



FOR THE RECORD

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On May 13, 2023, Palliser held its first in person AGM since 2019. We had 11 board members and 6 observers in attendance.

Annual Financial Statement

The 2022 consolidated audited financial statements include our portion of the SILS income and expenses. Headquarters overspent this year by \$15,586.53 which was removed from the Equipment and Building Reserves to purchase a security system - \$5,216.12, 3 computers - \$3,316.39, fence - \$2,115.28 and painting the building - \$4,131.88. The remainder of the budgets had carry forwards of varying amounts which included carry forwards from the previous year. Our financial statements show a huge loss which is directly related to a change in our depreciation on library materials from 10 years to 5 years. As a result, amortization expense for 2022 was \$553,514 higher than 2021. Please visit our website to read the full [2022 Annual Report](#) and [2022 Audited Financial Statement](#).

Executive Committee Elections

2023 Executive Committee:

Chair:

- Sarah Vennes-Ouellet (Moose Jaw)

Other Members:

- Jaimie Atkins (Moose Jaw)
- Natalie Nagel (RM Sutton #103)

The Executive Committee requires 5 members from Moose Jaw and 4 from the rural areas, and we are well short of that. The Committee meets 7 times per year, often via zoom. If you are a regional board member interested in finding out more about what goes on behind the scenes and want to help plan the future of libraries, please consider joining! Email [Arwen Rudolph](mailto:Arwen.Rudolph) for more information.

BRANCH OF THE YEAR



Robbie Brooks accepts award from Arwen Rudolph

Bethune Branch Library won the Michael and Edith Klein Branch of the Year Award for 2022.

Congratulations to long-time Branch Librarian Robbie Brooks and her board who have made their library an indispensable part of their community.

READER ZONE

Your library's summer reading app



- ✓ Free to use
- ✓ Two easy ways to track minutes
- ✓ No need to drop off minutes at the library

Contact the library for the program code.

2023 PROVINCIAL BUDGET

Provincial Library & Literacy Office announced on March 22 that the regional grant pool increased from \$6,078,000 to \$6,260,000, an increase of \$182,000. The estimated increase to Palliser's HQ budget is about \$20,000. This is good news; however, we do need to emphasize that an increase has to happen every year.

RFID

Many libraries in Saskatchewan (and elsewhere) have been adopting Radio Frequency Identification including Regina Public Library, Saskatoon Public Library, Prince Albert Public Library, & Lakeland Regional Library.

Advantages:

- Can scan all items in a pile at once; this provides ease and speed of both staff checkout, and also patron self-checkout
- Makes inventory easier as you can scan multiple books at once, sometimes without even taking them off shelves
- Technology like self-sorting systems can be implemented

Disadvantages:

- Cost. The tags cost more than barcodes, and the RFID readers cost more than barcode scanners
- The advantages are appealing to larger branches, such as Moose Jaw Public Library, but less useful to smaller, rural branches.

Moose Jaw Public Library will be implementing RFID for their entire collection. To support MJPL and also to remain compatible with other library systems in the province, Palliser will be implementing RFID at HQ only for now. Rural branches will continue to use barcodes and barcode scanners for now.



Fun for kids, teens, and adults!

All activities and contests are free of charge.

Contact your nearest Palliser library branch to register.

50 YEARS: 1973 - 2023

Palliser Regional Library is turning 50 this year, and we have some great events planned! Stay tuned to our website and social media for more information.

Pallis-Air Contest

One of our courier drivers, Delmar Davies, took beautiful drone footage of all of our library communities. We are posting one video a week. People can guess which community is being show-cased, and those who guess correctly will be entered into a draw for a \$25 Indigo gift card. Follow us on Facebook and comment to win!

Library Trivia Night

Also in the works is a Library Trivia Night which will be held later on in the summer. Teams can enter and answer library-themed trivia questions to win great prizes. More details will be announced later.

LOGO

We started our consultations over a year ago, and we've finally got a winner. Thank you to everyone who participated in this process.

The winning concept mixes the idea of the Saskatchewan prairies with a love for literature and community. The icon shows three people with their heads peeking out over a stack of books — which are simultaneously shafts of wheat. The stem at the base of the wheat shaft is an open book, symbolizing the openness of the library welcoming the community members.

Mini-Fair at Palliser HQ

Palliser Regional Library officially opened on July 3, 1973. Monday, July 3, we are planning the best birthday party ever with a mini-fair at Palliser HQ. We'll have food trucks and tons of activities for the kids, as well as some birthday cupcakes. We encourage everyone to come and see what we're all about. 366 Coteau St. W, Moose Jaw, 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Local Branch Events

Palliser is offering grants of up to \$750 to local branches to hold their own 50th anniversary celebrations; some branches already have their events planned, including a "Party like it's 1973" retro-themed BBQ at Willow Bunch; and a fancy Tea Party at Tugaske. Please [visit our website](#) to see if your local library is hosting an event!

Wheat symbolizes renewal, and abundance — a wheat field is many parts coming together to form a whole, just like the Regional Library. Standing beside a wheat field at harvest time, watching the wind work its way through the shafts, like a golden ocean, you also get the sense that sometimes the whole can be greater than the sum of its parts.



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HQ STAFF UPDATE

We've had lots of juggling around at HQ this spring:

- Arwen Rudolph became Director after Jan Smith retired on December 31.
- Brianna Miller is our new Systems Librarian, taking on some tasks from both the former Director and Rural Branch Manager positions.
- Wendy Robbins, Clerk 2 (Processing, Blocks, Cataloguing, Book Club Kits, Blocks) retired on March 3.
- Jody Arnold returned from long term leave in February.
- Samantha Hodgson, Administrative Assistant, was brought up to full-time hours, and consequently resigned from the Caretaker position.
- Delmar Davies is our Tuesday courier and also took on the Caretaker position.
- James Miller took on more hours at Moose Jaw Public Library, and resigned as courier driver.
- We have just hired a new third courier driver for Thursdays, Doug Reichel.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES UPDATE

Auto-Renewal

No more coming into the library to renew your card every 3 years. As long as a patron has used their card either in person or online in the last year, their card will be automatically renewed for another 3 years without having to contact the library.

Regional Park Passes

They're back! Library members are able to check out a pass for 7 days which will get them into [any regional park](#) in the province. Available May 18 - Sep 15. Stop into your local branch today - first come first served. For more information, visit palliserlibrary.ca/parkpasses

BOOK CLUB KITS



Thank you to the South West District for Culture, Recreation & Sport, for the \$500 micro-grant to purchase new Book Club Kits. We have over 200 titles available.

[Book your kit today.](#)

New Titles:

