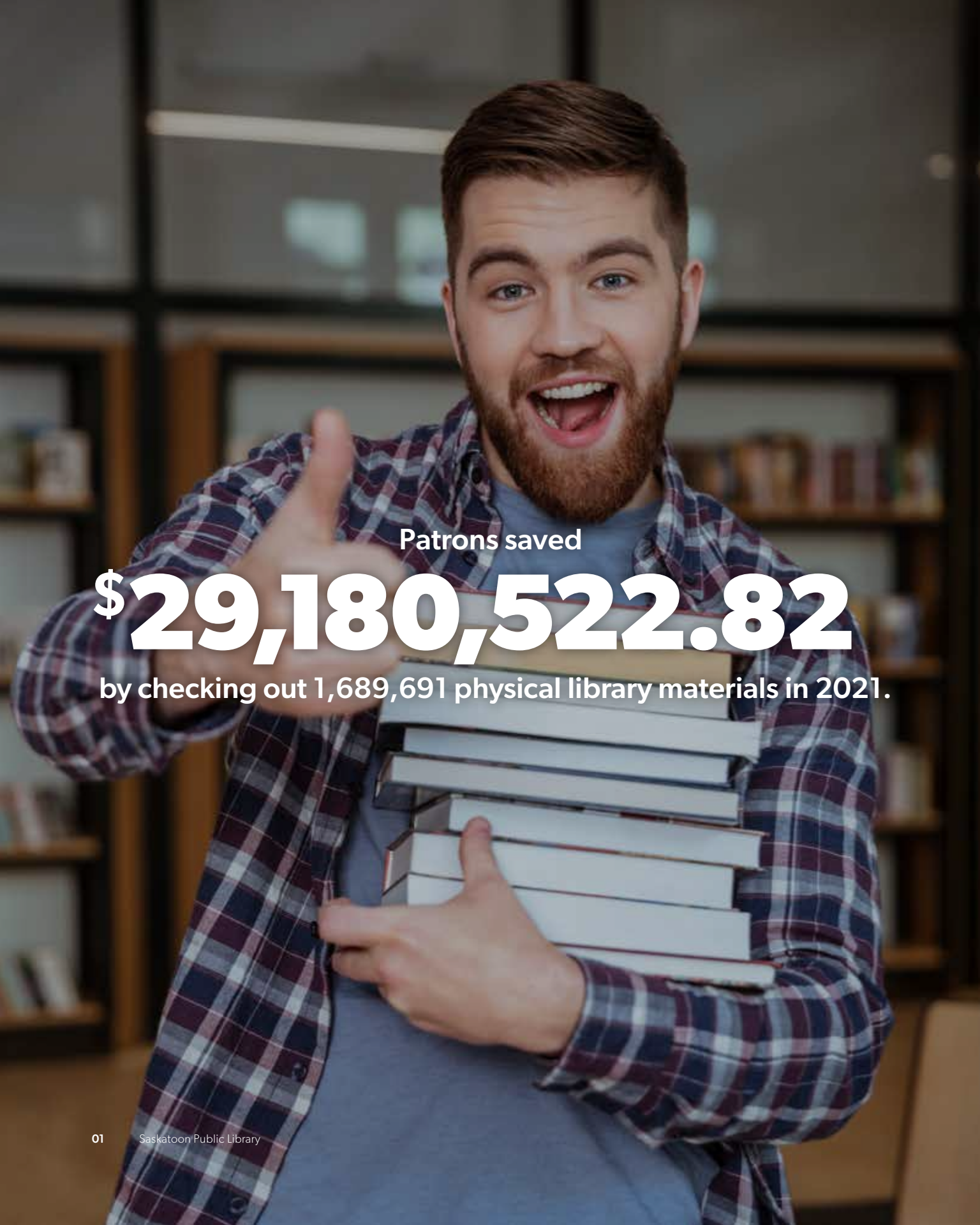


2021 REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY



**SASKATOON
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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



Patrons saved

\$29,180,522.82

by checking out 1,689,691 physical library materials in 2021.

BY THE NUMBERS

Fluctuating COVID restrictions meant 2021 was another unique year at SPL, but we adapted to feed your library love as best we could.



8,061

new library cards issued.

2,788,156
materials circulated.



Our new Bookworm
Bags were checked out

137

times.

1,098,465
digital materials
borrowed.



10

Birding Backpacks
added.

503,562
items in the physical
collection.



48.5%
of Saskatonians
are members.



278,984
reference questions
were answered.



116,653
public computer
sessions
and 134,974 wireless
device connections.



MOST POPULAR

Of the nearly 3 million physical and digital items you borrowed in 2021, these were the most popular.



MOST REQUESTED



NON-FICTION



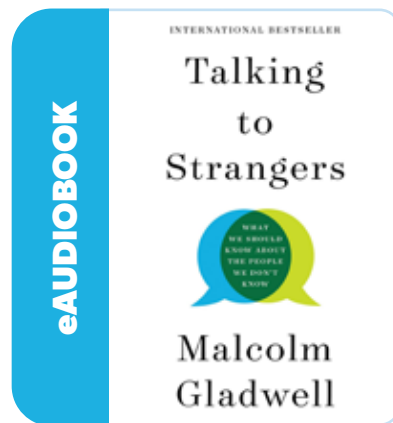
STEAM KIT



CHILDREN'S



YOUNG ADULT



eAUDIOBOOK



MOVIE



VIDEO GAME



eBOOK



RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE

The COVID-19 pandemic presented obstacles for many in our community, and we did our best to adapt and continue providing library services to as many people as possible.

Contactless Pickups

We introduced contactless pickups in 2020 to keep materials available while libraries were closed, and to serve patrons who were not wanting to enter the library after we reopened. In total, there were 14,670 contactless transactions in 2021.

Take & Make Kits Distributed

These kits allowed the library to continue holding craft programs virtually. Patrons picked up a kit and completed the craft activity at home during online programs. Throughout 2021, we distributed 2,700 Take & Make Kits.

Grab & Go Bags

Introduced in 2020 to help expedite library visits during the pandemic, these bags contain 10 books each, randomly selected by genre. In 2021, patrons checked out 4,728 Grab & Go Bags.

Online Programming

Though we were able to hold some in-person, outdoor programs during the summer of 2021, the pandemic again caused us to move most programs online. In total, 543 online programs were attended by 30,413 people.

Vaccine Clinics

In partnership with the Saskatchewan Health Association, we hosted eight COVID-19 vaccine clinics at libraries across the city.

One-on-One Vaccination Record Help

Beginning in October, we began offering one-on-one sessions to help patrons sign up for Saskatchewan's eHealth service and access their vaccination records. We also provided free printing of COVID vaccine certificates and information on testing sites and vaccine clinics. In total, 42 people booked one-on-one vaccination help sessions.



TD
Summer
Reading
Club

The TD Summer Reading program stayed online in 2021, and

1,639

Saskatoon kids registered.



knowlympics

We kept the Knowlympics online for 2021, and

1,351

completed

13,450

challenges in our fifth annual all-ages summer learning challenge.

OUTREACH & ACCESSIBILITY

The pandemic has presented our community with unique challenges, particularly for vulnerable populations and those with mobility challenges.

We did our best to continue providing important outreach initiatives throughout 2021 and we're looking forward to getting back out into the community and meeting with more residents soon!

1,191

deliveries

made to people who are unable to physically visit the library.

Accessibility Services

technology at the central library used

688

times.

5,748

school-aged children visited SPL on virtual field trips.

496

Book Club in a Bag kits were checked out.

Outreach Workers assisted

1,265

patrons.

91

consultations

were booked with SPL's **Writer in Residence.**

SUPPORTING RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS

The ongoing discoveries of unmarked graves at residential school sites across Canada confirmed the stories of survivors who have detailed the atrocities they were forced to endure. Teddy bears remind us of the children who were denied comfort, love and other symbols of childhood, including toys.

The community expressed support and solidarity with residential school survivors and their families by colouring teddy bears that we displayed.





A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING DONORS!

**You have once again warmed
our hearts and lifted our spirits.**

Your donations, kind words and encouragement mean so much.
Thank you for helping Saskatoon's community members learn,
grow and connect with your generous support in 2021.

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