

2017 Library Board

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Message from the Board

Exciting things are happening at the Grand Forks Public Library!

With over 240,000 annual library visits and over 700,000 items borrowed each year, the library continues to serve the diverse needs of the community.

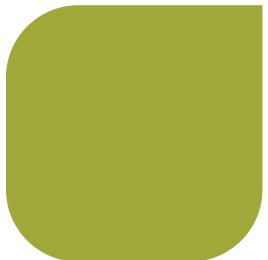
Programming at the library for all ages is more popular than ever. The library is the only early childhood literacy resource of its kind within the community, and more library events now take place throughout Grand Forks, helping ensure library services are available to more members of the public.

The library board and staff are focused on both short and long term facility planning. While discussions continue to take place regarding long term solutions to the library's space and infrastructure needs, significant progress is being made to ensure the current building continues to meet the needs of the public.

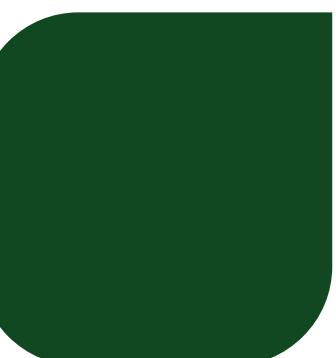
Libraries are changing, and what we offer may surprise you. We invite you to visit the "community living room" and find out what we have to offer.

Sincerely,
The Grand Forks Public Library Board

2017 Library Usage

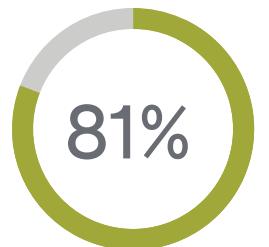


65,000
Users
accessed
library
computers



Citizens of
Grand Forks
volunteered
2,122 hours
with the
library.

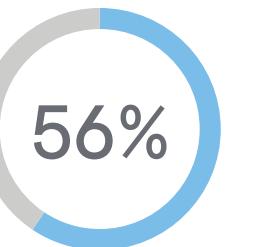
The library hosted 759 programs & events, attended by 18,040 people in the community.



81%

Children

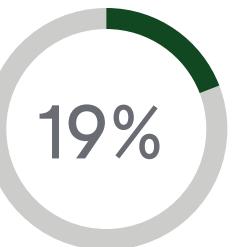
Percentage of those that attended the programs and events hosted at the library who were children.



56%

Card Holders

Percentage of Grand Forks County residents who are registered users of the GF Public Library.



19%

Adults/Teens

Percentage of those that attended the programs and events hosted at the library who were adults or teens.

People of the community
visited the library over
220,000 times.

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Revenue | | |
| City of Grand Forks | \$1,832,932.48 | \$1,690,911.46 |
| Grand Forks county | \$715,378.05 | \$533,837.97 |
| State Aid/Intergovernmental | \$166,317.28 | \$155,836.29 |
| Grants | \$39,279.00 | \$1,777.55 |
| Library Fees/Services | \$47,439.97 | \$49,347.71 |
| Donations/Interest | \$19,279.45 | \$18,916.61 |
| Total | \$2,820,626.23 | \$2,450,627.59 |
| Expenditures | 2017 | 2016 |
| Wages & Salaries | \$1,319,690.99 | \$1,281,170.96 |
| Benefits | \$494,814.81 | \$513,292.03 |
| Supplies | \$54,216.25 | \$61,513.40 |
| Utilities | \$75,157.65 | \$67,959.24 |
| Services & Contracts | \$202,604.17 | \$152,911.95 |
| Building Maintenance | \$59,006.13 | \$56,538.48 |
| Operating Expenses | \$62,198.77 | \$70,350.61 |
| Books & Periodicals | \$215,515.99 | \$224,200.21 |
| Capital Expenditures | \$13,055.83 | \$7,355.27 |
| Xfr to Capital Account | \$200,000.00 | n/a |
| Other | \$13,055.83 | \$6,519.15 |
| Total | \$2,702,030.97 | \$2,441,811.30 |

Friends of the Library

The Friend's Mission

The Friends of the Grand Forks Public Library is a volunteer advocacy group working to increase community awareness, involvement, and support for library services, programs, facilities, and needs.



Message from the Friends

The Friends of the Grand Forks Public Library is a group of enthusiastic volunteers which supports the library and its mission by raising funds and promoting library programs and services in the community.

We raise funds through serious means, like grant writing and individual and business memberships from the supportive Grand Forks community. But we also use more entertaining avenues, such as our Furry Friends of the Library calendar, our ever popular book sales and our craft sale. And we use those funds for serious and entertaining things as well: the children's summer reading program, the backpack school supply drive, Haunted Stacks, our Six Word Story contest, changing stations in the renovated family restrooms and much more.

If you believe in the value of the library, there's a place for you with the Friends. Perhaps you have a little time you'd like to volunteer at one of the book sales or to chat about the great library programs and services with folks at community events. Or maybe behind the scenes is your preference? Grant writing? Book sorting? Taking photos for our calendar? Or you believe in the mission but don't have time to donate right now? With just the funds from membership fees alone, this year we were able to purchase a die cut craft machine for the library to use to prepare for numerous crafts and programs. Consider becoming a Friends member today by filling out a form at the library or by visiting the Friends section of the library's website.

Connect the Community

Coming Together.

An important part of the Grand Forks public Library's mission is to connect the community. We connect our community to information, to entertainment, to new experiences and to each other.



The GF Public library hosts several events and recurring programs each year that bring families and community members together to interact, play, learn and grow.



Our baby, toddler, and pre-school story times are not just for telling stories. Mothers and caretakers form friendships and share support.



Our library hosts more than 7 different book clubs each exploring a different literary experience and generating great conversations and life long friendships.



The library embraces all ages and hosts events specifically for teens & tweens. Brining these age groups together during Teen Cafe lets them hang out, be themselves, and enjoy the world around them.

Enrich the Mind

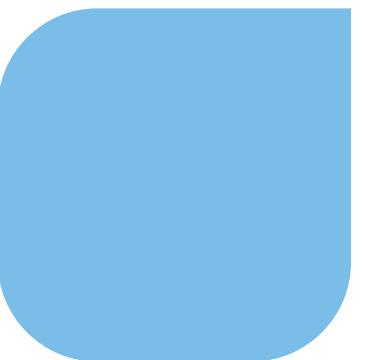
Growing Together.

Libraries have a long history of enriching minds and the Grand Forks Public Library takes every opportunity to enrich minds in all ways.

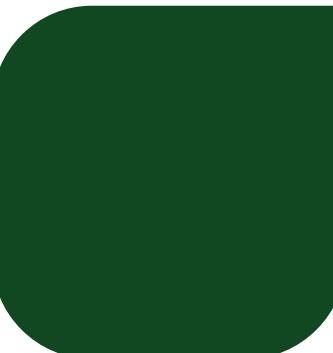
Learning to read and write begins at birth and the library is one of the only free resources for early literacy programs including baby, toddler and pre-school story times.

Our reference librarian team are a great asset and can help you find any information you may need from family history with Ancestry.com to getting set up with free online classes from Universal Class.

The library hosts several events and exhibits each year. 2017 included Discover Earth and presentations teaching kids about space, robotics, chemistry and much more.



Drop In Computer Help is available to educate the community about basic computer operations and is available every Wednesday at 10am.



Inspire the Imagination

Exploring Together.

From science and genealogy to books, movies and creative play, the Grand Forks Public Library is your place to spark your imagination and creativity.

Students ages 9 to 14 are able to join one of the library's FIRST LEGO Leagues where they learn to work together, build, test, and program automated robots.

Teens can meet once a month for Cosplay Club. Where they design, dream, and create in the world of anime. Animanga Club meets twice a month to view and discuss films.

On the third Saturday of each month bring the whole family to the library for the monthly free movie. There's even freshly popped popcorn!