

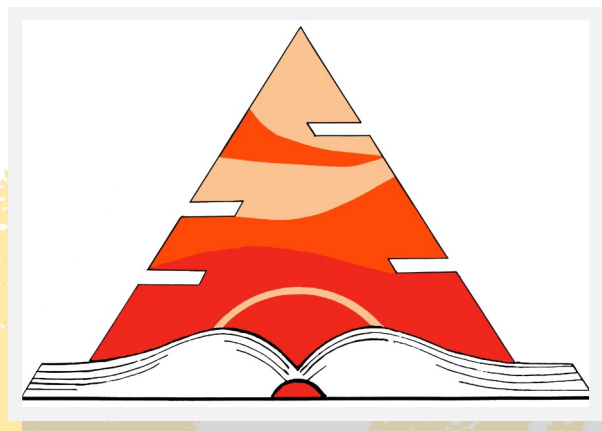
Congratulations to **Ile-a-la-Crosse** on being named the 2020 Northern Reading Program "Readingest Community"!

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Libraries in the Time of COVID-19

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Chairperson's Report

It would be impossible to overstate the impact that the arrival of the COVID-19 global pandemic had on our library system, on our member communities across Northern Saskatchewan, and on the province and country as a whole. On behalf of all of the library staff and board trustees within the Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System, we send our deepest condolences to all northerners who have lost family, friends and loved ones to COVID-19.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing public health measures for the safety of our communities led to the PNLS Headquarters building being closed from March 16 to July 6, the longest closure by far in the thirty-year history of the Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System, as well as the extended closures of member public libraries and member school libraries all across the region. This also meant the cancellation of the 2020 PNLS Annual General Meeting and the 2020 Northern Libraries Conference, as well as retooling on the fly to online-only delivery for the 2020 Summer Reading Program and the regional summer literacy camps.

Our member public libraries and member schools have done amazing work throughout the pandemic to create and strengthen online availability for programs and learning opportunities, and to ensure that their patrons and students would have the absolute best library and literacy access possible during the lockdowns and stay-at-home measures. This has unquestionably been the most difficult period of time in the history of our library system, and we eagerly look forward to the eventual full resumption of all in-person library services as the second doses of COVID-19 vaccine become available and northern Saskatchewan residents take the opportunity to become fully vaccinated when possible.

PNLS is incredibly grateful to all member library and member school staff who have worked diligently and kept their morale as high as possible through an incredibly challenging era of our shared history. We are incredibly grateful as well to our partner regional and municipal library systems, and to the staff of the SILS Consortium, for their work in maintaining the provincial interagency loan system as best as could be done in an unprecedented time, ensuring that closures were smooth when needed and that materials could travel safely when able.

Please join me in congratulating the schools and community of Ile-a-la-Crosse for their victory in the 2020 Northern Reading Program "Readingest Community" competition, and in congratulating Sasdaze School in Bear Creek on winning the 2020 Northern Reading Program bulletin board contest. We also wish to once again thank Dianne Young for serving as our featured Saskatchewan author for the February 2020 SaskPower Northern Reading Program Author Tour, which visited member school libraries and captivated audiences along the east side of our region.

Once again, and this year more than ever, I wish to thank all of the PNLS headquarters staff, member library staff, and PNLS board members for their dedication and commitment to library services and to literacy development for all residents and all areas in our region. This has been my third year as the Chairperson of the PNLS Board of Trustees, and I very much look forward to the year to come and the much-anticipated conclusion of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 2020

10,959 Patron Records
452 New Patrons

171,493 Titles Held
8,698 New Titles

352,491 Items Held
11,268 New Items

14,896 Website Sessions
53,762 Website Pageviews

31,529 Item Checkouts
43,873 Total Circulations



Dianne Young was the featured author for our 2020 SaskPower Northern Reading Program Author Tour, which visited east side member school libraries the week of February 24–28.

The TD Summer Reading Program Tour for 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



In lieu of the annual year-end group photo for 2020, the staff of **PNLS Headquarters** posed for a series of socially-distanced holiday trading cards. Collect them all!



Director **James Hope Howard** and the 2019-2020 **Pahlkisimon Nuyezah Library System Board of Trustees**. The 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM), originally scheduled for April 6, had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

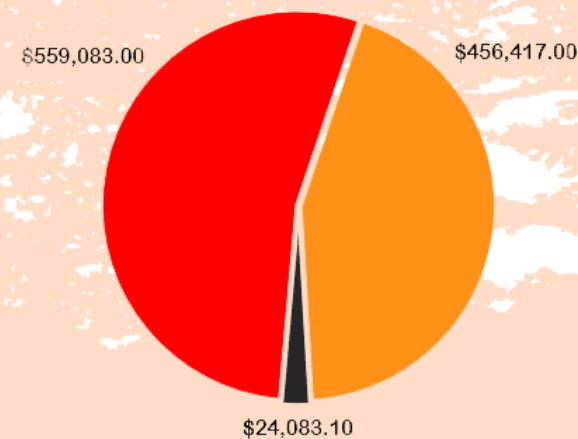


The **2020 Northern Saskatchewan Archives Open House**, held on the second floor of PNLs Headquarters on February 4.



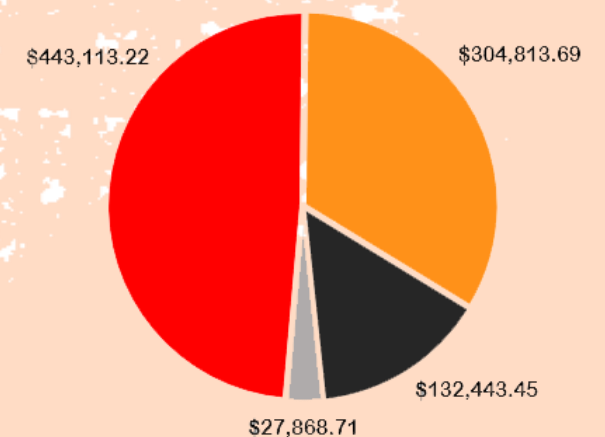
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PNLS 2020 Revenues



- Base Provincial Funding
- Provincial & Federal Grants
- Donations / Fundraising / Other

PNLS 2020 Expenditures



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