

# SOUTHEAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

## Annual Report

**2016**

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## Chairperson's Report

Southeast Regional Library provides the residents of southeastern Saskatchewan with public library services through:

- 2 full service city public library branches;
- 44 rural public library branches that provide basic public library services;
- one integrated school/public library branch;
- 4 community delivery sites that receive library resources delivered directly to their community;
- a Headquarters that supports the branch network and facilitates resource sharing both within and outside of the regional library; and
- a Website through which patrons can access an extensive array of databases, e-books, e-magazines and e-audio books.

As part of the public library's legislated mandate, Southeast Regional Library participates in the Saskatchewan-wide *One Province Public Library System*. The Regional Library is also involved in province-wide library initiatives such as the Saskatchewan Information & Library Services (SILS) Consortium. SILS provides an electronic platform for the provision of coordinated and consistent library services throughout the entire province of Saskatchewan.

Southeast Regional Library has taken a leading role in supporting Aboriginal library services in Saskatchewan. Ruth Barker is the current chairperson of the Committee on Aboriginal Library Services (CALs). In addition to supporting and enhancing services for and about Aboriginal peoples, we continued to support family literacy initiatives on First Nation Reserves as well.

The Provincial Library and Literacy Office provides a range of monetary and non-monetary supports for the public library systems. The most important support for us is their provincial public library grant. This grant is primarily earmarked for Headquarters operations with a small amount of funds designated to matching library material expenditures. The provincial public library grant pool was frozen for 2016-17 once again forcing us to tighten our belt at Headquarters.

Municipal library grants fund the operation of the branch network. The base increase in municipal funding was around 2% which was primarily used to increase branch staff compensation levels. Municipalities with branches decide their own contribution rates based on their desired level of services and increases in their contribution levels result in increases in branch open times.

The use of library resources escalated in 2016, resulting in increases in checkout levels across most types of library materials. The long term decline in the use of books and printed materials was reversed in 2016. Further, the number of programming events was up region-wide as was total attendance at



## Library Director's Report

Southeast Regional Library celebrated its golden jubilee in 2016. Celebrations recognized 50 years of public library services for the residents of southeastern Saskatchewan. Some of the highlights during the year-long celebrations included:

- Presentations were held at the 2015 and 2016 Board Meetings and Staff Workshops. We asked for input from both trustees and staff on what the 50<sup>th</sup> year should look like as well as keeping everyone up to date on the planning and delivery of celebratory events and activities.
- We invested \$3,000 in the Saskatchewan Library Association Annual Conference held in Saskatoon May 5-7. Southeast Regional Library was a "Gold" sponsor and we were publically acknowledged in SLA promotions and advertising. This recognition of our anniversary included a half page advertisement in the conference program guide and a sign on the podium during our sponsored event. The sign is hanging in the regional library's Boardroom. Our funding was used to sponsor the Mary Donaldson Memorial Lecture. The guest lecturer this year was Lindsay Knight who spoke on Indigenous Concepts of Creativity. She also performed some songs from her recent music album. It was my privilege to deliver a speech at the lecture to an audience of library professionals and trustees highlighting our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and introducing Lindsay as the guest presenter.
- 47 BBQ events were planned and organized in co-operation with the local library boards and local branch staff. The BBQs were, for the most part, very well attended and appreciated by the local community. We had a few weather related issues, but everyone's spirits remained high and the BBQ's were big successes.
  - The BBQ's were held between Apr 14 - Oct 21
  - We served approximately 5,250 people
  - The average attendance per event was 110 people
  - 2-3 managers from Southeast Regional Library were in attendance at each BBQ event
  - The highest attendance by total attendance was our Weyburn Public Library Branch BBQ with 275 people
  - The highest attendance by percentage of the population served was our Bengough Public Library Branch BBQ with 64% of the local citizens attending.

## Library Director's Report

- The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary image was posted front and center on our website for most of this year
- We created a display board with information from 1966 as well as historical information showcasing the development and growth of our Region. The display was brought to each BBQ event, it was on display at the SLA conference, as well as at Board Meetings and Staff Workshops.
- Photos of the BBQ events were posted on Southeast Regional Library's Facebook and Twitter pages to promote our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year as well as to highlight and share in our communities' individual celebrations.
- We created a photo collage of the BBQ events and displayed the collage at the fall Staff Workshop and the fall Board Meeting.
- A variety of promotional materials were distributed to our branches and/or used in the celebrating:
  - 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary balloons
  - 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary mints
  - Southeast Regional Library stickers
  - Courier bags & lunch bags
  - "Reading takes you places" posters
  - Tea diffusers & travel mug

It was my privilege to participate in a true team effort in support of Southeast Regional Library's golden jubilee celebrations. From my managers to support staff, branch librarians and local trustees, everyone played their part. It was an honour to work so closely with everyone in my final year of service as your Library Director before retiring.

Allan Johnson  
CEO & Library Director

## Branch BBQ Attendance

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Approx. attendance</b>
Alameda	May 25, 2016	90
Arcola	April 14, 2016	80
Balgonie	June 4, 2016	50
Bengough	June 11, 2016	200
Bienfait	June 3, 2016	50
Broadview	September 9, 2016	120
Carlyle	June 18, 2016	130
Carnduff	August 5, 2016	50
Estevan	August 19, 2016	120
Fillmore	August 23, 2016	120
Fort Qu'Appelle	April 23, 2016	150
Gainsborough	August 24, 2016	120
Glenavon	June 21, 2016	75
Grenfell	June 20, 2016	100
Indian Head	August 10, 2016	90
Kennedy	August 26, 2016	60
Kipling	October 21, 2016	40
Lake Alma	June 24, 2016	75
Lampman	July 16, 2016	40
Lumsden	August 27, 2016	130
Manor	May 29, 2016	150
Maryfield	May 27, 2016	200
Midale	May 28, 2016	150
Milestone	July 13, 2016	150
Montmartre	July 21, 2016	190
Moosomin	June 1, 2016	175
Ogema	June 30, 2016	75
Oungre	June 3, 2016	75
Oxbow	July 7, 2016	200
Pangman	September 10, 2016	115
Pilot Butte	August 18, 2016	75
Qu'Appelle	April 30, 2016	200
Radville	July 5, 2016	75
Redvers	August 4, 2016	50
Regina Beach	July 23, 2016	75
Rocanville	June 1, 2016	150
Sedley	June 16, 2016	125
Stoughton	August 19, 2016	75
Vibank	July 20, 2016	100
Wapella	June 15, 2016	100
Wawota	May 18, 2016	90
Weyburn	August 11, 2016	275
White City	June 22, 2016	185
Whitewood	September 7, 2016	30
Windthorst	August 17, 2016	90
Wolseley	May 30, 2016	100
Yellow Grass	August 12, 2016	120

## Committees of the Southeast Regional Library Board

<b>Executive Committee:</b>	Kenneth Sutherland, Chairperson Dianne Sander, Vice-Chairperson Carol Cundall Ida Donovan Colleen Gallinger Donna Hartley Karen Sinclair Bill Wilke Allan Johnson, Secretary Susan Atkinson, Assistant Secretary
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**NOTE:** The Library Director is secretary to all committees of the board.  
The Chairman of the Executive Committee is an ex officio member of all committees.

## Southeast Regional Library Board

### Cities

Estevan	Brian Johnson Nancy Samoluk Carol Cundall	Weyburn	Laura Morrisette Dianne Sander Jim Linnel
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### Villages

Alida		Lake Alma	Neil Rederburg
Antler		Lang	Ann Martin
Buena Vista		Lebret	
Carievale		Macoun	Cathy Eagles
Ceylon	Joyce Carlson	Manor	Vickie Akins
Creelman	Pat Hume	Maryfield	Charlotte Kovach
Disley		McLean	
Edenwold		McTaggart	
Fairlight		Minton	Alfred Bell
Fillmore	Verla Hovind	Montmartre	Calvin Abrahamson
Forget	Michele Amy	North Portal	
Frobisher		Odessa	
Gainsborough	Roger Galon	Osage	Linda Kreutzer
Gladmar	Dale Erhardt	Pangman	Marilyn Doughty
Glen Ewen		Roche Percee	Sharon Wells
Glenavon	Carolyn Malach	Sedley	Gerard Parent
Goodwater	Elsie Tilley	Storthoaks	Aaron Chicoine
Grand Coulee		Torquay	Kenneth Sutherland
Halbrite	James Achen	Tribune	
Heward	Barb Hayden	Vibank	Brenda Gauld
Kendal		Welwyn	Monica Pethick
Kennedy	Mary Sanderson	Wilcox	Ida Donovan
Kenosee Lake		Windthorst	Carol Miller
Kisbey			

### Resort Villages

B-Say-Tah	Denis Palmier	District of Katepwa	Darwin Chatterson
Fort San	John Naumetz	Lumsden Beach	



## Southeast Regional Library Board

### Towns

Alameda	Melissa Gervais	Milestone	Beverley Siebert
Arcola	Karen Sinclair	Moosomin	Sherry Ann Lemieux
Balgonie		Ogema	Donna Hartley
Bengough	Brenda Brandt	Oxbow	Marty James
Bienfait	Shirley Wheeler	Pilot Butte	Gerhardt Ernst
Broadview	Esther Bonk	Qu'Appelle	Jean Kurbis
Carlyle	Marion Biram	Radville	Teresa Whiteman
Carnduff	Chris Boardman	Redvers	Dana Carlson
Fleming		Regina Beach	Eunice Cameron
Fort Qu'Appelle	Lynn Beres	Rocanville	Deenie Goulden
Francis		Sintaluta	Douglas Burrill
Grenfell	Carol Piller	Stoughton	Blaine Morrison
Indian Head	Jill Nault	Wapella	Tammy Statz
Kipling	Christine Weeding	Wawota	Shirley Palendat
Lampman	Mary Anne Veroba	White City	Fran Passmore
Lumsden	Reggie Newkirk	Whitewood	Denise Istace
Midale	JoAnn Hauglum	Wolseley	
		Yellow Grass	Bill Wilke

### Rural Municipalities

#1 Argyle	Don Flamme	#91 Maryfield	Frances Balls
#2 Mount Pleasant	Lee Goertz	#92 Walpole	Myrna Sorenson
#3 Enniskillen	Shirley Twietmeyer	#93 Wawken	Donna Leech
#4 Coalfields	Arnold Jahn	#94 Hazelwood	Traci Trail
#5 Estevan	Douglas Blue	#95 Golden West	Donna Allan
#6 Cambria	Mathew Marcotte	#96 Fillmore	Jenna Wasylkowski
#7 Souris Valley	Colleen Knox	#97 Wellington	David Beach
#8 Lake Alma	Wylie Thompson	#98 Scott	Bill Wilke
#9 Surprise Valley	Bryce Bringedahl	#99 Caledonia	Beverley Siebert
#10 Happy Valley		#121 Moosomin	Catherine Lonsdale
#31 Storthoaks	Denise Belisle	#122 Martin	Marilyn Klinger
#32 Reciprocity		#123 Silverwood	Dorothy Hewson
#33 Moose Creek	Murray Rossow	#124 Kingsley	Sharon Ovans
#34 Browning	MaryAnne Veroba	#125 Chester	Patty Williams
#35 Benson	Stanley Zimmerman	#126 Montmartre	Cory Stringer
#36 Cymri	Henry Weibe	#127 Francis	Daryl Hoffman
#37 Lomond	Bonnie Sidloski	#128 Lajord	Randi Kelly
#38 Laurier	Teresa Whiteman	#129 Bratt's Lake	Ida Donovan
#39 The Gap	Joe O'Hara	#151 Rocanville	Clint Birkenshaw
#40 Bengough	Carla Gravelle	#153 Willowdale	Eva Davis
#61 Antler	Jocelyn Hainsworth	#154 Elcapo	Pat Gehrke
#63 Moose Mountain	Tracy Brimner	#155 Wolseley	
#64 Brock	Treena Heshka	#156 Indian Head	Judy McKell
#65 Tecumseh	Zandra Slater	#157 S. Qu'Appelle	Debbie Putz
#66 Griffin	Colleen Gallinger	#158 Edenwold	Betty Capnerhurst
#67 Weyburn	Heather Cugnet	#159 Sherwood	Tim Probe
#68 Brokenshell	Margaret Lukey	#187 N. Qu'Appelle	
#69 Norton	Judy Schwindt	#189 Lumsden	Cody Jordison
#70 Key West	Rick Dunn		

## Schedule of Associated Municipalities as of 31 December 2016

### Cities (2)

City	Population	City	Population
Estevan	11,054	Weyburn	10,484

### Towns (35)

Town	Population	Town	Population
Alameda	342	Moosomin	2,485
Arcola	649	Ogema	368
Balgonie	1,625	Oxbow	1,285
Bengough	313	Pilot Butte	1,848
Bienfait	780	Qu'Appelle	668
Broadview	574	Radville	860
Carlyle	1,441	Redvers	975
Carnduff	1,126	Regina Beach	1,081
Fleming	83	Rocanville	857
Fort Qu'Appelle	2,034	Sintaluta	120
Francis	176	Stoughton	694
Grenfell	1,049	Wapella	333
Indian Head	1,815	Wawota	560
Kipling	1,051	White City	1,894
Lampman	713	Whitewood	950
Lumsden	1,631	Wolseley	864
Midale	562	Yellow Grass	440
Milestone	618		

### Villages (46)

Village	Population	Village	Population
Alida	131	Lake Alma	30
Buena Vista	524	Lang	200
Carievale	236	Lebret	218
Ceylon	99	Macoun	246
Creelman	115	Manor	322
Disley	75	Maryfield	365
Edenwold	238	McLean	304
Fairlight	40	McTaggart	125
Fillmore	255	Minton	60
Forget	35	Montmartre	476
Frobisher	166	North Portal	143
Gainsborough	291	Odessa	239
Gladmar	58	Osage	20
Glen Ewen	144	Pangman	214
Glenavon	176	Roche Percee	153
Goodwater	25	Sedley	337
Grand Coulee	571	Storthoaks	93
Halbrite	108	Torquay	236
Heward	40	Tribune	25
Kendal	77	Vibank	374
Kennedy	241	Welwyn	135
Kenosee Lake	258	Wilcox	339
Kisbey	217	Windthorst	215

### Resort Villages (4)

Village	Population	Village	Population
B-Say-Tah	187	District of Katepwa	403
Fort San	187	Lumsden Beach	10

## Schedule of Associated Municipalities as of 31 December 2016

### Rural Municipalities (57)

RM	Population	RM	Population
1 Argyle	270	91 Maryfield	319
2 Mount Pleasant	383	92 Walpole	338
3 Enniskillen	452	93 Wawken	559
4 Coalfields	382	94 Hazelwood	246
5 Estevan	1,139	95 Golden West	315
6 Cambria	304	96 Fillmore	255
7 Souris Valley	240	97 Wellington	356
8 Lake Alma	250	98 Scott	176
9 Surprise Valley	193	99 Caledonia	257
10 Happy Valley	148	121 Moosomin	504
31 Storthoaks	304	122 Martin	333
32 Reciprocity	386	123 Silverwood	466
33 Moose Creek	372	124 Kingsley	421
34 Browning	399	125 Chester	373
35 Benson	490	126 Montmartre	488
36 Cymri	524	127 Francis	676
37 Lomond	304	128 Lajord	993
38 Laurier	321	129 Bratt's Lake	350
39 The Gap	230	151 Rocanville	533
40 Bengough	329	153 Willowdale	297
61 Antler	577	154 Elcapo	481
63 Moose Mountain	480	155 Wolseley	405
64 Brock	238	156 Indian Head	380
65 Tecumseh	270	157 South Qu'Appelle	1,271
66 Griffin	398	158 Edenwold	4,167
67 Weyburn	1,048	159 Sherwood	929
68 Brokenshell	308	187 North Qu'Appelle	728
69 Norton	259	189 Lumsden	1,772
70 Key West	287		

### First Nations Bands (14) (Estimated population)

Carry the Kettle 76	673	Pasqua 79	546
Cowessess 73	672	Payepot 75	464
Kahkewistahaw 72	523	Pheasant Rump 68	60
Kinookimaw 80A	0	Sakimay 74	311
Muscowpetung 80	365	Standing Buffalo 78	651
Ocean Man 69	200	Treaty Four Reserve Grounds 77	10
Ochapowace 71	545	Whitebear 70	738

### Summary

<u>Municipalities</u>	<u>Population</u>
2 Cities	21,538
35 Towns	32,864
46 Villages	8,989
4 Resort Villages	787
57 Rural Municipalities	29,673
<u>14 First Nations Bands</u>	<u>5,758</u>
<b>158</b>	<b>99,609</b>

**Headquarters Staff as of 31 December 2016**

CEO & Library Director:	Allan Johnson
Systems Manager & Assistant Library Director:	Susan Atkinson
Business Manager:	Marla Ursu
Personnel and Community Services Manager:	Ruth Barker
Regional Branch Manager:	James Richards (on leave) *Lisa Jordens (Acting)
Clerical Staff:	Cindy Bourassa (part-time) Sandi LaRose Patty Clampitt David Donovan
Driver:	Geoff Carson

**Estevan Public Library Branch Staff as of 31 December 2016**

Estevan Branch Manager:	Kate-Lee Nolin
Adults' Program Coordinator:	Krista Larocque
Childrens' Program Coordinator:	Victoria Utman
Teen Program Coordinator:	*Diana Gerling (part-time)
Clerical Staff:	Barbara Dodd (on leave) Elaine Wempe (part-time) Sofia Baluyut (part-time) Anna Lee (part-time)
Pages:	Sarah Wright Rachel Kramer *Jay Rabari

**Weyburn Public Library Branch Staff as of 31 December 2016**

Weyburn Branch Manager:	*Kate-Lee Nolin (Acting)
Adults' Program Coordinator:	D'Arcy Megenbir
Childrens' Program Coordinator:	*Cora-Lynn Sexton
Clerical Staff:	Donna Marcotte Debbie Tollefson (part-time) *Sereena Ring (part-time) *Leanne Ripley *Karen Weisgerber
Page:	*Rylan Hoffman *Matthew O'Neill

\* Indicates new employee or new position in 2016

## Branch Librarians as of 31 December 2016

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Name</b>
Alameda	Diane Millar
Arcola	*Nora Houston
Balgonie	*Celine Farley
Bengough	Fay Adam
Bienfait	Sheila Farstad
Broadview	Chris Judy
Carlyle	Jonathan Nicoll
Carnduff	Linda Kimball
Estevan	Kate-Lee Nolin
Fillmore	Tracy Jones
Fort Qu'Appelle	*Malinda Heard
Gainsborough	Felicia Seymour
Glenavon	*Brianna Nestor
Grenfell	Anne Neuls
Indian Head	Colleen Reynard
Kennedy	Carolyn McMillan
Kipling	Charla Smyth
Lake Alma	Bernice Bloor
Lampman	Tawney Johnson
Lumsden	Carol Fisher
Manor	Pari Mohangoo
Maryfield	Janet Percy
Midale	Vanessa Lund
Milestone	Shelley Sentes
Montmartre	Lillian Ripplinger
Moosomin	Maegan Nielsen
Ogema	Sheri Jackson Mead
Oungre	Ivanka Fogadic
Oxbow	Janell Rempel
Pangman	Carol Colbow
Pilot Butte	Connie LaRonge-Mohr
Qu'Appelle	Elizabeth Fries
Radville	Janine Mazenc
Redvers	*Michelle Jensen
Regina Beach	Krista Hannan
Rocanville	Carol Greening
Sedley	Marnie Pope
Stoughton	Laura Sabados
Vibank	Betty Kuntz
Wapella	Sharon Matheson
Wawota	Sylvia Jewkes
Weyburn	*Kate-Lee Nolin (Acting)
White City	Lori Lee Harris
Whitewood	Krista Williams
Windthorst	Jill Taylor
Wolseley	Sharon Jeeves
Yellow Grass	Betty Guest

\* Indicates new librarian in 2016

## Report on Programming & Services

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ's:



Southeast Regional Library proudly celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this past year. The greatest undertaking was the hosting of community BBQ's at each of the branch libraries throughout the region. Hamburgers and hotdogs, along with delicious carrot cake, beverages and as well as wonderful delectable delights supplied by the local boards, were served to hungry community members throughout the southeast. A

total of 47 BBQ's were hosted with over 5260 people attending, an average of 110 people per event.



**Makerspace Kits:** This year, Southeast Regional Library launched their mobile Makerspace kit collection. While Libraries throughout North America are introducing Makerspaces, SRL's approach to 'mobile' makerspace kits is

innovative and has started a trend throughout the province. The kits were launched last March, but only introduced to the Branch Librarians in hands-on demonstrations at the Staff Spring Workshop the end of April. Since then, these kits have taken off and been in huge demand. There were 189 checkouts representing an 81% checkout rate. Most popular kits have been the Button Maker and Lego. We started with 20 kits but as their popularity grew very fast, we expanded the collection to 29 kits by the end of 2016.



**The 13th Year of Aboriginal Story Telling Month in Public Libraries. Best Year Ever!!** Over the past 13 years, Saskatchewan Public Libraries have presented Aboriginal Story Telling month events, honouring the age old tradition of the elders of storytelling in the cold winter months. This year, 22 Branches participated in offering events with a total of 31 programs being offered at libraries and schools throughout the region. A total of 2243 people attended the presentations. Carol Daniels toured 17

of the branches with a total of 22 programs. Kathleen Colelough presented in Kennedy in partnership with the school offering 4 hands on classes. Chad Solomon was a new comer to our region with his Rabbit and Bear Paws Puppet Shows. Highly professional and engaging presentations were offered at 4 of our branches in partnership with their schools. We were funded a total of \$7373.12 through the Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples committee and are grateful for their continued support of this valuable program.

## Report on Programming & Services

**Book Distribution Initiative:** Southeast Regional Library does ongoing weeding of books from the region in order to make space for new books and offer variety to our patrons. Many of the weeded books are in good to excellent condition and have been destined for use in other ways. This year, staff started compiling bins of used books for distribution on First Nations reserves. Currently, a total of 72 bins of books are ready to take out to reserves and set up in “Take a Book, Trade a Book” locations, creating a free library environment on each of the 12 First Nations Communities. The goal is to support family literacy by getting reading materials into the homes of First Nations families on reserve.



### Storybird:



Storybird

*Collaborative storytelling for families and friends*

Storybird lets anyone make visual stories in seconds. This website curates artwork from illustrators and animators around the world and inspires writers of any age to turn those images into fresh stories. It's a simple idea that has attracted millions of writers, readers, and artists to their platform. This year 7 Branches participated in offering Storybird programs with 153 children registered in total. A total of 324 children's books were written with 146 books being printed at HQ for these budding authors. This year, Southeast Regional Library loaned out laptop computers to several of the branches to assist in this program.

**Summer Entertainers:** This year, Southeast Regional Library booked the Richy Roy Magic Show as the main entertainer throughout the region. Saskatchewan Library Association has been able to obtain a grant from Sasktel each year which subsidizes some of the entertainment costs. Magician, Richy Roy put on a total of 18 shows throughout the region, with an attendance of 1122 children and adults.



**Saskatchewan Library Week:** The theme for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of the Saskatchewan Library Association and Saskatchewan Library Week was “Explore and Discover”. Branches were encouraged to find ways to celebrate library week and promote ‘literacy and learning’ under this theme. Grants of \$250 were made available to branches which were hosting special events and activities and met with the criteria.



## Report on Programming & Services



**TD Summer Reading Club:** This is a national program sponsored by TD Financial Group, Library and Archives Canada and Toronto Public Library. It is coordinated provincially through Saskatchewan Library Association, and regionally by Southeast Regional Library Headquarters. The TDSRC is designed to ensure children aged twelve and under “improve their reading skills and reduce summer learning loss while having fun.” The program is conducted at branches as a drop-in or pre-registration event, or both. Provincial sponsors are: SaskTel, Saskatchewan Lotteries, SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspaper Association. This year all 47 branches in the region participated in the program by registering children with reading logs, offering programs, and/or bringing in Summer Entertainment. A total of 1617 children registered with 754 of them being new registrants. Attendance totaled 5012 through the various programs and events which were offered over the summer at Southeast Regional Library Branches.

**TD Canadian Children's Book Week 2016:** The theme for TD Canadian Children's Book Week in 2016 was '40 Years of Great Books' to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Canadian Children's Book Centre. This year's author for Southeast Saskatchewan was Sarah Ellis, author, puppeteer, and librarian. Interested branches apply for this service in December and January and host events in May. Branches are encouraged to promote Children's Book Week locally, each year, through programming, displays, and author readings.



**These are some of the branch activity highlights from 2016:**  
(bracketed numbers indicates attendance)

### Estevan:

- Tweens gathered to play the game “Clay-O-Rama” (14)
- Held a Teddy Bear Breakfast where children took their bears to the library and staff took photographs of the teddy bears around the library. Children enjoyed a pancake breakfast with their bears (8)
- Children made a Minecraft mask (19)
- Tween DIY: Do-It-Yourself Project - Made animal keychains (8)
- Monkey Tails: Made Monkey tails to eat out of banana and chocolate (11)
- Camping at the Library: Day trip to the library, set up tents, had hot dogs, star gazing (13)
- After Hours Movie group for teens with different themes: horror, comedy, Christmas, etc. (18)
- Teen Cookie in a Jar program: made cookie recipes in mason jars for gifts (12)



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- Water Wars for teens: Water fights in the front courtyard (21)
- Bellydance classes for adults (12)
- Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating (13)
- Mandala stone painting for adults (13)
- Magical Potions for grown-ups: made Harry Potter inspired cocktails
- Concussion Workshop: Southeast Health Group presented about concussions (10)

### **Weyburn:**

- Culture Days and Folk Festival in conjunction with International Women of Weyburn (260)
- Fairytale theatre for children: came dressed in character and acted out fairytales (13)
- Family Movie: How the Grinch Stole Christmas (27)
- Family Program: Gingerbread House Making (44)
- Family Literacy Night: Fun with Eric Carle's books with crafts (29)
- Tech Time with Teens: Technology Support for Seniors with teen volunteers (12)
- Armchair Travels: Travelers share their worldly journeys (20)
- Holiday Mixology: Program to teach Holiday cocktails and appetizers (17)
- Author Reading with Jean Freeman (30)
- Teaching henna body painting (31)
- Toastmasters Potluck Supper and Meeting (23)
- Weyburn Concert Series presented Sylvia Chave Live! Concert (185)

### **Rural Branches:**

- Alameda: Author Cheri Helstrom reading Forever Changed (18)
- Arcola: Children brought a parent or grandparent in and made cinnamon buns together (23)
- Balgonie: Richie Roy Magic Show (20)
- Bengough: 64% of the population attended the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary BBQ at Bengough (200)
- Bienfait: Very popular toddler storytime program regularly seeing 20-27 children attending
- Broadview: Aboriginal Storyteller Carol Daniels shared stories and songs with Grade 1&2 (34)
- Carlyle: hosts an ongoing after school art club for ages 6-13 (14)
- Carnduff: LEGO club event (20)
- Fillmore: Hosted MAIN St. Mobile van in June, 25 children aged 0-4 attended
- Fort Qu'Appelle: afternoon Halloween event (65)
- Gainsborough: Halloween event with games, craft and story (60)
- Glenavon: Valentine's Day Bingo and craft (26)

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- Grenfell: Sylvia Chave children's music concert in partnership with the local school (150)
- Indian Head: Richie Roy magician (105)
- Kennedy: Aboriginal Storytelling with Kawka (Kathleen Coleclough) presented 4 workshops (34)
- Kipling: Saskatchewan Science Centre presentation as part of Summer Reading Program (32)
- Lake Alma: Mother's Day Tea with children and mothers/grandmothers, and ice cream sundaes (23)
- Lampman: Alternative Therapies information night (16)
- Lumsden: Perennial plant exchange (40)
- Manor: Valentine's Tea with coffee, tea, bread, cheese (14)
- Maryfield: Author reading with Marie Calder (35)
- Midale: Easter cookie decorating (31)
- Milestone: Spelunking – library was turned into a cave complete with fire, stalagmites, etc. (47)
- Montmartre: Author Judy Bird read and brought her dog (75)
- Moosomin: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ hosted 175 people
- Ogema: Patron presented on trip to Chile during SLW (25)
- Oungre: Storybird Book Launch party, "My First Book" (55)
- Oxbow: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ with Richie Roy, held alongside Farmer's Market (180)
- Pangman: Button Maker MakerSpace kit, made Halloween buttons (21)
- Pilot Butte: Main Street Mobile Van fun time (45)
- Qu'Appelle: Pumpkin Carving family event (71)
- Radville: Go! Science Saskatchewan Science Centre interactive programs (30)
- Redvers: Halloween Party with games, stories, snacks, crafts (43)
- Regina Beach: Halloween Haunted House, ghost stories, music, games, face painting (100)
- Rocanville: Perennial Swap and gardening advice with refreshments (25)
- Sedley: Kids Christmas Event – kids "shopped" for gifts for their parents and visited Santa (70)
- Stoughton: Magician Pat Roth (40)
- Vibank: Easter Egg Decorating (9)
- Wapella: Friends of the Enchanted Forest Festival (24)
- Wawota: "Reading Buddies" program where board members read to children at local daycare (15)
- White City: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ and Magician (230)
- Whitewood: Storytime, read "YooHoo Ladybug", bug hunt, sang songs (18)

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- Windthorst: Created with LEGO and Makey Makey during mobile playground week (71)
- Wolseley: Star Gazing with Regina Astronomers using telescopes and high powered binoculars (30)
- Yellow Grass: Bike Rodeo and bike safety (50)

## Online Community Services

### Hoopla

*Hoopla* is Southeast Regional Library's streaming music, movie, e-book, e-audiobook, TV and comic service. It was launched in August 2015, so 2016 represents our first full year with the service. The most popular formats in 2016 were e-audiobooks, e-books and movies. Overall, 12,943 items were circulated in Hoopla in 2016 and there are 1912 registered users of the service across the Region.

### E-magazines

In August 2013, Southeast Regional Library began an e-magazine service called *Zinio*. There were 84 magazine titles available in the collection in the first half of 2016. *Zinio* was later replaced with a new e-magazine service called *Flipster*. *Flipster* was launched on July 20 with staff, and with the public on August 1.

Below is a summary of the combined *Flipster* and *Zinio* use:

Year	No. of Titles	Checkouts	Avg. checkout per title
2013	87	1370	15
2014	102	2853	28
2015	84	2653	32
2016	84 <i>Zinio</i> / 35 <i>Flipster</i>	2572 ( <i>Zinio</i> + <i>Flipster</i> )	14 <i>Zinio</i> / 39 <i>Flipster</i>

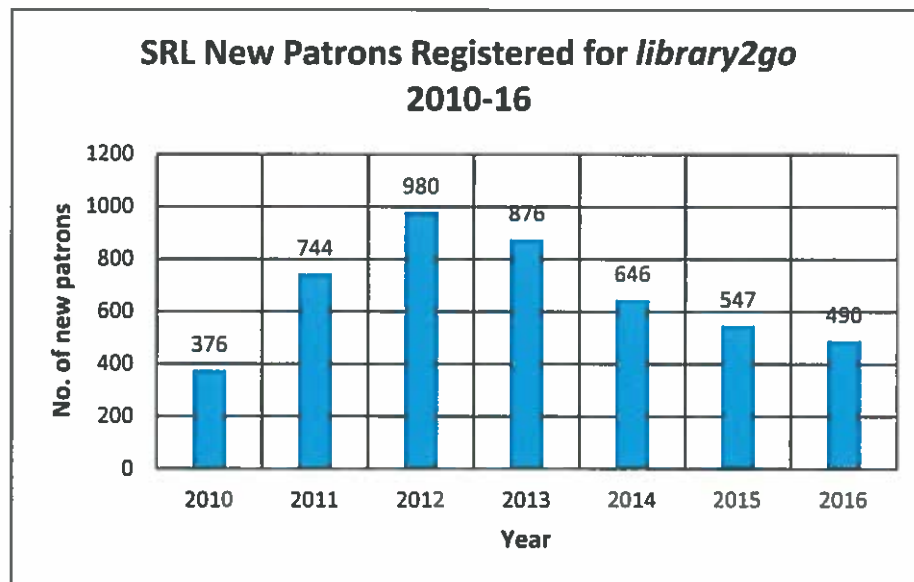
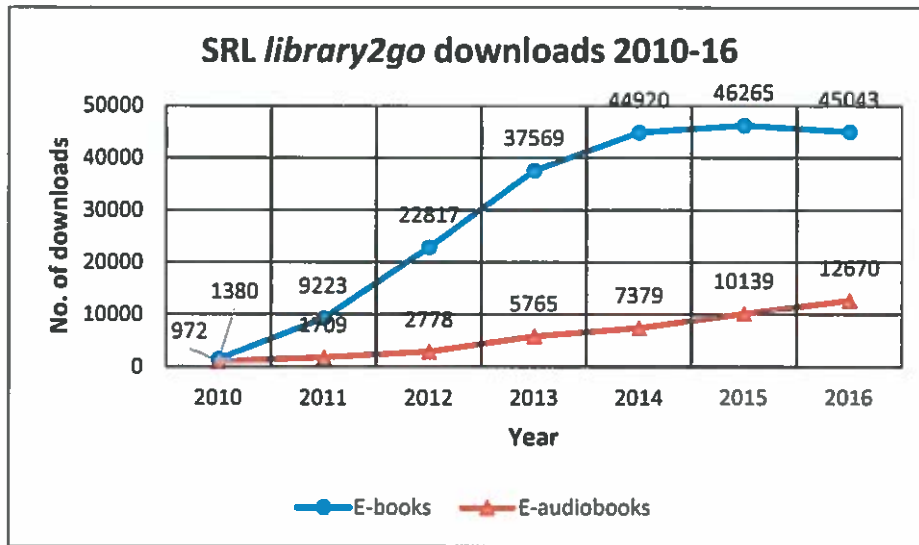
Facebook: Each branch plus HQ maintains a Facebook account, updates happen weekly. There were approximately 4968 posts in 2016, with an average of 106 posts per branch (including HQ). This is an 18% increase in branch activity over last year.

Twitter: Each branch plus HQ maintains a Twitter account, updates happen weekly. There were approximately 2683 tweets in 2016, with an average of 57 tweets per branch (including HQ). This is an 11% decrease in branch activity over last year.

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### Library2go

Southeast Regional Library is one of 10 public library systems participating in the province wide downloadable e-audiobook and e-book collection. There are 73,530 copies of titles (both e-book and audiobook) in the provincial collection. Of these 4674 (about 6%), were purchased by Southeast Regional Library between 2009-16. There are 4659 Southeast Regional Library patrons registered with the service in total.



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### Databases

Southeast Regional Library is one of 10 public library systems participating in the province wide Multi-type Database License Program (MDLP). Libraries from across many sectors: academic, school, public and special, pool their resources and share access and management of a suite of online databases. Several changes to the suite of core databases were enacted by the MDLP in 2016 resulting in the loss of some databases and the combination of others. The financial contribution to the program decreased accordingly (8%).

The following is a list of all the databases available to Southeast Regional Library patrons via the Regional website in 2016:

Auto Repair Reference Ctr.	<b>NEW:</b> E-Library Canada
Business and Company Resource Ctr.	Encyclopedia Britannica
Business Index ASAP	Expanded Academic
<b>NEW:</b> Business Source Elite	Gale Virtual Reference Library
Canadian Research Index	General Reference Center
Consumer Reports	Health & Wellness Resource Ctr.
Discovering Collection	Health Reference Ctr.
Info Trac Junior Edition	NoveList Plus
InfoTrac Onefile	NoveList K-8 Plus
InfoTrac Student Edition	<b>NEW:</b> Regional Business News
Kids InfoBits	Repere
Legal Trac	Small Engine Repair
Library Press Display	Tumblebooks
Literature Resource Center	

### Report on Community Needs Assessment Project

Throughout 2016 the Community Needs Assessment team of James Richards and Kate-Lee Nolin began the process of following up with those branches which had completed their 3 year action plan. James and Kate-Lee met with local library boards and branch staff to discuss a comprehensive review of the local library board's accomplishments and challenges over the previous 3 years of executing their action plan. The review included a look back at the original results of the community's assessment, an evaluation of the board's action plan and a look at updated branch statistics. Local Library Boards were also encouraged to continue thinking strategically going forward. Communities visited for this review in 2016 were Estevan, Weyburn, Balgonie, Pilot Butte, Vibank, White City, Lampman, Carlyle, Stoughton, Arcola, Redvers, Manor, Maryfield, Moosomin, Rocanville, Wapella, Wawota and Kennedy. This follow up process will continue into 2017 and 2018.

## Statistics Summary

<u>Branch</u>	<u>2016 Checkouts</u>	<u>2015 Checkouts</u>	<u>% change</u>
Alameda	2,891	3,015	-4.1%
Arcola	4,249	3,378	25.8%
Balgonie	5,391	2,732	97.3%
Bengough	4,826	4,887	-1.2%
Bienfait	2,851	2,838	0.5%
Broadview	3,657	3,173	15.3%
Carlyle	5,480	6,331	-13.4%
Carnduff	16,766	12,955	29.4%
Estevan	44,008	43,183	1.9%
Fillmore	2,894	2,470	17.2%
Fort Qu'Appelle	9,803	9,057	8.2%
Gainsborough	1,143	885	29.2%
Glenavon	1,951	1,432	36.2%
Grenfell	4,760	3,300	44.2%
HQ	537	789	-31.9%
Indian Head	7,121	9,418	-24.4%
Kennedy	2,169	2,181	-0.6%
Kipling	10,402	9,862	5.5%
Lake Alma	1,712	1,926	-11.1%
Lampman	4,820	3,614	33.4%
Lumsden	10,693	8,830	21.1%
Manor	1,101	1,051	4.8%
Maryfield	3,526	3,764	-6.3%
Midale	1,366	2,045	-33.2%
Milestone	4,363	4,702	-7.2%
Montmartre	11,346	10,510	8.0%
Moosomin	11,254	10,450	7.7%
Ogema	3,318	2,979	11.4%
Oungre	6,220	5,770	7.8%
Oxbow	7,453	5,703	30.7%
Pangman	1,222	1,197	2.1%
Pilot Butte	9,602	7,509	27.9%
Qu'Appelle	2,824		
Radville	2,824	3,200	-11.8%
Redvers	6,212	5,116	21.4%
Regina Beach	7,766	6,720	15.6%
Rocanville	3,094	2,878	7.5%
Sedley	2,046	2,614	-21.7%
Stoughton	4,225	3,829	10.3%
Vibank	2,106	2,552	-17.5%
Wapella	2,012	1,722	16.8%
Wawota	1,829	1,905	-4.0%
Weyburn	59,596	57,642	3.4%
White City	11,031	10,945	0.8%
Whitewood	4,278	3,958	8.1%
Windthorst	1,462	1,195	22.3%
Wolseley	2,403	2,060	16.7%
Yellow Grass	<u>3,309</u>	<u>2,609</u>	<u>26.8%</u>
Total	<u>325,912</u>	<u>300,881</u>	<u>8.3%</u>

\*Statistics for the Qu'Appelle Public Library Branch are only available for 2016. The branch was temporarily closed and reopened in 2016.

## **Statistics Summary**

<u>Municipalities &amp; First Nations</u>		<u>Service Points</u>	
Cities	2	Branches	47
Towns	35	Community Delivery Locations	4
Villages	46	Total branch open hours	43,656
Resort Villages	4	Local Library Boards	47
Rural Municipalities	57	Local Library Board Trustees	374
First Nations	14	Local Library Board Meetings	247
Total	158		

### **Southeast Regional Library's Collection includes:**

212,544	Titles
14,644	DVD Titles
6,129	CD Titles
27	Online reference databases
39	Digital e-magazines
61,856	e-books
11,674	e-audiobooks

## **Branch Activity and Event Report Specifications**

### **Programs**

Programs are any event held at the library or a library sponsored event in the community that provides information with a recreational, educational, cultural or economic component. Typically library programs are conceived, planned and delivered by the local library board with local branch staff input and assistance. Programs can be one-time events or regularly scheduled ongoing activities at the branch. Programs are always offered free of charge and are open to the entire community. Examples include author visits, story hours, toddler times, infant "lap time," book clubs, after school clubs, presentations, computer training, workshops, health information, instructional or informational classes, Saskatchewan Library Week events and celebrations, Aboriginal Storytelling Month presenters, Summer Reading Club events and activities, etc.

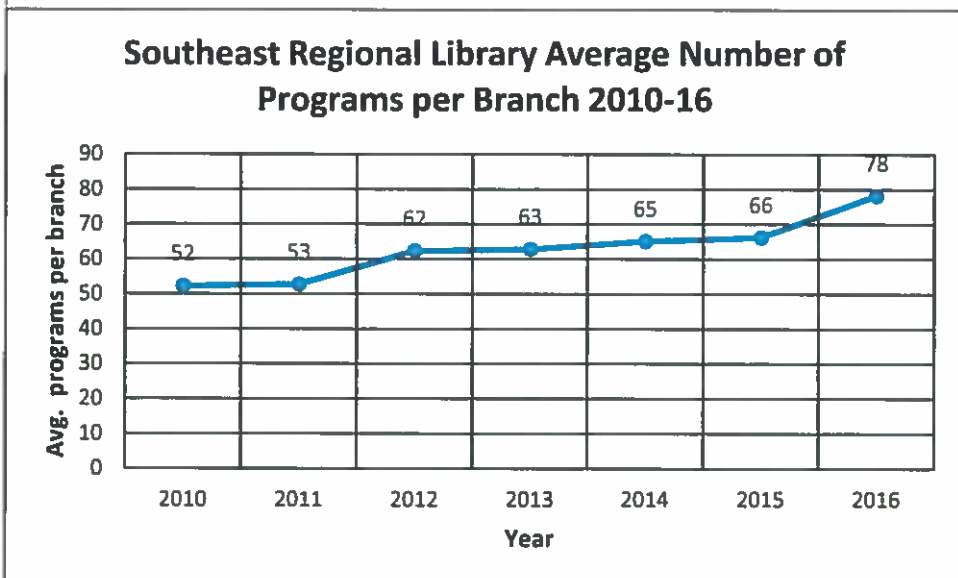
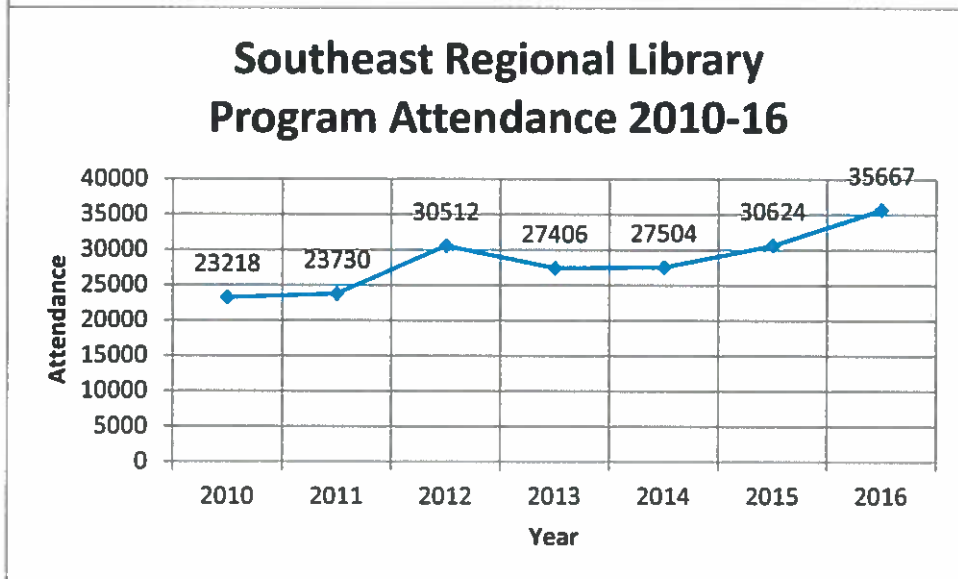
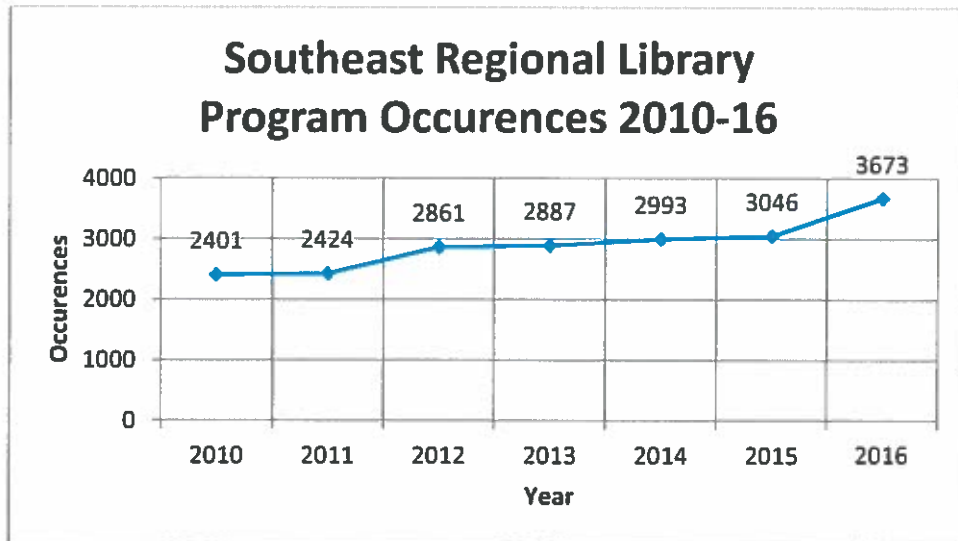
### **Promotion and Fundraising**

Promotion and fundraising are any activities that are meant to bring attention to, or raise funds for, the library. This includes any communication or interaction with the local community intended to actively encourage or support the library's materials, programs, services and/or facilities. Examples include advertising, newspaper columns, local book sales, displays, open houses, parade floats, distributing posters or bookmarks or flyers/pamphlets, holding raffles, hosting teas, social media activity, etc.

### **Services**

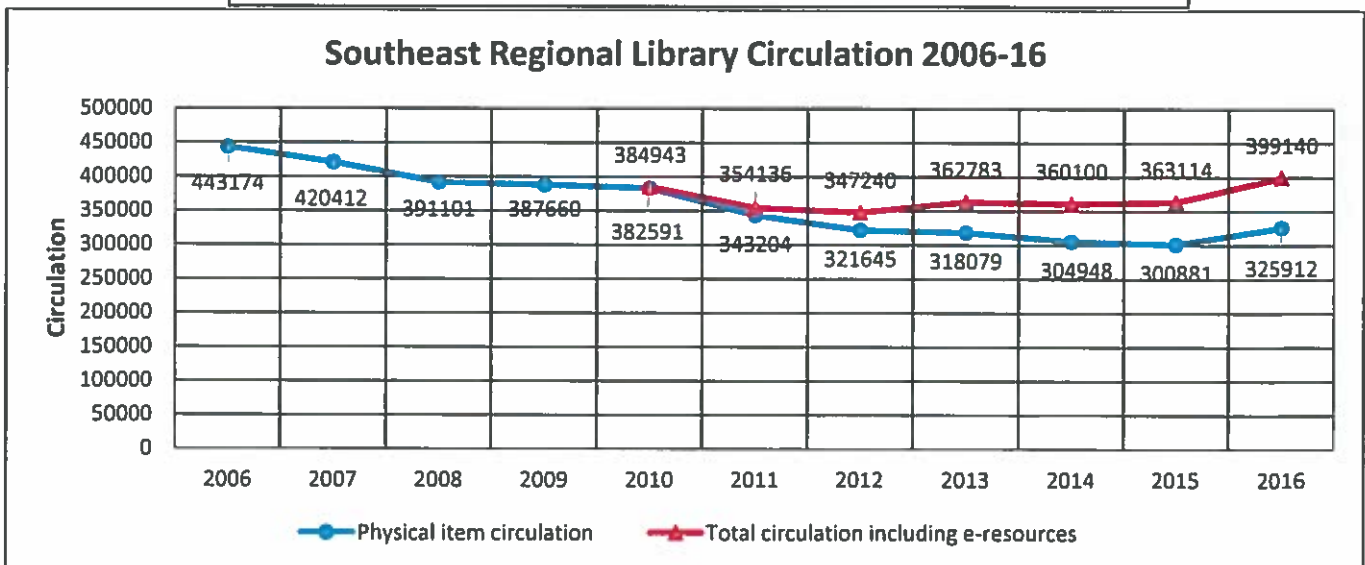
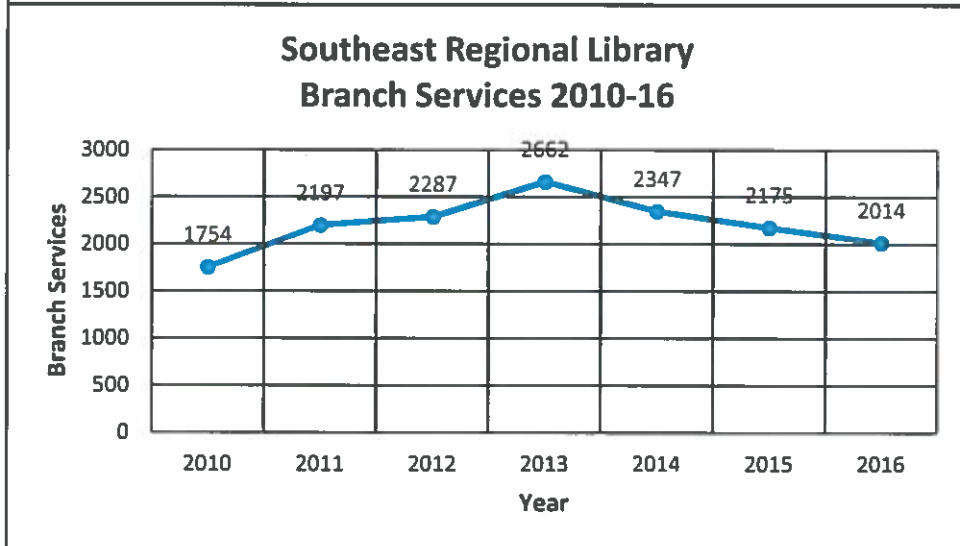
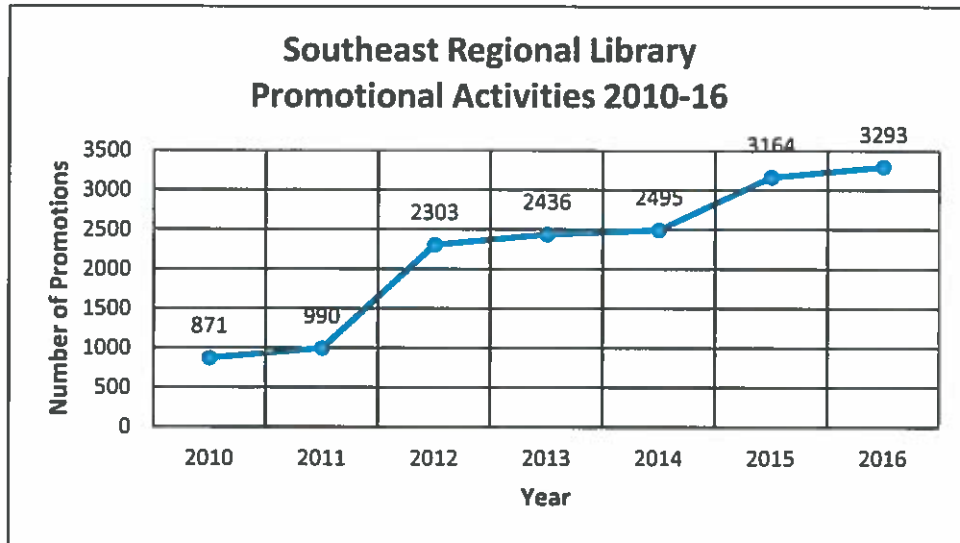
Services are any activities that are provided to the community externally or not as formal programs in the branch. Services can be onetime events or regularly scheduled ongoing activities. Typically services utilize library materials and/or facilities and offer a direct benefit to the community. Services are events that do not require the same level of involvement and planning as fully fledged programs do. Examples include class visits, day care visits, partnerships with local organizations, invigilating exams, room rental, senior outreach, outside groups using the library for meeting space, etc.

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### 2016 Branch Activity/Event Report \*

Branch	Pop	Weekly Open Hours	Programs					Promotions	Services	2016	2015
			Attendance		# Adult Programs	# Teen Programs	# Children's Programs				
			2015	2016							
Alameda	342	16	388	335	11		33	13	8	65	80
Arcola	649	20	356	176	11		14	73	48	146	63
Balgonie	1384	20	143	521	0		53	48	0	101	54
Bengough	313	15	510	648	9		45	158	40	252	217
Bienfait	780	15	1031	962	5		64	2	9	80	146
Broadview	574	15	577	1091	78		35	22	82	217	152
Carlyle	1441	25	595	541	0		79	43	40	162	181
Carnduff	1126	20	541	1068	8		42	32	109	191	168
Estevan	11054	65	3793	3004	181	77	241	116	176	791	1109
Fillmore	255	10	101	421	2		29	10	11	52	29
Fort Qu'Appelle	2034	27	289	615	45		39	4	56	144	48
Gainsborough	291	10	104	256	4		7	121	52	184	135
Glenavon	176	10	386	214	7		11	10	17	45	58
Grenfell	1049	20	301	328	0		6	3	64	73	113
Indian Head	1815	25	462	623	15		28	58	83	184	394
Kennedy	241	10	84	106	5		4	23	0	32	31
Kipling	1051	25	574	680	0		44	26	63	133	208
Lake Alma	30	10	278	194	8		16	133	11	168	83
Lampman	713	22	305	755	30		100	215	28	373	160
Lumsden	1631	20	1356	1629	23		121	120	65	329	267
Manor	322	17	122	223	9		27	22	1	59	46
Maryfield	365	10	624	759	8		22	83	109	222	250
Midale	562	10	561	1072	19		60	74	47	200	298
Milestone	618	15	1272	1167	15		62	86	4	167	163
Montmartre	476	20	377	348	7		25	48	26	106	100
Moosomin	2485	32	908	1173	3		88	83	55	229	138
Ogema	368	15	353	686	37		53	133	9	232	74
Oungre	240	10	617	1534	98		67	179	2	346	149
Oxbow	1285	20	854	1437	133		80	111	34	358	308
Pangman	214	10	530	490	11		73	16	76	176	206
Pilot Butte	1848	25	1224	1425	0		99	138	53	290	240
Qu'Appelle	668	15		606	55		34	81	66	236	
Radville	860	15	355	215	8		35	72	17	132	89
Redvers	975	25	1064	806	90		10	93	174	367	343
Regina Beach	1081	20	541	426	8		44	106	4	162	200
Rocanville	857	15	504	780	5		55	106	10	176	177
Sedley	337	10	289	384	0		41	28	13	82	60
Stoughton	694	20	342	709	60		39	57	54	210	154
Vibank	374	10	42	87	2		12	84	12	110	115
Wapella	333	10	209	316	16		24	130	39	209	138
Wawota	560	15	194	94	3		8	53	30	94	136
Weyburn	10484	65	4882	3729	225	16	133	65	186	625	656
White City	1894	21	1238	1244	3		34	147	23	207	170
Whitewood	950	16	152	184	24		13	1	33	71	61
Windthorst	215	12	166	306	6		27	50	28	111	91
Wolseley	864	15	165	129	2		9	56	0	67	74
Yellow Grass	440	10	865	1171	0		106	99	128	333	276
<b>Totals 2016</b>	<b>57318</b>	<b>878</b>		<b>35667</b>	<b>1289 (35.1%)</b>	<b>93 (2.5%)</b>	<b>2291 (62.3%)</b>	<b>3431</b>	<b>2195</b>	<b>9299</b>	
<b>Totals 2015</b>	<b>57318</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>30624</b>		<b>962 (31.3%)</b>		<b>2047 (66.7%)</b>	<b>3164</b>	<b>2175</b>		<b>8408</b>
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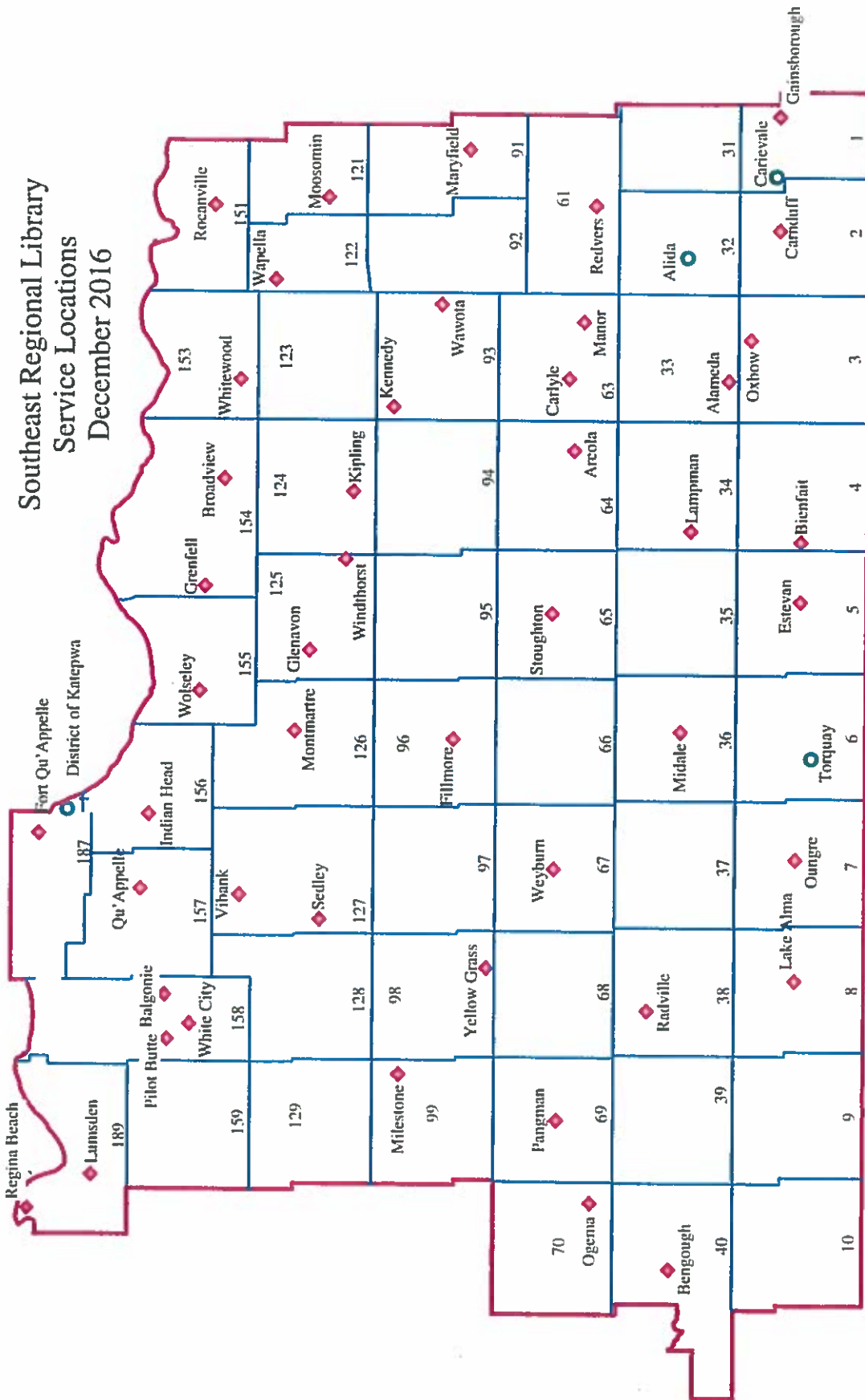
\* Compiled from events reported by the branch

## SILS Summary

The Saskatchewan Information and Library Services (SILS) Consortium has brought the vision of “one province one library card” to Saskatchewan. SILS was founded in 2007 and is composed of all Saskatchewan Public Libraries plus the Provincial Library and Literacy Office. The following are services provided to the public by SILS:

- Common user experience: All Saskatchewan public library patrons have a common experience in any public library in the province. Some prominent examples of this common experience include:
  - Loan limits have been standardized across the province so that all public library patrons have equal access to all of the materials available for loan.
  - Charges for overdue or lost or damaged materials are standardized to ensure patrons and staff share a common experience when making or collecting payments.
  - Library cards are accepted at any library in the province regardless of the issuing library.
  - Library materials can be checked out, and returned, at any public library in the province.
- The online catalogue: All Saskatchewan public library patrons have access to the same online catalogue. This means patrons are eligible to place holds on items regardless of the owning library system or the patron’s home library system. Patrons can also view their personal information on file with the public library and renew materials online. Selected databases even have articles and journals fully integrated into the catalogue for easy and convenient searching.
- Library2go: SILS is the driving body behind the e-book and e-audiobook collection on the library2go website. All public library systems in the province contribute time, funding and expertise in selecting, purchasing and maintaining the library2go page. This ensures that the library2go e-book and e-audiobook service is robust and up to date with a large selection of items, yet retains some of the “flavor” of a locally managed collection.
- Holds delivery: library materials are shared between all eleven SILS partners via a delivery network that moves materials to patrons from one end of the province to the other. Staff in all public library systems are trained to fulfill any hold from any patron in the province using the shared integrated computer system *Polaris/Leap*. Using a combination of provincial government mail and Purolator services, items can be sent and received from anywhere to anywhere in a matter of days.
- Common bibliographic database: all library materials are catalogued and contained in one database. This makes public library materials across the province available to all public library patrons in Saskatchewan. This also ensures that all patrons regardless of their home library system share in all the same benefits of one integrated computer system.
- Common patron database: all patron records are stored in one database that is accessible by public library staff at any public library location in the province. This means patrons can access their accounts and use any public library in Saskatchewan they happen to find themselves in!

Map



◆ Branch      ● Community Delivery