

**The Coronation Memorial Library
Plan of Service
January 1, 2019- December 31, 2023**

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A unanimous motion was passed by the Town of Coronation Library Board on February 12, 2019 to accept this Plan of Service and strive to meet its goals.

Acknowledgements

We wish to acknowledge the boards and residents of The Town of Coronation and the County of Paintearth for their generous support over the years. We are so grateful!

Statement of Approval and Accountability

The Plan of Service January 1, 2019- December 31, 2023 for The Coronation Memorial Library has been prepared by the Town of Coronation Library Board in accordance with Alberta Libraries Regulation AR 141/98. The Board and staff of this library are committed to implementing the plan of service, reviewing it regularly to monitor progress in achieving goals and up dating the plan if necessary.

Motion:

The motion to adopt the Plan of Service was made by Vicki Horkoff, seconded by Donna Rondeau on February 12, 2019. Carried

Original signed by Valerie Cornell, Chairperson of the Board.

Mission Statement

The Coronation Memorial Library
2018-2019

To provide our community with FREE access to cultural, educational, and leisure materials by establishing, maintaining and preserving an organized collection of books and other media, and to act as a centre for electronic information, resources and communication.

Adopted at the annual meeting: October 9, 2018

About the Coronation Memorial Library

The library came into being in March of 1949, housed in the club rooms of the Royal Canadian Legion with an inventory of 857 books.

Today we serve the community and area in the Golden Age Club building on Royal Street. We have over 7800 books, 1500 DVDs, a projector, programming kits, literacy backpacks that can be signed out, 4 public computers, a 3 D printer, a Cricut, a Lego table, study space, and a children's area. Our library serves a population of approximately 1000 patrons in the Town of Coronation and the eastern edge of the County of Paintearth.

Our library is open year round for 32.5 hours over six days per week. Our librarian Chelsea Peacock and library assistant Azusa Watson along with numerous volunteers and work experience students from the school contribute to our excellent service.

The Coronation Memorial Library is governed by a volunteer board consisting of one rep from the Coronation Town Council, one rep from the County of Paintearth Council and seven volunteer community members.

Our library partners with the Coronation and District Support Services group, the Magic Carpet Ride group for early learning, and the Coronation School. We are a part of the Parkland Library system and belong to the Alberta Library Trustees' Association.

Needs Assessment

We did not have a formal needs assessment meeting as we feel that our board members and staff have a really good feel for the needs and progress of our library through conversations with patrons, surveys (both formal and informal) and feedback at our activities. Our best communications come from having an information table at the seasonal craft markets which are hugely attended. We attract people by our eye-catching displays, raffles, craft items created by children's reading groups and book sales.

The results of our assessments, formal or otherwise have created the basis for the following goals and objectives.

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Goal #1: Early Literacy

Preschool children and their caregivers will have tools and skills needed to support reading readiness.

Objectives: We met our targeted increase of 50% for this goal for the 2014-2019 plan of service, but we feel that this is a vital need and we wish to continue to improve the early literacy advantage in our area. We are proposing a further increase of 20% of young families attending the Magic Carpet Ride reading group, our young family craft days and the seasonal reading programs particularly the big Summer Reading Program (sponsored by the TD bank, businesses and patrons) by 2024.

Goal #2: Lifelong Learning

Residents will have the opportunity and resources to explore and discover interests and actively learn throughout their lives.

Objectives: We feel that we have met the projected 85% increase of users that are very happy with our resources but feel that we could bring about a further 10% increase by 2024. We are actively weeding and purchasing resources based on feedback from patrons and book clubs. We are implementing activities such

as paint nights, a knitting/crocheting group, author visits, family crafts days, and our seasonal children's reading programs in order to promote lifelong learning.

Goal #3 Attract Teens

To provide teens/young adults in our community with opportunities to explore the resources of the library and use it as a centre of lifelong learning and sharing.

Objectives: We feel that our local teens and other students in high school who come in from other communities are not aware of the great resources our town library has to offer. We would like to see a 50% increase in teen use by 2024. The staff has surveyed teens about what they think of our resources and it was unanimous that we needed more new teen series. We are in the process of updating this section in the library. We have a teen work-experience student who has volunteered to help us out. He has made it his mission (and ours) to get teens in the door by planning a teen movie night, a Glow night, chess night and an Occulous Rift night, all accompanied by pizza!! We encourage our reading program coordinators to find helpers from the school population. We will continue to monitor this objective and find ways to entice the teens to get to know our library.