

# Winnipeg Public Library

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022



*“Our mission is to enrich the lives of all Winnipeg citizens and their communities by providing high quality, responsive and innovative library services”*

### **Winnipeg Public Library**

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Winnipeg Public Library branches are located in Treaty One Territory, the home and traditional lands of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe), Inineu (Cree), and Dakota peoples, and in the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. Our drinking water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, in Treaty Three Territory.

[winnipeg.ca/library](http://winnipeg.ca/library)



# Highlights - 2022

- ♦ **March 4** ~ 50<sup>th</sup> episode of Time to Read podcast.
- ♦ **April 2** ~ ideaMILL reopens to the public.
- ♦ **April 11** ~ In-person Early Literacy programs return to branches.
- ♦ **April 22** ~ Munroe Library reopens after interior renovations.
- ♦ **April 25** ~ Community Connections opens. Community Connections is a welcoming new space in Millennium Library that connects individuals with library services and social supports.
- ♦ **May 24** ~ Cornish reopens after repairs to HVAC system which closed the library in January.
- ♦ **June 5** ~ WPL attended the Pride Parade and had a fabulous time!
- ♦ **June 17** ~ TD Summer Reading Club launches with the national program kick-off at Bill and Helen Norrie Library joined by members of City Council, TD Summer Reading Club, Club de lecture d'été TD, and artist/web comic Soyeon Kim. Over the summer, 14,169 children received reading kits. 193 programs were offered in July and August with 3,900 attendees.
  - ~ TD SRC Storywalks® return to branches.
  - ~ Teen Summer Challenge launches.
- ♦ **July** ~ Computer workshops for adults and other in-person programs return to branches.
- ♦ **July 31** ~ Library Day at the Ballpark with the Winnipeg Goldeyes.
- ♦ **August 15** ~ Renovations began to replace carpet tiles and lighting at the Millennium library one floor at a time.
- ♦ **September** ~ Displays across all 20 libraries on Truth and Reconciliation.
- ♦ **October 3** ~ Frances Koncan starts as Winnipeg Public Library's 33<sup>rd</sup> Writer-in-Residence for 2022-2023. The Writer-in-Residence program provides one-on-one mentorship and public workshops to hundreds of emerging writers of all genres.
- ♦ **October 4** ~ WPL branches recognized Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day by hanging red dresses in their locations to honour families and survivors of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirited peoples.
- ♦ **October 14** ~ Free menstrual products are available at Millennium Library as part of the City of Winnipeg's pilot project. Menstrual products provided by the WPL Board are also available at service desks of all WPL branches.
- ♦ **October 24** ~ Started accepting applications for the 2023 Makers-in-Residence program.
- ♦ **November 1** ~ Grey Cup program at Munroe Library with Hampstead School students featuring Jeff McWhinney's book – *Not Without My Teammates*.
- ♦ **December 4** ~ WELL Adult Literacy Program restarted. This program at Harvey Smith Library is funded by the Province of Manitoba and offers basic reading and writing skills for adults.

**20**  
public libraries

**102,402**  
library cardholders

**1,673,850**  
in-person visits

**115,165**  
questions answered

**107,988**  
computer bookings

**1,845**  
programs offered

**40,821**  
program attendance

## Financial Overview

Revenues	2022	
CITY OF WINNIPEG	\$28,646,474	92.5%
PROVINCE OF MANITOBA	\$2,062,015	6.7%
LIBRARY - GENERATED	\$155,680	.5%
LIBRARY TRUST/BOOK SALES/DONATIONS	\$97,657	.3%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$30,961,826</b>	<b>100%</b>
Expenditures		
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$16,569,962	53.5%
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$8,703,568	28.1%
*LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$2,836,304	9.2%
SUPPLIES & SERVICES	\$2,851,991	9.2%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$30,961,826</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*includes expenditures from book sales, trust accounts and grants



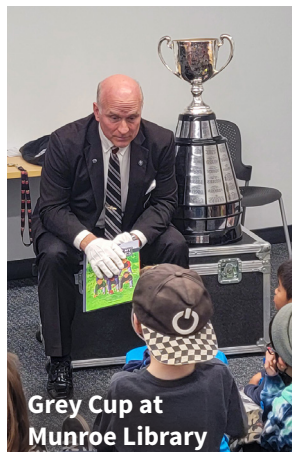
Ah kha koo gheesh renovation completed in 2022 as part of the Millennium Library renovations that started in August.



# Donors and Grants



WPL at Pride Parade



Grey Cup at Munroe Library



Time to Read 50<sup>th</sup>

The Library wishes to thank the following people and organizations for their generous contributions in 2022:

- ✦ Trish Allison-Simms
- ✦ Peter Attwood
- ✦ *In memory of Ted Baron*
  - ✦ Corinne Billinkoff
  - ✦ Judy Kaprow
  - ✦ Jennifer Montemarano
  - ✦ Danielle Rice
  - ✦ Michael Wood
- ✦ *In memory of Dennis Davis*
  - ✦ Anonymous
  - ✦ Linda & Gary Borodenko
  - ✦ Christine Davis
  - ✦ Denisce Davis
  - ✦ Karen & Alan Gilchrist
  - ✦ Crystal Mitchell
  - ✦ Linda Nortoft
- ✦ Nicole Denboer
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- ✦ Margaret Eyolfson
- ✦ Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library
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- ✦ *In memory of Marlene Kroeker*
  - ✦ Anonymous
  - ✦ Eleanor Suderman
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- ✦ Olga Synova
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  - ✦ Nancy Turriff and Jeanne Allen Fund
  - ✦ Robert I. and Margaret J. Clague Memorial Fund
  - ✦ Margaret M. and John C. Webster Memorial Fund
  - ✦ Shirley Edith Sherwood Fund
- ✦ Winnipeg Public Library Board
  - ✦ Library Advisory Committees
- ✦ Ernest Wehrle
- ✦ Wendy & Grenville Winslow
- ✦ *In memory of Ruth Wysocki*

**12,508,797**  
eVisits  
(website, catalogue sessions  
and social media)

**4,348,840**  
items borrowed  
(includes eBook/eLibrary  
downloads)

**1,171,055**  
eLibrary downloads

Writer-in-Resident **Frances Koncan** is an innovative, award-winning Anishinaabe playwright and director. She has also worked as a freelance journalist and arts consultant.

## Community Connections



## Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library

The Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library (FWPL) were delighted to make a \$17,500 donation this year to support programs and special projects of the Winnipeg Public Library. This donation lent financial support to the 2022-2023 Writer-in-Residence program, and provided funding for various Youth Services programs being held in 2022 & 2023. This brings our total contribution to WPL since 2000 to over \$354,000.

### “The Best of Times” in 2022 for the Friends included:

- ✧ Celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! We have come a long way over these many years.
- ✧ Operating a well-received book/material cart sale in the lobby of the Millennium Library.
- ✧ Holding our first ever Trivia Night fundraiser in October which was a “Spooktacular Success”.
- ✧ Resuming the drop off of donations of books and materials at library branches again, in preparation for our book sales. Thank you to all the branch staff who assisted us by accepting these boxes of donations on our behalf.
- ✧ Adding incentives for our new and renewing members, from Black Market Provisions and Sage Garden Greenhouses.

*Winnipeg Public Library (WPL) would like to thank Kathy Blight for her 12+ years of volunteer service with the Friends of the WPL. She held several roles over the years but her dedication and commitment to the Friends and raising funds for WPL had not changed. We are grateful for all her work, and wish her well in her future endeavours.*

## Winnipeg Public Library Board

In 2022, The Library Board continued work on its strategic plan goals and supported Winnipeg Public Library’s Writer-in-Residence program, Millennium Library Community Working group, and Fearless R2W’s Community Safety Host program. Library Board members helped celebrate the opening of the Community Connections space in April, and they provided funds for consumable supplies to create a welcoming environment for visitors.

Working with WPL staff, the Board sponsored WPL’s World Storytelling series program, which featured stories presented by an Inuit Elder, as well as stories originating from Slovenia, Mexico, Iceland, South Asia, South Sudan, the Philippines, and Brazil.

Dedication to truth, reconciliation, healing, and continued work on calls to action remains at the forefront of activities and projects. The Library Board wishes to thank Clayton Sandy, a knowledge keeper and cultural advisor from Sioux Valley Dakota First Nation, and Frances Sinclair-Kaspick for leading a Sharing Circle session with members and staff.

Lastly, the Library Board acknowledges and thanks the five Library Advisory Committees for their continued work and support of their local library branches.



Winnipeg  
Public Library  
Board

### “The Worst of Times” in 2022:

For the Friends was, without a doubt, the difficult decision to close our beloved **Best of Friends Gift Shop (BOF)**!

Kudos to **Kathy Blight**, BOF Gift Shop Manager (and FWPL Past-President), BOF Gift Shop Buyer **Janet Carriere**, and the devoted team of **BOF Gift Shop volunteers** for their dedication during these challenging times.

### Looking forward to 2023:

Plans are being made to hold a Big Book Sale in the Fall of 2023 once again. Stay tuned for more details when they are finalized!

Thank you to all our members, volunteers, donors, and our Board of Directors whose valuable contributions make it possible for us to maintain our commitment to fostering literacy and community connections in our city.

Learn more about the Friends at [friendswpl.ca](http://friendswpl.ca).

Rita Burgess, President



## Winnipeg Library Foundation

After nearly three decades of fundraising, the Winnipeg Library Foundation made the decision to cease operations at the end of 2022.

Since its inception in 1995, the Winnipeg Library Foundation has raised over \$30 million for our public library. We helped build the Millennium Library, rebuild Millennium Library Park, provide accessibility at Cornish and St. John’s, and strengthen the library’s collections.

Most importantly, however, we brought together the citizens of Winnipeg who let our governments know that libraries are a vital part of our community, and must be supported. The City of Winnipeg today has included library revitalization in multiple budget years, and our many beautiful facilities are proof of that.

On behalf of the Winnipeg Library Foundation’s Board of Directors, thank you to our thousands of donors and supporters - we couldn’t have done it without all of you.

Carole Marshall  
Executive Director

