

La Loche won the "Readingest Community" competition as part of the **SaskPower Northern Reading Program 2022**.

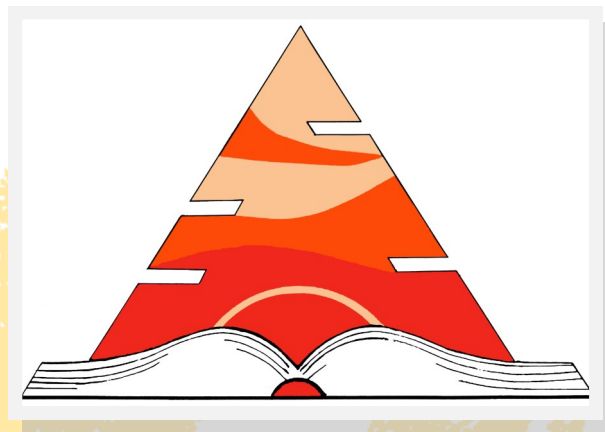
The 2022 Program theme was *"Reading: Taking Sound (Storytelling) to Written / Recorded (Books/On-line)"*.

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Chairperson's Report

2022 was the second full calendar year of the COVID-19 pandemic, with public libraries and school libraries throughout the North gradually readjusting to the return of full in-person schedules. It was a year of tentative times and cautious optimism as northern libraries, schools and communities carefully navigated the challenges of reopening spaces, resuming services, and returning to public activities.

One thing we know for certain is that northerners were very excited to get back to their libraries, as PNLS circulation went from 36,921 item checkouts in 2021 to 49,149 item checkouts in 2022 – a jump of 33%! PNLS was also able to resume its annual Northern Reading Program "Readingest Community" competition, which was won by La Loche, and was able to hold its first Annual General Meeting in three years, after COVID-19 had prevented both the April 2020 and April 2021 AGMs from taking place.

The 2022 PNLS Northern Library Conference was our second all-virtual conference, and featured a variety of engaging speakers and a wealth of valuable information for all library workers in the North. The full Conference was also archived on video and can be rewatched from our website. We thank all of our contributors and partners who made this event possible, as well as everyone who contributed to our slate of virtual and in-person programming throughout the year.

Hardworking and knowledgeable library staff are our greatest resource, both within PNLS Headquarters and in all of our member public libraries and school libraries, and the contributions of these incredible and talented people are appreciated across the North and all throughout the province.

PNLS Archival Historian Graham Guest, celebrating his 20th year (and counting!) with the Northern Saskatchewan Archives at PNLS Headquarters, was recognized and commemorated by the Saskatchewan Council of Archives and Archivists with their Volunteer Recognition Award during the 2022 SCAA AGM in June. Congratulations, Graham!

I also want to take this time to pay special tribute to Harriet Roy, outgoing Assistant Director and Teacher-Librarian, who has formally retired at the end of 2022. Harriet joined the Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System staff in 1996 and has been an active force for libraries and literacy ever since, not only through her work with PNLS and the Northern Reading Program but also through her amazing contributions to the Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples committee, the Saskatchewan Committee on Indigenous Library Services, the Kewatin Nene Reading Council, the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling project, the Saskatchewan Minister's Advisory Committee on Library Services for Aboriginal People, and countless other organizations and groups. Harriet's steady leadership, wise guidance, and tireless contributions have benefited every reader and every student in northern Saskatchewan over the past quarter-century of her service with PNLS, and I know that I speak for everyone when I thank her for her incredible career and congratulate her on her well-earned retirement. Congratulations, Harriet!

With another successful year of service come and gone, we as an organization look forward to navigating the future together and to providing northerners with the best possible library services and educational opportunities. As always, ***The Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System will lead the North to information.***

Delilah Aubichon, Board Chairperson, Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System

PNLS in 2022



8,567 Patron Records
1,023 New Patrons
172,032 Titles Held
9,103 New Titles
349,926 Items Held
13,345 New Items
13,480 Website Sessions
50,001 Website Pageviews
49,149 Item Checkouts
58,968 Total Circulations



Congratulations to **Harriet Roy** on her retirement as PNL Assistant Director and Teacher-Librarian, and for her recognition by the Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) with the **2023 Frances Morrison Award**, the award of merit for outstanding service to Saskatchewan Libraries. All the best in retirement, Harriet!



Pahkisiṃon Nuyəʔāh Library System 2022 Northern Library Conference Virtual Event, October 12-13, 2022			
Wednesday, October 12		Thursday, October 13	
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Welcome & Housekeeping	9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Welcome & Housekeeping
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Provincial Indigenous Subject Headings Project Launch and Information Sessions <i>Harriet Roy, PNL</i>	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Saskatchewan Literacy Network (SLN): Family Literacy, Early Literacy, and Useful Resources <i>Phaedra Hitchings, SLN</i>
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Creativebug <i>James Hope Howard, PNL</i>	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lunch Break
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling (SAS) Information Session <i>Jessica Genereux, SAS Coordinator</i>
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	StoryWalks® in Saskatchewan: A Featured Partnership Between Literacy Hubs and Libraries <i>Amber Daigneault, La Ronge and Area Family Literacy Hub</i>	2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	PNLS System Essentials, Surveys, Programming, and Other Updates <i>Harriet Roy and Lisa Ulriksen, PNL</i>
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The programming schedule for the two-day **2022 Northern Library Conference**, the second all-virtual Conference held in PNL history.



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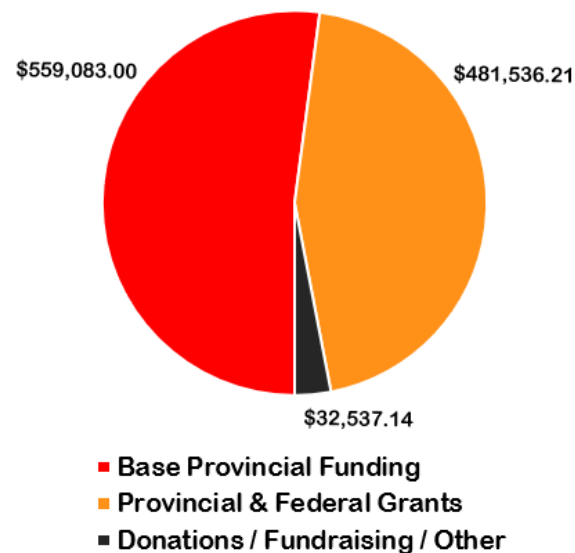
The 2022 **PNL Headquarters Staff**, pictured here in the annual year-end holiday card. From left to right: Graham Guest, Linda Collins (inset), Brayden Thomas-Langlois, Lisa Ulriksen, Harriet Roy, Serena Roy-Morin, James Hope Howard, and Allyson Brown.



Director **James Hope Howard** and the 2022-2023 **PNL Board of Trustees Executive Committee**.

The 2022 PNL Annual General Meeting (AGM) was the first in three years, after the COVID-19 cancellations of both the 2020 and 2021 AGMs.

PNLS 2022 Revenues



PNLS 2022 Expenditures

