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Kelsey Acton, is a 16 year old student from Ogema, Saskatchewan. She is an avid reader, and enjoys popular fantasy novels, as well as science fiction, mystery, and various other YA genres.

Many people think libraries are old and lame, filled with books for people who are either three or eighty-three. However, with all the exciting and innovative new things Saskatchewan Libraries have to offer, that is hardly the case! While there *are* dusty old books about quilts and cooking, there are also many new and innovative resources, all completely free! The libraries in our province have worked hard to engage people of all ages; not just the young and old. The libraries in Saskatchewan offer numerous things for its users including books, online resources, and a connection to the community. These things and many others are free for all Saskatchewan Library users.

How could I write about libraries without mentioning books? You can check out any book in the library using your library card. At my local library in Ogema, you are able to keep your book for 21 days. If it takes you longer to read the material you've borrowed, you don't have to worry! You can renew your book as long as no one has put a hold on it. In the same fashion, if you wish to borrow a book that someone else has, simply placed a hold on it. You will be able to borrow it as soon as they are done. But what about books that aren't in your local library? Thankfully you are able to order books online using your library's website. These books are sent from anywhere in the province to your local library. You can pick them up there, and drop them off at any library in the province. They are then sent back to where they came from, all free of charge. Even with the ability to order books from across the province, some people aren't able to utilize their library because they don't speak English. At our library in Ogema, we have a section of our library dedicated solely to books in Tagalog. Because we have a large Filipino population this helps draw more of Ogema's residents to the library. Now you may be asking, what if I'm lazy and I don't feel like going to my public library? Well, you're in luck! You have access to all these things and more, all online!

With your library card, you have access to several free online resources, the first of which is Hoopla! It's like Netflix, but better! Hoopla is an online streaming service which you can use for free with your library card. It's accessible with an internet connection and a computer or tablet. Hoopla offers ebooks, audio books, tv shows, movies, and music. You can borrow up to five things per month, and it automatically returns them when your time is up! No late fees! However, if you want to borrow more than five books per month, there's another must-have program just for you! Libby is the new OverDrive app used for borrowing ebooks. Any book you find on Overdrive and borrow through Libby is from your library division, which you can access to using your card. This program also automatically returns your books so that you can avoid those pesky late fees! While you're busy delving into the world of fantasy or science fiction, you may want to keep up to date with the latest events and trends. The libraries of Saskatchewan have the perfect program for such an occasion. Flipster is a program that allows you access to countless magazines with your library card. There are no limits as to how many magazines you can borrow, and they range from titles like "Consumer Reports" to "Seventeen." If your favourite magazine isn't there, you can request it using the request section on the website! These online services are truly amazing, but they simply cannot replace what a real Library does for the community

Our library in Ogema has a huge impact on our community! In Ogema, you can order Makerspace kits. These kits can be ordered online or at the library and will be sent to your local library for you to use. You can order Lego kits, robot kits, and even a virtual reality kit! These kits allow you to expand your knowledge, challenge your mind, and have fun creating something new with your friends! If you just feel like hanging out at your library, there are many events for you to enjoy. The "Summer Reading Program" is a program where volunteers read books, do crafts, and play games with the local kids. The library also hosts movie nights, book clubs, and various workshops, *free* for the public to enjoy. However, with school on the mind of many students, being a quiet and welcoming place is essential. Thankfully, the library is a great place to get some work done! The library has computers and printers that are free for the public to use. There are also tables and comfortable chairs for you to do some studying or casual reading. Most importantly, our library offers free wireless internet, which comes in handy with many classes now being taking online. Whatever you choose to use your local library for you can be sure that it has a fun and free resource for you!

Our local libraries allow us to read, watch, and work! We can use our library to order books from anywhere across Saskatchewan! Numerous online resources are available to all patrons. Most importantly, our libraries allow us to connect with our community through the joy of learning! They are a bustling hub of communication and bonding. All of these resources and opportunities are available to everyone, including you! All you need is a library card!

Eugenia Argerami was born in Argentina but currently lives in Canada and speaks English, Spanish, and French. Eugenia loves reading, writing, and all things fictional and dreams of becoming an author. She is frequently caught daydreaming and would probably sell her soul for a copy of a highly anticipated release.

To begin, I must say, the library is my home-away-from-home, my sanctuary, my place of rest; it is very dear to me in a way that is difficult to explain, because what else can one say about their own natural habitat? That is what the library is to me.

Now, what does my library do for me? First and foremost, the library fulfills my need for books. I am so thankful for libraries because they support me by making available books I would otherwise have to buy myself, which would leave me in financial crisis due to the sheer amount of reading I do. Whenever there are new releases, the library is quick to put them out for my enjoyment, and I am unbelievably glad that I will not have to wait any longer. Books teach me, guide me, and bring me joy. They help me work out my brain, and they inspire me to write new, different stories, allowing my creativity to run free and simultaneously teaching me how I can successfully get my ideas down onto paper.

Besides the obvious fact of providing me with amazing reading material, the library is kind enough to offer a wide range of other things, mainly movies and graphic novels, which I love. I have always been into movies for as long as I can remember, while on the other hand, my obsession with graphic novels is a more recent development. In addition, I may not be into audio books and e-books, but it is always good to know that they are at my disposal if need be.

Furthermore, the library is a place where I can be completely relaxed thanks to comfortable chairs and a soothing environment of intellectual learning. I often go there to study, and sometimes I even bring friends along with me. My home can get a little rowdy at times, so it really is wonderful having a quiet area to study and do homework! When I am not working, I like to give my mind a rest and simply wander around at times. Truly, I never grow tired of exploring the jungle that is a library and roaming through the wilds between the shelves!

The library is a source of entertainment for me, to say the least. I love that I am always presented with an assortment of different pastimes and recreations. There are always many activities available, such as games of chess, puzzles, technological entertainments like video games and computers that are extremely helpful when I need to search something up or complete some work. Then, there are the used books that are on sale in some libraries that always excite me when I am lucky enough to find a book I recognize or have been wanting to read. I also occasionally use the books as gifts (because there's nothing better than receiving a novel as a present). Finally, the library hosts different events that I love attending, like the more official Book Sales that really help me stock up on reading material.

That brings me to my next point, which is all the events I can attend through the library. This includes contests, which I love joining. I have had the great fortune of taking part in the Summer Reading Contest the last two summers and also the Book Trailer Contest, which I joined with a good friend of mine; we had a lot of fun putting together a video about a book series that is beloved by both of us, and we may have not won, but we still look back on it with contentment.

In the same fashion, the library gives me the chance to meet people with shared interests and provides me with the books that bring me closer to others through our mutual love of the written word. As I previously mentioned, I did the Book Trailer Contest with a friend; we both had a great time working on it, and it definitely brought us closer together. Moreover, I have had countless run-ins with friends and other acquaintances at the library on multiple occasions; I always feel strangely connected with others when I see them there, as if we are all leaves and the library is the great tree that connects us. Needless to say, the library is where I go to find my roots.

So, what does my library do for me? It welcomes me, calms me, and brings me joy through the wonder that is literature! I have no clue what my childhood would have been like if I had never been introduced to the library. Maybe I would have turned out to be extroverted. Who knows? Alas, we cannot dwell on the past. So, in conclusion, I love my library and I am fairly certain that my library loves me!

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My earliest memories of the library are set in the Francis Morrison branch in Saskatoon. As a child, the round topped door beside the checkout desk in the children's department was a portal to another, more magical world. The stone fireplace, stepped seating, and twinkling stars inset into the ceiling were much more than a back-room where we listened to stories. Everything about that place, from the stuffed animals to the iconic story-time song, was indicative of another type of existence. Something separate from, and yet a part of, the wider world: a microcosm of imagination, where anything was possible if you had an open mind.

Many years have passed since I was last in Pooh Corner, but as I've grown older I've realized that it isn't just that little room in the upstairs of the Francis Morrison branch that serves as a microcosm. The library system as a whole – from the varied and extensive collection of materials, to the comfort of each branch – is a life-giving oasis that has served, and continues to serve, countless purposes. As my interests have evolved and expanded, the library has always been a place where I can seek and find. Whether I'm looking for a novel to escape into or researching information on the finer elements of interior design, I can rely on a public mass of material. Though I may have outgrown storytime, I will never outgrow the library.

When I was in elementary school, I sometimes walked down the street to the nearest branch to wait for my parents. It was a safe place to go to. A place where, as soon as I walked through the doors, I had nothing to worry about. I could curl up with a graphic novel and pass hours immersed in a story. Sometimes a few of my friends would join me and we would take turns playing games on the computers, trying to keep our voices down but inevitably breaking into laughter. As I've grown older, my use of the library has expanded exponentially. I've borrowed nearly every type of material available, taken part in a multitude of events hosted in different branches, logged countless hours on the library wifi, and probably moulded one particular seat to fit the contours of my body. I can't count the number of times I've taken up office there to do homework, edit a video, or work on a short story. Or, of course, to sit back and enjoy a good book. Often one that was unknown to me until it caught my eye on one of the ever-changing displays, but that I can now file away in the section of my brain labelled "good books." The library is my home away from home.

The library is my refuge on a cold day, my office, my meeting spot, my mecca of information and entertainment. The library is a portal to another world where I can lose myself as easily in a story as in a research paper. Like the childhood hours spent in Pooh Corner, my time at the library reminds me that there is more to the world than the view with which I am presented on a daily basis. It reminds me that there is a whole wide universe out there. A universe that I am a part of; that I can explore and discover and learn about. The library is my portal.

Earlier this year, when library funding was threatened by the provincial budget, I experienced a wake up call. When something has been a part of your life for so long, you begin to take it for granted. I took it for granted that when I log into my computer at home I can order a book from across the province. I took it for granted that I had a warm place to do my work when I was in town.

Thankfully, the threat of losing something we love was a wake up call for people all across the province. We were able to band together to say, "This is something important. Our libraries are important."

Since the dawn of written word, libraries have been a hub of knowledge and a wealth of information. In ancient times, people seeking information may have had to spend years hunting down a text or months travelling to a library. Now, we don't even have to leave our homes in order to use the internet and access more information than we can comprehend. However, this in no way negates the importance of libraries in our communities. There is no replacement for a comfy chair and a warm space. Somewhere you can sit back and relax, or do research or print off a resume. Libraries are irreplaceable; a hallmark of a thoughtful and progressive society. A lot has changed since the days when I went to story time at Pooh Corner. I've changed, the world has changed, the library catalogue has changed. One thing, though, has stayed the same. The library continues to spark my imagination. It is still a portal to a world of knowledge and discovery. Something that I can call my own. Something that we can all call our own: a place that I hope to frequent for many years to come.

Brittney Bell is the daughter of Curtis Bell. They live on a farm outside of Ogema, Saskatchewan. In her spare time she enjoys being outside and interacting with many different types of animals and helping with anything around the farm.

Libraries were brought to my attention at a very young age. I did not only go to them as a child but the school made sure that we went to the school library. I was never really aware of what all our library had for activities. Our local library also has computers for the public use, free wifi, and a website that you can order in books that you want. There are so many amazing different and fun things! Not only do they put on activities to do at the library but there are many different apps to get on your phone. This allows you to access the library from the comfort of home.

My personal favorite is Hoopla. Hoopla is an app that has books, audio books, music, movies and TV shows. The best part about it is that you can download any of those things and use them whenever you want! Once you download them, you don't need to use internet! However, you can only download five things per month so make sure you choose wisely. After one month is up, you get to take out five more things and whatever you take out will automatically disappear. Hoopla is also absolutely free! No matter what you download, you don't have to pay a cent. However, not everyone has internet to download different things so it is a good thing that the library has free Wi-Fi.

I really appreciate that the public library has free Wi-Fi. Just because it is 2017, it doesn't mean that everyone has wifi at home. It can be very difficult for people to do things at home when they don't have wifi. I know a problem I have is when I need to work on an online class and I don't have internet at home to do it. Knowing that the library has wifi and computers for the public to use makes people's lives a lot easier! Even if you need a quiet place to work and need a computer with internet, you can always rely on the library for that. You can even go to the library, use their free Wi-Fi and use it to access their apps or awesome website!

If you go to the Southeast Regional Library website, you can find any book that you want and get it sent to your local library. You can also keep track of your account. You are able to see how many books you have signed out, your hold requests, how many items you held, and your charges. The only time you will get charged money is if you have an over due library book. The Southeast Regional Library website also comes in very handy when you are doing different assignments. There are many different eResources that can help you in doing your assignments properly and how to cite your resources.

Overall, I would like to reiterate that my library is very important to me. It helps me in so many different ways. Not only does it help me with my school work but having easy access to books is awesome. Reading is a major part in our lives and it has several different impacts on us. Research has proven that reading can reduce stress levels and make us healthier because it reduces our heart rate for a while. Therefore, I strongly believe that everyone should take time in their day to read.

Mikayla Bruins is 13 years old and was born on March 3rd, 2004. She recently moved from Maple Ridge, British Columbia to Ogema on February 22. She has an older sister who is 16 and two little brothers who are 6 and 9.

Our Libraries are unique because you can get a book at any library in Saskatchewan and return it at a different one. The library also does other cool things like Summer Reading Club, Makerspace kits and movie nights. I'm going to prove that your library can benefit you in many ways starting with.... Free WiFi!!

The library is a good place to study because it has free WiFi and access to physical resources. The free WiFi allows you to work on assignments that need an internet connection. It also allows you to email or message your teacher with questions you have about an assignment. It's great for connecting with friends during a study break. The WiFi is good for studying, but let's not forget about the books there. Not only do they have a variety of books on many topics, but you can order in any book that they don't have for free! If you don't have enough time to read a book on a subject, the library also has documentaries on many topics. If you need to write a report about the town, the library has many newspapers and a book of Ogema's history. Not only is the library a great place to study and has many good resources, it's also super fun.

Besides the resources that are offered, there are plenty of fun activities to do as well like Summer Reading Club. Summer Reading Club is an event that happens twice a month in the summer. It's only two hours, but in those two hours we, meaning a friend and myself, do so many fun activities, like story time, arts and crafts and a bunch of fun games. If you're 12 or older you are able to volunteer. There are other fun things the library does, like movie nights. Movie nights happen about every other week and it's totally free to go. Anybody is allowed to go, and you can meet up with your friends. While watching the movie and you get hungry there are also snacks like chips and veggies that are free as well. The library also offers maker space kits. Makerspace kits are tools that teach kids how to make many different things and learn new skills. It gives them a challenge and they're really fun to do. Although fun is great, libraries can benefit you in many ways.

Having a library card can also be considered an essential resource for daily life; for instance, the app Hoopla. Hoopla is an app where you can borrow any book or watch your favourite T.V show episodes for free using your library card. The library allows you to borrow up to five things each month. One of the best things about Hoopla is after three weeks your books and other things you have borrowed will automatically go back go back to the browser, so you won't get any overdue fees. Your library card also gives you a free membership on Library2Go. Library2Go is an audiobook app. It's great for little kids learning to read because they can follow along with the audio. Also if you're too tired to read you can listen to your favourite books. Reading is very good for improving imagination and getting a good sense of what the world is like. It's also reduces stress levels and helps your verbal abilities.

The Library is a great place to study, it has so many fun activities and is really good for your health. Therefore it's a really great place for people to study and has many benefits. Everyone should use this awesome and free service!

RG Bulayog is the son of Gilbert Bulayog and Reginalda Bulayog. He enjoys playing video games and spends most of his time in his room. He plays sports and usually tries his best. He is a very positive person and fun to be around.

What My Library Does for Me?

You may ask yourself, "What good is a library?" A library is home to many bookworms and people who love to escape to different worlds. A library has a lot of information about what has happened in the past. It's a place full of knowledge and amazing people. Our library is filled with helpful and bright individuals, and the atmosphere when you enter the library is warm and welcoming. "Why is a library important?" A library helps many individuals to learn and study about the world. Reading books are amazing for improving imagination. They tell tales about different worlds that you never imagined about, and different creatures that live there, and about different types of people.

Why is it special?

Our library is very special; it offers people more than books! It offers video games and movies. If you wanted a book that wasn't in the library the librarian could order it online and after a while it will arrive at your library. When it gets there, you can borrow the book and when you are done you can return it to any library in Saskatchewan! It doesn't have to be from the same library. I could borrow a book from Ogema and return it in Regina, and they will send it to Ogema! Another reason why our library is the best is that there is diversity! There are many Filipinos in the community of Ogema, so the library is now adding Filipino books!

Why should you visit?

The library provides all of the things that a student needs to study. If you are wanting to do research it's a great place to go! They have computers that you can use if you don't have a computer at home. When you are done typing whatever it is that you needed then you can print them out! When you print, you have to pay a fee of 25 cents. Another advantage of going to the library is that they have FREE WIFI! Who doesn't like free things! If you move to a new house and don't have internet for the time being then this place is perfect. Our library is not just for reading! There are days that the library holds family night! They bring game consoles in and people are able to play together! And sometimes you watch different movies! It's an amazing experience, and they usually provide you with snacks so you don't get hungry. The library lets you borrow their books so you don't have to stay in there and read, you can go home and drink hot chocolate while reading! Just make sure you don't spill the hot chocolate on the book. You also don't have to borrow books from there, you can borrow games and movies. If they don't have the movie that you want then you can ask the librarian to order it for you, it will come in and you can go pick it up! It's the same as with books!

Our library gives students access to all kinds of different websites that help are very helpful, Hoopla, Library2Go, Flipster and Libby! These websites enable you to borrow books, audio books and things like movies!

Our library is a great place! No one can ask for a better library; the community is very helpful and supporting! They are usually able to help you if you need help. It has many special features that other libraries don't have and I'm proud to say that this is the best library ever! I hope that more people visit the library so that they can see for themselves how amazing it is!

Jandrei DC. Calica lives in Ogema. He likes listening to music and playing Vainglory. He loves basketball and hanging out with friends. He is Filipino. He loves singing. He loves R&B songs. He likes watching anime. His favorite anime series are Naruto and inuyasha.

Our public library is very important. There's lots of things that you can do in our library like playing and reading. There's a lot more but we will discuss it later. The government provides our library's money. Our library has free internet, is open 24/7, and has something that would interest everyone in your family.

Our library is a place where you can study .You can watch movies on our library TV too. There are lots of books in our library. It has books from the other countries too. They have books of Filipino histories, stories, and many other things in Tagalog.

You can go and order stuff on the library's webpage. In our library there's some computers that you can use for playing and researching. You can do Hoopla, too. Hoopla is an online streaming service for public libraries offering feature films, documentaries, music albums and audiobooks. There's comfy chairs in our library too. The chairs are perfect for Hoopla!

Libby and Library2go is an app that you can download. Libby is an innovative new mobile app from Over Drive. Libby is designed to make borrowing and enjoying eBooks and audiobooks. You can put Libby on your phone or tablet and enjoy it everywhere.

Flipster is an online app too. Flipster is a next-generation digital magazine distribution service which lets users can access their favorite magazines from a variety of publishers through their local libraries. Free magazines are way better than paying for them!

Libraries are so important. If you don't know, they help us to do our homework. You can study there and get smarter. You can find anything at the library!

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Library... when you hear the word "library" what is the first thing that comes to your mind? The library has a lot of things to do. Not just sitting on a chair, elbows on the table and reading books. Some people think that libraries are such a boring place but it's not! Actually libraries have a lot of things to do for your daily activities. Stay reading and I will tell you what things the library can do for you!

In the library there's a lot of things to do, as long as you have a library card. If you're a book enthusiast and you're tired of wasting money buying books, the library's door is wide open for you. In the library you can borrow books you want and take back books you've read. Our library (Ogema library) has a lot of good books to read and as a Filipino and I'm so glad that our library has Filipino books, poems, old books, recipes and so much more! Our library has computers you can use for your assignments if you don't have computer at your house, and you can play games on the computer too. Our library is a free Wi-Fi zone so you can go browse and search things you want to find. You can take your younger siblings and read books to them. You can watch movies in our library when they have movie nights scheduled and you can bring anyone-friends, family, kids you babysit, literally everyone! You can play games and borrow games from the library. The library even has a metal stamping kit so if you want a bracelet, anklet or a necklace pendant you can make one or you can stamp on your own! Our library has squishy circuits so if you're a science guy you get to experiment with those circuits. Ogema Library even has a PlayStation 4 Virtual Reality Kit! Look how cool Ogema Library is! Ogema Library can access kits from headquarters and they can get you a cooking kit, Wii-U video game console, PS4 videogame console, X-box One videogame console, Makey Makey invention kit, Lego, Little Bits, Simple Engineering Kit, Kinetic Creatures, 3Doodler – 3D drawing pen, Cubelets – miniature robots, Lego Mindstorms, and Ozobot – small programmable robots! For the gamers, there are games in the library that you can borrow. There is something for everyone!

If you don't feel like going to library you can go to Flipster and read magazines with your computer, smartphone, or tablet using your library card. There is Library2go so you can order books online. There's a girl named Libby and she can easily help you borrow books from your library. Hoopla is an application like Netflix, you can stream movies, TV shows and more using your library card. Hoopla is like Netflix but better! Do you know that your library has thousands of ebooks and audiobooks? You can borrow them instantly, for free, using just the device on your hand.

Saskatchewan Information Library Services (SILS) is unique because you can use your library card to borrow items or send back items from anywhere in the province. Not many libraries have that kind of service!

Overall, I think you should keep reading books because reading books can enhance your vocabulary. Like what Ms. Hughes, our teacher, said, "It's better to sound smart than to sound funny".

Ace Casimiro is 16 years old and is a Filipino. He came to Canada when he was 13. He lives in a small town called Ogema and goes to school there. He is currently in grade 10 and his favourite subjects are math and science. In his spare time he likes to watch TV Shows and movies and read books.

When most people think "library," they think books. Well, I think "library" means more than just books; libraries are places of facts, information, and knowledge. Libraries are informative and resourceful. They offer people free access to a wealth of information that they often can't find elsewhere, whether online or in person. Libraries are also magical! You can get lost in wonderful stories and learn more about yourself. Libraries are a unique and valuable resource; without them there would be no us.

What does my library do for me? Well, there's a lot! First, they offer a place for studying, free Wi-Fi and computers for research projects if you don't have Wi-Fi or a computer at home. Our library also offers arts and crafts supplies for when you are feeling creative. They have video games for systems like X-box, Wii U, PS4, PlayStation VR, and you can also invite your friends with you if you want a challenge. They even have audiobooks, and CDs for entertainment. The library also has programs and services available and there is something for everyone! For example, there is the Summer Reading Club and if you want you can volunteer to read with kids. This is a great way to volunteer in our community! The library can also order stuff for you like books or games, or anything as long as it's at another library in the province. They also have a printer which can print, scan or copy. You only need a library card to access these services!

With a library card, you can access online services like Hoopla, which is an online streaming service for public libraries offering feature films, documentaries, music albums, and audiobooks. The content is always available without waitlists. Flipster is another app and a next-generation digital magazine distribution service which lets users access their favorite magazines from a variety of publishers through their local libraries. Library2go is our library's virtual branch. It provides us with access to titles at home and on the go over the internet. In the virtual branch, you can find a selection of eBooks and audiobooks that are available to download and enjoy on your computer or portable device like phones or tablets. Libby is an innovative new mobile app from Overdrive. Libby is designed to make borrowing and enjoying eBooks and audiobooks from your public library easier than ever! From the website, you can even access eResources. It's a full-service technology firm, providing digital media solutions, strategic planning & consulting, creative design, online application management, and IT services to a diverse client base. Our public library has an entire online world available to its customers!

Our library also hosts cool and educational presentations like the author presentation on October 5th of 2017. That day, two authors came to talk to us, Catherine Milos and Courtney Bates-Hardy. Catherine is an author that writes and publishes creative non-fiction articles in journals, essays, and poetry. Courtney is a poet and an editor and she wrote a chapbook which is about mermaids. They were here on behalf of Saskatchewan Library. Not only did they show us their work, but they also talked to us about what it's like to be an author. It was so interesting!

Libraries also ensure that non-English speakers, like myself, see themselves represented in their community. In Ogema, they have Filipino books which are accessible for everyone. They also provide immigrants helpful information like what they should know about the community, and opportunities to connect with their new community.

Overall, we are so lucky to have such a diverse library available to us. Not only is the library available for education purposes, but for fun too! I hope everyone in our province, patrons, workers, teachers, students, town councils and larger government agencies understand how valuable this resource is. Our town wouldn't be the same without it!

Princess Casimiro is the daughter of Romeo and Elsie Casimiro. She lives in the small town of Ogema. She is currently in Grade 12 and attending Ogema School. She came from the Philippines and moved to Canada in September 2013.

Have you ever imagined what this world would be like if libraries don't exist? We probably wouldn't have education today. Our society would be in chaos. In libraries, we can borrow free books so we can acquire knowledge. If libraries were not available today, that information wouldn't be available to anyone. Only those who are rich enough to buy or borrow the books directly from the maker. You could only have education, if you had power in the society. That sounds awful, right? Remembering past history as a student, I would say that my generation is very lucky because we now have complex technology. Due to that, everything has been upgraded, including the libraries today. Now, public libraries have a lot more to offer to everyone than it has ever had before.

Our public library is a very quiet place to read books and do your assignments. If you have no quiet place in your house, just go to the public library. When you are required to use a computer for school, no worries, you are free to use their computer. The public library also has free wi-fi so you can just go there and do homework or maybe look at your social media. What is more fascinating, is that all the books that are available in the library are not the only ones that you can borrow. Our library has connection with other libraries in Saskatchewan, so we can borrow books from them if it is not available in ours. The librarian will send the book that you want to borrow and the fastest to fill it in will send the book to our library. This gives Saskatchewan residents access to a huge selection of materials.

Even though the public library in our town is very small, it has us a lot to offer. People think that they can only borrow FREE books from our public library, but now, believe that no more. We can not only borrow books from our library, but we can also borrow other things that will help enhance our brain. Some of them are gaming consoles such as PS3 and PS4, Wii and Wii U and to make the game more fun and interesting, we can also borrow the VR. This device will make you feel you are inside the TV and actually playing the game. In order for you to borrow them, just ask the librarian and she will bring it to the library and give it to you. You can use them in the library because there is one big TV, which is purposely used for video games or when there are some people who want to give a presentation. When playing game consoles, we can invite our friends to join us. Not only we are playing our favourite games, we are also hanging out with our favourite people. This will still keep us being sociable with others. Playing video games is not only enjoyable, it will help us to be better at making decisions, our imagination will expand more and allow us to be a creative person. So, it is not a bad thing to play video games. Just always remember to do our obligations first. That will also avoid you from getting yelled at.

There are a lot of things to do just by having a library I.D. There are some apps that you can use such as Hoopla and Flipster. You can do a lot of things using Hoopla. There are a lot of books, music albums, and movies that can be borrowed. We can borrow up to five items per month for free. After another month has passed, you can again borrow another five items. There are a lot of genres available for you to choose from. In my experience, I need lots of time because there are just a lot of things available. On Flipster, you can read popular magazines or mobile device. Most recent issues are available on these app, as well as past issues. These apps are very useful to us because we don't have to go somewhere far to just to buy the book that you're dying to read. We also don't have to bring heavy books wherever we go because all of them are on your phone. I am not saying it is a bad thing to read on an actual book, but apps are more practical. When having a coffee break, just turn on your phone and you can read favorite book, watch movies or listen to your favorite genre of music. They are all free. But just remember you need a library I.D to use these apps.

Again, these are the things that my library does for me. I believe that these upgrades that were made in our library helps us students in our studies. Libraries give us opportunities to gain knowledge in another way that people couldn't imagine before. If you also want to experience these new things, get your library I.D now and be the person who wants to gain knowledge in different ways.

Angelyn Ann Dela Cruz loves playing badminton and volleyball. She also likes reading scary books and fiction books. She is in grade eight. Angelyn loves math and ELA since she's from the Philippines. She really didn't go to the public library but once she found out how good it is she started liking it and learning about it.

Our library has lots of different resources that people can use and the good thing is they are all free! Also you can order books and lots of things online. Of course the librarian is also good and kind. They respect you and even though you're from different country they accept you. That's why they offer you some books to help you and to relax your brain.

Are there only English books in your library? No! They also have Tagalog and different languages too! Their Tagalog books are amazing. Of course, I am Filipino so I enjoy seeing these books every time I go there. They also have comfy chairs to sit on. You can also read books from your library online. The library has lots of different things online for everyone.

We have this app called Libby! What Is Libby? Well, Libby is an app where you can order books for free. You can also read books on Libby. It's a really great app because if you like reading you would totally enjoy this app. This app has different genres and if you have an ear problem you could just listen to it. It can read by itself if you don't want to read. Libby is amazing!

Is your library big enough? I wouldn't say it's big, but our library is full of good books and a good librarian! It has comfy chairs and computers and it's a good place to study! They know how to cooperate with people. It's a safe place to be.

Why is reading important? It is important because it helps your brain to relax and you can also learn new things from reading. Maybe someday it can help you in your future! Libraries are important partners in child development. It can also help your Childs' imagination. Reading is also good for kids who really enjoy reading. It isn't just a book or reading you can also find lots of history that you want to know. It is just so amazing.

Colter Dunn is from Ogema SK. He ropes and plays hockey. Colter goes to school in Ogema and is in grade 8. He have a brother, and a dad and a mom. He have blue eyes and brown hair.

My library has a lot of things; it has an online library and you can order stuff like books, video games and makerspace kits. You can use computers and gaming systems. It offers online books, eBooks, makerspace kits, comfy chairs and free Wi-Fi. You can do lots of things in the library such as musically through their free Wi-Fi. The library is a safe and a nice place.

The library has a coffee maker, so you can go get a box of donuts at a store and then come to the library with your friends. You can do homework and study in the library. They have books from way, way, way before I was born. People go to the library not even to read, you can sign out books. People sometimes go there to play video games. The library is a place for everyone.

With the online library you never even have to go to the library. You can just rent online books. The librarian is really nice and helpful. They have a coloring contest every month. You can color a picture and have a chance to win some prizes. You can donate prizes, too. Every month just go pick up the picture and color away.

The library has so many cool features that you can look into. If you live on a farm you can just use Hoopla, an online library. You can watch movies and much more. They have phones and computers. They have comfy chairs you can nap in. You can take your friends there for a nice time.

You can listen to music on hoopla. There's also Libby, an online library. They have books in different languages. Our library is so awesome - it has everything. The library has so much to offer year round. You can do almost anything with our library. Our library is a safe nice place.

Roberto Platon Estember III is 13 years old. He likes sports and loves food. Roberto lives in Ogema, Saskatchewan, on Frederick St. Box 06. He was born in Philippines on November 25, 2003. He is the only child of Dolores and Roberto.

The Ogema library has many things to offer. They have games, books and a good, quiet, comfy place to do homework with comfy chairs. The Ogema librarian is also very kind, nice, she always helps people and her name is Sheri Mead. The address of the Ogema library is 117 Main St. Ogema S0C1Y0, Saskatchewan and their number is 306-459-2985. They also have movie days, summer reading club every Tuesday and every month they always have an event going on. Also every month they have a coloring contest and if you win you get a prize. They also have computers and free Wi-Fi so you can go there and use their Wi-Fi so you can play games or listen to music. Our library is the best because of the games, books, and the events that happen in the Ogema library every month.

In the library they have a two computers, a PS4, an Xbox and a Wii. They have multiple games you can play in the library, anything from rated E to rated M games. On the computer you can do your homework or just play games like most other kids do. Also during certain events and days you can play games with the other kids and people that go to the events and you can play games from hide and seek to pop the balloon. In summer reading clubs every Tuesday you can go to the library and play games, make crafts and even watch movies! Also anyone can join the summer reading club! On their PS4, Xbox and Wii you can play with your friends that go to the library with you so it can be more fun, because playing with friends is better than playing alone. You can play on their consoles as long as the library is open. Their hours are Mondays 9:00 am to 1:30 pm, on Tuesdays 1:30pm – 4:30 pm, 5:00pm - 8:00pm and on Thursdays 1:30pm – 6:00 pm. You can also borrow their games for one week.

They have LOTS of different books in the library from English book to Tagalog books! From Kids' books to thick adult books. You can borrow their books for one week and if you don't return it in one week you be charged per day. In summer reading clubs they read multiple books to the kids so the kids will learn different things then they do a craft about what they read. You can also order books from anywhere in Saskatchewan and you can use your library card anywhere in Saskatchewan and that's what makes our library unique. Many different ages of kids go to the library to read, borrow books and go to the summer reading club.

The Library has many different events that happen every month like the coloring contest that you can get pictures from the library and color them and bring them back to the library. Then the librarian will judge it and if you win you get a prize. But, the competition is tough! The kids that color are really good colourers and if you want to win you need to beat everyone else's to win. There are also different events like Zentangle where you have to draw and doodle. Also there are events that have food and snacks and some events even include the school! Anyone of any age can go to the events and even win prizes and eat the food and snacks they have at the events.

The library is very unique for many reasons but it needs your help! Many people don't know the features that our library offers. So we need to help our library and let people know of all the things that it offers and almost all of the things that it offers are free! Our library also has many apps to offer like Hoopla, Library2go, Flipster and best thing of all its all free! Let people know all the features that our library has to offer so it can stay in Ogema and make people learn and let their imagination free and let kids of future generations see the library and see how cool and important it is in Ogema and Saskatchewan!

Michelle Gall is sixteen years old and attends Hafford Central School. Writing has always been a vital part of her life, acting as a therapy tool and recreational asset. She aspires to one day turn her love of writing into a career.

A library
Is much more
Than just
A library

It is a building of dreams
A structure of possibilities
The foundation of one's education
And most importantly, a home

Literature acts as a friend
A library a family
A room in which it is morally right
To express individuality

What is one person's bookshelf
Is another person's literary journey
An adventure deep into the unknown
A voyage of uncanny imagination

Where the make-believe ends,
Begins an unceasing timeline of history
Facts gathered page upon page
The world's past all together in a single room

A library is a place
To reflect upon life
To overcome personal challenges
And to confide in others

A study hall
A relaxation room
A contemplation complex
A building of unimaginable futures

It is a place in which one
Makes difficult choices
Plans the next step in like
And conjures up the enigma of a perfect future

And one day
When life's next chapter begins
And it is time
To let go of that childhood library

What will remain
Are moments lived fully
Dreams dreamt woefully
And memories treasured everlastingly

Aliayah Geslani was born in May 8, 2004. She really loves to listen to music and reads often about science. When she's at home she always plays with her little brother and laughs a lot with him. When she has nothing to do she grabs her sketch book and draws.

In our public library we have games, computers, free WI-FI, comfy chairs, books, and maker space kits. We also have apps called Flipster, Hoopla, and Libby → library 2go. In our public library they let us borrow things for just a couple of days and if you haven't returned it yet/ if it's overdue you will have to pay from what you have borrowed.

If you feel really bored at home you and your friends can hang out there and play different kind of games at the PS4. You can enjoy every minute of your time reading books, you can also let Libby read to/for you.

The library is a very important place to be. Why? It's very important because it helps you guide through thick and thin. Books are there to help us find information of things that you don't know yet, facts that are given from right sources. The more our libraries get population it will completely give our community the right to keep all libraries around the world. It helps us tell that libraries are everything but full of sources and knowledge. Everything that comes from the library is written in a very emotional/ feeling kind of way. Every book has its own story, like our lives is full of story and different phases in a different obstacle for each chapter as you live older and older. What I really love about libraries are we have helpers who make effort working on their jobs and always entertaining kids around them. They give free stuff and celebrate events in the library. The library is like our home filled with tons of happiness, in the library everyone is treated like our own family. We make lots of happy memories in our library.

Emry Halbgewachs is 13 years old. She lives in Carlyle, SK and goes to school at Gorden F. Kells High School. She plays football and is in wrestling. She loves to paint, do crafts, play the piano, and hangout with her friends. Emry also teaches piano.

My library is great, it is organized well and the librarian is so helpful. One time, I had to pick a book to read but I was not finding anything that interested me. The librarian came over and asked me some questions about what I liked and found me a great book! I was so happy, that I read all 326-pages of that novel in one week - I loved it!

I have never heard a kid complain about the library except one time. This one boy was complaining to me about how he could not find a particular book. I asked him, "Did you ask the librarian if they have it?" He said "No." So the next day, we went to the library and asked the librarian, "Do you have this book?" she said "Give me one second and I'll find out ", she searched it up and said "No, but we can order it if you want?" "Yes please!" he said. He had that book in three days!

The library has all different kinds of books anything from picture books to big novels. They have all different reading levels too! The teachers do not care what you read as long as you are interested in it.

The library is quiet so you can read and it has tables to sit at. I love my library. It is the only quiet place in the school to do your homework; everywhere else is so loud from all the people talking and I need silence to concentrate.

Our library also has computers, so if you do an assignment in class on a computer and you do not have one at home to finish that assignment, you can come to school early and finish it in the library, or stay after school and finish it. I even wrote this essay in my library. As I said before I love my library, it is great and I hope you see that too.

Josephine Hargest is the daughter of Mark and Lisa Hargest and the sister to Nia and Temperance Hargest. She lives in Ogema, Saskatchewan, originally raised on a farm near Lang, Saskatchewan.

“You can borrow a book, but you get to keep the ideas.”—This quote about libraries couldn’t be more true to me. When you borrow a book from the library, you have the opportunity to imagine so many new worlds. Although books must be returned, stories and characters stay with you. It isn’t about possessing as many books as possible, but being able to access the content you read and the parts that stuck with you whenever you need or want to. Lots of books I have read and loved stick with me and inspire me to be better, they teach me and have helped shape who I am today. The reason I love reading is because it helps me escape from reality for even just a moment, I get invested with the characters and fall in love with the story.

When someone mentions a library, it is common for people to immediately think of moms’ book clubs, rows and rows of old books, and maybe even the smell of must. But in reality that isn’t all it has to offer. One really amazing program offered through the library system is Hoopla. Hoopla is an app that you can download for free using your library card number. Hoopla provides many different categories of entertainment. Using Hoopla, you can download movies/shows, songs, and e-books for a certain period of time. You are able to access these resources from the comforts of your own home. It is essentially an online library, which I think is very cool and unique for libraries to offer.

The library is something that shouldn’t be taken for granted. We are lucky to have a public library in our small town, not only does it offer many categories of books but it also supports things such as video games, computers, and free Wi-Fi. Libraries in my region are very special, if someone puts a request in for a book, the libraries are able to trade books from one location to another to help people fulfill their interests and needs. The library is a special place for many people, by using your local library you are able to potentially save thousands of dollars by borrowing the books instead of buying them. Libraries are designed to be a safe and quiet place, students may find it relaxing to study there, or simply sit down, relax and enjoy a new book of interest.

Libraries are a great resource to have in any city or town. However, Library2go is a very convenient way to travel with your books. With this program, you are able to borrow books online and read them off of your tablet, cell phone, or whatever device you chose. It supports e-books as well as audio books which can help make a boring drive pass right by, or maybe you just aren’t in the mood to read and would prefer to listen to something instead, audio books make a source of entertainment. Not only does Library2go just have e-books and audio books, but it also has a program named ‘Libby’. Libby is a program that can read any book for choice to you, save your page, collect data about your reading habits, and so much more. I think the library offering this is very neat because they are trying to help the consumer in any way they can. It is important to support our libraries so they can continue to create programs such as this and expand in more ways than one.

In conclusion, I believe that libraries have so much to offer and shouldn’t be taken for granted. They are something that everyone should make use of and enjoy as much as they can, as well as everything being free. Reading has been proven to help lower stress and bring an overall calmness to the reader. By learning about what my local library all has to offer it has sparked my interest even more and I would like to help support it in any way I can. I can’t imagine going back to a time without the library.

Sierra Holzer is a 16 year old student living in the small town of Ogema, Saskatchewan. She enjoys being as involved in her community and school as she can be. She is on the school SRC. She works at the town's daycare and loves working with kids!

As Caitlin Moran once said, "A library in the middle of a community is a cross between an emergency exit, a life raft, and a festival. They are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul; theme parks of the imagination." Libraries offer so much to their communities, yet they often go unseen or aren't marked as important. That is defiantly not the case for Ogema library! Our library offers all kinds of different supports to the community, along with providing new ways for people to learn, grow and relax. There is something beneficial to everyone, no matter their age, race, or income.

One of the most important things my library does is support the community in ways that aren't just providing access to different books, movies, videogames, etc. This happens in a variety of ways. One way our library does this is by providing free Wi-Fi, computer access and the ability to print things. I know many people around me who don't have these types of things on their own but can use the libraries. This allows students without internet at home or computer access to be able to complete assignments and work on online courses outside of school. There are also adults I know who uses these things to do things they need, such as printing off important documents or writing resumes. Having this type of access to technology greatly benefits the people in the community and allows them to thrive. Our library also offers support to the community by running or funding different programs and events in the community. An example of the programs our library runs is the Summer Reading Program. In this program volunteers read books and do crafts with the younger children. This not only builds community involvement through the volunteers but also generates interest from younger children in the stories and our library. Our library also brings in different presentations for the community to view and learn from. For example, recently they brought in a presentation from Saskatchewan Book Publishing where authors shared their experiences, talked about their writing and read from their books.

Ogema Library, of course, offers access to all types of books in many different formats. Since our library is connected to other libraries all throughout Saskatchewan, people can order just about any book they want and will be able to read it. This expands reading options from being what is available in our own library to being seemingly endless. The library also provides memberships to things like Flipster and Hoopla. With Hoopla people can get eBooks, audiobooks and even music, tv shows, and movies all on their own computer and tablets. Having different ways to provide information and media to people is very useful, especially to people who cannot afford to have these different things on their own.

Our library also offers a variety of new and exciting learning and creativity opportunities! Because the library is connected all throughout Saskatchewan we can order in a whole bunch of different Makerspace kits. These kits can be used to learn new things including programing, building, and baking. The library also offers different workshops and contests that give people a chance to learn something new. For example, this essay contest has helped me to learn a lot more about the importance of our libraries and how they work.

In conclusion, everything available or offered in the library helps bring our community together, support us and help us grow, learn and relax. Whether that means a quiet place to read a book and free your mind, or a fun place to meet your friends and play a new game ordered in, the library has something beneficial to offer for everyone. Ogema library is an important and valued part of our community. I think it is important that it stays strong and continues to help minds grow and bring the community together.

Justin Klassen is 16 and in grade 11. He enjoys driving around when there is nothing to do. He likes to play video games. He works with his show cows everyday after school.

According to a study about 76 percent of people say they use libraries or have been to a library. People everywhere use libraries either for reading books, researching things or just using as a quiet place to work. Libraries are very important everywhere and are needed everywhere. They have even gotten more things than just plain books. Now they have things like ebooks, video games, WiFi, movies, and magazines so you don't have to just read a book when you go there.

At the public library there's free wifi. Some people use it to go there to play games while some people use it for homework. Having somewhere in the town with wifi really helps lots of people, not everyone has internet so if we have assignments at school that require internet then you can just go there to work on it.

There is also plenty of stuff online you can access with the library. Stuff like hoopla, it's basically like netflix but it's free with a library card. There is ebooks where you can get books but they are online so you can read it on your device. There is flipster where you can access lots of magazines and if they don't have the magazine you want you can request it.

At the library you can also take out books to read. Surprising right! When you take a book at the library you have a time till you have to bring it back but you can check it out again if their is no hold on it. The cool thing about the libraries around here is you can take out a book in regina and return it in ogeema.

The libraries are very important to people of all ages. With all the new features they have more people will be going there to do things. Libraries are a great place to go to work or read so they should always be around.

Abigail Kirby is 13 years old. She has one sister and two brothers. She lives on a farm and is homeschooled. She enjoys doing many things like crafts, hunting, reading, baking, (and eating the baking!) just to name a few. She also enjoys playing piano immensely.

The public library system greatly benefits me and my family. Firstly, I personally love reading but would not be able to afford it if it was not for the library. Secondly, my family can spend quality time together while doing activities and there are no admission fees. I come from a family of six, so it can get expensive very quickly. Also, the librarians make the library a welcoming and safe environment for all who go there. During the time when the budget cuts were made and many of the library's services were going to be omitted, I felt greatly disappointed and rather frustrated. When they decided to reverse their decision I felt that they had made the right choice and was glad that they saw their error.

If I did not have access to a library I probably would not read very much, because it costs so much for a single book. So far this year, I have saved over two thousand dollars by using the library system. It is usually around twenty dollars for one book, and it is even more for piano books, which I use quite often. The system is very helpful, because when I discover a book that I enjoy immensely I simply tell my friends which section it is in, and they can use their own library card to check it out. Our library sometimes does not have what I want, and that is okay because all I have to do is search the online catalog and request the items that I would like. The items come fairly quickly, and it feels like I have an unlimited gift card to the largest bookstore in the world. I can also use Wi-Fi, which is nice because my family does not have it at our house. When I go to the library I can download songs, movies, and apps while I'm checking out books and/or reading.

The Meadow Lake Library has also hosted many fun, educational, and family-friendly activities including but not limited to the Rambling Reptile Roadshow and culture days. My family has gone to numerous activities like these throughout the years. The librarians work very diligently to make sure that there are activities for the youth of Meadow Lake to do in their spare time, and we appreciate it tremendously. I, myself have benefitted greatly from these cultural activities. A couple years ago I participated in a leather craft workshop at the library, I decided that I would like to do it as a hobby and many of our neighbours gave me the tools to get started. If it was not for the library I would have never had the opportunity to try it. A few other things that I have gotten to try are kimbap rolling, native beadwork, soapstone carving, and making homemade ice cream (Yum!). I have made some very good memories at the library.

Finally, the librarians are very kind and make the library a welcoming, safe, and healthy place to go to read books, listen to music, work on assignments, and do research. They do much more than help me find books, they also help me with personal projects. They go above and beyond their job description. I believe that they are the best librarians that our library has ever had. Lately, I have been working on selling porcupine quill earrings, the librarians are a great help and encourage me often. A very diverse crowd of people use the library, everybody is welcome there and nobody is made uncomfortable. I appreciate our librarians because if I am confused about how something works or where something is, they don't embarrass me, they explain it thoroughly so that I understand.

I love my library very much. I enjoy using its numerous services and believe that Meadow Lake would not be the same without it. It is a highlight of my weekly trips to town. I would not read half as much as I do if I didn't have access to a library. If for some reason I cannot get to the library for a few weeks it feels as if I'm starving for words to read. I cannot imagine not being able to read just because I don't have any reading material. I believe that many people take the library for granted and don't appreciate it as much as they should, I am definitely guilty of that to a certain degree. Writing this essay has made me appreciate my library a lot more, and made me realize just how fortunate I am that I have access to the public library system. I am very grateful and thankful for my library.

Sophia Kirby is fifteen years old. She lives on a farm near Rapid View, Saskatchewan with her parents and three siblings. She worked at the Meadow Lake Library as a student page for ten months, and the library has been very significant in her life.

The Meadow Lake Library does many things for me, and I wish to share three of those benefits in this essay: their wide variety of materials, the different services that they offer, and the kind, caring and diverse atmosphere. These are, of course, only a few of the amazing qualities of the library, but I feel that they are the most important.

First, the wide variety of materials is very beneficial to me. I love browsing the different sections of the library and finding something new, whether it is my favorite Youth Fiction author's latest novel, a new movie for my family to watch, or a brand new storybook to read to my little brother. The ability to order materials from other libraries in Saskatchewan is very helpful as well. If I can't find something on the shelf, I simply have to go on the computer and order it from another library. It is much simpler and less expensive to go to the library than having to buy a book that I will only read once or twice. I definitely wouldn't read as many books as I do if I had to buy them all.

The different services that the library offers are helpful to me as well. We do not have a working printer at home, so if I need to print something, I can go to the library and do it there. I also use the computers and Wi-Fi regularly, since we do not have Wi-Fi at home. As a homeschooled family, coming to the library is the highlight of our week, and there is plenty of space for all of us to do what we need. The Meadow Lake Library organizes many special events also. Sometimes we attend craft days, and we love seeing the different animals in the Rambling Reptile Roadshow. The events bring the community closer together and strengthen relationships. The Meadow Lake Library offers much that is very useful, not only to me, but to others as well.

Finally, I wish to spend some time on the topic of the Meadow Lake Library's atmosphere. The staff members are very kind and caring, and they try to make everybody feel welcome. They respect all people equally, regardless of age, gender, nationality or religion. Their words and actions make everybody feel good and lighten everyone's spirits. The staff members also help find books, and they assist patrons with the computers. The library's atmosphere is very kind and respectful, which I believe is very significant to its popularity in the community.

My library does many things for me and other teenagers in the community, and it is very important to us. When the library was threatened with budget cuts, I felt worried that we wouldn't have access to the services that the library is able to offer, including the fact that I wouldn't be able to order materials from other libraries. Being restricted to the materials that Meadow Lake owns would have negatively affected my education. I am grateful that we live in this country, where we can freely go to the library and enjoy all these benefits.

Tavis Klippenstine is a farm boy with long, luscious hair. He is a 15 year old who loves to do dares. Tavis is a very good kid and he has a lot of cows. He loves the outdoors.

The library is a place to go have fun and you can be a kid without anyone telling you not to. Yes, there are rules, but the fun part is you can be a kid. You get to go there and play video games. If your family doesn't have them at home, you can go to the library and play games, watch movies, read books and do a bunch of fun stuff.

At the library you can get a library card to help with borrowing books, music, movies, games, and magazines. If you use your card to borrow something, you can save lots of money. If you are low on money or just don't want to pay to watch movies and TV shows, you can use Hoopla. It is a free app to watch movies and TV shows. You can even read books! You can borrow books for so long and then return them without a charge.

The library has lots of apps that you can use to read or just lay in bed and look at a magazine. All apps can be found on the app store.

I think the library is good because it teaches good things. Everyone can find something good to do at the library!

Ma. Daniela C. Leal is a 14 years old student from Ogema School, She is in grade 9. She was born and raised in the Philippines and she moved to Canada when she was 10. She is a bookworm and an ambivert. She loves nature.

Did you know that our library offers a lot more than books? Did you know that our library offers almost a million of things, from books, movies, video games and a lot more. And guess what-they are all free! Well unless if you miss some of the due dates. If you get a library card you can access a lot of things. Do you want to know more about our library and the majestic library card?

Our library helps us save money. If you get a library card you can access websites and order expensive and hard to get items for free! It helps people with a budget access the things they want to try. You can get almost anything just by having a library card. Also, getting a library card is quick and easy to get.

You can use the library card in the comfort of your home or anywhere else. You can download the apps that the library card offers on your iPad, phone or your other devices and you can use them on the go. Our library also offers books that are in other languages. You can also get books from other libraries as long as it's in Saskatchewan and return them at your town or city library. Our library also offers computers, free Wi-Fi and activities such as movie days, girl guides and you can also play on our library's PlayStation.

Our library is a place for everybody. It doesn't matter if you came from a different country, culture or who you are, everybody is welcome here. This is a safe place to stay at and it's also a good place to study. If you're experiencing problems the library is a good place to de-stress. If you don't have Wi-Fi in your home our library has free Wi-Fi and they also offer a PlayStation and other video consoles. Our library also has cozy and comfy chairs!

Our library has a lot to offer. It is very important and more interesting than how we think it seems. We don't realise how important our library is until we look deep into it. We don't realize how valuable our library is because we have easy access to it, but to other people they value them a lot because they rarely have access the things we have. Our library is very important because it helps and benefits us if we use them properly.

Milly Liu studies at Estevan Comprehensive School. She likes reading books, and prefers physical books to ebooks.

Since humans created words, the people wanted to record these words and books came into being. Books record the development and evolution of human history from ancient to the present. The library is the center of the books. Three things the library does for me are: the library provides a variety of books, the library provides a good resting environment and the library provides a good learning environment. The library is useful to me.

The first thing my library does for me is provide a variety of books. People can choose the book they want, read different categories of books and feel the book they choose by themselves to create fun for themselves.

The second thing my library does for me is the library provides me a good resting environment. The library has a unique quiet and natural atmosphere. People read, will get some fun, and experience some different feelings compared to other places. The books present different worlds when you are immersed in the books. This also gives you a convenient rest area, so that you can effectively reduce the pressure.

The third thing my library does for me is the library provides me a good learning environment. Library has a learning atmosphere, forcing a person to study seriously. If you give yourself a task before you go to the library or sit in the library, the learning efficiency is much higher than at home.

The library is indeed a good agency. Its knowledge is endless. I gained a lot of knowledge from it. A good library, in addition to books also has some other literature. The library is a good mentor on my way to grow up. Library can benefit me in many ways.

Xiaowei Liu is a student studying in the Estevan Comprehensive School Her English name is Florence. She is a student studying in the Estevan Comprehensive School. She is a warm, caring, trustworthy person. She respects everybody and everything in the world. Her favorite pastime is reading, listening music, and playing badminton.

As we know, the library is an important part of society. There are many ways to support people with studies, the library is one of those ways. The library is an important place for me in my life. The library is an awesome place. The library gives the opportunities to people to learn more knowledge. The library is a good and quiet place to read and study. People in the library can enjoy the atmosphere of reading and studying. In the library people can cultivate their interest in reading and studying in order to expand their horizons and enrich their spiritual world.

The library gives the opportunities to people to learn more knowledge. There are many different kinds of books in the library; fiction, non-fiction, technical books, academic books, cartoon, dictionaries and so on. The library also has magazines, newspapers and periodicals. The books in the library are clean and organized. There is a computer used to research about where a person can find the books in the library. It helps people to find the books they would like to read. I usually borrow the books from the library to read in class or read in my leisure time. The books wide my knowledge and develop my reading skills.

The library is a good and quiet place to read and study. People in the library can enjoy the atmosphere of reading and studying. I usually go to library to study my subjects. When I go to the library, I will calm myself down. The library is quiet enough for me to enjoy my studying, and nobody will disturb me. There are some electronic devices like computers, laptops, and iPads available in the library. The computer is useful for me; sometimes I will use a computer to type my different subject assignment and then print them out. I also can use a computer to research the information about some new topics of study in my class. There are some cassette tapes in the library. People can use them to listen the books, and at the same time people can read the book when they listen.

In the library we can cultivate our interests in reading and studying in order to expand our horizons and enrich our spiritual world. People can find books in different areas of knowledge in the library, such as philosophy, history, psychology, geography, physics, science, political science, literature and so on. People can find a lot of information from it. Reading can increase people's accomplishment. With multi-disciplinary learning, people can absorb different aspects of knowledge, so people's vision becomes more open, enhancing their own spiritual world. Reading becomes an interest, and people's world outlook and values will become different with the change of thought.

The library is the ocean of knowledge, and the library opens the door to the wisdom of the new world. The library develops a healthy community and helps people join in their society. The resources in the library are like treasures. Everyone in the society can share those resources. The library offers knowledge and technology, so people in the society can receive high quality information and material. Reading and studying are essential elements for everyone. The library has become my favorite place to go and enjoy my study. I believe library will help me develop more and more efficiency, and I believe the library will become better and better. I believe we should keep on promoting the development of the society and let more people get more cherished treasures.

Jesi Lupanko is the daughter of Cori Lupanko and Jesi lives in Ogema Sk. Jesi has three sisters and two brothers. Jesi loves sports, volunteering, being active in her community, dancing and singing. She loves kids, boys, make up and her phone.

Saskatchewan libraries are very important because they offer a lot for people and everything is free. You can go to the library or use the variety of things they offer online. People use the library for computers, reading for fun, to have someone to talk to and interact with others, the printer and copier, looking up local and world history, games and activities, eBooks, Hoopla, Libby, Flipster, Library2go, and a bunch of other things, including free Wi-Fi! There are lots of opportunities for volunteer so that you can be involved in the community and volunteer work is important to have on resumes and applications. The library is free to use for all ages and no matter who you are, there is something there for you!

Saskatchewan libraries have a wide variety of online programming. You can borrow books, music, movies, eBooks, audiobooks and TV shows online. You can do this through the library website and apps such as Flipster, Hoopla, Libby, and Library2go. I have all of these apps downloaded onto my phone and they are all free to use! All you need is a library card. My favourite app would have to be Hoopla, because I like the fact that you can download it, so you don't have to have Wi-Fi to listen to music or watch movies. This is great for road trips. I recently used it to watch a movie on our drive to the city of Regina and it was a great way to make the drive go faster!

This summer, I volunteered at my local library. It's a great way for kids to come down to the library and do something useful over the summer, instead of sitting at home. We host fun activities, crafts, and we read to the kids. It's pretty fun! Every Thursday during the summer months, the library hosts a movie and we come to help out with the kids. We also helped out the Go Science! guys when they came to present at our library. We helped the librarian to supervise the kids and do the science experiments. They did lots of fun activities! At other times, we also sang songs with the kids at the library. My favourite was the colour song. The kids laughed so much! It is important to me to volunteer at the library because it gives me a chance to work with kids and other adults and get more experience in life.

At the library in Ogema, books are offered in both English and Filipino languages. This is important to our community because we are very multicultural and 40% of our school is Filipino. The books we have available help people to explore other cultures and learn the English language a little better. It is also fun to try to read the books in Tagalog and experience what life would be like if we were in another country. Some of the Tagalog books offer English sides to it, so it's helpful for us to learn some Tagalog too.

In conclusion, our library offers so much for everyone. It is a big part of our community; the books and services are free and everyone benefits from it. I can't imagine life without our Southeast Regional Library!

Caitlin Dawn McRae, eighteen years ago, was born at 10:15 a.m. in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and was shortly accompanied by her brother and sister minutes later. As she grew up she learned that through books and through the people that she loves, a person is never truly alone in the world.

A hockey player's rightful place is at the arena, no one ever expects a hockey player, dressed in his/her full equipment to enter a coffee shop; the same goes for a bookworm such as myself. The library has offered a comfortable place for me these past few years as I finished high school and learned just how important a place to work quietly and efficiently can be. Eighteen years ago, my mother gave birth to my brother, sister, I, a set of triplets, and ever since, we have been close and share quite a bit, as you might have imagined. Regardless of how close I am to my siblings and I wouldn't trade it for the world, there was a need to branch out and become my own person. To have something that only I was known for in my family and for me, it was my consuming love for books. As a result, both my town and school library has contributed in helping shape me to become the person that I am today. In conclusion, a library is so much more than it appears; it's a job opportunity, a convenience in a world ruled by money, but more importantly, it's a place where you can escape reality even if it's only for a minute, an hour, or a day.

Three summers ago my school, Ernie Studer School, located in Loon Lake, Saskatchewan brought out a summer library program. This program allowed the school library to be open for the summer so that students would have a chance to come in and read throughout the months they would be away on holiday. The person hired would work in the library and create ways to bring students back to the school, and for two summers in a row that lucky student was me. The library provided many things to me those two summers; it provided a job in a small town where summer jobs were scarce. More than that, the library provided a chance for me to spread my wings, in a sense, creatively and socially, as I planned events and ran the library for a couple of months each year. After those two summers in the school library, it never ceased to amaze me how even throughout the summer, with all sorts of technology to distract the future generation, the library can bring people together to unplug for a while and read. The difference between a school library and a town library is simple, one is meant for students and the other is meant for the town. The town library is open to anyone and everyone that wants to come, any age, any race, between the set times, of course. It also provides you with a book or a DVD for free; as long as you return the product, bring it before or on the due date, and in good condition. On the receipt that came with my most recent book, it showed that in a year of using the town library, I have saved \$820. 90. That is a lot of money that I could put to good use somewhere else, and though I have the highest respect for book stores, it's hard to ignore how much I would have spent on books alone if the library ceased to exist. All in all, the library has allowed me to read as many books as I desire and has saved me hundreds of dollars in the process.

I have both saved money and earned a wage from the libraries of my small town in the past, but I would be foolish and not a true bookworm if I didn't address a more personal reason as to what my library does for me. It's a simple answer and can be told in four words; an escape from reality. I travel to these sacred places because I live for the happiness I get when a book ends so wonderfully. I marvel in one of the only places that can truly transport me out of my own world; out of my life for a minute, an hour, or a day. Something that powerful should never be sullied as something to do when you're bored and have exhausted every other solution. It should be strived for, a chance to be someone else; to feel adventurous when you are anything but. To laugh and cry at what these characters go through because it hits a little too close to home. A library delivers me to a very magical place when the rest of the world seems to become gloomier or when all you want to do is escape from your life. To become someone else, not because your life has turned out as planned, but because the person you have become is facing problems or have made decisions that would never appear in a fairy tale.

Finding what you like, what hobby becomes your passion is different for everyone. I don't think I can pinpoint a specific time that I became infatuated with books, I just did. Being a triplet, a person that grew up in a large family, there was a need to become my own person, but it's more than that. There's a certain feeling when you enter the place where your passion sprouts from, like when a hockey player steps onto the ice or when a bookworm enters a library. A feeling of joyfulness, familiarity, and being content all rolled into one. There's nothing like it except for maybe at home, surrounded by the people you love. In conclusion, a library is so much more than it appears; it's a job opportunity, a convenience in a world ruled by money, but most importantly, it's a place where you can escape reality even if it's only for a minute, an hour, or a day.

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Our public library has a lot of books, movies, informational sources, and even an art room. A place to go to get a lot of work done. Read about fictional stories, and informational papers. Display your art or learn about art. Check out the billboard to see what kind of events are going on, clubs to join. It always keeps you updated on the town.

What my public library does for me? Whenever I go there with my class I experience many things like learning about other religions from different scriptures. The art area always catches my attention, seeing different people's work always amazes me. Even classroom work, we go to get educational movies to watch from the library.

The library is very helpful. Anything you look for is usually there and if it isn't the wonderful staff tries their best to give you a positive solution. The staff is very welcoming so it's a very calm, relaxing environment. I don't always go to the library but whenever I do it always comes in handy.

Jose Mercano lives in Ogema. He is in grade 8 and is 13 years old. He likes to play video games and sports. The sports he plays are badminton, curling and soccer. Jose loves to read books for entertainment.

When I came to Canada, I was a little boy who didn't know that much English; all I had at home was a TV and a few books. It was at that moment I started to read my first words. After reading those books I really began to understand what it means to read books. I felt like a genius, then I went to a special place; it had lots of books and apparently they call it a library! I said I could read any word and then I came across a word called responsibilities. Then I found out I'm not a genius after all! Now I'm here and libraries are being closed down. That's kind of sad, many people care and love libraries so I'm going to stand up for libraries even if I have to make a long essay!

Libraries have many things to offer for different types of people! For example people that like to do homework get a quiet place to do it in our library; kids who like to play with toys can go to the library to do that! There's more- gamers can play on the PS4 and for creative people there are makerspace kits! Everything is also free, how cool is that! In estimate there are more than 40 things that the library does for me and like I said it's all free!

Libraries are also innovating, they are getting better it's not boring! You know what they say never judge a book by its cover! There are more than just books there's online books and audio books if you're lazy! There are also awesome librarians like Mrs. Donna Hartley and Mrs. Sheri Mead. So if we shut libraries down, how will awesome librarians like them ever teach people to read, think about the children!

Libraries can even have movie nights over the summer for adults and children. Who said adults don't go to the library? Who says old people shouldn't go to the library? Anyone can go to the library not just kids. In our library no one should be judged by how they look, what their race is and especially how old they are so feel free to grab a book and read.

So should libraries get closed down? No, not ever! People need to read books to survive! If you don't like to read the extraordinary will declare war on the ordinary! So if you want to join the army grab a book and vive la revolution!

Carmell Faith Padua is a student from Ogema School. She was born in the Philippines. She is 13 years old. She likes listening to music. Her favourite bands are bts and blackpink.

Libraries are important to many people. Libraries have a lot to offer. For example, you can order stuff online. You don't need to walk or drive all the way to the library. It's all free! The library can help you study because it has books that you need in every subject. Our library has a lot of things.

Ogema Library has books from other countries so people from other countries and also people who want to learn another language just need to go to the library or go online. This is great, especially the Filipino books because there's lots of Filipinos living in Canada. Other newcomers can go to the library to learn English and learn more about Canada.

The library has Wi-Fi. You can go there if your house is messy and noisy. You can do your homework in the library if you don't have Wi-Fi. If you're stressed you can go to the library and read books that will make you calm. You can hang out in the library with your friends because they offer a lot of activities and it has comfy chairs too.

The library has games that you can borrow, especially if you have PS3, PS4 or Xbox. It has games for teens and children. You can only borrow it for one week, if you pass the due date, you have to pay. If you're lazy or don't want to walk all the way to the library, there's an app called Hoopla! Just download it and you can borrow books, music and more.

The library has an app called Flipster, it's like Hoopla, but just for magazines. Flipster is an awesome app because it's so organized. You can easily find things that you want to read, listen to music or games. You can just download it and you can do anything you want. Our library is important to all people; without it we can't learn anything!

Rose-Ann Padua is a student. She was born February 6, 2003. She's 14 years old. She has three siblings, Carmell, Mary, and Antonette. She is the eldest of four children. She lives in Ogema, SK. She loves Kpop and alternative pop genre of music. She also likes reading.

Libraries are the temple of learning. When most people think "library" they think books. Libraries are more than just books. Libraries are a temple of knowledge. It is a place where knowledge is reserved. A library increase our knowledge and widens our outlook. Knowledge is both a power as well as a joy. Books can give us an opportunity to have experiences that we haven't had learn or explore yet, and still allow us to learn the life skills.

Why is reading important? Reading is important because it develops your mind. The mind is a muscle. Understanding the written word is one way the mind grows in its ability. Reading can also help your future. Reading makes you smarter and it also improves your memory. Books are a fast track to creating yourself.

Libby App/ Library2go? Libby app has a lot of things to offer. You can barrow things instantly, for free. You can download books and audiobooks for online reading. Keep track of your reading history in the activity tab. A zoom able graphic novel, or a picture book with read along audio. Libby app is a fresh and easy way to borrow and read from your library. Libby app is the easiest way to get started with digital books and audiobooks form your library.

Our libraries have a lot of things to offer, like books, games, movies, use computers, maker space kits, free Wi-Fi, place to study, hoopla, Libby, music and order stuff online- from anywhere in the province.

What is library? A library is a place where many books are kept. Library is a place of ideas. Everyone is welcome to walk through the door. It really doesn't matter if you're rich or poor. Books are where you find what you want to be in the future because when you read it takes you in different places and that's where you start your imagination. When you read you have more time to think and also heal our pain.

Christopher Peterson is a boy originally from Regina, Saskatchewan but lives in Ogema, Saskatchewan and attends Ogema School. He love to watch movies. He hopes people will take this essay seriously because he is trying to show that our libraries are important.

Today this essay is about why our library is important. The library offers a ton of awesome stuff like books, games, and movies! There is so many to list about our library and all of is FREE!!!

The library is actually quite important due to it being a quite calm place to work and did you know that books are one of the main things that calm a person down if they are stressed? Our library accepts all types of people, no matter the race and our language.

If you did not know what a library is, basically a library is where you can go and learn new things just from either video's or even books. Something most people never really know is that every book you read, you grow smarter in many ways.

I myself believe that our library is a very important place because it accepts all sorts of things and if someone for example is Russian and they do not know how to speak English, there is Russian books for that person so they can understand what it says and it even brings amazing home country memories! Speaking of home, you can "borrow" books from the library and take them home to read in the comfort in your own home. People should start using their local library instead of watching a video on a subject that they are wanting to learn when really, you can just go to your library and find that certain subject that you are looking for! Libraries are very helpful and they provide good learning abilities for all of the people interested.

We should take up on it as that our library is a very important place to learn new things. I hope people know this when they read this essay, we should at least try to start to use our libraries more often.

The local government should crack down on the whole using our libraries thing and make more people use the library because lots of those kids out there need to know how much knowledge is in those books.

Your local library is free and should always be free. I hope someone will understand that we must start using our libraries more often then we should. Kids and even ADULTS could learn from just opening one simple little book. Those lady's and men that work there do lots for us and it should be the same for them! We should do something in return towards them so they feel happy and proud like a kid that did his first chore for the first time of his life.

With that being said, I want to see more people using their local libraries because those libraries are actually more important then you think!

Lharenz Serville R. Platon is in grade 9. His favorite subject is science. His favorite genre books are action, comedy, and adventure. Lharenz's favorite book is *Tides of War* because it's full of action and it's all about dolphins and seals that are part of the war.

The Ogema library is the best place to work. The Ogema library offer a lot things like books, games, movies, comfortable chairs, and other books from other countries and in other language. The public library of Ogema offers free Wi-Fi and you can also use the computers. You can order stuff online from anywhere in the province and you can listen to music too. In the public library of Ogema, they having an event called summer reading. The Ogema Library has something for everyone.

In summer reading everyone is allowed to join or sign up, even the elderly and parents are allowed too. Some kids go in the public library to play in the ps4, Xbox, and Wii. The branch librarian of Ogema library is Sheri Jackson Mead and the Chairperson is Judy Grier. The Public Library of Ogema is located in 117 Main Street, Box 460, Ogema, SK, S01 1Y0.

The library is open Monday (9:00-1:30), Tuesday (1:30-4:30; 5:00-8:00), Thursday (1:30-6:00) and its closed Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. In the library of Ogema, every fourth Tuesday of every month, you can stop there and find out what's the book of month. The best part of the Ogema Library is that you can go there with your friends and study there. You can order books online too.

In the library you can play games on the PS4 but you're not allowed to play the games that include violence and have inappropriate words because some kids are still little, that's why the library don't allow those things. The Hoopla app is a very useful app because in that app you can watch movies, read books online, you can listen to audio books too. But the Hoopla app has a restriction that if you passed the due or the deadline of the thing that you borrowed online you're going to get some charges.

The best thing about library is the things there are all FREE!!! But you need a library card if you're going to borrowed free things. The Ogema Library is important because it's full of fun memories of people that have some fun in the library in their spare time. The library is important - not just our public libraries, but all of the library in the world because we learn a lot of things in the library. We need to take care of our library because some libraries are closing. The kids are not coming to the library; not just kids parents are not coming to library. The library is a good influence for growing kids and for adults because in the library we learn a lot of new and good things. **LIBRARIES MATTER!**

Keith Saballa is a grade 9 student at Ogema School. He loves making up stories because he has a big imagination. He's not a big sports guy but he can play if needed or if he wants to. His friends think he's the kindest, but he can be very annoying sometimes.

There are some amazing things our libraries can do for you, even the things you think they aren't capable of doing. I'm Keith Allen Saballa also known as Ken presenting you an essay of what they can do, what they have, and how libraries in Saskatchewan work. But I'm only going to write about what I learned about libraries and the library near me. So let's start with some basic things the library nearest to me can do. Before all the cool things, everything in our library is all free to use. In the library there are obviously books and all the basic things libraries have like computers and a place to sit down and read there is also free Wi-Fi in our library if you want to use audio books.

So, the first cool thing that our library can do is the library has their own apps like Hoopla, Libby and Library2go. All of those apps work with Saskatchewan libraries. If people want to download a book to read or to hear an audiobook, these apps make it happen easily. I don't know about other libraries, but here people can take games or movies from the library just like books. You can borrow items you want to read and then bring it back when you're done. However, probably my favorite feature about the libraries is if you borrow a book from Regina you can return the book you took from there and return it to the library nearest to you, and that library will return the book to where it came from.

All of these awesome things are accessible only if you have a library card or some type of ID. However, the library card is very different compared to the ID because if you have a library card you can use that library card in the Saskatchewan region. I love our libraries because you can do anything like play on the PS4 and the Xbox for free, but only for 30 minutes taking turns with other people or with friends unless you didn't bring anyone else with you then you can have it all to yourself.

Me, I'm not a big fan of books but I'm very curious about how authors write their books. I'm interested in learning to make a book with poems or if they make a graphic novel, and I'm also interested in the twists of the book. I don't want the twists that is like the same old twists, I want something interesting and unique.

In Saskatchewan libraries, people go around to present something about their company or about their life or they teach and show some cool things of science and some other cool things too. Our libraries are very unique, and I thank all the librarians who spend their time helping people all day inside libraries, to all the people who show us cool things that we didn't even know that could happen, and to the people that help to build up and rebuild a library and the community in it and to all the teachers that thought us about libraries, and everyone is thankful for all of them. Thank you!

Emma Leigh Schmidt grew up in Ogema and goes to Ogema School. She is in grade 9 and her favourite subjects are ELA and Math. Reading is one of her hobbies, along with knitting, diamond dots and doing extensive research on horses. She loves spending time with her family, friends, and animals.

The Library has so many cool things! It has books that you can take off the shelf or even order online. They also have free WiFi! But that's not all they have. They have movies, music, makerspace kits, games and more! Everything is free! Libraries have been around for a long time, since 1653 to be exact. This essay will prove that libraries are very important in our lives, and fun.

Books are the main things that make up a library. But did you know that our library allows you to not only grab one off of the shelf, but order any book made in the whole entire world? Don't go out and buy a computer to order one though. Use one of the computers provided at the library. The tech doesn't stop there. Two words, free WiFi! We can't stop now. What other opportunities are there for us to explore?

The library also provides movies and music that you can take out. You can find movies anywhere between My Little Pony to Captain Underpants. Of course there are movies for teens and adults too. It's the same with music you can listen to music from the 70's or the most popular Pop! There are even opportunities for young children, like toddlers, to listen to music perfect for them, like The Wheels on the Bus! That was probably my favourite song when I was a kid. There are other things too, yes it doesn't stop there.

Normal libraries don't have this much stuff! But if you think there isn't possibly any more options to choose from, you're wrong. Our fabulous library also offers games and makerspace kits so that you can play and create anything you want to all in the same day. Some of the makerspace kits are cooking kits, there are circuit kits, and even a pen that prints any image you want in 3D! There are also apps that you can download to any device.

Some of the apps are Hoopla, to read e-books, listen to audio books and more, Libby, for Library2go, and Flipster, to read or look at any magazine you want. These are only summaries of the apps, there is always more to discover. But we can't forget about our kind librarian. Mrs. Sheri Mead is a very kind person who loves her job and can help you with any problems at all. So please, care about our library, it's important to everyone's learning. Remember that they are not only a fun place to read, hang out, or study, they are a big part of our lives and our town.

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When asked why my public library is so important the thought comes to my mind: “what would life be like without the library?” I know many of my peers would not be able to do their homework in online courses because their family does not have a computer or internet access. The library supplies public computers and free Wi-Fi that makes it easier for kids to do research, watch online tutorials, and pursue their interests in online courses that are perhaps not offered at our school. Without the library we wouldn’t have access to the wide array of books in other libraries around Saskatchewan. Students may not have a peaceful place to work or socialize without the library because sometimes our home is just too active and clamorous to be productive. If we didn’t have our public library we most likely wouldn’t have access to the incredible apps and websites they provide and support like Hoopla, Flipster, and more. So, when asked why my public library is so important to me I can think of so many reasons but I’d like to highlight my three favorites.

The first provision my public library offers are the hundreds of books, movies, and music albums for free through Hoopla. Today’s cost of streaming websites and the cost of music albums is very burdensome to pay for when you are a student. With Hoopla I don’t have to worry about a monthly subscription fee or the costs of buying music and music players. On Hoopla I can find new and old movies and TV series, hear new releases of music, and listen to audiobooks when I’m driving or waiting for an appointment. There are entertainment choices for anyone of all ages. The best part about this is that it’s all free. I’ve been able to pursue my interests in cosmetology and makeup art through the several books available on Hoopla. And along with that I’ve found pet care, crafting, and cooking resources to enhance my everyday life. On Hoopla you will find a wide array of genres for any preference.

Perhaps you don’t have enough time though to watch a movie or read a novel. Maybe you only have fifteen minutes to spare until the bus arrives. That brings me to my second favourite resource our library provides; Flipster. Flipster provides dozens of popular magazines of many genres from food to health and beauty to home designing completely free of cost. No subscription to the magazines needed. I love this because it’s an app so I can simply download on my phone or tablet and read the magazines whenever I want. I can even download them so I can read the magazines when I’m away from an internet connection. Flipster always has the most recent issues of the magazines so you will always be up to date.

I love the online and mobile resources the library provides but of course they don’t compare to the actual library building itself. The library is such a serene, quiet place that is easy to sit at and study, read or use the computers. The staff is welcoming and eager to help with any questions you may have. My favourite feature of the library itself is the activities and programs that it hosts like the movie nights and reading programs. Those are really important for engaging the community and giving kids wholesome use of their time after school. The movie nights that are usually held in the summer include family friendly movies and sometimes the library provides snacks for those in attendance. The library building is truly an important part of our town and without it many of these features would be unavailable.

To conclude I would like to officially answer the question: “what does my library do for me?” My library provides apps and websites so movies, music and magazines are always easy to access for free. My library provides the perfect place to study, do homework or socialize with friends. My library makes it easy to pursue my education in fields that are not offered in school and helps me deepen my appreciation for learning. I feel very appreciative towards my public library and the resources it provides.

Gavin Schwindt is 13 and rides BMX and plays video games in his spare time. He is a grade nine student at Ogema School. He was born December 9th, 2003.

Libraries are a very important place to have in a community because of all of the different things they offer. For example, our Ogema Library offers books, movies, games, Hoopla, Libby, Library2go, computers, free Wi-fi, and often hosts interesting presentations. In the summer, our local library also hosts movie nights and the Summer Reading Program. Our library has something for everyone.

I think the libraries should offer gaming tournaments for gamers like me. It would be a good way to get more young people in the library. The library has a PS4, WiiU, Wii, Xbox360, Xbox One, and PS3. I am very excited to try out the virtual reality kit when it comes to our library. The library has games that you can get right from the local branch, or you can order in games of your choice. I spend a lot of time gaming, so free access to a bunch of games is great for me!

Obviously, the library offers a huge selection of books. This is what libraries are known for, after all! You can get books at any library in the province when you use your library card. For example, I could walk into a library in Saskatoon, take out books and games, and return them in Ogema's library. This makes it easy to use, no matter where you are. When you order books online, you can do it from your own house. The books get sent to your local branch and you get a text or email when they are ready to pick up. If you like to read online, you can use the Hoopla app, Libby app, or Library2go. You can read books on computers, tablets, or even your phone.

The library is a great place for people to work and volunteer, or even just chill in your spare time. If you like to listen to music, you can get it for free from the Hoopla app and listen to it anywhere you want! They have tea and water for you to drink while you relax at the library and comfy chairs to settle in to. Our local library has a porch area that you can sit in during winter months, even when they are closed, to access the free Wi-Fi.

I think the government should keep libraries open because it is a good source for books, knowledge, and all of your needs. If libraries were to close, lots of people would lose their jobs and might not be able to pay their bills. People who would normally hang out at the library would lose their spot to chill and relax. Lots of people would stop reading books. I think we should keep our libraries open so that people don't lose their reading skills. We need to keep some form of books available, even though everything is online.

Hannah Nicole Soriano came to Canada from the Philippines. She is continuing her studies at Ogema School as a Grade 11 learner. It is almost a year that she's been in Canada and she finds the country welcoming, just like how her public library has Filipino books written in her language.

Ogema Public Library is making every citizen's life easy and interesting. Recently, our public library hosted a presentation, starred by two inspiring authors, Catherine Milos and Courtney Bates-Hardy, in celebration of Saskatchewan Library Week. The use of our public library doesn't end there because it has so many things to offer which many of us might not expect to find there. Aside from different library materials such as books, magazines and other written resources, Ogema Public Library opens its doors to the public for more interesting offers for free. Library cards were also introduced to our class and you'll be amazed how beneficial it will be for you as an individual. Of course, a quiet and comfy place for studying perfectly fits the library. Aside from books, what can we find there that will prove it is a perfect place for studying? Fasten your seatbelt and let me bring you to my thoughts on what my library does for me—or for us.

When I pull the door toward me, the library's air hits my face. Do you smell it? The scent of old books enters my nostrils and that's the typical smell of a library. On every shelf, there are books of different sizes—old, new, for kids and teens, educational, magazines—but what caught my attention was the books written in Tagalog. Now that's Canada— a multicultural nation acknowledging diversity and a library with such books reflects how welcoming the town is for every Filipino within the community. Video Game fanatics also rejoiced as they discovered that the public library can also lend them the latest video game consoles of a different kind. Aside from entertainment, video games also help in building one's creativity. Ogema Public Library also offers makerspace kits including 3D Dodler, simple engineering kit, cooking kit and Ozobot. Those are just some of the different library materials that Ogema features.

For a seeker of a quiet and comfy place to study, the library is a perfect spot for you. Aside from noise-free surroundings, Ogema Public Library has computer and printer to be used as well as free Wi-Fi access. I heard that those people who don't have printers at home went to the library to print out their papers for free. Studying in the library provides the resources you need and ideas within your reach. There were also movie nights and fun games for kids held at the public library last summer. That way, people within the community interacted with each other, improving social lives.

All libraries require a library card, but the library card we have in Saskatchewan is a different one. After presenting valid identification cards or just a driver's license, a librarian will ask some information about you, then give you two library cards— one is a typical card and the other is a handy one which could be used as a keychain. Aside from the new look of this handy public library card, you will be amazed by the usage of this. Who would have thought that they could order items anywhere within the province using a library card? Well, you heard it right. You can order items online and the item will be delivered to the Ogema Public Library for free. If you can't find the book you want to borrow in your public library, there's now a solution for that. One public library card can be used in borrowing books from different places, so if you need a certain book but is not available in your library and is available from other places, you can still get that book and use it within the allotted time. If you've heard of Hoopla, you probably know that it is like Netflix but better. Access to Hoopla also proves the power of a library card. It can lend you TV and movie content, audiobooks and music albums without the hassle of returning it back before the due date.

To sum this up, Ogema Public Library offers different library materials, whether written resources or digital materials. It is also a good place for learning since the ambiance of the place is specially designed for a good flow of information. Library cards have amazing uses; getting out the resource for you and not making you go without. After discovering these things, it is not only "books" that will pop up in your mind once you've heard of a library. All of the possible materials for learning could now be found in a public library and all of these have a single final destination and that is "knowledge".

Michael Angelo G. Soriano is 13 years old. He was born March 27, 2004 in the Philippines. He now lives in Ogema, Saskatchewan. He likes playing basketball and hanging out with friends.

The Ogema Library has lots of things to offer for free. They let people use computers. You can order stuff online by using Hoopla. They have free Wi-Fi for you to use. They have PlayStation, Xbox, and Wii. You can only use library cards anywhere in Saskatchewan.

You can do your homework at the Ogema Library. The Ogema Library is special because some of their books are from other countries. They have a big selection of Tagalog books and they change it a lot so there are new options. Sometimes they play music. It's a quiet room for studying. They have makerspace kits for fun activities. They teach kids to read in the library.

You can order stuff online province wherever you are in the province. It's a good place for someone who loves books. They have comfy chairs for playing games or reading. If you keep something over the due date, you have to pay. You can use Hoopla when you're too lazy to read; you can just listen by using Hoopla audiobooks.

You can renew things if you're still using it, but if someone requested it you can't renew it because someone is waiting for it. They have Flipster for you to use. The Ogema Library is not just filled with books they're for accessing knowledge. The library matters for us for gaining more knowledge. The Ogema Library does lots of fun things.

If you get library card the library can get more money from the government for improving the library. The Ogema Library has other languages books. You can return your book in the box if the Ogema Library is closed. The Library can have more things if you use library. They have game discs and they play movies over summer. They are a good place for our town.

Chloe Thideman is a 13 year old girl who loves to dance and spend time with family and friends. She was born in Porcupine Plain and raised in Ogema. She now lives in Ogema with her two siblings and mom.

Saskatchewan libraries are a good place to go because there are a variety of things to do! People go to libraries to read, play games or even study. When you're stressed, depressed or need time alone it is the best place to go to and relax. In Saskatchewan we have one library for every 4,000 citizens, so you don't have to worry about not having a library near you. Saskatchewan libraries are awesome because of the variety of services they offer and best of all, it is totally free!

At Ogema library we offer Hoopla. Hoopla is a digital media service that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, eBooks, comics, and TV shows! You can enjoy these things on your computer, tablet, or phone and even your TV. Movie and TV content is available for 72 hours (3 days), music albums are available for 7 days, and audiobooks are available for 21 days. The app can be found in the app store on your iOS device and in the google play store on your android device. Search for "hoopla digital" to find and download the app.

The Ogema Library has a variety of books. They have comics, novels, children's books, and books in black and white, books with color, books on DVD and books in other languages. Ogema Library provides every book that people want. They even have books from other countries! Our library has lots to offer other than books such as games, movies, makerspace kits, free Wi-Fi, and comfy chairs.

We also offer Flipster! Flipster is an easy to use digital magazine newsstand. All you need is your library card number and a computer or other device with internet access. You can download as many magazines as you want at a time, and best yet the titles never expire so you don't have to worry about overdue fees! You can search any title. And this service is completely free! This can save you a lot of money in the Wal-Mart check out!

Our library is important because it's where people go to relax, hang out with people and have a good time. Most of all, Saskatchewan libraries are the best because of the variety of services they offer and best of all it is all free! We need Saskatchewan libraries for education and knowledge. They can't get shut down so we need to make sure people are getting library cards so they get money! The government gives them more money if they have more library cards.

Shaelyn Thideman is the daughter of Ken and Ieshia Thideman and the sister to Chloe and Maverick. She lives on a small farm outside of Ogema Saskatchewan and attends Ogema High School.

Many people think that libraries are for the elderly and all they have are boring, dusty books. However, that's not the truth. Libraries have so much to offer us. They benefit individuals and communities in many different aspects. They help individuals grow their skills such as reading, imagination, and concentration. Libraries keep communities together and create a stronger bond between citizens. They give us the opportunity to explore and look at the world from a new angle. Libraries do this by providing us with a variety of materials from apps on a phone to hard cover books and even movies. So before assuming that libraries are a waste of time, take a look at all they have to offer because libraries have much more than just books.

At this point you may think I'm crazy for talking about how beneficial libraries are, however, in reality you're the crazy one for not thinking that libraries are enjoyable. If you don't believe me, try out the app called Hoopla. It provides us with eBooks, audiobooks, movies and songs that we can download for a certain period of time. It has many different genres such as fantasy, mystery, horror, comedy and many other genres you are sure to find quite interesting. Hoopla lets you watch movies and shows, listen to music and read books all from the comfort of your own home. The best part about Hoopla is that everything on there is free. That's right, you get to relax with the app for free at your house. It doesn't get any better than that.

The next best thing that libraries provide for us is Library2go. This is another site where you can download eBooks and audiobooks. You can download them on your computer, phone and other digital devices. This is so neat because you can take the book you are reading when you travel and not have to worry about carrying around a big, bulky book. Library 2 Go also has a partner in crime. Her name is Libby. She is very handy when it comes to downloading audiobooks because she can read them to you. This is very helpful when you are driving or traveling because instead of reading a book you can just listen to her read to you. However, if you prefer to read on your own Libby can still be of use to you. She will keep track of your reading history and will even keep track of where you stopped reading. She's like a bookmark, only better.

In Ogema, the public library has so much more to do than just reading. You can take out movies, use the computers, take out video games, download music, and use the free Wi-Fi. The public library is an enjoyable, quiet place to work for people that need a place to do homework or even just want to go relax and read a book. The library also has toys and digital devices that are there for people who don't prefer reading and would rather play with an Xbox or Wii. This is a delightful thing to have because many kids like to play video games. Ogema's library has something for everyone and makes sure that requests are taken into consideration. This is why our library is unique because it can trade books with any other library in the province to bring in book requests. Having a public library helps citizens save thousands of dollars on movies, books and video games. This is why we shouldn't take libraries for granted.

In conclusion, libraries are very important to have within a society and benefit people of all ages. The library offers us many activities and provides different genres of movies, books and video games that will interest countless people. Libraries have something for everyone and make reading pleasurable. They supply us with apps that allow us to enjoy books, magazines and movies at home. The best part about libraries is that taking out books and downloading the library apps are free. People save so much money by using libraries. So take the time to get a library card and explore the world of libraries.

Navey Tondevold is a Grade 9 student at Ogema School. She was born in her parent's bed in Ogema, and has lived in Ogema since then. She is visually impaired. Navey has two crazy brothers and she loves playing on her iPad.

Have you ever wanted to read a book but didn't have books at home? If you did, there's a place you could go to called the public library. Back then, the library just had regular books, but now you can use technology to get all kinds of things. This is good for people like me with low vision.

These are some of the resources available for people with low vision. On an app called "Hoopla" you can get audio books and music. On Library2Go, you can also get ebooks and audio books. There are also fiction and non-fiction Braille books that you can order from your library. I'm glad I live now because there are more resources now.

What can all these apps go on? One device is your phone, something you can also text on. Another device is an iPad, similar to your phone but a little different. If you don't have an iPad, you can use any tablet. You can also use a computer or a laptop, which is a portable computer. You have lots of choices on what devices you can use.

You might think your library only has books but you can also get music on the apps and at the library too. You can also get movies and video games from your library. If you're looking for single songs, you can't really get it, but you can get full albums, and there's lots of choices. If you want to get the games at home, you can't really do that, but you can get the games at the library. The apps are a good thing to have when you have a cold and don't want to move.

I think pretty soon the library will be even more accessible for visually impaired people and people who can't leave their house. Maybe there will be apps where you won't have to type in the things that you want, or your name and password. It might keep all your information and likes ready and you would just have to slide or tap. Now I think more people will be using the library. I know I'm going to be using it more now.

Heaven Ubaldo is 16 years old. Her friends call her smiley because she smiles a lot. She was born in the Philippines on February 25, 2001. Her parents are Filipino but her grandfather on her dad's side is Japanese.

What my library does more me? Well a lot of things. Library isn't just books there is more to it. Library gives people a lot of opportunity to find jobs, experience new ideas, and get lost in tale as old as time and at the same time learning a lot of things. When education is expensive, public libraries gives enough information and educational opportunities free for all people library also gives the things you're interested in to expand our learnings library isn't just for students or kids it's for everyone in our community we have a healthy community if we have libraries. Libraries offers a lot of things like computer and internet access, Magazines, Newspapers, movies, Audio Books and many more.

Oh the library is close but you want to borrow books and movie don't worry Hoopla, Library2go and Libby got your back these are apps that can help you when you want to borrow things from library when you can't go to the library at moment. Hoopla is like Netflix but way better. Library2go is a resource for digital books and audio books. Libby is the overdrive app for eBooks and audio books all you need is your library card and you can watch any movies, read any books and even listen to audio books that you like while driving anywhere and anytime. Library is where all our imagination is created and expanded and we gain more wisdom and knowledge in library.

Everything in library is free but you just have to return what you borrow. Library offer a place where you can study or even just use their free Wi-Fi they also have printers so when you don't have a printer in your house but your essay is due tomorrow and you need to print it just go to library and you can use their laptop to print the things you need. When you're sick at home or you can't focus to finish your research call your friends and tell them it's a wonderful idea to do your research in the library and 100% you can find the things you need for research and get a high grade so your parents will be proud of you and you will make your teacher happy.

There is a lot of library in the world that is now closing because no one really use it but without a library we don't have a past and future. We will be stuck in same old time. A lot of students will not be able to go to universities because they don't have enough wisdom, library also teach and educate people we will not know how to fix and create some things in short without library we are nothing. The world without library is like an earth without water so let's support our library and we will have a bright future ahead of us.

Ralph Joseph D.C Ubaldo is 13 years old and loves playing basketball. He learned to play basketball at the age of six. He lives in Ogema with his family.

The Ogema Library does a lot of fun things for kids and adults. They have so much content, games that you can borrow, and movie nights - isn't that amazing? They also have free Wi-Fi and that's amazing. So, even if the library is closed you can sit on the bench outside and get free Wi-Fi and do what you want to do in the internet. They have a Ps4 and Xbox and Wii that you can play with when you go to the Ogema Library. Now I'll tell you things you can do in the Ogema Library.

First of all I'll be telling you things about Flipster; it's an app for magazines. There are lots of magazines in a whole bunch of topics. There is something for everyone. You can get the Flipster app on the play store and app store. You can browse things in Flipster and find the type of magazines you like. The app has been downloaded by a lot of people around the world. The app has magazines about hunting, fishing, sports, news, fashion and anything you can think of!

The next app that I'll be telling you about is Hoopla. It's an app of movies and books. Hoopla is an amazing app for watching movies and reading books because it's all free if you have a library card. On Hoopla, you don't need to pay for anything - not even a cent. The Hoopla app has been downloaded 500,000- 1,000,000 times which means that people like Hoopla. People have given it a lot of high ratings. Hoopla is amazing I recommend that you download it if you have an Ogema Library card.

The Ogema Library can do a lot of fun things for everyone. The Ogema Library has events for kids. The Ogema Library is getting PlayStation VR, Xbox, and PS4. The Ogema Library can do a lot of things for you. They have movie nights, which is very cool and they also have comfy chairs for you to sit on. The Ogema Library is really an amazing place to work on your homework with your friends because it's a quiet place to work in and you will have peace unless your friends disturb you.

The Ogema Library can do pretty cool stuff, huh? The library card has a lot of app linked to it. The Ogema Library is amazing for kids because there is so many events that happens in the Ogema Library. The Ogema Library is linked to apps like this, Flipster, Hoopla, Library2go, and Libby. You can go get those apps in the Play Store and App Store. So when you're in Saskatchewan, go to any library to get a library card to get those apps. I hope you enjoyed reading this and thank you for taking your time to read this.

Luke Webb is 14 years old and in grade 9. He shows cattle and likes to farm.

Ogema library was built around 1912, this was a new beginning for the little town of Ogema. In our little library we have access to books, order resources into our library from anywhere in the province, games, movies. As well as many online services like Hoopla library2go and many more. Libraries matter because they provide everyone with free services to use.

Hoopla is a free service to use online. It has access to all kinds of book, audio books, movies, TV shows, music and eBooks. The books and audio books last for 21 days. All music last for 7 days. All movies last 3 days.

The whole library branch in Saskatchewan all depends on people who have a library card. The more library cards people have the more money the branch gets. With all this money they can provide more services and more books to all of the libraries in Saskatchewan. Plus the more cards there are the more libraries will be open.

The video games that you can borrow can range from games for 3 year olds to games for 18 and up. They can range on many different consoles from Xbox 1 and Xbox 360 to ps3 and ps4 to Wii u and Wii and Nintendo switch. Everything is free and you can order it from anywhere in the province. Some of the games you can only get with your parents or if you are over 18 years of age.

There is free Wi-Fi that is available for everyone to use. There are also Makerspace Kits that are available to everyone. There are cooking kits, circuit kits, and there's a 3D pen. There are also computers that are available for everyone to use. As you can see the library is very important to everyone.