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Thompson Public Library

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It is the mission of the Thompson Public Library, through the provision of informational, educational, cultural, and recreational library materials and services to ensure the right to free and open community access to diverse information and ideas fundamental to a democracy.

Vision: To be a life-long learning centre through the provision of creative literacy services to the community and region.

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Why Libraries?

There is nothing like a public library!

Libraries are per definition an awesome thing. I mean – books! Lots of them! In shelves, ordered, and with a searchable catalogue! Add to that an always friendly and always helpful staff, even more wonderful books, a very good catalogue and the possibility to request inter-library loans with no hassle and no cost. Then you have my library. (<http://www.pallia.net/>)

They're one of the last places you can spend time where you aren't being sold something. Every time I read an article talking about how libraries can diversify their income in tough times by putting in a coffee shop a small part of me dies. If I want coffee I'll go to a coffee shop. In these commercialised times, where everything is judged by its monetary value, I believe our wellbeing as a nation comes down to our access to libraries and parks. Both of them free to all, funded by all (of us that pay our taxes), they ask nothing of us but give us so much. (Books from Basford)

One of the many arguments in favour of good old-fashioned libraries – the bricks and mortar, hardcopy, poking-around-in-the-stacks variety – is the un-measurable element of serendipity: things you happen upon when looking for something else. (Michael Welland)

It's still the weight of the book that calms me, the feel of the paper under my fingertips as I turn the page that grabs me. This pleasure is sharpened by understanding that what I love at this moment has only been loaned to me. I can possess it fully but temporarily -- just like life. (Gina Barreca)

Libraries are a wonderful place. They provide countless services and are often times the center of the community. They bring community members together through events and programs; offer internet access and research options to those who would otherwise be without; and supply an endless amount of knowledge simply by walking through their doors. Libraries allow users to travel the world, discover

new languages and encounter numerous adventures all housed under the same roof. If you can't make it to the physical library, eBooks and digital audiobooks can provide the same privileges with the click of a button, from anywhere in the world. (OverDrive blog)

2015 saw an increase in the number of computer users. A new printer offered the ability to print, fax, scan to email, and copy. This service has been very well used.



Thompson Community Foundation and the Moffat Foundation once again provided us with a grant to upgrade library fixtures. Money allowed the purchase of a new graphic novel display, projector and bulletin board. We are very thankful to the Thompson

Community Foundation for their support of the library.

The Board of the library served the community in 2015 with their involvement in both library and community activities – representing the library at Literacy Day at the mall; providing food and extra pairs of hands for library programs; attending board meetings and making difficult decisions.

Thompson Public Library staff members are some of the most helpful, friendly people you could meet and their role in making the library a community place cannot be stressed enough. Finding “that book”, helping someone with a resume, giving directions to newcomers, letting people know about other community services that may be able to serve them better, running programs for kids and adults, appearing on the radio and writing a monthly article for the local paper are just some of the ways that the staff serve Thompson.

With a 30000 plus diverse collection of items to borrow, 7 public computers, an online catalogue, access to online databases, free eBooks, Thompson Public Library has much to love.

Thompson Public Library Events in 2015:









Thank you to the City of Thompson, Mayor and Council. The continued financial support benefits the library and the community of Thompson.

The dedication, passion, talent and creativity of the Library Staff make the library a warm, welcome, growing place. Thanks to all of you. You are a great team! Your show your love for the community! Thank you to the Province of Manitoba for its grant funding to Public Libraries. Many thanks to the Board of Trustees; the time and effort you provide are much appreciated. Thompson Public Library looks forward to a great 2016.

Cheryl Davies
Administrator

Cathy Neziol
Board Chair

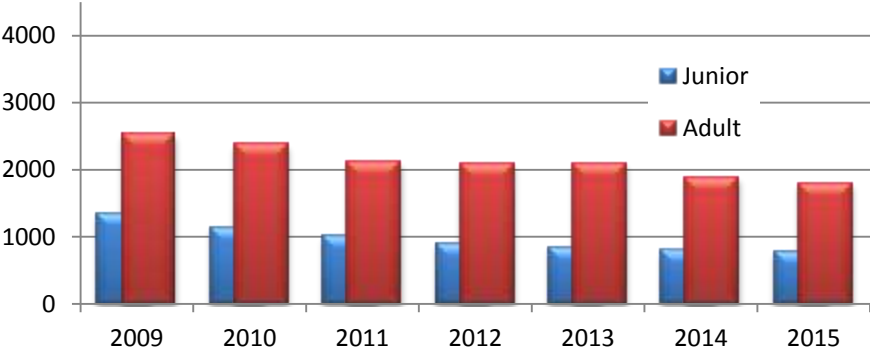
Statement of Operation for 2015

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015			
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS			
REVENUE	2015	2014	
Grants			
City of Thompson	\$ 245,000	\$ 239,065	
Province of Manitoba	118,046	118,046	
Other revenue	3,492	3,526	
Fines and book sales	14,486	14,683	
Program funding	5,714	9,555	
Donations	1,897	1,135	
	<u>388,635</u>	<u>386,010</u>	
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and wages	173,966	175,610	
Repairs and maintenance	5,238	6,635	
Board expenses	-	313	
Employee benefits	42,277	54,453	
Utilities	23,084	24,394	
Software	8,481	6,202	
Library supplies	10,156	7,626	
Book box program	2,251	1,755	
Communications	6,237	6,135	
Office and postage	4,086	3,863	
General	677	1,725	
Insurance	5,438	5,146	
Periodicals	3,761	3,474	
Special project	-	5,751	
Travel and seminars	707	1,634	
Professional fees	1,340	1,135	
Duplicating	26	160	
Advertising	1,051	539	
Janitorial / gardening	18,147	18,041	
Amortization	71,921	77,656	
Other - Payroll tax	4,012	4,270	
	<u>382,856</u>	<u>406,517</u>	
ANNUAL SURPLUS	<u>5,779</u>	<u>(20,507)</u>	
Accumulated Surplus, beginning of year	<u>222,937</u>	<u>243,444</u>	
Accumulated Surplus, end of year	<u>\$ 228,716</u>	<u>\$ 222,937</u>	

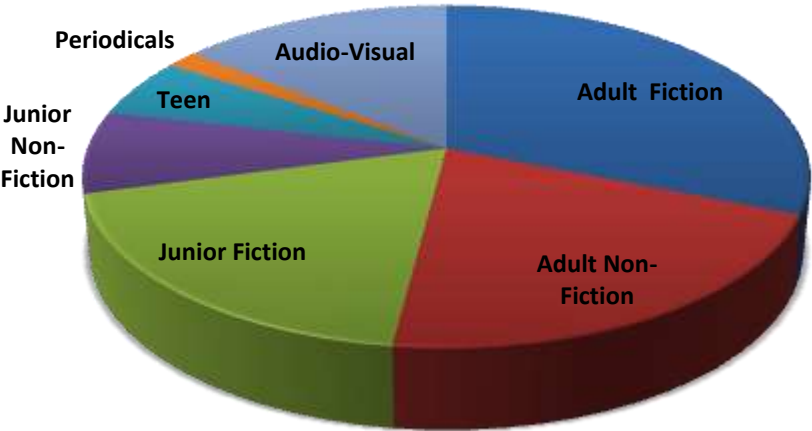
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015			
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS			
	2015 Total	2014 Total	
ANNUAL SURPLUS	\$ 5,779	\$ (20,507)	
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	(2,548)	2,548	
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(44,284)	(55,876)	
Amortization of tangible capital assets	71,921	77,656	
	<u>25,079</u>	<u>24,328</u>	
CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	<u>30,858</u>	<u>3,821</u>	
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, Beginning of year	<u>(14,417)</u>	<u>(18,238)</u>	
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, End of year	<u>\$ 16,441</u>	<u>\$ (14,417)</u>	

Books, cds, dvds

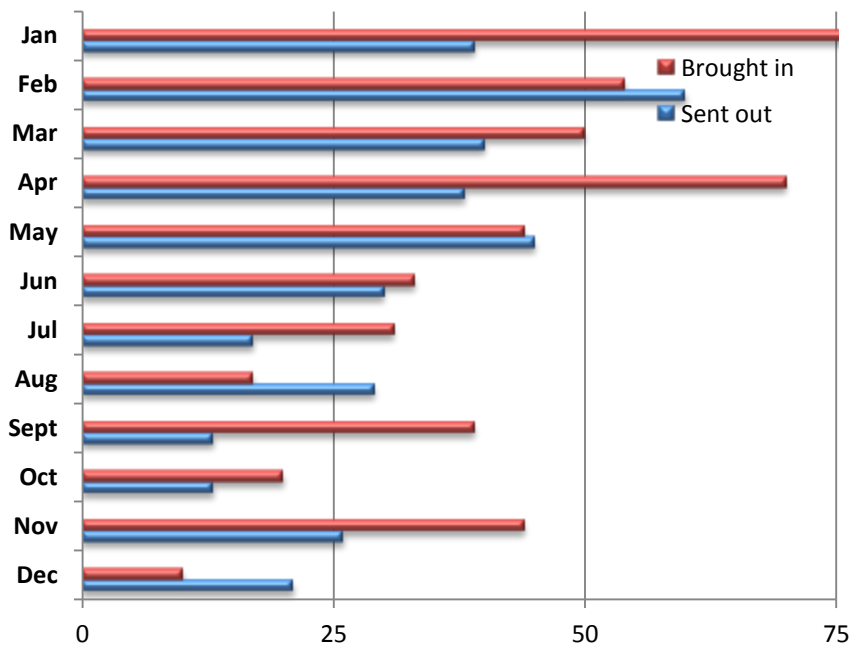
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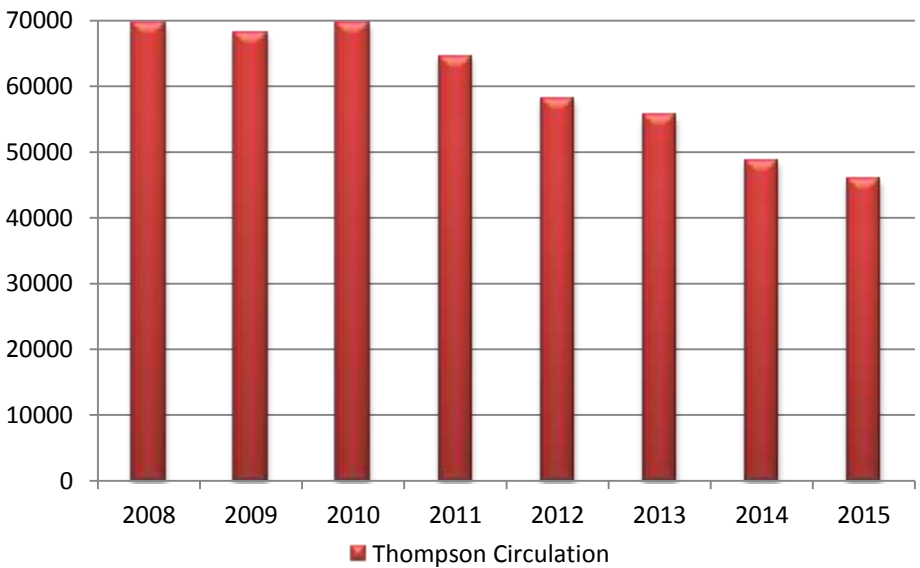
Collection



Inter-library Loans



Circulation Statistics



Computer Use

