



2022

LAC LA BICHE COUNTY LIBRARIES

Annual Review

Message from the Library Board

For our Library Team, 2022 was a year of continuing a return to normal operations while at the same time innovating and identifying opportunities where on-line, take-home and off-site offerings would help to meet library member needs for those who can't always visit our two main locations.

Specific on-line and “take home” offerings were selected to achieve greater outreach. For example, we distribute 40 monthly Steampunkery Take & Make Kits alone. On-Line Ladies Night sessions continue to have great participation as well. Both our Summer and Winter Reading Clubs include both in-person events on-site such as scavenger hunts and Tale Trails or Take & Make Kits for those who prefer to participate from home. Reading logs are completed and submitted on-line for chances to win prizes.

On site special events such as our Escape Rooms are always popular, with 83 individuals attending in 2022. Ever popular in-person preschool programming with our numerous partners remains a mainstay of allocation of our team’s time and talent. As always, our Summer Literacy Program, offered both in-person and virtually, was popular with local families receiving great reviews for the quality of staff contributions and the positive results achieved by the children participating.

Staff were grateful to be welcomed into our service communities through our many pop-up locations, taking library services closer to home in Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement, Heart Lake First Nation, Kikino Metis Settlement, Festival Centre in Plamondon, Heritage Centre, and Portage College in Lac La Biche.

As the team continued to steward our 2020 – 2025 Plan of Service, they accomplished numerous activities supporting our Service Priorities:

- Create Young Readers: Early Literacy
- Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning
- Succeed in School: Homework Help
- Stimulate Imagination: Reading, Viewing & Listening for Pleasure
- Know Your Community: Community Resources & Services

Underlying all of these is the goal to Celebrate Diversity: Cultural Awareness

Various art exhibits, particularly those in tandem with Portage College were very well received in 2022 and inspired us to pursue some new art initiatives that we hope to unveil later in 2023. Stay tuned for this exciting offering!

We would be remiss not to mention how grateful we are to have such terrific community partners that we work with to meet local needs. Some of our regular partners include Alberta Health Services, FCSS, LLB Native Friendship Center, Lac La Biche Museum and Portage College. We are fortunate to live in a Municipality that values the role of libraries in their communities, and we thank County Council and Staff for their support to help us achieve our goals and maintain our high standard of service.

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!”

Staff Members	Staff Members	Board Members	Board Members
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K. Jones	J. Wicker	D. Craig	
C. Laboucane			

Current as of January 2023

Photo Highlights from 2022



Library Information

Lac La Biche County Libraries (2022)

Circulation*	54,862	Holds Placed	12,236	WiFi Sessions	52,419
Circulation per patron	23.67	Circulation per book	.22	Programs	404

*Includes in-house use of items



Number of ILL Items

2021 - 23,579

2022 - 19,549



Total Circulation

2021 - 39,533

2022 - 54,862



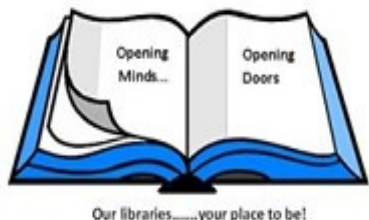
Programs & Participants

2021 - 234 & 3,688

2022 - 404 & 7,546

Did you know?

- Any person residing in Lac La Biche County or living on a settlement or reserve in Alberta can apply online to obtain a FREE library card.
- No overdue fines or fees.
- We have 2 branches (Bold Center/École Plamondon) and various pop up locations.
- Proctoring services are available at the main branch.
- Computers, audio recording studio, and study rooms can be reserved free of charge.
- Book displays are rotated every 2 months.
- With your valid membership you can access local databases including Brainfuse. This resource offers students learning support from kindergarten up to grade 12. There is also support for university courses, adult learners, and resume writing. Students can chat live with online tutors and create customized study aids.
- Tablets, Nintendo Switch, Snapcircuits, board games, audio recording kits, video games, cake pans, Telus Hub, and musical instruments are available for loan.
- 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
2022**



Our libraries were open for
4,252 hours



2,317 people have a
card at our libraries



20,605 people walked
through our doors



6,884 website visits



We added **3,328** new
items last year



Bringing the total local
collection to **48,518**



7,891 downloads Contributing to a total of
e-Content of **48,115** checkouts!



Lent out **9,037** items



Our service is delivered by **11** dedicated staff
and **15** amazing volunteers



9 public computers



Brought in **10,512**



The library held **33** promotional and outreach events
where **1,148** people heard our message



Computers were in use
for a total of **2,943** hours



131 kids programs, **32** for 13+ & **208** for families with **6,398** attendees



52,419 Wi-Fi Sessions