

SPL | 2017 Report to Our Community

SPOILER ALERT: YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY IS STRONG & GROWING!

Record visits, nearly 3,000 free programs, more materials checked out than in any year prior—2017 was a real page-turner, Saskatoon! While digital downloads were up and the love of WiFi was sky high, nothing will ever replace that new book smell.

Check this out...

126,859
members.

5%
INCREASE
in active members.

47%
of Saskatonians
are members.


1,503,649
patron visits.


13,042
new library cards.
Woohoo!


580,616
materials in the collection. Up 5%.
3,339,472
items circulated.
94,342
shiny new materials.

273,177
computer sessions.

46%
INCREASE



Wireless use skyrocketed!


510,106
wireless sessions.
(a 381% increase)

427,857
reference questions answered.
Are you Siri-ous?!

9,454

materials in the
Indigenous collection.



90,452

program attendees.
Y'all come back now, ya hear?

173,572

eBooks downloaded.



11,028

digital magazines
checked out.

32%

INCREASE

in eAudiobook use.
98,399 downloads!



26%
INCREASE

in learning on
Lynda.com.



26,462

songs downloaded
from Freegal.

Up 30%.
(That's music to our ears!)



2,565

gamers used the Video Game
Room at Round Prairie Branch.

Game on!

Checkouts of
LARGE PRINT
books increased by

11%



21,222

photographs searched
in Local History.

Friends of the Library donated

\$30,000

to buy new STEAM learning
technologies that we will
launch in 2018.

(More like BFFs of the Library.)
Thank you!

Mayfair & Dr. Freda Ahenakew
Branches began operating with

