

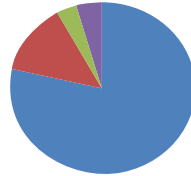
Annual Report 2011

Financial Highlights

The Medicine Hat Public Library is funded through City and Provincial grants and some library generated revenues.

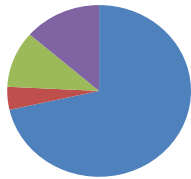
Revenue

Municipal:	\$1,937,724	(78%)
Provincial per capita:	\$329,924	(13%)
Other provincial/federal grants:	\$92,654	(4%)
MHPL Generated Revenue:	\$109,966	(5%)



Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits:	\$1,799,657	(71%)
Administration & Materials:	\$108,473	(4%)
Building & Insurance:	\$267,630	(11%)
Amortization:	\$342,394	(14%)



Library Administration 2011

Shelley Ross, *Chief Librarian*
Marion Drake, *Office Manager*
Hilary Munro, *Head of Adult Services*
Sheila Drummond, *Head of Reference Services*
Carol Ann Cross-Roen, *Head of Children's Services*
Annette Ziegler, *Manager of Circulation Services*

Library Board Members 2011

Joan Armour	Marj James
Don Borrowman	Della Kirkham
Grace Crisp	Alderman Les Pearson
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Highlights

Very successful 13th annual Best of the Banff Mountain Film Festival with generous sponsorship from Criterion Catalysts and Cancarb.

Lively Tic-Tac teen programming with: An Evening of Improv, Monopoly Tournament, Pirate Night, Skill Challenge Night with Talent Show and Trivia Challenge, Anime Night, and Video Gaming Night. Along with the Teen Summer Programming: Reading Contest, Mystery Nights and Video Gaming a total of 803 teens participated.

Library's theatre hosted Saturday matinees, Thursday afternoon classics with tea and cookies, courtesy the Veiner Centre, Thursday evening movies, monthly NFB Film Club co-sponsored by the National Film Board of Canada, and monthly movies with the Cinema Politica branch of the Friends of the Library.

Special movie partnerships: Alzheimer Society of Alberta for Alzheimer's month, Unisphere for World Water Day, the Parkinson Society of Southern Alberta including an information session, guest speaker and film, CNIB presentation of Going Blind, Hal Miller's classic jazz performances for the Medicine Hat Jazz Festival and an evening with Robert Bruce playing accompaniment to the 1927 silent film "It".

LEARN funded classes for 107 students including e-books and e-audiobooks, Facebook, Twitter and Introduction to Computers.

9502 wireless and 26,187 public computer uses.

Continuing education sessions including Feeding Tiny Tummies with the Nutrition Team from Alberta Health Services, twice weekly Seniors Drop In proctored computer sessions and 16 Law Programs with the Alberta Law Foundation and Continuing Studies Medicine Hat College, in person and by video conference.

Our first Valentines Singles Night with 36 attending.

4807 books circulated during the Summer Paperback Exchange.



Paperback Exchange

After a rough patch when our primary access from First Street was completely blocked by construction, we celebrated the return to normal with our second Food for Fines drive, forgiving \$165.10 in fines and delivering 594 items and \$23 dollars in donations to the Food Bank.



Tic-Tac Anime Night



Using the computers

MHPL out and about with a table at three Farmers' Markets and a booth at the Country in the City exhibit during the Stampede.

New Databases: Tumblebooks, Career Cruising, Mango Languages, Ancestry, and Bibliocommons.

Courtesy of the Medicine Hat Community Foundation, the Genealogy Society and the Friends of the Library we have a new microform reader/printer/scanner.

Launched Roving Reference initiative to increase staff commitment to seeking out patron interaction.

Successful fundraising: Community Access Program youth employment, provincial and federal student summer employment, L.E.A.R.N., the Medicine Hat and District Community Foundation, Sunrise Rotary, Cancarb, Criterion Catalysts and many private individuals whose donations were matched by the Community Spirit grant program.

Canada Council of the Arts helped bring Lorna Crozier, Nik Beat, Ali Riley, Penn Kemp and Faye Reineberg Holt. Other visiting authors included Donna Balzer, Mary-Ann Kirkby, Elizabeth McLeod, Barbara Shave, Gail Bowen and Shirley Jean Tucker.

Launched a Local Authors Collection with a celebration of eleven local authors attending, doing readings and sharing their expertise.

"Who Picked This Book?" Monthly drop in book club had a successful second season.

New passes to Medalta supplemented our circulating passes to the Explanade Museum and Art Gallery.

MHPL collection enhanced with donations for materials from the Medicine Hat Autism Support Association and from artist Donna MacLean for art books.

200,842 visits to the Library and 519,238 circulations; 19,757 participants in 675 library programs.



Storytime

Great Summer Reading Program with 90 additional programs reaching 1715 participants. The Sunrise Rotary Ride the Road to Reading reached 1414 grade four children and 96 adults. Share a Story brought excited grand parents into the library to read a story book and be recorded on DVD for distant grand kids.



Staff Development Day



Author Mary-Ann Kirkby