

**Definition/Description:**

The library is an important resource to a population and is vital to a healthy society. Its role is to house a collection of reference materials in a variety of formats for reading, reference, and lending. Reference materials refer to books, magazines, newspapers, encyclopedias, dictionaries, journals, reference books, pamphlets, videocassettes, films, audiocassettes, CDs, DVDs, as well as on-line resources of licensed databases.

In addition to the books and reference resources, programs and services are offered through the library to meet the recreational and educational needs of WHR residents of all ages. A variety of special literacy programs are hosted throughout the year that connect children with reading, especially during periods when school is not in session. Specialized language resources are available to our multicultural population. As well, there are programs and services available to meet the needs of residents who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, and hearing impaired.

Whether searching for information for a school assignment, a business related or home project or simply for personal growth, the tools and technologies to support an individual's needs are often accessible at a library within their own community area. Reading enriches people's lives and builds better communities in so many ways. Reading for the joy of reading is a large part of our culture. As community centres are places where people can improve their physical health, libraries are places that provide people with opportunities to improve their intellectual health and support lifelong learning.

**Method**

Information was obtained by reviewing various reference materials from the City of Winnipeg, Sherlock's Map of Winnipeg 2003, Destination Winnipeg, and the MTS White Pages 2003.

**Source:**

City of Winnipeg, Sherlock's Map of Winnipeg 2003, Destination Winnipeg, MTS White Pages 2003.

The sources of information for this section:

1. City of Winnipeg
2. Sherlock's Map of Winnipeg 2003
3. Destination Winnipeg
4. MTS White Pages 2003

## Findings:

### Public Libraries in the Winnipeg Health Region

Public Library	Address	Type	Community Area
Centennial (Main)	251 Donald Street	Winnipeg Public	Downtown
Charleswood	5014 Roblin Blvd	Winnipeg Public	Assiniboine South
Cornish	20 West Gate	Winnipeg Public	Downtown
Fort Garry	1360 Pembina Hwy	Winnipeg Public	Fort Garry
Henderson	1050 Henderson Hwy	Winnipeg Public	River East
Louis Riel	1168 Dakota Street	Winnipeg Public	St. Vital
Munroe	489 London Street	Winnipeg Public	River East
Osborne	625 Osborne Street	Winnipeg Public	River Heights
Pembina Trail	2724 Pembina Hwy	Winnipeg Public	Fort Garry
River Heights	1520 Corydon Avenue	Winnipeg Public	River Heights
St. Boniface	131 Boul Provencher	Winnipeg Public	St. Boniface
St. James-Assiniboia	1910 Portage Avenue	Winnipeg Public	St. James-Assiniboia
St. John's	500 Salter Street	Winnipeg Public	Point Douglas
St. Vital	6 Fermor Avenue	Winnipeg Public	St. Vital
Sir William Stephenson	765 Keewatin Street	Winnipeg Public	Inkster
Transcona	111 Victoria Avenue W	Winnipeg Public	Transcona
West End	823 Ellice Avenue	Winnipeg Public	Downtown
West Kildonan	365 Jefferson Avenue	Winnipeg Public	Seven Oaks
Westwood	66 Allard Avenue	Winnipeg Public	St. James-Assiniboia
Windsor Park	955 Cottonwood Road	Winnipeg Public	St. Boniface
Air Photo	1007 Century Street	Manitoba Conservation	St. James-Assiniboia
Manitoba Education & Youth-Blind & Visually Impaired Services	1181 Portage Avenue	Manitoba Education & Youth	Downtown
Crane Memorial	2109 Portage Avenue	Deer Lodge Centre	St. James-Assiniboia
Manitoba Education & Youth-French-Language	200 av de la Cathedrale	Manitoba Education & Youth	St. Boniface
Industrial Technology Centre (ITC)	1329 Niakwa Road	Specialized	St. Boniface
Jewish Public	1725 Main Street	Specialized	Seven Oaks
Kaufman Silverberg Resource Centre	123 Doncaster Street	Specialized	Assiniboine South
Legislative (Provincial Archives)	200 Vaughan Street	Manitoba Culture Heritage & Tourism	Downtown
Manitoba Indian Cultural Centre Inc.	119 Sutherland Avenue	Specialized	Point Douglas

Note: There may be other libraries providing services within the Winnipeg Health Region that are not included or identified given their nature may be specialized or specific to a private organization.

### Highlights:

- There are approximately 30 public library facilities located throughout the Winnipeg Health Region.
- Each community area has at least one public library facility providing services to its residents.