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OR USING OUR RESOURCES,  
YOU ARE WHAT KEEPS US  
GOING.

# A YEAR IN REVIEW



FEB

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK



APR

RECEIVED SHIPMENT OF COVID RAPID TESTS TO DISPURSE



JUN-  
SEPT

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS



AUG

PIONEER DAYS PARADE FLOAT



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SANTA AT THE LIBRARY!

## ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS

**3790**

## NEW MEMBERSHIPS

**744**

## TOTAL CIRCULATION:

**244,431**

## WEBSITE VISITS

**31,474**

## SUMMER PROGRAMS:

**TOTAL REGISTRANTS: 338**

**AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 16 CHILDREN**

**MOST POPULAR SUMMER CLASSES: ART, THEATRE, CREATIVE BUILDING, DRAWING, BOOK CLUB AND BOARD GAMES**

CARDHOLDERS:

**20,132**

eLIBRARY LOANS:

**42,884**

INTERLIBRARY LOANS:

**LENDING 802**  
**BORROWING 735**

COMPUTER BOOKINGS:

**1888**

FINANCES:

**INCOME/REVENUE:**

**CITY OF STEINBACH: 319,000**

**PROVINCE OF MB: 167,815**

**MISC. GRANTS: 40,000**

**LIBRARY-GENERATED: 72,690**

**TOTAL REVENUE: 599,505**

**EXPENDITURES:**

**ACQUISITIONS: 40,050**

**COMPUTER & PHONE**

**EXPENSES: 8165**

**CONTRACT MAINTENANCE:**  
**18,360**

**PROFESSIONAL**

**DEVELOPMENT: 2195**

**LIBRARY/OFFICE SUPPLIES:**  
**20,200**

**PROGRAM SUPPLIES: 5205**

**RENT: 140,000**

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE: 4985**

**BANK FEES: 2345**

**WAGES & BENEFITS: 358,000**

**TOTAL EXPENSES: 599,505**



Jake Epp Library's  
**SUMMER MEMBERSHIP**  
is open to everyone, regardless of participation in other summer programming  
**for \$20**  
Valid from June 15th  
to August 31st, 2022

Please note that if you live in the city of Stanbrook, you are eligible for a free annual membership - dependent on having current identification and proof of address



# A WORD FROM OUR LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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**"The Unknown is where possibility glitters..."**

**-Michelle Obama, *The Light We Carry***

**POSSIBILITY** is the perfect word to use to describe 2022. As a new phase of the pandemic began, so did the possibilities that come with rebuilding. For the library, that meant dreaming and planning and creating a brand new way of delivering services and programs to our wonderful community. And, boy, did the glitter rain down! Our patrons continuously showed up to try new things, read new books, and embrace new opportunities! Each month of 2022 seemed to bring more people into the library than the one before and the associated excitement from staff and patrons was glitteringly palpable. Since I started in the position of library director in 2020, this past year felt like an inaugural one for me in many ways! It was the first time the phrase, "Just wait till you see how much the library is used in summer!" made full sense to me! I would, of course, be remiss if I didn't send out some glittery thank you's to the amazing, capable, flexible, resilient and fearless JEL library staff, to the committed and steadfast library board, and to the many eager and supportive patrons who made this rebuilding year possible: **THANK YOU!** May we all continue to embrace the glittering possibilities of the upcoming year!



**CHRYSTIE KROEKER BOGGS**

*Jake Epp Library, Library Director*

# LOCAL NEWS ARTICLES ABOUT THE LIBRARY IN 2022



## COMMUNITY

### Make friends and build connections at Jake Epp Library

Written by Lexi Ollrowich Thursday, Nov 17 2022, 5:00 AM

The Jake Epp Library hosts a large variety of events that each occur once a month. Typically, libraries are known to be quiet places to find a book, read a book, and leave, but Jake Epp Library is a place that encourages not only reading but connecting with others. Stephanie McLean, Program Coordinator at the Jake Epp Library, says it's amazing to see everyone form friendships through the different programs they offer. "Families meet each other, their kids become friends, so those are just super special moments."

Some of their most popular events are the Book Clubs. They have Book Clubs for all ages and reading levels, from elementary to adult. McLean says she enjoys Book Clubs because she loves to see little kids get passionate about reading. Their youngest Book Club is ages kindergarten to grade 3. "It's a read-aloud circle, and they put up their hand and read to the group, and every time a kid comes for the first time you can tell they're a little scared of that, so they often are an observer," she says. "But seeing them grow in confidence and want to read in front of a group is such a heart-filling moment." Book Club and the rest of the events at the library, such as Board Game Night, are great places to meet people and make friends with similar interests as you. "We have kids who just love board games, and maybe their friends at school don't share that same passion or have other activities they do in the evenings," she says. "So these kids get to play board games together and they absolutely love it, they thrive, and so it's really neat seeing kids connect."

Currently, their Book Club for teens is reading through the Harry Potter series. Every month they read through a different book in the series.

The library also hosts a spin-off Book Club for preschoolers called Story Corner. "Our preschoolers get to come and read stories as a big group. We put them up on the projector in the library and we read stories and do some games, music, and stuff like that."

McLean also notes that their Movie Night is back. Once a month they choose a movie, gather in the children's area, and project the movie onto the wall.

She says the library is always full of people reading, socializing, and having fun. "Every weekday evening our multipurpose room is full with different events." McLean goes on to say it is important to make programming accessible to kids who may not be able to afford to do activities elsewhere. She is glad the library can be a place for both kids and adults to connect and learn. "They have access to our library and the events we offer. All of our programs are free, and everything ties back to learning, socializing and incorporating literacy into everyday things."

Although the library hosts lots of events, they provide nice quiet nooks throughout the library for those just looking to read in silence. They can close off their multi-purpose room from the rest of the library for events during the day, and once the library is closed, they can open up the wall and have their evening events in the large open space.

McLean says another interesting program is Astronomy Night. They bring their telescope out to Abe's Hill Park and learn about the different stars and planets throughout the sky. "It's all kind of tied back to that learning and literacy, but it's very hands-on. All of our events are aimed to be very hands-on, very practical, and lots of socializing." She notes that adult events are actually 16+, so if your teens are interested in astronomy nights, they can attend those alongside other teen and adult events. For details on all of the programming offered at Jake Epp Library, visit Jake Epp Library's website.

## LOCAL NEWS

## Tremendous response to summer programs at Jake Epp Library

Written by Judy Peters/Kenton Dyck Saturday, Jul 16 2022, 9:55 AM

The revamped summer reading programs are seen as a huge success at the Jake Epp Library in Steinbach. "We've got so much going on," says Steph McLean, Child and Teen Program Coordinator. "We are so excited! Programming is back and it's in full swing." There are weekly programs for kids that are in grade school, from children entering kindergarten all the way up through high school. "That programming is mostly 45-minute classes and clubs that are geared towards creativity, imagination, and literacy," McLean says. "So, we've got board game club, we've got Lego building, creative building club, we've got craft clubs, and art clubs and drawing, and pretty much anything you can imagine that's going to spark imagination and that we can tie into literacy. We've got clubs all week, all summer long for kiddos." McLean is blown away at the strong response to all the classes so far this summer. "It is way more successful I think than even I could have imagined," she admits. "You know, we had no idea, there's no precedent. It's a brand-new program, we kind of revamped the whole summer program. And coming off of two years of offering nothing, we had no expectation."

So far this summer, weekly classes are at or near capacity. McLean notes there are many eager readers enjoying the literacy programs they are offering during the summer months. "We get full classes and they have just been a blast," she adds. "I think people are raring to get their kids into things and getting them social, and the literacy aspect is kind of a bonus on top. It's a fun way of promoting reading without making them feel like they're, you know, stuck in the classroom. It's kind of a win-win for everybody. And for us, it's amazing because the library has just been full already. We're only on week two and it's just been full, so it's been great."

## LOCAL NEWS

## The Jake Epp Library is building confident readers this summer

Written by Ayesha Badiola Tuesday, Aug 16 2022, 10:20 AM

The Jake Epp Library's summer programs have been a staple for kids of all ages when school is not in session. Children and Teen Program Coordinator Steph McLean has worked with her team to offer a variety of activities and programs. "It has been so fantastic and so exciting, full of activity and full of kids," said McLean. This year, they have been offering many opportunities including the Summer Reading Challenge, which offers gift card prizes, and TD's Summer Reading Club Tracker. On Wednesdays, they have Story in the Park for kids of all ages. They also have a book club for elementary and middle school-aged children where Maclean has seen a boost in confidence when it comes to reading aloud. "We have about 12 kids that come every week and they each read a sentence from a book at every turn, and then we pass it down the circle," Maclean said. "The confidence that is built in these kids to be able to do that out loud and not be scared to make a mistake or pronounce something incorrectly. It's been incredible to see that."

Outside of reading, they also offer other activities such as crafts, improv, puppeteering and board games. Flexibility and accessibility were atop their minds for this year's programs. "We also realized that there are so many families that you know have things come up there, or somewhere they can't commit to a full eight weeks of a summer program. So, some of the things we changed have been giving families that option to just do one week at a time," said McLean.

As summer comes to an end, McLean hopes to make the most out of the days we have left. "It's been such a great summer so far, and we're so excited about what more can happen in the next three weeks that we've got." Visit the Jake Epp Library to learn more about their summer programs and memberships.