its *Community Builder Partnership* grant program in 2023, expanding to include funding for cultural, recreational, and social initiatives. The city, partnering with nine organizations, provided the guidance and resources to encourage citizens to be involved in the creation, expansion, and ongoing work within the community. The City of Lacombe granted over \$97,000 in funding to nine organizations, supporting seven events, one new program, and three capital projects. This initiative helped three new groups become registered non-profits and boosted involvement in projects and events that were designed to benefit all ages. This partnership encouraged community ownership and collaboration, achieving multiple projects with limited city investment.

### **Town of Smoky Lake: *Metis Crossing Solar Project***

In 2020, the *Metis Crossing Solar Project* was the most northern grid-connected solar initiative in Alberta, aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and generate community benefits. The Town of Smoky Lake, Métis Nation of Alberta, and Smoky Lake County partnered to create a 4.86 megawatt (MW) solar project at Metis Crossing, costing \$13.35 million. Despite supply chain and labour challenges, the project succeeded, with grids energized by December 2023.

As of March 22, 2024, the production of power was at 716 MW/h. The projected power production is 8000 MW of energy per year. The Town will receive 15% of the net profits of the solar revenue which will be used for community development in the Smoky Lake Region. The partnership highlights collaborative success in achieving environmental goals and community improvements.

### **City of Spruce Grove: *Regional Partnership for Commuter, Local and Paratransit Services***

The Tri-Region transit service, a partnership between the City of Spruce Grove, Town of Stony Plain, and Parkland County, integrates local and paratransit systems to enhance commuter experiences. This regional collaboration launched on-demand transit services, improving accessibility and connectivity across the Tri-Municipal Region and the Edmonton Metro area. The service features over 400 virtual stops and a single booking platform, offering flexible and affordable transit options. With the City of Spruce Grove providing operational leadership, the partnership leverages shared resources and expertise. This initiative demonstrates the benefits of integrated regional transit, promoting economic development, social inclusion, and sustainable community growth while addressing the unique challenges of suburban and rural transit systems.

### **Town of Vermillion: *Fibre Install Future Proofs Vermillion!***

The *Fibre Install Future Proofs Vermillion!* initiative provided high-speed fibre to all of Vermillion. Through a partnership with Alberta Broadband Networks, high-speed fibre was installed in under eight months in 2022. With speeds from 1GIG scalable to 10GIG symmetrical, Vermillion is one of the first communities in rural Alberta to provide this type of fibre infrastructure. This connectivity supports businesses, healthcare, education, and tourism, highlighting Vermillion as an attractive community for business and residents. Despite challenges, the initiative's success shows rural areas can lead in technology and attract investment, business and visitors. It provides sustainability for the community for generations to come.

### **Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo: *Indigenous Community Capacity Program***

The *Indigenous Community Capacity Program* (ICCP) in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) funds local First Nations and Métis Communities through Protocol Agreements. The Protocol Agreements provide capacity funding to ensure that Métis communities and First Nations are compensated for their time, knowledge, and participation in these municipal discussions and initiatives. These Agreements, based on Truth and Reconciliation principles and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, aim to enhance collaboration on economic, cultural, and social initiatives. Indigenous feedback and input is requested by the RMWB, to shape community projects and services effectively. Annual funding supports these partnerships, with a goal for all 12 communities to sign agreements in 2024. The ICCP ensures Indigenous voices shape community decisions, fostering mutual respect and advancing reconciliation efforts in the region.

## Award categories

### Public Library Services (Serving Over 10,000 Population) Category

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#### 2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS

##### City of Edmonton Library Board: *Together We Grow*

Edmonton Public Library's *Together We Grow* is a program that cultivates meaningful intergenerational connections by bringing together young children (0-3 years) and their caregivers with older adults residing in retirement communities. Through engaging sessions, hosted in retirement residences across Edmonton, participants share in early literacy activities like singing, rhyming, and storytelling. Beyond the literacy component, dedicated time for unstructured play and social interaction offers a unique opportunity to build appreciation, understanding, and empathy between generations.

Developed in response to the growing challenge of social isolation and limited intergenerational interaction in urban environments, *Together We Grow* demonstrates excellence in its ability to meet the needs of various stakeholder groups. Building on EPL's well established early literacy programming,

staff were deliberate in adapting content to be accessible, inclusive, and engaging for all participants. A focus on traditional rhymes, songs, and stories was implemented to resonate across generations. In partnering with retirement residences, the initiative not only extends the reach of library services but also leverages underutilized community spaces and helps meet the care needs of older adults in assisted living environments.

Ultimately, *Together We Grow* exemplifies EPL's community-led service philosophy by demonstrating collaboration and resourcefulness in addressing community challenges too big for any one organization to tackle alone. With strong participation rates—seeing an average of 34 participants across 15 sessions delivered as part of a pilot series—and overwhelmingly positive feedback, the program is well positioned for continued growth in the years to come.

##### City of St. Albert Library Board: *Community Tea and Bannock*

*Community Tea and Bannock* is a monthly drop-in gathering, hosted in partnership with the St. Albert-Sturgeon County Métis Local 1904, where all community members are invited to come together, make new friends, and share stories over traditional Indigenous refreshments. Taking place in St. Albert Public Library's "Community Living Room," a recently renovated space on the main floor of the downtown library, the monthly event is informal by design—with no prepared



A heartwarming meeting between the youngest and oldest generations. One of many precious moments experienced in every *Together We Grow* session.



A small portion of the crowd gathered for one of the monthly *Community Tea and Bannock* gatherings. The relaxed setting facilitates easy connections and conversations.

speeches, presentations, or activities—and instead seeks to create a relaxed and welcoming environment where connection and conversation can happen naturally.

Inspired by SAPL's service priority "Pursue Truth and Reconciliation," one of three priorities set out in the library's 2023-2028 strategic plan, the Community Tea and Bannock initiative was implemented as means to support all community members in their Truth and Reconciliation journeys while also fostering a sense of belonging at the library for Indigenous community members. While it may appear simple on the surface, the initiative is the culmination of many years of relationship-building and significant community consultation. With attendance as high as 100 participants at a single event, bringing in individuals of all ages and backgrounds, the interest and support of the community is abundantly clear.

Beyond the strong engagement metrics, *Community Tea and Bannock* best demonstrates excellence in its community-led foundations and emphasis on gathering and togetherness as a service. With the monthly events scheduled for the foreseeable future, the program is expected to continue advancing its goals and further establish the library as a gathering place for all.

## **PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES (SERVING OVER 10,000 POPULATION): SHORTLISTED INITIATIVES**

### **Barrhead Library Board: *LEGO Club***

Barrhead Public Library's *LEGO Club* is a longstanding initiative that provides opportunities for community members of all ages to express creativity and experience the joy of learning through play. Beginning on a small scale in 2014, the initiative has consistently grown and evolved over the years and now features monthly challenges, hundreds of pounds of LEGO for loan and in-library use, library display space for public creations, and a large collection of *LEGO*-related books and materials. Demonstrating excellence in its longevity, reach, and continual innovation, *LEGO Club* is expected to remain a community staple for years to come.

### **City of Fort Saskatchewan Library Board: *January: Reading is My Jam***

Fort Saskatchewan Public Library's *January: Reading is My Jam* was a community-driven initiative to support the local food bank. By way of a reading contest involving local schools, where every page read generated donations from local partner organizations, the library raised funds for purchasing jam. The winning school logged over 30,000 minutes of reading and delighted in winning the coveted "Golden Jam Jar" trophy. Beyond helping the local food bank address an identified need, the initiative raised awareness of food security issues, promoted literacy among school children, and fostered a spirit of collaboration by bringing community together behind a shared cause.

### **Town of Okotoks Library Board: *Jump Start Literacy Kits***

Okotoks Public Library's *Jump Start Literacy Kits* are a collection of themed kits designed to help young children and their families disconnect from the digital world, improve literacy, and engage in meaningful play. Each themed kit contains carefully selected books, activities, and toys, along with an informative guide for caregivers, all contained in a colourful and fun carrying case. The included guides feature tips for encouraging engagement and comprehension as well as information about other library resources and services relevant to children and families.



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#### 2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS

##### Town of Athabasca Library Board: *One Book, One Community – Athabasca*

*One Book, One Community – Athabasca* (OBOC) is a program designed to encourage community members to collectively read a book and then come together to discuss and participate in related events. Facilitated by the Alice B. Donahue Library and Archives, and run in partnership with members of local book clubs and other community groups, the primary goals of OBOC are to support literacy, celebrate and promote Canadian authors, and strengthen community solidarity through the shared experience of reading.

Despite its small size, the Town of Athabasca is a diverse community with multiple viewpoints and opinions amongst those who call it home. When a growing sense of social division and isolation began to emerge in the community, the library identified a need to bring people together and provide opportunities for respectful discourse, sharing, and learning. OBOC was introduced as a means to address that critical need while also promoting the public library and its services.



Alice B. Donahue Library and Archives staff 'get caught' reading the 2023 OBOC selection, *Homes: A Refugee Story*. OBOC seeks to engage all community members, including library staff.

Since its inception in 2021, OBOC has seen the community engage with a variety of books featuring themes such as climate change, LGBTQ2S+ experiences, Indigenous culture and history, refugee and new Canadian experiences, and more. The book discussions and related events, such as film screenings and author talks, have brought in hundreds of participants annually as the initiative continues to evolve with new partnerships and event offerings each year. Ultimately, the success of OBOC has driven increased levels of community collaboration and engagement with benefits extending far beyond the library.

##### Town of Carstairs Library Board: *Tough Topic Kits*

Carstairs Public Library's *Tough Topic Kits* are a collection of curated library materials and other community resources designed to help adults and teens engage with challenging topics related to mental health and personal well-being. The current collection of kits address topics such as addiction, depression, grief, healthy relationships, identity and self-discovery, mindfulness, and more. Each kit contains three to four books, an audiovisual item, an activity to support learning, and a folder with information about available local supports.

The kits came to be in the years following the COVID-19 pandemic, as the Carstairs Public Library recognized a need for increased support around mental health and wellness. While the library had already begun expanding its collection of materials relevant to mental health, a tragedy at a local school accelerated the need for a response and demonstrated that



A small sample of the materials available in Carstairs Public Library's *Tough Topic Kits*. The inclusion of community resources in each kit helps connect individuals with local supports beyond the library.



the library alone could not tackle the problem. Having prior experience with commercially available mental health kits for children, the library decided to develop their own kits for teens and adults with a focus on locally available resources. Through collaboration with community service agencies and healthcare providers, the kits provide an accessible entry point to tackling tough topics and getting connected with professional supports.

Although still a relatively new initiative, the kits have seen strong usage both by individuals and community partners. With a model that can be easily expanded on, and partnership opportunities to help increase access on a regional level, the impact of the *Tough Topic Kits* is only expected to grow.

## **PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES (SERVING UNDER 10,000 POPULATION): SHORTLISTED INITIATIVES**

### **Town of Diamond Valley Library Board: *Podcast Room***

Sheep River Public Library's *Podcast Room* is a dedicated soundproof recording space complete with all the professional-grade equipment necessary to produce high-quality audio recordings. Developed in response to community requests, the *Podcast Room* provides a unique service previously unavailable at any facility in Diamond Valley. Since being completed in 2023, the space has been used by individuals and groups of all ages for podcasts, livestreams, audiobook recordings, sound bites for news articles, and more. Several of the podcasts produced in the space are even available worldwide on podcast platforms like Spotify. As interest in podcasting and other audio-based mediums continues to grow, the library's space stands to remain a valuable resource that fosters creative expression.

### **Frog Lake First Nations Library Board: *Indigenous Vendors Market***

Frog Lake Library's *Indigenous Vendors Market* is an ongoing event series where entrepreneurs, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, can showcase their talents and reach a broader client base. With a diverse array of traditional workmanship, art, and locally sourced products, the market celebrates Indigenous culture and heritage while contributing to the vitality of the local economy. The markets have been well attended, with the busiest single day market featuring more than 10 vendors and bringing in upwards of 75 attendees. In addition to supporting small business, the market serves as a vibrant place for community connection and has helped promote the library and its services.

### **Town of Sundre Library Board: *Provincial Election Brochure***

Sundre Municipal Library's *Provincial Election Brochure* was a resource designed to empower area residents to be better informed and prepared to vote in the 2023 provincial election. The brochure compiled information about all candidates running in the local riding, candidate answers to a series of questions relevant to the Sundre community, and specific details on where, when, and how to vote. Nearly 500 copies of the brochure were distributed in-person and online; in addition, it was shared with 7 other public libraries in the riding thereby extending its benefit beyond Sundre alone. With strong usage and overwhelmingly positive feedback, the initiative demonstrates the important role libraries can play in ensuring residents are informed and engaged in the democratic process.

## Award categories

### Red Tape Reduction Category



Lacombe County's annual planning review ensures our planning documents are responsive to the evolving vision of our community.

The Red Tape Reduction award is given for an innovative initiative that improves a municipal program or service by saving time, money, and resources, or impacts municipal operations by reducing regulatory, policy, or process requirements.

#### 2024 AWARD RECIPIENT

##### **Lacombe County: *Lacombe County's Annual Planning Review***

In 2017, Lacombe County introduced an innovative Annual Planning Review process in its Municipal Development Plan (MDP) to enhance efficiency and reduce red tape. This new approach minimizes the need for large-scale updates every few years, while ensuring the plan remains aligned with community needs and goals on an ongoing basis.

With an annual review process, the County can quickly identify and address issues by evaluating each policy using metrics, tracking public submissions throughout the year, and integrating community feedback. The County's method involves openly assessing policies, which helps keep the MDP current and relevant without the lengthy procedures often associated with major updates. This approach not only streamlines the process but also helps the Council and Administration make decisions together, making the whole process more efficient.

Lacombe County's Review process stands out in municipal planning by addressing the common issue of outdated plans. The process also supports the County's strategic priorities of economic growth, environmental stewardship, and infrastructure development. Through this ongoing effort, Lacombe County sets an example of effective governance and adaptive planning that can be adopted by municipalities aiming to streamline the review of their planning frameworks.

#### RED TAPE REDUCTION: OTHER INITIATIVES

##### **City of Edmonton: *Zoning Bylaw Renewal Initiative***

The *Zoning Bylaw Renewal Initiative* is an overhaul of Edmonton's 1961 zoning laws to support the city's growth and competitiveness. Guided by the city plan, the new bylaw increases housing options, business opportunities, and development flexibility, simplifying regulations and processes. The revised bylaw, effective January 1, 2024, aims to reduce unnecessary barriers by cutting the number of zones, uses, and overlays, making the regulations clearer and more inclusive. The changes foster a more efficient development process, supporting diverse housing and business innovations while advancing equity and sustainability goals, ultimately making Edmonton a more livable and adaptable city.

## Award categories

### Service Delivery Enhancement Category



To decrease material going to landfill and empower residents to live an environmentally conscientious, creative and community minded lifestyle, the HodgePodge Lodge in Strathcona County collects a mishmash of items that can be reused or repurposed and makes them available to customers for free.

**The Service Delivery Enhancement award is given for an innovative initiative that improves or presents a new approach to how a municipality can deliver a program or service.**

#### 2024 AWARD RECIPIENT

**Strathcona County: “HodgePodge Lodge – Strathcona County’s Reuse Program”**

Strathcona County’s *HodgePodge Lodge* is a reuse initiative designed to reduce landfill waste and encourage eco-friendly living. The Lodge, built from reusable materials itself, is a hub where the public can bring or pickup items that are hard to recycle and not accepted by other reuse or donation centers. This aligns with the County’s 10-year Waste Roadmap, focusing on rethinking waste management to promote a circular economy.

The Lodge aims to extend the life of items, divert materials from landfills, and create community awareness about reuse. It has been fully operational since February 2023, and in its first year, over 244,000 kg of items circulated through the Lodge. The site has attracted thousands of users, fostering social connections and partnerships with non-profits for work experience and material needs.

The initiative has not only impacted waste diversion but also strengthened community bonds. Strathcona County plans to expand the Lodge’s offerings to include sharing libraries, repair workshops, and education sessions, making it a community hub for sustainability and social interaction.

#### SERVICE DELIVERY ENHANCEMENT: OTHER INITIATIVES

**Leduc County: *Council Code of Conduct Bylaw***

Leduc County’s amended Council Code of Conduct bylaw prioritizes decorum, accountability, and effective governance. It fosters respectful interactions among council members by mandating an informal complaint process overseen by an ethics commissioner to ensure impartiality. This update aims to reduce costly disputes, enhancing governance efficiency. Through clear guidelines and facilitated resolutions, the bylaw encourages collaborative problem-solving. Implemented after careful consideration and legal consultation, it reflects best practices to maintain council cohesion and public trust. Leduc County’s proactive approach promotes sustainable, respectful conduct among elected officials for effective municipal leadership.

**Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo: *It's Time to Read Book Club***

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's It's Time to Read Book Club, launched in January 2022, promotes understanding of Indigenous history and reconciliation. In partnership with the Wood Buffalo Regional Library, this book club encourages reading works by Indigenous authors to raise awareness of Indigenous cultures, histories, and contemporary issues. It provides a platform for meaningful conversations about reconciliation, intergenerational trauma, the legacy of residential schools, and how these issues impact Indigenous Peoples today. This collaborative effort fosters inclusivity and supports the healing and empowerment of local Indigenous peoples.



## Award categories

### Smaller Municipalities Category



Metis Crossing, Smoky Lake County

**The Smaller Municipalities category is open to municipalities with populations less than 5,000. The award is given for a municipal initiative that demonstrates leadership, resourcefulness, or innovation, or both, to better the community.**

#### 2024 AWARD RECIPIENT

##### **Smoky Lake County: *North Saskatchewan Canadian Heritage River Initiative***

The *North Saskatchewan Heritage River Initiative*, spearheaded by Smoky Lake County, is a comprehensive effort to safeguard the cultural, ecological, and historical heritage of the North Saskatchewan River in Alberta. It brings together government bodies, Indigenous communities, and environmental organizations to protect and promote the river's significance. The initiative focuses on environmental conservation, cultural preservation, sustainable recreational opportunities, and stakeholder collaboration. Key efforts include conserving natural habitats, protecting Indigenous cultural heritage, and promoting sustainable practices and public awareness.

This initiative started in Fall 2019, moved to the nomination stage in August 2022, and culminated in February 2024 with the official Canadian Heritage River Designation being granted. This designation fosters inter-jurisdictional partnerships, sustainable economic and tourism

development, intercultural exchanges, and environmental stewardship. The initiative has driven significant ecological restoration, cultural revitalization, and public engagement, resulting in improved water quality, habitat restoration, and increased participation in cultural events and educational programs.

Innovative practices, such as using cutting-edge technologies for conservation and leveraging digital platforms for public engagement, have enhanced the initiative's impact. This project has positively affected the region's economy by promoting sustainable tourism, preserving Indigenous heritage, and improving the river ecosystem's health and vitality. The initiative's success is reflected in its substantial funding, broad support from stakeholders, and effective collaboration, laying the foundation for a sustainable future for the North Saskatchewan River and its surrounding communities.

#### **SMALLER MUNICIPALITIES: OTHER INITIATIVES**

##### **Town of Bashaw: *Sustainable Water Reduction Strategy***

The aim of the *Sustainable Water Reduction Strategy* initiative was to improve the Town of Bashaw's water system by locating, reducing, and eliminating water loss. Water loss strategies, including preventative maintenance, water loss reduction, system monitoring, and innovative technology use, were implemented. Facing a 33 per cent water loss and high costs, the town replaced 100 water meters, conducted site



inspections, and used AI monitors to identify leaks. Significant leaks were found, with repairs in one location dropping daily water use by 16 per cent. Efforts continued with monthly water billing, AI testing, and staggered pump use, aiming to meet the province's 10 per cent water-use reduction mandate during drought conditions. These measures reduced water loss to 22% per cent, reduced costs, stabilized prices, and enhanced sustainability, offering valuable insights for other municipalities facing similar challenges.

**Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133: *Fostering Sustainability and Viability in Rural Alberta***

The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 partnered with Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) to maintain local AFSC services by offering free office space in their administration building. This ensured farmers could access essential services without traveling to Grande Prairie. Additionally, the municipal district provided office space for a local fish & wildlife officer and a parole officer, retaining jobs and services within the community, supporting the local economy, and fostering strong relationships with provincial agencies and community organizations. This collaboration highlights the importance of innovative solutions to sustain the viability of small towns.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 ALBERTA  
MINISTER'S AWARDS FOR MUNICIPAL AND  
PUBLIC LIBRARY EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS!**

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## Director's Report

October 8 2024

Alyssa Martin

### Community Registration Night

CPL attended Community Registration Night for general outreach, and to get feedback on our Plan of Service. It was an excellent opportunity to sign people up for free library cards, push our promotion with local businesses, and to connect with the public regarding their hopes for CPL for the next 5 years. It would be a good opportunity for the Fellowship of the Camrose Public Library, as well as the Board for Camrose Public Library to recruit new board members for next year.

### Kinette Donation

CPL was surprised with a \$1000 donation from the Kinette's club. They helped to host Taste Night at the Museum. Many other local organizations received funding support as well. CPL may want to express our gratitude by helping to promote the event next year.

### Fellowship of the Camrose Public Library

Fundraising brain storming continues with FCPL. Multiple members have been assisting me in finding grants and external donors. They will also be looking at next steps for a casino night, and to obtain their own charitable number.

### Budget Presentation to Camrose City Council

The 2025 + 2026 budget presentation went well. City Council asked questions regarding:

- How do we count/track wifi use?
- Is exam invigilation based on cost-recovery, or a flat fee?
- How many clients are attending the newcomer program?
- Clarification sought on the percentage increase regarding funding for 2025, and 2026.
- Clarification sought that no one is working alone in the library at any time (no one ever works alone)
- Clarification on how a table was displayed, regarding what our extra financial ask was.
- Is there a legislative requirement for CPL to be in Parkland Regional Library System?
- Snacks in the Stacks – Does it still continue? How many are we seeing attend per week?
- Speaker Series – What degree of collaboration do we have with Augustana regarding a speaker series?



- Clarity that we are asking for an 8% increase for both years cumulatively.
- Clarity of the range of funding that CPL was requesting.
- Is there any consideration of something simple, such as raising the invigilation charge?
- How do we measure visits per hour? (Door Counter) An electronic device that is motion sensitive?

We usually receive word regarding our funding near the beginning of December.

### **Library Card Sign-Up Promotion**

To celebrate Canadian Library Month, CPL and PRL have a lot of initiatives! For the months of September and October, PRL has a visa gift-card draw for anyone who gets or renews their library card. For the month of October, PRL have also decided to run the Golden Ticket contest again, where a ticket is hidden in the library every day. The person who finds it is entered into a draw to win a prize.

Additionally, CPL decided to revive an old initiative with local businesses. From October 15 – November 15, if you show your library card at 6 businesses, you can receive a special offer, ranging from entering a draw, to 30% off purchases. This has proven to be a very popular initiative.

Last year, all the initiatives were focused solely on October. This year they have been spread across September and October, which is working much better. In 2023, from September 1 – October 8, CPL created 104 new library cards, and renewed 77.

This year, from September 1 – October 8, CPL has far surpassed those numbers, and have created 232 new library cards, and renewed 342. There is a possibility that we are robbing new card stats from the end of October in comparison to last year, but we have already beat the number of renewals that CPL saw between September 1 – October 31 in 2023 (195 renewals). In September and October of 2023, we created 394 cards. We have already renewed 342 cards in 2024, which implies that we are retaining every new membership we received from 2023.

### **CSL Placements**

CPL has numerous CSL placements this term. Most CSL placements are for 20 hours, and see an Augustana student volunteer out in the community for credit. CPL has had a long history of hosting CSL placements, and has at least one most terms.

- 2 students are joining the Snacks in the Stacks program. They will be supervised by the programmers, and will assist in food preparation, the program, and cleanup.



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- 1 student is joining our Navigating Camrose program, which adds another English speaker to the group to help participants practice English, and have someone with local university experience to speak with. I am supervising this position.
- We also have a special research based, 40 hour position. I am supervising 3 students (2 business, and 1 political science) who will be creating a report outlining the economic benefits of the Camrose Public Library to the City of Camrose, and potentially making the argument for a new building. CPL has never hosted a CSL position like this before, so we will see what is feasible as we proceed. We started the position off with a meeting where we discussed all the different ways to think about economic arguments for the library, and I provided them with materials and reports to help them brainstorm how they might approach this research question. I am looking forward to a new perspective on public libraries, and I hope this experience gives all of us some helpful learning opportunities.

Camrose Public Library  
 Adult Programs  
 January 1 to September 30, 2024

Outreach	Program	Attendance
Deliveries to Care Facilites	82	656
German Circle Online	31	103
Ukulele Online	30	86
Mind Masters	9	2018
Augustana Preview Days	1	40
Tech Essentials with FCSS	4	44
Harp Holiday Outreach	1	3
Seniors Week Advocacy Events	2	24
Bethany Pride	1	16
SRC Walking Book Club	6	14
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Film	1	49
	168	3053

In House	Program	Attendance
Spanish	31	219
Ukulele	23	220
Fibre Club	33	138
Drum Circle with CMHA	9	71
French (Wednesday) CANCELLED	4	4
French (Thursday)	14	32
Climate Café	7	38
Cricut Classes	14	67
Life Skills 101	1	17
How To: Canva	1	19
How To: Chat GPT	1	10
Intellectual Freedom & Libraries	1	18
Fellowship Open House	1	30
Mending March	4	14
Advanced Makers with Makers Making Change	1	2
vermicomposting	1	8
Emergency Preparedness	1	5
Harp Holiday	4	33
Caregiver Connection with CMHA	1	3
Yogan with Brad	2	9
Orange Shirt Mooshide Beading	2	26
	156	983

<b>Total</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>4036</b>
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Camrose Public Library  
Family Programs  
January 1 to September 30, 2024

Outreach	Program	Attendance
Read for 15	1	4167
Chuck Maclean Family workshops	6	99
Women's Shelter Family Literacy	6	34
Paw Café with CAARS	1	175
Curious Cuties @ CFRC	1	19
ECCHS Multicultural Night	1	45
PRIDE in the Park	1	50
Book Bike @ Canada Day	1	400
Book Bike @ local parks	7	119
Book Bike @ Wellness Walks with Recovery College	4	79
Summer Staff @ Watershed Festival	1	22
Book Bike @ BRSD Pet Parade	1	34
Book Bike Meteor Shower	1	100
Newcomer's Guide to Camrose Bus Tour	1	8
Ecole des Fondateurs Community Night	1	13
Saturday Farmer's Market for Canadian Library Month	1	50
	35	5414

In House	Program	Attendance
Snacks in the Stacks	186	3637
Something Cool After School	120	730
Books & Bounces	31	622
Terrific Tales	32	540
Tech Help	75	154
Bed Time Stories	29	293
Crafternoon	25	207
Rainbow Club	7	20
Writing Club	13	5
Early Dismissal Matinee	6	452
Family Literacy Day with CFRC	1	25
Newcomers Guide to Camrose	8	81
Saturday Story Time	1	5
Weekend Wiggles	1	7
Ghibli Geeks Club	2	4
Impromptu Story Time	1	17
Game Day CANCELLED	4	2
Anime Club CANCELLED	4	8
Leap Day	1	0
Spring Break vr	2	8
Jr Innovators with Makers Making Change	1	25
enviropalooza	1	4
Star Wars Day	1	31

PRIDE Month Rainbow Riot	1	10
Wonkalicious Tea Party	1	279
SRC Watercolours	2	27
SRC Wrap-up Party	1	8
	557	7201

Total	592	12615
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Camrose Public Library  
 Childrens Programs  
 January 1 to September 30, 2024

Outreach	Program	Attendance
St Pat's Tournament of Books	1	26
SRC School Visits	3	587
SRC @ local parks	6	54
Book Bike @ OSCAR	5	154
Book Bike @ Reading University	3	101
	18	922

In House	Program	Attendance
Chester Ronning Kindergarten Tours	3	61
Hay Lakes Kindergarten Tour	1	30
School Tours	6	136
SRC @ the Library	3	26
	13	253

Monthly Total	31	1175
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Camrose Public Library  
 Teen Programs  
 January 1 to September 30, 2024

Outreach	Program	Attendance
Adulting 101 @ECCHS	1	175
	1	175

In House	Program	Attendance
Golden Flames Teen D & D	29	408
Mario Cart Tourney	1	16
SRC D & D	7	89
SRC Gaming Club	6	42
SRC Craft Club	7	65
	50	620

<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>795</b>
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Camrose Public Library  
Total Programs  
January 1 to September 30, 2024

Outreach Programs	222	9564
In-house Programs	776	9057
YTD	998	18621

Submitted by Nicole Kyle  
8-Oct-24

# July & August 2024 Program and Library Statistics

Submitted by Nicole Kyle  
September 3, 2023

**1328**

people attended programs in July that fostered a sense of community connection and belonging.

**1712**

people got the chance to connect with library programs and services outside of the library in places where they live, work, and play.

**1210**

People attended library programs and special events in July designed to educate and promote a love of lifelong learning.

2 bits of  
awesome feedback:

"Thank you for being welcoming to the kids. There's many that have no where to go"

"it's a very kind gesture to put water out" (for the Kick'n Country Parade)



# Summer Program Summary



Our summer staff planned two months full of outreach and in-library learning, recreational, and community building opportunities and they learned to be adaptable in the face of heat waves, rain, and air quality warnings. You can read more about their adventures and connections in their Summer Program Report.

## July programs included:

- SRC & Book Bike Programs
- Summer Snacks in the Stacks
- Books & Bounces
- Terrific Tales
- Spanish and German Convo Circles
- Fibre Club
- Online Ukulele Jam
- Drumming Circle with Recovery College
- Newcomers' Guide to Camrose



## August programs included:

- SRC & Book Bike Programs
- Summer Snacks in the Stacks
- Spanish and German Convo Circles
- Fibre Club
- Online Ukulele Jam
- Drumming Circle with Recovery College
- Newcomers' Guide to Camrose

I hosted 4 sessions each of *Books and Bounces* and *Terrific Tales* in the month of July; both were well-attended and Books & Bounces saw large crowds every week. Parents and caregivers were grateful for the sessions as other organizations don't host programs for these ages through summer.



**Ongoing Programs**

**Ukulele Jam (adults)**  
Mondays @ 10:00

**Spanish Circle (adults)**  
Mondays @ 3 in person  
and on Zoom

**Caregiver Connections  
with CMHA Recovery  
College**  
First Tuesday monthly @  
5:30

**Books & Bounces  
(infants 0-1 yrs)**  
Tuesdays @ 11:30

**German Circle (adults)**  
Tuesdays @ 4 on Zoom

**Climate Cafe (all ages)**  
1st Tuesday monthly @ 5:30

**Terrific Tales (families)**  
Wednesdays @ 10:30

**Golden Flames D&D  
Club (teens)**  
Wednesdays @ 4

**Bed Time Stories  
(families)**  
Wednesdays @ 6

**Ukulele Online (adults)**  
Thursdays @ 1 on Zoom

**Drumming Circle (16+)**  
1st Thursday Monthly @ 5  
Register at  
<https://bit.ly/CMHADrums>

**Ghibli Geek Club (12+)**  
2nd Thursday monthly  
@4:30; *Identical family  
program on 1st Saturday  
monthly @ 1*

**PD Day Matinee  
(all ages)**   
BRSD Friday PD Days @  
11:30. *Registration  
required. Please call  
780-672-4214 or email  
cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca.*

**Snacks in the Stacks  
(grades 1-12)**  
School days @ 3:30

**Something Cool After  
School  
(grades 1-8)**  
School days @ 3:30

**Rainbow Club Public  
GSA (all ages)**  
1st Saturday Monthly @ 11

**Crafternoon (all ages; 11  
and under accompanied  
by an adult)**  
Saturdays from 1-3

**Fibre Club (all ages)**  
Saturdays @ 1

**Special Events**

**Yoga @ The Library (Adults, Drop-in)**  
**September 9 & 23 @ 5 PM**

Join Balaram (Brad) Garja for introductory recreational yoga sessions. Space limited. BYO yoga mat.

**Life Skills 101: Car Care Edition with Minotaur Mechanical! (16+ drop-in)**

September 13 @ 5 PM  
Oil changes, fuel types, and maintenance schedules, Oh my!

**Creating with Beads Family Workshop @ Chuck MacLean (4809 52 Street)**

September 15, 10 AM to noon  
Space limited; register with QR below.

**Orange Shirt Moose Hide Beading (16+, registered)**

**September 21**  
**11:30 AM OR 3:30 PM**

Join Cree artist Jess Sanderson-Barry to make your own lapel pin for Orange Shirt Day. Space limited; register with QR below.

**For Cricut's Sake (Adults, registered)**  
**September 20 or 27 @ 5 PM**

Home Decor. Space is limited; call 780-672-4214 or email [cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca](mailto:cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca) to register.

**Newcomer's Guide to Camrose**

September 14 at 2:00  
September 24 at 4:30  
September 28 at 2:00



Free film screening in honour of  
**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**  
**The Body Remembers When  
the World Broke Open**

**September 30**  
**Doors at 6:30 PM**

Film is rated 14A; those under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Presented in partnership with  
and hosted at



**NEW!** *Super*  
**SATURDAY**  
**Monthly Programs**

The first Saturday of Every Month is a  
**Super Saturday** at Camrose Public Library!

- **11:00-11:45 AM: Saturday Story Time** for families
- **12:00-12:45 PM: Weekend Wiggles** for infants 0-1 yrs and caregivers
- **1:00 PM: Ghibli Geek Club** for families; 8 yrs and younger need an adult. *Identical program for 12+ on the second Thursday monthly @ 4:30 PM*



## Featured Services



**24/7 access to electronic resources:**  
Visit [prl.ab.ca/camrose](http://prl.ab.ca/camrose) to check out electronic print materials, audio books, learning resources, and resume building software. Log in with your library card number and PIN.

### 1-on-1 Tech Help

Please call or email to book your 1 hour appointment for computer, mobile, and software assistance. Email or call us to book your appointment.



## We have a New Room!

It has:

- Desks and chairs
- A computer
- Internet access
- A web camera

Need to attend a webinar? Study with some friends? Have a quiet place for a chat? Sounds like you need to book The Cave!

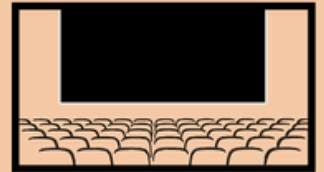
**This space is FREE to everyone!**

Call or visit the library for more details.  
780-672-4214

## Our Hours:

Monday-Friday: 10-7  
Saturday: 11-4  
Sunday: Closed  
Closed September 2

## Meeting Rooms



**Need space for a business meeting, workshop, special event, or even a family gathering? We have two different spaces available. Both rooms are equipped with projectors and screens for webinars, film screenings, or virtual meetings. Please visit <https://bit.ly/CPLMeetingRooms> or scan the QR for room details, booking information, and pricing.**



**CAMROSE**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**What do you think of public libraries?**



Help us with our next strategic plan by answering our (super short) survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/D9DDeNj8BR>

## For program and service info:

Phone: 780.672.4214

Web: [prl.ab.ca/camrose](http://prl.ab.ca/camrose)

Email: [cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca](mailto:cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca)

For registered programs, please visit <https://bit.ly/CPLEventbrite>, scan the QR, or call 780-672-4214.



# July 2024 Library Statistics

YTD daily visit averages (and hourly based on operational hours in brackets)

Mondays: 339 (avg of 38/hr)      Tuesdays: 431 (avg of 48/hr)  
 Wednesdays: 374 (avg of 42/hr)      Thursdays: 391 (avg of 43/hr)  
 Fridays: 346 (avg of 39/hr)      Saturdays: 212 (avg of 42/hr)  
 Sundays: 97 (avg of 24/hr)

Circulation	Jul 2024	Jul 2023	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	Under/ Over 2023	% Chg. Over 2023
Adult Material	6238	5940	40204	39854	350	1%
Young Adult Material	516	748	3417	4055	-638	-16%
Juvenile Material	6455	6295	34577	33532	1045	3%
Relais Items Borrowed	118	119	834	974	-140	-14%
Relais Items Sent	17	40	194	222	-28	-13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13344</b>	<b>13142</b>	<b>79226</b>	<b>78637</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>1%</b>

Econtent	Jul 2024	Jul 2023	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	Under/ Over 2023	% Chg. Over 2023
Cloud Library/RBDigital	415	519	3467	3911	-444	-11%
Overdrive	1398	1033	8799	6700	2099	31%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1813</b>	<b>1573</b>	<b>12266</b>	<b>10750</b>	<b>1516</b>	<b>14%</b>

Circulation by Residence	Jul 2024	Jul 2023	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	Under/ Over 2023	% Chg. Over 2023
City of Camrose	11283	11000	66426	64298	2128	3%
County of Camrose	2287	2237	14005	14228	-223	-2%
Outside City/County	29	112	462	331	131	40%
ME	13	41	168	241	-73	-30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13612</b>	<b>13390</b>	<b>81061</b>	<b>79098</b>	<b>1963</b>	<b>2%</b>

Miscellaneous	Jul 2024	Jul 2023	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	Under/ Over 2023	% Chg. Over 2023
Visitors	8555	7299	58884	46998	11886	25%
WiFi Users	9131	12578	66564	78539	-11975	-15%
Internet Users	1351	1127	7756	6373	1383	22%
Exams	16	13	167	116	51	44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19053</b>	<b>21017</b>	<b>133371</b>	<b>132026</b>	<b>1345</b>	<b>1%</b>

## Selection of Service Responses

1. Social Engagement: Developing Relationships and Ending Isolation
2. Connect to the Online World: Public Internet Access
3. Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning
4. Visit a Welcoming Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Programs	July 2024		2024 YTD		Participants	
	Sessions	People	Sessions	People	2023 YTD	2022 YTD
1	26	552	210	2627	1688	1,702
2	7	28	54	902	451	92
3	34	750	267	3907	4010	2,954
4	29	274	256	3668	4185	1,882
Advocacy	0	0	9	5038	4400	5,423
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1604</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>16142</b>	<b>14,734</b>	<b>12,053</b>



# August 2024 Library Statistics

Please note: eContent stats were not available from PRL at time of submission and will be updated as soon as possible.

YTD daily visit averages (and hourly based on operational hours in brackets)

Mondays: 353 (avg of 39/hr)      Tuesdays: 429 (avg of 48/hr)  
 Wednesdays: 373 (avg of 41/hr)      Thursdays: 386 (avg of 43/hr)  
 Fridays: 336 (avg of 37/hr)      Saturdays: 209 (avg of 42/hr)  
 Sundays: 97 (avg of 24/hr)

Circulation	Aug 2024	Aug 2023	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	Under/ Over 2023	% Chg. Over 2023
Adult Material	5852	5968	46056	45822	234	1%
Young Adult Material	505	657	3922	4712	-790	-17%
Juvenile Material	5679	6172	40256	39704	552	1%
Relais Items Borrowed	180	126	1014	1100	-86	-8%
Relais Items Sent	25	26	219	248	-29	-12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12241</b>	<b>12949</b>	<b>91467</b>	<b>91586</b>	<b>-119</b>	<b>0%</b>

Econtent	Aug 2024	Aug 2023	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	Under/ Over 2023	% Chg. Over 2023
Cloud Library/RBDigital		519	3467	4430	-963	-22%
Overdrive		1065	8799	7765	1034	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1586</b>	<b>12266</b>	<b>12336</b>	<b>-70</b>	<b>-1%</b>

Circulation by Residence	Aug 2024	Aug 2023	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	Under/ Over 2023	% Chg. Over 2023
City of Camrose	10397	10431	76823	74729	2094	3%
County of Camrose	2384	2460	16389	16688	-299	-2%
Outside City/County	34	38	496	369	127	34%
ME	4	30	172	271	-99	-37%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12819</b>	<b>12959</b>	<b>93880</b>	<b>92057</b>	<b>1823</b>	<b>2%</b>

Miscellaneous	Aug 2024	Aug 2023	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	Under/ Over 2023	% Chg. Over 2023
Visitors	8233	7387	67117	54385	12732	23%
WiFi Users	8154	13024	74718	91563	-16845	-18%
Internet Users	1107	1315	8863	7688	1175	15%
Exams	15	27	182	143	39	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17509</b>	<b>21753</b>	<b>150880</b>	<b>153779</b>	<b>-2899</b>	<b>-2%</b>

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Programs	Aug 2024		2024 YTD		Participants	
	Sessions	People	Sessions	People	2023 YTD	2022 YTD
1	23	211	233	2838	1,911	1806
2	12	29	66	931	451	107
3	20	403	287	4310	4,910	3372
4	30	291	286	3959	4,475	2205
Advocacy	0	0	9	5038	4,950	5423
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>17076</b>	<b>16,697</b>	<b>12913</b>

# September 2024

## Program and Library Statistics

Submitted by Nicole Kyle  
October 8 , 2023

**804**

people attended programs that foster a sense of community connection and belonging.

**678**

People attended library programs and special events designed to educate and promote a love of lifelong learning.

**23%**

more people have visited us at the library compared to this time in 2023.

**1 bit of awesome feedback:**

A patron expressed appreciation for the puzzles and other opportunities to spend time here in the library. They said they spend a lot of time here trying to make new friends.

# September Program Summary



One of the greatest goals and outcomes of family library programming is facilitating community connections and support networks. Our current group of families who attend Books and Bounces (some have been coming for almost a year) are now friends who plan weekly impromptu library hangouts and attend each others' birthday parties!

We partnered with Dr Roxanne Harde from the Augustana Campus of the U of A to provide space in our existing program for students from an Indigenous children's literature class to share some Indigenous literature with children. 4 Augustana students read aloud from picture books and juvenile novels. We'd like to extend our gratitude to Dr. Harde for the generous donation of all the books she purchased for the class at the end of the term.



We hosted three events in September in honour of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Jessica Sanderson-Barry, a Nêhiyaw-iskwêw from Chakastaypasin Band in Treaty 6, facilitated two orange shirt moosehide beading sessions, sharing her journey of healing intergenerational trauma and reconnecting with her culture through art. We also partnered with The Bailey Theatre to present a screening of a film by Elle-Máijá Tailfeathers called "The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open" and I shared some readings from Billy-Ray Belcourt, an academic and writer from Driftpile Cree Nation, whose essay inspired the film title. Thanks go out to Charlie Wolfe, her sister Shelly Wolfe, and Gus Belcourt for starting the program with a blessing and drum song.



## Ongoing Programs

**Ukulele Jam (Adults)**  
Mondays @ 10:00

**Spanish Circle (Adults)**  
Mondays @ 3 in person  
and on Zoom

**Caregiver Connections  
with CMHA Recovery  
College**  
**(All ages registered)**  
First Tuesday monthly @ 5:30.  
Register at  
[recoverycollegecamrose.ca](http://recoverycollegecamrose.ca)

**Books & Bounces**  
**(infants under 2 and  
caregivers)**  
Tuesdays @ 11:00

**German Circle (Adults)**  
Tuesdays @ 4 on Zoom

**Climate Cafe (All ages)**  
1st Tuesday monthly @ 5:30

**Terrific Tales (Families)**  
Wednesdays @ 10:30

**Golden Flames D&D  
Club**  
**(Teens, registered)**  
Wednesdays @ 4; email  
[cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca](mailto:cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca) to  
register

**Bed Time Stories**  
**(families)**  
Wednesdays @ 6

**Ukulele Online (adults)**  
Thursdays @ 1 on Zoom

**Drumming Circle with  
Recovery College (16+)**  
1st Thursday Monthly @ 5  
Register at  
<https://bit.ly/CMHADrums>

**Ghibli Geek Club: Kiki's  
Delivery Service**  
October 5 @ 1:00 (Families)  
October 10 @ 4:30 (12+)

**PD Day Matinee**   
**(All ages, registered)**  
BRSD Friday Staff Meeting  
Days @ 11:30. *Registration  
required. Please call  
780-672-4214 or email  
[cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca](mailto:cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca).*

**Snacks in the Stacks**  
**(Grades 1-12)**  
School days @ 3:30

**Something Cool After  
School (Grades 1-8)**  
School days @ 3:30

**Rainbow Club Public  
GSA (All ages)**  
1st Saturday Monthly @ 11

**Saturday Story Time**  
**(Families)**  
1st Saturday Monthly @ 11

**Weekend Wiggles**  
**(Infants under 2 and  
caregivers)**  
1st Saturday Monthly @ 12

**Crafternoon (All ages)**  
Saturdays from 1-3

**Fibre Club (All ages)**  
Saturdays @ 1

**Newcomer's Guide to  
Camrose (All ages)**

- October 1 at 4:30
- October 19 at 2:00
- October 22 at 4:30
- October 29 at 4:30

## Our Hours:

**Monday-Friday: 10-7**  
**Saturday: 11-4**  
**Sunday: Closed**  
Closed October 12 and 14

## Special Events

**Energy Savings Workshop**  
**October 5 @ 1 PM**

Facilitated by Empower Me, this workshop will help you make confident, informed choices about energy and your home.

**Yoga @ The Library (Adults)**  
**October 7 & 21 @ 5 PM**

Join Balaram (Brad) Garja for introductory recreational yoga sessions. Space limited. BYO yoga mat.

**Scam Awareness & Prevention (Adults)**  
**October 10 @ 5 OR October 19 @ 11**

Join Trauma and Crime Support staff from Camrose Police Service to discover ways to reduce your risk in a time when scams are becoming more difficult to detect.

**Life Skills 101: Pet Care Edition (16+)**  
**October 11 @ 5 PM**

Learn how to choose and care for your furbabies! Facilitated by Camrose & Area Animal Shelter Society & Camrose Animal Alliance Rescue Society.

**For Cricut's Sake (Adults, registered)**  
**October 18 @ 5 PM OR October 25 @ 5 PM**

Holiday Treat Bags.  
Space is limited; register with QR code.

**Pine cone Friends Workshop**  
**@ Chuck MacLean, 4809 52 Street**  
**(Families, registered)**

**October 20, 10 AM to noon**  
Space limited; register with QR code.

**Lunch & Learn: Supporting Temporary Foreign  
Workers (Adults)**  
**October 21, 12:00-1:00 PM**

Join staff from agencies who work with TFWs and other Newcomers to learn about their needs, available services, and explore your opportunities to support newcomers to our community!

### For program and service info:

Phone: 780.672.4214

Web: [prl.ab.ca/camrose](http://prl.ab.ca/camrose)

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**Unless otherwise noted, programs  
and events are FREE and on a drop-in  
basis. For registered programs, visit  
<https://bit.ly/CPLEventbrite>,  
scan the QR, or call 780-672-4214.**





# Celebrate Canadian Library Month with us!

**CAMROSE**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

## LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

Sign up or renew your library card this month for a chance to win a \$50 or \$100 Visa Gift Card!

### Pumpkin Decorating Contest



Win a family photoshoot generously donated by outthewindow Photography



Enter by October 26 at 7:00 PM

Three ways to enter:

- drop your pumpkin off at the library
- send or tag us in a photo on Facebook or Instagram
- email a photo to cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca

Limited number of FREE pumpkins generously donated by



Use QR above for a free pumpkin by October 14.



The Golden Ticket is hidden each day from Monday to Friday during October. Be the first to find it and bring it to the circulation staff to be entered to win!

This year's prize is a family fun weekend to Calgary including a family pass to Telus Spark Science Center & the Calgary Zoo, and gift cards for gas, restaurants, and accommodation.

*Library card required.*

*Also, keep an eye out for weekly scavenger hunts through October. More details TBA!*

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## October is Canadian Library Month!

Show your library card at these businesses to receive these offers!

Offers valid  
Oct 15 2024 - Nov 15 2024



10% OFF  
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Camrose



ENTER TO  
WIN A SKI  
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Young Adult Material	431	568	4353	5280	-927	-18%
Juvenile Material	5348	5238	45604	44942	662	1%
Relais Items Borrowed	142	180	1156	1280	-124	-10%
Relais Items Sent	28	26	247	274	-27	-10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11488</b>	<b>11508</b>	<b>102955</b>	<b>103094</b>	<b>-139</b>	<b>0%</b>

Econtent	Sept 2024	Sept 2023	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	Under/ Over 2023	% Chg. Over 2023
Cloud Library/RBDigital	436	508	4451	4938	-487	-10%
Overdrive	1209	1032	11273	8797	2476	28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1645</b>	<b>1569</b>	<b>15724</b>	<b>13905</b>	<b>1819</b>	<b>13%</b>

Circulation by Residence	Sept 2024	Sept 2023	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	Under/ Over 2023	% Chg. Over 2023
City of Camrose	9470	9311	86293	84040	2253	3%
County of Camrose	2103	2212	18492	18900	-408	-2%
Outside City/County	75	35	571	404	167	41%
ME	1	53	173	324	-151	-47%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11649</b>	<b>11611</b>	<b>105529</b>	<b>103668</b>	<b>1861</b>	<b>2%</b>

Miscellaneous	Sept 2024	Sept 2023	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	Under/ Over 2023	% Chg. Over 2023
Visitors	8228	6704	75345	61089	14256	23%
WiFi Users	10437	11008	85155	102571	-17416	-17%
Internet Users	1192	1077	10055	8765	1290	15%
Exams	10	24	192	167	25	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19867</b>	<b>18813</b>	<b>170747</b>	<b>172592</b>	<b>-1845</b>	<b>-1%</b>

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2	4	9	70	940	451	107
3	37	669	324	4979	5583	3732
4	41	568	327	4527	5063	2750
Advocacy	2	63	11	5101	5894	6231
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1545</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>18621</b>	<b>19,035</b>	<b>14750</b>