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Regina Public Library sees spike in digital card signups

Regina Public Library has been working hard to help citizens stay positive during COVID-19 distancing by providing them with access to eBooks and other content, learning opportunities, and program experiences.

Since closing library doors to the public on March 17, Regina Public Library has supplied 4,772 new digital cards to Regina citizens.

The increase in demand is significant. In 2019, an average of 1,000 new library cards were activated each month.

There are currently 93,689 active library cards Regina. An even higher number of residents are accessing services, since some of these cards are shared by families.

“This is wonderful,” said Jeff Barber, Director and CEO of Regina Public Library. “It’s heartening to know that Regina is taking advantage of everything we’re able to offer online during this difficult time.”

Digital cardholders can access countless online services including streaming movies, TV and movies along with eBooks, eAudiobooks, homework help, and courses covering everything from piano lessons to coding.

RPL staff are gearing up for an expanded slate of online program offerings for all ages. Currently, do-it-yourself video tutorials are available for storytimes and Dunlop Art Gallery projects that can be done at home, as well as hosted book clubs and business programs run weekly over Zoom.

The RPL website has been refocused to make it easy for users to find the plethora of digital offerings from the library.

Regina citizens can get digital library cards by phoning the RPL hotline at 306-777-6000 from 1:00 – 5:00pm daily.

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