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## BRANCH OF THE YEAR



Violet Beaudry accepts  
award from Arwen Rudolph

Tugaske Branch  
Library won the  
Michael and Edith  
Klein Branch of the  
Year Award for  
2023.

Congratulations to  
Branch Librarian  
Violet Beaudry, her  
board, and all the  
volunteers who  
pour so many hours  
into making their  
library an integral  
part of their  
community.

# FOR THE RECORD

## News & Trustee Report

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On May 4, 2024, Palliser held their AGM; it was our first attempt at a hybrid meeting with members attending both in person and online. We had 17 board members attending, 15 in person and 2 via Zoom, and 7 observers in attendance.

### Executive Committee Elections

2024 Executive Committee:

Chair:

- Sarah Vennes-Ouellet (Moose Jaw)

Other Members:

- Jaimie Atkins (Moose Jaw)
- Natalie Nagel (RM Sutton #103)
- Jamie Olmstead (Moose Jaw)
- Shelley Potts-Weiget (Riverhurst)
- Cody Sharpe (Moose Jaw)

The Executive Committee has space for one more member from Moose Jaw, and 2 from the rural areas. The Committee meets 7 times per year, usually 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@palliserlibrary.ca) for more information.

### Annual Financial Statement

The 2023 consolidated audited financial statements include our 4.99% of the SILS income and expenses. We traded in our Ford Transit courier van for a GMC Sahara which is much better suited to our roads. The difference spent on the trade was taken out of the operating fund. This left a surplus of \$6,478 which was put into the HQ Building Reserve. All other budgets had a carry forward which included a portion of the previous year's carryforwards. Interest Rates are up and Palliser will be restructuring our investments to capitalize on interest on longer term investments. Please read the full [2023 Annual Report](#) and [2023 Audited Financial Statement](#).

### Stats at a Glance

	2021	2022	2023
Program Attendance	15,892	16,835	29,522
New Cardholders	1,296	1,808	2,149
Circulation (Physical & Overdrive)	331,361	398,890	426,896

# 2024 PROVINCIAL BUDGET

Provincial Library & Literacy Office announced on March 20 that the regional grant pool would have a 0% increase for this budget year. This was disappointing at a time when the cost of living has increased rapidly, and wages must also be increased to keep pace. Thank you to SUMA who passed a resolution at the recent SUMA convention in April to support funding for public libraries. We appreciate your support!

Provincial Grants to Palliser 2019 - 2024				
Year	Provincial Grant to Palliser	Palliser Provincial Grant Increase / Decrease	Provincial Regional Grant Pool	Regional Grant Pool Increase / Decrease
2024			\$6,260,450	0%
2023	\$726,053	2.97%	\$6,260,450	3%
2022	\$705,137	-0.51%	\$6,078,000	0%
2021	\$708,753	0%	\$6,078,000	0%
2020	\$708,753	0.92%	\$6,078,000	0.99%
2019	\$702,292	3.02%	\$6,018,000	-0.06%

# ABORIGINAL STORYTELLING MONTH

Elder Dickie Yuzicapi visited 6 branches (Assiniboia, Bethune, Elbow, Moose Jaw, Mossbank, Rouleau) in February for Aboriginal Storytelling Month. He shared Indigenous stories, and demonstrated traditional songs on the drum and flute. 141 people attended the programs.



# NEW LIBRARY CARDS ARE HERE



We got some great new library card designs! Watch for them at your nearest branch. Pictured here are the children’s card designs.

# SUMMER FUN AT YOUR LIBRARY



## Summer Reading Club

All our branches are gearing up for Summer Reading Club. This year we've joined the Collaborative Summer Library Program, and the theme is "Adventure Begins at your Library!" Visit your branch to find out how you can read your way to great prizes, and find out what adventures are happening this summer at your local library. The Reader Zone app is back, and readers of all ages can sign up and count the minutes they read to be entered to win some great prizes.

## Summer Performer Tour



Musician Eric Paetkau is touring Palliser this summer!

July 13 - Moose Jaw & Mossbank  
July 15 - Avonlea & Rouleau  
July 16 - Craik & Bethune  
July 20 - Riverhurst & Elbow

Eric is the founder and conductor of the two-time JUNO-nominated group of 27 Chamber Orchestra, & was the conductor of the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra from 2015-2022. His infectious and engaging energy gets kids singing and dancing.

## 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.

## 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 17 - Sep 15. Stop into your local branch today - first come first served. For more information, visit [palliserlibrary.ca/parkpasses](http://palliserlibrary.ca/parkpasses)

