

WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

The Winnipeg Public Library Board and the Library Advisory Committees help to raise awareness about the library and the services it offers to citizens. This year we supported many library programs, including the Writer-in-Residence program, BookFest and The Human Library.

We also participated in festivals and community events. This included events such as the Pride Parade, Kids Fringe and the Newcomer Welcome Fair. ~ Alison McCullough-Butchart, Chair

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



653,518 eLibrary downloads
11,628,048 eVisits (website,
catalogue sessions and
social media)



Windsor Park Library Family Literacy Playground.

FRIENDS OF THE WPL

We appreciate the great partnership the Friends has with the Winnipeg Public Library. In 2017 the Friends contributed \$35,800 towards special projects, such as the Family Literacy Playgrounds for the new Windsor Park Library, and the St. Vital and Fort Garry Libraries. Also funded were rhythm instruments for the pre-school programs at all branch libraries, resources which will enrich the early literacy programs with music and movement. Annually we contribute to the Writer-in-Residence and Spring Break Family programs. This now brings the Friends' total contribution since 2000 to over \$220,000.

Funds were raised by operating the Best of Friends Gift Shop, organizing the Spring Books & Brunch and producing a top notch Fall Book Sale. Special thanks go to over 80 volunteers who helped make this possible.

Check us out at friendswpl.ca! ~ Kathy Blight, President

WINNIPEG LIBRARY FOUNDATION

We are delighted that construction is underway at St. John's and beginning in Spring 2018 at Cornish, and so grateful to the many donors and supporters that helped make the Centennial Renewal campaign so successful. We can't wait to see these buildings become functional, welcoming, and contemporary libraries in the heart of Winnipeg's oldest neighbourhoods. As always, we welcome your contributions to our work in supporting our city's libraries – we couldn't do it without you. Keep in touch with us via email to info@winnipeglibraryfoundation.ca, or by phone at 204-989-2060. ~ Karen Keppler, Chair

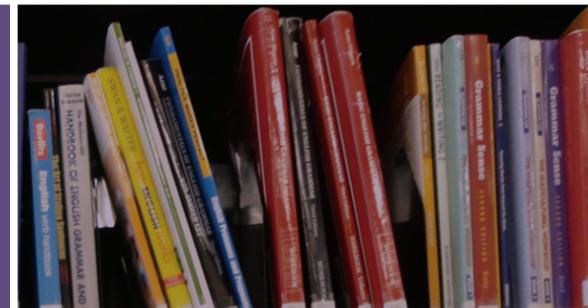
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ANNUAL REPORT
2017



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public libraries



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mobile
programs

Winnipeg Public Library

The WPL strives to enrich the lives of all Winnipeg citizens and their communities by providing high quality, responsive and innovative library services. Through 20 public branches and an extensive online eLibrary, WPL provides equitable opportunities for learning, leisure and community connections.

353,784
library cardholders

2,753,961
in-person visits in 2017

4,878,129
items borrowed
(includes eBook/eLibrary
downloads)



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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017



The WPL partnered with Sarasvati Productions to run its third **Human Library**, September 21-23 as part of FemFest with funding support from the Winnipeg Public Library Board. People become books and are “borrowed” for conversation. Readers had the opportunity to browse the Catalogue of Books and choose a Book to borrow for 30 minutes.

St. Vital Library closed for renovations on January 16. The renovation was designed to provide the community with a refurbished and more accessible facility that maintains the key heritage features of the building.



Jennifer Still, an award-winning Winnipeg poet, began her term as **Writer-in-Residence** on October 2.

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

BookFest returned to the Millennium Library on November 25 for a full-day event showcasing the best in prairie publishing with a book expo, “book tastings”, and a panel talk.

Customers were able to enable their accounts to track **borrowing history**. Up to 10 years of historical checkouts can be stored. Email receipts also became available to help customers go paperless.

DAISY (Digital Accessible Information System) readers were made available for print disabled customers to borrow. With a DAISY reader, you can read an audiobook the same way you would read a print book.

Questions answered
286,692
Computer bookings
368,544



Construction started on the **IdeaMILL**. This new makerspace, located on the 3rd floor of Millennium Library, will house 3D printers, computers for digital editing, sound recording booths and equipment and a computer training lab and craft/fabrication lab.

3,808 Programs offered



Program attendance
100,606

WPL continues to deliver cultural, technology, and literacy-based programs within the community.

Take Your Child to the Library Day, held on February 4, had over 2,400 individuals visit a branch to enjoy a concert or show, listen to a story time or participate in a family friendly activity. Participants were able to swap their existing library card for a special children's card.



Online program registration became available, making it easier for customers to sign up for library programs.



WPL was a hit once again at the **Pride Parade** on June 4.

WPL hosted **Drag Queen Story Time** on May 20 & 31.

Transcona Library broke ground on June 26. The new 13,500 square foot library will be a one floor, fully accessible facility with an outdoor reading area and will open in 2018.

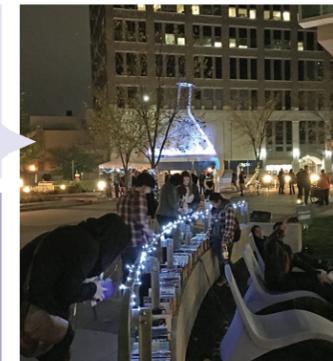
St. John's Library closed for renovations August 25. The branch is undergoing extensive accessibility improvements as well as enhancements in the layout of collections and services and updated technology. The library is expected to open in the fall of 2018.



WPL took part in **Nuit Blanche** on October 2 with events at Millennium Library Park and St. Boniface Library.



The TD Summer Reading Club theme for 2017 was “Canada 150”. Over 9,200 children participated in the program.



Financial Overview

Revenue 2017

CITY OF WINNIPEG	27,947,121	90%
PROVINCE OF MANITOBA	2,010,118	7%
LIBRARY - GENERATED	842,929	3%
LIBRARY TRUST/BOOK SALES	206,984	1%
TOTAL	\$31,007,152	100%

Expenditures 2017

SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$16,219,886	52%
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$7,996,927	26%
*LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$3,259,100	11%
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	\$3,531,239	11%
TOTAL	\$31,007,152	100%

*includes expenditures from book sales, trust accounts and grants

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