



## Board Meeting Highlights May 29, 2021 (via Zoom)

This summary is designed to keep you informed about Peace Library System (PLS) activities and Board decisions. It is distributed to member councils, library boards and the PLS Board of Directors after each Board meeting.

The Board held a full Board meeting on 29 May over Zoom.

Year-end roundup reports were provided by the Board Chair, the Personnel Committee Chair and the Plan of Service Committee Chair. The PLS Annual Report was reviewed and approved for distribution.

The Auditor's report was reviewed by a representative from Fulcrum Group and was approved by the Board.

Revisions were approved to the following policy: *Revised Banked Time Policy*.

The Indigenous Services report to PLSB was presented for information, as well as a briefing about the new population estimates from the GOA.

The CEO reported that pandemic restrictions in libraries continue and curb-side pickup for those libraries who participate is still operating. The Province's re-opening plan includes libraries in Phase 2, which, barring any further delays, should be about mid-June 2021. Alberta Library Conference has announced dates for 2022, 28 April-1 May, and 2023, 27-30 April. She announced as well that a Library Manager's Council meeting is being tentatively scheduled for late September 2022. She reported that Plan of Service work is continuing.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that 20 PLS libraries have signed on for the TD Summer Reading Program, which will kick off mid-June, activities to include take-and-make crafts and an online component. The 2021 Stronger Together conference will again be held online this year, 22-24 September. Lynda.com has transitioned to LinkedIn Learning and now offers over 16,000 video courses. RBDigital has been discontinued as the transition to OverDrive has been completed. Training webinars are available.

The IT Services Manager reported that the Polaris upgrade to version 6.7 has been completed, but some performance issues have resulted in a patch being issued as well as another upgrade later this summer. The transition to SuperNet 2.0 has begun with the headquarters building being completed on 28 May. Most member libraries will be completed by the end of June, with only four being put off to 2022.

The Technical Services Manager reported that there is a small backlog in the receiving area and there is a larger backlog in the cataloguing area. Staff have been retained to address both these issues temporarily and the situation will be re-assessed later this summer.

### Quick Facts 2021

Population Served: 175,246  
 Members: 38 municipalities & 1 Métis Settlement  
 Member Public Libraries: 46  
 Contracting Schools: 50  
 Chair: Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County)  
 CEO: Louisa Robison

### Present:

Carolyn Kolebaba (Chair)	Northern Sunrise County
Cindy Hockley	Village of Berwyn
Lorrie Shelp	Big Lakes County
Denise Joudrey	Birch Hills County
Peter Frixel	Clear Hills County
Stan Golob	Town of Fairview
Ray Skrepnek	MD of Fairview
Lindsay Brown	Town of Falher
Meesha Bainton	Town of Fox Creek
Chris Thiessen	City of Grande Prairie
Roxie Chapman	MD of Greenview
Dennis Sukeroff	Town of Grimshaw
Brian Gilroy	Town of High Prairie
Camille Zavisha	Village of Hines Creek
Sandra Miller	Village of Hythe
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
Sunni-Jeanne Walker	Town of Manning
Marie-Anne Jones	Town of McLennan
Cheryl Novak	Village of Nampa
Belinda Halabisky	County of Northern Lights
Brendan Powell	MD of Opportunity
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Sandra Eastman	MD of Peace
Michelle Farris	Town of Rainbow Lake
Roxann Dreger	Village of Rycroft
John Moen	Saddle Hills County
Clinton Froehlick	Town of Sexsmith
Raoul Johnson	MD of Smoky River
Harry Ezio	Town of Spirit River
Elaine Garrow	MD of Spirit River
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley

### Regrets:

Linda Waddy	County of Grande Prairie
Brent Anderson	Town of High Level
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville

### Absent:

Gena Jones	Town of Beaverlodge
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
Joy McGregor	Town of Slave Lake

### Guest:

Cory Lefebvre	Fulcrum Group
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Connecting libraries, people and resources  
 through teamwork, technology and training

Peace Library System acknowledges Treaty 8 territory as well as the Métis Nation of Alberta. Peace Library System libraries are located on territory that provided a travelling route and home to many Indigenous peoples.



# Annual Report 2020

# Peace Library System

*Connecting libraries, people and resources through teamwork, technology and training*

46 public libraries & 50 schools | 806,263 items circulated to 29,446 patrons



## Physical Collection

22,041 items ordered  
25,559 items catalogued



## Digital Collection

97,559 digital items  
made available



## TRACpac

9,937,707 visits to  
virtual catalogue

## eResource Usage Highlights

Niche Academy tutorials up 228%  
cloudLibrary up 89%



RBDigital eMagazines up 28%  
OverDrive up 25%  
Lynda.com up 17%

## Delivery & ILL

141,365 outgoing ILLs  
227,937 incoming ILLs

PLS courier vans traveled  
54,850 km, delivering  
281,900 items

## Training

62 training events &  
13 library manager  
meetings

Consultants offered 444  
remote support sessions

IT offered 1,131 remote  
support sessions

## Programs

38 programs sponsored  
at public libraries

1155 registered delegates  
at Stronger Together  
Virtual Conference with  
24 sessions and 4 keynote  
speakers

## Indigenous Services

950 craft & literacy kits made, 21 programs offered for outreach  
18 training sessions offered on anti-racism  
693 cardholders from Indigenous communities

# PLS Annual Report 2020

## Board Members

(as of December 2020)

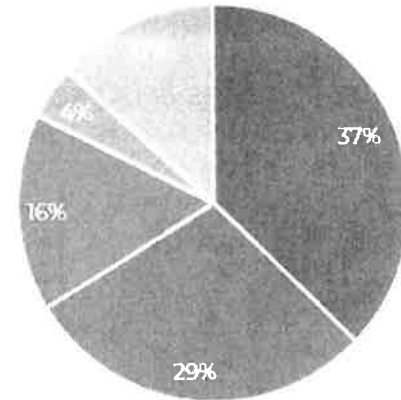
Town of Beaverlodge – Gena Jones  
 Village of Berwyn – Cindy Hockley  
*Big Lakes County – Lorrie Shelp\**  
 Birch Hills County – Denise Joudrey  
 Clear Hills County – Peter Frixel  
 Village of Donnelly – Vacant  
*MD of Fairview No. 136 – Ray Skrepnek\**  
*Town of Fairview – Stan Golob\**  
 Town of Falher – Lindsay Brown  
 Town of Fox Creek – Meesha Bainton  
 Village of Girouxville – Vacant  
*City of Grande Prairie – Chris Thiessen\**  
*County of Grande Prairie #1 – Linda Waddy\**  
*MD of Greenview No. 16 – Roxie Chapman*  
*Town of Grimshaw – Dennis Sukeroff\**  
 Town of High Level – Brent Anderson  
 Town of High Prairie – Brian Gilroy  
 Village of Hines Creek – Camille Zavisha  
 Village of Hythe – Sandra Miller  
 MD of Lesser Slave River No. 124 – Brad Pearson  
 Town of Manning – Sunni-Jeanne Walker  
 Town of McLennan – Philippa O’Mahony  
 Village of Nampa – Cheryl Novak  
*County of Northern Lights – Belinda Halabisky\**  
*Northern Sunrise County – Carolyn Kolebaba\**  
 MD of Opportunity No. 17 – Brendan Powell  
 Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement – Reta Nooskey  
 MD of Peace No. 135 – Sandra Eastman  
 Town of Peace River – Elaine Manzer  
 Town of Rainbow Lake – Michelle Farris  
 Village of Rycroft – Roxann Dreger  
 Saddle Hills County – John Moen  
 Town of Sexsmith – Clinton Froehlick  
 Town of Slave Lake – Joy McGregor  
*MD of Spirit River No. 133 – Elaine Garrow\**  
*MD of Smoky River No. 130 – Raoul Johnson\**  
 Town of Spirit River – Harry Ezio  
 Town of Valleyview – Tanya Boman  
 Town of Wembley – Anna Underwood

*Executive Committee members\**

## Financials

### Revenue

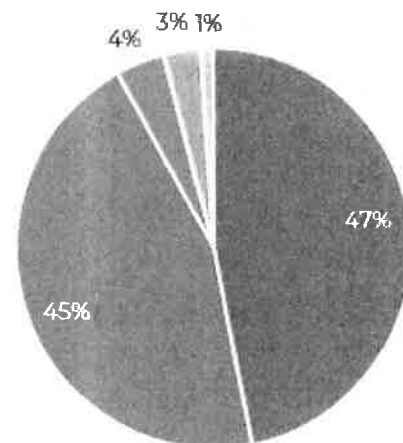
\$3,146,265



- Member Municipalities
- Province of Alberta
- Library Board Allotments
- School Contracts
- Other

### Expenditures

\$3,023,829



- Staffing
- Services to Members
- Administration
- Building & Maintenance
- Trustee Expenses

The 2020 audit was conducted by Fulcrum Group.  
 A copy of the complete audited statement is available on request.