## Reader





## 2024 Library Stats

Top 5 DVDs	Call Number	Check-outs
Barbie	DVD F BAR v.6049	52
Oppenheimer	DVD F OPP v.6070	47
Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny	DVD F IND v.6073	45
Equalizer 3	DVD J F EQU v.6067	43
Expendables	DVD F EXP v.6068	43

Top 5 Fiction	Author	Call Number	Check-outs
The women	Hannah, Kristin	F HAN	87
It ends with us	Hoover, Colleen	F HOO	54
The exchange	Grisham, John	F GRI	44
One by one: a novel	McFadden, Freida	F MCF	44
The housemaid	McFadden, Freida	F MCF	38

Top 5 Non-Fiction	Author	Call Number	Check-outs
Friends, lovers, and the big terrible thing: a memoir	Perry, Matthew	791.45 PER	30
Spare	Prince Harry.	921 HAR	22
Being Henry: the Fonz and beyond	Winkler, Henry	921 WIN	20
Braiding sweetgrass: Indigenous wisdom, sci- entific knowledge and the teachings of plants	Kimmerer, Robin Wall	Indigenous Collection 305.597 KIM	19
Garfield lard of the jungle	Davis, Jim	741.5973 DAV	19

Top 5 Children's Fiction	Author	Call Number	Check-outs
Out of this world	Dean, James	E DEA	38
Berenstain Bears & the trouble with chores	Berenstain, Stan	E BER	34
Pinkalicious: pink or treat!	Kann, Victoria	E KAN	33
The Petes go marching	Dean, James	E DEA	30
Franklin goes to the hospital	Jennings, Sharon	E BOU	29

Top 5 Non-Fiction (Junior)	Author	Call Number	Check-outs
Minecraft: redstone handbook	Farwell,Nick	J 794.8 MIN	20
Minecraft: Super bite-size builds: with over 20 epic mini-projects		J 794.8 MIN	18
Minecraft : epic bases: builds to spark your imagination	McBrien, Thomas	J 794.8 MIN	16
Minecraft : let's build: theme park adventure	Milton, Stephanie.	J 794.8 MIL	16
Pokemon super extra deluxe essential hand- book: the need-to-know stats and facts on over 875 characters!		J 794.8 POK	16

## Wow what a year for our Regional Library in 2024!

The use of the building has been excellent with over 150,000 people visiting the library during the year. Not just to borrow materials, but to study, meet friends, take part in programs, teachings, ceremonies, and to have a treat and coffee at the brew + bake Café.

Items borrowed from the library reached 200,000 in 2024 - the fourth year in a row with an increase. Of this total, 1 in 3 items borrowed were from the library online service (eLibraries MB/Libby).

Over 10,000 library patrons in our region (Selkirk, St. Andrews, St. Clements and the Village of Dunnottar) borrowed items in 2024, meaning one in three regional residents use the library and its services. Patrons that prefer print materials are still the majority, however the number of online users (eBooks/eAudio items) is now at 1/8<sup>th</sup> of the print users. The next few years should see the preference between print and digital come closer.

**To other exciting news** - we have started a fundraising campaign to renovate the expanded space in the Library building. This will create a wonderful new children's experience and will be the envy of the province! Consider assisting with the expansion by donating online via the library webpage (https://gfrl.org/donate) or visit us in-person. The library is a registered charity with donations being tax deductible.



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, with family and friends, and best wishes in 2025.

Ken Kuryliw, Director Library Services

## Fresh Start



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