

*REPORT TO THE*  
**COMMUNITY**



**2022**



*IMAGINE ... DISCOVER ... CONNECT*

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# COMMITMENT

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**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.

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## 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 story-times, 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**

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# INNOVATION

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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).

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# GROWTH

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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**

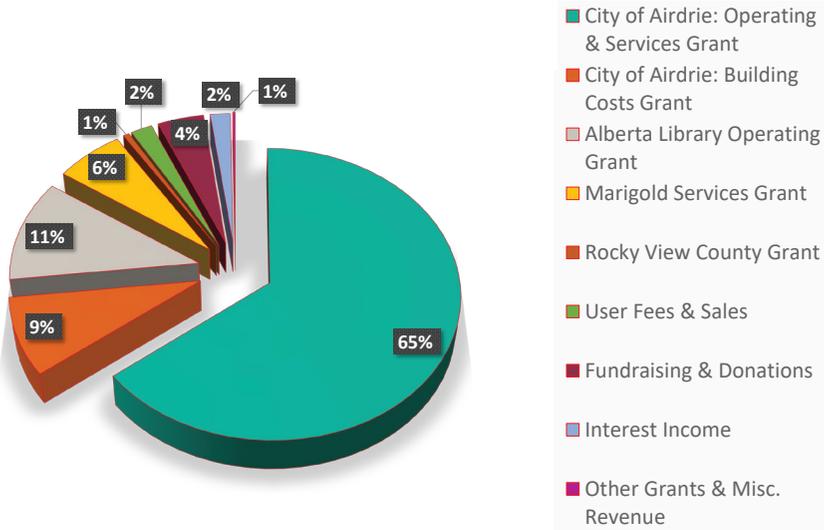
Digital downloads

**205,205**

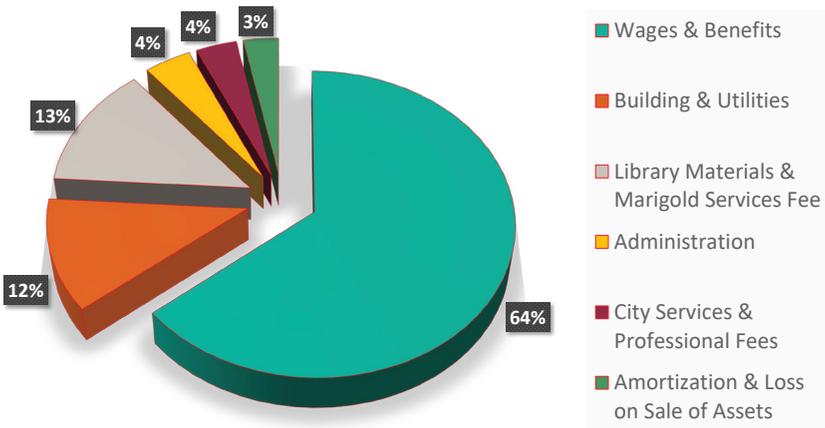
Computer & Wi-Fi use



## Revenue 2022



## Expenditures 2022



Visit Airdrie Public Library's website  
[airdriepubliclibrary.ca](http://airdriepubliclibrary.ca)  
 for a copy of our 2022 audited financial statements.

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# APPRECIATION

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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

## Benefactor: \$1,000-\$9,999

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

Pamela Medland  
Rocky Mountain Symphony  
Orchestra  
Roland Beisswenger  
Rose Wolstenholme  
Sharon Uhrich  
Shoppers Drug Mart  
Tracey Forbes  
Treasure Cove Collectables

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## Partners

City of Airdrie, Marigold Library System, Province of Alberta, Rocky View County

**A special thank you to all of  
our supporters and many volunteers.**

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# IMPACT

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“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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