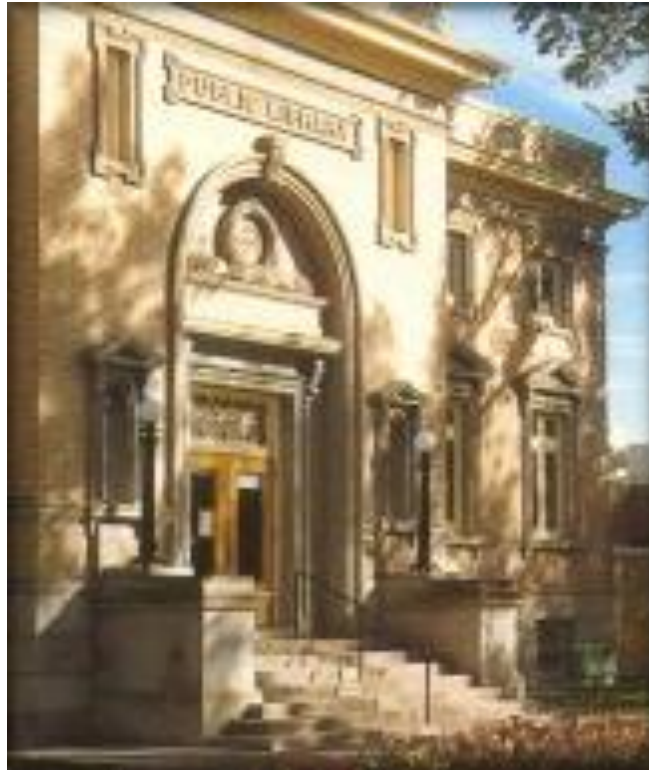




2012 ANNUAL REPORT



Moose Jaw Public Library Celebrating 100 years

Assiniboia Avonlea Briercrest Bethune Coronach Craik Davidson Elbow Holdfast Imperial Loreburn

Moose Jaw Mortlach Mossbank Riverhurst Rockglen Rouleau Tugaske Willow Bunch Wood Mountain

Calendar of Events – 2012

**Year Long
Activities**

Adult Book Clubs running in Assiniboia, Mortlach, Coronach, Rouleau, Moose Jaw
Youth Book Clubs running at Mortlach, Rouleau
Craft and story time for ages 4-9 at Mortlach
Preschool story time at most branches
Monday Mom & Tots coffee break at Coronach Branch
Thursday Morning's Reading Circle at Coronach Branch
E-readers 101 – 25 sessions across the region thanks to Federal New Horizons Grant
Monthly Creative Memories Digital Scrapbooking workshop in Coronach
Kindergarten and Grade 1 visit the Loreburn branch (September through November)

January 27	Family Literacy Day
February	Aboriginal Awareness Month celebrated by 6 storytelling sessions across Palliser
February 1	Palliser helps to man Library Booth at SUMA
March 11	Ukrainian Cultural Experience - Easter Egg decorating and Ukrainian food at Loreburn FOLKFEAST and creative writing contest at Craik
March 13	Assiniboia "Behaviour & Early Childhood Development"
March 30	8 th Annual Tongue in Cheek Art Auction in Assiniboia
March -April	Spring/Gardening Silent Auction in Assiniboia
April	Assiniboia Library Book Read-a-thon sponsored by the Masons
April 11	SGL Safety Squad Puppet Show at Assiniboia
April 18	Chronic Pain Workshop @ Assiniboia
April 18	Ukrainian Easter Eggs at Coronach
April 23-24	2012 Focus on Trade booth manned by MJPL and HQ staff and trustees
April 28	AGM and Willow Bunch wins Branch of the Year. Bethune & Mortlach – Honourable Mentions
May 8	Annual Mothers Day Tea, Craft Sale and Donation Bake Sale - Imperial
June 27	Wes Funk (Cherry Blossoms) author reading in Davidson
June- August	Get Ready to Imagine! the 2012 TD Summer Reading Club
July-August	Lee and Sandy Paley perform at branches for the TD Summer Reading Program
July 7	Mortlach's Saskatoon Berry Festival
July 7	Elbow's Christmas in July Trade Show
July 19	Richy Roy's Amazing Magic Show at Assiniboia
August 1	Concert for Kids @ the Coronach Library
August 12	Coronach's Sunday Supper Social
August 30	Scavenger Hunt at the Coronach Library
September	Alzheimer's Coffee Break - Briercrest
September 25	Branch Staff Workshop for Branch Staff
October 13	Rouleau Trade Show
October 15-21	Saskatchewan Library Week: Theme - <i>Celebrating Our Past – Imagining Our Future</i>
October 26	SafeTALK: suicide alertness for everyone at Assiniboia
November 8	Palliser Fall Regional Meeting
November 21	Magic tricks at the Tugaske Library
November 23	Assiniboia found a Tyndall Stone from the Legislative Building art project hidden behind the books. The artist hid 100 stones in 100 places and is awaiting their return.
December	Christmas Silent Auctions in Assiniboia, Mossbank, Riverhurst,
December 1	Christmas tree decorating by the Sparks, Brownies and Guides in Assiniboia
December 3	Tattered Teddies: A workshop about suicide in children at Assiniboia
December 6	Photographs with Santa @ the Coronach Library
December 8	It's Snowing @ the Tugaske Library
December 14	Assiniboia book signing by T. & L. Jones <u>"The Place of Living Stone: St. Victor's Petroglyphs"</u>



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2012 Annual Report

For Your Information

General System Statistics for 2012

SERVICES PROVIDED

20,187 Total number of hours that branches were open to serve the public

30,685 Books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, videos and audio books were added.

324,770 items circulated at a local branch
 68,377 items lent out of region. Not counted above
 97,392 items renewed
 25,028 e-books borrowed by Palliser patrons
 1,706 book club books checked out

517,273 Total number of items circulated and renewed in SILS by Palliser

156,348 items circulated/renewed by the 19 rural branches

Total e-books available on the system in 2012:
 22,837 unique titles /28,194 copies in the collection. Total Audio Books: 7,376 unique titles / 8,521 copies.

Reciprocal Borrowing:

68,377 holds were sent to other SILS libraries
 21,136 holds were filled internally
 41,856 items borrowed from other SILS agencies
 394 books were requested by interlibrary loan.

Miscellaneous Statistics

169 book club kits circulated
 25,966 patrons used public internet stations.
 21,213 Reference questions were answered
 6,535 Searches were done by Palliser patrons on the online databases.

ACTIVE USER STATISTICS

	2012	2011
Adults	10,582	11,012
Young Adults	2,429	1,465
Child	1,295	2,433
Senior	1,578	1,583
Total	15,884	16,493
% of Population	29.31%	30.87%

GENERAL COLLECTION STATISTICS

COLLECTION SIZE	2012	2011	2008
Adult	173,475	171,900	
Young Adult	18,105	18,475	
Juvenile	88,106	89,983	
Graphic Novels	12,263	10,739	
Large Print	9,209	9,020	
Audio & Talking Books	950	3,589	3,910
DVD and VHS	16,741	15,828	13,838
CD's (Music)	4,116	4,369	
Miscellaneous	117	131	190
Magazines	22,487	26,901	39,659
Total ***	328,016	342,301	364,105

Items Added

Books Fully Processed	15,032	12,832	12,210
DVDs	3,389	2,031	2,547
Compact Discs	1,301	688	861
Magazine issues	8,009	8,163	8,163
Total	27,731	23,714	23,781

Other

Items Repaired	111	124	159
Items Withdrawn	42,016		

Total includes magazines issues that are more than one year old and VHS purged from the system

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES



The 2012 Palliser Regional Library Executive Committee

Terry Gable, Moose Jaw , **Chair**
Colleen Christopherson-Cote, Coronach, **Vice-Chair**
Dawn Luhnning, City of Moose Jaw
Doris Dunphy, Moose Jaw
Janice Lamb, Moose Jaw
David Richards, Moose Jaw

Brenda Heaslip, Craik
Michael Klein, Wood Mountain
Ralph Sturgeon, RM Moose Jaw
Jeanette Mondor, Willow Bunch
Jan Smith, Director

2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - April 26th 2012

Twenty-three designated representatives and eleven staff/observers attended the meeting. Stephanie Hall brought greetings from Provincial Library. David Richards, Chair of Finance, presented the Auditor's Statement as prepared by Stark-Marsh of Swift Current and he talked about the economic highlights of 2011. The audited statement was accepted.

Willow Bunch Branch Library won **Branch of the Year**. It was a stellar year for applications and the selection committee was very impressed by all the work and activity going on. In a rare move, the branches in **Mortlach** and **Bethune** received an **Honorable Mention** for their work.

Eddy Moore of Moose Jaw was presented with a gift for his seven years of service, 4 years as Vice-Chair, on the Executive Committee.

Terry Gabel of Moose Jaw was elected **Chair**. **Colleen Christopherson-Cote** of Coronach, **Michael Klein** (Wood Mountain) and **Jeanette Mondor** of Willow Bunch were elected to represent the rural areas. **Dawn Luhnning** and **Terry Gabel** were elected to represent the City of Moose Jaw.

FALL REGIONAL BOARD MEETING - November 8th, 2012

The Palliser Regional Library Fall General Meeting was held on Thursday November 8th. Twenty-three designated representatives and six staff/observers attended the meeting. The 2013 budget was passed. In order to cover our shortfalls due to a decrease in the rural population, the need for a public access computer replacement strategy and the need for a salary increase, the new levy has been set as follows:

- Base Levy increase = \$0.99, new base levy \$12.18 per person
- Levy increase for towns and villages under 2,000 with a library = \$1.49, new base levy: \$18.27 per person
- Levy increase for towns over 2,000 (excluding Moose Jaw) = \$1.98, new Assiniboia levy :\$24.36 per person

The SILS Support Levy remained at \$0.375 per person and was assessed to all municipalities, including the City of Moose Jaw, to help cover SILS operating costs.

2012 AUDITED STATEMENT

In accordance with the provincial financial reporting regulations, previously expensed items are now being capitalized and depreciated. Stark Marsh prepared the financial statements based on these regulations and the current statements are in that format. In the 2011 audited statements changes were made on reporting building, land, vehicles and equipment as they were set up as assets and depreciated. This year the final stage was

completed when books that had been expensed were now set up as assets and depreciated. For the full audited statements, please see the attachment (the pink sheets) to the Annual Report.

The Eight-Year Honour Roll

We would like to recognize and congratulate the following people and thank them for serving their communities so diligently over the last 8 years as local board members:



<u>Name</u>	<u>Community</u>
Allingham, Carol	RM Old Post #43
Baker, Marlene	RM Sarnia #221
Bumphrey, Katie	Mossbank
Forwood, Dwight	RM Old Post # 43
Griffin, Karen	RM Huron # 223
Holland, Elizabeth	Avonlea
Kearns, Brandee	RM Craik #222
Kitts, Grant	RM Redburn # 130
Muc, Myrna	Avonlea
Ogle, Crystal	Wood Mountain
Reiss, Linda	Mistusinne
Young, David	RM Stonehenge #73

ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

2012 CAP Postcard Campaign



Industry Canada
Community Access
Program

Industrie Canada
Programme d'accès
communautaire

The Community Access Program (CAP) was cancelled by the Federal Government in April of 2012. This was the program that provided the much needed public access computers to 14 of our rural branches. We worked with Cherylynn Walters of the Marieval Enterprise Centre and Marie Prebeshewski of the Thickwood Hills Business and Learning Centres to set up a postcard/write in campaign to have the program re-instated. Letters were sent to our 5 federal Members of Parliament. Palliser personally consulted with Palliser MP Ray Boughen and with Minister of the Treasury Board, Tony Clement. We designed the postcard then spearheaded the library response.

Wireless in Libraries

Wireless is in great demand and is spreading, thanks to local efforts, throughout Palliser. Currently wireless is offered in Assiniboia, Avonlea, Coronach, Davidson, Imperial, Mortlach, Moose Jaw, Mossbank, Rockglen, and Willow Bunch.

PROGRAMMING NEWS 2012



**Community Connections:
Supporting Immigrant Integration into
Saskatchewan Communities**

Thanks to a grant from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education, Palliser offered programming designed to support immigrant integration and retention in Moose Jaw, Loreburn and Craik. The goal of the project was to encourage the integration of immigrants in Palliser Regional Library's service area by engaging Canadian citizens and recent immigrants together in arts and cultural activities which would lead to an increased understanding of each other, and highlight the value of libraries to the process of integration. To this end, Craik

held a **FOLKFEAST** with a community potluck supper and a contest for who could write the best short story, poem or illustrative art as to how the library affected them. Loreburn held a community potluck entitled **The Ukrainian Cultural Experience** - Easter Egg decorating and Ukrainian food. Moose Jaw Public Library, in conjunction with the Moose Jaw Art Museum and Art Gallery and Anna MacDonald, offered a 6 week basic jewelry course for immigrant women as well as five additional sessions on topics as diverse as Iraq and Somali Customs, presentations by Bill Barry and Gerry Stonechild, a Tunnels of Moose Jaw tour and a Supper and Study program at the library. 261 immigrants and 190 community residents participated in the well-received programs.

*This essential service would have not been possible without the support **the Government of Saskatchewan** and the **Ministry of Advanced Education**.*



E-Books: The Bridge to Life-Long Learning

After consultation with our rural and Moose Jaw Senior's Advisory Groups, Palliser applied for and received a 2012 Federal New Horizons for Seniors Program Grant to assist, train and demonstrate the various types of e-books and e-book readers to the seniors living within Palliser. This grant allowed us to purchase equipment for demonstration, hire 2 trainers, pay for their travel and to offer 45 sessions or at least 2 sessions at each rural library branch and 6 at Moose Jaw Public Library. Final figures are not in as this grant does not wind down until March 31st of 2013.

*This essential service would have not been possible without the support **of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada** and the **New Horizons for Seniors Grant Program**.*

Saskatchewan Library Week - Celebrating Our Past - Imagining Our Future



The theme for library week was *Celebrating Our Past – Imagining Our Future*. The Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) invited the citizens of Saskatchewan to celebrate the important contribution that libraries have made in the past to literacy, education, and quality of life in this province and to imagine a future in which libraries use the best of traditional approaches and innovative technology to contribute now and far in the future. The **My Favourite Book Contest** was sponsored by **CBC/Radio-Canada**. For the first time ever the contest features both mail-in and online submission options. It had many fascinating submissions as it welcomed your most creative, expressions of love for your favourite book through poetry, prose, photos or drawings. **Willow Bunch Branch** was one of 20 libraries in the province that received a special programming grant from the SLA for Library Week.

We would like to thank both our local sponsors and our provincial corporate sponsors: *SaskEnergy, Supreme BASICS, Saskatchewan Writers Guild, Canada Council, Saskatchewan Library Association, Saskatchewan Lotteries, 540 CBC Radio One* and the Regional and Municipal Libraries of Saskatchewan.

Aboriginal Services and Programming

In 2012, Palliser received **\$11,188 or a decrease of \$1,618** to help us enhance our First Nations services. Palliser Regional Library System used this money to cover 5 basic expenses:

- salary,
- materials (books, online databases, DVD's),
- staff training - Clayton Desjarlais of Mawandonan Consulting came out to our Fall workshop and give the staff a session on diversity, native culture, rights and expectations



- Jacob Valley - Métis jigger, performed at Bethune, the Arm River Hutterite Colony and at Imperial,
- Plus it was used to cover the additional expenses incurred during Aboriginal Storytelling Month.

TD Summer Reading Club



Eighteen branches and 921 children participated in the annual **TD Summer Reading Club!** This year's theme, **Imagine**, celebrated fantasy in its broadest sense encouraging children to read whatever and whenever they'd like and through reading, become whoever they want and go wherever their imagination took them. 2,456 books were read. 187 programs were offered locally and attended by 2,229 people.

Participants	Ages 0 – 5	Ages 6 - 8	Ages 9 - 12	Ages 13+	Total
Female	107	209	171	13	500
Male	85	205	121	10	421

Regrettably we did not have a summer student or the finances to do a Teen Reading Club this summer. Some branches did offer special teen programs over the summer.

Palliser Inventory

Palliser hired **Andrew Fyvie** (summer student) to help with doing the rural branch inventory. We had hoped to get 6 – possibly 7 branches done this summer but we finished them **ALL!!!!** Congratulations to Andrew and to all staff who helped. It was a major accomplishment. The next inventory: 2017 ☺

Creating Public Libraries For The 21st Century – Now Is Our Time!

The Executive Committee and Staff are completing Phase One of the process of defining Palliser's role for libraries in the 21st Century. We are collaborating with Regina Public Library in an effort to make this a provincial process so that we can truly continue to progress as one of the best library systems in Canada.

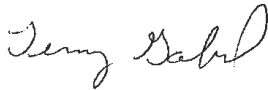


Staff Notes from 2012

- Management was pleased to announce the appointment of **Laura Shtern** as Assistant Head Librarian and **Cristina Dolcetti** as Children's Librarian at Moose Jaw Public Library.
- **Sarah McKen** has left **Tugaske** and the new branch librarian is **Morgan Freeman**.
- **Moose Jaw Public Library: Stephanie Jeanes-Issel** is on leave and the following have been hired as pages at MJPL: **Andrew Fyvie, Cheryl Crawford** and **Gail Gillies**.
- The **Young Canada Works New Graduate Internship Program** matched Moose Jaw Public Library funds to hire **Amanda Oliver** as the **MJPL Archives Intern** for the duration of the new project.
- The Spring Regional Workshop was held on March 1st and 2nd. **Fall Regional Workshop** was held in Moose Jaw on September 25th and 26th.
- Palliser hosted for area libraries the televised education sessions offered by the Public Libraries Association Virtual Conference March 15-16 and the American Library Association Virtual Conference July 18-19th. Sessions were attended by the Board, the staff, school board, SIAST and Briercrest Bible College.
- Headquarters and several Moose Jaw staff attended the **Saskatchewan Library Association Conference** in May of 2012.

A Big Thank You

- ❖ To **Karon Selzer** for her exhaustive work on SILS committees, the Overdrive Committee and other committees related to the SILS project
- ❖ To **September Brooke** (Davidson Branch), and to **Giselle Wilson** Coronach Branch Library, for spearheading the New Horizons for Seniors – E-books: the Bridge to Life Long Learning program.
- ❖ To the **Branch staff and their boards** for all the extras that you have put into making the library services in your community the best service possible.
- ❖ To the **staff of the Provincial Library** for the vital services provided.
- ❖ To **Prairie South School Division**, our partner in the regional courier system.
- ❖ To Lynn Calhoun, Lynn Reynish and Gerry Burla our intrepid SILS systems administrators who kept us going through the year and to Maureen Woods, Executive Director of SILS and her assistant, Veronica Geminder who kept SILS moving along and on target in 2012.
- ❖ To the **Executive Committee** of the Palliser Regional Library Board for all their tireless work.
- ❖ And finally, to the **101 staff members and substitutes** who kept smiling under the increasingly technical and heavy workload .



Terry Gabel , Chair



Jan Smith, Director

Palliser Regional Library Staff - 2012

Headquarters Staff

Director	Jan Smith
Rural Branch Supervisor	Arwen Rudolph
Office Manager	Wanda Burton
Library Clerks	Jody Arnold Melissa Frank Glenda Lambert Patricia Leidal Linda Peters Wendy Robbins
Clerk Driver	Keith Sheppard/Dale Maier
Care Taker	Dale Maier

Moose Jaw Branch Staff

Head Librarian	Karon Selzer
Assistant Head Librarian	Laura Shtern
Children's Librarian	Laura Shtern/Cristina Dolcetti
Library Technicians	Pam Albert Ken Dalgarno Donna Kostal Barb Silvester
Library Clerks	Hamida Ahadi Debbie Alix Wendy Drake Donna Hunter Stephanie Jeanes Kathy MacKenzie Karen Newton Della Simmons Lori Vansickle

Rural Librarians And Staff

Assiniboia	Carol Munro
Asst. librarian	Lois Seeley
Pages	Edie Klein/Holly Hordenchuk

Avonlea	Randi Edmonds
Bethune	Robbie Curtis
Briercrest	Lisa Nestman
Coronach	Marlene McBurney
Assistant	Giselle Wilson
Craik	Jo McAlpine
Davidson	September Brooke
Assistant	Debbie Shearwood
Elbow	Leanne Hurlburt
Holdfast	Tammy Bilsky
Imperial	Donalda MacLellan
Loreburn	Sue Ann Abbott
Mortlach	Vi Domeij
Mossbank	Jenna Hysuik

Pages

Cheryl Crawford
Hanna Elich
Janelle Flegel
Andrew Fyvie
Gail Gillies
Cindy King
Suzanne Kristoff
Patricia Lamb
Steven Nicholl
Tina Osgood

Staff Departures

Moose Jaw

Janelle Flegel, Cindy King,
Patricia Lamb

Tugaske

Sarah Mcken

Riverhurst	Donna Miner
Rockglen	Angela Stewart
Rouleau	Dee Colibaba
Tugaske	Sarah Mcken/Morgan Freeman
Willow Bunch	Barb Gibbons
Wood Mountain	Gus Gere

2012 Palliser Collection and Patron Statistics

BRANCH	Collection size in 2012	Open Hours /week	Active Patrons 2012	Active Patrons 2011	Books borrowed per patron 2012	Reference Questions 2012	Public Computer Users 2012
Assiniboia	24,457	44	1,098	1138	27.1	1,110	3,897
Avonlea	8,716	16	286	261	32.8	334	607
Bethune	7,236	17	238	225	24.6	27	295
Briercrest	6,306	10	120	98	46.4	6	51
Coronach	13,787	30	318	348	34.1	42	315
Craik	9,962	18	311	322	26.0	420	1,004
Davidson	11,107	28	418	478	28.9	1,102	2,311
Elbow	9,962	15	183	207	38.4	141	406
Holdfast	6,055	12	192	181	26.0	93	260
Headquarters	8,834	0	54	139			
Imperial	8,439	19.5	243	246	39.7	274	509
Loreburn	5,005	12	111	110	33.3	50	88
Moose Jaw**	156,526	67	10,938	11,300	31.7	14,024	14,026
Mortlach	4,632	11.5	150	150	30.9	136	341
Mossbank	10,302	17.5	244	252	20.4	208	317
Riverhurst	4,861	11.5	115	122	40.0	265	211
Rockglen	7,516	15.5	289	298	31.3	105	213
Rouleau	7,357	13.25	192	184	24.7	138	543
Tugaske	5,199	13	119	136	25.1	251	273
Willow Bunch	8,177	14.5	171	213	22.8	2,429	257
Wood Mountain	4,158	6	54	55	43.6	58	42
Total	342,301	390.25	15,844	16,493	31.4	21,213	25,966

2012 Palliser Circulation Statistics

BRANCH	CHKOUTS	Books			Total Circ	Borrowed Out of Region	Books Lent to Borrowed
		Renewals by Location	Lent Out of Region	Pro-rated E-books			
Assiniboia	20,037	5,287	3,967	1,544	30,835	3,093	874
Avonlea	5,526	975	1,634	426	8,561	835	799
Bethune	4,027	575	625	310	5,537	250	375
Briercrest	1,881	1,374	1,146	145	4,546	1,495	(349)
Coronach	7,280	1,762	2,247	561	11,850	1,238	1,009
Craik	5,484	1,337	1,137	423	8,381	1,218	(81)
Davidson	9,012	1,964	2,149	694	13,819	2,581	(432)
Elbow	4,905	1,065	1,595	378	7,943	1,409	186
Holdfast	3,106	797	556	239	4,698	2,437	(1,881)
Imperial	6,521	1,061	1,682	503	9,767	1,513	169
Loreburn	2,449	438	587	189	3,663	956	(369)
Mossbank	3,129	785	977	241	5,132	1,280	(303)
Moose Jaw	229,852	70,893	40,761	17,713	359,219	16,319	24,442
Mortlach	3,057	646	699	236	4,638	790	(91)
Rockglen	6,005	1,933	929	463	9,330	948	(19)
Riverhurst	2,531	1,333	824	195	4,883	491	333
Rouleau	3,016	608	688	232	4,544	1,846	(1,158)
Tugaske	2,132	640	473	164	3,409	905	(432)
Willow Bunch	2,717	985	954	209	4,865	547	407
Wood Mountain	1,304	674	320	100	2,398	204	116
Headquarters	799	2,260	4,427	62	7,548	1,501	2,926
Sub-totals	324,770	97,392	68,377	25,028	515,567	41,856	26,521