

# ANNUAL 2018 REPORT



Thanks again for all  
the books you have  
brought in for me  
over the years. The  
Interlibrary Loan  
Service is one of your  
great services!  
- Larry

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## LETTER FROM THE BOARD

On behalf of the Prince George Public Library Board, I'm pleased to share a few highlights from 2018. PGPL staff welcomed 309,145 visitors into our two branches last year, and assisted citizens in borrowing 861,392 items from our collections.

In partnership with the Community Arts Council, we hosted our first annual Teen Art Showcase. For some of the 28 participants, it was the first time ever publicly exhibiting their art. New literacy programming included Read to Me in French, story time in French, and Reading Buddies – a program pairing teen volunteers with elementary students.

We launched our new library outreach vehicle in June; citizens might have seen the van at National Indigenous People's Day, Canada Day festivities, the Pride Parade, Downtown Summerfest, or at various schools, daycares and outreach events. We faced an unexpected challenge in June, when a fire in a restaurant adjacent to the Nechako Branch forced a thirteen day closure. Thankfully, we were able to deploy the outreach van to offer limited services in the Hart.

Citizen engagement remained a priority for the library in 2018. We partnered with local organizations to promote discussion around electoral reform. We also partnered with the Prince George Citizen and CBC during the municipal and school board elections, hosting an all candidates forum, Candi-Dating (for City council candidates), and Coffee with the Candidates (for Board of Education candidates).

We gratefully acknowledge the support of our funders, donors, sponsors, partners and volunteers for helping us to provide the services, programs, and resources that enrich our community.

Mike Gagel  
Board Chair, 2018



My daughter has had the opportunity to attend the homework club for math and had found it so helpful with preparing for quizzes and tests. She currently has 96% her first year of high school math! What a valuable program.  
– Tammy

# STATS

Our community borrowed **861,392** items from our collections in 2018. Just 8.6% of those items were eBooks and audiobooks from our digital collections.

We have **58,188** library cardholders!

We added **20,966** new items to our collection

We have **8,877** library cardholders under the age of **19**

**14%** of programs were held outside of our branches, in the community

Our community completed **17,000** hours of coursework via Gale Courses for free!

We answered **210** reference questions each day.



# FINANCIALS

REVENUE		EXPENSES & ASSETS	
Municipal Funding	4,033,310	Wages & Benefits	2,854,252
Provincial Funding	215,309	Supplies	18,847
Patron Charges	82,982	Material Costs	468,965
Other Income	27,882	General & Admin	237,858
Fundraising/Grant Funds	98,968	IT Expenses	139,769
Assets Funded by Grants/Fundraising	23,893	Rent	486,337
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>4,482,344</b>	Repairs & Maintenance	105,384
		Expended Grants/Fundraising	66,393
		Other Assets & Equipment	66,798
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,444,603</b>

## THANK YOU

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