

# MOST POPULAR CHECKOUTS

Of all the items borrowed this year, these were the most popular.



# PROGRAMS



188  
program sessions

2,159  
attendees

# CONNECTING TO THE ONLINE WORLD

County libraries are hubs for access to the internet and virtual library services.



# VOLUNTEERS

21  
volunteers

1,131  
volunteer  
hours

County of Grande Prairie Community Libraries

# ANNUAL REPORT

2022



PROVIDING INCLUSIVE,  
INNOVATIVE CONNECTION  
OPPORTUNITIES TO SPARK  
LIFELONG LEARNING, COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT, AND CREATIVITY.



COUNTY OF  
GRANDE PRAIRIE  
COMMUNITY LIBRARIES



# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

The County of Grande Prairie Community Libraries deliver important services through libraries in Elmworth, Hythe, La Glace, and Valhalla.

### The Lendery

Through a partnership with Grande Prairie Public Library and Peace Library System, we have weekly delivery of library materials to smart lockers in Clairmont.

### Community Outreach

Libraries were represented at events such as County Open Houses, the Rio Grande Rodeo, and the La Glace Community Garage Sale.

### Summer Reading Contests

Reading contents followed a different format at each library, but saw 42 entries (295 reading sessions) at Elmworth, 854 ballots entered (one per book read) at Hythe, 64 participants in La Glace, 2,000 ballots entered in Valhalla.

### Summer Youth Programs

For the first time, a summer student was hired to offer consistent educational programs in County libraries during the summer. 280 children attended across all four libraries.

### Expansion of Open Hours

The La Glace Community Library began opening at 11:00 Monday to Thursday, bringing the total hours per week to 28 (from 22).

The Hythe Community Library added Tuesdays and began opening earlier on Wednesday mornings, bringing the total hours per week to 22 (from 16).

### Staff Training

To serve our communities better, library staff took part in a number of learning opportunities, including *Leading from Any Position*, the *Stronger Together* virtual library conference, *Indigenous Cultural Awareness* classes, and a number of eResource training webinars.

### Library Partnerships

We continue to provide annual grants to partner libraries in Beaverlodge, Grande Prairie, Sexsmith, and Wembley. Our relationships with these libraries allow for high-quality, integrated library service across the entire County.

We look forward to providing County residents with more excellent and innovative library services in 2023 and beyond.

## Library SPACES

HYTHE



LA GLACE



ELMWORTH

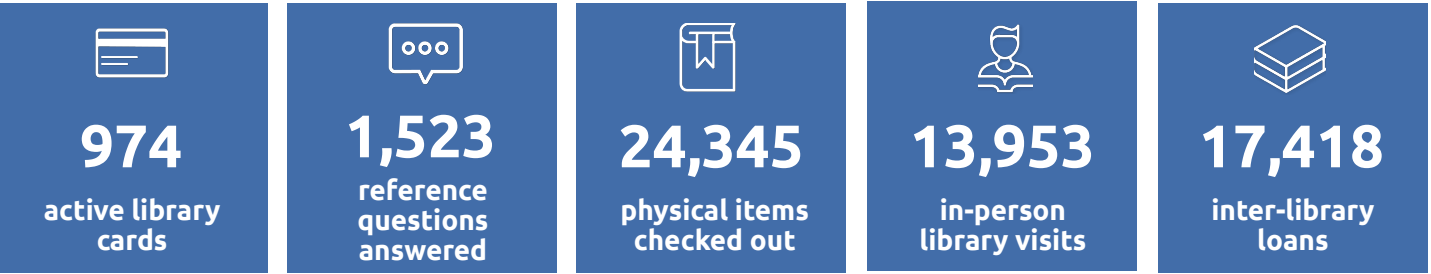


VALHALLA



# BY THE NUMBERS

After seeing a decrease in library use during the pandemic, we were pleased to notice a rebound effect in 2022. Here is an overview of our year:



ELMWORTH LIBRARY	HYTHE LIBRARY	LA GLACE LIBRARY	VALHALLA LIBRARY
<div>2 staff members</div> <div>1,395 open hours</div>	<div>4 staff members</div> <div>1,060 open hours</div>	<div>3 staff members</div> <div>1,400 open hours</div>	<div>2 staff members</div> <div>1,700 open hours</div>
<div>104 square metres</div> <div>7,920 items for loan</div>	<div>149.8 square metres</div> <div>13,178 items for loan</div>	<div>343.7 square metres</div> <div>18,217 items for loan</div>	<div>125 square metres</div> <div>12,075 items for loan</div>