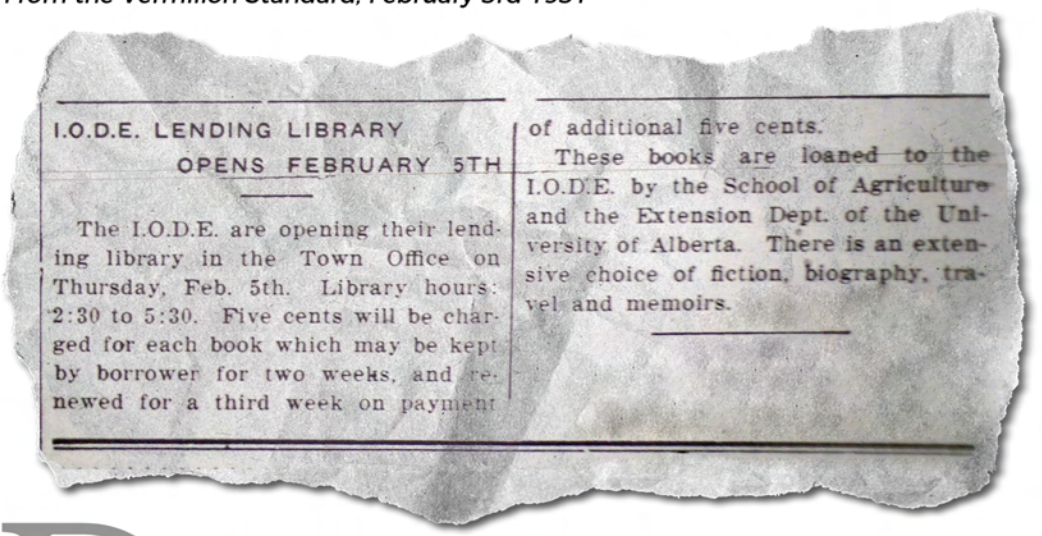
CELEBRATING 85 YEARS IN VERMILION 1931 - 2016



VERMILION Public Library

2016 Annual Report

From the Vermilion Standard, February 3rd 1931



I.O.D.E. LENDING LIBRARY
OPENS FEBRUARY 5TH

The I.O.D.E. are opening their lending library in the Town Office on Thursday, Feb. 5th. Library hours: 2:30 to 5:30. Five cents will be charged for each book which may be kept by borrower for two weeks, and renewed for a third week on payment of additional five cents.

These books are loaned to the I.O.D.E. by the School of Agriculture and the Extension Dept. of the University of Alberta. There is an extensive choice of fiction, biography, travel and memoirs.

Do people still use Libraries?

It's time to address the elephant in the room. Libraries are here to stay and continue to be a valuable resource for communities like Vermilion even after 85 years.

People most definitely still use the public library. The tricky question is how is the library being used? And in what ways can Vermilion Public Library trustees respond to change to make sure the library is relevant?

Fewer books were borrowed this year, and not as many borrower's cards were issued this year as in previous ones. The library's book collection is also shrinking. By these statistical measures it would be safe to assume the library is declining.

The numbers in this case do not tell the whole story about library usage. Despite a decline in traditional library services, the library still experiences a noticeable increase in usage of our facility every year.

They may not all be coming to borrow a book or get a library card but 18,206 people visited the library last year, over 2800 of which took part in a program.

Do people still use libraries? Yes, just not in the same way as before. Meeting spaces, public wifi, art displays and programs are a few services that keep people coming through the doors. As community needs change, so too will the library change to meet these needs.

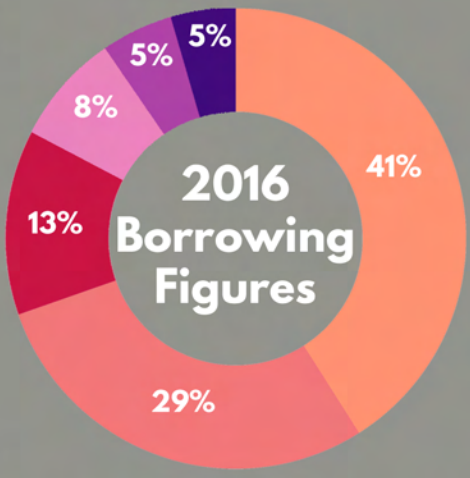
Stuart S. Pauls
Library Manager

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How the library was used in 2016

What are people borrowing?

Adult Books	21,380
Kids Books	14,933
Adult AV	6,812
Digital Items	4,027
Magazines	2,638
Kids AV	2,352
2016 Total	52,142



3 Year Trends 2012-2016

	2014	2015	2016
Library Items Lent	59301	57097	52142
Library Cardholders	1001	894	819
Items in the Collection	17298	17261	16680
Program Participants	2578	2808	2802
Computer use in hours	2027	2747	2932
Number of Visitors	17940	18110	18207

Notes on Facility Use

- In 2016, the basement was booked 192 times. The meeting room was used 101 times. Our facility averaged 5 bookings per week despite undergoing a 5 month renovation.

Some Fascinating Library Facts

- Our most popular book in 2016 was "Ballet Dreams", this kids Barbie book was borrowed 24 times
- On average, 13 people per week visit the library for light technology help with computers or their mobile devices

New Spaces







2016 CFEP Basement Renovation

The lower level of VPL has not seen a major update since its original construction in 1980. Originally, the space was designed for storage and rare program use, but now there are several organizations that use the space, such as CLASS, Midwest Family Connections, and Brighter Beginnings.

In 2016, the Town of Vermilion Library Board received funding to renovate the basement from the Community Facility Enhancement Program. This $130,000 project was funded in part with library reserves and also contributions from the Town of Vermilion.

A major renovation was needed to address concerns for lighting, flooring, barrier-free washrooms, and electrical upgrades.

The renovation's primary aim was to improve accessibility and comfort of the space. The project was officially completed and ready for use in January 2017.

New Faces

A few words from Cindi Plant

Libraries are for learning, right? We may take for granted that a library would provide books, interlibrary loans, movies and other resources to enhance learning. But as a new library board member, I have learned that there is much more to this modest building and the services it provides than that!

It is a welcoming and open facility which coordinates children's programs, provides space for private bookings and community meetings. It also integrates community interaction such as rotating art displays, book sales and classes. The recent basement renovation will see library usage increase and expanded, furthering its effectiveness for the Town of Vermilion and surrounding area.



It impresses me that the creative and knowledgeable library staff seem to continually come up with unique and original ways to engage patrons, be it black out poetry, giant crosswords, blind book choice, etc. This is not a staid, uninspiring environment! It has been a privilege and education to be involved with the Vermilion Public Library and no doubt there is more learning ahead.

In summary, it may be a small library, but it delivers BIG on service!

The Friends of VPL Society

The Friends of Vermilion Public Library Society is a volunteer fundraising board that provides financial support to the library. In general, funding is provided to the library to meet special, non-operational needs and must benefit library users. All expenditures are approved by the Friends of VPL trustees who meet 3 to 4 times per year as needed.

Projects Funded in 2016



A Mini Fridge was purchased to store refreshments for meetings



Flip top tables for were bought to replace the original tables



A sound system was purchased for the basement complete with speakers, an apple tv, lectern and a receiver

Friends of Vermilion Public Library Society Trustees:
Andrea Pauls (President), Pat Calyniuk (Treasurer), Kaylan Zorn, Justin Thompson, Kathy Wolters, Barbara Schmidt, Johanna Wasylik (Library Board Representative).

2016 Financial Report

Town of Vermilion	$227,856
Fines and Service Charges	18,534
Provincial Operating Grant	25,225
Library Capital Projects	80,485
Other Revenue*	44,841
Total Revenue	**$396,941**
Salaries, Wages, Benefits	$174,023
Administrative Costs	14,653
Building Operations/Utilities	11,780
Books, Goods & Supplies	37,713
Library System Levy	46,086
Services & Contracts	18,196
Capital Program Contributions	95,485
Total Expenses	**$397,936**
Expense in Excess of Revenue	**$995**

*Includes Interest on investments, Other Local Government and agency funding, donations, and the NLLS outside purchase program

This report is based on the 2016 Town of Vermilion Library Board year end breakdown statement. For a detailed review of the library finances see the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements document online at www.vplibrary.ca

2016 Town of Vermilion Library Board Trustees

Margaret Templeton, Linden Lundback, Danielle Eriksen, Richard Yaceyko, Greg Barr, Johanna Wasylik, Cindi Plant

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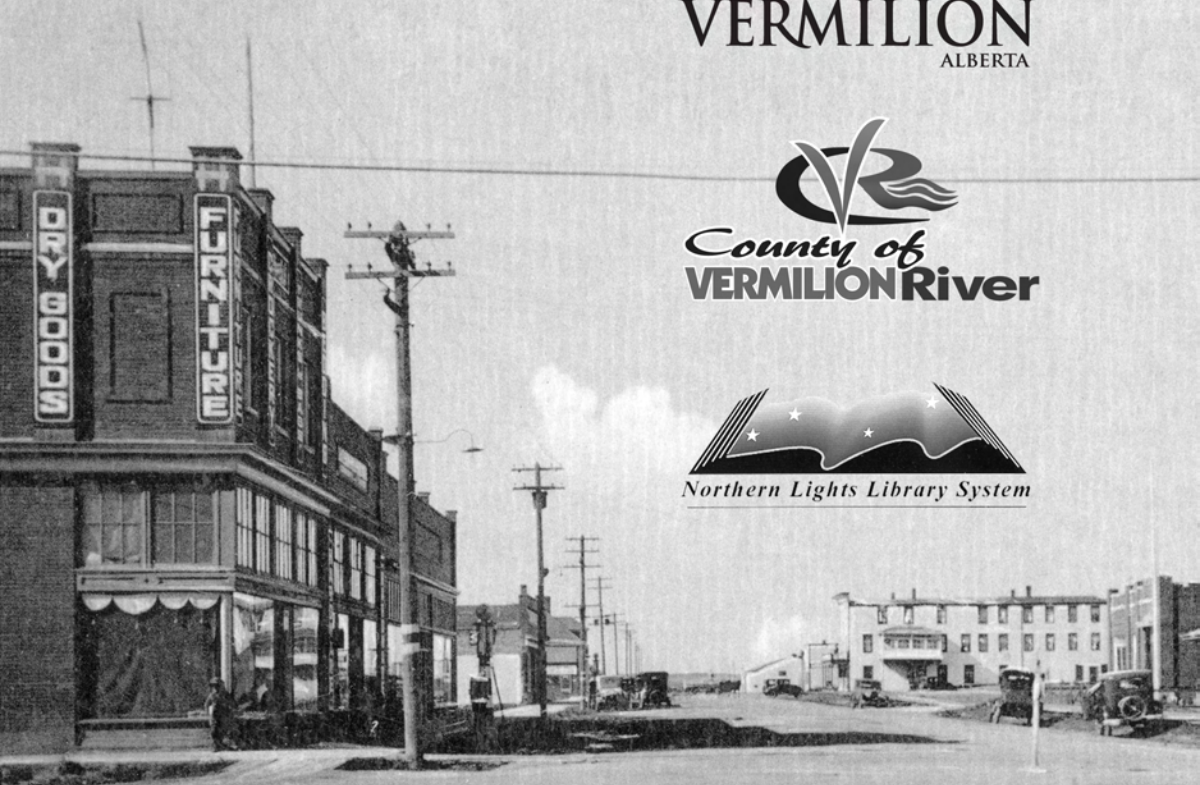
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We are grateful to all who champion our cause, but wish to give distinction to the organizations below for their financial and administrative support in making the library a success.

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