

2023

HIGH RIVER LIBRARY

Year in Review

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **120** community members gathered at our **Celebration of Foothills Book Clubs** to hear local historical fiction author, **Lecia Cornwall** and award-winning Calgary author **Sharon Butala**.
- ◆ Refreshed Gadgets collection with a Government of Canada **Community Services Recovery Grant**, adding an apple/potato peeler, a food processor, a canning kit, a wood burning kit, a metal detector, and more.
- ◆ Launch of popular **Afternoons for Adults** and **outreach** to seniors' residences. Youth found a supportive and fun environment with new **weekly meetups**.
- ◆ **Free cards in 2023**, resulted in greater access to the library for community members.
- ◆ New eResources – Brainfuse for **live tutoring & job coaching**, Kanopy for **streaming video**.

5,796
Cardholders **+7.6%**
from 2022

70,898
Library Visits **+19.0%**
from 2022

Tuesday was the
busiest day of the
week averaging
348 visitors



YOU'RE USING THE LIBRARY MORE THAN EVER



in 2023 **3,512 more** people attended library programs than in 2022. That's an astounding **54.5% increase!**

LIBRARY EVENTS



246	children's programs
77	outreach programs
83	adult programs
62	multigenerational programs
28	take-home programs
42	teen programs
20	digital literacy programs



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116,534

Items loaned out

90,411 physical items
26,123 e-content items

32,364

Interlibrary loans

17,467 borrowed, 14,897 loaned

5.8 FTE staff

Not including our talented Summer Reading Club/Book Bike team who work from May-August or July & August each year.

Did you know that each library item is handled on-site 5 times?

- Unpacking & check-in
- shelving cart or holds shelf
- shelved in-library or checked out to patron
- checked back in
- shelved or sent to interlibrary loan destination



440 items checked out every day that the library was open

265 days in 2023
341 physical items/day, 99 e-items/day



Over \$2.5 million in value to High Riverites

TOP CHECKOUTS



- items loaned
- program participation
- computer use
- wifi use
- information questions
- tech help

