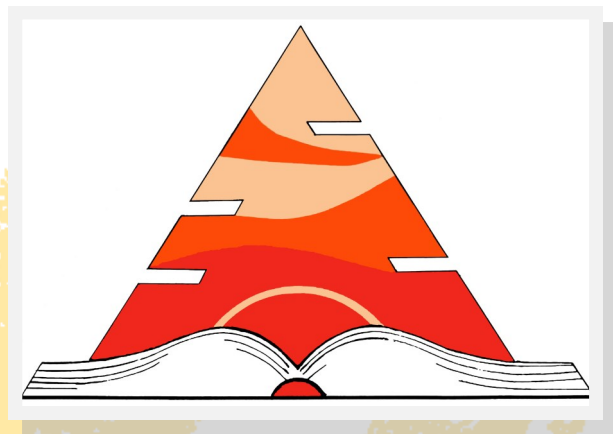


Congratulations to the **Valley View Community School / Beauval Public Library**,  
2018's NRP "Readingest Community" Winner!

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# Chairperson's Report

After the unanticipated turmoil that libraries faced in 2017, a year which will long be remembered for its provincial budget funding crisis and subsequent reversal by sustained public pressure, 2018 was thankfully a calmer and more stable time for libraries in Saskatchewan. Up here in our North, the staff and the trustees of the Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System have once again put in another year of hard work and dedication, working together to continue our long track record of excellent library and information service for Northerners of all ages and backgrounds.

In the aftermath of that 2017 crisis, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education assembled and conducted a provincial public libraries engagement panel in 2018 to identify current and future themes and issues in Saskatchewan librarianship. The PNLS Executive Committee, and the management staff of PNLS Headquarters, met with this public libraries engagement panel at the end of November to express the unique opportunities and unique challenges of library service in the North.

The Ministry of Education compiled that panel's experiences into a public report, released in January of 2019, that identified eight key themes of concern and importance to Saskatchewan libraries. The ensuing public opinion survey on those themes received over 5,800 entries, with Northerners, and all Saskatchewan residents, making it loud and clear that they strongly support and strongly value the services of their libraries. We here at PNLS once again thank everyone that has shown their support for libraries, and we consider ourselves incredibly fortunate to be able to serve such passionate and dedicated communities.

I am very proud of the regional programming initiatives and supports that PNLS offers to all of the libraries and schools in Northern Saskatchewan, and doubly proud of the work that the PNLS Headquarters staff, and Assistant Director Harriet Roy in particular, put into ensuring that these programming options are as successful and as accessible as possible. The Northern Reading Program Tour in our far north, with performer Rebecca Grambo, and the Summer Reading Program Tour to public libraries, with performer Danica Lorier, were both exciting and popular attractions in all of the communities they visited.

The Northern Saskatchewan Archives Open House welcomed one hundred and ten attendees, and was once again an incredible success. The PNLS Northern Library Conference was a fantastic professional development opportunity for all member library staff, with sessions and presentations geared to keep library staff all across the North as healthy and as happy as possible in the important work that they do. PNLS was also able to offer all northern Saskatchewan libraries a one-time grant of \$1,000 in 2018 for family literacy initiatives, allowing member libraries of all sizes to create flexible and community-tailored opportunities for holistic, inclusive family literacy development.

Please join me in congratulating Beauval's Valley View Community School & Beauval Public Library for their victory in the 2018 Northern Reading Program "Readingest Community" competition, and in congratulating Pre-Cam Community School in La Ronge on winning the 2018 Northern Reading Program bulletin board contest.

I once again wish to thank all of the PNLS headquarters staff, member library staff, and PNLS board members for their hard work all throughout the year. This was my first year as Chairperson of the PNLS Board of Trustees, and I am grateful to all who have helped me grow more familiar with the role.

Our staff and our communities will continue to foster a healthy environment for libraries, for reading, and for learning all across Northern Saskatchewan, guided as always by our Vision Statement: ***The Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System will lead the North to information.***

**Darlene Morin, Board Chairperson, Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System**

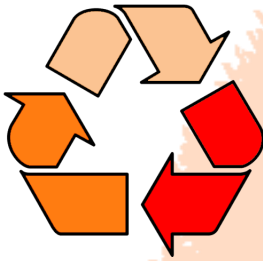


# ***PNLS in 2018***

**11,155 Patron Records**  
**986 New Patrons**  
**166,367 Titles Held**  
**14,420 New Titles**  
**341,559 Items Held**  
**19,312 New Items**  
**16,659 Website Sessions**  
**57,526 Website Pageviews**  
**82,664 Item Checkouts**  
**97,721 Total Circulations**



**Rebecca Grambo** was the performer for our 2018 Northern Reading Program Tour. The 2018 NRP theme was "Reduce, Recycle, Re-READ!"



**Danica Lorser** was the performer for our 2018 Summer Reading Program Tour.



Director **James Hope Howard** and the 2018-2019 **Pahkisimon Nuye?ah Library System Board of Trustees**.

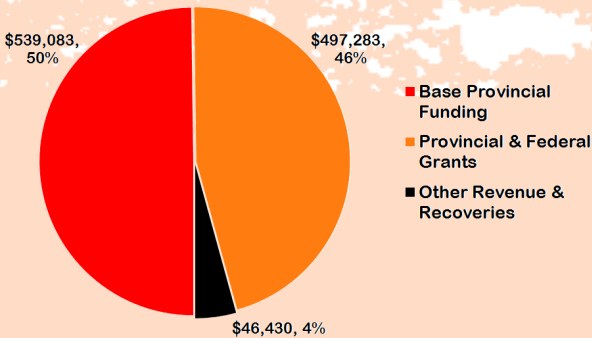


The 2018 Northern Saskatchewan Archives Open House, held on the second floor of PNLS Headquarters.



The theme of the 2018 PNLS Northern Library Conference, hosted at PNLS Headquarters, was "Rejuvenate, Restore, and Re-Energize".

**PNLS 2018 Revenue**



**PNLS 2018 Expenditures**

