

Lougheed and District Public Library

Mission

**“The Village of Lougheed
Library Board is committed to
improving the quality of life of
our rural and urban residents
through the provision of the
optimal library resources and
services possible”**

Village of Lougheed

Community Profile

The village of Lougheed was incorporated in 1911. The community is located on the south side of Highway 13 and aligns with the Canadian Pacific Rail Line. For residents and visitors alike, the Village has something to offer in all seasons. The community is proud of the camping and picnic locations, trout pond, horseshoe pits, model aircraft field, museum, library and four baseball diamonds.

Over the years, community volunteers and groups have rallied to offer programs and events to attract people of all ages. The arena, known as the Lougheed Field House, is a turfed facility that has a gym, bouncy houses and it is used year round for community engagements, indoor sports and events.

Within an area of 50 kilometers, there is a wide variety of services, businesses, recreational and cultural groups available. Although high-speed internet is available in limited areas, local transmissions of cell phone, and internet cannot sufficiently be accessed, especially not for rural landowners.

Library Profile

The Lougheed Women's Institute created the first library in Lougheed in 1975. The original library was situated in an old post office and was called the Lougheed Women's Institute Community Library. In 1982, it was moved to its current location, a brand new building containing both the library and town office. At this time, the library changed its name to Lougheed and District Public Library.

Funds are received by provincial grant, village grant, and an allotment by the Parkland Regional Library of which we are a member. Other monetary support comes from fund raising projects such as used book and garage sales, bottle drives, Alberta Transportation Highway Cleanup, and assisting at local functions such as the Red Serge Ball. In addition, there is a large amount of support from individual donators, and funds from different service groups.

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Currently, the Lougheed Library offers a variety of services to the community. These include access to three public computer stations, with high-speed and wireless internet. At present, we have a large collection of books including audio books (adult and children), German Language, adult and children non-fiction and fiction, large print material and DVDs.

We offer delivery of all material to home bound patrons. We have access to material for print disabled. The library invites the Lougheed Playschool for story time and craft once a month. Our sponsorship of the summer reading program for preschool and school age children is highlighted by “Mullen the Magician” on Lougheed Fair Day in August.

We offer our library space for many Parkland Regional Library workshops and partner with various organizations such as Alberta Children’s Rehabilitation Service, Alberta Children’s Health Services, and Wainwright Catholic Social Services. Our biggest partnership is with the Flagstaff Community Adult Learning center for ESL and communication courses, and accommodate them to facilitate the Building Blocks Family Literacy Program at the library. This is a well-attended program and is a tremendous asset to the community.

Brief Summary of Annual Report Statistics 2013/2018

Library Memberships 2013 – 126 2018 – 165

Library Visits 2013 – 3,120 2018 – 3,802

Total Collection 2013 – 9,103 2018 – 9,598

Resource Sharing

Items Borrowed from other libraries 2013 – 1,312 2018 – 554

Items Loaned to other libraries 2013 – 1,887 2018 – 2,748

Plan of Service Process

On March 22/2018, a number of members of the district and community came together to form the development of a new five-year plan of service for the Village of Loughheed Library.

The participants brainstormed, to determine the strengths, weaknesses and challenges that the Village of Loughheed and district face. We were very pleased to have three facilitators from Parkland Regional Library help us with this project. They guided the meeting, collected necessary data and provided us with the compiled information.

On March 20/2019, The Village of Loughheed Library Board Members and staff reviewed the results from the community needs assessment. It was decided that this data, as well as a look at the libraries resources and organizational capacity, would determine the best library service responses needed. After consultation, it was determined that the following Library Services Responses be selected for our five-year plan.

1. Know Your Community: Community Resources and Services

2. Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Know Your Community: Community Resources and Services

Residents will have a central source for information about the wide variety of programs, services, and activities provided by community agencies and organizations

Goal #1 – Residents will be able to easily find out what is coming up, where they can access necessary supports, and how they can get involved in their community.

Objective #1: The Library in partnership with the Lougheed Village Office will evaluate and determine what other information about the village needs to be distributing in the green bags from Flagstaff Community Adult Learning.



Library will design brochure to be distributed in the bags highlighting resources and material the library can offer.



Library will supply certificate for one year free library membership and magnet for the bags.

Goal #2 – All Lougheed and community residents will have opportunities to participate in a range of high quality library services.

Objective #1: The Lougheed Library will publish at least four times a year in the Village of Lougheed Newsletter items of interest, upcoming events or programs offered at the library.



In an annual survey for the library, 85% of the people surveyed will be happy with our increased communication of upcoming events or programs.

Objective #2: The Lougheed Library will use other social media platforms such as website, Facebook and Twitter to keep residents updated on local programs, services, and activities provided by the Library, community agencies and organizations.



In five years, our website and Facebook metrics will have increased by 10%.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Residents will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives.

Goal #1 – All community members will be encouraged to enhance their leisure time, expand their knowledge, and continue to explore topics that interest them.

Objective #1: By year 2023, at least four programs will be offered to enhance personal knowledge and interests. These programs may be offered in partnership with Flagstaff Adult Learning or Alberta Health Services or other avenues that are available for partnership.



The library will increase its programming on life skills, related topics of interest, such as preventative health care, “Facebook for Seniors”, “I-Pad for

Seniors", how to develop and maintain an e-mail account, and other appealing topics.



Library staff will provide group or one-on-one information sessions to members on how to obtain material through inter-library loan, operation of e-readers and how to access and use online databases, such as Ancestry, Pronunciator, Consumer Reports and Grant Connect.

Objective #2: Use of library facilities by partner organizations will increase by 5% over the next five years.








Make partner organizations aware that the library welcomes user groups' access to our facilities.



Contact organizations on a regular basis to ensure they are aware of our desire to share in planning and preparation of programs within the community.

Goal #2 – Fun and interactive activities and programs will be provided that enhance the leisure times of children and youth.

Objective #1: By 2023, we will have noticed a 10% increase in attendance for children's programming.

-  Minimum of two children's events to be held annually.
-  Toronto Dominion Summer Reading Club will continued to be offered in the summer months.
-  Offer programs that generate interest in new hobbies, crafts, technologies and lifestyles.
-  Provide more displays on seasonal topics and different interests.
-  Provide funding to allow staff to take advantage of training opportunities that will assist in developing, marketing, and promoting children's programs.