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Wapiti Regional Library

Full Services Restored at Wapiti Libraries

With the Saskatchewan Government's implementation of Step 3 of their "Re-Opening Roadmap" on July 11th, Wapiti Regional Library returned to full operations on Monday, July 12th. Following the COVID-based library closures last year, Wapiti re-opened all of its branches in July 2020. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Wapiti has closely followed the Provincial Public Health Orders, as well as the province's public health guidelines and timelines. Regional Director Tony Murphy points out that the priority of Wapiti's Board and Regional Office during the pandemic has been, "first and foremost, the health, wellbeing, and safety of our staff and the public that enjoy our libraries." "Keeping in lockstep with the Ministry of Health has provided vital continuity," Murphy added, "and helped guide us through the worst of the pandemic, and the processes of re-opening libraries and restoring full services."

The region's branches have been open since July 13th of 2020, with three levels of service being offered depending on their size and capacity for physical distancing at each branch. With the full easing of restrictions in Saskatchewan on July 11th, all Wapiti branches have moved from Limited In-Person, Appointment Only, and Curbside Pickup service levels to pre-Covid levels of operation.

This is an exciting move forward says Community Services Librarian, Lindsay Baker, "While we have had all branches open since last July, not all branches have been able to provide the full set of services they normally would to their communities. Being able to once again offer public computer access, programming for all ages, and in-person browsing at all branches is exciting for us, our branch library staff, and members of our communities."

Along with a full restoration of library services, the region is also returning to pre-Covid circulation policies, including normal loan times, and overdue fines. Patrons can re-familiarize themselves with loan times and the daily overdue fine charge information on the Wapiti Regional Library website, at <https://wapitilibrary.ca/services/how>.



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