Fort Saskatchewan Public Library

# The Power of Giving in 2024

Thank you 2024 Donors!





Walking through our Library you might see children building mini-robots, teenagers making art, or a group of patrons gathered around the fireplace knitting items from colourful balls of yarn. You'll hear toddlers joyfully clapping their hands to rhyming songs, job seekers revamping resumes with a tutor, and newcomers to Canada speaking their first words of English.

Our library isn't just a home for books, it's a home for connection and learning for everyone—thanks to you. Your important financial contribution helps to ensure free access to the huge variety of knowledge, resources, and programs our Library offers. You are providing a home for lifelong learning for members of our community.

The Library Board of trustees would like to offer our sincere thanks to the individuals, corporations, and sponsors that support the Library in our mission of empowering literacy, learning, and connection in our city.

With Gratitude,

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Nicole Starker Campbell Fort Saskatchewan Public Library Board Chair

Dear Library Lovers,

Thank you! Your generous financial support in 2024 has been wonderful. As a non-profit, we deeply value your contributions, which allow us to be a welcoming space for our community. Every donation, no matter the size, is a testament to your belief in the transformative power of libraries and the importance of access to information for all.

Because of you, our Library empowers individuals, strengthens families, and enriches lives. It's a place where little ones discover the magic of reading, curious minds explore and learn together, adults connect and pursue their passions, and seniors share stories and find companionship.

Your support enables us to nurture a love of reading, provide free computer access and digital literacy training, spark imagination with STEM programs and hands-on learning materials, celebrate our diversity and create an inclusive environment, and preserve our local history for future generations.

We are also incredibly grateful for the partnerships we've built with those who share our passion for learning and community.

Thank you for being a part of our story. Together, we are creating a vibrant space where everyone can learn, grow, and connect.

With sincere gratitude,

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Tricia Wall Fort Saskatchewan Public Library Director twall@fspl.ca 780-998-4288



## **Air Products**

#### \$6000.00

We extend our sincere gratitude to Air Products for their generous sponsorship of our Welcome Baby bags. Their support provides newborns with vital board books and Library introductions, fostering early literacy. This partnership directly impacts our Mission of Empowering Literacy, Community, and Connection, ensuring young families have the resources to thrive. Air Products' commitment to early childhood development is truly appreciated.



## **Downtown Business Council**

#### \$2500.00

We are deeply grateful to the Downtown Business Council for their generous donation, which enabled us to purchase STEM products for our children and teen programs. This support addresses the high demand for STEM education, allowing us to provide engaging hands-on experiences. This wonderful contribution underscores the vital role of Libraries in fostering STEM literacy and inspiring the next generation of innovators.



## **Rotary Club**

#### \$1500.00

Thank you to the Rotary Club for their support of our Summer Game! Their donation provided the children's books for this program, ensuring that children continue reading throughout the summer. Summer reading helps prevent learning loss, keeping kids engaged and on track for the school year. But it's more than that, these books become treasured possessions, instilling a love of reading and fostering a sense of pride. We are deeply grateful to the Rotary Club for their commitment to literacy and their investment in our young readers.



## **Rotary Club**

#### \$400.00

We are immensely thankful to the Rotary Club for their continued generosity in supporting our Indigenous resources and books. This sustained commitment is crucial in our ongoing efforts to promote Truth and Reconciliation. Their donation allows us to further enrich our collection, providing essential tools for education, dialogue, and healing. We deeply appreciate the Rotary Club's unwavering partnership in building a more inclusive and respectful community.



## **Province of Alberta**

The Board and Staff would like to extend our appreciation to the Province of Alberta for their contribution to the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library. Their funding plays an essential role in supporting our ongoing operations and programs, allowing us to serve our community. We are grateful for their continued investment in public libraries.



## **City of Fort Saskatchewan**

The City of Fort Saskatchewan's funding directly empowers the Library's Mission of lifelong learning. This support enables the creation of safe and inclusive spaces, where diverse ideas and perspectives can be explored. This aligns with the City's vision of a welcoming, compassionate community, where arts, recreation, and culture thrive. The Library is a cornerstone of the community's growth and well-being, and this vital investment ensures its continued impact.

## With Gratitude to Our Individual Donors

To our individual donors, your generosity is the lifeblood of our library. We deeply appreciate that you chose to support us, recognizing that every contribution makes a difference. You empower us to offer programs for all ages, from babies discovering the joy of reading to seniors seeking lifelong learning. You are not simply supporting a building; you are investing in a vibrant future where our community thrives. **Thank you for your unwavering belief in the power of public libraries.** 

THANK YOU!

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We are especially grateful to our anonymous donors for their significant donations.

## Why does FSPL need your support?

**As a non-profit organization**, we depend on donations to fund our services, resources, and programs, enabling us to meet the evolving needs of our community.



## Where do your donations go?

Donations to the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library go to Library:

- Resources
- Services
- Programming





This may include resources to improve programs to serve the community, continuing to subscribe to our e-resources, updating our physical and digital catalogue, and more!

Do you have questions about where your donations go? You can directly contact our Library Director, Tricia Wall at twall@fspl.ca.

## How you can support your Library

There are various convenient ways to support the Library's mission and make a positive impact in our community. As a registered charity, we issue tax-deductible receipts for donations over \$20.00, allowing you to receive tax benefits for your generosity.

- You can either visit the Library during operating hours or give us a call to speak with our friendly staff about making a contribution.
- You can donate online through CanadaHelps, a secure platform that allows you to give easily and safely from the comfort of your home. https://bit.ly/DonateFSPL
- **Consider legacy giving** as a way to support our library for generations to come. By including us in your estate plans, you can ensure that your love of literacy and learning lives on as a lasting legacy.
- We invite you to set up a meeting with the Director to discuss funding opportunities that align with your interests. Whether it's supporting children's literacy programs, seniors' services, upgrading technology, or expanding collections, we can pair your donation with a project that resonates with you.

### Your support truly makes a difference in our ability to serve the community!





