



Fort Saskatchewan Public Library

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Our Mission Statement

The Fort Saskatchewan Public Library provides and promotes resources, services, and programs to meet community needs for leisure, study, and information in an environment that is welcoming and supportive.



We Value

- Literacy
- Learning
- Equitable Access
- Intellectual Freedom
- Democracy
- Service
- Community



Our Library

- Is for everyone!
- A place to read, grow, learn, gather, play, study, connect, create, or just hang out.
- Power to change lives and inspire.
- Brighten someone's day, help them get a job or do their income tax.



Plan of Service 2015-2018

- Create Young Readers
- Satisfy Curiosity
- Know Your Community

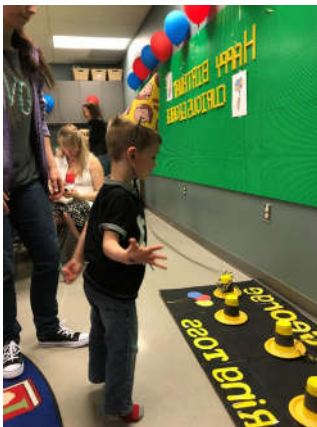


Importance of Early/Family Literacy

- Brain growth/activity is huge in first three years of a child's life.
- Parents are the first and most important teachers.
- Storytimes promote early/family literacy.
- Prepare children for reading required in school.
- Use and model the five important practices set out by ALA to encourage early literacy.
- Talk, sing, read, write, and play.



Read, Play, Grow



Importance of Learning

- Promote and encourage lifelong learning.
- Different ways to learn – with your hands, tinkering independent or with others.
- Makerspace Room – filled with the latest technology.
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and DIY (Do-it-yourself)



Importance of Community

- Build community by connecting people and creating partnerships.
- We are stronger together.



Our Partners

- **The Alberta Library (TAL)** - access to millions of items in Alberta's academic and government libraries and online databases.
- **Metro Edmonton Federation of Libraries** - access to materials from over 300 public libraries in Alberta and shared writer in residence.
- **Strathcona County Library** - shared library catalogue, e-resources and technical support.



Our Partners

- **Community Adult Learning and Literacy Society (CALLS)** - one on one computer training and English conversation classes.
- **Families First** - early literacy programs for families.
- **Edmonton Immigrant Services Association (EISA)** - settlement services to new immigrants, refugees, and first generation Canadians.



Our Partners

- **Fort Saskatchewan Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)** - one on one literacy program for students
- **Filipino Kabisig Society** - language and cultural program



Community Events and Outreach

- Lights Up!
- Trade Show
- Canada Day Parade
- Book for Every Child
- Christmas Wrap
- Farmer's Market
- Multiculturalism Day
- Legacy Park Family Festival
- Seniors centers, schools, daycares



Working Committees

- Early Childhood Coalition of Alberta
- Interagency Group
- Building Bridges –Youth Synergies
- Metro Edmonton Youth Services Group
- Metro Edmonton Federation Libraries Group
- Seniors Working Group
- Alberta Public Library Administrator's Council (APLAC)



Print and Online Resources

- Books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, newspapers
- Consumer Reports
- ALLData – car repair manual (coming soon!)
- Mango – language learning
- Ancestry
- Press Reader –newspapers from around the world
- Novelist – reading recommendations
- Hoopla, Overdrive, Zinio – downloadable movies, magazines, audio
- OnePlay – downloadable videogames (new)

Services

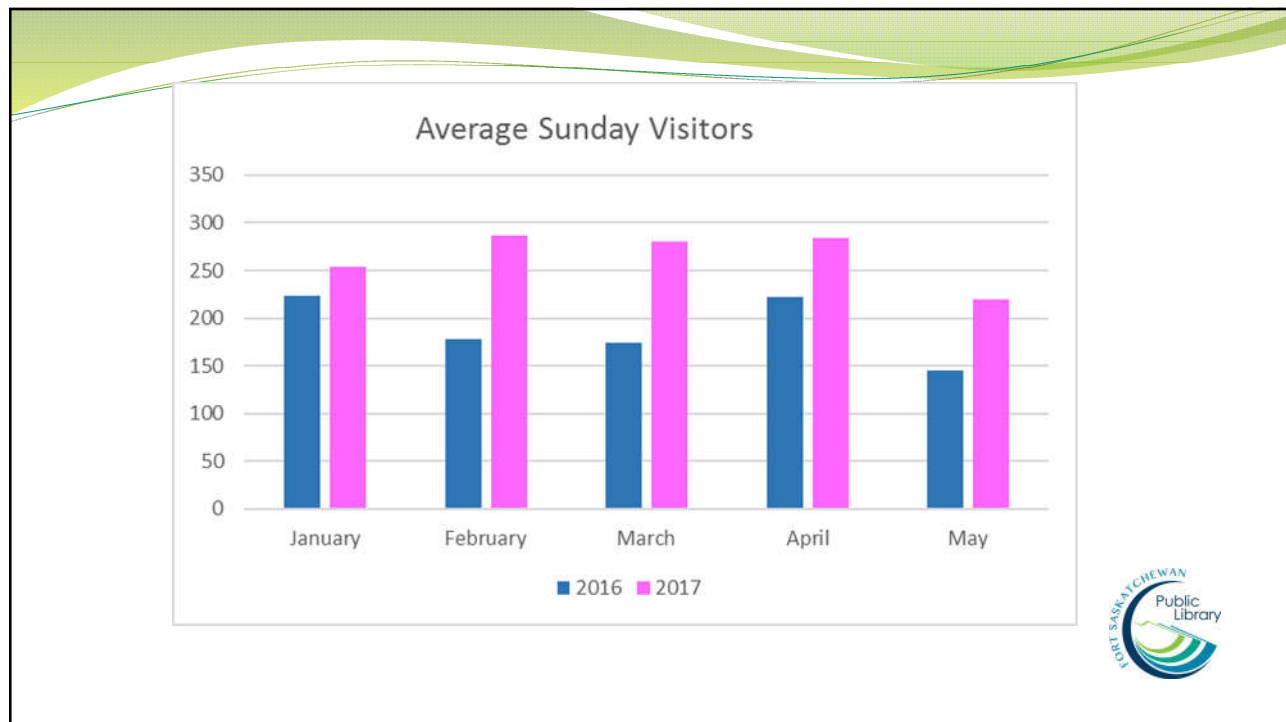
- Free Wifi
- 30 public computer stations
- Printing and photocopying
- Free Proctoring
- Ipads for in-house use
- Smart TV with WiFi



Removing Barriers

- Adaptive Technology Station for the physically/visually impaired
- Featured on the Accessible Media Inc. show on November 11, 2016
- Free Library Cards
- Additional Open Hours on Sunday

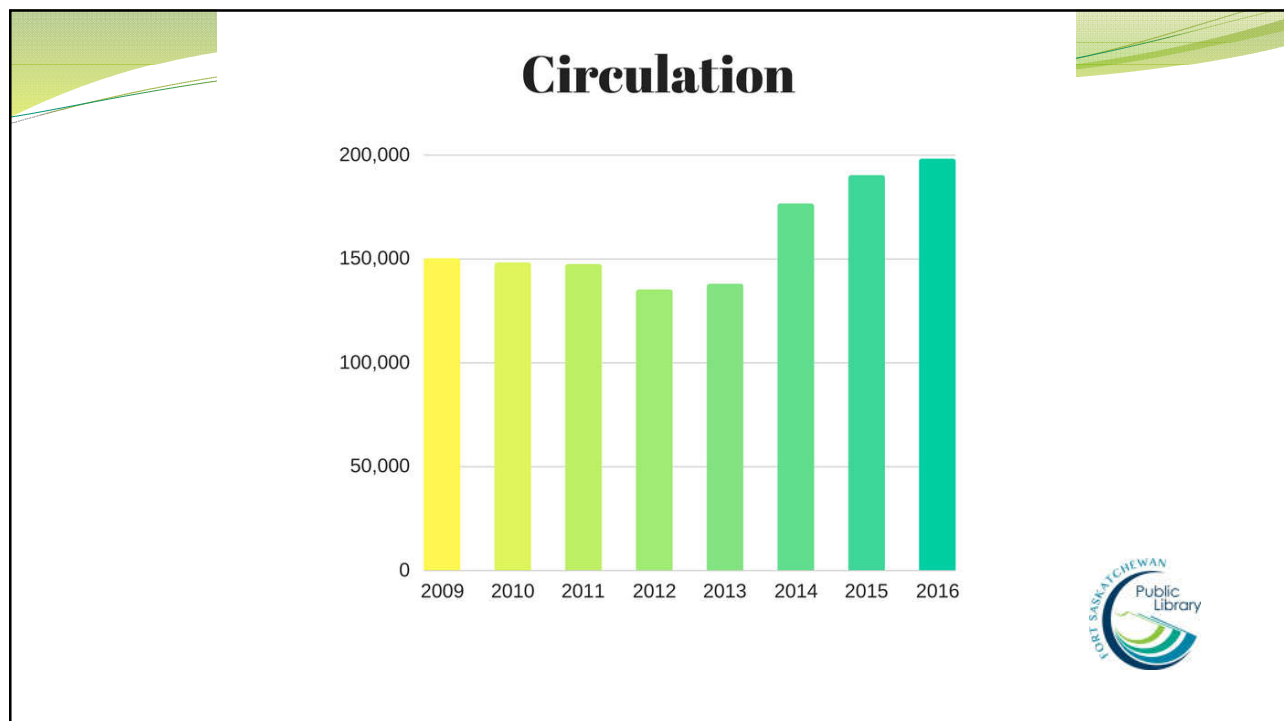
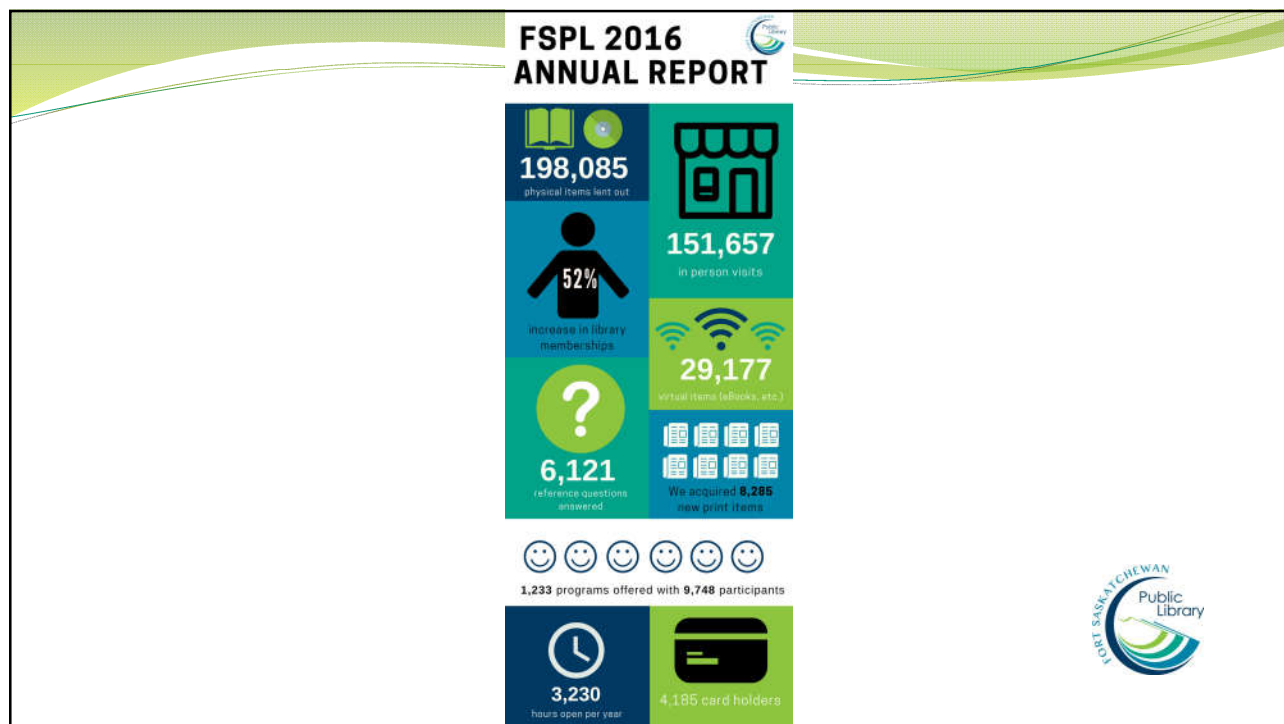




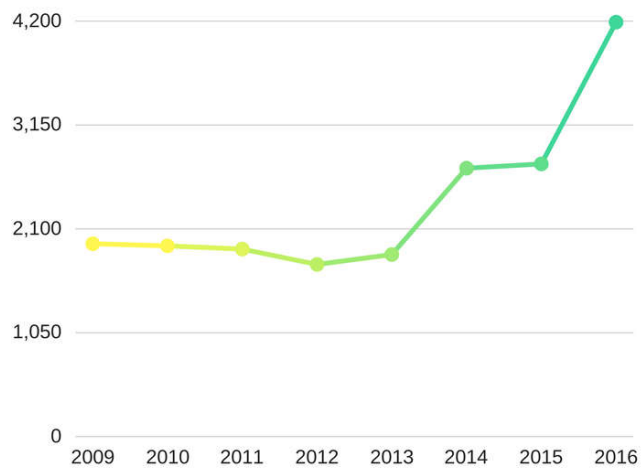
Looking to the Future

- Future is bright at FSPL!
- More relevant than ever especially in tough economic times.
- Steady population growth.
- Increase in circulation, library visits, card membership, programs offered and attended, computer usage.





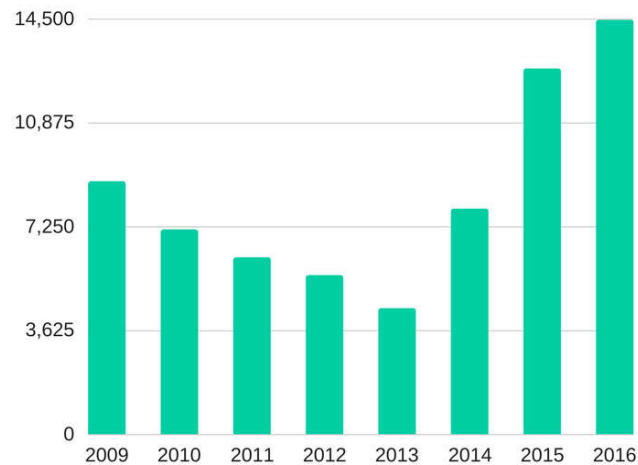
Number of Cardholders



Programs Offered



Program Participants



Opportunities for Growth

- Outreach services to daycares/preschools, seniors centers, correctional center, schools.
- Partnerships with other agencies and organizations (ie. museum, employment).
- Early literacy and family programs.
- New technologies.
- Library memberships.



2017 FSPL Library Board

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Thank you!
Questions/comments?

