



# Donor Impact Report 2024

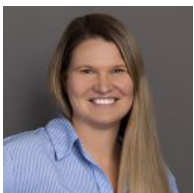
## Thank you for believing in libraries

Speaking with donors about their passions and interests is a true privilege of my work. Throughout 2024, I heard many people express the same sentiment: *I believe in the library*. What a wonderful phrase! It captures the magic of a space where people of all ages, backgrounds, and circumstances come together to share ideas, build connections, and find the tools they need to succeed.

Believing in the library is about more than buildings or books – it's about believing in the transformative power of access to information, community connection, and inspiration. A child borrowing their first book, an adult acquiring new job skills, and a senior attending a wellness program are each as likely to be found within our halls. Libraries remain one of the unique places in the community where everyone is welcome to discover, learn, and connect.

Thank you for believing in what we do.

In this report, you will read a few of the ways donations are making a difference at the library for our community. Thank you for making this work possible. Never hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.



**Kate Scheurwater**  
Director, Development

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**The only thing you absolutely have to know is  
the location of the library.” – Albert Einstein, physicist**

## You encourage literacy development

Thanks to the generous support of United Way Regina's Family Literacy Summer Grant, **Library Lemonade Stands** were set up outside four library branches to promote literacy and encourage reading during summer months. Providing lemonade, bubbles, outdoor games and story times, this program was delivered in under-resourced neighbourhoods, bringing families together to enjoy playing outdoors with a focus on making reading fun. Every child who visited a Library Lemonade Stand was offered a free book to encourage literacy and learning at home over the summer months.



**A grandmother with her grandchildren visited the Lemonade Stand and expressed joy at receiving books to add to their personal library at home." - Jonah McFadzean, Albert Library Staff**

## You create inclusive library spaces

In 2024, two types of accessible navigation systems were installed in every RPL location: **CNIB BlindSquare Beacons**, which use GPS technology to support navigation for people with vision loss; and **Hearing Loops**, which help people who use hearing devices to have clear conversations at our customer service desks. RPL is proud to be the only public library system in Canada to offer this technology at all branch locations, reducing barriers to connect with our staff, navigate our spaces, and engage with our collection. This innovation was made possible through the generosity of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Regina.

## You bring community together

Our first **Métis Cultural Celebration Series** was made possible by The Gordon Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund, and was delivered in collaboration with Métis Saskatchewan - Western Region III. A full month of programming recognized and honoured Métis Culture and history. Family-oriented activities showcased Métis art & music and celebrated Louis Riel. This series also educated participants about Métis history in Saskatchewan and provided opportunity for an open discussion of the Sacred Document of The Michif.



**The collaboration allowed for meaningful dialogue and learning, bringing together diverse community members in a celebration of shared history." - Wendy Gervais, Area Representative, Métis Western Region III**

## You support future generations of library lovers

On March 20, 2025, Regina City Council approved the library's special mill rate for Central Library. This milestone allows us to continue moving forward in renewing Central Library to better serve our community. It will be a hub for education, culture, innovation, and community engagement. We will keep you updated as we progress! Donations committed to the area of greatest need will continue to support the Central library Renewal Project.



**A Central Library is more than a building - it's an investment in the city's future" - Marj Gavigan,**  
RPL Board Chair and Library Donor

## You support vibrant programs and collections

In 2024, donations supported a wide range of programming, collections, and services at libraries throughout the city, at Dunlop Art Gallery, and the RPL Film Theatre. Some of the diverse programming that benefitted from donor funding included: **Culture Connect**, a weekly program that fosters cultural appreciation; **Peace and Power**, an open mic night for local hip-hop artists; a panel discussion during Saskatchewan Agriculture Week, and the **Echoes from This Land** art exhibit on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. As always, donations that are dedicated to collections supported purchasing digital and physical books.



**I just came to the library to get my card and was convinced to try out the program. Definitely the most welcoming community event I have attended in the city." - Art program participant**

# 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 gateway 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 the people of Regina.*



### Organizational Values

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



### Our Purpose

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

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

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



### Strategic Imperative

*We positively impact our community.*

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

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

# Year At A Glance

13,603

NEW LIBRARY  
CARDS ISSUED



2,860

DIGITAL MEDIA  
STUDIO BOOKINGS



2,253,520

PHYSICAL & DIGITAL ITEMS  
CIRCULATED/STREAMED



180,854

PUBLIC COMPUTER  
SESSIONS



10,350

FILM SCREENING  
ATTENDANCE



5,779

PROGRAMS  
DELIVERED



1,482,284

VISITS TO RPL  
LOCATIONS



126,120

PROGRAM  
ATTENDANCE



“Who does Regina Public Library serve? The short answer is **EVERYONE.**” – Jeff Barber, Library Director & CEO

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