

REPORT TO THE
COMMUNITY



2022



IMAGINE ... DISCOVER ... CONNECT

COMMITMENT



**Library Board Chair
Daniel Nelles**

Statement from the Chairman of the Board

Airdrie is now a city of greater than 80,000 residents and your Airdrie Public Library (APL) is rising to the challenge of serving a historic record number of patrons. There are many challenges to overcome when a community experiences such rapid growth, but I'm pleased to report that your APL Plan of Service has anticipated these needs. One element of the plan that is particularly geared towards our growing population is the goal of celebrating diversity and cultural awareness. Your library is focused on providing opportunities to help increase the community's understanding and appreciation of Airdrie's diversity, as well as celebrating the heritage of its people. This is an exciting and important goal in place-making and creating an environment where all are welcomed, and all feel a sense of belonging.

APL continues to make strides towards other broad strategic goals, such as helping patrons understand how to find, evaluate, and use information; connecting patrons and Airdrie residents with community resources and services; and, significantly in our very young and family-oriented community, creating young readers by focusing on early literacy. Although limited by a facility that is bursting at the seams, the citizens of Airdrie continue to access library materials and programming at ever-increasing rates – this is a credit to the fine work being done by the world-class staff at APL!

We are already quite far down the road towards breaking ground on the new multi-use facility and library in Airdrie, and your Airdrie Public Library Board of Trustees sincerely looks forward to celebrating many new milestones in this project with members of the community over the coming months.

Statement from the Library Director

APL programmers celebrated the return to post-pandemic programming by creating a range of exciting new offerings. Library programs in 2022 included ASL storytimes, an LGBTQ2S+ book club, and “design our future library” programs in LEGO, Tinkercad and Minecraft. The more than 1,000 children and caregivers that attended APL's annual Mighty Machines fair in September gave clear indication that the community was ready to come back to the library in droves.



**Library Director
Pamela Medland**

INNOVATION



2022 saw the introduction of APL-owned e-books. Previously, all e-books available to Airdrie patrons were owned by the Marigold Library System or available for loan to Airdronians through sharing agreements with other Alberta libraries. Thanks to the generous support of the Advocates of the Airdrie Library, the John and Peggy Graham Fund for Early Literacy, The Kiwanis Club of Airdrie Foothills, and the Rotary Club of Airdrie, APL now owns more than 2,500 e-titles (and growing).

GROWTH

APL continues to return to pre-pandemic service measures, surpassing our all-time high last year in three areas:

- 1) membership (26,480),
- 2) website visits (123,123),
- 3) program attendance (29,138).



EXCELLENCE



170,047

Visits to library

123,123

Visits to website

18,987

Questions
answered

26,480

Library
members



4,607

Genesis Place -
items borrowed

581,447

Items borrowed



EXCELLENCE

29,138

Program attendees

1,475

Programs offered

12,441

In-person program attendance



75,710

Items owned

16,444

Items added

70,965

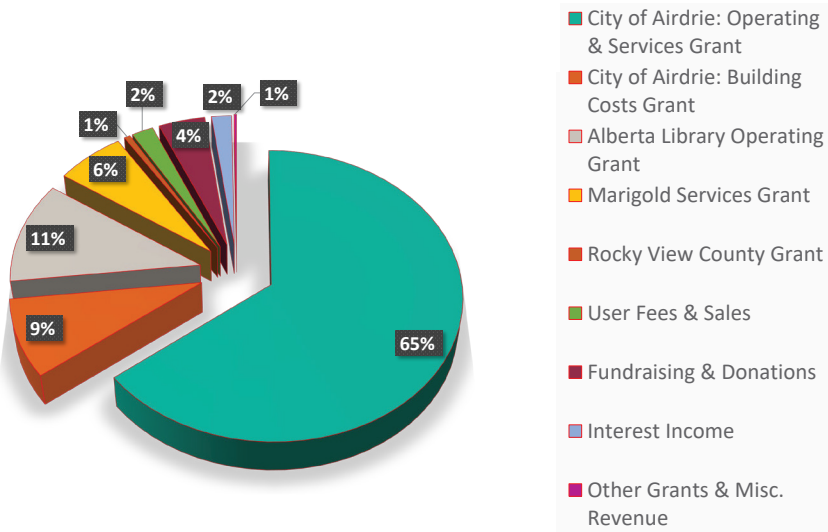
Digital downloads

205,205

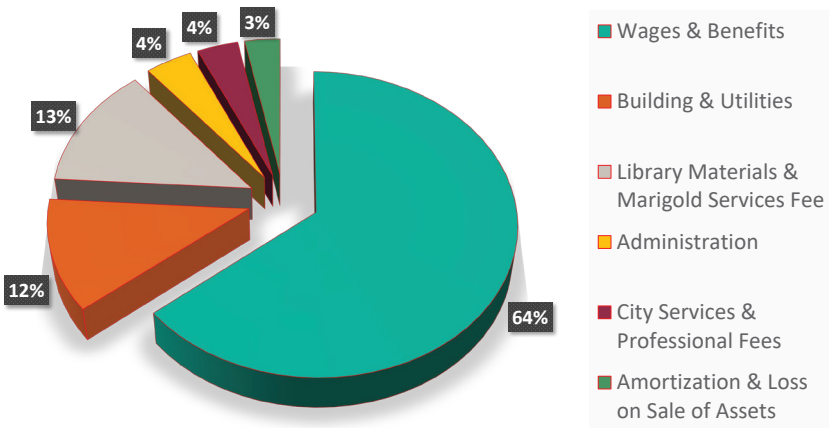
Computer & Wi-Fi use



Revenue 2022



Expenditures 2022



Visit Airdrie Public Library's website
airdriepubliclibrary.ca
 for a copy of our 2022 audited financial statements.

APPRECIATION

APL receives financial support from government, business, service clubs, individuals and fundraising activities. We are proud to recognize our partners and contributors for their generous support of our events, programs and services.

Visionary: \$25,000 and up

Advocates for Airdrie Public Library

Community Builder: \$10,000-\$24,999

Vitreous Glass

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Airdrie 1st Club
Airdrie Eyecare Centre
BrokerLink
Chinook Gate
Harold Sanders
John and Peggy Graham Fund
for Early Literacy
Kiwanis Club of Airdrie Foothills

Kumon Math & Reading Centre
Lanark Landing and
Cobblestone Creek by Melcor
Nancy Jeffray
Nose Creek Elementary School
Rotary Club of Airdrie
Salon Harper Airdrie
TD

Promoter: \$100-\$999

Airdrie Chrysler Dodge Jeep
Airdrie Lions Club
Barry and Gina Buchanan
Bert Church Theatre
Blue Fern Denture Clinic
Bow Valley Credit Union
Brian Gresl
Carmen Zlatnik
Cobs Bread Towerlane Mall
Dairy Queen DQ & Chill Bar

Darrell & Susan Frazer
Genesis Place
Gummi Boutique Airdrie
Jana Brigden
Jane Bartlet-Hessdorfer
John Goldsmith
John Paddon
Kelsey Osborne
Lucynda Takacs
Nancy & Robert Dempster

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Shoppers Drug Mart
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IMPACT

“My Child’s favorite day is Tuesday. She loves learning with Miss Cindy. She is very quiet around new people, and this helped a lot. She will now talk to other children without my help.”

“Wonderful to have fun with other women in the community. I enjoy being artistic but do not [normally] fit in, so this was a real treat.”

“I’m First Nations and really enjoyed having the opportunity to have a class for myself and daughter.” - Drum Circle

“I recently moved to Airdrie and by surprise, found the library and my new life here opened up.”

“I love teen programming for my kids. They’ve grown up @ APL and still love to come as teens.”

OUR MISSION

Airdrie Public Library fosters literacy, knowledge and cultural connections. We seek to inspire lifelong learning, imagination and creativity through our inclusive programs, services and collections.



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