

DRUMHELLER PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT TO COUNCIL FALL 2020



2020 Thank Yous

To the Town of Drumheller for many years of strong support, financially and otherwise

To Drumheller Public Works for always making time to help – we love our new automatic door!

To the Town-appointed Drumheller Public Library Board for extra meetings, unwavering support, and solid counsel that helped keep the Library responsible, sustainable, & creative

To Library staff for continually offering their best in constantly changing circumstances

To Library volunteers who ask regularly when they can come back and help

To the Drumheller Library Society for funding supplies that allowed us to offer safe summer programming despite being closed to the public

To the Badlands Community Facility for finding a way to make curbside service possible

To the Alberta Approved Drumheller Farmer's Market for welcoming us week after week to connect with the community, hand out craft kits, deliver holds, and share a little music

and

To our Library patrons for making all of that matter – we wouldn't be here without you!

Agenda

- Budget 2020
- The 2019-2023 Plan of Service in 2020
- Community Response
- Thinking Forward
- Community
- Marigold Library System
- Budget 2021

Budget 2020

Universal adaptation to COVID-19 uncertainty

\$95,000 cut in municipal funding to the Library (46%) in May

Planning for fall, adjusting for summer

Funding increased to 80% in October

The 2019-2023 Plan of Service and COVID-19

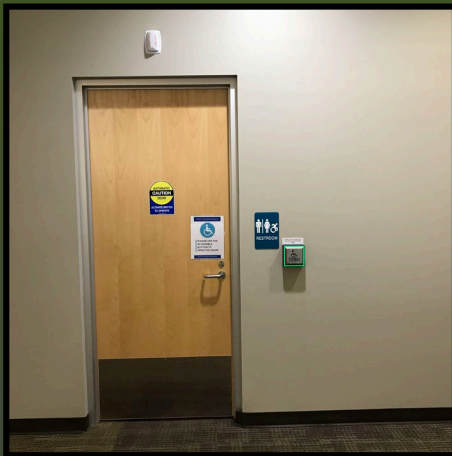
Pre-COVID-19: Our accessible washroom door is here!

Adulting 101 gave teens hands-on life skills practice

Shutdown: Maintaining accessible, high quality library services through online library card registration, virtual programs, and promotion of and support for digital resources

Holds pickup curbside and at the downtown Farmer's Market

Reopening: Celebrating with the community at this year's Festival of Lights!



Community Response

eBooks and eAudiobooks: 4,886 borrowed by Drumheller patrons
(est. 21% increase over March-August 2019)

New library cards (March 17-September 8): 42

Books, Magazines, and Videos Borrowed

July: 615 physical items circulated via curbside and Farmer's Market

August: 912 physical items circulated via curbside and Farmer's Market

September: 1,776 physical items circulated, mostly after reopening to the public

Craft kits: Estimated 150 craft kits handed out in July and August

Thinking Forward

Accessible washroom door (2020) creates a nearly touchless option for patrons

Second program room (2018) creates space for quarantining returned items without sacrificing activity space

Youth Space (2019) gives us a second space large enough for physically distanced activities

Zoom skills open possibilities for more accessible programming, better attendance at Board meetings, and lower cost professional development through and beyond COVID-19

Work-from-home strategies enable a more flexible and resilient work force



Community

The Big Question:

What current and anticipated needs in the community
is the Drumheller Public Library uniquely equipped to address
as the COVID-19 pandemic progresses?

Our Resources:

Space

Community Connections

Technology

Resilience and Creativity

Our Library Community



Marigold

The Value of Your Investment

Budget 2021

Request for municipal funding level with original 2020 budget

Continue to diversify revenue sources through grants and partnerships

Prioritise spending on programming and services for the community and investment in staff as our most valuable and versatile resource

Conclusion

