

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2023



Lethbridge
Public Library

CONNECTING
YOU

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Our Mission

Lethbridge Public Library is a welcoming, inclusive space that connects and strengthens community through equitable access to learning and leisure.

Our Vision

Lethbridge Public Library is the community's choice for the pursuit of literacy, leisure, learning and innovation.

Our Values

Accessibility - We value universal access to ideas for education and enjoyment through language in all its forms.

Accountability- We value accountability though fiscal responsibility. We value transparency and strive to demonstrate this through our actions, results and continuous improvement.

Connectivity - We value collaboration and see our role as an essential community connector to the individuals we serve through our partners and services. We value the importance of connection within our organization and prioritize pathways for communication in all that we do.

Diversity/Inclusivity - We value the diversity of our community and strive to reflect that diversity through inclusive planning and services.

Responsibility - We value the responsibility to serve our customers and community and to create a supportive, positive, fair, team based culture that values everyone's passions and talents.

Looking back at 2023

Craig Brown, LPL Board Chair | **Terra Plato**, Library CEO

2023 was a year of growth for Lethbridge Public Library. Our first full year of in-person programming since before the pandemic, we grew our programs and service offerings, we grew our neighborhood branch The Crossings, and we spent much of the year planning for the future growth of the Library.

The Library Facilities Master Plan was completed in 2023 and considers how the Library can continue to contribute to community growth by creating a long term vision for public library services and facilities in Lethbridge. The Plan was developed through extensive stakeholder and community engagement and was approved by the Library Board in October of 2023. The Plan provides strategic direction for services and facilities over the next 25 years to ensure sustainable growth of library services in relation to Lethbridge's population size. You can read more about it on page 6.

The Crossings Branch Expansion and Enhancement project was also completed in 2023. The goal of this project was to expand and re-design the branch to better meet the needs of the growing west side population. The completed facility includes: an expanded children's area, an improved teen space, an Indigenous gathering space, additional public washrooms and staff workspace. More details about this project are on page 9.

We grew our programs in 2023 to include an ongoing programming partnership with CBC Canada, new programs like the Home and Garden Show and Spirit Café, and revitalized old favorites such as the Banff Mountain Film Festival. We also expanded collections such as the seed library, social emotional learning tools, international languages and the toy library.

The Library not only strives to support our community as it grows, but contributes to its growth too. We provide vital opportunities for education, recreation and connections that are open to everyone. We do this not only through our collections and programs, but through the spaces that exist within the walls of our branches. The Lethbridge Public Library grows community.



Financials

City of Lethbridge Library Board statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2023

Revenue	2023	Budget
City of Lethbridge	\$6,760,163	\$6,760,163
Government Grants	\$917,893	\$887,725
General Revenue	\$196,312	\$199,553
Chinook Arch Regional Library System Grants	\$109,090	\$108,477
Transfer from Reserve	\$17,805	-\$2,119
Total Revenue	\$8,001,263	\$7,953,799

Expenditures	2023	Budget
Wages and Benefits	\$5,016,589	\$5,018,726
Chinook Arch Regional Library System Membership fees	\$1,153,383	\$1,153,383
City Allocated Costs	\$498,218	\$495,901
Supplies and Building Maintenance	\$482,271	\$411,135
Library Materials	\$334,042	\$338,244
Security	\$283,686	\$282,726
Information Technology	\$149,962	\$143,998
Advertising, Recruitment and Training	\$83,112	\$109,686
Total Expense	\$8,001,263	\$7,953,799

I enjoy making connections with patrons and also seeing them smile, laugh and enjoy themselves while attending our programs.

- Emily. K, Customer Assistant

2023 Highlights

With so many new and exciting programs at Lethbridge Public Library in 2023, here are a few key highlights that were particularly exciting for our staff and patrons!

CBC Launch

LPL hosted the launch of CBC's Lethbridge bureau with live broadcasts, local music and other special events over two days in January which drew a crowd of over 2,000 people!



NYE Party

We said goodbye to 2023 and welcomed 2024 with the return of the family New Years Eve Party in partnership with CBC. Over 300 people attended and enjoyed dancing, crafts and snacks!

Home & Garden Show

This year the Information Services department hosted a Home and Garden Show! This long-standing community event wasn't being hosted at its regular venue, so the team identified and filled the gap by hosting one at the Library. With over 15 vendors, we had approximately 400 patrons walk through the doors, with workshops and activities planned throughout the day.

No Fee Memberships

LPL was once again pleased to offer no fee memberships for 2023! We celebrated with Library Card Sign Up Month in February this year with prizes, promotion, and some pop-up locations out in the community, and had 1,143 new and renewed cards over the month, a 31% increase compared to Feb 2022! Offering no fee memberships continues to remove barriers for access to information and ideas, in alignment with the LPL Mission and Vision.

Fantasy Faire

It was a day of adventures at the Crossings Branch. The program kicked off with Ye Olde Storytime, hosted by Queen Emily and Sir Vuk and was followed by activities for all ages: crown crafts, medieval dance lessons, fight the knight, Dungeons & Dragons mini campaigns, and a marketplace of local vendors. The youngest of attending knights and royalty were star struck by the appearance of Rapunzel, fairies, wizards and hobbits sneaking through the library stacks.





Facilities Master Plan

More than 18 months of work by the Library Board, management and staff, as well as many community partners and stakeholders went into building Lethbridge Public Library’s first Facilities Master Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to provide a vision for future Lethbridge Public Library services, resources and facilities based on: population projections, distribution and demographic patterns, access and public safety features, library planning standards and anticipated future usage of the library.

Many elements went into building the plan, including existing City plans, current and future usage statistics, review of trends and best practices, a review of the existing main branch facilities, peer benchmarking, a review of economic benefits, and numerous community and stakeholder engagement activities.

The resulting Plan identifies a roadmap for Library facilities and services to the year 2050. Importantly, it identifies that the existing Main Branch is in critical need to be replaced and doesn’t meet the needs for delivery of contemporary library services and resources. The Plan outlines the current deficiencies in public access, orientation, navigation, and safety and security at the branch, and recommends a new central branch which will anchor the downtown core and be a full-service destination for the education, social and recreation needs of the community.

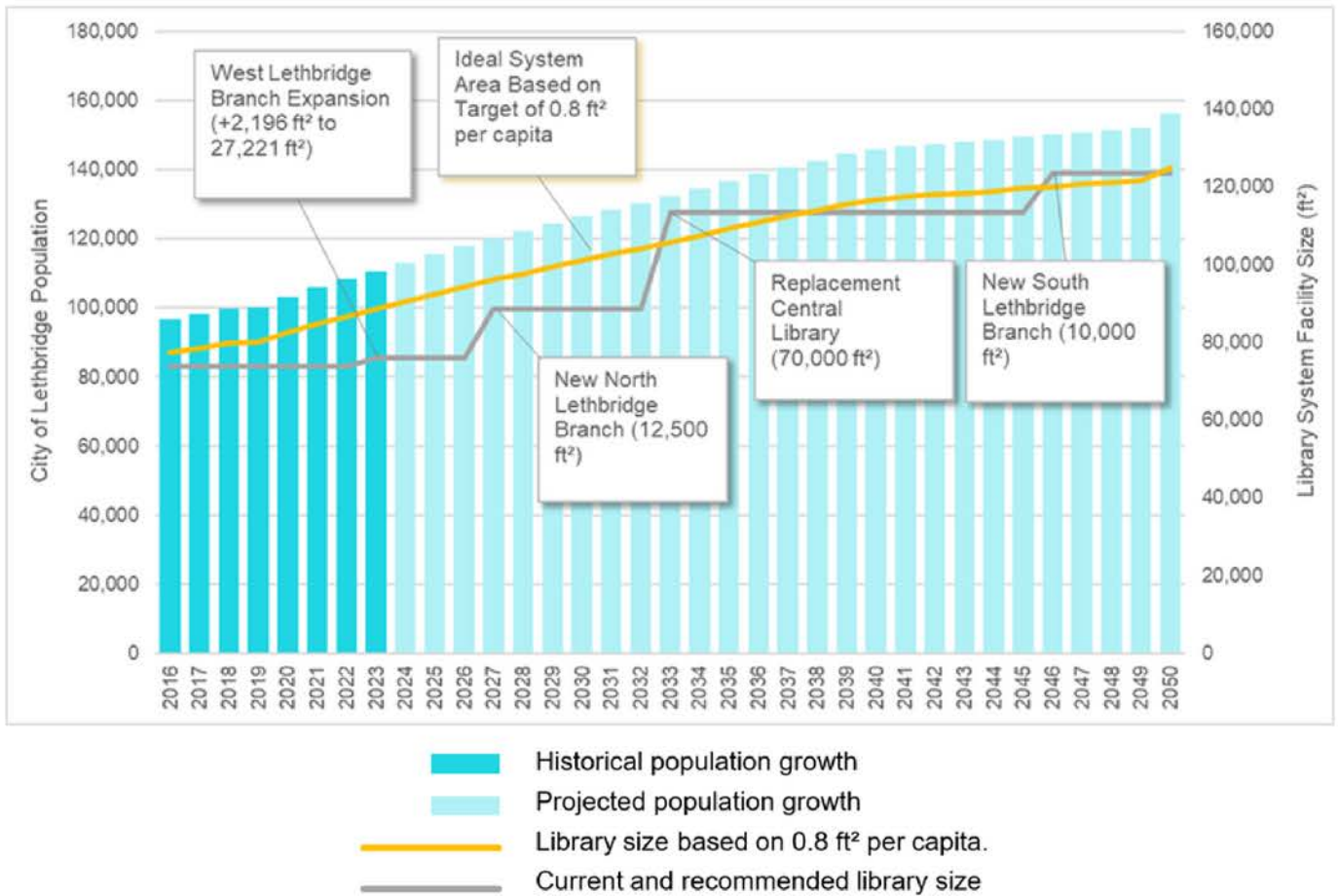
The Plan also identifies the need for additional library facilities to be strategically located throughout the city. In response to emerging patterns of population density and distribution, neighborhood branches will increase community sustainability and be accessible hubs for literacy, leisure, learning and innovation.

The future library system will respond proactively to emerging social, informational and technological trends and leverage strategic partnership opportunities to become a gateway for community development, engagement and cohesion.

View the Facilities Master Plan in full at lethlib.ca/about-us/

Recommended Proposed Library Sizes Based on City of Lethbridge Population Growth Over Time

Source: Lethbridge Public Library Facilities Master Plan, 2023-2050



THE WORD ON THE STREET LETHBRIDGE BOOK & MAGAZINE FESTIVAL

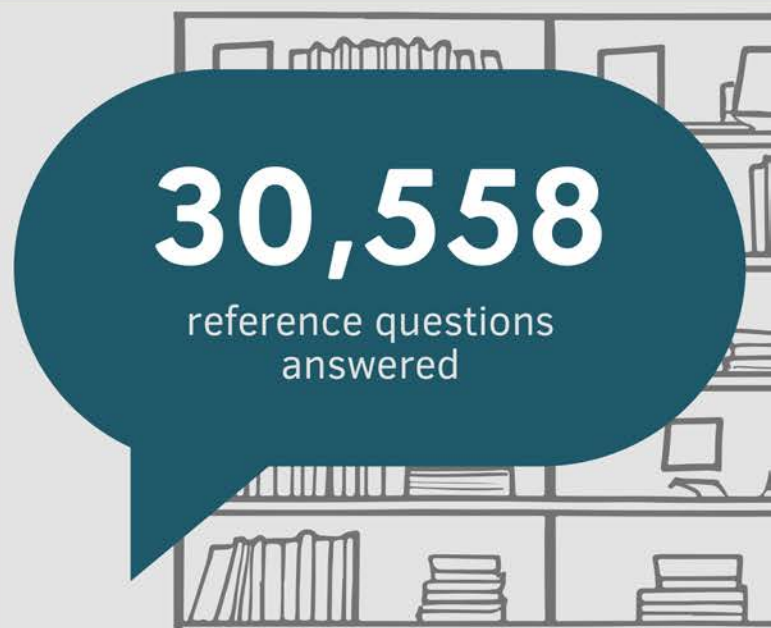
The Word on the Street Lethbridge returned for the thirteenth year, with eight programming venues running simultaneously throughout the day, a vendor marketplace, live music, a scavenger hunt, and more than 3,300 people!

Allied Arts Council joined us with Arts Days programming, and offered free hands-on arts activities throughout the day, involving local artists and handicraft guilds, facepainting, and collaborative arts activities.

Highlights of this year's line-up included long-time prairie poet Sid Marty, nonfiction author John Vaillant, Indigenous journalist Angela Sterritt, local artist and picture book author Hali Heavy Shield, fantasy author Kevin Sands, and best-selling literary author Ann-Marie MacDonald.



2023 Impact Report





Crossings Branch

2023 was an exciting year as we were able to undertake an **expansion and enhancement renovation** to better serve our growing community.

The project spanned into 2,500 of unused space adjacent to our current facility. Through the expansion and enhancement, we were able to maximize our current spaces by providing dedicated and improved areas specific to customer needs including the Indigenous community and youth. Through a generous donation from the Friends of the Lethbridge Public Library we replaced many of the furnishings in the branch and had a custom built play structure named the **Friendship Bridge**. The structure gives our youngest library visitors a place to play, curl up with a book and their caregivers, and makes the library a destination location to meet and connect.

This expansion gives us a **dedicated teen space** with room to spread out and allows us to better serve the youth that frequently visit the space. There is now space for teens to study, play tabletop and video games, and explore their interests.

We were also able to create zones within the library for customers to **sit together and meet**, or utilize dedicated **quiet spaces**.

Through the renovation we **replaced the carpet** in the branch which was no small task. This involved moving everything from furniture to every book in the library. We also took the opportunity to **move the customer service desk** allowing for better sightlines for improved customer service.

The project was funded by the City of Lethbridge Capital Improvement Program, the City of Lethbridge Library Board and the Friends of the Lethbridge Public Library.





Bookmobile

The Bookmobile saw an increase of circulated items from 70,250 items to 74,639 items in 2023!

The **Book Bin Delivery Program** continues to grow! In September, we expanded the program to a total of 67 bins, nearly 3x more since its inception in 2020.

The Book Bin Delivery Program began as a creative solution during the pandemic, allowing us to deliver books for all reading levels to schools without the need to visit in-person. It was so popular that the program continued after restrictions were relaxed. As a result, community stops have expanded and have seen an increase in new library card sign up at the Bookmobile.



Some changes we made to manage the large demand were switching from a two week, to a three week rotation and most of the swapping was done at the depot. Both changes allowed us to meet the demand of the program. A ripple effect of the book bin program is seeing more customers at our after-school and community stops.

398 new members signed up for library cards at the Bookmobile in 2023!

Ongoing mechanical issues with the Bookmobile through the summer and fall saw staff showcase their flexibility and creativity with a **“fun-sized” mini version of Bookmobile services** with one of the library vans at community stops until the Bookmobile was road ready once again!

Customer Services

Efforts to improve Customer Services across the organization have resulted in an enhanced library experience for our community members.

We have simplified staff training into 4 key areas:

Safety, Courtesy, Show & Capacity

Emphasizing these four areas means we work in priority order to provide physical and psychological safety, respond with empathy and professionalism, and keep our library clean and inviting.

One of the best feelings is when I get adults laughing during my storytelling. It's a big victory when everyone is enjoying themselves!

-Emily. L

The Escape Rooms were brilliant. They sold out quicker than any event I saw in 2023, and so many people of all ages enjoyed the different ones that were offered.

- E.J. A

It [Spirit Café] is making a difference in connecting some of our unhomed population to community.

-Shanell. P

I have helped multiple people with their situations. Whether helping someone create a Kijiji account to find housing, setting patrons up with community organizations, or just being there to listen when someone needs it most, I know that my work is having a positive impact on the community through the folks I have been able to assist.

- Daren. M

I wasn't involved in the Taylor Swift friendship bracelet program, but I was working the night it happened and walking through the north wing was a joyful experience. The vibe was fantastic!!

-Lisa. D

At the University outreach - students were SO excited to learn that they could sign up with no cost and about all the digital offerings the library has. Many students ran to grab friends to sign up with them or did a 'happy dance' when they received their card.

- Brooke. W



LPL's Coulee Clean-up Crew!



charlotte brenner
@lottiebrenner

@LethLib Just wanted to give a shout out to all of the staff at the Lethbridge Library Main Branch. I spent my day working there, and was amazed at how caring, respectful and supportive the staff were towards all of the patrons. It is much more than just a library to many people.



It makes me feel so fulfilled to work for an organization that supports everyone and makes a display of it.

-Hannah. L

Pride Parade!

I spent time talking to a family new to Canada, and she was very grateful, and liked the program but said that it made her miss the nursery rhymes from her childhood. I asked her her language (French) and for a simple one as an example. She told me and I learned it for her.

-Catherine. M

2023 marked the first full calendar year having a full-time **Crisis Intervention Worker (CIW)**

at the Main branch. The CIW position ensures all library patrons can access services in safe, meaningful, and respectful ways; the CIW works collaboratively with library staff, management, and security in providing comprehensive supports and services. The CIW provides preventative library-wide supervision to identify and deter potential challenges before they occur.

Not only has Lethbridge Public Library experienced incredibly positive outcomes of this role – so have patrons! Throughout 2023, the CIW provided community members with an estimated **2,800 referrals** to external organizations, across approximately **1,600 one-on-one** interactions (which include wellness checks, social system navigation, crisis de-escalation, informal counseling, family planning, completion of forms and applications, and other supports).

Lastly, the CIW position continues to advance the library's interconnectedness with the community, attending 17 networking and community development opportunities within the city.

I've often been sought out by parents/caregivers over the years, in the grocery store, at a restaurant – random places in town – letting me know how much our early literacy programming made a positive difference in their lives as they were dealing with all the joys and challenges that come with raising young children.

- Jenny. C

Our [Read On Adult Literacy and Learning] one-on-one and in-class students, many with barriers, bring the most joy! They have found a welcoming place where they can learn.

-Lil. R



Word on the Street festival!

Simple conversations can help change lives if we spend the time to have them.

**- Daren. M,
Crisis Intervention Worker**



Children's Services

It was a year of innovation and imagination in Children's Services at the Lethbridge Public Library. From immersive storytelling to interactive workshops, new and existing programming ignited curiosity and passion for learning in the hearts of LPL's youngest patrons.

Collection additions focused on both Social Emotional Learning and an increase in international language collections that support newcomers to Canada.

The toy library continued to grow with the addition of puzzles and an increased interest in sensory equipment.

You can see parents who can finally relax into some chairs while Patty does Time for 2s, or Dax brings out snacks and the kids get excited. Or when Jenny is being goofy the kids are laughing and being goofy right back. This isn't one big life-altering program, it's everything happening over time. It's setting the foundation for the love of libraries, play, literacy and community!

- Hannah . L, Customer Assistant

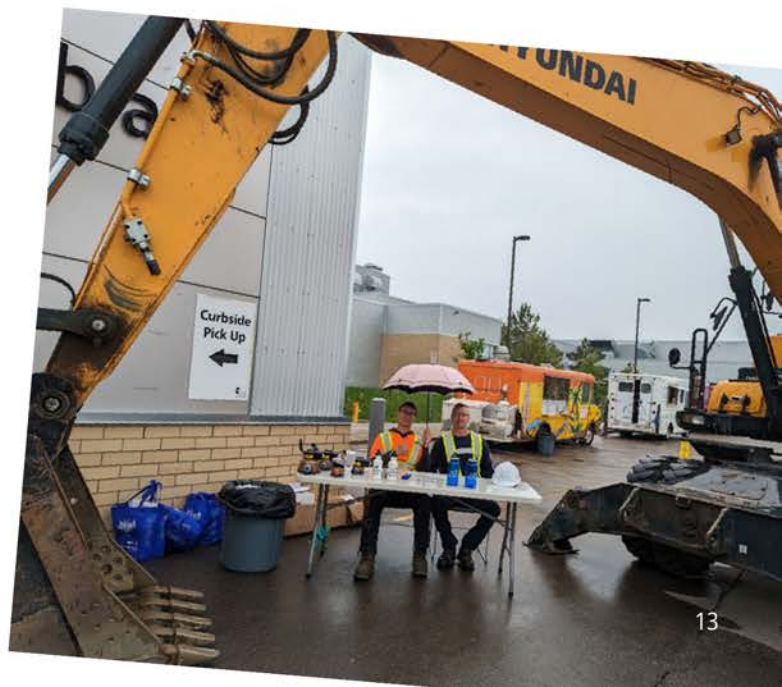
We continued to see success with our onsite Escape Rooms and ran four different themes in 2023: Pokémon, Star Wars, Fairytale and Taylor Swift!

Parent Connect grew with the addition of community partners and guests who attend to inform parents of resources and services available to them throughout the city. Guest groups included Parents as Teachers, Interfaith Foodbank, Helen Schuler Nature Centre, and the Galt Museum.

Despite this year's rainy and gloomy day in May, the Big Truck Petting Zoo continues to be a fan-favourite event! Over 2,500 people came out dressed accordingly in rain gear, hats, umbrellas and little ones in covered strollers. Almost every vehicle had a line of families waiting for their turn to sit their children up in the cabs.

Given the weather, I was expecting a low turnout. I will never again underestimate our community's love of big trucks!

- Emily . L, Library Technician



New Children's Services programming in 2023

Adventures Through History: This year we did three sessions where kids could pick up a time traveler's passport and learn about ancient civilizations: Egyptian, Greek and Mayan.

"Grand" Time: A multi-generational program aimed at giving grandparents/guardians a special space to enjoy programming with their grandchildren.

Youth Writing Contest: This was an opportunity for the tween audience who came up with some wonderful stories!

All Day Play: Play is a powerful tool in brain development. This program provides self-directed activities for families to play and socialize.

Kids Adventure Club: This new role-playing game for kids combines make-believe, adventure, story-telling and working co-operatively to enhance team-building skills.

Heures de Contes: In partnership with Centre d'Appui Familial we began to offer a french program story-time for our francophone community and immersion patrons.

Mud City Weekend: The City of Lethbridge Parks department delivered a large bag of dirt. This, combined with toys, water, and imagination led to a weekend of fun! It gave kids and families the chance to engage in messy play, and have fun with other kids and families in the community.

School's Out!: We recognized an opportunity for specialized programming for school closures/PD days to provide fun and educational activities during this free time outside of class!

Summer in the Square: This event in Festival Square was in partnership with Downtown BRZ and had over 320 attendees as an extended version of programming. This allowed us to take the library out to the community to promote the great things that happen at our library branches!



Participant comments:

"I would never think of the library as a place where something like this would be offered."

"How did you come up with this?
It's so smart and so simple!"

"This is messy, and my kid is having so much fun, but I'm glad we brought towels!"

Indigenous Services

In partnership with the local Metis Association of Alberta we began offering a **Jig and Jam program** at the Crossings branch once a week. It saw between 10-40 patrons participate each week, using instruments donated from Long and McQuade, and a group performance at the end.

Indigenous Services also offered a monthly **Spirit Cafe** program in partnership with Alberta Health Services to host an opportunity to discuss a variety of topics. Each month attendance has grown.

Indigenous Artisan Markets, offered three times in the winter, spring and fall, each were incredibly popular, and provided a space that local artisans could display their wares.

For **National Truth and Reconciliation Day**, Indigenous Services worked alongside the Sage Clan to host a healing walk. There was also a large-scale event planned for the day at the Crossings Branch that included activities, speakers, and of course - food!



Read On Adult Literacy & Learning

206
Students

Read On subscribed to a **new online resource** for literacy learners this year. With 1,400 lessons and 28 courses, this has enabled staff to address learning barriers for adult students who cannot attend scheduled tutoring sessions or classes. Students plan their own path to study English, math, or job skills. About 200 students have used this program since joining.

70
Volunteer Tutors

Intermediate level English language students had the opportunity to participate in a 12-week online, tuition-free English course focusing on reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. One student credits this course for giving her the skills that enabled her to find her first job!

3,265
Volunteer Hours

Sometimes I bump into people years later and they've been so grateful for the support of Read On as they gained skills and knowledge.

- Margaret . L, Library Technician

42
Classes

Students from Japan, China, South Korea, Iran and Costa Rica got together once a week to read, understand, discuss, and enjoy a novel in **Book Talk Class**. This creates opportunity for networking and connection.

64
Tutor/Student Pairs

Read On staff continue to be adept at implementing programs for newcomers such as the **Conversation Café** which began for Ukrainians who were waiting for English language learning opportunities at other institutions. Now, the Conversation Café is four classes with curriculums serving Temporary Foreign Workers, who are not eligible for other language instruction opportunities.

Information Services

Information Services had many programs return in 2023 and started some new exciting ones.

2023 started off with the **Banff Mountain Film Festival** - having taken a three-year hiatus, it was back at the Yates Memorial Theatre with a bang with 662 people in attendance.

Trying something new, we hosted a large record sale in partnership with the Friends, that included community vendors and live music.

In May, we offered two **Provincial Election forums** for both Lethbridge East and West ridings. Over 150 community members came out to listen to the candidates, as well as hear questions posed by local media members.


The Seed Library, which began during the pandemic, continues to see huge growth. In 2023 we purchased a larger, new shelving cupboard to store all the seeds, and we worked alongside seed companies who donated seeds to help sustain the continued enthusiasm of the program. In 2023, there were 2,496 "check outs" of seeds - a significant growth from previous years. What patrons tell us, is the seed library helps in a number of ways, from helping to reduce food insecurities by being able to grow their own food, to helping break down economic barriers to try out gardening.

The Office Escape Room was a fun activity that brought out 68 participants. We also offered three **Name that Tune** programs with well over 120 participants, some even dressed up in costume.

We also jumped on the Taylor Swift bandwagon and offered a **T-Swift Friendship Bracelet Making** program. Participants were happy listening to music, making bracelets, and just hanging out. It was also a really nice intergenerational program and altogether had fun.

In partnership with The Alberta Library, we began offering the **Happiness Programme** in September. This technology is an interactive light projector that allows participants to engage with programs designed to stimulate the mind like games, puzzles, art and mindfulness relaxation activities.

A **Virtual Reality headset** is now available for patrons and includes a National Film Board film called *This is not a Ceremony* which is a "cinematic VR experience". It is immersive and requires the user to look at the surroundings and inhabit the story. The viewer is placed within the 360° environment of the unfolding narrative. It examines the darker sides of living as an Indigenous person in Canada.



This was the first night of returning to the festival as an in-person event. Having the audience cheer and yell, "we're back" gave me chills.

- Jonathan. J, Resource Sharing Librarian

Teen Services

In the past year, LPL has been dedicated to providing an enriching and inclusive environment for our city's teens by offering an array of engaging activities tailored specifically to their interests and needs.

Dungeons & Dragons builds multiple literacy skills through creative expression and adventuring. The **Teen Book Club** introduces readers to titles they might not otherwise encounter, fostering discussion around various genres and writing styles. **The Word Forge** summer writing club brought together young authors to hone their writing skills and work on stories, poems and comics. **OUT at the Library** returned in partnership with OUTreach Southern Alberta to support teens through a community Gender and Sexuality Alliance.

Help from our teen volunteers was greatly appreciated in 2023! From assembling weekly craft kits for kids, to creating a giant Search & Find window display at the Crossings Branch, teens spent over 86 hours making their libraries better for their communities.

Young Adult (YA) ebooks through the Libby app saw a significant **40% increase** from 2022. **25,881 ebooks and digital audiobooks** for teens were borrowed throughout the year.

I witnessed two teen boys really connect and form a friendship at *Big Screen Video Game Night* and didn't leave until they exchanged contact information.

- Brooke. W, Customer Assistant



IDEA Circle

Inclusion Diversity Equity & Accessibility

The IDEA Circle is a staff committee that structures its work to advocate for social justice issues and consider diverse perspectives in the work being done at the library. Through its commitment, the IDEA Circle works to keep a community minded approach, have empathy and compassion in its work, and provide barrier free access and safe spaces in the community. It cultivates an environment where DEI can flourish for both staff and patrons by continuing to keep open minds and entrenching diverse perspectives and cultures in everyday practices

LPL continues to create a space where the community and staff feel valued, respected, and empowered to explore interests, passions and to be their whole selves.

We are proud to share the strides we have made in promoting DEI within our programming and the profound impact it has had on shaping a more inclusive and equitable future for all.

LPL Staff participated in training about the importance of **smudging** in Indigenous culture, and the Indigenous Services team has continued to find more opportunities to offer spaces for smudging for patrons and staff.

Once again, LPL participated in the Lethbridge Pride Fest **Pride Parade**, to continue representing as a safe and inclusive space for our LGBTQ2+ Community.

We also hosted **Reading with Royalty** again this year, aligning with Lethbridge Pride Fest, which had participants overflowing into the atrium to support their community and this program specifically.

THANK YOU

Many community-minded individuals and agencies donate to the Lethbridge Public Library, helping to fund a variety of programs, activities, events, and develop collections.

Thank you to these 2023 supporters:

Individual Donors

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There were also 39 anonymous donors and 80 others who preferred not to be acknowledged.

THE **WORD** ON THE **STREET**

LETHBRIDGE BOOK & MAGAZINE FESTIVAL

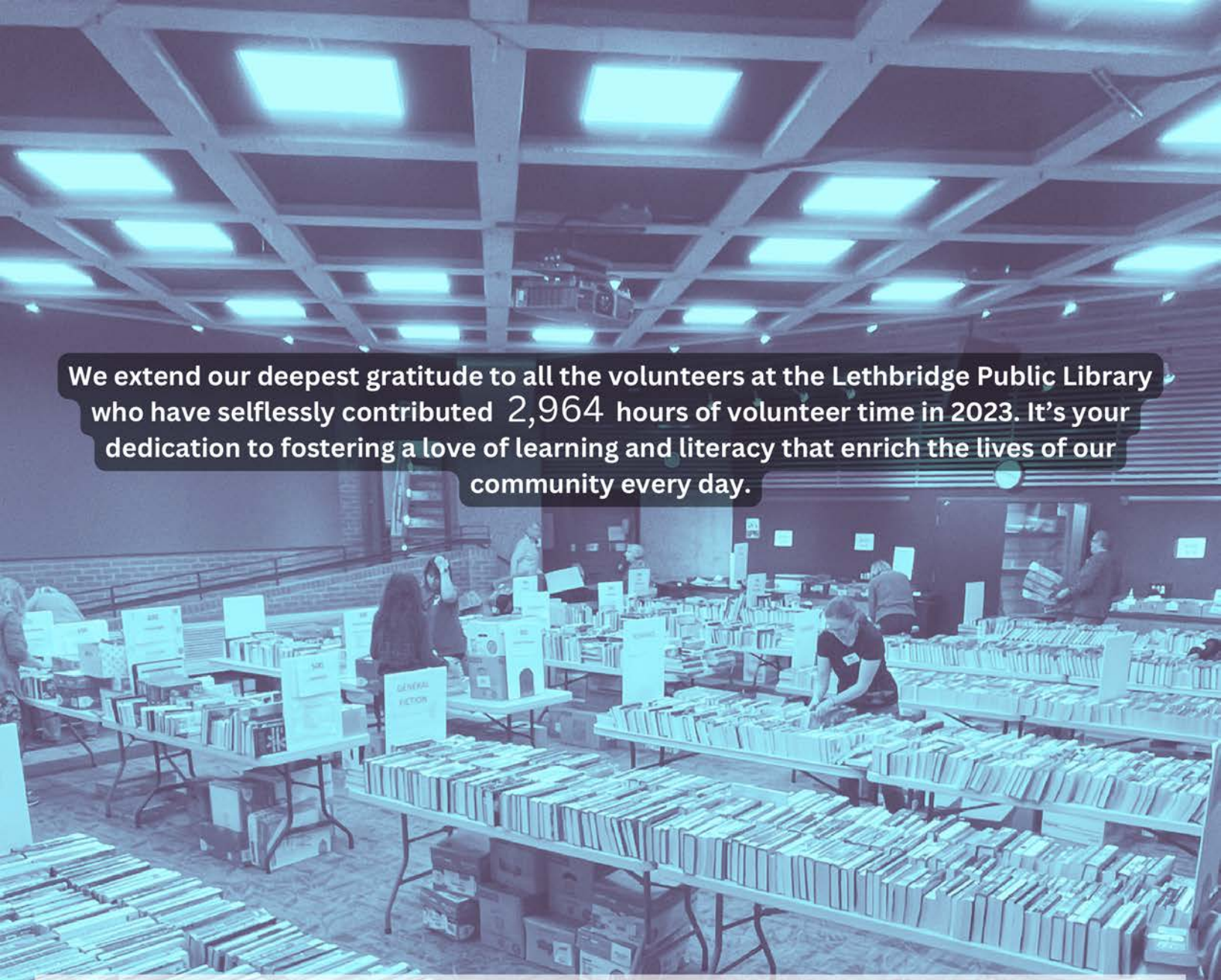
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Helen Schuler Nature Centre
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Lethbridge Folk Club
Lethbridge Hurricanes
Lethbridge Symphony
Movie Mill
New West Theatre
Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden
Pass Powderkeg Ski Area
Recreation Excellence
Southern Alberta Art Gallery
YMCA



We extend our deepest gratitude to all the volunteers at the Lethbridge Public Library who have selflessly contributed 2,964 hours of volunteer time in 2023. It's your dedication to fostering a love of learning and literacy that enrich the lives of our community every day.

It is incredible that another year has passed! The Friends of the LPL have been active and committed to helping the library wherever possible. The Friends have hosted numerous book sales again and they continue to be popular. This year we also had a vinyl sale which was exciting. We are always looking for new and innovative ways to raise funds which we contribute to the library.

The Friends have two primary goals: one is to advocate for the LPL and the second one is to raise funds for special projects, programming and services for the LPL whether it is the main branch or the Crossings. We are proud of the resources and programs that both sites offer to residents of Lethbridge and Southern Alberta; we are certain that everyone can find something of benefit at the library.

We are glad to say that the Friends have been able to contribute \$100,000 for the renovations at the Crossings and have contributed to other projects at the Main branch as well. We further advocate for the library by sponsoring Word on the Street to celebrate the resources that we have in Lethbridge.



The Friends have partnered with the LPL for more than 30 years and have raised well over \$1 Million dollars and will continue to raise whatever funds we can for the benefit of the patrons.

The Lethbridge Public Library acknowledges that we are gathered on the lands of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains and pays respect to the Blackfoot people past, present and future while recognizing and respecting their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship to the land.
The City of Lethbridge is also home to the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III.



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