

MISSION, VISION & VALUES

Mission: Wapiti Regional Library coordinates and facilitates evolving library services within the region.

Vision: Wapiti Regional Library is recognized as a dynamic leader of evolving library and information services and community engagement.

We Value: Lifelong learning, Literacy development, Varied ways of learning, Community involvement, Equitable and flexible services, Inclusivity, Partnerships: locally, regionally, provincially.

Executive Committee:

Chair April Phillips, City of Melfort

Vice-Chair Jan Boughen, Town of Nipawin

Amanda Klitch, City of Humboldt

Marilyn Wallington, Town of Tisdale

Kelly Hoare, Town of Shellbrook

Sheila Fujimagari, Village of Paddockwood

Cliff Skaug, RM of Shellbrook



Various online presentations were offered by Wapiti to celebrate Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling Month in February 2022.

2022 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Resources

Print & Non-print Materials	314,154
New Items Added	16,718
Materials Expenditures	\$370,557

Items Circulated	368,006
eBooks Circulated	96,582
Digital Items Circulated	37,959
Holds Filled	124,319
Reference Questions	8,342
Programs Offered	2,481
New Patrons	1,867
Total Population	88,801

WAPITI REGIONAL OFFICE PERSONNEL

Regional Director/CEO: Tony Murphy

Finance Manager: Beverley Lawreniuk

IT Manager: Lorne Moffat

Community Services Librarian: Lindsay Baker

Administrative Assistant: Kathy Desormeau

Tech Services Supervisor: Tania Marchinko

Acquisitions Supervisor: Gail Anderson

Regional Office Clerks: Linelle Nelson, Ayu Dayat,

Candace Leger, Beverly Coates

Materials Delivery Driver: Don Mischuk & Randy Ferchuk

We thank the following for generous support in 2021

- Ministry of Education, Government of Saskatchewan
- Provincial Library & Literacy Office
- Young Canada Works

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BOARD CHAIR & REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2022 saw Wapiti continuing to “recover” from the effects of COVID-19 on our regional library system. The pandemic-related library closures from March to July 2020, and the subsequent shifts in usage trends that took place after Wapiti reopened in 2020 continued to affect library usage through 2021 and 2022.

The post-pandemic landscape at Wapiti is positive overall, and continuing to improve. One vital area that has come back strongly is library programming, which is one of our libraries’ primary avenues of connection to the community.

2022 saw Wapiti libraries embracing a return to in-person programming. Every year, Wapiti hires a Summer Programming Assistant, who normally spends much of the summer on the road providing programming to and helping with events at our branch libraries. In 2020 and 2021, our focus turned to virtual programming and creating new branch libraries. In 2020 and 2021, our focus turned to virtual programming and creating new and innovative ways to bring programs to communities during the various “lockdown” phases. The summer of 2022 saw our Summer Programming Assistant back on the road, with more than forty library visits in July and August.

Several Wapiti branches celebrated significant anniversaries in 2022, with the following passing another ten-year milestone of service to their communities:

- Celebrating 90 years: Humboldt’s Reid-Thompson Public Library.
- Celebrating 70 years: Shellbrook Public Library.
- Celebrating 60 years: Paddockwood Public Library.

Congratulations to the above Wapiti communities, and indeed to all Wapiti libraries celebrating another year of dedicated service and community-building.

The Wapiti Board Chair and Regional Director want to acknowledge and thank the Executive Committee, the Wapiti Regional Library Board, the entire Regional Office team, the Local Library Boards and branch staff, and our municipal partners, for working together for the shared goal of bringing the best, most innovative public library services to our communities.

