

WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY

2,862,604
in-person visits in 2018

4,881,757
items borrowed
(includes eBook/eLibrary
downloads)

ANNUAL REPORT 2018



20
public libraries



379,830
library cardholders

Our mission statement:

To enrich the lives of all Winnipeg citizens and their communities by providing high quality, responsive and innovative library services.



Winnipeg Public Library is in Treaty #1 Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, and Dakota as well as the Birthplace of the Métis Nation and the Heart of the Métis Homeland.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018



Windsor Park Library opened on March 15. The new 8,000 sq. ft. library is designed to LEED silver standards and is a one floor, fully accessible facility with an outdoor reading area.

St. Vital Library re-opened its doors on May 28, featuring extensive accessibility improvements as well as new furniture, a new tutorial room, and an indoor Family Literacy playground.

The newly renovated Pembina Trail Library opened on September 24, with universally accessible washrooms, new automated front sliding doors, and an overall interior refurbishment.

Winnipeg Public Library continues to deliver cultural, technology, and literacy-based programs within the community.

Programs offered

3,605

Program attendance

98,328



West End Library was renamed Harvey Smith Library on July 31, in honour of late Councillor Harvey Smith. The longtime West End resident, who died in March, 2017, spent 22 years as a city councillor.

Writer-in-Residence

Jordan Wheeler, an award winning author and scriptwriter, began his term as the 29th Writer-in-Residence in October.

The Writer-in-Residence program provides one-on-one mentorship and public workshops to hundreds of emerging writers of all genres.



Questions answered

287,553

Computer bookings

313,010



The ideaMill celebrated its grand opening on July 10. The makerspace located on the 3rd floor of the Millennium Library offers community access to new and emerging technologies in a collaborative space.

A Time to Read: a WPL Podcast launched in February. It is a book club and a community of readers, led by some book-loving librarians. The first book selection was *Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood.



Read by Queens returned in May with stories, songs, rhymes, drama, glitter! Library customers were treated to performances that left young and old singing and smiling.



More Than Books: The History of Winnipeg Public Library launched on October 11.

Photo: Authors Kathleen Williams and Eve Dutton.

A new and improved mobile app was launched.

Mobile device charging stations were added to all branches.

Winnipeg Public Library launched the inaugural Kindergarten Card Campaign in partnership with Pembina Trails School Division. The pilot project issued 1,100 library cards to enrolled and incoming kindergarten students. Thanks to a generous donation by the Winnipeg Public Library Board, all kindergarten students in the school division received a voucher for a free picture book to keep.



Take Your Child to the Library Day, held on February 3 had over 2,300 customers visit a branch to enjoy a concert or a show, listen to a story time or participate in a family friendly activity.

Over 10,000 children participated in the 2018 TD Summer Reading Club.

Donors and Grants

The Library wishes to thank the following people and organizations for their generous contributions in 2018.

- Trish Allison-Simms
- Association of Fundraising Professionals
- Peter Attwood
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- The Winnipeg Foundation
- Literacy for Life Fund
- Margaret M. Webster Memorial Fund
- Nancy Turriff and Jeanne Allen Fund
- Robert Clague Memorial Fund
- Winnipeg Public Library Board
- Library Advisory Committees

Financial Overview

Revenue 2018

CITY OF WINNIPEG	\$29,231,564	91%
PROVINCE OF MANITOBA	\$2,066,203	6%
LIBRARY - GENERATED	\$766,793	2%
LIBRARY TRUST/BOOK SALES	\$165,525	1%
TOTAL	\$32,230,085	100%

Expenditures 2018

SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$16,225,775	50%
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$8,687,074	27%
*LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$3,267,554	10%
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	\$4,049,682	13%
TOTAL	\$32,230,085	100%

*includes expenditures from book sales, trust accounts and grants

WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

2018 was another busy year for the Winnipeg Public Library Board and the Library Advisory Committees. The Winnipeg Public Library history book was launched October 11. This book traces the history of the Winnipeg Public Library from its origins until present. It features over 160 photos and archival images.

This year we supported the Writer-in-Residence program, Book Fest and the Indigenous Languages programs. Alongside Library staff, we participated in the Pride Parade, the Sherbrook Street Festival and the Newcomer Welcome Fair. ~ Alison McCullough-Butchart, Chair



**Manager of Library Services
Ed Cuddy and Winnipeg Public
Library Board Chair Alison
McCullough-Butchart**



746,271 eLibrary downloads

11,596,929 eVisits (website,
catalogue sessions
and social media)

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FRIENDS OF THE WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY

In 2018, the Friends contributed \$22,000 towards projects such as the Writer-in-Residence program, Spring Break Family Programming, University of Manitoba WISE Kid-Netic Energy programs, and the Family Literacy Playground at St. John's Library. This now brings the Friends' total contributions since 2000 to \$238,000.

Millennium Library's innovative makerspace, the ideaMill, also opened in 2018. The Friends' contributions of an interactive projector in the classroom and four sewing machines in the craft room were well received by the public.

Thanks to forward-thinking Library staff and with the approval of City Councillors, Winnipeggers have the opportunity to use this exciting space.

We offer thanks to over 60 committed Friends' volunteers who raise money in support of programs and special projects for the libraries throughout our city. And none of this would have been possible if it weren't for those of you who attended Books & Brunch, shopped at the Best of Friends Gift Shop and the Fall Book Sale, made donations and bought memberships. THANK YOU!!

Learn more at friendswpl.ca ~ Kathy Blight, President

WINNIPEG LIBRARY FOUNDATION

As always, we are grateful to the many donors and supporters that helped make the Centennial Renewal campaigns so successful. Since the focus of this campaign was to celebrate the 100th anniversaries of St. John's and Cornish Libraries and ensure they are fully accessible, we were pleased to be the recipients of a grant in 2018 from Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund. The grant was used towards the purchase of some of the key accessibility components of the projects including the lift, automatic doors, and signage.

The Winnipeg Library Foundation welcomes your contributions to our work in supporting our city's libraries – we couldn't do it without you. Learn more at winnipeglibraryfoundation.ca ~ Karen Kepler, Chair.