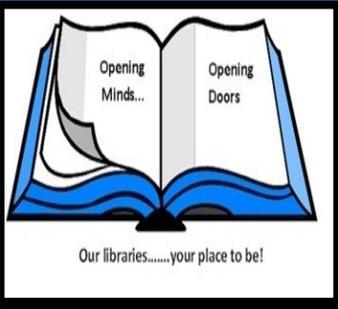


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LAC LA BICHE COUNTY LIBRARIES

Annual Review

Message from the Library Board

Once again it is time to reflect and report upon our libraries’ significant achievements of the past year. 2019 was no exception to our library team’s stellar efforts and results in providing exceptional library services to those we serve in our two branches (Bold Center/École Plamondon) and 3 pop up locations (Heritage Center, Festival Centre and Heart Lake First Nation).

We saw over 48,000 visits to our locations! Obviously, many are regular repeat patrons who enjoy and rely upon our wide range of services. Whether it’s utilizing our public computers or local Wi-Fi access, teens spending lunch hours playing games or enjoying music, patrons browsing our 46,500 item collection, parents and youngsters attending one of our 156 pre-school programs, 87 programs for age 13+ or 800+ family offerings; we truly are “Our Libraries...Your Place to Be”. While we strive to continually develop new and varied offerings to appeal to our patrons, certain annual favorites remain a part of our repertoire – Library Con of course, the now Annual Health Fair, our Summer Literacy Program, Reading Clubs and a particular favorite being our Escape Room experiences.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend a particular group who are members of our Board and associated Youth Committee who work with our staff to identify opportunities to engage and interest youth in our community. Their work is invaluable to help us identify the wishes and needs of a large sector of our users – keep up the great work and we look forward to your ongoing ideas and events!

As some of you may know, libraries are required to develop a Business Plan every 3–5 years for approval by the Provincial Government to identify our priorities and how we commit to go about achieving those goals in service to our communities. 2020 is an exciting year when we once again reach out to gather input for our next 5 Year Plan of Service. If you are contacted to join a focus group, to fill in a questionnaire or can take the time to use a link from our website and participate in a survey to help us identify our next 5 years strategic direction - PLEASE do so! We value your feedback and input and would like all of you to share your ideas and needs so that we can best prioritize our resources.

As always, we encourage everyone to keep up to date on our many offerings and take advantage of those that capture your interest. Follow us on our website at www.llbcl.ca, our Facebook Page under Lac La Biche County Libraries, listen in to our Wednesday morning weekly radio spot on Boom 103.5 or give us a call – we are always happy to hear from you!

“Our Libraries – Your Place to Be!”

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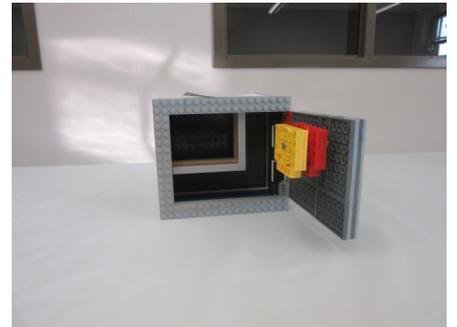
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Current as of January 6th 2020

Photo Highlights from 2019



Art Exhibits

Library Con

LEGO Competition



Escape Rooms

Special Events

Summer Programs

Library Information

Lac La Biche County Libraries (2019)

Circulation*	47,268	Holds Placed	8,321	WiFi usage in days	2,002
Circulation per patron	18.98	Circulation per book	1.02	Programs	9,623

**Includes in-house use of items*



Number of ILL Items

2018 - 25,189

2019 - 24,533



Total Circulation

2018 - 48,134

2019 - 47,268



Programs & Participants

2018 - 1,394 & 13,403

2019 - 1,059 & 9,623

Did you know?

- Tablets, Nintendo Switch, Snapcircuits & board games are available for loan.
- New book displays are created every 2 months.
- Onsite play with toys, virtual reality, and LEGO are always available.
- Proctoring services are available at the main branch.
- No overdue fines or fees.
- Any person residing in Lac La Biche County or living on a settlement or reserve in Alberta is eligible to apply for a FREE library card to borrow material.
- Computers, audio recording studio and study rooms can be reserved free of charge.
- Local databases are available, including Freegal which provides library members with 5 hours of streaming audio a day and 3 downloads a week which do not need to be returned.
- There are 2 branches (Bold Center/École Plamondon) and 3 pop up locations (Heritage Center, Festival Centre and Heart Lake First Nation).
- All Access Passes are available for checkout which provides access to the Bold Center, Plamondon Arena and Portage Pool all in the same day.
- Book orders can be placed over the phone and holds are always recommended as many of books do not stay on our shelves for very long.



Lac La Biche County Libraries

Annual
Report
2019



Our libraries were open for
4,526 hours in 2019!



2,491 people have a
card at our libraries



48,155 people walked
through our doors



15,976 website visits



We added **3,284** new
items last year



Bringing the total local
collection to **46,511**



5,982 downloads
of e-Content



Contributing to a total
of **47,268** checkouts!



We lent out **11,228** items



Our service is delivered by **10** dedicated staff
and **39** amazing volunteers



9 public computers



We brought in **14,418**



The library held **9** promotional events
where **846** people heard our message



They were in use for a
total of **5,975.50** hours



156 kids programs, **87** for 13+ & **816** for families with **9,623** attendees



71,468 Wi-Fi sessions