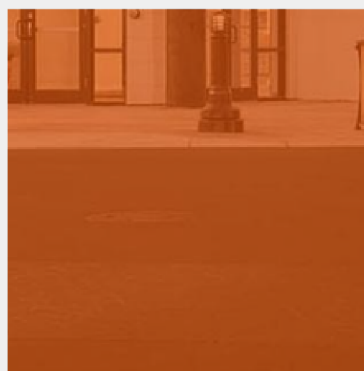
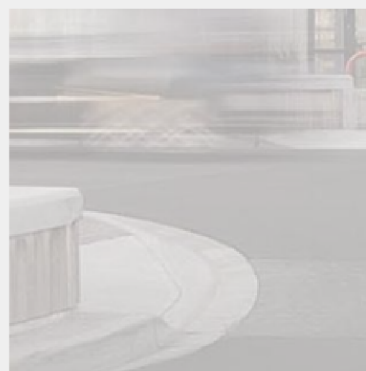
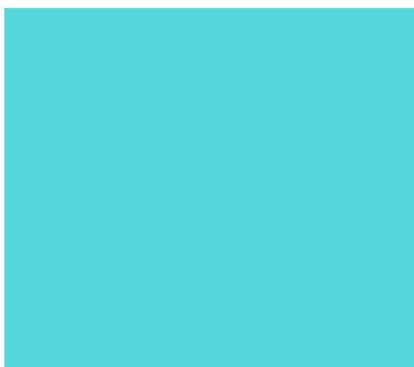


2023 Annual Report



Stony Plain Public Library

A world without limits in the heart of our community.



Celebrating Staff

Through a year of significant changes, the staff of SPPL stayed the course. Several received long service awards of 5, 10, and 20 years. When asked “What do you like the most about Stony Plain Public Library?” respondents to the Community Engagement Survey overwhelmingly said “staff”! A social media campaign called Meet the Staff increased the library’s Facebook reach by 50, 000 from 2022. Fans poured out their likes and comments for this hardworking, caring team who are truly the heart of the library.



“I love coming in and being able to chat with the librarians that I've come to know and appreciate as I pick up/drop off materials. And everyone's so helpful.”

“Erna watched my sister and I grow up. When I think of all the happy memories I have at the library, I think of her. We love her.”



8,424
questions
answered

153,742
visits



New Plan of Service 2024-2029

Feedback from community consultations and the Community Engagement Survey became the building blocks for the new 2024-2029 Stony Plain Public Library Plan of Service. The goals and objectives are aligned with growth – both within the library and within the community.

1 Builds Lifelong Learners

We will be an integral part of our residents' learning journey. We will do this providing programs and services that inspire, inform, and foster the love of learning

2 Contributes to a Vibrant, Growing Community

We will support the growing community of Stony Plain by aligning our programs and services with the town's goals, and by collaborating with other community agencies and groups to provide our residents with valuable services

3 Integral to Leisure Time

We enhance our residents' leisure time. We do this by offering a wide selection of quality materials for reading, listening, and viewing pleasure

4 Excellent Place to Work

We have strong organizational structures and processes. These produce effective and efficient services focused on providing outstanding library services

Innovative Programming

SPPL continued to offer an abundance of programming for all ages, including several innovative new opportunities to support the community.

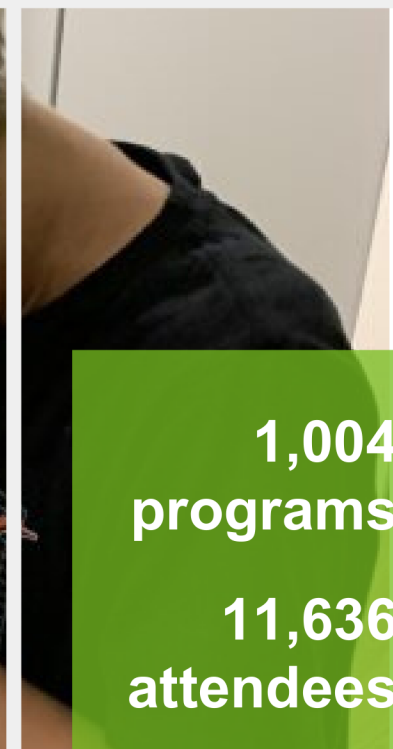
“The kids programs are awesome! They offer a bit of everything.”

In partnership with The Alberta Library and Social-Ability UK, SPPL became one of the only Canadian sites to pilot The Happiness Programme, an interactive projector system combined with a structured, staff-led program to offer engaging activities for those living with cognitive and physical care needs.

Bhante Suseela, the Spiritual Director and Chief Resident Monk of the Alberta Insight Meditation Centre, introduced mindfulness meditation and breathing techniques to visiting classes of school children and in the Mindfulness for Daily Living series for adults.

In partnership with the United Way, SPPL received 750 Kid Kits to distribute to local families with children aged 0-5. Kid Kits contain early childhood development resources for parents to use with their children.

Kids put on their safety goggles and tool belts and got to work! Building birdhouses, taking apart old computers, assembling robots, crafting with beads and constructing Lego skyscrapers: working with their hands in the library opened a whole new dimension of learning and engagement.



**1,004
programs
11,636
attendees**

Connect with us

I like that the Stony Plain library gives me access to the materials I need to educate myself on any topics I want.

A place my grand daughter and I can enjoy together. The building is a light, bright welcoming space. The staff are very friendly and helpful.


The digital collections and the kids programs offered by Laura. I love Mrs. H!

Means of meeting people, counteracting isolation.

The variety of books, activities and spaces for our children.

Its new, bright + a great atmosphere. Friendly staff, clean + we love the program + study rooms!

What do you like the most about Stony Plain Public Library?



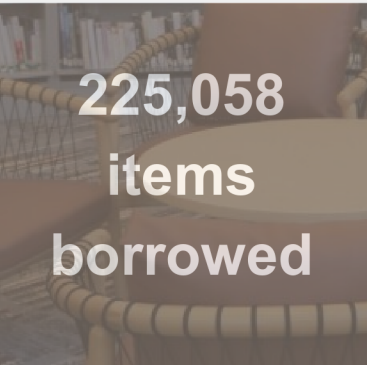
33,384 website visits
57,551 wi-fi sessions
8,783 computer sessions




453 meeting room bookings



1,288 volunteer hours



225,058 items borrowed



41,967 items on shelf



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