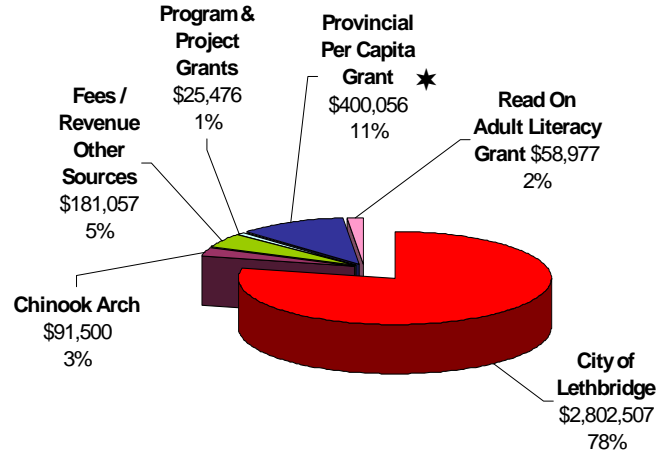


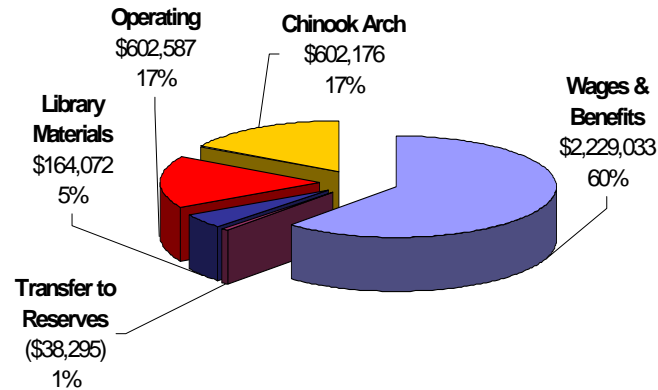
# Financial Picture

## Revenues



★ Plus \$63,000 placed in trust for use in 2007.

## Expenditures



# Lethbridge Public Library

# Quick Statistics

Visits	623,820
Items Loaned	729,829
In-House Use of Materials	133,381
Collection Size	425,034
Program Attendance	44,694
Items Borrowed from Libraries Continent Wide	30,653
Volunteers	253
Volunteer Hours Contributed	8,351
Total Operating Budget	\$3,416,400
Hours Open to the Public	4,840

## 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.*

## Library Board

Bob Higgins ( <i>Chair</i> )	Charlotte Caton
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# Annual Report 2006



- ① **Lethbridge's Centennial Year** was celebrated at the Library with *An Edwardian Soiree* – the re-creation of an intimate 1906 musical evening. The performance, by the University of Lethbridge Faculty of Fine Arts, also featured a show of fashions from 1906 – 1940.
- ② The dedication of the **Lois Hole Memorial Garden**, a joint project of the Library, Lethbridge and District Horticultural Society and the City of Lethbridge was held on International Literacy Day in September, with Jim Hole unveiling the plaque.
- ③ The **announcement of a one-time Community Development Grant** from the province was exciting news. The Lethbridge Public Library decided to use the grant to transform the Main Library's South Wing to emulate a Downtown Community Branch Service. Design plans were shared at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Connecting People to Ideas Gala in October.

### Key Information Provider - Global Info to Go

**Information Services** staff answered over **98,000 reference questions** in person, by phone, email and via the provincial online *'Ask a Question'*. Children's & Bookmobile Services staff answered **66,048 reference questions**.

**Resource Sharing** – Patrons from other Chinook Arch libraries borrowed **23,828 items** directly from Lethbridge Public Library while another **44,066 items were delivered to other Chinook Arch Regional Library System libraries** via the Chinook delivery van, bringing the total number of Lethbridge Public Library items loaned to patrons from other Chinook Arch libraries to **67,894**. Lethbridge Public Library patrons borrowed over **29,000 items from Chinook Arch**. Lethbridge Public Library patrons also borrowed **1,401 items** from libraries across **North America and the world**.

Remote access from our website allowed customers to **log into their accounts 173,003 times** (*renewing items and placing 'holds'*). **Internet searches** of the Library catalogue and databases that the Library subscribes to **totaled 433,399**. **General visits** to the homepage - [www.lethbridgepubliclibrary.ca](http://www.lethbridgepubliclibrary.ca) - were **181,060**.

The Library's collection of **books (print & audio), CDs, videos and DVDs, etc. totaled 425,034** in 2006.



### Community Meeting Place -

#### *A Gathering Spot in the Heart of Downtown*

As a civic gathering place, the Library **sponsored 232 events** and **partnered 178 programs** in the Community Meeting Room and Theatre Gallery **attended by 15,033 people**. During 2006, exciting events included a federal **election candidates' forum**, a **Seniors' Fair** and our 1<sup>st</sup> **Foreign Film Festival**.

Parents and children numbering **23,151 attended** our **children's programs**. **Public Internet stations** in the **Children's Services area** were **used by 4,238 children**.

### Strives to Offer the Best Possible Service -

#### *Super Service That is the Same for Everyone*

**Books** were **delivered to 22 homebound patrons** by **22 volunteers**.

There were **147 readers and volunteers** registered in the Library's **Summer Reading program (Ready, Set, Read!)** and participants **read 3,004 books**. **Hours** logged by readers **totaled 527** and **volunteers contributed** a total of **1,131 hours**.

## New and Future Services

- ① A **25-year long term service delivery model** was adopted utilizing the results of the 2005 Needs Assessment Study. It includes a West Lethbridge Community Library branch, two smaller neighbourhood branches and a new Main Library.
- ② Plans for the new **West Lethbridge Community Branch**, by SHB Architects, foresee the Branch as a dynamic urban catalyst. The Library Board secured \$8M in funding from the City of Lethbridge for the construction of a 20,000 sq. ft. Library / civic gathering place within the high schools / public library / sports fields complex. It is scheduled to open in 2009.
- ③ The Chinook Arch Regional Library System facilitated a **cellular wireless network service** which allows LPL's Bookmobile customers to access in real time the online catalogue, check 'out' and 'in' items; search other electronic databases on the Internet, browse our website and perform the same online functions as the Main Library offers.

In 2006, the Library **provided 26 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, a number of reference books, automotive repair information, over 5,000 magazines and newspapers**.

Bookmobile statistics show that **48,717 people visited the Bookmobile**, our library on wheels that comes to you at **18 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 **8,725 children** in **28 Lethbridge schools, daycares and community venues**.

Library members **borrowed 3,116 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 **16 seniors' residences** throughout the City by Library staff and **45 Rotary Club volunteers**.

The *Rhyme Time* program reached out to **766 adults** and **982 children** in the community.

Librarians supervised **338 distance education exams** for students enrolled in college and university courses.



### Increased Knowledge - Open Your World

**97%** 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 **56,000 times** and our **3 Quick Use Stations (20 minute limit, access card not required)** proved to be very popular.

Staff facilitated **61 classes** on the Library's **online catalogue, online databases** and on **website authentication and Internet use by children**.

In 2006, the **listening and viewing stations** in the audiovisual area were used **over 3,800 times** by patrons wishing to enjoy **CDs, cassettes, non-fiction videos and DVDs** from the Library's collection.

In 2006, the *Read On* program had **84 working tutors, 104 working students** and **36 other program volunteers**. A total of **5,000 hours** were logged by students and tutors.

**Ten Art exhibits** in the gallery in 2006 featured artworks from national, provincial and local artists. **'From Avignon to Immobility and 63 Hours'** for the months of April and May highlighted the work of two local photographers.