

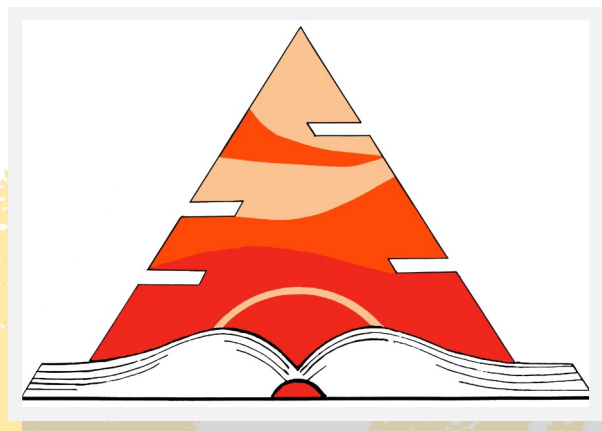
Congratulations to **La Loche** on their victory  
as the 2019 Northern Reading Program  
"Readingest Community"!

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## **Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System**



# **Sharing Our Northern Stories ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

## **Chairperson's Report**

As I'm sure it must be for so many of us these days, it feels strange and distant now to reflect on the previous calendar year, back before the arrival and spread of the now-global COVID-19 pandemic. All of us within the Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System extend our deepest condolences to those across our region and around the province who have lost loved ones in this continuing pandemic, and we will continue to provide our member communities with all of the service and support that is possible under the circumstances as they evolve.

When remembering the year 2019, one of the first and most memorable recollections that comes to mind is the historically severe winter that we all faced throughout the start of the year, with February in particular entering the Saskatchewan record books as the coldest in forty years. While this extreme cold ultimately forced us to cancel our planned Northern Reading Program Tour along the east side of our region, I am very pleased to report that the rest of the annual Northern Reading Program went very successfully, and our intrepid headquarters staff also staged a wildly popular Northern Saskatchewan Archives Open House, which drew 105 attendees braving the deepest cold to commemorate the history and celebrate the culture of the North.

Please join me in congratulating the schools and community of La Loche for their victory in the 2019 Northern Reading Program "Readingest Community" competition, and in congratulating the Grade 2s and 3s of Twin Lakes Community School in Buffalo Narrows on winning the 2019 Northern Reading Program bulletin board contest.

Other fondly remembered highlights for PNLS across 2019 include the Summer Reading Program Tour with entertainer Doug Campbell, the professional development and cultural connections we provided with our Northern Libraries Conference at PNLS Headquarters in October, and the fond farewell reception we held to celebrate the incredible career of Edna Mirasty, who retired at the end of 2019 after four decades of library service with the Senator Myles Venne School Public Library.

As I always do, I once again wish to thank all of the PNLS headquarters staff, member library staff, and PNLS board members for their hard work and tireless commitment to library services and literacy development all throughout the year and all across the region. This was my second year as the Chairperson of the PNLS Board of Trustees, and I have been very grateful to all who have helped me continue to grow and lead in this role.

Our staff and our communities will continue to foster a healthy environment for libraries, for reading, and for learning all across Northern Saskatchewan, with exemplary library service for Northerners of all ages and backgrounds, 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 2019

11,419 Patron Records  
1,143 New Patrons  
168,069 Titles Held  
12,316 New Titles  
345,514 Items Held  
16,355 New Items  
32,504 Website Sessions  
111,032 Website Pageviews  
82,390 Item Checkouts  
99,790 Total Circulations



Doug Campbell was the performer for our 2019 Summer Reading Program Tour.



NRP mascot **Wanderin' Willie** delights the audience at the 2019 "Readingest Community" celebration in La Loche.



Director **James Hope Howard** and the 2019-2020 **Pahnkisimon Nuyezah Library System Board of Trustees**.

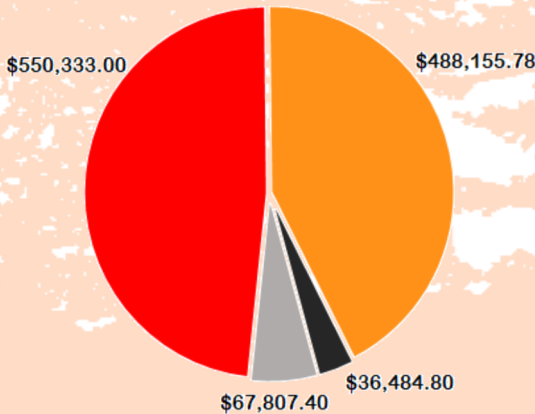


The 2019 **Northern Saskatchewan Archives Open House**, held on the second floor of PNLS Headquarters.



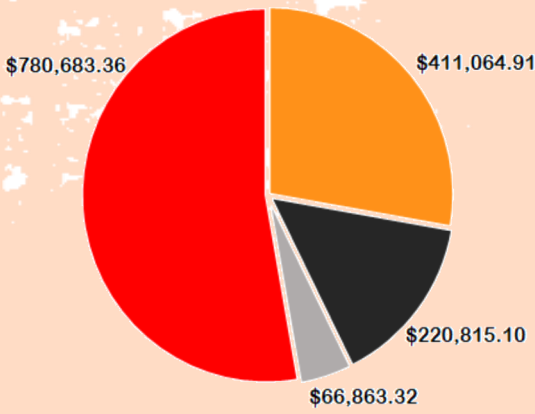
The theme of the 2019 **PNLS Northern Libraries Conference**, hosted at PNLS Headquarters, was "Culture, Connection and Community".

## PNLS 2019 Revenue



- Base Provincial Funding
- Provincial & Federal Grants
- Donations & Fundraising
- Other Revenue & Recoveries

## PNLS 2019 Expenditures



- Services to Member Libraries
- Administration
- Direct Library Services
- Governance