



Fort Saskatchewan Public Library: Your Community Hub

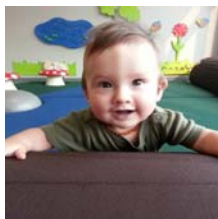
Alix Hennig, Board Chair
David Larsen, Library Director

City Council Meeting May 26, 2015

The Library as Community Hub



A place for families



A place for children



A place for teens

The Library as Community Hub



A place for seniors



Traditional Collections



- Books, CDs, DVDs, Blu-rays, magazines, newspapers



Online Resources

Available through our website with library card



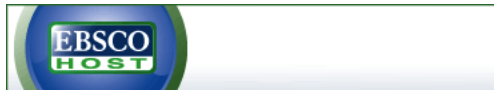
- Ebooks, magazines



- Films, music, audiobooks



- Online research databases



Technologies



- Computer stations with Internet, printing
- Free WiFi
- iPads for in-house use
- “Smart” TV with WiFi, Blu-ray, Apple TV



Technologies



- “Music Creation Station”



Technologies



- “Adaptive Technology Station” (DOW)
(for the visually/physically challenged)






The Way Ahead

- Growing opportunities for people to gather, share ideas, learn from each other, and create
- High and low tech “maker” type programming, facilities, and equipment:
 - finishing our patio room as a “Makers’ Space”
 - quilting, sewing, 3D printing, video shooting and editing, audio/visual format conversion station, music and audio recording



Partnering With Other Libraries

- TAL Card and TAL Online: millions of items available across Alberta’s public, academic, and government libraries
 
 The logo for the Alberta Library Card, featuring a blue and red design with the text "the alberta library card" and "your connection to Alberta libraries".
- ME Libraries: With FSPL card can directly access materials at over 300 public libraries in Alberta
 
 The logo for Join ME Libraries, featuring a blue square with the text "JOIN ME LIBRARIES".
- Our partnership with Strathcona County Library: a shared catalogue and more
 
 The logo for Strathcona County Library, featuring a green stylized wave design.
- Traditional Interlibrary loan: across Canada and beyond

Serving the Print Disabled



Thousands of audio and alternative format items available for loan/streaming/download through two provincially funded organizations:

- CELA: Centre for Equitable Library Access



- NNELS: National Network for Equitable Library Service



Programming: The Heart of Public Library Services



- Story times, book clubs and traditional library programs
- International Pen Pals, Travel Club, Writer-in-Residence and many other programs for all ages



Partnered Programs

Families First



Fort Saskatchewan Naturalist Society



FCSS, City of Fort Saskatchewan



Multicultural Association



Kabisig Society



Partnered Programs

Edmonton Immigrant Services Association



R.C.M.P



Royal Canadian Mounted Police Gendarmerie royale du Canada





FSPL Library Board

- Alix Hennig (Chair)
- Stuart McGowan (Vice-Chair)
- Kelly Thompson (Secretary)
- Sheldon Bossert (City Councillor)
- Miranda Brun
- Brenda-Lee Dahlseide
- Morgan Northey
- Allison Santo
- Gail Shkolny
- Kathy Stevenson
- David Larsen (Library Director)



The Public Library Board in Alberta: A Governing Board

- Public libraries in Alberta fall under provincial legislation: Libraries Act
- Library is a registered non-profit organization
- The Library is not a City department
- Board has full control of services, staffing, and budget
- Library Director responsible for management of the Library
- Library Director reports directly to the Board



Grants, Fees, and Other Revenue

- City of Fort Saskatchewan annual operating grant
- Province of Alberta annual operating grant
- Grants from other organizations (e.g. C.A.L.L.S.)
- Any and all onsite services/programs provided by FSPL must be free to the public*

Membership fees

- Alberta one of the only jurisdictions in North America (and the world) charging for a public library card
- EPL, CPL and a number of other libraries in Alberta no longer charging for a library card (now 2/3 of Albertans no longer paying for a library card)

*except those programs that may require cost recovery for specific materials



Plan of Service 2015-2018



2015-2018 Plan of Service

- Library's strategic plan
- Exhaustive consultative process including
 - Facilitated community meeting (focus group)
 - Online and print surveys
 - Compilation of demographic and census data
 - Staff workshop
 - Board workshop
- Plan completed and submitted December, 2014 to Public Library Services Branch, Alberta Municipal Affairs



2015-2018 Plan of Service: Our Chosen Service Priorities

1. Create Young Readers: Early Literacy – Children from birth to 5 will have programs and services designed to ensure that they will enter school ready to learn to read, write and listen.

- Goal: Children will be prepared for reading required in school
- Goal: Children shall explore and learn of/from new forms of literacy



2015-2018 Plan of Service: Our Chosen Service Priorities



2. Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning – Residents will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives.

- Goal: People of all ages shall have the opportunity to learn from each other through collaboration and the sharing of ideas.
- Goal: People of all ages shall have the opportunity to learn from new sources of information in new/emerging formats.

2015-2018 Plan of Service: Our Chosen Service Priorities



2. Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning (continued)

- Goal: People of all ages and abilities shall have access to new technologies to provide alternative/enhanced learning experiences



- Goal: People of all ages shall have the opportunity to learn from an enhanced collection of traditional library materials.

2015-2018 Plan of Service: Our Chosen Service Priorities



3. Know Your Community: Community Resources and Services

Residents will have a central source for information about the wide variety of programs, services and activities provided by community agencies and organizations.

- Goal: People in the community will be able to learn of the services, programs and resources of other agencies in the region.



Questions/Comments?

Thank you.