Flin Flon Public Library Board of Directors

G.R."Bob" Frazer Chairman of Board 1990 – present

"Buz" Trevor Vice-Chairman 1995 – present

Lois "Bunny" Burke Secretary 1983 – present

Angie Simpson City of Flin Flon 1998 – 2002

Bill Hanson City of Flin Flon 2002 – present

Val Dixon Town of Creighton 1996 – present

Murray Smith 1974 – present

Blaine Veitch 1998 - present Flin Flon Public Library Library Personnel 2002

Gretta Redahl Library Administrator (Retired July 12, 2002)

Phyllis Stadnick Library Assistant Administrator (Appointed Administrator July 2002)

Robin Galbraith
Cataloguing Clerk
(Appointed Library Assistant Administrator August 2002)

Hannah Brown Evening Supervisor (Resigned April 2002)

Rebecca Hayward Evening Supervisor/Story Hour Programmer (Appointed May 2002)

Tara Founk Inter-Library Clerk Assistant Cataloguing Clerk, Assistant Tech Support

**Student Pages** 

Shanine Sealey (Resigned August 2002)

Brenda Strelezki

Lacey Javorsky (Resigned October 2002)

Breanne Ballard

Whitney Mote

Tyler Mitchell/Chuck Perera Tech Support

Kathleen Delgatty Special Project Co-ordinator (Resigned November 2002)

## Areas Served by

## Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library

Flin Flon Population 6,000

Flin Flon (Ext. Boundaries) Population 267

Creighton Population 1,556

Cranberry Portage (R.M. of Kelsey)

**Surrounding Areas** 

**Big Island** 

**Schist Lake** 

**Bakers Narrows** 

Sherridon

**Denare Beach** 

Tyrell Lake

Deschaumbault

**Pelican Narrows** 



# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2002

The year 2002 was a year of change for the Library.

Gretta Redahl retired as Library Administrator and this position was ably filled by Phyllis Stadnick. Robin Galbraith took over Phyllis's former position as Library Assistant. We are sorry to see Gretta go and will miss her drive to modernize the Library.

After the municipal election, Angie Simpson was no longer the City of Flin Flon representative on the Library Board. This position was subsequently filled by Bill Hanson.

For the first time in several years we were able to provide the staff with significant wage increases.

Kathy Delgatty enlisted a group of enthusiastic volunteers to organize and catalogue the large volume of archival material in the Library. A large room in the basement was set aside for this purpose.

Kathy Delgatty resigned from her position as Special Project Coordinator. We would like to thank Kathy for her work on the archives.

Phyllis Stadnick celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a member of the Library staff.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Phyllis and her staff for their continued hard work and dedication to the Library. I would also like to express our appreciation to all of the Archives volunteers for their contributions to the Library.

G. R. Frazer Chairman

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#### Administrator's Report

2002 Annual report will be a joint effort between former Administrator Gretta Redahl and newly appointed Administrator Phyllis Stadnick.

#### <u>January</u>

Robin, Tara, Kathleen and Phyllis went to The Pas Regional Library for two days of training of L4U with the staff of Public Library Service, The Pas Regional Library and Joey Ross School.

The new library system (L4U) was installed and the staff trained.

Family Literacy Day was held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> with many local dignitaries coming out to read to the children.

#### **February**

Rebecca Hayward completed the Community Connection Access Program Grant. (Training the public on using computers and the Internet). She was hired as evening supervisor in May 2002.

Tara Founk completed library inventory using the new time wand. She trained staff members on the use, with the exception of Phyllis Stadnick.

#### **MARCH**

Bob Frazer, Gretta Redahl and Kathleen Delgatty attended the official opening of The Pas Regional Library.

The Pas Regional Library negotiated with the RM of Kelsey and received funding for the community of Cranberry Portage and which Flin Flon Public Library received a portion.

Tara Founk completed the LibraryNet grant and continued employment with the library. She assisted with the library website, switching of operating system and assisting in Tech support of L4U.

#### **APRIL**

April 3, 2002 Community Learning Network held open house at the City Council Chambers, this was attended by Board and staff members.

Fred Penner met with staff and invited guests sharing his stories and songs of his experiences.

Pat Done/ Wayne Hucaluk consultants for Culture, Heritage and Tourism reviewed the library with Phyllis and Kathleen; recommendations were put forth to the Library Board.

Canada Book Day - One-day event celebrated with a display of books written and portraying Canada.

Co-hosted a poetry reading evening with the Flin Flon Writers Guild with many local authors and public.

Hannah Brown's farewell dinner.

#### <u>May</u>

Phyllis Stadnick attended a two-day workshop May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Winnipeg for Canada Manitoba Business Service Centre.

#### JUNE

Flin Flon Public Library Board of Directors held a meeting with the Archive Volunteers to discuss future plans for the Archives.

### **JULY**

July 3<sup>rd</sup> a come and go tea was held in honor of Gretta Redahl's retirement. Farewell wishes were received from Mayor Dennis Ballard, Will Enns and David Christianson Public Library Services, Harriet Roy –Pahkisimon Nuye?ah Library System-La Ronge, SK., many invited guests and the general public. The afternoon ended with supper at Rocky View OTA and surprise riverboat ride for all in attendance.

July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th two</sup>-day workshop "Dig Your Roots" was presented by Brian and Ann Margetson. These sessions taught participates how to properly search and find their family genealogy.

July 11<sup>th</sup> Glenda Hobbs-Walker held a poet reading of her personal work. Flin Flon Writers Guild recognized Gretta Redahl on her retirement and support of the group over the years.

Summer Reading program was held with the theme "Around the World"

#### **AUGUST**

Ann & Brian Margetson held a poetry reading evening. This was very well received.

Final farewell supper was held for Gretta with Library Board and staff at Rocky View OTA.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Story Hour Registration.

#### **OCTOBER**

Come and go tea was held for Phyllis Stadnick for 25 years of service.

Angie Simpson-Board Member and Phyllis Stadnick attended the Public Library Service Conference held in Brandon, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. Some of the sessions attended were Internet Liability, Business Patrons-their needs and how to market them, Building on Community Strengths. Universal Library Card, Going Where No Library Has Gone Before.

Chris Melnick and Curtis Colon from Canada Manitoba Business Service Centre provided us with a regional site visit.

Louise Bradley trained staff on using the website of Canadian Health Network.

#### **NOVEMBER**

**Annual Christmas Book Sale** 

**Discard Book Sale** 

Kathleen Delgatty resigned as Special Projector Co-coordinator.

#### **DECEMBER**

Library Board and Staff Xmas Party were held at Flin Flon Public Library.

The staff entered a float in the annual Santa Claus Parade.

Robin Galbraith and Rebecca Hayward have completed the Library Practicum course by correspondence through Red River Community College.

I wish to thank City of Flin Flon, Town of Creighton, Public Library Service (Province of Manitoba), Pahkisimon Nuye?ah Library System (Province of Saskatchewan), and R.M. of Kelsey for their support.

I would like to acknowledge the Archives Volunteer group who has volunteered over 4000 hours in sorting, cataloguing, wallpapering and many other timeless jobs. Thank you for all of your time and effort.

A special thank you to Flin Flon Public Library Board for their continuing support of the library.

Gretta Redahl for her guidance and patience with all of my many questions. Carol Ham Administrator of The Pas Regional Library for all of her support. Last but not least to the staff, I would like to thank them for their continuing support and cooperation, which has enabled us to provide many services to our patrons and community.

Phyllis Stadnick Administrator

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Gretta Redahl & Will Enns (Public Library Services)



Gretta Redahl & Harriet Roy (Pahkisiman Nuye?ah Library)



Friends from the Community

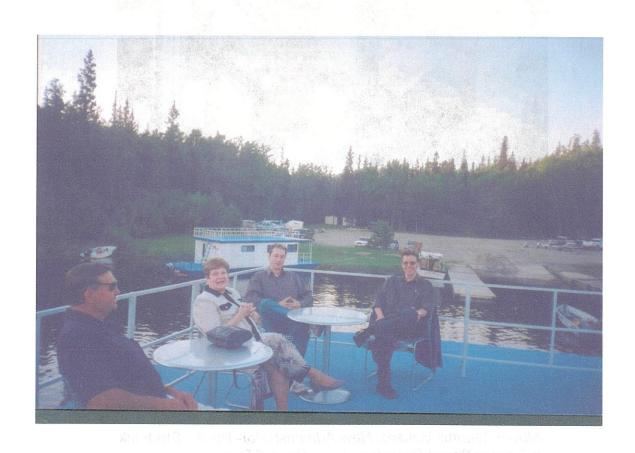
A Come & Go Retirement Tea was held in honor of Gretta Redahl on July 3, 2002, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Many patron's and friends alike attended to say farewell and wish her all the best. Mayor Dennis Ballard said a few words and poked a little fun, as he has known Gretta for many, many years.

It was a happy and enjoyable afternoon for all in attendance. Even though we were sad to see Gretta go, we knew she was looking forward to the next chapter in her life, and her staff wish her success in all her future endeavors.

### Gretta hard at work







Gord , Gretta, David Christianson and Will Enns House Boat Ride on Gretta's Retirement



Mayor- Dennis Ballard, New Administrator- Phyllis Stadnick, & Library Board Secretary- Lois "Bunny" Burke

House Boat Ride on Greata's Reffrement.

A Come & Go Tea was held in honor of Phyllis Stadnick, as 2002 marked her 25<sup>th</sup> year of working at the Flin Flon Public Library. Once again, Mayor Dennis Ballard attended and said a few words. The library was filled with many friends, family and patrons who came to share this happy day with Phyllis and to also congratulate her on being appointed the new Administrator of the library. It was easy to see how the community has appreciated her many years of service.



### **Summer Reading Program**

Summer Reading Program was held from July 10, 2002-August 28, 2002. We had 8 children ages 3-6 from 10:00am-11:00am each Wednesday. We had 7 children ages 7-12 from 1:00pm-2:00pm each Wednesday. Our theme for the program was "Around the World". Each week we read stories, made crafts and played games centred around a different country. During Hawaii week we made leis and grass skirts and danced the hula. The children were also told to keep track of all the books that they read over the course of the program. The child who read the most books would receive a prize at the end of the program party. In the younger children's group Isaac Jackson won some new books for reading over 50 books. All the other children each received a book for participating. In the older group they all received a cool pencil for participating. Overall there were approximately 150 books read.

## STORY TIME

The "Story Time" Program for the children from Aboriginal HeadStart began November  $6^{th}$  2000. It is held 2 or 3 times a month, from 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. at the Flin Flon Public Library.

Once the children arrive, they come and sit down in the children's area of the Library. I then read them 4 or 5 stories depending on our allotted time. The children are very attentive and really like the "Pop-up" books that I often read. Usually as soon as they come through the door, they will ask, "Robin, do you have a pop-up one today?"

I love to see how they look forward to coming to the library and the interest that they show in the stories. I also sing songs with the children in between stories, at times when they are a bit restless. Katie (the "Headstart" Facilitator) will get them to sing one of their Cree songs that they have learned at HeadStart.

Overall, I feel that "Story Time" has been a great success. I think the children get a lot out of the time they spend visiting the Library. It is something they can look forward to, as do I.

Robin Galbraith
Administrator's Assistant

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### **Story Hour Program**

The first sessions of story hour started September 4-5, 2002 and ended December 11-12, 2002. One session was held each Wednesday afternoon from 1:00pm-2:00pm. There were 12 children the Wednesday session. The second session was held each Thursday morning from 10:30am-11:30am. There were 6 children in the Thursday session. Each week we would read stories, make crafts, and play games. The program was very well received by children and parents alike. The ages of the children were 3-5 years old. We had a waiting list for the Wednesday afternoon session.

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ADULT BOOKS		DISCARD	ADDED	2002
Adult Non-Fiction	9699	376	537	9860
Adult Fiction	5612	87	413	5938
Youth Non-Fiction	0	0	0	0
Youth Fiction	71	0	o	71
Pocket Books	1538	235	270	1573
CMBSC	100	7	0	93
Subtotal	17020	705	1220	17535
Childrens Books				
Junior Non-Fiction	2365	63	98	2400
Junior Fiction	2058	119		
Beginner Reader			101	2040
Subtotal	3246 7669	62	207	3391
Downstairs Level	706	244	406	7831
TOTAL	25395	400	0	306
	20395	1349	1626	25672
NON-PRINT MATERIAL				
Computer Disc	33	0	0	33
Newspaper/Periodicals	64	10	5	59
CMBSC-Magazines	15	O	o	15
Donations	26	O	2	28
Bound Periodicals	151	0	0	151
Records/Cassettes	49	0	ol	49
Toys	149	20	11	140
SUBTOTAL	487	30	18	475
CMBSC-AUDIO	3	0		
Vertical File	288	0	0	288
Telephone Books	30	0	0	
Gov't Documents	150	0	0	30
Sound Print	831	61		150
Videos	483	92	86 8	856
CMBSC-Videos	20			399
SUBTOTAL	1760	0 153	94	20 1746
CD	0	0		
Large Prints	245		4	4
Reference	95	3	22	264
CMBSC-Reference		2	0	93
French	30	4	4	30
SUBTOTAL	255	18	0	237
TOTAL	625	27	30	628
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Grand Total	28267	1559	1768	28521
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Station assessment

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Adult Fiction		7103	4893	
		10570	7237	
Youth Non-Fiction Youth Fiction		0	0	
		11	1	
Large Print	100	810	530	
Large Print-PLS (1)	_ / NS	689	54	
Pocketbooks		6387	3429	
CMBSC	7.0	51	37	
Magazines		550	573	
IUN		42	0	
SUBTOTAL		26213	16754	
CHILDEN'S BOOKS	27 (2.2) 2000	maggazdas 4 m tani mag	ns ofbio.	
Junior Non-Fiction		1346	1223	
Junior Fiction		1288	1052	
Beginner Reader		7892	4452	
SUBTOTAL		10526	6727	
		3314336 3	alquo.	
Cassettes		4	0	
CD		12110	78 O	
Talking Books-PLS (1)		99	26	
Talking Books-CMBSC		0	onion 0	
Toys		42	17	
ILL-Borrowed		745	782	5
ILL-Lent		336	192	
Videos		2108	1095	
Videos-PLS (1)		315	50	
Videos-CMBSC		3	15	
Vertical File	um John	56	25	siv obani
Foreign Language-French		65	24	
Foreign Language-PLS		20	0	
Sound Print		1283	1082	
SUBTOTAL		5076	3308	
INFOPOD CENTRE		<del></del>		
Computer Disc		4	0	
Word Processing		198	167	
E-Mail		1077	692	
Internet	951	2075	1982	
Research		1550	900	
Internet & Education		31	24	
CMBSC		0	0	X
3141500		1	0	
SUBTOTAL		4935	3765	150
GRAND TOTAL		46750	30554	
1) Our stats for Public Libra	m. Camiaaa		A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	as we did not receive blocks

of books when we did our conversion from SLiMS to L4U.

2) We had our system crash in May and we lost all of our stats for 2-3 weeks.



As our radio advertisements says "We are more than just books"

LCD projector rental

**Copier Service** 

**Fax Service** 

**Laminating Service** 

**Meeting Room Rental** 

**Equipment Rental** 

Canada Manitoba Business Service Centre (Regional Site)

**CAP Site** 

**Story Hour Program** 

**Internet Service** 

**Internet Training Service** 

Video Rental

**Audio Book Rental** 

**Inter-Library Loans** 

# Children's storybooks Sets



PHOTO BY JONATHON NAYLOR

Robin Galbraith (left), cataloging clerk at the local library, recently accepted a donations of 32 children's books from Eleanor Hayes on very good response to behalf of the Council for Exceptional Children Northern Chapter #106. the books," said behalf of the Council for Exceptional Children Northern Chapter #106. the

Council for Exceptional Children

The Council for Exceptional Children Northern Chapter #106, recently presented 32 children's storybooks to the Flin Flon Public

. Library.

The PM storybooks are lively, colourful books containing stories that are loved by early readers.

Because basic vocabulary is introduced slowly, children find reading PM storybooks enjoyable, satisfying and rewarding.

The non-fiction books contain information-packed text for early readers.

children and photographs.

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The PM storybooks are used as a follow-up to the Reading Recovery Program currently being taught to primary students.

Due to the generosity shown by Nelson Publishers Canada by offering a discount so more books could be purchased, the Council's local chapter presented two sets of books (each set containing 16 books) that are now available to be enjoyed at home by children.

The Council's local chapter also donated a collection of books to the library last year.

"We have gotten a cataloging library clerk Robin Galbraith. "We've had a lot of parents asking specifi-cally for them."

The PM storybooks The subjects and are widely regarded by themes are familiar to parent groups as qualiare ty literature for chilenhanced with stunning dren that encourages them to enjoy reading See 'Sets' P.12 throughout their lifetimes.

> One Web site called these books "children's treasures."



The Filin Flon branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) recently donated a subscription of Diabetes Interview magazine to the Filin Flon Public Library. Pictured is Debbie Patience of the CDA presenting the most recent issue of the magazine to Phyllis Stadnick, library manager. Also pictured is Robin Galbriath, cataloging clerk for the library. Members of the CDA will also be updating the diabetes: resources at the library in the near future.

# FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY STATEMENT OF REVENUE/EXPENDITURE DECEMBER 31, 2002

	2002	<u>2001</u>
REVENUE		(Note 3)
OPERATING GRANTS		
City of Flin Flon - Grant	\$ 76,442	\$ 76,442
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	,	
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	10,000	10,000
Province of Maintoba - Operating Grant  Province of Saskatchewan Grant	56,765	<b>56,</b> 765
RM of Kelsey	10,000	10,000
RIVI OI REISEY	6,090	
	<u>159,297</u>	<u> 153,207</u>
DONATIONS	9,869	1,664
ADMINSTRATIVE		
Overdue book fines	1,499	1,865
Parking stall rentals	1,156	1,156
Book sales	3,250	3,326
Interest	-	. 1
Goods and services tax	2,392	3,324
Material replacement	271	324
Other	1,724	733
	10,292	10,729
PATRON SERVICES	***************************************	
Business		
Copying charges	4,573	3,451
Fax	2,720	2,419
Laminating	1,045	1,081
Rotary room & equipment rental	7,325	<u>2,976</u>
,	15,663	9,927
InfoPod	124000	
E-mail	1,595	2,544
Printer	242	441
Disc Sale	30	16
Training	_	150
	1,867	<u>150</u> 3,151
CDDCTAL DDCTCCTC	1,007	
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	476	•
Community Connections	300	2,700
Library Net Grant	<b>-</b>	<b>6,</b> 048
L4U	583	*
Manitoba Employment Training	<u> 12,018</u>	
•	13,377	<u>8,748</u>
REVENUE- LIBRARY OPERATIONS	210,365	187,426
TOTAL EXPENSES - EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	<u>236,483</u>	225,881
INCOME LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	(26,118)	(38,455)
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OTHER INCOME - Community Learning Network Grant	54,279	91,522
OTHER EXPENSES - Community Learning Network Expenses	<u>54,279</u>	<u>91,809</u>
		(287)
	(26,118)	(38,742)
TRANSFER TO (FROM) SPECIAL RESERVE	(26,118)	(38,742)
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	s -	\$
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#### FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE DECEMBER 31, 2002

	2002	2001 (Note 3)
EXPENSES		(11016.5)
MATERIALS		
Books - Print	\$ 23,281	\$ 25,652
- Audio/CD	_	218
- Author	354	495
- Public	285	2.914
Other	1,531	1,672
Magazines	754	554
Newspaper	1,614	1,757
Videos	81	115
Toys	66	-
•	27,966	33,377
ADMINISTRATION	,	
Association Fees	315	645
Audit	1,000	1,000
Bank Charges	547	599
Continuing Education	734	200
Copier Contract/Paper	4,372	4,116
Express/Delivery/Postage	933	1,622
Fax	103	210
Equipment/Furniture	4,981	1,213
GST	4,785	5,817
Insurance	943	244
Promotion & Publicity	5,037	3,412
Laminating	263	526
Library Stationary	2,145	2,170
Maintenance	10,657	7,558
Programming	332	177
Utilities	13,418	12,006
Wages and Benefits	117,347	106,075
Technical Services	2,000	
Travel & Conference		-
Traver & Conference	<u>967</u>	2.212
TECHNOLOGY	<u> 170,879</u>	<u>149.802</u>
Service Contracts	2 500	6 100
Communications	2,500	5,180
Licences	3,231	5,874
Maintenance	35 5 222	1.323
Supplies	5,292	120
Training	2,097	1,980
Hamme	10.155	<u>150</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS	<u>13,155</u>	<u>14,627</u>
Archives	C 70.C	4.000
Project 1: Library Net	6,506	4,073
	3,042	3,510
Project 2: Community Connections Project 4: L4U	•	535
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3,654	19,957
Manitoba Employment Training	11,281	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>24,483</u>	<u>28.075</u>
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# Keeping local history alive

Jonathon Naylor
Staff Writer

he revitalization of the archives at the Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library received a financial shot in the arm last week.

Dave Kendall presented organizers of the archives project with a cheque for \$1,500 on behalf of the Northern N e i g h b o u r s Foundation.

Library Special Projects Coordinator Kathleen Delgatty explained that the donation will be spent on a digital video recorder.

The video recorder will be used to digitize photographs and to develop a virtual tour of the archives for its Web site.

Work is currently underway by library staff and volunteers to catalogue the archive material already at the library, which will help determine what information is required to make the archives more complete.

Once these historical gaps are filled, some of the archives will be put on microfilm and eventually posted on the Internet.

The library's archive room, which is located in the basement of the facility, currently consists mainly of a large collection of local newspapers, photos and documents.

During the past few weeks, a small group of volunteers have spent hours counting and documenting every newspaper in the archives.

The Public Archives Room at the library was established in

It is used frequently by local people and visitors to the area alike.

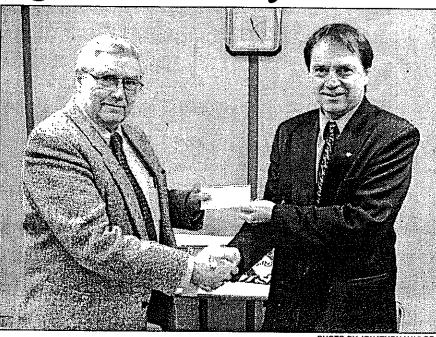


PHOTO BY JONATHON NAYLOR

Dave Kendall (right), presents a cheque for \$1,500 on behalf of the Northern Neighbours Foundation to Bob Frazer, chairperson of the Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library Board. The money will go towards the work to revitalize the archives at the library.

Anyone who would like more information on the archives project may contact Kathleen at 687-8363.

The Northern Neighbours Foundation has quietly donated thousands of dollars to area projects since being established in 1994.

The Foundation awards grants to various community projects in Flin Flin, Creighton, Denare Beach, Cranberry Portage, Snow Lake and Sherridon.

The Foundation has so far given out in excess of \$19,000 in grants.

These grants include \$3,334 towards the raised seating project at the R.H. Channing Auditorium, \$500 towards the Town of Snow Lake Library and \$1,000 towards the

operating expenses of the Flin Flon Community Youth Resource Centre.

As well, the Foundation has given money towards the new Jungle Gym at Parkdale School, equipment for Simonhouse Bible Camp and the construction of the new Northern Gateway Museum in Denare Beach.

See 'Donations' P.3

# **Donations**

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Something unique about the Northern Neighbours organization is that it does not actually spend the donations it receives; only the interest the money accumulates.

In this way, donations given to the Foundation are never used up.

The Foundation grants are generally given out every six months.

A grant through the Foundation may be requested by phoning 687-8211 or 687-8000 during the daytime.

Interested parties may also write to the Northern Neighbours Foundation at Box 802, Flin Flon, R8A 1N6.



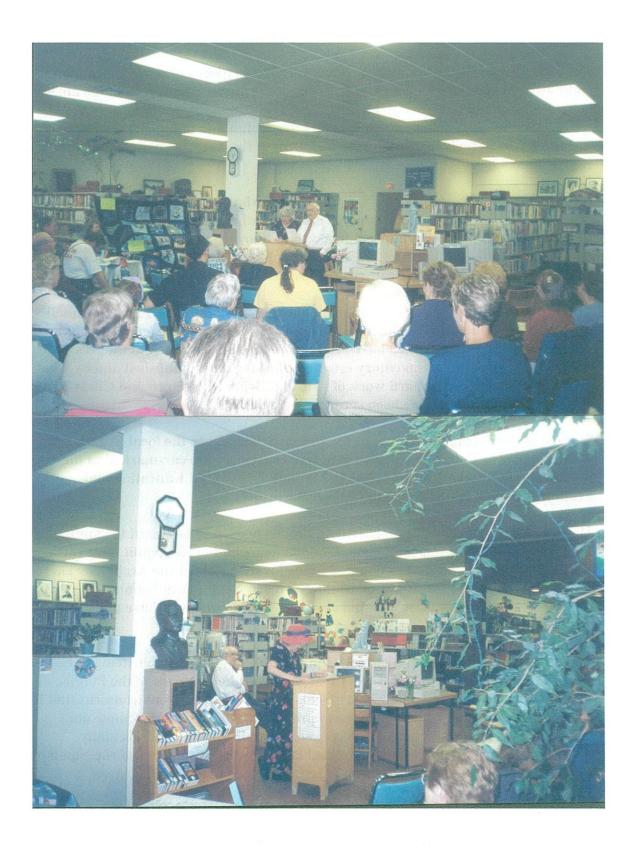
Flin Flon Public Library Staff 2002

Chuck Perera, Robin Galbraith, Lacey Javorsky, Rebecca Hayward, Breanne Ballard Missing Phyllis Stadnick, Brenda Strelezki, Kathleen Delgatty, Tara Founk



The "007" Gang

Robin Galbraith, Kathleen Delgatty, Lacey Javorsky, Rebecca Hayward, Phyllis Stadnick, Breanna Ballard, Tara Founk, Chuck Perera Missing Brenda Strelezki



Ann & Brian Margetson Poetry Reading

#### **Archives Volunteer**

Over 4000 volunteer hours were devoted in 2002 by citizens of our community committed to restoring the Archives. During the past year hundreds of documents have been examined, sorted and inventoried with still hundreds of hours of work left to be done. The hours and hours of work was fun and glimpsing part of our history was extremely fascinating the treasures in the Archives are quite remarkable.

Over the course the year when it became known what was required to have a functional Archival area, the room was cleaned and re-decorated, funds were raised for needed items and the group expanded their knowledge by visiting other Archives and museums. As well, during the summer oral histories were taken from pioneers. In between all this activity great friendships were forged.

The Archives are located in the basement of the Flin Flon Public Library. Small projects were undertaken. The major area of work under-taken to date include the sorting our newspapers which have accumulated in the area back to the 30's. All papers were filed and an inventory established of the dates published and by what company. Thanks to the hard work of Ann and Brian Margetson and Cindy Mckay some of the documents have been recorded on a database.

Storage of the documents became a top priority. Thanks to the local Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce special acid free containers are ear-marked to the preservation of these items. Thanks to Manitoba Advanced Education and Training, funds were available to support the project.

Many supplies and items were needed and funds needed to be raised to supply them. The local Quilt Guild was kind enough to donate a hand crafted quilt for a raffle and the North of 53 Co-op has donated funds for the needs of the Archives. The Inner Wheel donated funds as well as the Northern Neighbours Foundation whose funds were used to purchase a digital camera. This process will have to be on=going.

Currently, volunteers continue to sort and sift through the valuable items. The goals and objectives include the eventual opening of the Archives to the Public. According to the Volunteers the short term goal is to create an environment that is organized, warm and provides a place to protect our history and promote our unique northern culture. The vision is to create a place that is intellectually stimulating, educationally challenging and honours the rich history of the North by passing on our rich heritage.

Volunteers: Orla Czettisch, Cay Jorundson, Maureen Lunam, Donalda Schultz, Ann and Brian Margetson, Eleanor Sparling, Agnes Mills, Sandy Gummerson, Isobel Conner, Joan Bowman, Darlene Winfield, Ken Allen, Merle Whitbread, Dale Shoemaker, Mildred Mansell, Gail Martin, Dona O'Brien and Ken Seburn



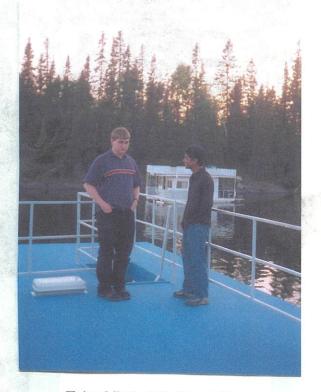
Carol Ham (The Pas Library) & Gretta Redahl



Shanine Sealey (Student Page)



Robin Galbraith & Tara Founk



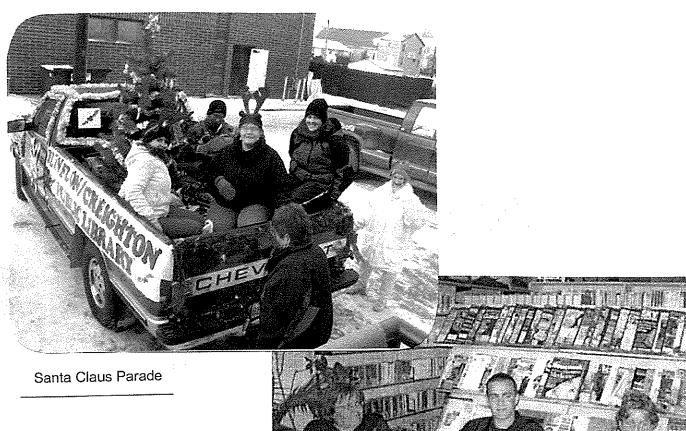
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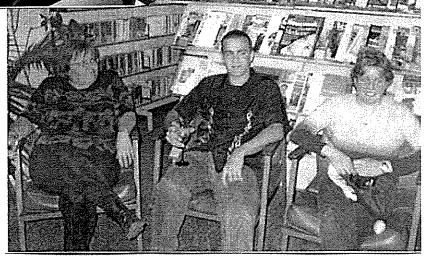


Phyllis Stadnick hard at work



"Happy Little Reindeer"
Rebecca Hayward, Chuck Perera, Breanne Ballard, Whitney Mote & Tara Founk





Staff Christmas Party Kathleen Delgatty, John Kenny & Tara Founk



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