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BRANCH OF THE VEAD



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

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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 Flections

2024 Executive Committee: Chair:

 Sarah Vennes-Ouellet (Moose Jaw)

Other Members:

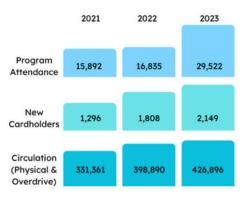
- Jaimie Atkins (Moose Jaw)
- Natalie Nagel (RM Sutton #103)
- Jamie Olmstead (Moose Jaw)
- Shelley Potts-Weigetz (Riverhurst)
- Cody Sharpe (Moose Jaw)

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 <u>Arwen</u> Rudolph 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



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.



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

