



652 people have a card at our library



16,150 people walked through our doors last year



In addition to 13,223 website visits



The library added 1,893 new items last year



Bringing the total collection to 20,938



There were 6937 downloads of OverDrive Content



Contributing to a total of 31,608 checkouts!



The library has 5 public computers



They were in use for a total of 2,057 hours!



There were also 3,457 connections to our Wi-Fi



We offered 80 programs for kids



10 for adults and seniors



And 25 for families

## 2020 REDCLIFF PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

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### *Vision Statement*

The Redcliff Public Library is your doorway to reading, dreaming, and inspiring family literacy.

### *Mission Statement*

The library provides service to community members and surrounding area by:

- Supporting family literacy and inspiring lifelong learning
- Delivering meaningful programming
- Incorporating new and innovative technologies which enhance access to our diverse collections
- Acting as an inclusive and accessible community resource centre.

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# REDCLIFF PUBLIC LIBRARY



## 2020 REDCLIFF PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

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## OVERVIEW

2020 year in review....what a year that was!

We started off strong with our Shake, Rattle, & Read program and Lego @ the Library being held weekly until the beginning of March.

Then March 15<sup>th</sup> we closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The closure was sudden, so we quickly switched to home deliveries and curbside pick-ups. Services changed as we adapted to this new way of supporting our community. All staff remained working, both in the library and from home.

We offered our programming virtually and even created some new science programs with Scientists in School and Praxis. Many patrons took advantage of their time at home using our online resources to learn new languages or start a search into their family tree using ancestry.ca.

Fundraising during the pandemic was a real challenge. While our doors were closed we held a Facebook Book Sale. Staff kept busy answering messages and emails about the items people wanted. Donations were able to be made with cash or online. Then in the fall, once we opened again, we held an in-person sale, by appointment only. Thanks to your generous donations we had a record year in sales from our book sale.

We also had a successful response to our fundraising efforts for a new copier/scanner/fax machine. We raised half the funds needed and look forward to the new equipment in 2021.

Thank you to the Town of Redcliff, Cypress County, Government of Canada, Government of Alberta, South Country CO-OP, Petroforce Industries, Redcliff Lions, MH Horticultural Society, and patrons for donations and/or grants to support us financially.

Here's hoping 2021 is almost back to normal.

*Ever since I was a little girl I have loved going to libraries. I can still invoke the smell of the books, the wonder of so many books in one place, and the excitement of the librarian using the rubber stamp in purple ink to show the return date on the back cover. I lived on a farm so going to the library once a week during school hours was a real treat. I loved the quiet, and I relished being surrounded by all those stories.*

*Our local library in Redcliff was the catalyst for me in launching a "freelance writing career". About three years ago, I registered in an online course the library offered--for free! I chose the "How to Write for Magazines and Newspapers" course. The instruction was great and the assignments were really fun. The online discussions became addictive. I persevered in sending articles to various magazines and newspapers and finally got lucky with one newspaper which has since accepted about 10 articles. I was so excited when I saw my first article printed in The Western Producer, a newspaper that targets western Canada agriculture and rural living. I have been able to establish a rapport with one of the editors and I submit 3 or 4 articles a year. Because of our local library and the GALE course, I was able to access a writing market that I might never have realized.*

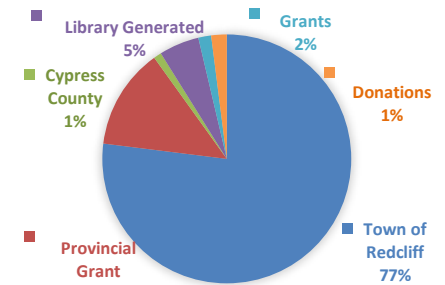
*As a senior, I look forward to the local library reopening so that I can once again take my grandchildren to browse the stacks and displays, build Lego castles, and join other children in the weekly activities. This last year has really made me appreciate all that the library staff do to keep the patrons engaged. Curbside pickup seems to be working very well and weather permitting, in the next few weeks, we can gather outside for a fireside chat and hot chocolate!*

**Bev Biggeman**  
Local Freelance Writer

## 2020 Financial Highlights

### Funding for the Town of Redcliff Library Board o/a Redcliff Public Library

Town of Redcliff	\$181,859.59
Provincial Grant	\$ 31,013.00
Cypress County	\$ 2,406.00
Grants	\$ 3,935.15
Donations	\$ 4,754.85
Library Generated	\$ 12,312.11
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$236,280.70</b>



### how the funds were used:

Wages	\$154,316.49
Books & Materials	\$ 34,754.64
Basic Expenses	\$ 36,715.22
Program Supplies	\$ 627.98
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$226,414.33</b>
<b>Committed Operating Funds</b>	<b>\$ 9,866.37</b>

