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Didsbury Municipal Library

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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Mission

We are a welcoming community hub for connecting, creating and lifelong learning.

Vision

The Didsbury Municipal Library is an inclusive community destination that makes the world of information, imagination, and ideas freely accessible to all.

LETTER FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

CREATING A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES

As the chair of the library board, I am delighted to welcome you to the Didsbury Library Annual General Meeting. This is a special occasion to celebrate our achievements, reflect on our challenges, and look forward to our future.

The Board of Trustees are extremely proud and excited about everything that has been accomplished this year. This is all due to the amazing staff and patrons!

Thank you to the patrons that filled out our survey to share their feedback on what is going well and where to improve. We always endeavor to meet the needs of the community and make the library a special place for everyone.

The staff have been working diligently to align to the Plan of Service and to meet all the objectives. Their hard work has paid off as they have surpassed most of the objectives after 2 years!

The library is also working on meeting the needs of the community with the addition of the community pantry, which provides food and essentials. If you are able, please think about donating regularly.

I would like to thank our financial stakeholders the Town of Didsbury, Mountain View County and The Friends of the Library Society in believing in libraries and the importance to the community. Thank you to the businesses and individuals that have also supported the library financially. The more support the library receives the more the library can provide to the community.

The board of trustees along with the staff look forward to the next year and our future accomplishments!

Thank you!

Sincerely,



Melynda Crampton
Didsbury Library Board Chair

OUR SERVICES

BOOK & EQUIPMENT LENDING

The Didsbury Municipal Library enriches the community by facilitating both literary exploration and practical learning through its book lending services, offering a diverse collection of reading materials, as well as equipment lending programs that empower individuals to borrow resources for a well-rounded educational experience.

PROGRAMS

Didsbury Municipal Library hosts a dynamic array of programs catering to all ages, from engaging story hours for the youngest members to educational workshops and book clubs for adults, ensuring a diverse and inclusive community experience.

COMPUTERS, WIFI AND INVIGILATION

We provide essential resources such as computer access, printing services, free public Wi-Fi, and exam invigilation, fostering a supportive environment for learning, research, and community engagement.

TECH AND RESUME HELP

We offer tech help for digital challenges and assistance in crafting effective resumes, aiding community members in both technology skills and career development.

COMMUNITY PANTRY

The Didsbury Municipal Library operates a community pantry, serving as a vital resource hub by providing essential goods and fostering a sense of support and solidarity within the local community. The pantry reflects the library's commitment to addressing broader community needs beyond traditional library services.

*green quotations are patron responses from the 2023 Annual Patron feedback



BOOK AND EQUIPMENT LENDING

THE DIDSBURY LIBRARY SAVED PATRONS \$68 124 DURING 2023.

OVER 50 000 ITEMS CIRCULATED



We offer book and equipment lending services for FREE, providing patrons with access to a diverse array of literature for educational and leisure pursuits.

Equipment we have added in 2023!

- Memory care puzzles
- DVD player
- Board games
- Hiking Backpack
- Cookie Decorating Kit
- Learn-to-Crochet Kit

“Knowlegable staff, variety of resources, (board games, books, backpacks, etc), easy to use system for getting books from other libraries..”



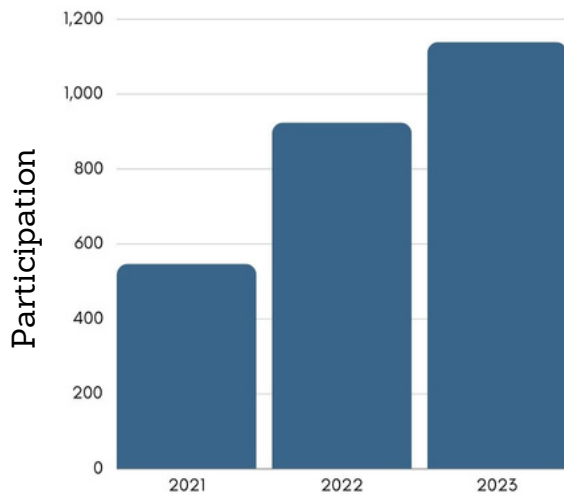
PROGRAMS

WE HAD 6189 PROGRAM ATTENDANCES IN 2023

OVER 325 PROGRAM SESSIONS



Summer Reading Club



Other Popular Programs:

Seniors Crib 201 attendees

Munchkin mania 712 attendees

*Visit, play and craft for 0-5 and caregiver

Knit and Natter 150 attendees

Country Christmas mini golf

245 attendees

*Community evening program

"They also offer an excellent variety of fun programs"



COMPUTERS, WIFI, AND INVIGILATION

**THROUGHOUT 2023, DIDSBURY
LIBRARY ADMINISTERED
PROCTORING SERVICES FOR A
TOTAL OF 28 EXAMS.**



**“I have always loved this
library. You can tell a lot of
effort is put into staying
current and meeting the
needs of the general public.”**

The library oversees the provision of WiFi access to patrons, ensuring reliable connectivity for research, study, and leisure browsing.

45, 589 WIFI SESSIONS

23, 352 VISITS TO OUR WEBSITE



TECH AND RESUME HELP

In 2023, library staff helped over 100 community members navigate technology in individualized 1 on 1 sessions.

Here are some of the topics we helped with:

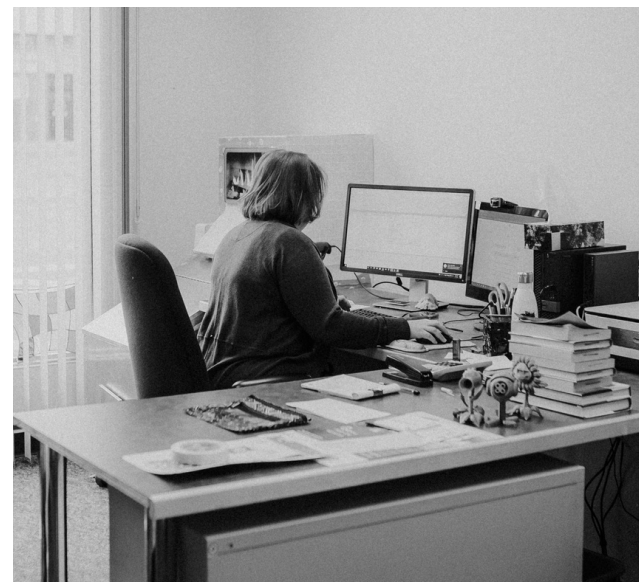
Setup and download books onto new Kobo
Book flights
Sorting photos

Scanning family history book
Filling in government forms
Passport application printing

How to use Library website to order books
Internet safety, teenager use and limits
Creating a new email
Citizenship forms

Resume help
Banking, etransfers, bitcoin login
Dental benefits program
Deleting apps and creating space on device

"The staff are extremely helpful they are patient and kind and very willing to help me learn about e-reading, computer assist , and book ordering.."



COMMUNITY PANTRY

At the end of 2022 the library started a Community Pantry initiative. Since the opening of our pantry just over a year ago, we have seen a dramatic increase in usage.



The community pantry initiative facilitated by the library has become a beacon of solidarity and support within our neighbourhood. Through the collective efforts of patrons and staff, shelves are stocked with essential goods, offering a lifeline to those facing economic challenges. This initiative embodies the library's commitment to fostering inclusivity and meeting the diverse needs of our community, promoting a sense of belonging and mutual care among people.



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I have always loved this library. You can tell a lot of effort is put into staying current and meeting the needs of the general public. I particularly appreciate how the library has stepped up now providing youth programs.

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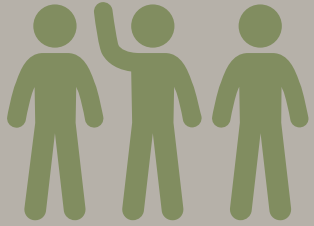
library visits in
2023

304

new library cards

“A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.”
-Henry Ward Beecher

WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS!



42

*individual
volunteers*



2547

*volunteer
hours*



THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 SUPPORTERS



Didsbury Municipal Library

- TOWN OF DIDSBURY
- MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY
- FRIENDS OF THE DIDSBURY LIBRARY SOCIETY
- MOUNTAIN VIEW FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK
- GREEN BAMBOO
- VINTAGE COFFEE
- CLOUD NINE LIQUOR
- FCSS
- CONNECT FIRST CREDIT UNION
- MAINSTREET UNIQUE
- DIDSBURY PHARMASAVE
- FRONT PORCH REALTY
- WEST-CAN
- ZION CHURCH
- BUY-LOW FOODS
- CARSTAIRS LEGION
- VALUE DRUG MART
- ULLA-LA BOUTIQUE

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