

PRINCE GEORGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



**"THIS IS MY
FAVOURITE
PLACE IN THE
WORLD!"**

- SOPHIA

LETTER FROM THE BOARD



On behalf of the Prince George Public Library Board, I'm pleased to share our 2019 Annual Report. The organization experienced some big changes and celebrated major milestones in 2019.

In April, City Council approved a \$3.95-million budget for the entrance project at Bob Harkins Branch. Construction on the project, including the installation of a two-and-a-half storey addition and a new circulation area, began in June. The improvements will address long standing issues with security and accessibility.

In June, Chief Librarian Janet Marren announced her retirement after 13 years with the organization. Janet held the Chief Librarian role since 2013. Under her leadership, the Prince George Public Library completed the Knowledge Garden, fundraised for a library outreach vehicle, completed the digitization of more than 100 years of the Prince George Citizen, and successfully advocated for the entrance renovation project.

In November, after several months as the Acting Chief Librarian, the Board appointed Paul Burry as Library Director. Burry was previously the Manager of Support and Circulation Services.

Library staff hosted 160 delegates from libraries throughout B.C. at the biennial conference, Beyond Hope. The conference offered 44 sessions including keynotes by actress Grace Dove and Library Journal's 2019 Librarian of the Year, Skye Patrick.

Staff designed accessible programming for children on the autism spectrum, and those dealing with grief, loss, or adverse experiences. In addition, two sensory kits were added to the collection for use by families when visiting the library.

We continue to make improvements to accessibility and safety, and look forward to welcoming the public back into our branches in 2020. We're grateful to the City of Prince George, as well as the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and the Province of British Columbia for their contributions.

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**Library Cardholders:
61,494**

**Items Loaned:
762,946**

**Digital Items Loaned:
84,057**

**Annual Visits:
318,172**

**Items added to
collection: 23,539**

**Total items in
collection: 168,031**

**Total programs:
1,126**

Daily Visits: 967

**Daily Website Visits:
943**

**Daily Reference
Questions: 210**

FINANCIALS

REVENUE	
Municipal Funding	3,683,401
Provincial Funding	215,293
Patron Charges	79,904
Other Income	28,209
Fundraising/Grant Funds	114,078
Assets Funded by Grants/Fundraising	19,320
Total Revenue	4,140,205

EXPENSES & ASSETS	
Wages and Benefits	2,957,717
Supplies	16,033
Material Costs	468,920
General & Admin	159,734
IT Expenses	106,524
Rent	75,440
Repairs & Maintenance	106,223
Expended Grants/Fundraising	114,078
Other Assets & Equipment	55,530
Total Expense	4,060,199

THANK YOU

The Prince George Public Library is grateful to citizens and organizations who have contributed their time, expertise and financial resources to support lifelong learning in our community. With special acknowledgement to:

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