

2024

Winnipeg Public Library

| Annual Report

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

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Winnipeg Public Library branches are located in Treaty One Territory, the home and traditional lands of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe), Ininew (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.

2024

20 public libraries

127,357 library cardholders

132,976 questions answered

3,898 programs offered

2,092,652 in-person visits

137,511 computer bookings

101,806 program attendance

13,299,708 e-visits

5,027,041 items borrowed (includes ebooks/eLibrary)

1,778,499 eLibrary downloads

In March, Winnipeg Public Library held its first Seedy Saturday at Millennium Library. The day was full of gardening workshops, seed swapping, vendors, and kids' activities.

On September 3, new operating hours at library branches came into effect, offering Winnipeggers more opportunities to take advantage of all the services offered.



June

Winnipeg Public Library held a Children's Library Card Art Contest. Children ages 4-12 were asked to submit their pictures showing their favourite library experiences. The winner was Kaili D., age 10 and the runner up was Allison V.G., age 10. The library card and bookmark featuring the winners was released in the fall.



June

The annual TD Summer Reading Club was held from June 10 to August 30, 2024. Over the summer, 19,953 children received bilingual reading kits. There were 276 programs offered for families, children and teens, with a total of 5,694 attendees.



July 21

Library Day at the Ballpark with the Winnipeg Goldeyes. Twenty families who won tickets through TD Summer Reading Club were in attendance.



October

Nora Decter began her term as Winnipeg Public Library's 2024-2025 Writer-in-Residence. The Writer-in-Residence program provides one-on-one mentorship and public workshops to hundreds of emerging writers of all genres.



Winnipeg Public Library was the recipient of a second place 2023 TD Summer Reading Club Library Award presented at the Saskatchewan Library Association Conference in May 2024. This national award recognizes the excellent programming delivered by Winnipeg Public Library for the TD Summer Reading Club.

Winnipeg Public Library Board

In 2024, the Library Board continued to support initiatives, including:

- Providing consumable supplies for Community Connections and library branches to reduce barriers
- The Writer-in-Residence program
- Winnipeg Public Library's World Storytelling and World Languages programs
- World Languages featured storytelling in Anishinaabemowin, Filipino, Spanish, Punjabi, Ukrainian

On March 15, 2024, the Board appeared at the Executive Policy Committee meeting to advocate with community members for Winnipeg Public Library's budget. The Board supported funding for staffing, the Community Safety Host program, and the continuous funding for programs and services provided by the library.



October

Tracy Charette Fehr and Janet Murata were selected as the Makers-in-Residence at the Library from October 1 to December 27, 2024. Tracy and Janet operated out of the ideaMILL at Millennium Library and each offered weekly drop-in studio times as well as workshops in library branches to teach new skills, including programs for children and teens.



October 4

Winnipeg Public Library recognized the *National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls* by displaying a red dress in libraries from October 4-18.

Information resources are highlighted annually on May 5 and October 4 to share knowledge build awareness.



November

Winnipeg Public Library received over 120 Ukrainian titles as part of the Ukrainian Bookshelf Project, an initiative of the First Lady of Ukraine, Olena Zelenska. The Ukrainian Consulate visited Winnipeg to officially launch the collection, including titles written in Ukrainian for both adults and children.



December 4

All library locations were closed for Winnipeg Public Library's inaugural Professional Development Day.

Donors & Grants

The Library wishes to thank the following people and organizations for their generous contributions in 2024:

- Alfred Chorney
 - In memory of Jocelyn R. Chorney
- Bettina Nyman
- Beverly Kawchuk
- Celia Rodd
- Daniel McClelland
- David McInnesy
- Dean and Rachel Scaletta
- Friends of Winnipeg Public Library
- Gail Mildren
- Gerry Hallworth
- Heather Groom
- J. Pichurski
- Lillian A. Smith Family Foundation
- Lynnette Mitten
- Nicole Aminian
 - On behalf of Cyrus' birthday
- Pamela and James Goho
 - In memory of Mary June Campbell
- Peter Attwood
 - In memory of Monique Attwood
- Paquette Family Donation
 - In memory of Tyler Paquette
- Rosemary Chambers
 - In memory of Lois Lake Kristjanson
- Terrance Muzychuk

Friends of Winnipeg Public Library

The year 2024 saw some significant changes and remarkable accomplishments for the Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library (FWPL).

As the newly appointed President, I am honoured to succeed past-president Rita Burgess, whose leadership has been invaluable. In 2024, the Friends proudly donated \$20,000 to the Winnipeg Public Library, supporting the Writer-in-Residence Program, additional library seating, Indigenous artwork, and reading initiatives. Since 2000, FWPL has contributed over \$391,000 to library programs.

Our 2024 Big Book Sale was a record-breaking success, raising over \$27,000 while relocating to a new venue. This was made possible by the leadership of Laurie Sodomlak and our dedicated volunteers. The St. James Civic Centre proved a fantastic setting for the Big Book Sale, and our contingent of more than 70 volunteers streamlined all aspects of the Big Book Sale, from setup on Friday evening to winding down on Sunday evening.

In March 2024, our Strategic Planning Session secured leadership transitions, expanded our Board to 20 Directors (where we welcomed four new Directors), and ensured continuity in key roles.

Looking ahead to 2025, we will bid farewell to Rita. Her mentorship, professionalism, enthusiasm, and passion for the Friends' mission will never be forgotten. We are actively recruiting for vacant positions, including Book Sale Manager. We anticipate another significant donation to the library and encourage new members to join our Board.

Dominique Wightman,
President of Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library

Learn more about the Friends at
friendswpl.ca



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Financial Overview

Revenues	2024	%	Expenditures	2024	%
City of Winnipeg	\$34,348,360	90.9%	Salaries & benefits	\$20,683,679	54.7%
Province of Manitoba	\$3,010,913	8.0%	Building maintenance	\$8,869,382	23.5%
Library - generated	\$280,229	0.7%	Library materials	\$3,391,917	9.0%
Library trust/ book sales/donations	\$145,799	0.4%	Supplies & services	\$4,840,324	12.8%
Total Revenues	\$37,785,301	100%	Total Expenditures	\$37,785,301	100%