



## Donor Impact Report 2023

Thank you for making a difference.


As a parent navigating the whirlwind of two young children, I'm grateful for the modern evolution of libraries. The silent libraries of the past have evolved; silence has given way to vibrancy. In today's library, you'll hear lively discussions while video editing in the Digital Media Studio, friends deliberating over movie choices, and joyous laughter at storytelling sessions. No matter your interest or your activity, there is something to support you, entertain you, teach you, and move you at the library.

You shape the library into the bustling hub it is, and allow us to continuously adapt to meet the changing needs of our community. Your dedication to enriching and educating the community is inspiring. On behalf of the more than 110,000 people enjoying free access to everything the library offers, thank you for making a difference in their lives.

While quiet spaces at the library still exist and are enjoyed by many, you'll often hear library staff cheering on those benefitting from your generosity as they discover new authors, enjoy fun programs, or access vital services.

I hope you enjoy reading a few of the ways you made a difference in 2023.

Thank you,



**Kate Scheurwater**  
Director, Development

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**A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.”** –Henry Ward Beecher, author

## You instill a love of reading

Something extra special happens when children and police officers come together. **Cops and Readers** connects Grade 3 students with local police officers. While focusing on the fun aspects of reading, students learn the importance of literacy and safety and the impact it can have on their lives. Contributions supported students at four schools to improve their reading skills, learn about safety from police officers and create positive long lasting connections in their community.

**"I love how the officer was telling us about police and I love reading books."** - *Grade 3 student*



## You keep your community warm

**Warming Hearts and Hands** provided essential winter supplies to our most vulnerable customers. With support from SaskEnergy's Share the Warmth Program, gloves, mittens, socks and hand warmers were distributed throughout the winter. Together, we are making a difference to ensure no one is left out in the cold.

**"In the darkest, coldest days of winter, we were giving out gloves a couple times a night... to folks who had long walks ahead of them"** - *Linnea Lawton, Branch Manager, Central Library*



## You support healthy beginnings

Informational sessions were offered in English, Ukrainian, Arabic, and Pashto through our **Health Literacy Programming for Newcomers** program. Donations supported access to free sessions by a variety of healthcare workers who presented on topics including How to Read Prescriptions, and Surviving Canadian Winters. Thank you for providing positive healthy beginnings to newcomers in Regina.

**"In my world there would be as many public libraries as there are Starbucks."**  
-*Henry Rollins, songwriter*



## You prepare Regina for the future

You appreciate and understand the value of the public library as a universal space that welcomes diversity and encourages sharing of knowledge and information. With that in mind, Regina Public Library advanced its goal in 2023 to construct a **new Central Library** designed with more physical and digital spaces to inspire play and imagination, and with ease of access to innovative cultural programming, community services and current technologies. We plan to construct a safe and welcoming building that will benefit Regina and play a significant role in the revitalization of our downtown. Donations committed to our area of highest need will support a new, welcoming Central Library which will strengthen the vitality of Regina, now and for future generations.

## You inspire innovation

Thanks to your support, new and innovative community programming was offered in 2023. **Youth Connect: Indigenous Teachings** provides space for local Knowledge Keepers, Storytellers and Elders to share teachings on Indigenous traditions and culture including origin stories, drumming, and dancing. Focused on reaching urban youth, this weekly program at Central Library consistently attracts newcomer families as well as local teens. The **Acquisition Entrepreneur Accelerator (AEA)** pilot project was offered to individuals ready to invest in Saskatchewan private businesses. It was created through donor funding and RPL's Business and Careers services. Together we equipped 10 aspiring entrepreneurs with skills to successfully acquire and grow an established or franchised Saskatchewan business. **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** commemorated the ongoing legacy of residential schools. Cadmus Delorme, former Chief of Cowessess First Nation spoke on the generational impact of residential schools, the actions we all can take towards reconciliation and hopefulness for the future. The ceremony included a healing Jingle Dress dance, prayers, and bannock-to-go for over 250 people with another 375 virtual participants.

# Who we are

**Regina Public Library** is an urban library system committed to providing community services, spaces, and technologies to inspire discovery, learning, and connection. We are an essential gate-way for all people to advance themselves through literacy, lifelong learning, social engagement, and cultural enrichment. Through the provision of our numerous resources, we promote social vitality and economic prosperity for the people of Regina. We support, defend, and promote the universal principles of intellectual freedom and privacy.



### Our Aspiration

*Social vitality and economic prosperity for people of Regina.*



### Our Purpose

*To provide community services, spaces, and technologies to inspire discovery, learning, and connection.*



### Strategic Imperative

*We positively impact our community.*



### Organizational Values

**Inclusion:** *We embrace diversity and champion access for all.*

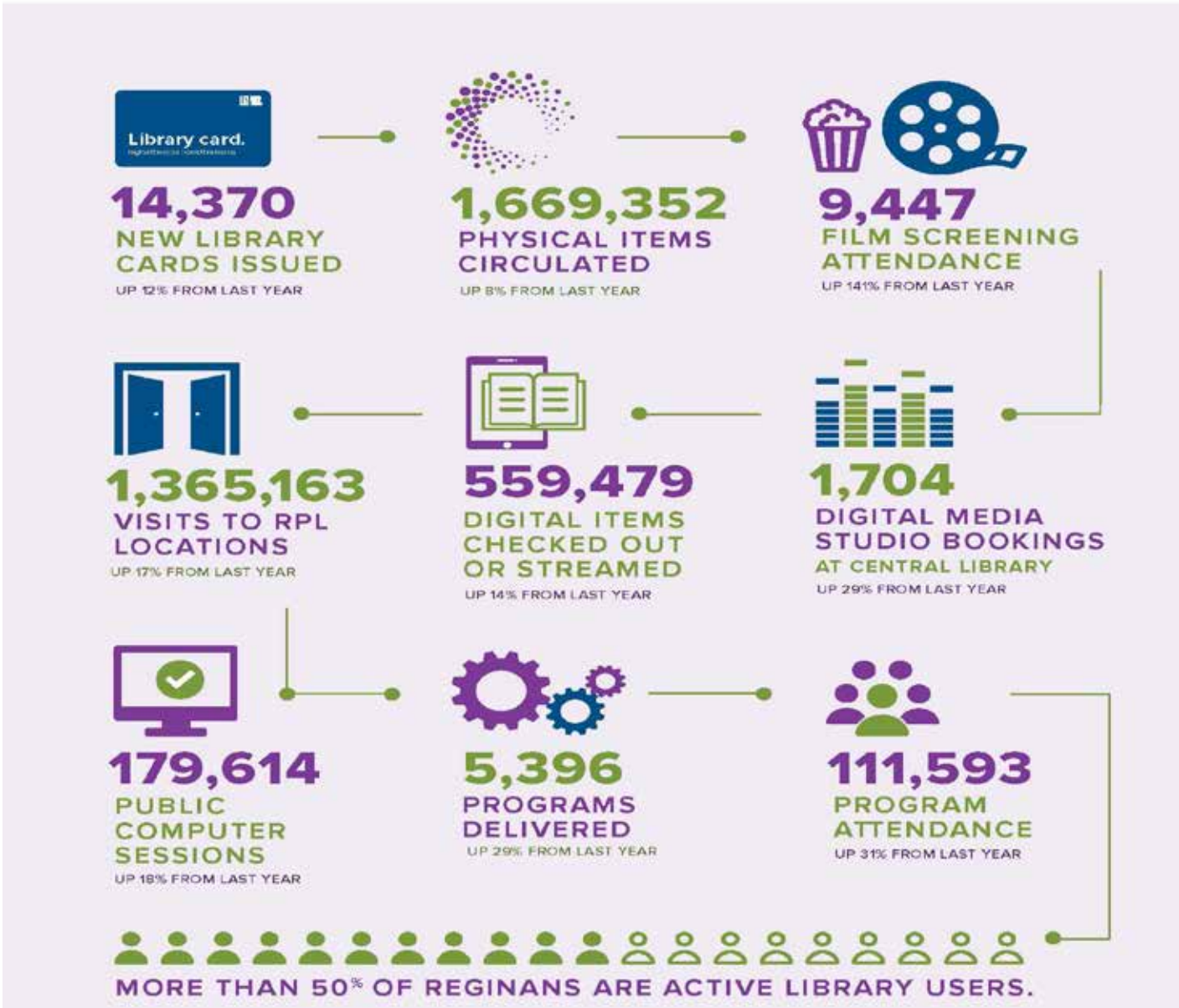
**Service:** *We listen and respond to customers and our community.*

**Intellectual Freedom:** *We protect the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas.*

**Responsibility:** *We hold ourselves to high standards of accountability, confidentiality, and privacy.*

**Resourcefulness:** *We cultivate ingenuity, innovation, and partnerships.*

# Year-at-a-Glance



“  
Such a great place for anyone to go for a variety of reasons no matter age, race, gender. Everyone is welcome. Something for everyone: books, films, art, computers or just a quiet place to sit.” -Reggie, RPL customer

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