



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Melfort Public Library hosted an author visit by Michelle Good as part of "One Book One Province." Good's award winning *Five Little Indians* was chosen as the 2023 title.

2023

KEY STATISTICS

Physical Collection	309,982
New Items	16,046
Material Expenditures	\$414,726.91
Items Circulated	373,149
Digital Items Circulated	161,104
Holds Filled	119,931
Reference Questions	8,658
Programs Offered	2,726
New Patrons	2,249
Total Population	88,669

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.

VALUES

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

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REGIONAL OFFICE

Regional Director/CEO: Tony Murphy
Finance Manager: Beverley Lawreniuk
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BOARD CHAIR & DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Over the last decade Wapiti Regional Library has seen our fair share of upheaval – the Provincial Funding Crisis in 2017, the departure of Prince Albert from the region in 2018, and of course, a global COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Despite these upheavals, in all their wide variety, Wapiti has emerged each time better and stronger than before and has repeatedly seized opportunities to implement positive and productive changes that have improved services to our communities, and improved the infrastructure that supports those services.

Whether reorganizing the Regional Office to increase efficiency while cutting costs, completely rebuilding Wapiti's "Block Collection," building and implementing programming kits at the Regional Office to improve programming across the region,

strengthening our governance post-Prince Albert, making long overdue improvements to the Regional Office building, change has been a constant at Wapiti. And that is not stopping.

A post-COVID focus on collections renewal continued in 2023 with an increase to RMTV category materials spending that doubled what each RMTV library had to spend on materials for the year. With the rebuilt Block Collection and processes rotating newer materials through Wapiti branches to augment the permanent collections, the materials spending increases, along with improved weeding practices, will work to build more current and desirable permanent collections in our branches, for our patrons.

Wapiti's IT was also the focus of renewal and rebuilding in 2023 (and ongoing). Wapiti is modernizing our IT infrastructure, networking, and equipment at the Regional Office as well as at the branches, with the goal of improved access and greater speed for our patrons, and greater stability and efficiency at the Regional Office.

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.

Branch Milestones

- ▶ Bjorkdale and Mistatim Public Libraries celebrated 60 years
- ▶ Blaine Lake, Porcupine Plain, and Prairie River Public Libraries celebrated 50 years

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

