

Springfield Public Library

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

- Responding to the needs of our diverse community
- Ensuring freedom of access to information
- Offering resources for peoples of all ages
- Providing materials and programs that entertain and inspire.

We are committed to the excellent stewardship of the physical and financial assets entrusted to the library.

OUR MISSION: It is the mission of the Springfield Public Library to provide and promote open and equal access to the resources and services of the library in order to meet the informational, educational, cultural and literacy needs of the community.

A1: CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT for 2015:

Jack Stafford, Chairperson, Springfield Public Library

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A.1. Our Staff

2015 proved to be another year of success, with little change in regards to our staff and volunteers. Whereas in past years, our volunteer roster was greater in numbers, the past year demonstrated that a few great volunteers can accomplish a great deal. Three volunteers, in particular, devote their time to specific duties that allow our staff more time to focus on our members. Mavis, our "Techie," assists with computer related snags, and manages our electronic info screen, committing to a minimum of 20 hours per month. Terry attends regularly on Wednesdays to catalogue our collection of over 80 magazines and Kathy hosts our Book Club meetings, including requesting Interlibrary Loan copies for all members. In addition to these three, we have a rotating volunteer group of nine who commit a minimum of two hours per week to shelve returned items, and keep those shelves in order, allowing patrons easy access to the materials they are seeking. We recognize the value this dedicated team provides to staff and members alike.

We continue to operate with a small paid staff: Manager Donna Walby, Library Services Coordinator Cherie Denorer, and four part time clerks: Christine Robinson, Tia Grantham, Kristi Lawson and Heather Barendregt. With a grant from Bright Beginnings, we employ a student to run our Summer Camp for school aged children. Cailey Hay returned this year for her 4th role as Summer Camp Director.

A.2. Our Board

Our Board has enjoyed stability these past few years, with few changes. Karen Lalonde retired as Councillor for the RM, therefore, Shandy Walls stepped in as her replacement in the role of RM representative. Having an opening on the Board, due to earlier retirement of Marlene Gouge, Karen agreed to continue as a Board

Member, keeping our number at the norm. Sally Colomy, on the Board since inception, takes a great interest in the Library, hosting our Annual fundraising Christmas Craft Sale, as well as facilitating our very successful program “Kids in the Kitchen” Besides myself, our other long term member, Anne McCombe, has added experience in assisting with discussing policies, and arising issues with newer members, Terry Hoover and Vince Bennici. We worked well together to form a Strategic Plan, and saw the installation of an electric door opener in our Handicap Washroom, with plans to upgrade flooring and countertops in our kitchen.

A.3. Our Community

Our membership numbers increased steadily over the year, mainly due to new programs and events in the Library that bring new visitors. Holding the Advance Polls over the Thanksgiving weekend alone brought 22 new memberships, and there is seldom a day that our facility is not running programs, special events, such as author readings, or having groups and clubs book our space for meetings. Every one of these invites residents to the library, resulting in added patron numbers. One such event, and fundraiser, our 2nd Annual Art, Wine, Music Evening, was an opportunity for 13 new members, which was just over 10% of the ticketholders that attended. The variety and number of programs and events we host is significant in the value our community places in our Library. Our motto: “Great Books, and SO much more” couldn’t be truer, as there really is something for everyone within the walls of our library- and in the community itself. With snowshoes to borrow, our Toy Lending Library, outreach reading programs and “more,” we have come a long way since opening in 2009.

B: REPORT FROM MANAGER OF LIBRARY SERVICES: Donna Walby Lawson:

2015 began as a challenge, as I was away for the first quarter due to surgery. We postponed a few events that had been considered, such as the “Winter Family Fun Day” but fully intend on bringing it forward in 2016. Our staff has seen little change, and as we are a small group, we have formed close bonds, and have come to referring to staff as “Our Library Family”. This extends to our volunteers, including the Board, and many patrons, who visit if not daily, then certainly a couple of times a week. Our positive environment, friendly service and efficiency has proven to be a winning combination, creating a favourite “Happy Place” in the community. Led by our Board, who are fully engaged in the ambitious goals we strive to accomplish, Management and Staff feel strong support, which translates to an environment of enthusiasm, and energetic morale.

Our innovative programs, up-to-date collections and children’s play area have brought greater numbers of patrons through our doors, as the years pass. The 2nd Evening of Art, Music, Wine attracted over 120 people, and the author readings held this year were well attended as well. In all, every area of our Library is well enjoyed, from the “visiting areas- couches and chairs by the fireplace, and café style tables” right to the grounds, with the new gazebo installed in the winter of 2014 by the Springfield Legion. Our summer camp kids play outside daily, and from the year “SPLASH!” was the theme, we have kept a splash pool and water games as part of our program.

I have included more details about our programs, events and partnerships in the body of the report. We look forward to 2016 being a huge year for more exciting firsts, and continuance of our successes.

Donna Walby Lawson
Manager of Library Services.

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LIBRARY HOURS:

Fall to Spring:

- * Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- * Thursday & Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- * Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- * Sunday & Monday CLOSED

We also close at 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday of Long Weekends. We are closed over the Christmas holidays on December 24-26th, December 31st and January 1, 2015.

Summer: From May long weekend to September Long weekend, we close at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Otherwise, hours remain as above.

GETTING THE WORD OUT: For current information, please refer to: our electronic info sign inside the library, check our website, our submission "Springfield Library Corner" in The Clipper Weekly, Quarterly issues of "The Springfield Times" leisure guide, postings on the highway sign at the end of our drive, or call the Library.

MEMBERSHIP IS FREE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE R.M. OF SPRINGFIELD

OUR LIBRARY BOARD is always available for your comments by email at: board@springfieldlibrary.ca

Current Board Members: Chair/Treasurer: Jack Stafford Counselor: Shandy Walls

Directors: Anne McCombe, Sally Colomy and Terry Hoover.

We also encourage residents who have visited the library to fill in the on-line survey, developed by the Province of Manitoba, on the first page of our website. With your input, we are more able to provide the type of services and programs that best meet the needs of our community.

VOLUNTEERS: Cherie Denorer, our Library Services Coordinator trains and schedules our volunteers. We have a great team of dedicated volunteers who commit to a minimum of one two hour shift per week to ensure they remain current with our procedures and practices. Many volunteers commit to much more than the minimum.

Teens who have shown an interest have been involved with developing programs at the library for their peer group, as we strive to create "Your Place" for teens. If their high school has a volunteer credit program, Cherie helps establish a volunteer schedule to accomplish this goal.

Programs and events during the year:

EVENTS:

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE: Held annually on the 2nd or 3rd Saturday, of December from 10:00-3:00. Tables \$35.00 Board Member Sally Colomy coordinates this event, from booking tables, to menu planning and preparation for the canteen, collecting donations for the Silent Auction, advertising, and everything big and small required to make it all happen. Enjoyed by crafters and visitors alike, 2015 was our 7th sale, and over \$1100.00 was made in profits.

ART GALLERY: Springfield Library is proud to act as host for the impressive collection of our Signature Artists year 'round. All artists are local, and their works are all available for purchase. Multi-media artist Ida MacKenzie, Painter Genevie Henderson, and Fabric Artist Susan Selby have their work displayed throughout the facility. If you are a local artisan, craftsperson or artist, we would love to display your work. We have a display case, which allows us to rotate the creations of newcomers.

PROGRAMS: All programs are free of charge unless otherwise specified at time of registration, thanks to funding from: Bright Beginnings, Healthy Together Now, and other divisions of the Province of Manitoba and the R.M. of Springfield. Registration and information packages are found on the Patron Services Counter, located at the front of the library.

We would love to offer new programs, and have some great ideas, but invite your ideas: either to request a program, or offer to facilitate one. Some suggestions have been:

Fishing lures - making your own.

Digital Photography- how to take great pictures, download them and print.

I-pods / MP3 players: downloading music to an electronic device.

Folk Art/Decoupage: This style of decorating, particularly on wooden boxes and small furniture pieces.

Hair & Make-up: Short cuts and tricks of application.

Wood carving.

Knitting & Crocheting

If any of the above interest you, or you have experience and are willing to help others learn how, please contact Donna.

PARTNERSHIPS & APPRECIATIONS: SPL is not an island of itself, and we regularly rely of the community, local businesses and organizations to support one another.

Andrew Dunn Org. / Springfield Connections focuses on mental health issues, and meets weekly in the library for fellowship, potluck lunches and games. The Andrew Dunn Run, held annually in May, has become a huge event and fundraiser for the organization. Co-Coordinator, Judy Dunn, depends on us during the run, as Cherie and Donna volunteer to host the Kid's Craft Table, as well as providing space free of charge all year for their various meetings and events. The organization donated \$1,000.00 to the Library in 2015 to help with costs associated with our upcoming Wellness Resource Centre.

S.P.A.C.E. = Springfield Performing Arts Centre for Excellence, headed by Wendy Bobby is renowned for its standards of excellence and has seen many of its students graduate to instructor level and beyond. By supporting each other's concerts, art shows, musical evenings, recitals and so on, we offer Arts programs as part of our summer camp, which brings new members in our doors, and the introductory classes, free of charge, introduces new dancers to S.P.A.C.E.

Dugald Store: Kathy and Sandi King, proprietors, are strong library supporters, who willingly lend catering equipment, offer to sell tickets for our events, and advertise in their store. On the Board of the Dugald Community Centre, the King Sisters have been advisors and supporters of our events, particularly the Evening of Art, Music, Wine. We depend on them for our Liquor Permits, and selection of wines for the evening.

Country Convenience Esso: Father and son owners, Laurie and Lindsey Kyle extend their welcome for us to leave advertising materials for our events on their bulletin board, and handouts on the counter, and are always willing to donate items for our "Silent Auctions" at our Christmas Craft Sale. Laurie is also a volunteer at the Springfield Archives, and Lindsey is a talented pianist, who we hope to have play at our 2016 Art, Music, Wine evening.

Local Businesses: many – if not most, local businesses are generous in contributions for our fundraising events. In a small, active community, it is not uncommon for them to be approached numerous times each month, yet we have not been disappointed when we have called on them. Each business / organization's name is printed on our programs and posters for each event to thank them for their support.

FOR CHILDREN:

PRESCHOOL: Fall sessions begin mid-October.

Baby Rock 'n' Read runs concurrently with Mind & Body, in 3 eight week sessions until Spring. Melinda Ives facilitates this program. Baby Rock 'n' Read introduces literacy while babies bond with their caregiver in the company of friends. Bright colours, rhyming verses, music and songs, while sitting in a circle helps infants develop name and sound recognition through repetition. Registration not required, and "Drop-ins" are welcome, but we encourage you to call and let us know ahead if you plan to attend. Program time is Friday mornings from 10:00 to 10:30.

Storytime: A favourite for preschoolers aged 2-5 years. Three 8-week sessions run on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. A parent or guardian's presence is required to assist with individual children's needs. Miss Cherie engages the children's imaginations through storytelling and craft activities. Space is limited for this popular program, so please register early.

Mind & Body: Studies prove that children who experience parental involvement while learning have greater success in general, performing more adeptly in school, and other general activities. If children's parents are working, please consider a substitute guardian who will be welcome to participate with your child. Mind & Body has evolved to incorporate a program that focuses on family interactions. The first and most important play partner and teacher is a child's parent and caregiver. By creating playtime together, a love of learning develops. Facilitated by Melinda Ives, M & B introduces 4 & 5 year olds to games, activities and story time to introduce and develop literacy, numeracy and motor skills through play. Melinda is an amazing facilitator, who engages children in every aspect of this program.

Runs Fridays for three 8 week sessions. Please call or stop in to register. To be of benefit, child must be 4 years old when they start this program. On Professional Development Days, parents may bring their school aged children along to M & B. Parents: Please advise Melinda ahead of time how many "extra" participants she will have on P.A. Days so she can prepare.

SCHOOL AGE:

Kindergarten Field Trips: We welcome all Sunrise S.D. Kindergarten classes within the RM of Springfield to spend a day with your class in the Library. We have your day planned, from arrival at 10:00 a.m. to your "Check Out" time, according to your schedule. Student's day is filled with a library tour, story-telling, crafts, play time in our "Imagination Station" (Children's Library), lunch, scavenger hunts, Library-tag outdoors, songs and more. Anola Elementary Kindergarten classes have been visiting for 4 years- always so much fun!

Kids in the Kitchen: We have been fortunate to continue receiving grant money from various Provincial departments to continue this fun program. Watch for registration forms in September, which will announce the day of the week the sessions will run. For school aged children ages 8+, KITK has been developed by a nutritionist and encourages kids to explore the various aspects of meal selection and planning, preparation

and finally, the satisfaction of eating foods they have prepared in the company of friends. Sally Colomy facilitates, providing delicious recipes and natural techniques of encouragement for her students. We will adapt the class schedules to accommodate all who are interested.

Wii for Teens / Tweens: On the 1st, 2nd and last Wednesday evenings of the month, from 6:00-7:45, we invite teens and tweens to come by for a Wii challenge in the Tea Room; Bring your friends.... No need to register. Snacks are provided. Please advise circulation attendant of any allergies so we will remove any snack accordingly. This is an unsupervised program, therefore, attendees must be a minimum of 12 years old to participate.

Summer Camp: (School Age to 13 years)

Through Green Team, a Provincial Grant, we are able to offer free camp to school aged children. This past summer, the theme was: "PLAY"

- Stories, crafts and activities focused on this theme, with worldwide play activities, indoor and outdoor play, individual and group play, and anything the children could imagine was celebrated. We have a great turn out for summer camp, and Cailey Hay, our summer student, is eager and creative. The kids were very excited to learn she was back for her 4th summer!
- Summer Story Time: Offered one afternoon a week for preschoolers, summer story time follows the same agenda as Storytime year 'round.
- Summer Arts Sessions: Partnering with Springfield Performing Arts Centre of Excellence (SPACE) we offer free sessions of Hip Hop Dance, Puppetry, Magic, and Theatre. Instructors come to the library and introduce the arts to children in a familiar environment.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR ALL AGES:

- Snowshoe Lending Program: We are so excited to be the only library in Canada that lends snowshoes to its members. Purchased with grant monies from Healthy Together Now in an effort to increase family bonding time and physical activity, we were rewarded with a huge response from our members. Due to the demand, this winter snowshoes will be lent for a one week period, to allow other families the opportunity to try them out. We are planning on creating a Winter Wonderland on our grounds, in February, 2016, with snowshoe races and other winter outdoor events. We lend the equipment to local schools as well. Donna is available to instruct users on the grounds, and will also come to your school when you borrow the snowshoes. We welcome you all to come in for a coffee, tea or hot chocolate which can be purchased at our Circulation Counter, while you warm up after your outdoor experience!
- Toy Lending Library: Year 'round, we have over 70 games, toys, sports equipment and interactive books we lend out for a 2 week period. This provides an opportunity for parents to let their children try out an item without the expense of purchasing it to find their child loses interest in a short time, or family with children coming to visit. A selection of toys available for borrowing, are on the shelf at the north end wall of the library, along with the catalogue showing the whole collection. Please do not remove toys from the shelf, but see the Circulation Clerk who will retrieve your choice of equipment /

toys from the storage area. On Saturdays, if staffing and space allows, we display toys in the Tea Room or MPR for better viewing.

- PLEASE BE AWARE that when equipment is borrowed, we provide a detailed description of all components included. We carefully check returns, to be sure all materials are included. Although we commit to care, we suggest that prior to taking the borrowed item(s) home, you take the items aside, and count all pieces, and check for damage before leaving the library. This prevents any discrepancies from occurring if upon return, we find there are components either missing or damaged.

GREAT COLLECTION OF DVD /BLUE RAY MOVIES: In addition to our collection of books, magazines, and other items, we order movies as soon as they are released to DVD for our members. Please note that we charge a small fee for movie rentals (\$1.50 per WEEK) which helps us towards the cost of maintaining the collection.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE: Our entire puzzle collection has been donated by our members. Please feel free to borrow puzzle(s) for an unspecified period. You are welcome to take as many as you like, and take all the time you need to finish them. We have been assured that all puzzles are complete, however, if you borrow a puzzle to find that there are missing pieces, please do not return it to the library, rather, dispose of it to avoid another "Puzzler" from disappointment. If you have complete puzzles you would like to donate, feel free to drop them off anytime.

DROP-IN SATURDAY WORKSHOPS: A variety of Drop in sessions are held over the year, particularly craft sessions with themes centered on holidays and special days, such as Christmas Hallowe'en & Valentines' Day. While children are most intent on participating, teens and adults are just as welcome to show their creative side. We always provide coffee, tea and beverages for children and most sessions have cookie or cupcake decorating as well.

JEWELRY MAKING: Age specific each session. We will advertise the workshops to indicate whether it is for adults, children, or both. If you are interested in jewelry making and have not attended a workshop yet, please call and let us know what type of jewelry you would like to make, and we will contact you when we have registration.

RUBBER STAMPING & SCRAPBOOKING: We have many supplies for this activity, and our new facilitator, Elise, is here on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 to help you design and create pages in your book. Drop-in format.

AUTHOR VISITS: From time to time, local authors, having published a book recently, will agree to make a presentation to the members of SPL. In 2015, we welcomed Sandi Krawchenko Altner, author of "Ravenscraig," a novel detailing the immigration of Ukrainian settlers to Winnipeg and northeastern Manitoba. Our Book Club were avid participants, and the evening was a delight. Barbara Huck, who has visited us previously with a number of novels and non-fiction publications, presented her newest: "In Search of Canada's Ancient Heartland, a double author visit, with Doug Whitway, and his "Northern Lights: Arnold & Gail Morberg & The Calm Air Story". We find that inviting two authors at once makes the evening more of a success, as there are different themes featured. A.J. James, local author, of "Crave" gave an enlightened discussion on her research for the first in her coming series.

Depending on the subject, we invite children, adults, or all ages to come and enjoy these presentations.

PIONEER HOME TOURS: Call Donna to arrange. Admission by donation for tours and: Photo opportunities: Wedding photo's in home, and/ or on Library grounds.

[SPRINGFIELD ARCHIVES:](#) Located right in our facility, the archives hold all records since Springfield Municipality was founded. From Land title information to local family history, the archives have it all. Run by dedicated volunteers led by Jack & Yvonne Mavins. Archives Tel # is 204-853-7447.

[WISH LIST BINDER:](#) Our “Blue Binder” awaits your wishes. Before entering your requests, PLEASE check our catalogue first to make sure we don’t already have a copy of the item you are wanting. Not seeing the item on our shelf doesn’t guarantee we don’t have it, as it may be checked out to another member, or on the cart to be re-shelved. You may use any of our patron computers, including the search computer located near our DVD section to view our catalogue. If you need help, we are happy to assist. We are willing to consider purchasing or subscribing to the following: Magazines and journals, books, including Large Print, DVD/ Blue Ray movies, TV series, audio books, CD’s, toys or sports equipment. Please record the item you wish for in the binder, clearly indicating your name and contact information. (Membership number or Tel. No.) We will contact you once the item is delivered, or to advise you that we are unable to obtain a copy.

[ANOLA LOCAL MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION:](#) Meets monthly on Saturday mornings from fall to spring/ early summer. Call Jackie at 204-853-7749

[SPRINGFIELD LEGION # 146:](#) R.M. residents of all ages appreciate the Legion’s display of artifacts from WWI and assorted items from various branches of the Canadian Military. The display is in the North end of the library. The Legion supports programs for Veterans and serves military in need. They provide bursaries for children, grandchildren / great-grandchildren of Veterans, sponsor youth programs and work on Remembrance Projects to honour all past and present Veterans. You do not need to have a family member as a veteran to join Legion #146. Currently, they have a small membership that meets about 6 times a year, and are seeking new members. Please contact Harry at 204-866-2243, Marg at 204-755-2225 or Clint at 204-853-2061 for more info. This may be an opportunity for you to serve your community in honourable memory of our many Veterans.

[FOR ADULT MEMBERS:](#)

[BETTER THAN THERAPY BOOK CLUB:](#) Meets on the First Friday of each month. New members welcome. This is a friendly group who loves to share “Pot Luck” snacks as much as the book of the month. Please call Donna if you are interested in joining the group.

[CANASTA IN THE TEA ROOM:](#) Ongoing... a lively, friendly group that meets every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, with new players always made welcome. Coffee and snacks are shared, in a “Pot-Luck” manner. Please call Edna at 204-444-3638 or stop by the library and leave your name and number.

[TECH TIME WITH JOHN:](#) John Gowron offers his expertise to members with computer questions on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday evening of each month. This is not specifically for adults, however, most school aged members are not in need of such coaching! To meet with John, please email him at : jgowron@mymts.net to set up an appointment. If you need help with this, call the library and we will assist you in making your appointment.

[PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES:](#) This group of avidly interested Manitobans meet to discuss procedures of Parliament, in the Tea Room on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 5:30-8:00, and welcome you to join them. Please call Donna Walby for contact information.

[YOGA WITH DENISE](#): Denise offers Chair Yoga at the library on Thursday mornings from 10-11:00. Drop-ins are welcome, or you may purchase a package for 10 classes. Please call the Library for more details, or Denise at 204-228-2322.

NEW: T.O.P.S. : Take Off Pounds Sensibly: group meets Tuesday evenings in our Tea Room. New members welcome. Call

[BOOK A ROOM](#): If you have an event coming up and either do not have the space in your home, parking for everyone, or just prefer to hold it elsewhere, we have very reasonable rates to rent our Multipurpose Room, which is approximately 800 sq. ft., or our Tea Room, about 300 sq. ft.

Rates are as follows: Personal bookings for parties, showers, etc. \$25.00 per hour, with 30 minutes before and after to prepare, and clean up.

Non-Profit group meetings: No charge during library hours. \$15.00 per hour outside of library hours.

For Profit Bookings: \$25.00 per hour with 30 minutes before and after for preparation and tidying up.

Please contact us for a Room Booking Agreement if you wish to rent space. We require 50% of the net fee, or a minimum of \$25 upon booking. (\$15 for Non-profit) Full details are provided in the agreement.

We have many groups using the facility as the community becomes aware of this option. Please note that Annual Contracts are subject to renewal to allow other organizations and groups the opportunity to use the Library's facilities.

[HOW DO I.....? ... \(IN AND ABOUT THE LIBRARY\)](#)

To access your account on line, each Library Member has a username, typically your first initial and last name. For example: dwalby . Your password is the last 4 digits of your telephone number. (e.g. 2039) Log in to our website www.springfieldlibrary.ca and sign in to your account. You can look at items you are currently borrowing, renew materials with the exception of movies and magazines, put holds on items, and view our catalogue. You can also phone the library, or email Cherie (cheriedenorer@gmail.com) or Donna (manager@springfieldlibrary.ca) for assistance.

If you would like to borrow an item we do not hold in our collection, access the link for Interlibrary Loans from our website, or enter <http://maplin.gets-it.net> in the search bar of your computer or device. We will contact you once the item is received.

[EbscoHost](#) is a dedicated search engine that is available to library members, includes games for kids, and reference materials for all ages, such as "Searchasaurus Elementary School" option that is complete with erupting volcanoes, dinosaur guide and compass, and is an easy way for young researchers to experience online searching.

Too varied to list here, please click on the link on our Home Page to access this incredible accumulation of many databases including more than 2,000 journals, magazines, biographies, maps, photos, and NoveList: a readers' advisory service which provides access to 155,000+ fiction titles and a wide range of feature content including author read-alikes, book discussion guides, and reading lists.

The login I.D. for EbscoHost is the same for all members:

Login name: springfieldmb Password: volunteer

eLibraries: Our link to electronic readers. Whether you have a Kobo eReader, or use one of many other eReaders or android devices, access eLibraries Manitoba (eLM) from the link on our website. Your member login is the same for eLibraries as in the Library itself.

C: Statistics:

We have enjoyed continuous growth over the 6 years of our existence, with many community members joining as they have attended a meeting, or other event booked in our facility. Particularly successful is having the Library chosen as a Polling Station during elections. We always see a spike in memberships after residents have come to vote.

Catalogued Collection 34,997

Non-catalogued: Snowshoes: 54 sets
Toy Collection 74 items
Walking Poles 26 Sets
Pedometers: 16 units

Items circulated: 111,566 from catalogued items:

Non-catalogued = Snowshoes: 216
Toy Collection: 370
Walking Poles: 37
Pedometers: 9

Total non-catalogued circs: 635

Total of all circulations: 112,201

Magazine Subscriptions: 85

Computers: Adult: 4

Children's: 4

Members: 4,146

Non-resident Members: 3

Visitors: 79,200

Interlibrary Loans processed: 737

D: Partnerships and Appreciations: SPL is not an island of itself, and we regularly rely of the community, local businesses and organizations to support one another.

Volunteers: We have come to depend on our strong core group of enthusiastic volunteers, as we operate with minimal staff. Mavis Harper, our technical guru, Kathy Curtain, who has adopted the responsibility of

managing our Book Club, Terry Borkowski has dedicated herself to cataloguing our CD and DVD collection. Gladys James, Gail Langendorfer, Mary Swingler, Cynthia Tataryn, Linda Kullman, Susan Hamel, Erika Dalke, Gregory Unger, Laura and Emily Klapat, and Mercedes Beveridge, all ensured our collection was shelved, and in order to allow patrons ease of selection. Total service from this group of 14 volunteers amounted to 8,508 hours of volunteer service in 2015, equivalent to \$102,906 in dollar value. How could we ever thank them enough?

These hours do not include the input from our volunteer **Board of Directors**, who besides attending regular meeting throughout the year, also represent the Library at various functions, and stand as strong supporters in the community. The RM of Springfield, Reeve and Council have shown much appreciation and support of the Library at every opportunity. In addition to the financial support from the RM, we also receive funding for operating costs and programs from Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Tourism, Public Library Services branch, and the Province of Manitoba's various departments, specifically Bright Beginnings and Healthy Together Now.

Our staff continues to operate efficiently, with small numbers, and big hearts. Cherie Denorer, our Library Services Coordinator takes on the training and scheduling, and Circulation Clerks Heather Barendregt, Christine Robinson, Tia Grantham and Kristi Lawson create a welcoming environment big on service "above and beyond".

Our 6th year of service to our community has seen us develop close bonds with **our patrons** who have shown great appreciation for our passion, as we strive to continue to excel in our opportunity to exceed every expectation and continue to grow.

Provincial and Federal Polling Station: On October 9-12, we were asked to provide space for the Advanced Election Polls. Happy to oblige, we were compensated financially, and saw an increase of 22 new members; voters who had not yet been to the library. We just LOVE those elections!

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E: Financial Performance and Accountability

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