

Plan of Service

2013-2016

Approved by Town of Sundre Library Board

July 2012

Mission Statement

To contribute to the social, recreational and educational development of the community by providing access to technology, material, information and related services.

Sundre Municipal Library

In 1949, the Sundre Public Library opened in the Women's Institute Hall. Library volunteers took a three-day course, which qualified them to serve as librarians. In its early years, the library was only open one day per week and it was closed for July and August.

As time went by, the library outgrew its allotted space in the WI Hall, and when the school began a library of its own, the public library traded its selection of children's books for the building behind the elementary school. Unfortunately, volunteers soon discovered that this was not a practical move, and the Town agreed to provide a small space in the Fire Hall Building. Throughout the early years of the public's library's operation, many people worked to make it a success.

In the 1970's, when Wild Rose Court was built, it was suggested that the basement area be developed and used for a library. Library supporters helped raise the money necessary for this project. With this new and expanded library completed by 1976, the next improvement was realized when the County of Mountain View amalgamated all of its libraries with Parkland Regional Library of Lacombe, resulting in greater access to books for county residents, the ability to request books from other sources within Parkland, and increased funding.

In 1980 the library reached the status of a Municipal Library.

In 2006 the library relocated again to the Sundre Community Center, a much larger, brighter facility. The library now includes a children's activity and reading area, an expanded young adult and adult section, as well as a large selection of audio books and DVDs. Computer stations are available for public use.

The many volunteers and staff, along with supporters and advocates have all contributed greatly to the library's growth over the decades. The Sundre Municipal Library celebrated its 60th birthday in 2009.

Needs Assessment Process

The Town of Sundre Library Board with the assistance of Alberta Culture and Community Services held a Community Needs Planning Focus Group in the library on April 10, 2012. 32 members of the community, along with 5 Board members participated in sharing their community vision and in determining the needs of Sundre and area.

The service responses were selected with the assistance of 2 Parkland Regional Library Consultants at a meeting held May 28, 2012. Several Board members met with them, and using the info from the Community Needs Focus Group session, it was determined that the Sundre Municipal Library would be able to meet the responses presented in our Plan of Service.

#1 Service Response

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Children from birth to 5 years will have programs and services designed to ensure that they will enter school ready to learn to read, write and listen.

Goal #1

Children and their parents and caregivers in Sundre and area will be provided with quality early literacy programs to enhance their readiness for school.

Objective #1

Each year there will be a 10% increase in the number of children participating in preschool programs coordinated by the library.

Objective #2

Each year there will be a 10% increase in the circulation of material for young children.

Goal #2

Parents and caregivers of young children in Sundre and area will have the skills and resources to support reading readiness.

Objective #1

Each year an Early Literacy Skill Development Program will be provided to parents and caregivers encouraging their child's reading readiness.

Objective #2

Each year 5 theme packs or "Books to Go" bags will be developed by library staff and will be available for parents and caregivers of preschool children to borrow.

#2 Service Response

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Residents will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives.

Goal #1

Residents of Sundre and area will have the materials and programs that allow them to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives.

Objective #1

Each year 80% of adult library users will report that the library's collection of materials for lifelong interest purposes is very good or excellent.

Objective #2

Each year the library will have a minimum of 1 exhibit - art/culture/science - including local personal collections.

#3 Service Response

Stimulate Imagination: Reading Viewing and Listening for Pleasure

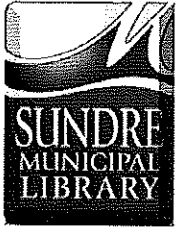
Residents who want materials to enhance their leisure time will find what they want, when and where they want them and will have the help they need to make choices from among the options.

Goal #1

Residents of Sundre and area will have access to the programs they want to enhance their leisure time.

Objective #1

Each year the library will provide/sponsor 6 "Sampler Sessions" in which participants will be exposed to a new skill, leisure activity, craft or a new topic. Examples...falconry, photography, scrapbooking.



Sundre Municipal Library
<http://sundre.prl.ab.ca>

March 15, 2012

Invitation for Community Involvement

On behalf of the Town of Sundre Library Board I would like to extend an invitation for you or a member of your organization/business to participate in a community conversation regarding Sundre's needs.

The Town of Sundre Library Board is seeking input from local community organizations, businesses and citizens of Sundre and the surrounding area. This conversation will help set direction for the library as we seek ways to assist in meeting our community's needs. This is your opportunity to become involved in the library and let us know what services you would like us to offer in the next three to five years.

This is the first step in the library's planning process and we need you. The community engagement session will take place on Tuesday April 10th 2012 at the Sundre Community Center located at 310 Center Street North. The session will run from 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Supper and refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by April 2nd, 2012 to Michael Baird, sundrelibrary@libs.prl.ab.ca or by telephone at 403-638-4000.

We are looking forward to meeting with you and hearing your ideas!

Sincerely,

Michael Baird
Library Director

Marilyn Walker
Board Chair

