

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



thompson public library
Fifty Years & more



It is the mission of the Thompson Public Library, through the provision of informational, educational, cultural, and recreational library materials and services to ensure the right to free and open community access to diverse information and ideas fundamental to a democracy.

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Library service in 2020 was definitely interesting. The year began with regular story times and craft programs that were well-attended. But, the arrival of the COVID-19 virus changed the operation of library service drastically.

It started with hand-sanitizing frequently, covering any cough, and avoiding touching the face. It very quickly became social distancing, mask wearing, quarantining books; and then ultimately curbside service and/or limiting numbers of patrons in the library.

Libraries across the world had to learn to offer services in ways never before imagined. Despite the conditions, Thompson Public Library managed to run a no-contact Summer Reading Challenge that saw the participation of 12 kids. 1000 books were read, with 395 books read/or read to by our 3 winners. Winners received Chapters Gift Cards.

Thank you to the City of Thompson, Mayor and Council. Your continued financial support benefits not only the library building and staff, but the entire community of Thompson.

The Thompson Community Foundation supported us, once again in 2020 – providing funding for the purchase of 85 Wonderbooks; read-along picture books with a pre-loaded audiobook player permanently attached to each book, including a Learning Mode to keep kids talking about the book they just read.

We are also so grateful to the Retired Teachers in Thompson who, for many years, partner with us financially and in-person to fill our outdoor planters and maintain them all summer. Amid the dreariness of COVID, the planters were filled with colourful flowers, fresh vegetables and herbs, and we often found people stopping to look, touch and even take from the beautiful planters.

The library has always offered access to digital books, digital magazines, and downloadable audiobooks, in addition to 30,000 print options. This year a greater portion of the budget was spent on these electronic options as people

chose to stay home, but wished to continue reading without having to touch actual books.

Public access to computers, copying, scanning and faxing was discontinued in light of the global pandemic.

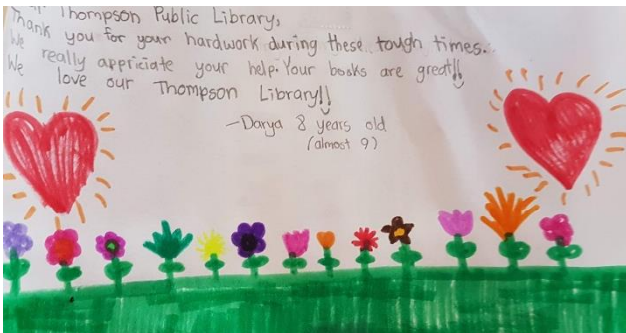
The Board and Staff of the Thompson Public Library look forward to the further loosening of health restrictions and hope the library will once again be an integral part of the community, a resource, a relaxation facility, and a meeting place for the residents of Thompson. We know people are happy to return to in-person browsing even in the limited format that currently exists.

We are thankful to those who continue to use the library and support it with your borrowing – both electronic and physical. We are thankful for the service of Drew Heskin, a high school student, who assisted us for a month with no-contact home delivery of library books.

The dedication, passion, talent and creativity of the Library Staff make the library a warm, welcome, growing place. Thanks to all of you. You are a great team! You show your love for the community! Many thanks to the Board of Trustees; the time and effort you provided, especially amidst the continually changing landscape of the COVID-19 virus is hugely appreciated.

Thompson Public Library looks forward to a hopefully somewhat normal 2021.

Respectfully submitted: *Cheryl Davies* Administrator *Cathy Neziol* Board Chair



Financial Report 2020

REVENUE	
Province of Manitoba	122,763.00
Prov of MB Tech Grant	4,112.00
City of Thompson	235,000.00
Other Revenue	13,039.00
Fines & Sales	1,211.00
Donations	1,833.00
Total Revenue	377,958.00
EXPENDITURES	
Collection	72,844.00
Advertising	1,935.00
Communications	6,669.00
Salary	182,611.00
Employee Benefits	16,385.00
General Expenses	932.00
Insurance	6,766.00
Library Supplies	6,513.00
Office Supplies & Postage	4,805.00
Programs	549.00
Technology	9,098.00
Travel & Training	801.00
Professional Fees	1,605.00
Amortization	14,150.00
Janitorial & Gardening	11,196.00
Maintenance	3,085.00
Utilities	28,026.00
Total Expenditures	367,970.00

2020 Library Statistics

Collection Size:

Adult Fiction	10642
Adult Non-Fiction	6007
Junior Fiction	6783
Junior Non-Fiction	1970
Teen Fiction	1919
Teen Non-Fiction	188
Audio-Visual	2810
Magazines	793

Circulation Stats:

Print Items Borrowed	9478
CDs & Audiobooks	89
DVDs	1014
Magazines	569
Inter-Library Loans	394
Electronic Materials	19353

Computer Use: 574

Membership: 2195

Events and Activities in 2020:

Check out our February book displays



Books for a Better World

Black History Month

Freedom to Read Week

Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY ⁸ I **LOVE**
TO READ
MONTH

Hoppy Leap Year!
LIBRARY EVENT FOR KIDS*

- GAMES
- STORIES
- SNACKS
- CRAFTS

Date: February 29 **Time:** 3:00
Ages: 4-8 **Max:** 20 kids
Register by phone or facebook
***Valid library card required**





NEW! Thanks to a grant from the Thompson Community Foundation



