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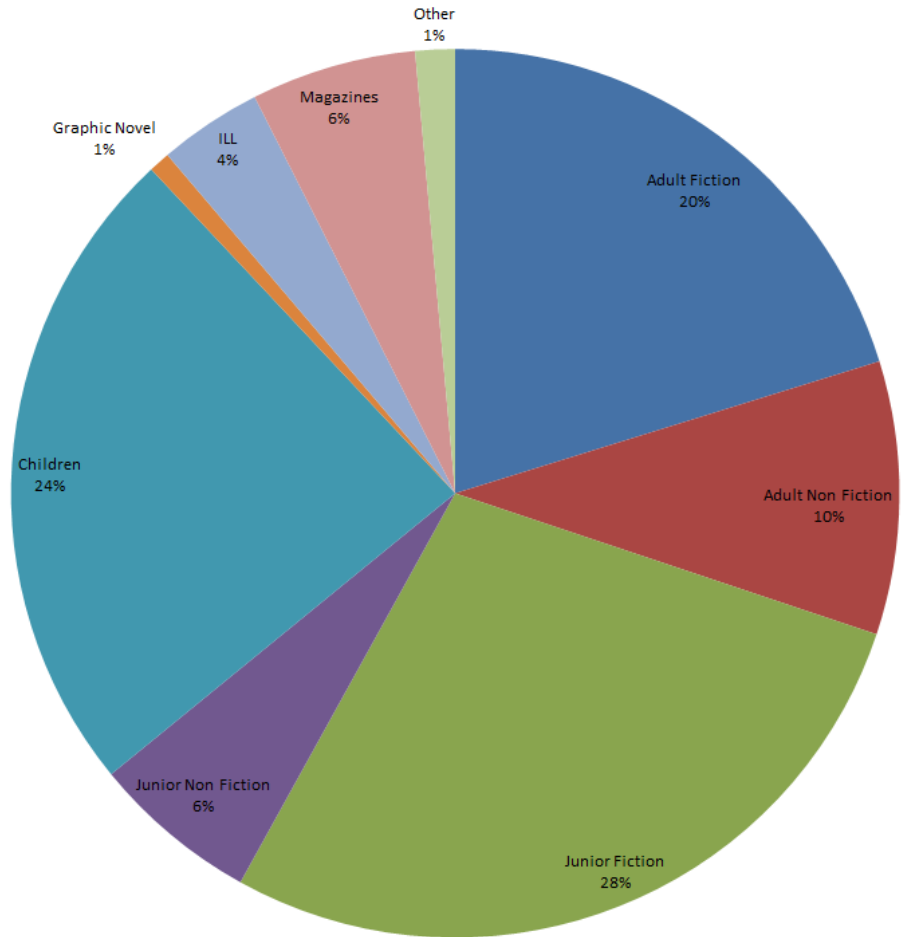
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Inspiring the community in a spirit of learning & discovery

Library Director 2015 Report

2015 was a year of transition and change for the Chetwynd Public Library. The announcement of retirement this spring by long tenured Library Director Fay Asleson put the staff and board in a scenario of succession planning which they did not have to undertake for nearly 30 years. Despite the changes in personnel, the library flourished and all staff stepped up to go above and beyond to ensure that library programs and services met or exceeded the high standards which our community has come to expect. Countless volunteer hours combined with staff enthusiasm and community support to create a busy library which strives to meet the needs of our community

2015 Circulation



Did you know that at an average cost of \$15 per item, library users borrowed materials which would have cost them \$343,095!

Quick Facts and Figures

Population Served

2635(Chetwynd) 3165+ (PRRD Area E): Total Estimate is 5800

New Cardholders

396

Items in Physical Collection

27,181

Digital Collection

(ebooks, audiobooks, digital magazines)

69809+

Number of program Sessions

212+

Highest Circulation Genre

Juvenile/Junior Fiction (includes Young Adult)

Facts & Statistics	2014	2015	1 year Growth
Total Active Cardholders	1653	1736	5%
Program & Event Attendance	1,772	7,078	75%
Digital Materials Circulation	1,146	1,525	24.9%
Physical Materials Circulation	15,833	21,348	25.8%
WiFi Usage	no data	35,515 connections per month	
Website Visits	no data	5317	
Public Access Computers	2264 people online for 2074.25 hrs	1588 people online for 1555.25 hrs	-29.9%
In-Person Library Visits	59,675	60,473	1.3%

Highlights from 2015



January

The Resource Corner uses a Northern Health Imagine grant to create a community fitness challenge. Well over 300 sign up for this program. The community walks/runs over 1.5 times the circumference of the earth!

February

Book Clubs through the NELF program are becoming very popular with the patrons. Our ILL program sees substantial growth in both books being lent out and brought in for our patrons

March

The annual baby welcome party transforms into a Storybook Character Breakfast. New format is well received by caregivers. It is an imaginative way to welcome our youngest residents to the library

April

The annual Exploring Arts Gala is another huge success. The partnership with the Arts Council is the foundation of our arts programming. We raise funds for next years program as well as help many children discover their inner artist.

May

Our annual Most Amazing Yard Sale has a tailgate theme and is once again a success. The \$10,000 cash raffle sells out. This event is a great opportunity for the community to get together and visit while helping the library raise funds. The library wins a Helping Little Hands Award of Excellence for Community Early Care & Learning Program of the Year.

June

The last session of Bad Art concludes for the year. This adult only program has been a success and well attended all year. Everyone enjoys the relaxing format that allows them to be inspired by each other in a spirit of friendship.





July

Summer Reading Club 2015 had a theme of Build It! Over 140 children ages 0-13 signed up to participate in this 13 week program. LEGO Robotics was brought in as a special event. Books are given out as a program end prize to great appreciation from children and parents.

August

The new library director is hired and our team begins the transition to ensure library services are never interrupted during the transition. This month becomes one of pre-planning as the new library director starts working on a transition framework prior to the official start date.

September

Library on Location starts with staff members participating in the 1st Annual Chetwynd Harvest Fest. Giant Jenga is a huge hit with families. The community embraces the library coming outside of our regular programming and walls to participate in the large event. We also start CALP programming which includes Cree Language and Crafts and Food for Thought Community Kitchen.

October

Minecrafternoon is tested out with over 40 children spending the afternoon in the library working on STEM & Literacy skills. Staff and participants really enjoy the afternoon full of imagination and discovery.



November

Librarian on Location begins with Windrem Elementary. This program will see library staff participate in various activities within our community which are geared towards fostering a love of literacy and promotion of the library to non-traditional users. The Windrem Spirit group works with us to help us choose our Junior collection from their annual bookfair.



December

The third annual Young @ Heart 55+ Seniors Christmas Dinner sees over 140 community members join us for dinner. Seven separate community service providers work with the library staff to create this annual event. Board members volunteer their time to allow all senior staff to be at the dinner. A great team building exercise for both parties!

Other highlights:

Carlene Smith & Pam Engelland take over the operations of the Bistro – renaming it Crazy Beanz Bistro. It quickly becomes a community favourite due to its fresh food and friendly service.

Fay Asleson celebrates her retirement as Library Director. The Board renames the multipurpose room to the Fay Asleson Community Room in recognition of her years of service to the library and community.

Materials exchange outreach began this fall under the Library on Location program. This sees books and materials brought to users who may not be able to reach our library otherwise.

Various author tours and special events occur throughout the year. A main highlight is author Shane Peacock who gives a morning session to a keen group of Grade 4-7 students on the creative writing process.



Goals for 2016

Fine Free Policy goes into effect January 1, 2016 under a one year pilot project.

Both the Library & Human Resource Policies will be updated and adopted after a lapse of consideration since 1996.

Physical Materials inventory needs to be done as is has been almost two decades since the last count.

The 50th anniversary of incorporation will happen August 1, 2016. Celebrations and acknowledgments of past

achievements and milestones will occur throughout the year by the staff. The official library opening date of February 19th, 1960 will also be recognized.

Library staff will undertake a one day program planning day to allow staff to create a cohesive program plan which will allow the team to look at the strategic plan and apply it to all aspects of library programming.

Library exterior renovation will be taking another step towards becoming a reality. Funding is coming into place and a renovation committee comprised of staff and board will work towards a goal of completion for summer 2016.

Thank you to our community partners & supporters for 2015

AB Crafts	Lake View Credit Union
Aim Trucking	Karen Buckley
All West Glass	Ken Dobb
Amanda Stewart	Maury Hoehn
Art Buckley	Mayor and Council of the District of Chetwynd
Barefoot Photos	Neil & Sue Davies
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2015 Staff of the Chetwynd Public Library

Library Director: Ana Peasgood
Assistant Library Director & ILL Community Librarian: Brenda Lukey
Community Librarians: Fay Asleson, Jocelyn Disher, Val Jenson
Childrens' Program Coordinator: Melanie James
Junior Clerks: Stephanie Lamoureux & Kieran Pruden
Chetwynd Resource Corner Coordinator: Joanne Bartlett
Bistro: Crazy Beanz Bistro: Carlene Smith & Pam Engelland
Janitorial Services: Rocky Mountain Renos
Linda Kearns: Bookkeeper