

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Annual Report

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Chairperson's Report

It was a challenging but monumental year for Southeast Regional Library as we fought to restore our provincial funding while also experiencing a change in leadership in our region.

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;
- 1 Integrated School/Public Library Branch;
- 3 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, e-audio books and our social media platforms.

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 and Library Services (SILS) Consortium. SILS provides an electronic platform for the provision of coordinated and consistent library services throughout the entire province of Saskatchewan.

With a memorable 2017 Provincial budget behind us, Southeast started a new chapter in April with exciting staff news. Kate-Lee Nolin, Estevan's Branch Manager, became our new Director and James Richards, long-time Regional Branch Manager, added the designation of Assistant Director to his job title. Both have always shown their unwavering support of public libraries and their dedication to Southeast Regional Library.

The number of programming events increased region-wide in 2017 as did total attendance at programming events. Program statistics continue to be at their highest level in history for Southeast Regional Library. The use of library resources also continued to increase. A new 'you just saved' promotional campaign started which shared with patrons how much they saved on library materials during their current library visit as well as what they have saved since the start of the year. In 2017, Over **10 million dollars** was saved on physical materials in our library region. This powerful figure

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shows the importance and the significant impact public libraries have in our communities.

Our Semi-Annual Trustee meeting, held in October, launched the start of our next three-year strategic planning process. Trustees spent the day brainstorming and building on what Southeast has already accomplished and we look forward to continuing this process.

After thirteen years as Chair of the Executive Board, the time has come for me to step back. During my term, I hope that I have been able to make my views known on many library issues. I was a strong advocate for raising staff salaries and although we have come a long way, we still have a lot of work to do. As Trustees, we have shared a vision and passion for Southeast Regional Library, believe in the mission of the organization, and help to advocate and affect change by improving library services for the residents of southeast Saskatchewan. Thank you Trustees and Management team for your dedication and commitment to the region and for allowing me to lead us in pursuit of these goals.

Kenneth Sutherland
Chairperson

Executive Meeting Attendance

	Feb 25	Apr 8	Apr 25	Jun 22	Aug 31	Oct 5	Oct 28	Nov 25	Total
Kenneth Sutherland	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	6
Dianne Sander	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8
Donna Hartley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8
Bill Wilke	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	6
Colleen Gallinger	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	7
Karen Sinclair		✓		✓		✓	✓		4
Carol Cundall	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	5
Ida Donovan	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		6
Kate-Lee Nolin*			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6
Allan Johnson*	✓	✓							2

*Indicates changeover of Library Director

Library Director's Report

2017 was a challenging year for Southeast Regional Library and our neighbouring regions throughout the province. As we all know, on March 22, 2017, the Government of Saskatchewan tabled its budget for the fiscal year. There were deep cuts in many sectors including public libraries. The Government announced seven of eight regional library systems would have a 58% reduction of \$3.5 million in operating funding from the government.

Southeast was the first institution to publish repercussions of the cuts with the support of the Executive Committee. James Richards, our Regional Branch Manager at the time, drafted a fact sheet and was interviewed by CBC. Reaction to the news was immediate and support within and outside Saskatchewan grew quickly to have the decision reversed. Further complicating matters, our Library Director's planned retirement after twenty-five years coincided with the crisis. After thirty-four long, heart-breaking days, with the incredible support of the general public and key stakeholders in the community, the Government of Saskatchewan reinstated all funding for 2017-2018.

With this painful experience still lingering, we as a region have tried to move on. From my Managers, to the support staff, branch librarians, and local trustees, everyone has played their part to make Southeast better and stronger than ever.

In 2017, two of our rural branches updated their library facilities making them both living rooms of the community. Kennedy added a beautiful addition to their branch which now offers a perfect space for library programming and community groups to meet. White City officially unveiled its renovations in 2017, giving it a refreshed look with new paint, new furniture, and a dedicated TV and sitting area along with more display space.

I was thrilled for Southeast to launch three new Makerspace kits in the Fall. PlayStation 4 Virtual Reality gaming sets offer a person the experience of being in a three-dimensional environment and interact with that environment during a game. Metal stamping kits, where creativity is the only requirement, and Squishy Circuits, which use conductive and insulating play dough to teach the basics of electrical circuits in a fun, hands-on way.

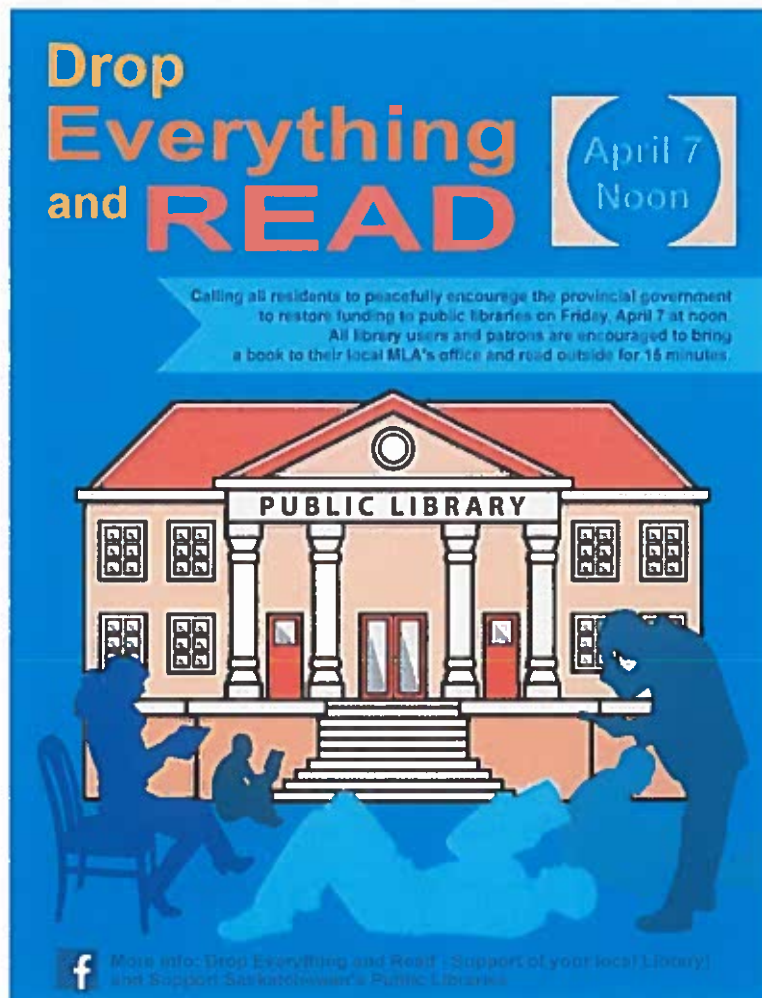
Southeast visited several of our First Nations Reserves in the Fall, setting up Take-a-Book, Trade-a-Book shelves for residents. This initiative has

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been greatly received and has helped to build stronger relationships with staff and educators. Continuing to promote library services, Southeast Regional Library was invited to the Annual New Years' Eve Bash at the Saskatchewan Science Center on December 31. Staff spent the afternoon showing families our various Makerspace kits and promoting our library services. Over 850 people attended the event which was a great opportunity to provide exposure to our public libraries.

As my first anniversary as Director soon takes place, I reflect on the past year. While we have had a roller coaster of a ride, it has been my privilege to lead a true team effort in rejuvenating Southeast Regional Library. We will continue to celebrate the joy of reading, providing equal access to information in all its forms, introducing new technologies and creating innovative services and spaces. Why? Because we are Southeast Regional Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate-Lee Nolin, Director



Committees of the Southeast Regional Library Board

Executive Committee:

Kenneth Sutherland, Chairperson
 Dianne Sander, Vice-Chairperson
 Carol Cundall
 Ida Donovan
 Colleen Gallinger
 Donna Hartley
 Karen Sinclair
 Bill Wilke
 Allan Johnson, Secretary (retired April 8, 2017)
 Kate-Lee Nolin, Secretary (hired April 1, 2017)

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	Travis Frank Nancy Samoluk Carol Cundall	Weyburn	Jeff Chessall Dianne Sander Jim Linnel
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Villages

Alida		Lake Alma	Neil Rederburg
Antler		Lang	Adele Schmidt
Buena Vista	Gary McLennan	Lebret	Joanne Pelletier
Carievale		Macoun	
Ceylon	Joyce Carlson	Manor	
Creelman	Jenna Wasylkowski	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	
Glen Ewen		Pangman	Marilyn Doughty
Glenavon	Skeeter Haus	Roche Percee	
Goodwater	Darlene Pelchat	Sedley	Gerard Parent
Grand Coulee		Storthoaks	
Halbrite	Shirley Kerr	Torquay	Kenneth Sutherland
Heward	Barb Hayden	Tribune	
Kendal		Vibank	Brenda Gauld
Kennedy	Mary Sanderson	Welwyn	
Kenosee Lake		Wilcox	Ida Donovan
Kisbey		Windthorst	Carol Miller

Resort Villages

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

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Towns

Alameda	Jennifer Cobham	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	Lydia Riopka
Broadview	Esther Bonk	Qu'Appelle	Jean Kurbis
Carlyle	Marion Biram	Radville	JoAnn Carles
Carnduff	Verdeen Matthewson	Redvers	Aaron Sorenson
Fleming		Regina Beach	Eunice Cameron
Fort Qu'Appelle	Lynn Beres	Rocanville	Deenie Goulden
Francis		Sintaluta	
Grenfell	Carol Piller	Stoughton	Colleen Andris
Indian Head	Jill Nault	Wapella	
Kipling	Christine Weeding	Wawota	Shirley Palendat
Lampman	Mary Anne Veroba	White City	Fran Passmore
Lumsden	Dave Cameron	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	
#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		#99 Caledonia	Beverley Siebert
#10 Happy Valley		#121 Moosomin	
#31 Storthoaks	Denise Belisle	#122 Martin	Marilyn Klinger
#32 Reciprocity		#123 Silverwood	
#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	Patrick Poissant
#37 Lomond		#128 Lajord	
#38 Laurier	Bev Pirio	#129 Bratt's Lake	Ida Donovan
#39 The Gap	Ernie Sorenson	#151 Rocanville	
#40 Bengough	Carla Gravelle	#153 Willowdale	Sarah Mambourg
#61 Antler	Steven Miller	#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	Wayne Joyce
#67 Weyburn	Dan Cugnet	#159 Sherwood	
#68 Brokenshell	Margaret Lukey	#187 N. Qu'Appelle	Ken Erickson
#69 Norton	Judy Schwindt	#189 Lumsden	Cody Jordison
#70 Key West	Carol Leonard		

Schedule of Associated Municipalities as of 31 December 2017

Cities (2)

City	Population	City	Population
Estevan	11,483	Weyburn	10,870

Towns (35)

Town	Population	Town	Population
Alameda	369	Moosomin	2,743
Arcola	657	Ogema	403
Balgonie	1,765	Oxbow	1,328
Bengough	332	Pilot Butte	2,137
Bienfait	762	Qu'Appelle	639
Broadview	552	Radville	807
Carlyle	1,508	Redvers	1,042
Carnduff	1,099	Regina Beach	1,145
Fleming	84	Rocanville	863
Fort Qu'Appelle	2,027	Sintaluta	119
Francis	217	Stoughton	649
Grenfell	1,099	Wapella	326
Indian Head	1,910	Wawota	543
Kipling	1,074	White City	3,099
Lampman	675	Whitewood	862
Lumsden	1,824	Wolseley	854
Midale	604	Yellow Grass	478
Milestone	699		

Villages (45)

Village	Population	Village	Population
Alida	120	Lang	189
Buena Vista	612	Lebret	216
Carievale	240	Macoun	269
Ceylon	111	Manor	295
Creelman	113	Maryfield	348
Disley	67	McLean	405
Edenwold	233	McTaggart	121
Fairlight	40	Minton	55
Fillmore	311	Montmartre	490
Forget	55	North Portal	115
Frobisher	160	Odessa	205
Gainsborough	254	Osage	20
Glen Ewen	154	Pangman	232
Glenavon	182	Roche Percee	110
Goodwater	30	Sedley	358
Grand Coulee	649	Storthoaks	108
Halbrite	119	Torquay	255
Heward	44	Tribune	45
Kendal	83	Vibank	385
Kennedy	216	Welwyn	133
Kenosee Lake	234	Wilcox	264
Kisbey	153	Windthorst	211
Lake Alma	30		

Resort Villages (4)

Village	Population	Village	Population
B-Say-Tah	156	District of Katepwa	312
Fort San	222	Lumsden Beach	30

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Rural Municipalities (57)

RM		Population	RM		Population
1	Argyle	290	91	Maryfield	324
2	Mount Pleasant	414	92	Walpole	326
3	Enniskillen	459	93	Wawken	571
4	Coalfields	368	94	Hazelwood	230
5	Estevan	1,370	95	Golden West	291
6	Cambria	309	96	Fillmore	223
7	Souris Valley	249	97	Wellington	371
8	Lake Alma	242	98	Scott	195
9	Surprise Valley	217	99	Caledonia	245
10	Happy Valley	139	121	Moosomin	470
31	Storthoaks	292	122	Martin	289
32	Reciprocity	344	123	Silverwood	410
33	Moose Creek	379	124	Kingsley	444
34	Browning	375	125	Chester	383
35	Benson	472	126	Montmartre	483
36	Cymri	549	127	Francis	674
37	Lomond	296	128	Lajord	1,232
38	Laurier	296	129	Bratt's Lake	315
39	The Gap	199	151	Rocanville	507
40	Bengough	281	153	Willowdale	299
61	Antler	523	154	Elcapo	488
63	Moose Mountain	492	155	Wolseley	372
64	Brock	267	156	Indian Head	336
65	Tecumseh	271	157	South Qu'Appelle	1,275
66	Griffin	438	158	Edenwold	4,490
67	Weyburn	1,064	159	Sherwood	974
68	Brokenshell	312	187	North Qu'Appelle	855
69	Norton	233	189	Lumsden	1,938
70	Key West	255			

First Nations Bands (13) (Estimated population)

Carry the Kettle 76	443	Payepot 75	516
Cowessess 73	540	Pheasant Rump 68	56
Kahkewistahaw 72	502	Sakimay 74	147
Muscowpetung 80	275	Standing Buffalo 78	569
Ocean Man 69	200	Treaty Four Reserve Grounds 77	15
Ochapowace 71	426	Whitebear 70	691
Pasqua 79	517		

Summary

<u>Municipalities</u>	<u>Population</u>
2 Cities	22,353
35 Towns	35,294
45 Villages	9,039
4 Resort Villages	720
57 Rural Municipalities	30,405
<u>13 First Nations Bands</u>	<u>4,897</u>
156	102,708

Headquarters Staff as of 31 December 2017

Library Director:	*Kate-Lee Nolin
Assistant Director & Regional Branch Manager:	*James Richards
Systems Manager:	Susan Atkinson
Business Manager:	Marla Ursu
Personnel and Community Services Manager:	Ruth Barker
Clerical Staff:	Cindy Bourassa (part-time) David Donovan
Driver:	Geoff Carson

Estevan Public Library Branch Staff as of 31 December 2017

Estevan Branch Manager:	Kate-Lee Nolin (Acting)
Adults Program Coordinator:	Vacant
Childrens Program Coordinator:	*Christine Batke
Teen Program Coordinator:	Diana Gerling (part-time)
Clerical Staff:	Sofia Baluyut (part-time) Anna Lee Elaine Wempe (part-time)
Pages:	*Curtis Philipchuk *Rachelle Stephany *Eric Swirski

Weyburn Public Library Branch Staff as of 31 December 2017

Weyburn Branch Manager:	Kate-Lee Nolin (Acting)
Adults Program Coordinator:	Vacant
Childrens Program Coordinator:	Cora-Lynn Sexton
Clerical Staff:	*Debbie Kater (part-time) Sereena Ring Debbie Tollefson (part-time)
Pages:	Rylan Hoffman Matthew O'Neill

* Indicates new employee or new position in 2017

Branch Librarians as of 31 December 2017

Branch	Name
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 (Acting)
Fillmore	Tracy Jones
Fort Qu'Appelle	Malinda Heard
Gainsborough	Felicia Seymour
Glenavon	*Angela Englot
Grenfell	Anne Neuls
Indian Head	Colleen Reynard
Kennedy	Carolyn McMillan
Kipling	Charla Smyth
Lake Alma	*Liz Ager
Lampman	Tawney Johnson
Lumsden	Carol Fisher
Manor	* Diane Nehrebecky
Maryfield	Janet Percy
Midale	Vanessa Lund
Milestone	Shelley Sentes
Montmartre	Lillian Ripplinger
Moosomin	Maegan Nielsen
Ogema	Sheri Jackson Mead
Oungre	Ivanka Fogadic
Oxbow	*Cassandra McNally
Pangman	*Teresa Whiteman
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	*Kayla Porter
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 2017

Report on Programming & Services



Makerspace Kits: In 2016 Southeast Regional Library launched its mobile Makerspace kits. The kits have been a huge hit around the Region with staff, volunteers, and patrons alike. Branch staff book the kits and the kits move from branch to branch on a 3-4 week rotation schedule. In 2017 the kits had a 97% circulation rate meaning almost every kit was circulating nearly continuously throughout the year. In 2017 seven new kits were added to the collection and one kit was removed and consolidated due to damage, bringing the total number of kits to 37. The new kits are two Squishy Circuits kits (play-dough that conducts electricity), three PlayStation 4 Virtual Reality video game kits and two Metal Stamping kits.



The 14th Year of Aboriginal Story Telling Month in Public Libraries. Best Year Ever!! Over the past 14 years, Saskatchewan Public Libraries have presented Aboriginal Story Telling month events, honouring the age-old tradition of the elders of story telling in the cold winter months. This year we hosted a total of 32 programs with an attendance of 3427 individuals. Our region continues to be impressed with the professionalism of the First Nations presenters coming into our region; Rabbit and Bear Paws by Chad Solomon, Carol Daniels, Brad Bellegarde, as well as a group of First Nations youth from Fort Qu'Appelle with the Blanket Exercise. This year we received grant funding in the amount of \$10,080.97 to run our programs. We wish to thank Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples (LSSAP) for the tremendous work they do in raising funds and supporting this initiative. We know that without this assistance we would not be boasting of such a successful event.



Take-a-Book, Trade-a-Book: Take-a-Book, Trade-a-Book sites were set up in seven communities including: Ochapowace, Kahkewistahaw, Cowessess, Sakimay, Pheasant Rump, Ocean Man and Standing Buffalo. One 6 foot by 3 foot bookcase along with 325-350 books were set up in each of these communities in high traffic areas for easy access. Materials collected were the result of the ongoing weeding process in our region and donations sent into HQ from local branches, for the purpose of distribution to First Nations Communities. The Take-a-Book, Trade-a-Book locations create a no strings attached library environment on each of these First Nations Communities. The goal is to support family literacy by getting reading materials into the homes of First Nations families on reserve.



Treaty 4 Gathering: Staff and volunteers from Southeast Regional Library were in attendance at the Treaty 4 Gathering in Fort Qu'Appelle for 3 days. Between 1000-1200 students and educators attended activities at the Library Teepee including aboriginal stories, button making and the very popular 7 grandfather's teaching rug game.

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TD Summer Reading Club: This is a national program sponsored by TD Financial Group, Library and Archives Canada and Toronto Public Library. 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, 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 1798 children registered with 841 of them being new registrants. Attendance totaled 4599 through the 544 programs and events which were offered over the summer at Southeast Regional Library Branches.



Summer Entertainers: This year, Southeast Regional Library booked **The Amazing Magician Richy Roy** as the main entertainer throughout the region. Richy was promoting his first book throughout the region along with his magic and balloon show, drawing large crowds as usual. Magician Richy Roy put on a total of 16 shows throughout the region, with an attendance of 894 children and adults.



Lulu and the TomCat also toured throughout the region with 4 branches hosting shows, with a total of 214 in attendance. Their show took viewers on a tour of Canada exploring and discovering a variety of wonderful sights, customs, history, and events, through their song and activities. Once again, this year, we thank SLA and Sasktel for the grant which we receive that assists in subsidizing these events throughout the region.



Introduction to Family Literacy Workshops: This year Southeast Regional Library partnered with the Saskatchewan Literacy Network and offered 5 Training sessions throughout the region in “Introduction to Family Literacy”. Funding for this project came from a Literacy Grant through Provincial Library and Literacy Office. As a result, 50 people in our region were trained with 42 being library staff. Participating branches then followed up with a Family Literacy program using Literacy Kits from Southeast Regional Library, and planned events for Family Literacy Days. Plans are in place for follow up training for staff who were unable to attend in the fall as well as newly recruited staff members.

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TD Canadian Children's Book Week 2017: The theme for TD Canadian Children's Book Week in 2017 was "Read across Canada", in keeping with Canada's 150th Anniversary. This year's author for Southeast Saskatchewan was Erin Bow, Author of Young Adult Novels; *The Swan Riders*, *The Scorpion Rules*, *Sorrows Knot*, and *Plain Kate*. Events were hosted at Manor and Estevan with Erin Bow. Other events were hosted throughout the region bringing in local or regional authors.



Saskatchewan Library Week: After the funding crisis of 2017 the Saskatchewan Library Week Theme was appropriately entitled "Libraries Matter". Grants of \$250 were awarded to Lampman, Ogema and Weyburn Public Library Branches for some of their unique programming: The building of a "Tiny Free Library"; the installation of an art photo collage wall; and a cooking competition. All Branches in Southeast Regional Library are encouraged to put on some special programming and/or promotional events during this week.



Culture Week: This year, 3 of Southeast Regional Library's branches were awarded grants through SLA to support Culture Days activities. This is what happened at their locations: Bengough Public Library Branch brought in a community member originally from Jamaica, Fayona Buchanan, who taught a class on Braiding. White City Public Library Branch hosted a Long Table Dinner and Story Telling Night, and Weyburn Public Library Branch hosted a 'Musical Instruments from Around the World' program, with a make your own musical instrument component.



Southeast Regional Library takes Makerspace kits to the **Saskatchewan Science Centre's Annual New Years' Eve Bash**, December 31st. James, Kate-Lee, and Ruth took the Button Maker Kits, Squishy Circuit Kits and Cubelets Kits and set up hands-on stations in the 2nd level of the Science Centre for the day. Hundreds of people attended the event and the Makerspace stations were constantly serving a crowd of guests. There was a great deal of sharing about our libraries and resources with people from various communities throughout the region. They will be waiting to hear when these kits will be coming to their communities.



File Hills Qu'Appelle Education Professional Development Day: Southeast Regional Library was invited to set up a display table at the Educators professional development day. Literacy Kits and Catalogues, Makerspace Kits, and handouts were provided to the group of over 100 staff during the day. It was a great opportunity for networking and connecting with new principals, staff, and literacy coordinators as well as renewing relationships and sharing about the Take-a-Book, Trade-a-Book project.

Report on Programming & Services

These are some of the programs and events that were most unique and/or that had the highest attendance throughout 2017. The attendance figure is in ().

Estevan:

- Screamefest haunted house for teens (38)
- Tween DIY fidget spinners (30)
- Family Easter Egg Hunt (29)
- Lego Club (25)
- "Epic Milkshakes" teen cooking class (23)
- Mommy and Me baby photo card making (17)
- Movie and pizza night for teens (16)
- Engineering challenge for kids (15)
- DIY Christmas cards (14)
- Cheesecake in a jar baking class (13)

Weyburn:

- Weyburn Culture Days multicultural fair at the library (120)
- Sylvia Chave music concert (114)
- An evening with Alfredo and Friends musical concert (102)
- Gingerbread House making (69)
- Pumpkin Carving night (62)
- Family Lego building competition (59)
- Author reading with Craig Terlson (50)
- Dr. Seuss carnival (50)
- Master Chef cooking contest (40)
- "Blanket Exercise" event in partnership with local school (25)

Rural Branches:

- Alameda: Moccasin classes from Jan-Mar (avg 20)
- Arcola: Halloween poems, songs and treats at the library (40)
- Balgonie: Regular story time for young children (avg 20-30)
- Bengough: "Magic by Jamie" magician (53)
- Bienfait: Library open for Halloween trick or treaters (141)
- Broadview: Walk for Guide Dogs with the Lions Club (23)
- Carlyle: Parent-Tot drop in program – activities for kids, socializing for parents (19)
- Carnduff: Regular Lego Club (44)
- Fillmore: Mighty Machine Day - 25 machines, main street was closed! (100)
- Fort Qu'Appelle: Literacy Camp craft day (40)

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- Gainsborough: Richy Roy magic show (25)
- Glenavon: Kids Zumba class (23)
- Grenfell: Sylvia Chave children's singer and entertainer for Summer Reading Club (140)
- Indian Head: Introduction to geocaching (22)
- Kennedy: Community BBQ for grand opening of new library programming room (60)
- Kipling: Summer Reading Club events (avg.12-20)
- Lake Alma: Robyn Tocker Young Adult Fantasy author reading (13)
- Lampman: Halloween party and photo booth (72)
- Lumsden: National Aboriginal Day event partnered with Lumsden Museum (275)
- Manor: Erin Bow author reading during TD Children's Book Week (26)
- Maryfield: Local author reading by Sheryl Kennett Garrett (46)
- Midale: Christmas plate decorating program (48)
- Milestone: After school club (42)
- Montmartre: Kids Matter safety program co-hosted with elementary school (70)
- Moosomin: Summer Reading Club pool party and pizza (40)
- Ogema: Photo collage and art wall unveiling (40)
- Oungre: Bowling with Santa + Literacy Stations (126)
- Oxbow: Go! Science Center outreach program (63)
- Pangman: MAIN Street mobile family resource van (24)
- Pilot Butte: Regular weekly story time (avg 20-30)
- Qu'Appelle: Canada 150 making Inuksuk's (21)
- Radville: Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretive Center from Moose Jaw presentation (72)
- Redvers: Braiding classes (22)
- Regina Beach: Tornado Hunter Greg Johnson presentation (57)
- Rocanville: Music and arts night with local singer (50)
- Sedley: Come and Go Christmas shopping with Santa (67)
- Stoughton: Making cardboard fidget spinners (21)
- Vibank: All ages paint night with Regina instructor (12)
- Wapella: Lulu and the Tom Cat SRC performer event (20)
- Wawota: Passport preparation program: photos and forms (34)
- White City: Jack Semple gala: jazz music, library tour, appetizers (119)
- Whitewood: MAIN street mobile family resource van (15)
- Windthorst: Parks and Rec Mobile Playground at the library (89)
- Wolseley: Armchair travel presentation to Vimy Ridge (27)
- Yellow Grass: Literacy themed scavenger hunt during Sask Library Week (22)

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Report on Community Needs Assessment Project

Throughout 2017 James Richards continued the process of following up with those branches which had completed their 3 year action plan for the Community Needs Assessment project. James 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 2017 were Broadview, Wolseley, Grenfell, Indian Head, Qu'Appelle, Whitewood, Fort Qu'Appelle, Yellow Grass, Lumsden, Sedley, Regina Beach, Milestone, Bengough, Lake Alma, Ogema, Oungre, Pangman and Radville. The entire Community Needs Assessment project will wrap up in 2018.

Online Community Services

E-magazines

In August 2013 Southeast Regional Library began an e-magazine service called *Zinio*. *Zinio* was later replaced with a new e-magazine service called *Flipster* in 2016. In 2017 *Flipster* was the sole e-magazine provider for the Region.

Year	No. of Titles	Checkouts	Avg. checkout per title
2013	87	1370	15
2014	102	2853	28
2015	84	2653	32
2016	84 Zinio / 35 Flipster	2572 (Zinio + Flipster)	14 Zinio / 39 Flipster
2017	27 (Flipster only)	1936 (Flipster only)	72 (Flipster only)

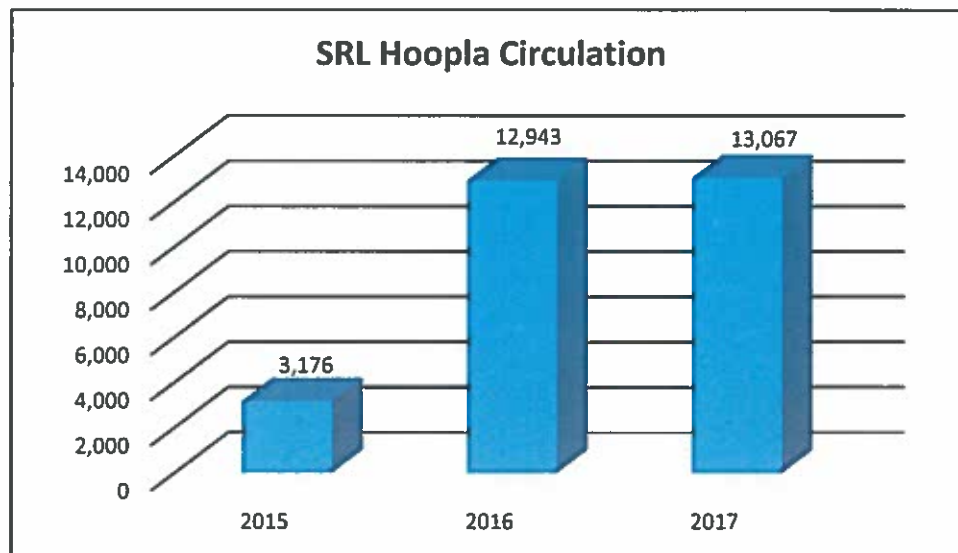
Facebook: Each branch plus HQ maintains a Facebook account, updates happen weekly. There were approximately 5369 posts in 2017, with an average of 112 posts per branch (including HQ). This is an 8% increase in branch activity over last year.

Twitter: Each branch plus HQ maintains a Twitter account, updates happen weekly. There were approximately 3362 tweets in 2017, with an average of 70 tweets per branch (including HQ). This is a 25% increase in branch activity over last year.

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Hoopla

Hoopla is Southeast Regional Library's streaming music, movie, e-book, e-audiobook, TV and comic service. The most popular formats in 2017 were e-audiobooks, e-books and movies. Overall 13,067 items were circulated on Hoopla in 2017. There are 2581 registered users of the service across the region.



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.

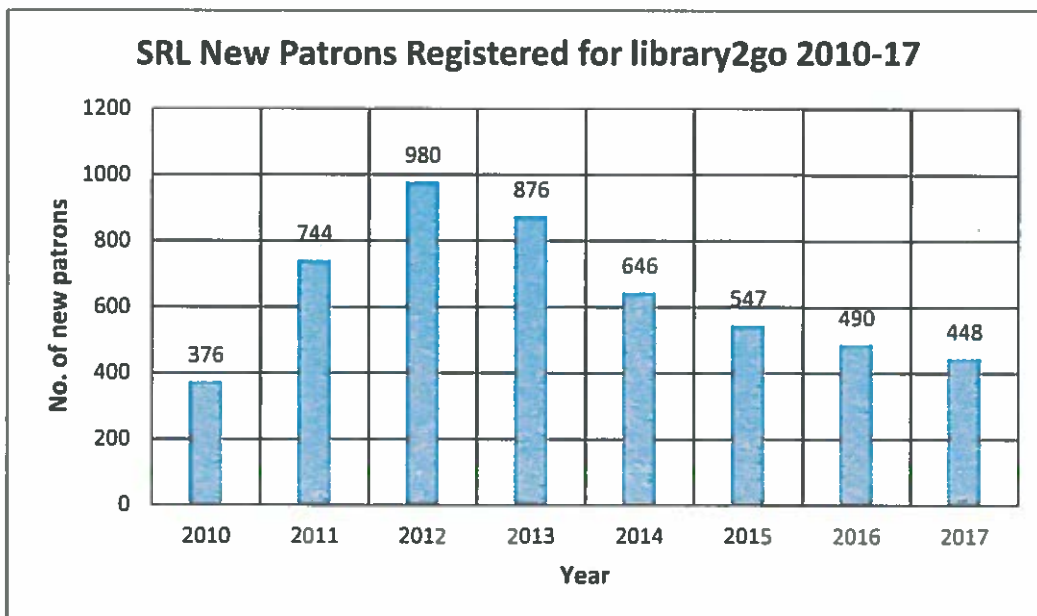
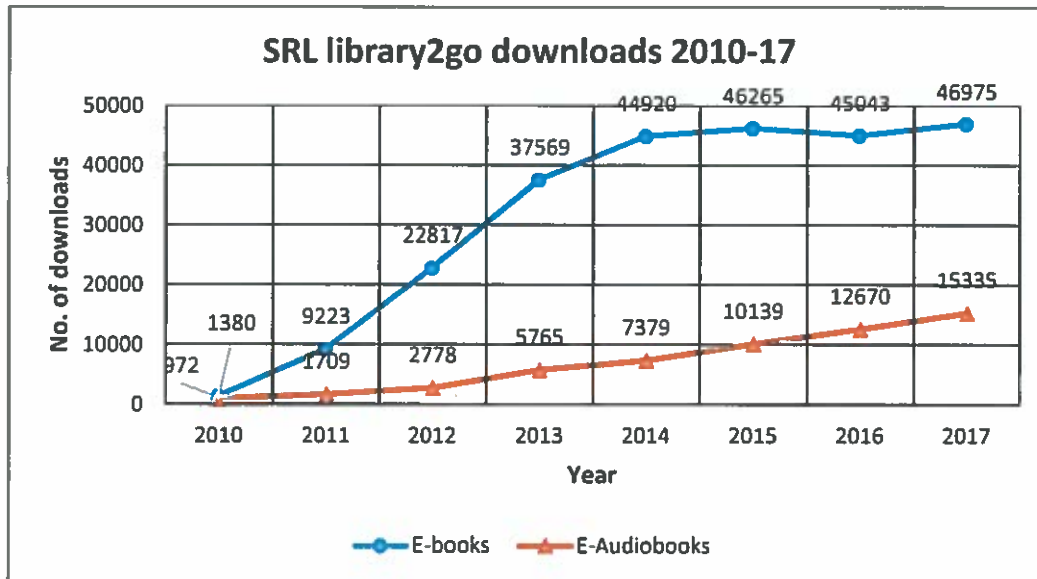
The following is a list of all the databases available to Southeast Regional Library patrons via the regional website in 2017:

Auto Repair Reference Ctr.	General Reference Center	MasterFILE Premier
Britannica Online	Gold	Novelist K-8
Business Source Elite	Health & Wellness Resource Center	Novelist Plus
Canadian Business and Current Affairs Complete	Health Reference Ctr. Academic	Press Reader (formerly Library Press Display)
Canadian Newsstand	Literature Resource Center	Virtual Reference Library
Canadian Research Index	InfoTrac Onefile	Repere
Canadian Business and Current Affairs <i>Business</i>	InfoTrac Student Edition	Small Engine Repair Reference Center
Consumer Reports	Kids InfoBits	Storybird
Expanded Academic ASAP	Legal Trac	Tumblebooks
E-Library Canada	Literature Resource Center	Universalis Junior

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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 77,291 copies of titles (both e-book and e-audiobook) in the provincial collection. Of these 4922 (about 6%), were purchased by Southeast Regional Library between 2009-17. There are 5107 Southeast Regional Library patrons registered with the service.



Statistics Summary

<u>Branch</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Checkouts</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Checkouts</u>	<u>% change</u>
Alameda	2,838	2,891	-1.8%
Arcola	3,136	4,249	-26.2%
Balgonie	4,012	5,391	-25.6%
Bengough	5,359	4,826	11.0%
Bienfait	2,247	2,851	-21.2%
Broadview	3,850	3,657	5.3%
Carlyle	4,559	5,480	-16.8%
Carnduff	15,758	16,766	-6.0%
Estevan	41,201	44,008	-6.4%
Fillmore	2,751	2,894	-4.9%
Fort Qu'Appelle	11,211	9,803	14.4%
Gainsborough	1,063	1,143	-7.0%
Glenavon	1,645	1,951	-15.7%
Grenfell	4,692	4,760	-1.4%
HQ	384	537	-28.5%
Indian Head	7,135	7,121	0.2%
Kennedy	1,914	2,169	-11.8%
Kipling	9,261	10,402	-11.0%
Lake Alma	1,837	1,712	7.3%
Lampman	4,348	4,820	-9.8%
Lumsden	11,399	10,693	6.6%
Manor	906	1,101	-17.7%
Maryfield	3,875	3,526	9.9%
Midale	1,848	1,366	35.3%
Milestone	4,201	4,363	-3.7%
Montmartre	11,094	11,346	-2.2%
Moosomin	9,973	11,254	-11.4%
Ogema	2,594	3,318	-21.8%
Oungre	5,759	6,220	-7.4%
Oxbow	6,756	7,453	-9.4%
Pangman	2,152	1,222	76.1%
Pilot Butte	7,899	9,602	-17.7%
Qu'Appelle	4,752	2,824	68.3%
Radville	3,319	2,824	17.5%
Redvers	5,629	6,212	-9.4%
Regina Beach	6,922	7,766	-10.9%
Rocanville	2,862	3,094	-7.5%
Sedley	2,418	2,046	18.2%
Stoughton	4,733	4,225	12.0%
Vibank	2,223	2,106	5.6%
Wapella	2,594	2,012	28.9%
Wawota	1,943	1,829	6.2%
Weyburn	58,297	59,596	-2.2%
White City	11,064	11,031	0.3%
Whitewood	5,153	4,278	20.5%
Windthorst	1,773	1,462	21.3%
Wolseley	2,148	2,403	-10.6%
Yellow Grass	<u>2,926</u>	<u>3,309</u>	-11.6%
Total	<u>316,413</u>	<u>325,912</u>	-2.9%

Statistics Summary

Municipalities & First Nations

Cities	2
Towns	35
Villages	45
Resort Villages	4
Rural Municipalities	57
First Nations	13
Total	156

Service Points

Branches	47
Community Delivery Locations	3
Total branch open hours	44,052
Local Library Boards	47
Local Library Board Trustees	374
Local Library Board Meetings	229

Southeast Regional Library's Collection includes:

180,257	Titles
15,655	DVD Titles
6,298	CD Titles
29	Online reference databases
27	Digital e-magazines
65,253	e-books
12,038	e-audiobooks
565,000	Hoopla streaming materials

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 Story Telling Month presenters, Summer Reading Club events and activities, etc.

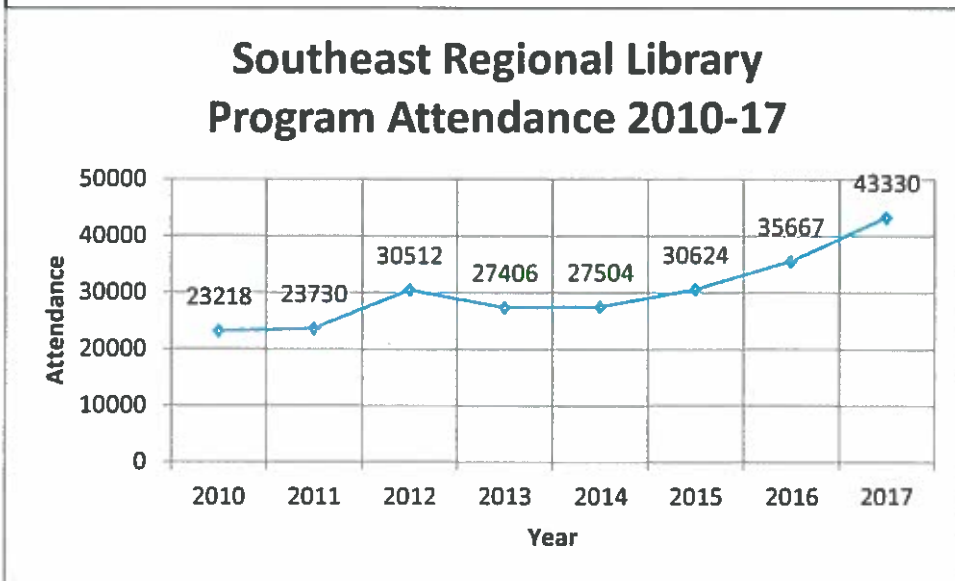
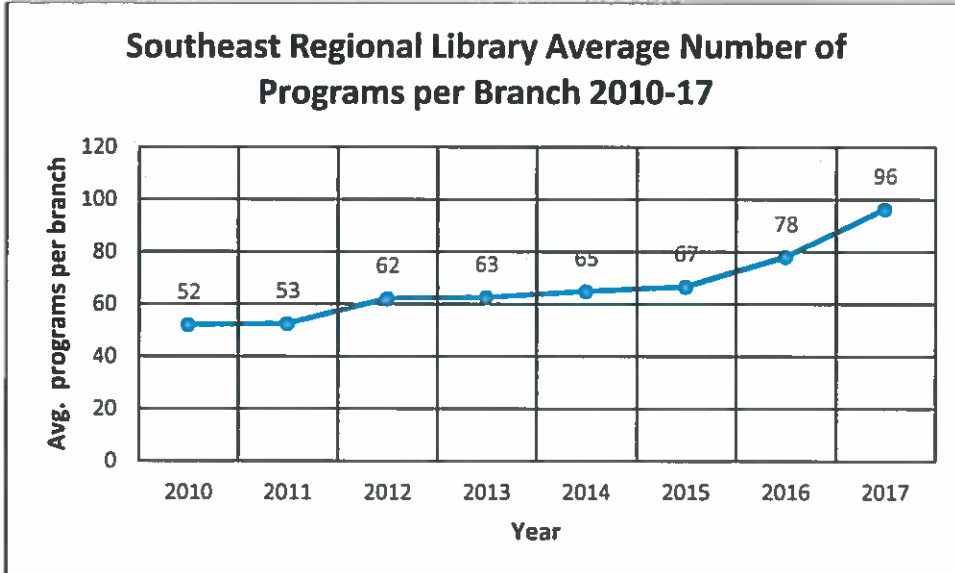
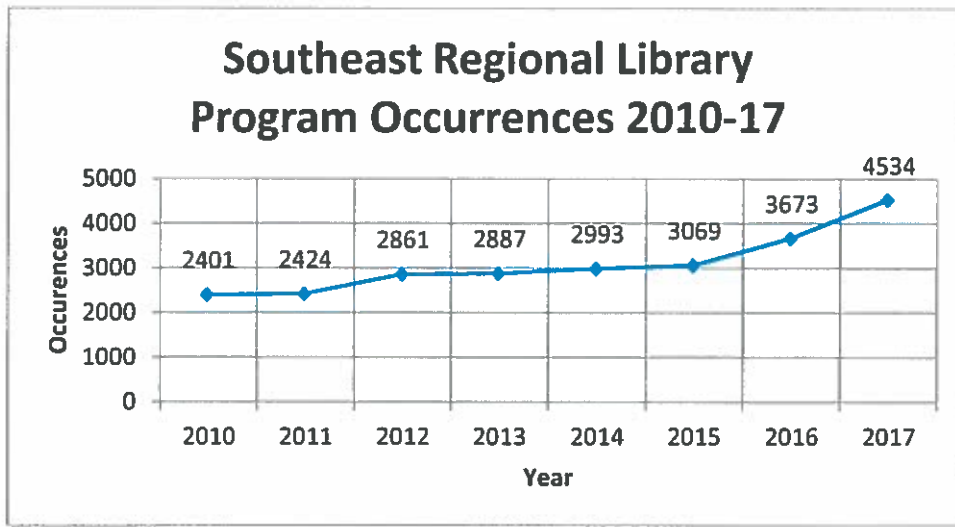
Promotion and Fundraising

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.

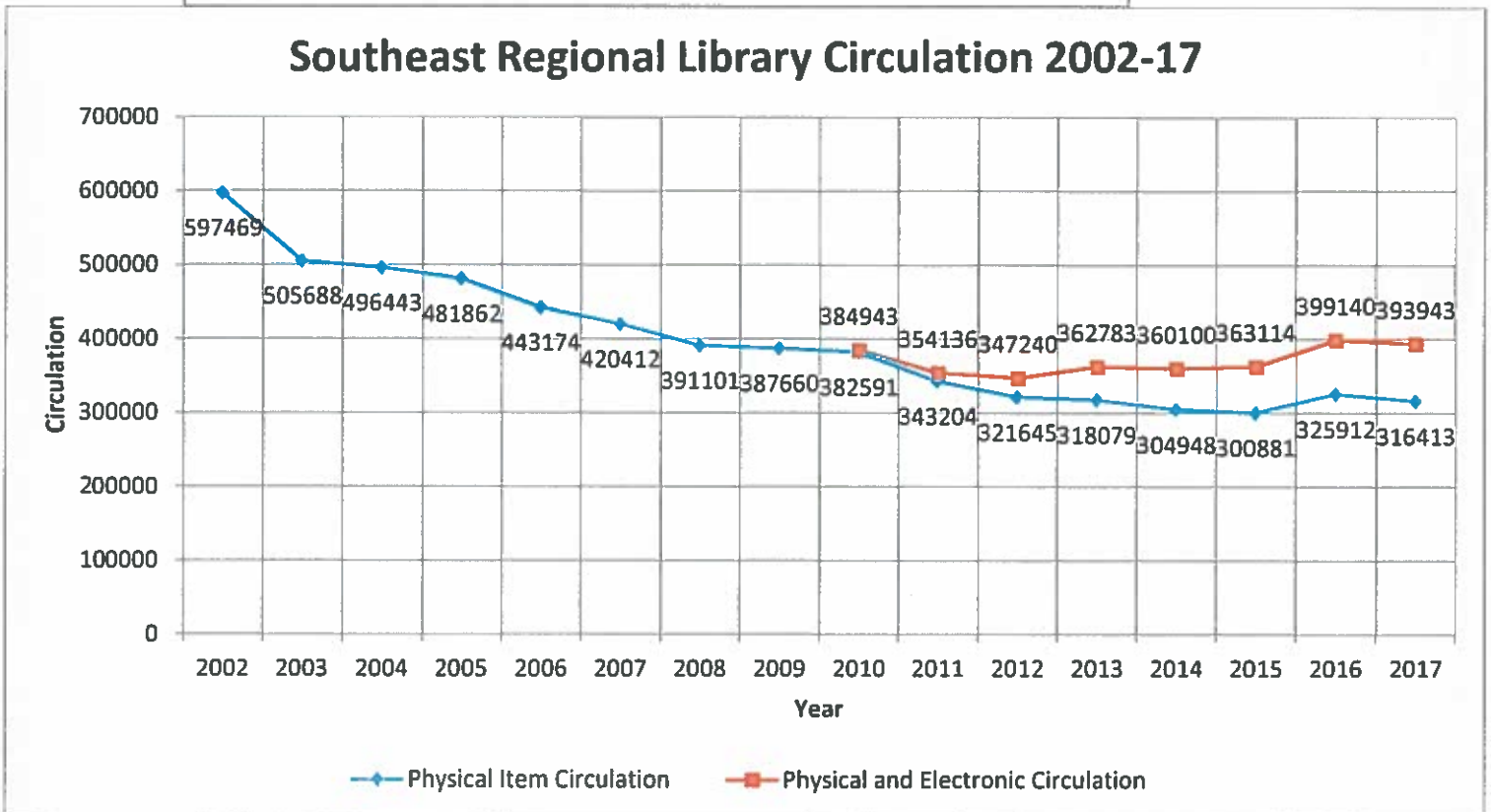
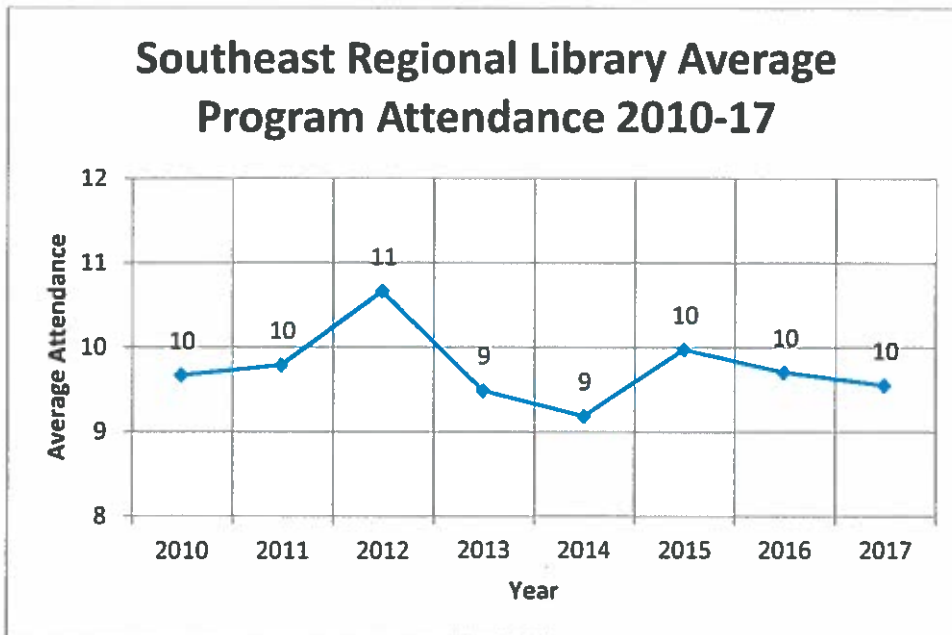
Services

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.

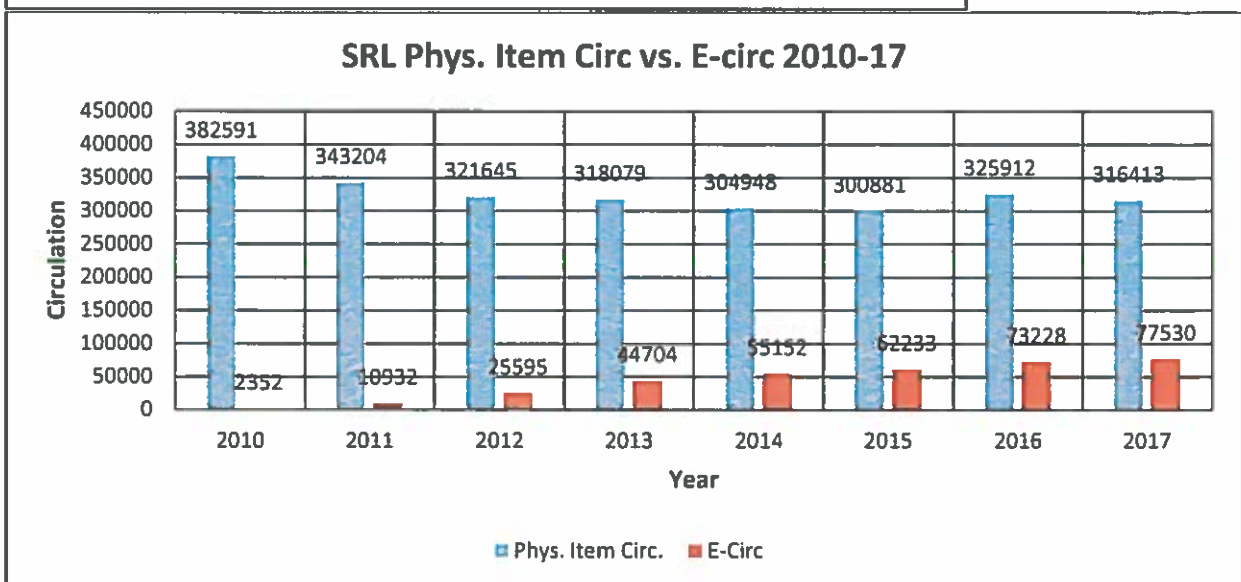
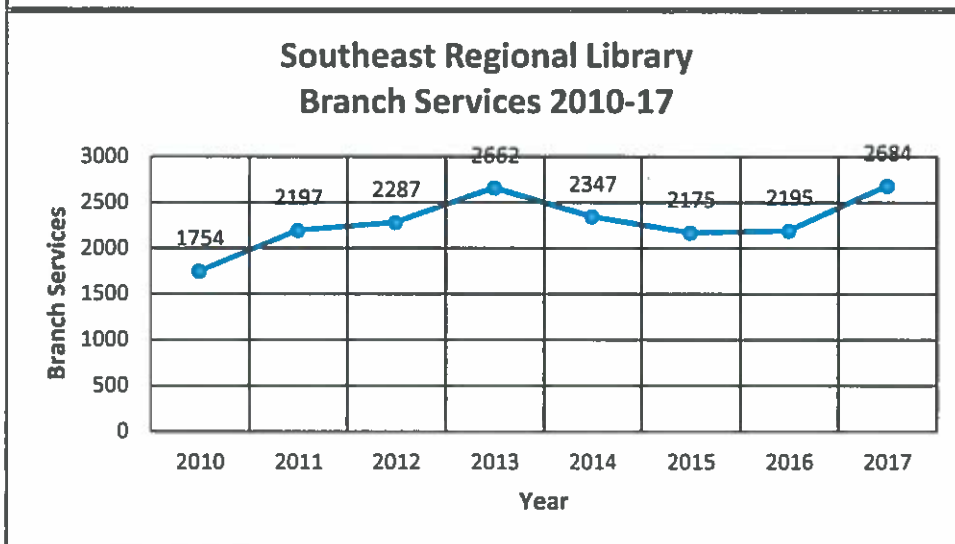
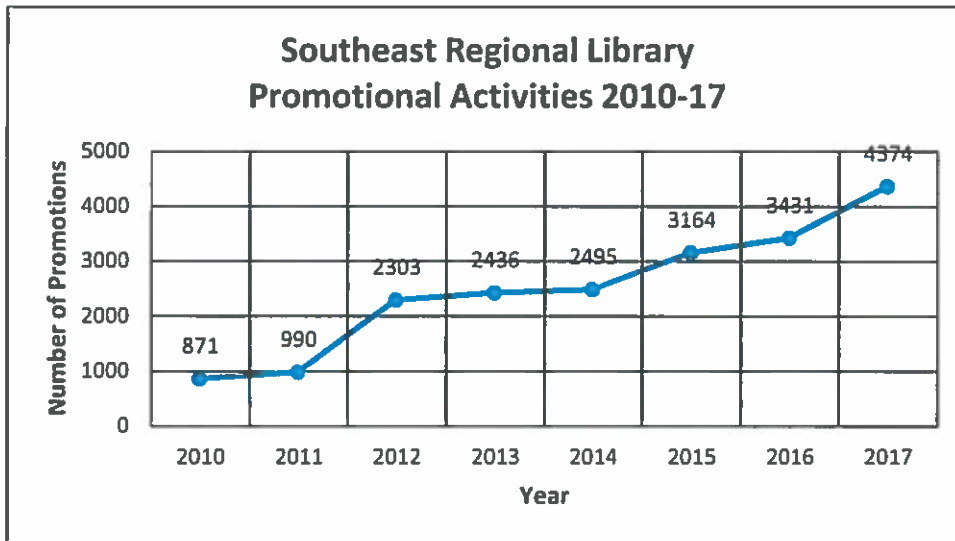
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2017 Branch Activity/Event Report *											
Branch	Pop	Weekly Open Hours	Programs					Promotions	Services	2017	2016
			Attendance		# Adult Programs	# Teen Programs	# Children's Programs				
			2016	2017							
Alameda	369	16	335	511	18		39	3	3	63	65
Arcola	657	20	176	583	8		55	59	72	194	146
Balgonie	1765	22	521	700	7		52	62	14	135	101
Bengough	332	15	648	405	10		34	143	67	254	252
Bienfait	762	15	962	1094	2		68	35	10	115	80
Broadview	552	15	1091	301	31		61	33	73	198	217
Carlyle	1508	25	541	446	0		44	92	12	148	162
Carnduff	1099	20	1068	1387	9		94	351	436	890	191
Estevan	11483	65	3004	4526	209	84	378	91	56	818	791
Fillmore	311	10	421	490	0		31	23	13	67	52
Fort Qu'Appelle	2027	27	615	604	47		42	121	33	243	144
Gainsborough	254	10	256	322	0		38	102	30	170	184
Glenavon	182	10	214	364	11		15	60	11	97	45
Grenfell	1099	20	328	298	0		11	28	115	154	73
Indian Head	1910	25	623	556	18		48	119	36	221	184
Kennedy	216	10	106	371	12		12	32	1	57	32
Kipling	1074	25	680	279	0		48	31	279	358	133
Lake Alma	30	10	194	234	6		20	140	2	168	168
Lampman	675	22	755	1247	11		146	170	19	346	373
Lumsden	1824	25	1629	2048	27		161	118	64	370	329
Manor	295	17	223	257	3		29	14	1	47	59
Maryfield	348	10	759	664	12		26	175	120	333	222
Midale	604	15	1072	1041	22		72	78	8	180	200
Milestone	699	15	1167	1256	14		64	97	6	181	167
Montmartre	490	20	348	514	8		40	48	29	125	106
Moosomin	2743	32	1173	1713	13		116	87	49	265	229
Ogema	403	15	686	750	35		54	10	19	118	232
Oungre	249	10	1534	1549	89		57	146	2	294	346
Oxbow	1328	25	1437	1052	117		41	75	39	272	358
Pangman	232	10	490	541	13		48	8	29	98	176
Pilot Butte	2137	25	1425	1848	5		101	155	52	313	290
Qu'Appelle	639	15	606	977	16		56	139	189	400	236
Radville	807	20	215	605	16		50	49	20	135	132
Redvers	1042	25	806	2025	55		121	230	159	565	367
Regina Beach	1145	20	426	578	11		24	87	2	124	162
Rocanville	863	15	780	791	7		63	157	7	234	176
Sedley	358	10	384	369	1		34	24	28	87	82
Stoughton	649	20	709	298	50		37	27	14	128	210
Vibank	385	10	87	116	1		24	119	7	151	110
Wapella	326	10	316	326	11		46	158	40	255	209
Wawota	543	15	94	272	2		17	97	18	134	94
Weyburn	10870	65	3729	6621	418		383	113	355	1269	625
White City	3099	21	1244	948	4		34	168	23	229	207
Whitewood	862	16	184	138	24		5	68	19	116	71
Windthorst	211	12	306	332	10		31	70	11	122	111
Wolseley	854	15	129	73	5		0	52	0	57	67
Yellow Grass	478	10	1171	910	7		85	110	92	294	333
					1395	84	3055				
					30.8%	1.9%	67.3%				
Totals 2017	60788	770		43330			4534	4374	2684	11592	
Totals 2016	57318	767	35667		1289	93	2291	3431	2195		9299
					35.1%	2.5%	62.3%				
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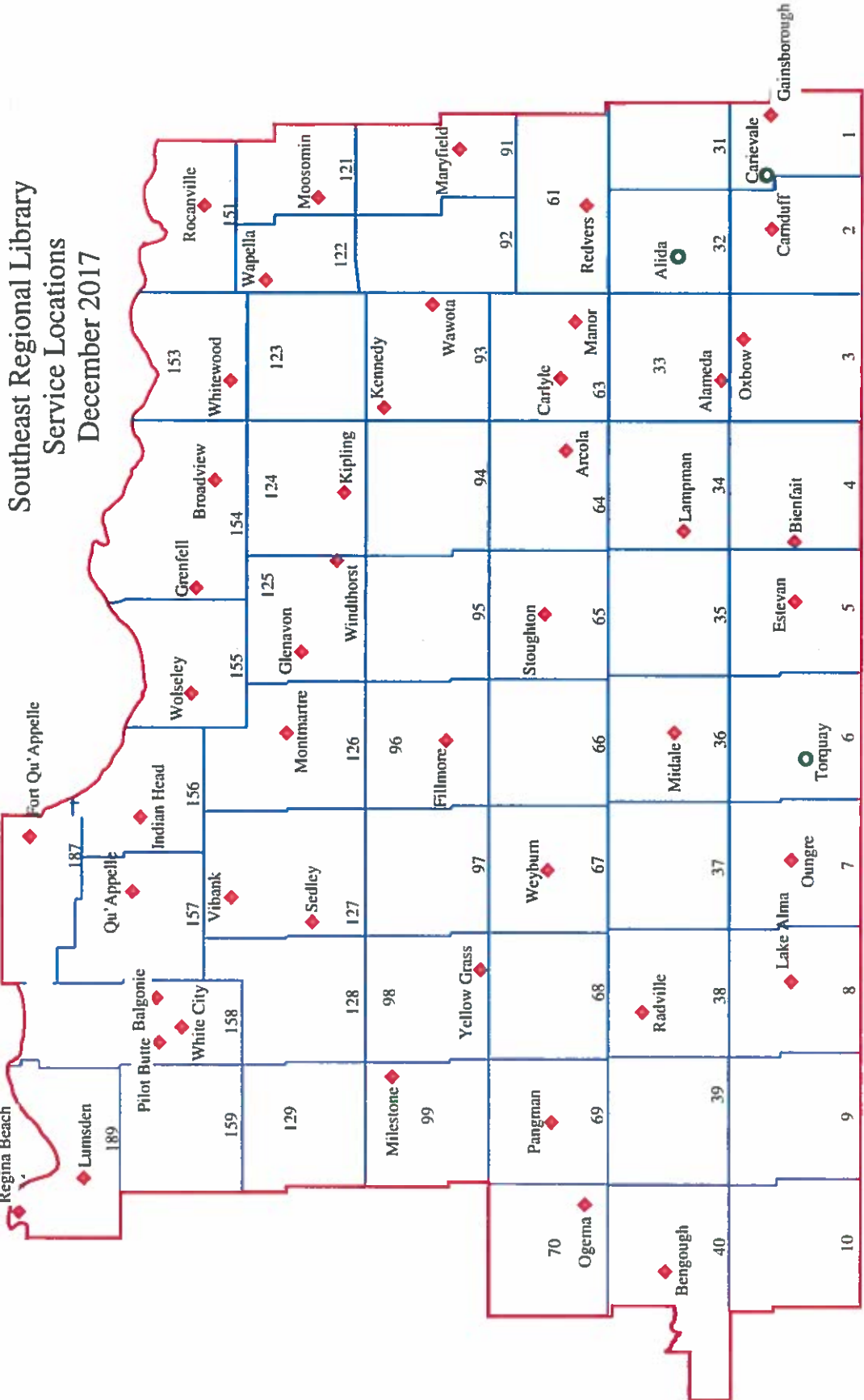
* Compiled from events reported by the branch

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.
- Hold 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