



FOR THE RECORD

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FALL GENERAL MEETING

The Palliser Regional Library Fall General Meeting was held via Zoom on November 4. 12 Members and 7 Staff/Observers attended.

Members voted in favour of a 1.35% increase to the rural base levy in 2024, and approved the 2024 budget.

Base Levy	2023	2024
Towns, Villages, & RMs without a branch	\$14.80	\$15.00
Towns, Villages & RMs with a Branch	\$22.20	\$22.65
Towns, Villages, & RMs with a population > 2000	\$29.60	\$30.20

Coming Soon: Radon Detector Kits



Library patrons will soon be able to check out Radon Detector Kits from any Palliser Regional Library. Radon gas can be a problem in homes in Saskatchewan and it's a good idea to test periodically. Patrons can [place a hold on a kit](#) and have it delivered to their home branch.



Summer 2023 was another year of Palliser doing our own program, and it went very well. The theme was "Mysteries and Capers." We had a total of 9,850 participants in summer programming across the region.

We once again used both the Reader Zone app and paper sheets to track minutes read, and 549 readers recorded 649,481 minutes read. The [full report](#) is on our website.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On July 3, Palliser Regional Library officially turned 50 years old. To celebrate, we had a mini-fair in the parking lot of Headquarters. We had food trucks and a bouncy castle, we gave out cupcakes, and we had our button maker and other crafts and activities. The day dawned sunny and a little windy but despite that it was a great family event, with an estimated 300 people attending. Thank you to everyone who came and all the staff who helped out with the event.



The bouncy castle was popular and busy all afternoon.



The occasionally blustery conditions didn't stop the fun.

Many of Palliser's branches have also celebrated with their own events, this summer and fall, and there's still more to come. Visit our [50th anniversary web page](#) to see all of our branch events. The next event will be a [Trivia Night at Moose Jaw Public Library](#) on November 17.



LITERACY ACTIVITY CALENDARS

EARLY LITERACY (0-5 YEARS) – CHILDREN'S LITERACY (5-10 YEARS) – ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



FALL STAFF WORKSHOP

Palliser Regional Library held a Branch Staff Workshop on October 13 at Saskatchewan Polytechnic Moose Jaw campus. We had a great session in the morning about Intellectual Freedom in Public Libraries with James Turk, Director of Toronto Metropolitan University's Centre for Free Expression, and Manitoba's South Central Regional Library. Thanks to all the staff and board members who joined us.



Workshop Group Selfie on the stairs at Sask Polytechnic

STAFF UPDATE

Headquarters:

- Brianna Miller and James Miller are now on leave as they welcomed a baby boy into their family on November 9.

Moose Jaw Public Library:

- We welcomed the following new staff members this year:
 - Tessie Thai - Library Clerk 1
 - Taylor Harder - Library Technician
 - Jennifer Doede - Community Outreach Librarian
- Lori Vansickle retired in May. Best Wishes Lori!
- Sara Mokonen welcomed a new baby to her family in October and is now on leave.

Rural Branches:

- We welcomed Maxine Hedin is the new temporary Branch Librarian at Elbow.
- Marlene McBurney, Coronach Branch Librarian, will be retiring at the end of the year. Best Wishes Marlene!

SILS APP



Download the [free SILS app](#) from the app store today. Check your library account and place holds right from the palm of your hand! You can also use the app in place of your library card when you check out items at your branch. New this year: enter the whole family's cards into the app and flip effortlessly between accounts.

