



## Fort Saskatchewan Public Library: Celebrating Our Successes, Building Community

Morgan Northey, Board Chair  
David Larsen, Library Director

City Council Meeting June 14, 2016

### Barrier – Free Access

Library cards free to all users  
as of January 1, 2016!

#### FSPL Library Cards – 2015-2016

	2015:	2016:	
<b>Totals (Jan-Mar)</b>			
• YTD new cards	224	516	(130% increase)
• YTD renewals	371	673	(81% increase)
• YTD total cards	595	1189	(100% increase)



## The Library as Community Hub



A place for seniors

A place for children and families



A place for teens



A place to gather, tutor, study and more.

## Programming: The Heart of Public Library Services



- Story times, book clubs, and traditional library programs

The collage features several program flyers from the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library for June 2016:

- Marly Chan Writer in Residence June Office Hours:** (Subject to change) June 01: 5-8 pm, June 02: 5-8 pm, Sundays: 1-2 pm, Mondays: 10-4 pm, Tuesdays: 5-8 pm. Contact: marlychan@shaw.ca, 780-240-1194.
- SHARING TOGETHER MUSIC WORKSHOP:** Tuesday, June 07 • 10:30-11:30 AM • PROGRAM ROOM.
- MINECRAFT CLUB:** TUESDAYS, JUNE 07 AND 14 • 6:30 PM • COMPUTER STATIONS.
- ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE:** TUESDAYS, JUNE 07 & 14 • 6:30 PM • RECREATION AREA.
- ENGLISH CLASSES:** THURSDAYS, JUNE 02, 09, 16, 23 • 6:30 PM • PROGRAM ROOM.
- EVERY CLOUD HAS A STORY LIVING:** Saturday, June 11 • 1-2 pm • RECREATION AREA.
- MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY:** SATURDAY, JUNE 11 • 2:30-3:30 PM • RECREATION AREA.
- DUPLO FAMILY DROP-IN:** SUNDAYS, JUNE 06 & 13 • 3-4 PM • PROGRAM ROOM.
- LEGO AFTER SCHOOL:** MONDAYS, JUNE 06, 13, 20, 27 • 3:30-4:30 PM • PROGRAM ROOM.
- JUNIOR LEGO:** MONDAY, JUNE 13 • 7:30 PM • PROGRAM ROOM.
- FORT SASKATCHEWAN WRITERS' GROUP:** TUESDAYS, JUNE 07 & 14 • 7:30 PM • PROGRAM ROOM.

## Programming: The Heart of Public Library Services



### Teen Takeover



### Lego Robotics



### Minecraft Club



## Programming: The Heart of Public Library Services



- International Pen Friends



- Writer-in-Residence (April-June)



Marty Chan  
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## Programming: The Heart of Public Library Services



Adult Colouring Club



Armchair Travellers



and so much more...

## Traditional Collections



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



## Online Resources

Available through our website with library card



- Ebooks, emagazines



- Language Learning



- Films, music, audiobooks



- Online research databases and other learning tools



## Technologies



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



## Introducing the FSPL “Makerspace”



### A truly creative space:



## Partnering With Other Libraries

- TAL Card and TAL Online: millions of items available across Alberta's public, academic, and government libraries



- ME Libraries: With FSPL card can directly access materials at over 300 public libraries in Alberta



- Our partnership with Strathcona County Library: a shared catalogue and more



- Traditional Interlibrary loans: 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



## Serving the Visually and Physically Challenged



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





## Partnered Programs

Families First



Fort Saskatchewan Naturalist Society



FCSS, City of Fort Saskatchewan



Multicultural Association



CALLS

(English Language and  
Computer 1 on 1 training)



Community Adult  
Learning & Literacy Society



## Partnered Programs

On-site Immigrant Settlement  
Practitioner

**Are you new  
to Canada?**

Free settlement  
services offered here.



Providing Services to new immigrants, refugees, and first generation Canadians



R.C.M.P



Royal Canadian  
Mounted Police

Gendarmerie royale  
du Canada



Boys & Girls Club of  
Fort Saskatchewan



## A Growing Presence in the Community

Marketing/Promotions:  
newsletter, radio, social  
media



*what's on*@FSPL  
ADULT & YOUTH PROGRAMS · EVENTS · ACTIVITIES

Canada Day Parade,  
Santa Claus Parade and  
“Lights Up,” Trade Show,  
Neighbour Day, Book  
Sale/Downtown Garage  
Sale



## Looking Ahead

- Continued growth in usership
- Increasing outreach programming:  
schools, assisted living facilities,  
off-site programming, Library  
community events and  
programming vehicle
- Continued growth of online  
resources
- Expansion





## 2016 FSPL Library Board

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Questions/Comments?

Thank you.