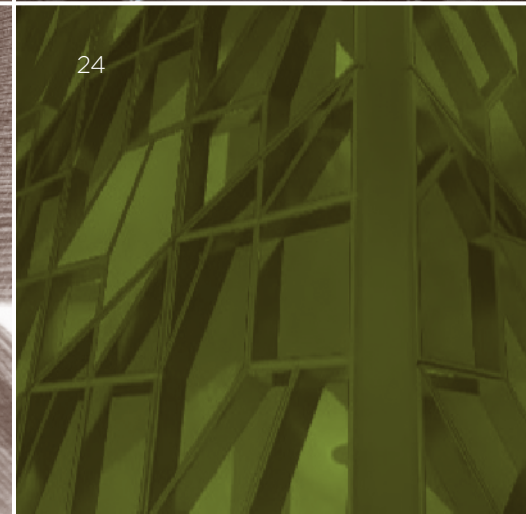
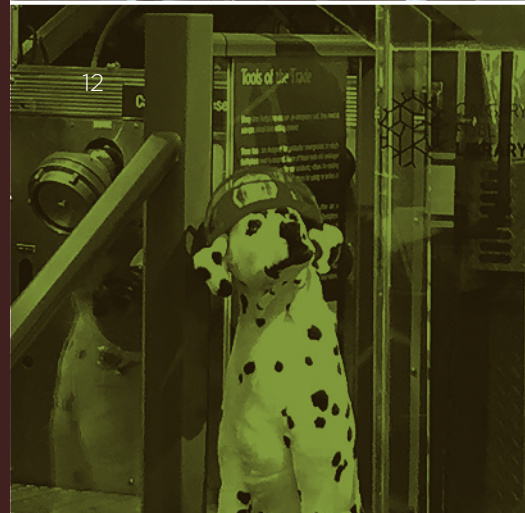


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have so many given so much
of their **time**, energy, and gifts
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MEMBERS 600,000+

ADD IN CAMPAIGN **CROSSES** \$301,243,990

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has the attention of so many Calgarians been drawn to the opening of a **community library**.



On April 23, 2016, Calgary Public Library celebrated the opening of the **Nicholls Family Library at Westbrook Station**.

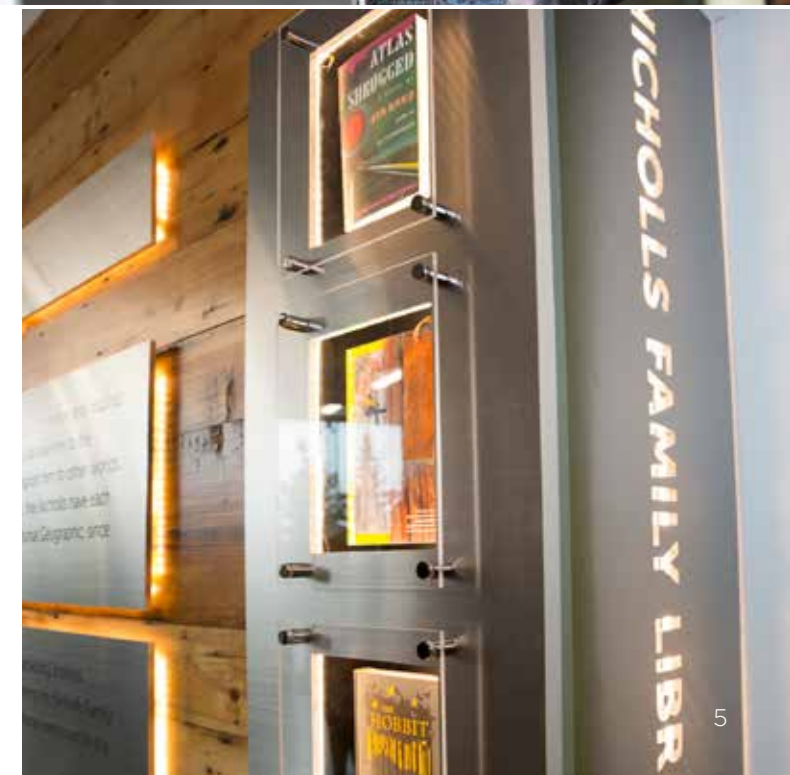
More than 200 volunteers carrying books from the old Shaganappi Library to the new library symbolized the start of a new life for the **library in the community**. The venue was standing room only as more than 1,000 Calgarians joined Library's namesakes Greig, Brenda, and Alex Nicholls in the main hall of the Westbrook CTrain Station.

The Nicholls' belief in and commitment to Calgary Public Library was a major factor in their decision to step up as an **Add In Founding Partner** of the Library Foundation's \$350 million campaign. The Nicholls believe today's library is a conduit for knowledge, providing limitless information and endless possibilities for personal growth.



“When you give to the Library, you give to the whole city.”

~ Brenda Nicholls



NEVER BEFORE

have **community libraries** been so well used—as reading spaces, gathering places, and community hubs—by so many Calgarians.

With community libraries spread throughout Calgary and experiencing increased use, wear and tear on furniture and other physical assets is inevitable. A **rigorous renovation cycle** for the entire Library system was adopted, and allowed the Library to reimagine the entire system to bring the high standards of the New Central Library to bear on each and every library in Calgary. This includes even temporary libraries like the **Lido Pop-up Library** in Kensington in space loaned by Battistella Developments.

Open and airy floor plans complete with lit shelving, meeting rooms for community use, quiet spaces, new seating, and light, bright colours have a two-fold purpose; they **breathe new life into community libraries** and provide for real-life testing of shelving, furniture, and layouts to be featured in the New Central Library.

Nose Hill Library underwent extensive renovations in 2016, staying open throughout the process—thanks in large measure to the patience of Library members and the ingenuity of Library staff. The fully renovated community library is a stunning example of the new look and feel the entire system is embracing and has been transformed for all into a beautiful, light-filled **community hub**.



When **Quarry Park Library at the Remington YMCA** opened on July 2—replacing the aging Glenmore Square location—the partnership between the two organizations included the creation of an initiative to help families prepare our youngest citizens to be school ready. The new library—located in a City recreational facility—is home to **Read and Play, presented by Imperial**. The kits, which flew off the shelves, celebrate the importance of play as the foundation for all future learning and are one more way the Library works with community partners to support the needs of Calgary's many and diverse families.

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NEVER BEFORE

have Calgarians had such incredible access to **collections, services, and programs.**



In 2016, the Library's **2015-2018 Strategic Plan** came to life, in particular the goal to **Focus on Services that Make a Difference.**

Free access to the Library's **incredible array of online databases** was offered to 12,000 Calgary Board of Education students and their teachers, thanks to a dynamic partnership between the two organizations.

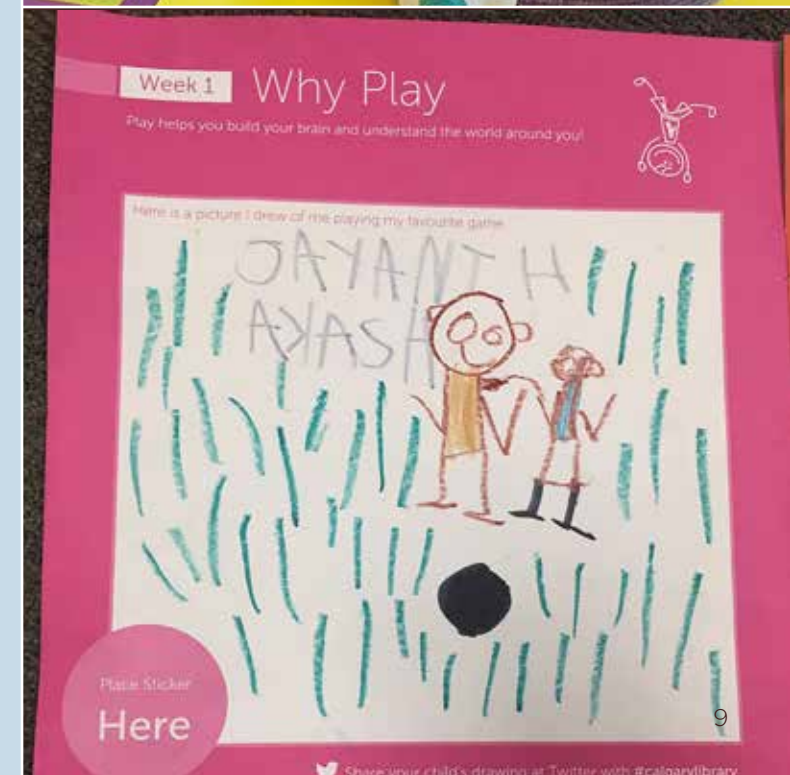
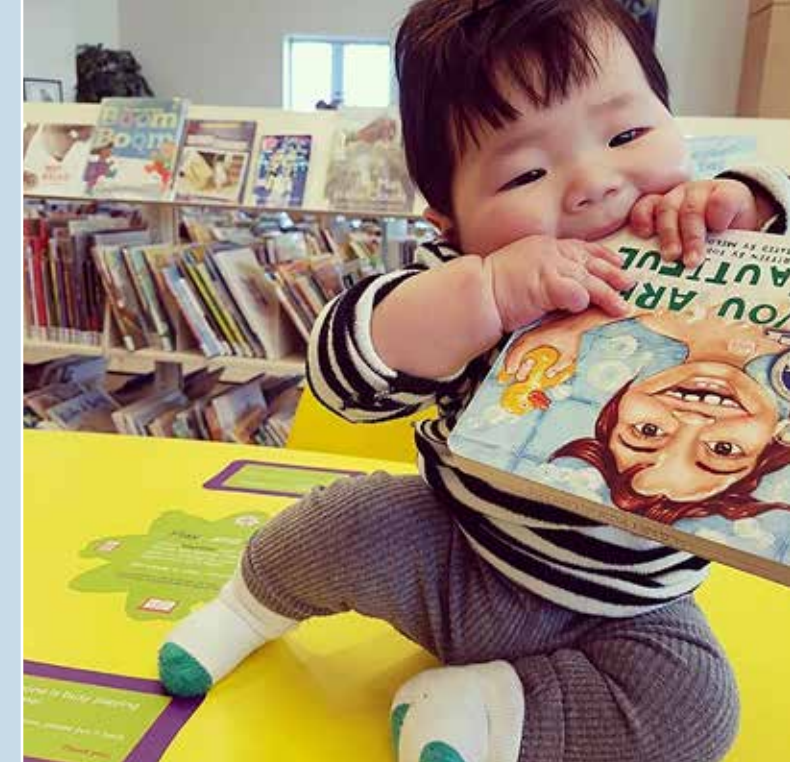
Kids throughout Calgary's school systems made use of free online tutoring through **Brainfuse**, acquired study help and exam prep through **Solaro**, and received fun, customized online reading recommendations through **Beanstack.**

The overwhelming success of new programs has underscored the **Library's ability to identify a need in the community and fill it.** The new **Words and Wiggles** program for preschoolers is consistently at near capacity throughout the system. Community demand for additional coding programs was met with **Crack the Code, Coding Buddies, and codeTEEN**—programs so popular, additional classes are often required.

In 2016, tens of thousands of Library members welcomed the addition of vital (and free) access to **online resources.** Thanks to the Library's forward-thinking Collections staff, those e-resources now include **Lynda.com** (incredible free online courses on everything from learning to play guitar to marketing your own business), **Flipster** (a free browse-able reading experience of hundreds of magazines and periodicals), **PressReader**, and the language-learning powerhouse **Rosetta Stone.**

There's nothing like a behind-the-scenes look at your community library. That's why, in 2016, the Library Foundation launched its **Get to Know Your Library Tours.** The series of free one-hour tours provide a sneak peek at many of the features and programs of Calgary's diverse community libraries. Contact the Library Foundation for details on the next Library Tour.

Offering a different spin on arts accessibility, the Library shared almost 6,700 tickets with low-income Calgarians in 2016 through **The Sun Life Financial Arts + Culture Pass.**



NEVER BEFORE

has the Library designed such **transformational services and programs.**



Calgary Public Library is far more concept than place and while that means Library programs and services need to be portable, they also need to provide consistent, excellent, and transformational experiences for diverse groups of Library members.

Library Book Trucks visit communities not yet serviced by community libraries—checking out more than 11,000 items in 2016. Library staff, through **Library Month at Your Daycare supported by Rotary Club of Downtown Calgary**, carried out 694 visits to licensed daycares, interacting with more than 14,300 children (and daycare staff).



In 2016, the Library put a new twist on the much loved **TD Summer Reading Challenge**. For the first time, the Library's summer experiences for kids looked at learning in the broader context. **The Million Question Challenge** was incorporated into the Library's **Summer Learning** programming, encouraging Calgary's kids to complete an engaging activity booklet and, together, ask 1,000,000 questions. The Challenge was a great way to get kids thinking differently and actively engaging in inquiry based learning.



Staff participated in more than 2,400 community activities in 2016. Through **Welcome to the Library, supported by the RBC Foundation**, as well as through IIRC-sponsored Library programs at venues including the RBC Library at the Margaret Chisholm Resettlement Centre, the Library offered free Library cards, helping make Calgary feel like home for Syrian refugees and countless newcomers to Canada.



Calgary's cultural library is taking shape in Memorial Park. **Wordfest** has made its home in this iconic downtown library and is now offering, in partnership with the Library, never-before-access to author readings and a host of literary events.

The donor-funded **Idea Lab** is an anything-goes creative space where every idea that is thrown into the mix gets equal consideration. It's a free-flowing place where groups from the arts, business, not-for-profits, and the community converge to problem solve ideas big and small and where everyone feels like an entrepreneur.



NEVER BEFORE

has a library—anywhere in the world—transformed a real-life 22-tonne fire engine into a fully interactive exhibit for **kids**.



At midnight on April 3, 2016 under cover of darkness, a **decommissioned fire engine** was spirited into Central Library. Hidden behind hoarding walls, the truck was thoughtfully repurposed, complete with a reading nook atop the back of the vehicle and kid-sized firefighting coats and hats.

Two months later, *The New Adventures of Engine 23 at the Library*, a partnership between the **Library**, **Calgary Fire Department**, **City of Calgary**, **BURNSWEST Corporation**, and **Friends of the Library** was unveiled.



Led by Library staff, volunteers, and firefighters, thousands of children attend **Read with Engine 23**, supported by **Pembina Pipeline** and let their imaginations soar!



Never before has Central Library seen children play and pretend together, learn life-saving fire safety tips, and create their very own Engine 23 adventures on board a real-life fire engine.

Mini Engine 23s were added to *all* community libraries, to the delight of kids throughout Calgary!



NEVER BEFORE

has **early learning** been reimagined so boldly and thoughtfully as it has at Calgary Public Library.

The addition of **Early Learning Centres** to Calgary's community libraries is addressing a clearly identified need to invest in children's educational programming. This highlights the Library's vision to immerse children and their caregivers in literacy-rich and welcoming neighbourhoods.

Fish Creek Library was the first location to see the addition of an Early Learning Centre which was supported by TD Bank Group and includes the **TD Family Program Room**. Learning gleaned from Fish Creek enabled the transformation of Village Square Library's children's area a short time later.



Thanks to a grant from the **Government of Alberta**, the **Village Square Library Early Learning Centre** features a colourful "rainbow" area where babies and toddlers are supported as they develop fine motor and early literacy skills, as well as a performance space with puppets and props for older children.

Digital literacy is promoted through in-library Playaway tablets preloaded with games designed to build **numeracy and literacy skills**. A reading nook filled with natural light accompanies a creative space complete with activity tables where **children can play, explore, and learn**.



Because **healthy development in early childhood** sets the course for a child's future and largely determines how well children will do in school and in life, **Early Learning Centres** are set to become mainstays in all Calgary Public Library community libraries.



NEVER BEFORE

has a library fundraising gala featured a battle royale starring a world-renowned wrestler...and raised so much money for **early learning**.



Presenting Partner:



Galamania

On November 4, 2016, the Calgary Public Library Foundation hosted the 39th Annual **Bob Edwards Award Gala**. Named “Galamania,” the evening honoured the 2016 Award Recipient and hometown hero, Bret “Hitman” Hart.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi opened the Gala and kicked off the first round of fundraising, as two wrestlers divided the room into the “Nose Hill Page Terrors” and the “Shawnessy Spine Breakers.” Guests engaged in a royal rumble to see which team would raise the most funding for their adopted community library.

At the end of the night, emcee W. Brett Wilson announced that more than \$300,000 had been raised to establish an **Early Learning Centre at Shawnessy Library**, developing a bright and inspiring space for young ones to play, create, and learn. A celebration to launch the opening of the new space will take place on June 3, 2017. Not to be outdone, **Nose Hill Library** will also benefit from enhancements to its children’s area, ensuring the growth of little readers.

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NEVER BEFORE

has **support** been stronger for the City's public library system.

Calgarians love Calgary Public Library and aren't afraid to show it! A whopping **68,000+** hours were contributed by the Library's **nearly 3,000 volunteers**—more than half between the ages of 12-17. That staggering figure equates to **more than \$2,000,000 of volunteer time in 2016.**

Supported by volunteers, the Library's **amazing family of staff** are able to offer more programs, in more locations, to so many more Calgarians.



Add In is a bold and transformational initiative of the Calgary Public Library Foundation to support the Library in the creation of the **best public library in the world.** The \$350 million city-wide campaign will build capacity for each and every community library, focus on projects that deliver a strong impact for Library members, and ensure the New Central Library is the heart of a dynamic and progressive 21st century library system.



volunteers 2,957

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NEVER BEFORE

has Calgary Public Library received such helpful guidance to transform Library services to meet the needs of **Indigenous communities**.

“We have much to learn.”

When the province's public libraries were given permission to extend Library cards beyond urban Indigenous peoples, Calgary Public Library began **meeting with members of rural and urban Indigenous communities** to build connections and relationships.

Guided by the recommendations in the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission's** final report, and the **White Goose Flying Report**, the Library was moved to find ways to understand what is needed rather than assume the answers. The result has allowed the Library to **begin the journey** of creating a welcoming environment that supports Indigenous members and is inclusive of Indigenous culture.

This journey includes participation as a co-partner in the **Elder's Teaching project** with **Vibrant Communities Calgary** and representation on committees at provincial and national levels to change how libraries work with Indigenous communities—from modernizing outdated terminology in catalogue subject headings to providing Library staff with training to create a more welcoming environment for Indigenous members.

Realizing we had much to learn, the Library created the **Indigenous Communities Liaison** role funded, in part, by Friends of the Library. The new position was filled in late 2016 and is providing much-needed guidance to Library staff.

We will grow as we walk together on the traditional land of the Blackfoot people, shared by the Beaver people of the Tsuut'ina Nation, and the Nakota people of the Stoney Nations, a place where we walk in the footprints of the Métis people.

NEVER BEFORE

has the Library been so prepared and so incredibly supported as it steps into the **future**.



Just a few years ago, it would have been challenging to imagine the Library's growth to **600,000 Library members**, **6.7 million in-person visits**, and **15.8+ million physical and digital items** checked out in just one year.

Yet, **Calgary Public Library is bold**. As we look ahead, we are already testing the dynamic new plan of service for bringing to life Calgary's largest civic project in a generation: the 240,000 square foot **New Central Library** set to open in the East Village in Q4 2018. We are already building the services to welcome an anticipated 800,000+ Calgary Public Library members. To activate and animate Calgary's landmark New Central Library, the Library Foundation is set to launch the **Add In Campaign** fall 2017.

The focus on community libraries remains strong; in June 2017 we are set to open a temporary location for the **Sage Hill Library** while the permanent structure is built.

The **Forest Lawn Library Nature Playground** will open in early July 2017. With a contribution from the **Canada 150 Infrastructure Program** and Library donors, 16,000 community kids will have access to safe, fun outdoor play in the Forest Lawn community.



The Calgary Public Library and the Library Foundation are laying the groundwork for the **next generation** of Calgary's readers, writers, thinkers, dreamers, planners, and builders.



For more than 100 years, Calgary Public Library has been instrumental in enriching the lives of millions upon millions of Calgarians, shaping the Calgary of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Many recount with a sense of pride signing their name to a library card for the very first time. Others tell us about the support they received as the Library helped them search for and get a new and rewarding job. Families remember trips to their community library to stock up on books for the weeks ahead. Volunteers share how their own lives have been touched by the joyful smiles of the little ones, teens, parents, newcomers, and seniors they've been able to stand alongside through the Library's life-changing programs.

As we look ahead to the legacy that is being created through Calgary Public Library, many Calgarians have named the Library as part of their own personal legacy, forever weaving their history into the history of our city.

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