

# Daysland Public Library

## Plan of Service 2022 - 2026



*Mural painted in 2020 by Leah Zimmer*

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## Greetings from the Board

*On behalf of the Board of Daysland, I am forwarding you our 2022 - 2026 Plan of Service. Building on our previous plan, and responding to the current community needs assessment, we believe that we are positioned to offer effective and appropriate library services to our community.*

*We would like to thank the Town of Daysland for their commitment to support the library, which helps us achieve a high level of service to our patrons in town and those living in the surrounding area.*

*We also thank the members of our community, the Library Board, the Library Staff, and Parkland Regional Library representatives who provide their time and valuable assistance with this process. Thank you to the Daysland Recreational Board, the Daysland Agricultural Society, and the Strome Agricultural Society as well as the Battle River Foundation for grants bestowed upon us. We look forward to providing our community with professional library service throughout the coming years.*

*Best regards,*

*Christine Cross and Gail Bendfeld*

*Co Chairpersons of the Town of Daysland Library*

# Mission Statement

The mission of the Daysland Public Library is to:

- \* Provide access to informational, educational, cultural, and recreational library materials and services in a variety of formats and technologies
- \* To respond to the public library needs of the community
- \* To uphold the public's freedom of access to information

## Community - Town of Daysland

Located approximately 30 minutes SE of Camrose, on HWY 13, the Town of Daysland is a thriving community of @ 825 residents (2016 census). For a small town it has an amazing number of amenities, businesses, sports, healthcare, and the arts.

We have a number of businesses from groceries and restaurants, to automotive and gifts. We have a K - 12 school and numerous day homes for the little ones. For healthcare there is an amazing range. The Daysland Medical Clinic and hospital, dentistry, hearing clinic, massage therapy and physiotherapy. We have it all. And don't forget the Daysland Pharmacy.

The sports enthusiast has many options. The curling rink, hockey arena, 9 hole golf course, ball diamonds, and gym are there for residents to get out and enjoy. The Town has created the Crocus Walking Trail that leads you around the Town and woodlands. In summer the pond is stocked with various fish for casting enthusiasts.

Few towns this size can boast a movie theatre and concert series, but the DaysArts Theatre works hard to provide the arts to Daysland and surrounding communities. It is also home to a dance troupe and art displays.

There are three churches in Daysland, a post office, Town building, and, of course, the library.

# Daysland Public Library History

Est. 1963

The organization meeting of the Public Library of the Town of Daysland was held at the high school on March 26, 1963. The library approached local groups and the town council for donations. Alberta Culture Library Services matched the amount of money raised locally and the high school provided free space. Some books were donated and one lot of second-hand books was purchased to begin the collection. Unfortunately, nobody came! Was it too far out of the way? What could be done to attract patrons?

The very supportive town council offered the former lock-up in the town office building, and the library moved there. It was a long, narrow room with a jail cell at one end which proved to be quite a conversation piece. The place was filthy but the ladies organized a work bee, the men put up shelves, and the books were put in place. The library, run entirely by volunteers, was in business! The library's collection grew with a few purchases and many donated books. National Film Board films were available and the library presented a regular program of films at the school for many years.

The town council remodeled the building and provided more space for the growing library. In May of 1980, the town office moved to a new building on Main Street, taking the library with it to bright new quarters in the same building. It was a big job to move all those books, shelves, and furniture to a new place, but the result was worth it. The official opening of the Library was held on June 11, 1980.

Over time the collection has grown steadily to roughly 10,000+ books. Daysland Library joined Parkland Regional Library and is now part of the Alberta Library system, providing access to books in more than 290 Alberta libraries. Three computer stations with free high-speed internet are available for public use. DVDs, audiobooks, world language books, and large print books are only a few of the services available at the library. In 2020, the library had a young art student come in and do a mural on the wall of the children's room (see cover) and new furniture was purchased through a grant that brightened and updated that room. Note: due to Covid, programs were unable to run from March 2020 until this time, but we will be returning to programs once we are able to do so. Programs will include a Book Club, Story Time for pre-schoolers, the Summer Reading Program for youth, Stitch & Chat, and Mother Goose on the Loose.

The library is open 3.5 days a week for a total of 24 hours weekly, year round.





## Daysland Library Board of Directors

Christine Cross (Co-Chairperson)

Gail Bendfeld (Co-Chairperson)

Dianne Roth (Town Council Representative)

Deb Rowland

Irene Peters

Heather Edmmons

## Daysland Public Library Staff

Christi Elley (Library Manager)

Sherman Dermott (Library Assistant)

# Partnerships

Town of Daysland

Friends of Daysland Library

Flagstaff Early Childhood Coalition

Family Resource Center

Flagstaff Library book exchange

Flagstaff Community Adult Learning

## Plan of Service Process

On Nov. 3, 2021, the library manager created and sent out a survey through Facebook, and had paper copies to hand out at the library to help assess the needs of the community. Group meetings were not possible due to Covid provincial guidelines.

On December 2, 2021, a few members of the Daysland Library Committee and the library manager reviewed the results from the community needs assessment, in order to fulfill our library requirements to the Alberta Public Library Services branch. This working document will outline our five year plan and will provide a layout that can be easily referenced regarding the library's plans to meet these needs. After evaluating this data and the resources available, the following Library Service responses have been selected as the priority areas needed for our Plan of Service 2022 - 2026

1. Create Young Readers: Early Literacy
2. Increase Social Media Presence
3. Satisfy Curiosity and Lifelong Learning
4. Make Informed Decisions: Health, Wealth, and Other Life Choices

# Goal 1. Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Daysland Public Library strives to bring literacy to all in the community and we believe that starting at a young age is vital. The library will increase their



purchases and make sure that the children's materials are updated and interesting.

Some ideas to help increase literacy is to provide daycare/day home workers and playschool teachers free library cards to encourage them to come to the library and use the materials as resources to teach the children under their care. The library will also look at creating boxes of books that these workers/teachers can pick up and use on a weekly basis.

Our library will continue to partner with the Flagstaff Early Childhood Coalition during the Adventure Days presentation which is hosted by the Daysland Library every two years.



## Goal 2: Increase Social Media Presence

Each year, we strive to increase our social media presence through our Facebook site [www.fb.com/dayslandlibrary](http://www.fb.com/dayslandlibrary) and our website [www.dayslandlibrary@prl.ab.ca](http://www.dayslandlibrary@prl.ab.ca). We will share relevant posts from the Parkland Regional Library System Facebook page to our Daysland Public Library page. We will continue to post a listing of new books acquired by the library through purchases and donations. We will also make patrons aware of upcoming events and programs offered in the library i.e. the summer reading program and Christmas mitten tree.

## Goal 3: Lifelong Learning

Residents will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives. These resources will be offered through books and videos already at hand, magazines, free high speed internet access, and access to the Alberta Library resources across the province.

We will continue to offer general interest programs, within Covid protocol, such as the Genealogy Club, Book Club, Knit & Chat Club, and seasonal children's programs.

## Goal 4: Make Informed Decisions: Health, Wealth and Other Life Choices

To provide local residents with programs and resources that help them identify and analyze risks, benefits, and alternatives before they make decisions that affect their lives.

The Library will work in partnership with organizations such as Flagstaff Community Adult Learning and Alberta Health Services to increase programming on life skills development and personal growth.



## Statement of Approval and Accountability

For public libraries in Alberta, planning is mandated. Libraries Regulation, Section 13 states the following:

(1). In managing and controlling a municipal library, a municipal board shall

(a) Within three years of being established, develop and file with the Minister a plan of service with a mission statement and goals and objectives based on a needs assessment of the municipality, and

(b) Annually review its plan of service

(2). A municipal board shall file with the Minister a copy of its current plan of service with goals and objectives not less frequently than every 5 years following the date on which the plan was previously filed with the Minister.

The Plan of Service for 2022 - 2026 has been prepared by the Daysland Library Board in accordance with Alberta Libraries Regulation AR 141/98.

The Board and Staff of the library are committed to implementing this plan of service, reviewing it regularly to monitor progress in achieving goals, and updating the plan as needed.

The Library Board met December 13, 2021. A motion was made to approve the Plan of Service. The vote was unanimous.