

Annual Report 2012



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Highlights for 2012

- 240,513 visits to the Library.
- 269,614 visits to our website and catalogue.
- 507,542 items signed out, including 15,602 e-books (4,858 more than the previous year)
- Very successful 14th annual Best of the Banff Mountain Film Festival celebrated at the historic Monarch Theatre with generous sponsorship from Criterion Catalysts and Cancarb.



Using the Self-Checkouts

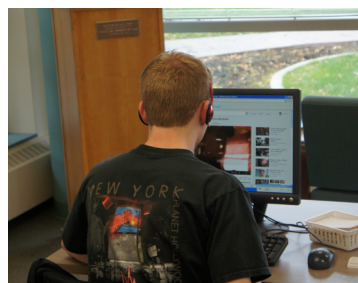


Tic-Tac
Harry Potter Night

- Lively Tic-Tac teen programming with: Pirate Night, An Evening of Improv, Harry Potter Night, Monopoly and Pizza Night, Ninja Night, Medieval Night, Anime Night, and Videogaming Night.
- Library's theatre was busy with Saturday matinees for families, Thursday afternoon classics with tea and cookies, courtesy the Veiner Centre, Thursday evening movies, monthly NFB Film Club movies co-sponsored by the National Film Board

of Canada, monthly movies in conjunction with the Cinema Politica branch of the Friends of the Library, and a variety of recitals, performances and lectures.

- LEARN funded classes including e-books and e-audiobooks, Introduction to Ancestry, Mango Languages, Introduction to Computers, and Next Steps: Intermediate computer classes.
- 27,892 wireless connections in 2012, 18,390 more than the previous year.
- 3,128 people used our workstations not including people taking computer classes, nor the seniors' computer drop-in sessions.
- Continuing education sessions including twice weekly Seniors Drop-In computer sessions and 19 programs in partnership with the Alberta Law Foundation and Continuing Studies Medicine Hat College, in person and by videoconference.
- One Book One Community celebrated "The Cellist of Sarajevo" by Steven Galoway.
- 17,367 people participated in Library Programs not including groups renting the meeting rooms.



Using the computers

- Who Picked This Book monthly drop-in book club ran for a successful third season.
- 5335 books circulated during the Summer Paperback Exchange.
- Successful fund raising included grants from 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 and Criterion Catalysts and many private individuals whose donations were matched through the last Community Spirit grant program. Blair Stubbs kindly donated compact shelving for our storage areas
- Assistance from Canada Council of the Arts brought visits from authors and poets including Andrea Thompson, Don Lemna, Evelyn Lau, Gail Bowen, Kirk Ramdath and June Flanagan.



Youthopia



Storytime

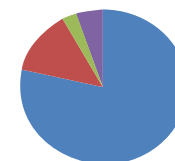
- Summer Reading Program with 98 programs reaching 2261 participants. (546 more than 2011). The Sunrise Rotary Ride the Road to Reading reached 631 grade four children, 127 parents and 31 teachers. \$326.61 fines were forgiven.
- Share a Story brought 15 grandparents into the library to read a story book onto DVD for distant grand kids.

Financial Highlights

The Medicine Hat Public Library is funded through City and Provincial grants and some library generated revenues.
 Total Revenue: \$2,643,160 (includes a \$40,000 gift in kind)
 Total Expenses: \$2,616,914

Revenue

■ Municipal:	\$ (78%)
■ Provincial per capita:	\$ (13%)
■ Other provincial/federal grants:	\$ (3.5%)
■ MHPL Generated Revenue:	\$ (5.5%)



Expenditures

■ Staff expenses not including Library materials:	\$ (71%)
■ Building & Insurance:	\$ (11%)
■ Program expenses:	\$ (18%)

