

2019

REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY



SPL



Located on Treaty 6
territory and the homeland
of the Métis.

Board Message

While there was no shortage of activity at Saskatoon Public Library (SPL) last year, what often gets lost in the day-to-day operations of Saskatoon's libraries is the evolution of the organization as a whole. That's why this report is an annual highlight for Saskatoon Public Library's (SPL) Board—it allows us a chance to reflect back on the year that was. And what a year we had in 2019!

The highlight, of course, was the new central library project. Following city council's approval of a borrowing request, we are targeting an opening date of 2026. Next steps will involve public consultations and securing a downtown site for the facility. We are looking forward to seeing the project continue taking shape in the coming months and years.

We attended more than twice as many community events as we have in past years, meeting our objective to bring services and information about SPL outside of library walls. Our new outreach workers also met with more than 600 patrons and provided more than 1,000 referrals to local support organizations.

While these are just two examples of the work we've done over the past year to modernize services and make our organization more accessible, there are many more. As the social and educational roles of libraries evolve, the Board is proud of how SPL is keeping pace to make sure it remains one of our community's most valued public services.

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Saskatoon Public Library is governed by a volunteer library board and the Public Libraries Act (1996).

Patrons saved over
\$46 MILLION
by using the library in 2019!

Thank you for using
Saskatoon Public Library.

Check how much you have saved at
the bottom of your receipt.

By the Numbers

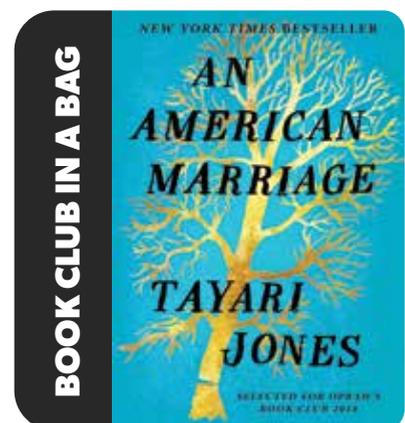
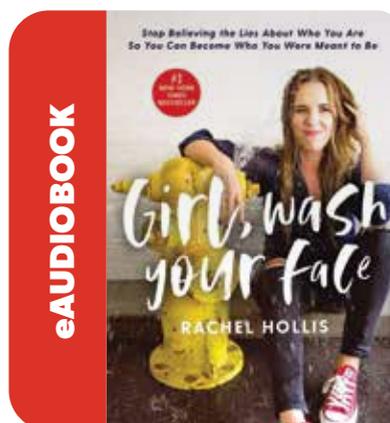
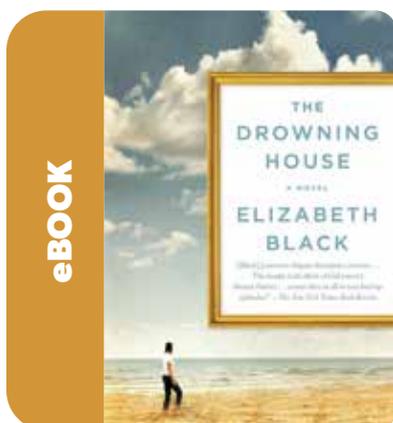
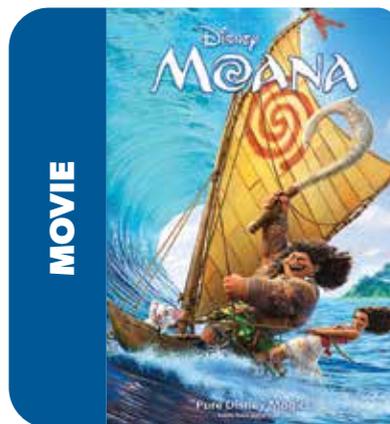
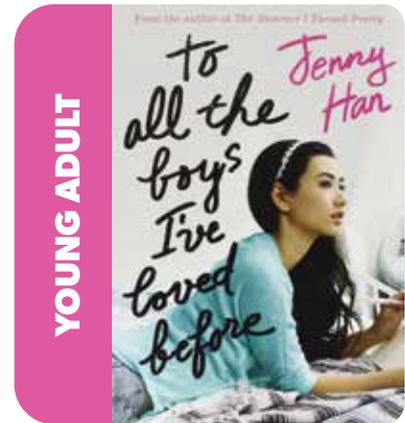
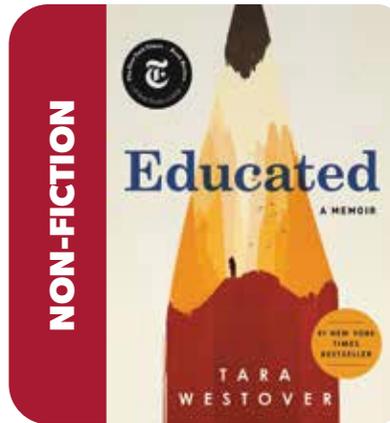
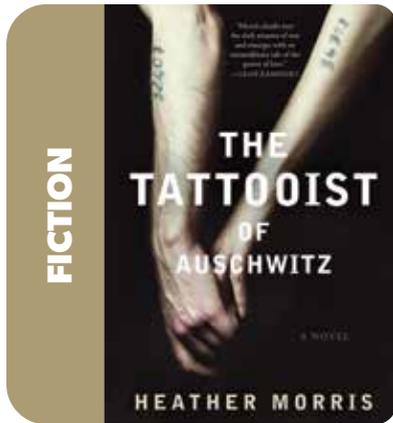
You came, you browsed, you borrowed . . . a lot! With numbers up across the board, 2019 was our busiest year yet. Thanks for booking it to the library!



Due to new technology being installed system-wide in 2019, we are unable to accurately report the total number of visits to SPL.

Most Popular

There was a lot of library love circulating in 2019, and these were the items checked out most often.



Programming

Saskatonians have a serious yearning for learning! From puppet shows to coding robots and everything in between, more than 104,000 people attended programs.



4,675

free programs offered.

10,366

kids boogied at

266

dance parties.



2,447

attended Performers
on Parade.

471

received expert
advice at legal
programs.



28,571

attended storytimes.

808

attended Aboriginal
Storytelling Month
programs.



2,268

improved English-
speaking skills at
Conversation Circles.

2,100

enjoyed SPL's
puppet shows.

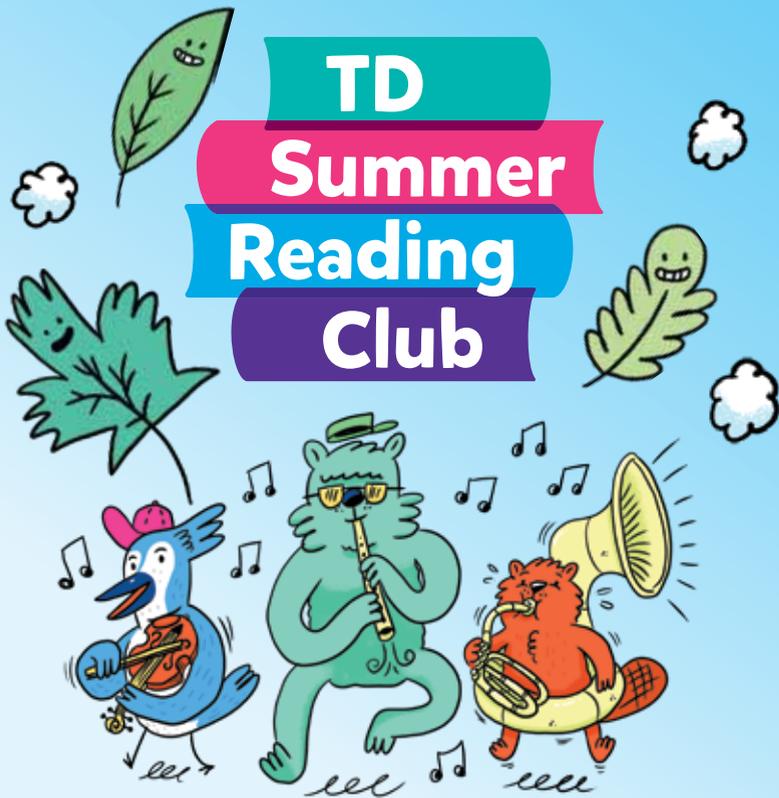


1,349

spent quality
time together at
Fam Jam.



TD
Summer
Reading
Club



2,438
kids in Saskatoon read
53,436

books over the summer,
helping keep reading
skills sharp!

saskatoonlibrary.ca/summerreading



knowlympics

2019 CHALLENGE PASSPORT



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2,996

people took part in the
third annual all-ages summer
learning challenge,
a 21% increase!

saskatoonlibrary.ca/knowlympics

Services

In addition to the library's collections, we love making connections. Whether it's inside or outside library walls, we're always at your service!



622

met with SPL's Outreach Workers.

5,717

Chromebooks were checked out.



662

deliveries made through the Home Reader Service.

786

Book Club in a Bag kits checked out.

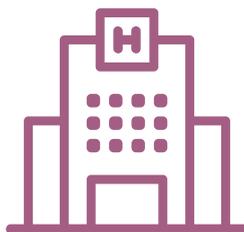


971

kids enjoyed storytimes during

59

visits to the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital.



49

community events.



10,286

kids were hosted by SPL during

266

field trips.



We reached

7,584

kids during visits to schools, preschools and daycares.

SASKATOON IS GETTING A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY!

For information and updates, visit
saskatooncentrallibrary.ca

SPLC  NECTS

We made it easy to say good readance to late fines.

Over July and August, **6,549** patrons bid
good readance to **\$34,235** in late fines
simply by visiting the library during our
second annual fines forgiveness program!

**GOOD
READANCE**

