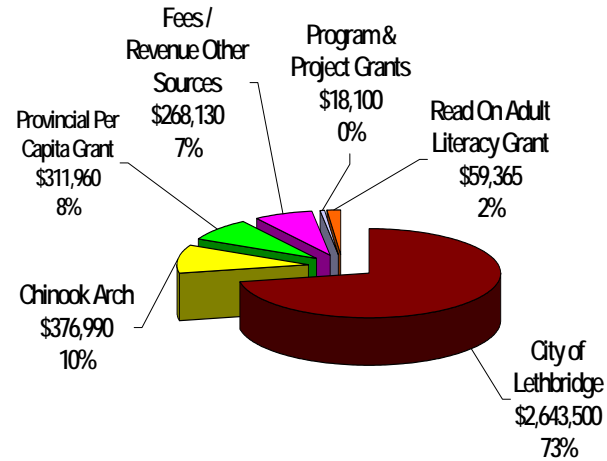
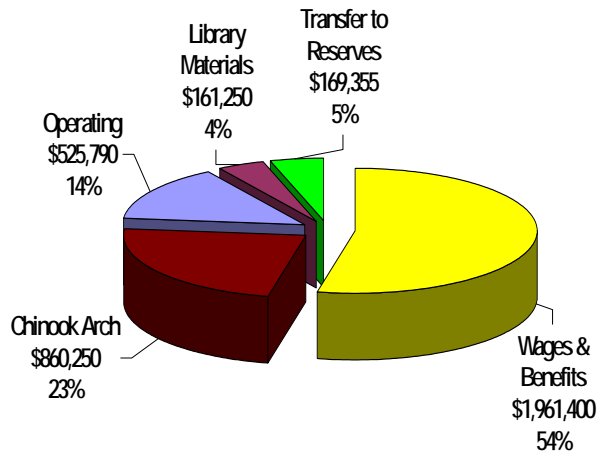


Financial Picture

Revenue



Expenditures



Lethbridge Public Library

Quick Statistics

Visits	434,738
Items Loaned	775,984
In-House Use of Materials	164,965
Collection Size	424,053
Program Attendance	40,766
Items Borrowed from Libraries Continent Wide	22,352
Volunteers	286
Volunteer Hours Contributed	8,564
Total Operating Budget	\$3,678,045
Hours Open to the Public	5,000

Mission Statement

Lethbridge Public Library, as a key information provider and community meeting place, strives to offer the best possible service at all times to all persons. Reaching out to a diversity of cultures, the Library endeavours to promote lifelong learning, advocate the importance of the community and encourage the empowerment of the individual through increased knowledge.

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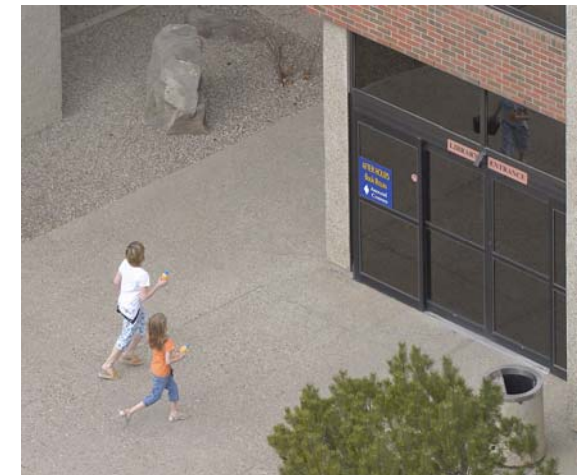
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Annual Report 2005



- ① **Alberta's 100th Birthday** - Cake was served by ladies in period costume, black and white photographs of days gone by were displayed and local talent lit up the stage. The Library gathered with the Galt Museum, the Lethbridge Herald, the Historical Society and Storycatchers to present *'Preserving the Past and Sharing Today'* on September 1.
- ② **The Bookmobile 20th Anniversary** celebrations took place from October 17 – 22. Chocolates were handed out at each stop during the week and patrons were invited to enter a draw for prizes which included Library book bags, frisbees and more.
- ③ The 1st **'Connecting People to Ideas' Gala** was held on September 14, by the Lethbridge Public Library Board for those in the community who are and have the potential to be ambassadors for the Library. The evening included a showcase of the Library's services and highlights of its role in our community.
- ④ The September **announcement of a new West Lethbridge Multi-Use Centre**, incorporating a Library branch along with a Public and Separate High School, was exciting news for the Library and the City of Lethbridge.

Key Information Provider - Global Info to Go
Information Services staff answered over **97,129 reference questions** in person, by phone, email and via the provincial online *'Ask a Question'*. Children's & Bookmobile Services staff answered **78,019 reference questions**.

Resource Sharing – Patrons from other Chinook Arch libraries borrowed **46,782 items** directly from Lethbridge Public Library while another **39,609 items were delivered to other Chinook Arch Regional Library System (CARLS) libraries** via the Chinook delivery van, bringing the total number of Lethbridge Public Library items loaned to patrons from other Chinook Arch libraries to **86,391**. Lethbridge Public Library patrons borrowed over **20,700 items from CARLS**. Lethbridge Public Library patrons also borrowed **1,600 items** from across **North America and the world**.



Remote access from our website allowed customers to **log into their accounts 149,859 times** (*renewing items and placing 'holds'*). **Internet searches** of the Library catalogue and databases that the Library subscribes to **totaled 445,761**. **General visits** to the homepage - www.lethbridgepubliclibrary.ca - were **161,896**.

The Library's collection of **books** (*print & audio*), **CDs**, **videos** and **DVDs**, etc. **totaled 424,053** in 2005.

Community Meeting Place - *A Gathering Spot in the Heart of Downtown*

As a civic gathering place, the Library **sponsored 208 events** and **partnered 171 programs** in the Community Meeting Room and Theatre Gallery **attended by 8,433 people**. During 2005, world-renowned Alberta **Author Aritha Van Herk** visited as part of the *Centennial Write Around Alberta* initiative. Huge audiences attended both the *Banff Mountain Film Festival* and the *International Film Festival*. During *Library Week* in October, Lethbridge Public Library participated in the *Great Alberta Reading Challenge*. The Challenge was offered across Alberta by public libraries. Everyone in the community was encouraged to read 'anything for 15 minutes' - Lethbridge placed first in the mid-size city category and third in Alberta for overall number of readers participating.

Parents and children numbering **14,884 attended** our **children's programs**. **Public Internet stations** in the **Children's Services area** were **used by 4,273 children** as the maximum session length was expanded from half-hour to one-hour sessions.

**Strives to Offer the Best Possible Service -
 Super Service That is the Same for Everyone**
Books were **delivered to 64 homebound patrons** by **35 volunteers**.

There were **155 readers and volunteers** registered in the Library's *Summer Reading* program (*Ready, Set, Read!*) and participants **read 2,301 books**. **Hours** logged by readers **totaled 618** and **volunteers contributed** a total of **524 hours**.

In 2005, the Library **provided 12 databases** which were available for use in the Library or from home with a library barcode and PIN. Databases provided full-text **access to 2 encyclopedias** and **over 5,000 magazines** and **newspapers**.

Bookmobile statistics show that **21,088 people visited the Bookmobile**, our library on wheels that comes to you at 19 weekly stops throughout Lethbridge.

Lifelong Learning - We Are Here for Every Stage of Your Life
Storytellers-at-Large brought the rich tradition of oral storytelling to **12,125 children** in **61 Lethbridge schools, daycares** and **community venues**.

Library members **borrowed 3,477 toys** providing hours of play – a fun and important part of child development.

The *Books-on-the-Move* program saw **2,700 books** delivered to the **Lethbridge Regional Hospital** and **15 seniors' residences** throughout the City by Library staff and **36 Rotary Club volunteers**.

The *Rhyme Time* program reached out to **770 adults** and **883 children** in the community.

Librarians supervised **258 distance education exams** for students enrolled in college and university courses.



Increased Knowledge - *Open Your World*

92% of *Read On Adult Literacy* students reported that they could see they were making progress towards their goals and that their tutors were teaching them what they needed to know.

High speed free **Internet work stations** offering Microsoft Office and databases were utilized more than **55,580 times** and our **3 Quick Use** (*20 minute limit, access card not required*) proved to be very popular.

Staff facilitated **31 classes** on the Library's **online catalogue, online databases** and on **website authentication and Internet use by children**.

In 2005, the **listening and viewing stations** in the audiovisual area were used **over 3,700 times** by patrons wishing to enjoy **CDs, cassettes, non-fiction videos** and **DVDs** from the Library's collection.

In 2005, the *Read On* program had **95 working tutors, 106 working students** and **57 other program volunteers**. A total of **5,071 hours** were logged by students and tutors.

Art exhibits in the gallery included a **unique exhibition** in November entitled *'Visions of Alberta'* which featured **20 artworks** selected to show the history, character and beauty of Alberta.

Looking Ahead

Needs Assessment & Strategic Planning Report Commissioned

Designing a roadmap to allow the Library to determine services that You, Your Family and Future Generations will enjoy for years to come was a priority for 2005.

The Library Board retained Hirano and Heaton Architects, in partnership with Resource Planning Group Inc. to conduct a Needs Assessment, Facilities and Services Strategic Plan to identify Lethbridge's library services needs up to the year 2030.

Library Design

Providing inviting Library facilities that stand the test of time was the focus of *Library Design & Planning 2030 & Beyond* held in June at Lethbridge Public Library. The workshop was attended by staff, trustees and administrators from around Alberta.

New Technology

Make a Reservation - the Library's acquisition of PC Reservation, a new software program by Envisionware, in January allowed Library customers to book their own reservations on the Library's 12 public computers.

New Print Release stations and the Easy Card were available in the Spring and gave customers full control over their print jobs.