

## 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:** Jan Boughen, Town of Nipawin

**Vice-Chair:** April Phillips, City of Melfort

Amanda Klitch, City of Humboldt

Kelly Hoare, Town of Shellbrook

Margaret Leigh, RM of Pleasantdale

Sherry Fredsberg, RM of Bjorkdale

Paula Seaman, RM of Torch River



Wapiti Regional Library and the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency spread the message of fire safety across the region. Sparky in Arborfield, with the local Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, and local kids.

## 2024 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

### Resources

Print & Non-print Materials	307,749
New Items Added	18,641
Materials Expenditures	465,208
Items Circulated	373,993
Digital Items Circulated	147,359
Holds Filled	113,864
Reference Questions	8,770
Programs Offered	2,705
New Patrons	1,839
Total Patrons	21,177
Total Population	88,669

## WAPITI REGIONAL OFFICE PERSONNEL

Regional Director/CEO: Tony Murphy

Finance Manager: Beverley Lawreniuk

Community Services Librarian: Lindsay Baker

Administrative Assistant: Patty Healy

Tech Services Supervisor: Tania Marchinko

Acquisitions Supervisor: Gail Anderson

Regional Office Clerks: Linelle Nelson, Ayu Dayat, Mariia

Oliinyk, Khushdeep Kaur, Amit Bhardwaj

Materials Delivery Driver: Don Mischuk, Randy Ferchuk, and Barrett Laird

## WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT IN 2024

- Ministry of Education, Government of Saskatchewan
- Provincial Library & Literacy Office
- Young Canada Works (Canada.ca)
- SaskTel
- CVS Midwest Tape

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# 2024 Annual Report

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## BOARD CHAIR & REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT— ANNUAL REPORT 2024

For Wapiti Regional Library, 2024 was a year dedicated to service to our communities, whether continuing multi-year improvement projects, or building – indeed “evolving,” to invoke the language of our stated Mission - services to reach new or underserved library user communities.

2024 saw region-wide progress on our almost wholesale rejuvenation and update to Wapiti's IT infrastructure, with over half of the Public Access Computers in Wapiti branch libraries replaced by new, fast, and future-proofed equipment (with the rest of the branch public computers to be replaced in 2025). Simultaneously, Wapiti installed new state-of-the-art firewall technology in all 44 Wapiti libraries. Wapiti worked with, and owes many thanks to the Information Management and Support Branch, Ministry of Education, who provided the firewall technology to Wapiti at no cost to the region.

Progress was ongoing in 2024 on Wapiti's plan, with increased branch-level materials spending, continuing



to rejuvenate the permanent collections. New for 2024 was the addition to the Block Collection of Young Adult (“YA”) blocks as a way to better serve YA readers in our communities.

Peter Godber and Gainer joined the Tisdale Public Library staff and patrons to celebrate winning the Summer Rider Reading Challenge!



2024 was a disappointing year on the provincial funding front. After a small increase in 2023, the province cut Wapiti's funding in 2024. This reflects the unfortunate funding reality for SK public libraries, which have not seen any substantive increase in funding in well over a decade, despite the public outcry against library funding cuts in 2017, and the work SK public libraries did to help the province with their “public library engagement” and “sector plan” in the intervening years since 2017. Notably, despite the lack of increased funding, Wapiti has continued to evolve and improve library services to our communities. The question that Wapiti is forced to ponder, and which our communities, the province, and our other stakeholders really need to consider, however, is when will Wapiti have to implement service cuts in the face of continued funding shortfalls?

In 2024, the following Wapiti branches celebrated ten-year milestone anniversaries:

Celebrating 80 years: Star City Public Library.

Celebrating 60 years: Arborfield Public Library.

Christopher Lake Public Library.

Leoville Public Library.

Congratulations to the library staff and local library boards, and indeed, congratulations 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, our municipal partners, for working together for the shared goal of bringing the best, most innovative public library services to our communities.

Wapiti also thanks the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Library and Literacy Office for their continued support.

