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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2003

During 2003 the following were accomplished:

- Thanks to The City of Flin Flon, new flooring and counter-tops were installed on the main floor of the Library.
- The City of Flin Flon installed a new sump pump in the Library basement to replace one that was clearly failing.
- The Province of Manitoba increased their per capita funding of libraries by 13%. This has increased the revenue to the Library even though the population of Flin Flon has continued to decline. The Province of Saskatchewan increased their per capita funding of libraries by 2%. This has resulted in a \$500 per annum increase in the revenue from Saskatchewan.
- After a presentation by the Board, the City has agreed that in 2004 they will supply a sufficient increase in library financing to help make up for the deficiency in Library wages when compared with the City or with other libraries.
- The Library is continuing to improve the computer hardware and software available to the public.

We regret that Tara Founk resigned in the fall of 2003. To offset her loss we were pleased to bring Tara Quesnelle onto the staff.

As always, the Board is grateful to Phyllis and her staff for their dedicated and competent work.

G. R. Frazer
Chairman

Administration Report 2003

Year 2003 was a very busy and exciting year for the Flin Flon Public Library and the community.

The Flin Flon Public Library co-hosted several public functions and displays:

Family Literacy Day – January 27th, 2003

National Poetry Month & 20th Anniversary of the Flin Flon Writer's Guild (co-hosted with The Flin Flon Writer's Guild and Flin Flon Toastmasters).

Children's Art Exhibition by the children of Kiddie Korner.
Display of art work done by the children ages 2-5 years old.

Immunization Week Display.

Domestic Violence Week Display.

I took part on a pre-conference panel discussion regarding "Information Literacy" which was part of the Manitoba Library Association conference which was held in Winnipeg from May 7th – 9th.

May was very busy time for the patrons, community and the staff of the Flin Flon Public Library with the "Reading Challenge" against The Pas Regional Library taking high priority. We had many ups & downs with our circulation during that month and lots of chuckles, but Flin Flon Public Library patrons and community came through at the end of all with 7,836 books, magazines, audio, toys and Inter-Library Loans being borrowed for the month.

One patron came in and said "I haven't used the library in twenty years, but I wanted to come and help you win against "The Pas".

Thank you for the support from the patrons, community and the sponsors : Johnny's Confectionery and Sporting Good, Ernie's Wholesales, Candy-Bar Baskets & Balloons, Eddie's Family Foods, The Grub Box, Northmart, Berna Dean Flowers & Gifts, Arctic Beverages and especially to Carol Ham and staff of The Pas Regional Library.

We received approval for capital funding from the City of Flin Flon for the renovations. The staff was busy deciding what color to paint the walls, color of carpet and ceramic tiles. The carpets had not been changed since 1985.

The final decisions were made and the library has become a soft blue with new counter tops and vertical blinds.

So many other decisions need to be made such as what do we do with our collection of books, where do we get boxes and how long do we close for.

Special thank you goes to North of 53 Consumer Co-op for providing the space for storage of approximately 900 boxes at no charge to the library and to Flin Flon Liquor Commission for saving all of the boxes.

Packing began on Saturday, September 6th after we closed and was finished on Thursday, September 11th at midnight with many a laughs and good times. This was completed by staff members only.

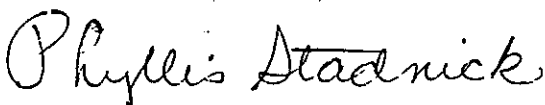
My office was moved to my home which included files and computer for the duration of the renovations.

Minister of Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Eric Robinson announced a 13% increase in funding to public libraries first in almost a decade.

The Flin Flon Public Library received a 2% increase in the operating grant from the Province of Saskatchewan and the Town of Creighton.

I would like to thank the Library Board and staff Robin Galbraith, Rebecca Hayward, Tara Founk, Breanne Ballard, Kayla Reeves, Brenda Strelezki, Crystal Hancock, Chuck Perera and Tara Quesnelle, without your support we could not have been able to accomplish the things that we did this year.

I would also like to thank the City of Flin Flon, Town of Creighton, Province of Manitoba, R.M. of Kelsey, Province of Saskatchewan, Pahkisimon Nuyehah Library System (La Ronge, SK), Public Library Services for their support, and the patrons and community for their generous donations towards the sound print library and book collection.



Phyllis Stadnick
Administrator

January

Phyllis Stadnick and Robin Galbraith attended a writing proposal workshop hosted by Greenstone Community Futures Development Corporation which was held January 23rd, 2003.

Phyllis Stadnick attended an E-Business Workshop hosted by Greenstone Community Futures Development Corporation which was held on January 27th, 2003.

Family Literacy Day activities was held on January 27th, 2003 at the Flin Flon Public Library with several dignitaries coming to read to the children.

February

Tara Founk assistant tech support/library clerk began instructing Basic Internet training classes sponsored through the support of the Community Learning Network.

Flin Flon Public Library made capital funding request to the City of Flin Flon for the projects of replacing carpet, painting of the main level of the library and replacing of the sump pump in the lower level of the library.

HRDC had the job kiosk removed from the library, which is now available on the internet.

Robin Galbraith, Rebecca Hayward and Tara Founk attended workshop with motivational speaker Monique Coneys.

March

Three computers were received through Computers for Schools and Libraries, which replaced three computers for the general public use.

Rebecca Hayward attended a three day awareness workshop at the Canada Manitoba Business Service Centre in Winnipeg.

April

Flin Flon Public Library co-hosted with the Flin Flon Writer's Guild the annual poetry reading and celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Writer's Guild.

Tara Founk taught a second class for internet and e-mail training sponsored with Community Learning Network.

Eleanor Hayes of the behave of Council for the Chapter of Exceptional Children made a donation of books to the library for the third year.

Carol Ham, Administrator of The Pas Regional Library contacted the Flin Flon Public Library regarding a "Reading Challenge" for the month of May.

Funding for the renovations was approved by The City of Flin Flon.

May

"Reading Challenge" began on May 1st, 2003.

Phyllis Stadnick attended the Manitoba Library Association Conference held in Winnipeg on May 7th -9th.

Phyllis Stadnick took part of the pre-conference of the Manitoba Library Association on "Building Partnerships for Information Literacy in Manitoba".

Buz Trevor member of the Flin Flon Public Library Board made a presentation on behalf of the library regarding an agreement for funding between Flin Flon, Creighton and Village of Denare Beach.

Phyllis Stadnick attended the Northern Juried Art Reception on behalf of the Flin Flon Public Library.

Tender for renovations was advertised in the Reminder and as well as The Opasquia Times.

June

Flin Flon Public Library hosted an author reading and signing by a local author Dawn Howat from her newly published book "International Dateline". Dawn was born and raised in Flin Flon.

Tara Founk resigned from the library and has moved on to Winnipeg.

July

The tenders for the renovations of the library were opened on July 9th at the City Hall.

Accounting system for the library was switched from NewViews to Simply Accounting.

The Summer Reading Program began.

August

The City of Flin Flon placed a handicap parking spot along side of the library.

September

September 8th, 2003 the library closes for the beginning of the renovations.

Packing was done by 7 (seven) staff members which was approximately 900 boxes.

October

Robin Galbraith, Rebecca Hayward and Phyllis Stadnick attended the Public Library Service Conference which was held in Portage La Prairie from October 6th – 8th.

Unpacking of the books began.

Louise Muller and George A.J. Leonard, (Aboriginal Business Service Network Coordinator) from Canada Manitoba Business Service Centre stopped by for a visit.

Phyllis Stadnick and Bob Frazer, Chairman of the Board attended the conference in La Ronge, SK. For northern Saskatchewan Libraries.

The library reopens on October 21st, 2003 for business.

November

Canadian Children Book Week.

Denise Weir and David Christianson from Public Library Services stopped by for visit and see the renovations of the library.

December

Basic Internet classes were held at the library sponsored by Community Learning Network.

Applied to the Northern Neighbours Foundation for funding to purchase new computers for the infopod (for public access).

Board approved raises for all staff members.

Library Board approved to order new vertical blinds and recovering of the chairs in the Dorothy Bridges reading room.

Tara Quesnelle was hired for night supervisor.

Staff and Board Xmas party was held at the Victoria Inn.

Library more than just books



PHOTO BY JONATHAN NAYLOR

Dennis Strom enjoys a magazine Saturday afternoon at the Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library.

Jonathan Naylor
Staff Writer

A public service announcement used to run on local radio in which the baritone-voiced announcer proclaimed "Your Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library is more than just books."

Is it ever.

Over the past 35 years, the library has gone from a simple

vault of texts to a modern information centre complete with fax services, audio books, videos and Internet access.

It's gotten so that one need only go online to browse the roughly 25,000 books available at the library (www.infopod.net), and a quick e-mail enables one to reserve a good weekend read in matter of seconds.

In this age of rapidly expanding technology, the library clearly remains as meaningful as ever to local residents. It's still a busy stop uptown, with over 200 people — if not more — passing through the doors each week.

"I think it's an important place for the community," smiled library administrator Phyllis Stadnick, who has been with the library for the past quarter-century. "I think it's a meeting place for some people, for others a place to get information. We're a resource centre."

Technology is an obvious area of change for the library, which opened at its current

location at 58 Main Street in 1967, but there have been others.

Over the years, staff have also worked to increase their level of service to the community.

One of Stadnick's favourite initiatives to this effect is the book drop-off program for seniors.

With the help of students from Many Faces Education Centre, the library sends blocks of books to the Personal Care Home and Northern Lights Manor.

The books stay at the facilities for a few months, giving the gift of reading to seniors who might not be able to go to the library.

Although the drop-off initiative hasn't been operational for a few months (staff have been busy with the new computer upgrade), Stadnick hopes to re-launch the program within a month.

"It's very popular and the seniors really like it," she commented. "We greatly appreciate the help of the Many Faces students with the program."

Monday, February 3, 2003

Promoting literacy, providing services

Con't from P.1

The library has also taken on a number of initiatives to promote literacy, including the Story Hour and Summer Reading programs for children.

"It's a lot of fun," commented Rebecca Hayward, who coordinates both programs.

Major newspapers from across Canada are available as well, allowing residents to stay abreast of national news and also letting transplants from the cities follow the news back home.

In addition, the library welcomes students or anyone else who could use some quiet time to read or study.

Photocopying, laminating and computer printouts are also avail-

able for small fees.

Stadnick said that all of the services available at the library would not be possible without the dedication of her staff.

"They are great," she smiled. "They support me 100 per cent and they're very hard workers."

Joining Stadnick at the library are: Robin Galbraith, assistant administrator; Rebecca Hayward, night supervisor/story hour programmer; Tara Founk, library clerk; and Whitney Mote, Breanne Ballard, Brenda Strelezski and Chuck Perrera, student pages.

Stadnick and her staff know this message as well as anyone: Your Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library is more than just books.

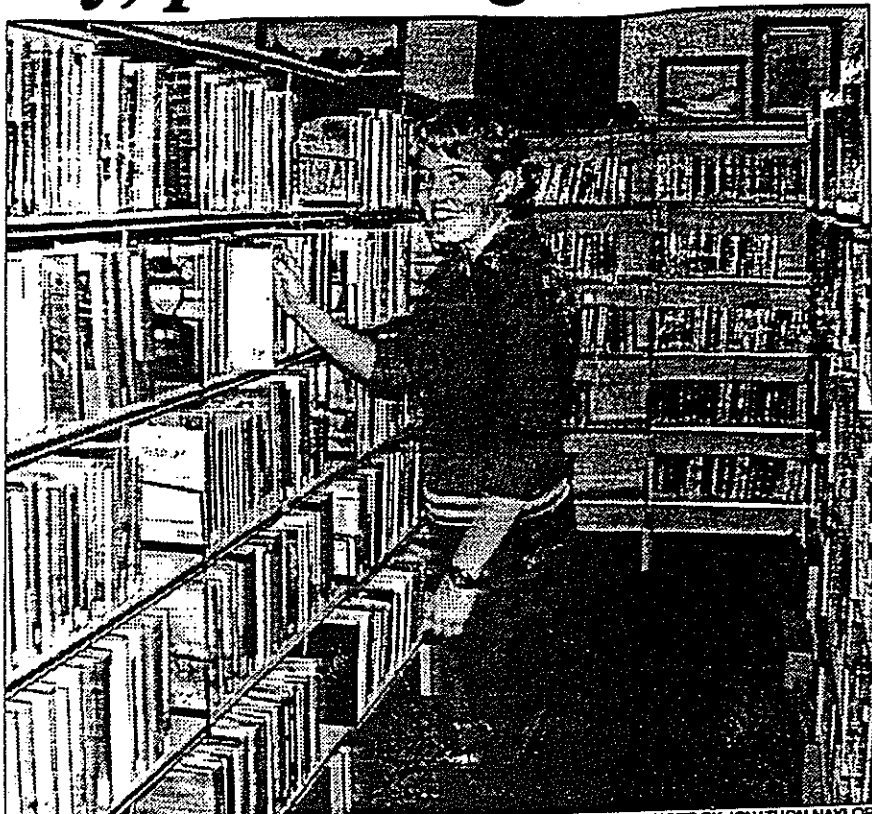


PHOTO BY JONATHON NAYLOR

Library clerk Tara Founk returns a novel to its place on the shelf.

Library seeks funds

Jonathon Naylor
Staff Writer

Faced with rising costs and dwindling revenues, the board of the Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library made a plea for more municipal funding at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

"What I'm really saying to everybody is, 'How important is the library to you?'" commented board member Bob Frazer. "To me, as a taxpayer in Flin Flon, if it meant a slight increase in my taxes, I personally would not object."

During a presentation to Council by five library representatives, it was noted that the library's reserve fund has dried up and that the board submitted a deficit budget of about \$8,000 prior to Christmas.

"We are, in a sense, living beyond our means," said Frazer.

When asked just how much of a budget increase the library needs to be a "more viable operation," board member Lois (Bunny) Burke responded by saying, "around \$10,000."

Frazer said that it is now up to governments to help the library make ends meet.

"The ball's in your court; it's up to you," said the board member.

Using an overhead projector to display various charts, Frazer showed that the local library lags behind its counterparts in The Pas and Thompson in terms of municipal funding.

"Now I'll grant you that our population is decreasing, but the library usage isn't really decreasing," he said.

Frazer also

expressed his belief that more tax dollars for the library need to come from the Saskatchewan side, home to many library members.

He suggested that the City approach the Town of Creighton, which provides some funding for the library, about putting in more of "their fair share."

The topic of possibly instating a small user fee for library members residing outside of Flin Flon and Creighton was discussed, with Frazer stating that this idea has been on the table for years.

He said the board should once again consider looking at such a fee for residents of places like Denare Beach and Cranberry Portage "because they're using the library facilities and they're not paying any taxes for it." See 'Community' P3

Community benefits

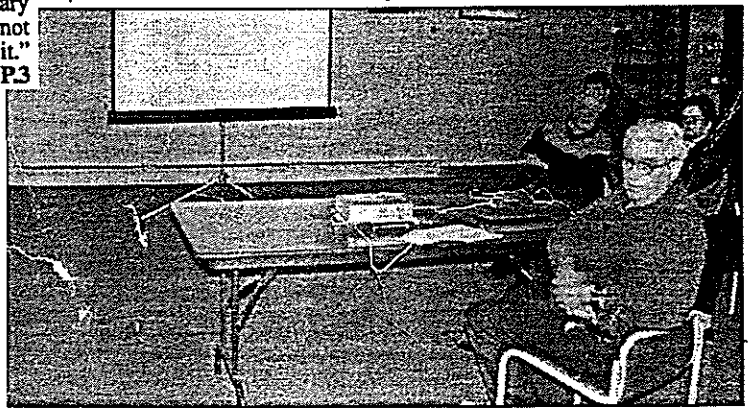


PHOTO BY JONATHON NAYLOR

Bob Frazer and other members of the Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library Board made a presentation to City Council on Tuesday evening.

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The fact that the local library is the only one in the province that does not charge a membership fee — a potential source of new revenue — was also talked about.

"If every other library in the province is doing it, it seems kind of unusual that we're not," commented Councillor Cal Huntley.

Frazer spoke about

the benefits of the library for the community, saying it supports the local economy, gives residents a cost-effective way to obtain information, and supports and promotes literacy.

"I think it's providing a valuable service, and not just information and books," he said.

Councillor Tom Therien commented that the library hasn't

received a substantial budget increase in the eight years he has been on Council.

Burke confirmed that statement, saying the last increase came about ten years ago and was for about \$6,000 annually.

Council will take the library's situation into account as they undergo their budget review process in the coming weeks.

Library

Jonathon Naylor
Staff Writer

Staff at the Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library hope that bookmarks will be well-used in the local area next month.

The libraries in Flin Flon and The Pas will take part in a friendly challenge throughout May. Whichever library circulates the

most books will be treated to an appreciation day courtesy of the staff at the losing library.

Local library administrator Phyllis Stadnick encouraged the public to "come out and take out books."

"This is a fun challenge between the two communities," she commented.

See 'Challenge' P.10

Challenge

Con't from P.3

Should the local library lose the challenge, Phyllis and her staff will close the library on June 6 and make their way to The Pas to prepare hot dogs, soda and cake for patrons of The Pas Regional Library.

Should the local library be victorious, staff from The Pas will be in Flin Flon on that same date to serve Flin Flonners some complimentary snacks and refreshments.

A window-paint thermometer on the front window of the local

library will keep patrons informed as to how the friendly challenge is going.

In other library news, May is Participation Month, and staff encourage residents to stop by for a free copy of the Gotta Move physical activity guide.



Join us for a Reading Challenge Against The Pas Regional Library

The Details are that the library that has the most books, magazines, etc., taken out in the month of May wins a Customer Appreciation Day for their patrons with the goodies cooked up and served by the losing library. So check out lots of books this May.

Thanks to our sponsors: Ernie's Wholesale & Candy Bar, Candy Bar Baskets & Balloons, Johnny's Confectionary & Sporting Goods, Grub Box, Berna Dean's Flowers & Gifts, North Mart, Arctic Beverages.

NEWS

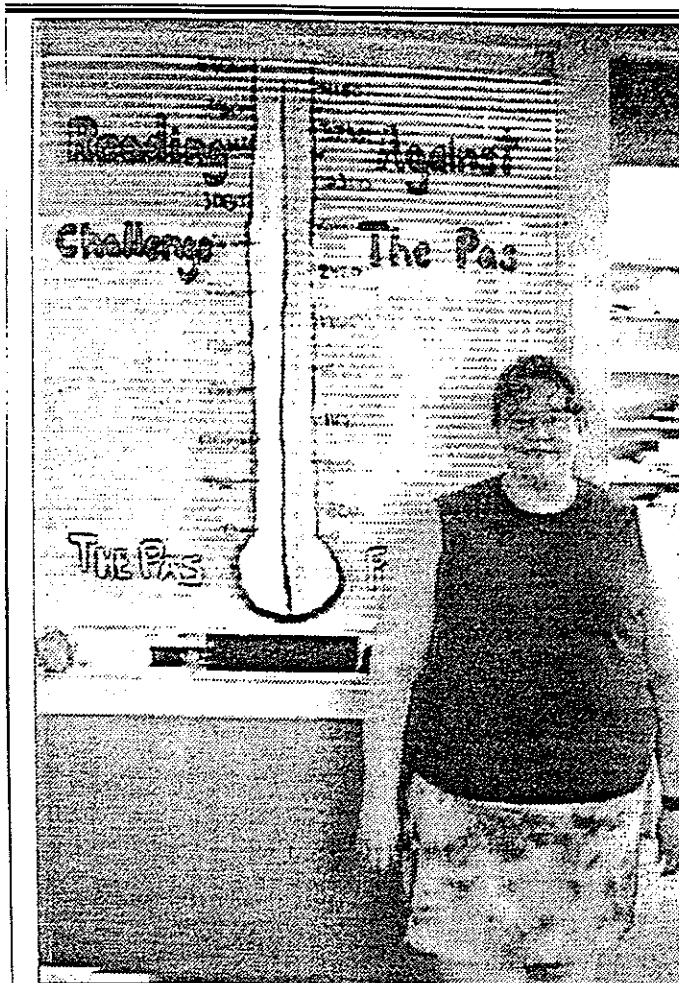


PHOTO BY JONATHON NAYLOR

Library staffer Rebecca Hayward stands in front of the thermometer in the local library comparing the number of books lent out in Flin Flon and The Pas.

Book battle

Jonathon Naylor
Staff Writer

The Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library has taken the upper hand in a friendly competition with The Pas Library.

As of yesterday, the local library had lent out 4,010 books in May compared to 3,986 in The Pas — a 24 book lead.

"That could always change," warned local library administrator Phyllis Stadnick. "We have one more week left, so we want to stay ahead. We've got to keep going."

Flin Flon has made up quite a bit of ground this week in the challenge to see which library can lend out the most books this month. About 800 books have been borrowed since Tuesday, quite an eye-popping figure.

Phyllis said that the challenge has been a fun way to promote reading in the community.

"We had three little guys come in Wednesday to take out books, and they were really behind us," she said. "They wanted to make sure we win."

The staff at the losing library will have to travel to the winning library on June 6 to serve hot dogs and refreshments to its patrons.

That means the losing library will be closed for a day, and Phyllis wants to make sure that her patrons aren't the ones who lose out.

Flin Flon Public Library
Circulation Statistics - May 2003

ADULT

New Adult Fiction	126
Adult Fiction	1378
Adult Fiction French	0
Adult Fiction Native	0
Adult Non-Fiction	2123
Adult Non-Fiction French	0
Adult Non-Fiction Native	29
Business Audio	0
Business Books	1
Business Reference	0
Business Video	0
Compac Disk-Adult	4
Large Print	71
Magazine	579
Pocket Books	627
PLS-Large Print	11
PLS-Talking Books	59
PLS-Video	35
Reference	2
Sound Print-Adult	155
Sound Print-Children	12
Videos	145
Beginner French	4
Beginner Native	0
Beginner Reader	1593
Junior Fiction	529
Junior Fiction Native	1
Junior Non-Fiction	227
Junior Non-Fiction Native	5
Junior Non-Fiction French	4
Total	7720
Inter-Library-Borrowed	119
Magazines-Not in L4U	3
Toys	4
Grand Total	7846

Inter-Library Lent are included in the STATS for L4U

Total number of Patrons for the month of May 3094 (This numbers could be off as we are doing the count manual.

Paying off bet

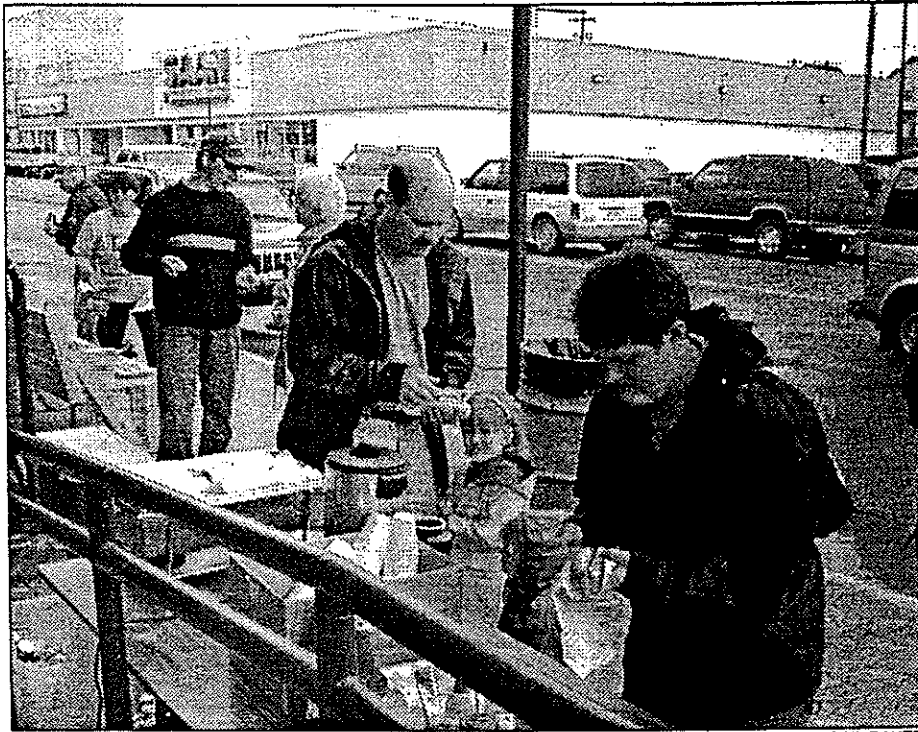


PHOTO BY GAIL BAKER

People start to gather for the Customer Appreciation Day barbecue outside the Flin Flon Library.

Gail Baker
Writer

TTrue to their word, the members of The Pas Regional Library came up to Flin Flon on Friday and cooked the hot dogs outside the Flin Flon Library.

The Flin Flon Library was the recent winner over The Pas in the Library Book Challenge, with he los-

ing team required to cook for the winning community.

Those who came from The Pas were Carol Ham, the library administrator, as well as John Parrot, Heather Chambers, Laureen Wadelius and Bonnie White. Thanks for being such good sports, guys!

The Flin Flon staff of Phyllis Stadnick, the library administrator

and her staff of Tara Founk, Robin Galbraith, Rebecca Hayward, Breanne Ballard, Chuck Perera, Crystal Hancock and Kyla Reeves along with many readers enjoyed the 'free' lunch.

Thanks to the generous support of the sponsors who helped make it a great Customer Appreciation Day at the Flin Flon Public Library.



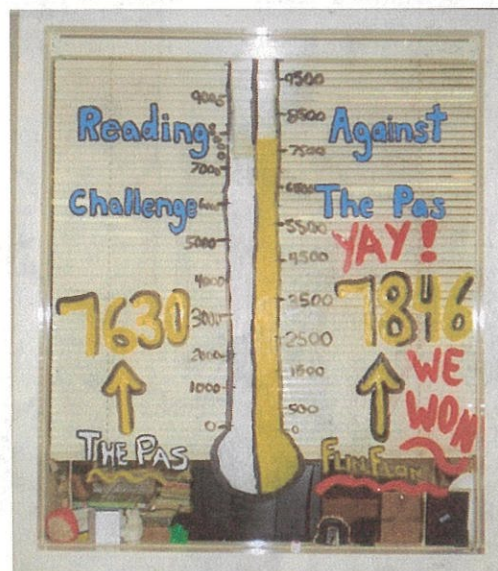
The Pas Regional Library staff serving up hot dogs





"Reading Challenge Group"

Tara Founk, Carol Hamm, Heather Chambers, Robin Galbraith, John Parrot,
Laureen Wadelius, Phyllis Stadnick, Bonnie White





Carol Ham, John Parrot and Heather Chambers cooking hot dogs





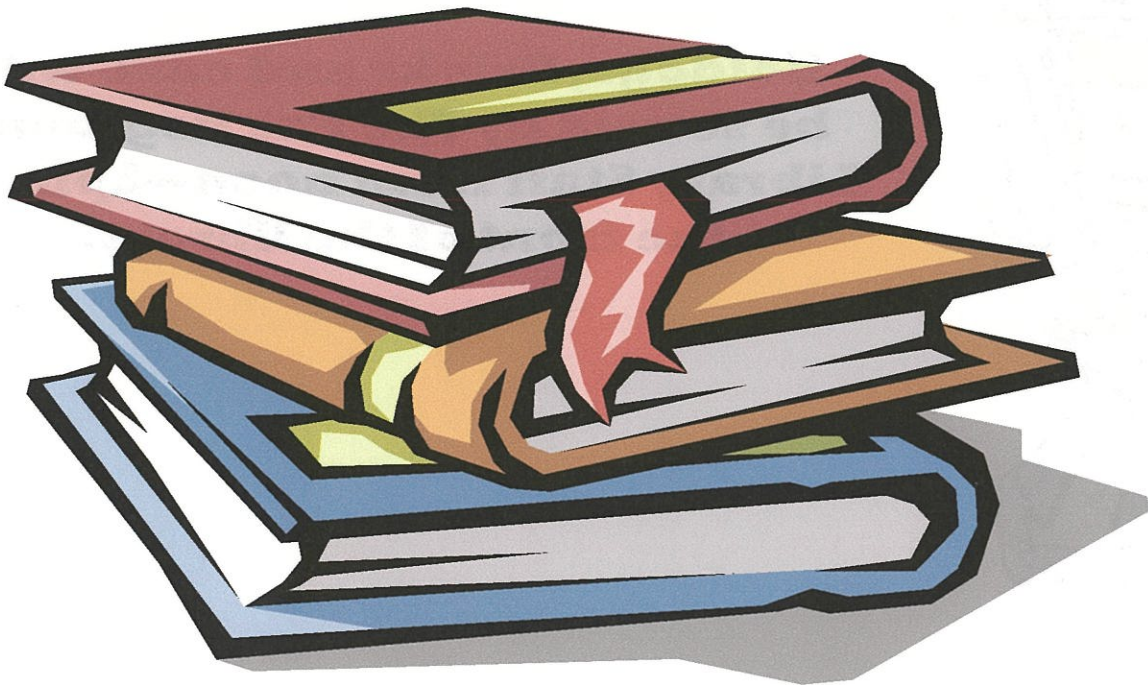
THE FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY JUNE 6, 2003

DUE TO CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY!

**Hotdogs, Drinks and cake will
be served by The Pas Regional
Library Staff from noon—2pm in
the front of the library.**

**Winners of
The Pas Regional Library,
Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library
Reading Challenge
May 2003**



Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library 7846

**The Pas Regional Library 7630
THANK YOU EVERYONE**



Patrons enjoying free hot dogs cooked by The Pas Regional Library





Some of our young patrons enjoying Hot Dogs, Drinks and Cake
For the Reading Challenge



THE REMINDER

SERVING FLIN FLON & DISTRICT DAILY

Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada Post. Mail Reg. # 0502073 Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Library renovations proposed

Jonathon Naylor
Staff Writer

The board and staff at the Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library hope to give the Main Street facility a fresh new look.

They've asked the City to pay for new flooring and paint both upstairs and downstairs, a project with an estimated price tag of \$33,000.

"I think it would freshen up the library and make it more inviting," commented Phyliss Stadnick, library administrator.

She said that she and the board would like to see the upstairs floor consist of ceramic tiles and new carpeting, while the down-

stairs would feature tiles only. The upstairs carpet hasn't been replaced in nearly 20 years.

They also believe a new coat of paint would enhance the library, although the colourful murals on the walls would not be painted over.

Flin Flon City Council is now in the process of putting together its next budget and will have to decide whether it is feasible to fund the library renovations this year.

"We'll have to look at where it sits on the priority list," said Municipal Administrator Larry Fancy, adding that the City has to consider \$2 million worth of proposed "wish list" pro-

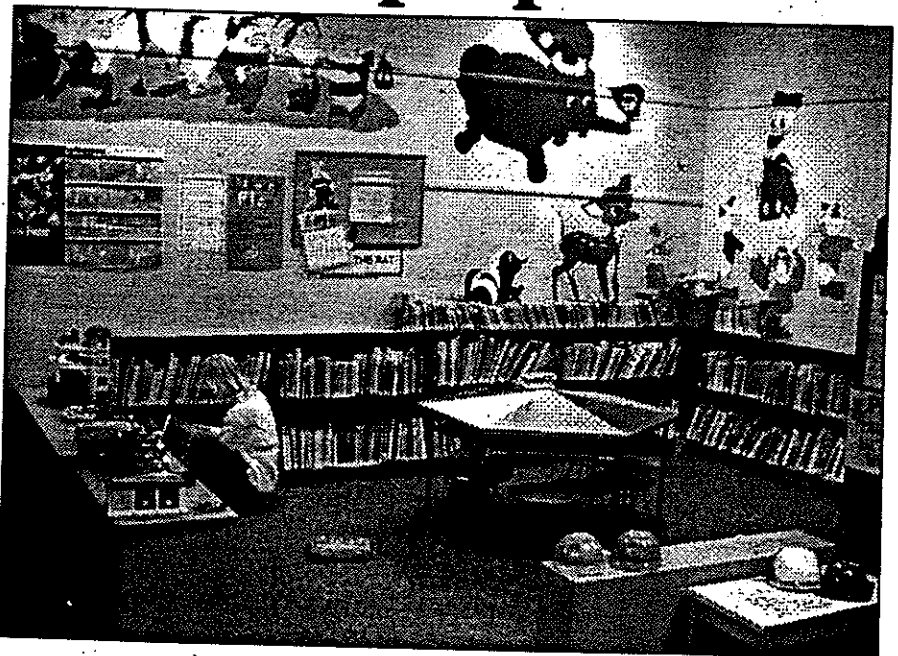
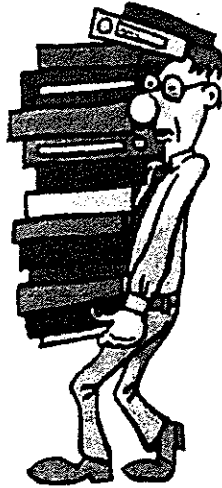


PHOTO BY JONATHON NAYLOR

The library has proposed an estimated \$33,000 in renovations consisting of new carpeting, floor tiles and a fresh coat of paint on the walls.

One project at the library that has already been approved is the installation of a new sump pump for an estimated \$12,000.

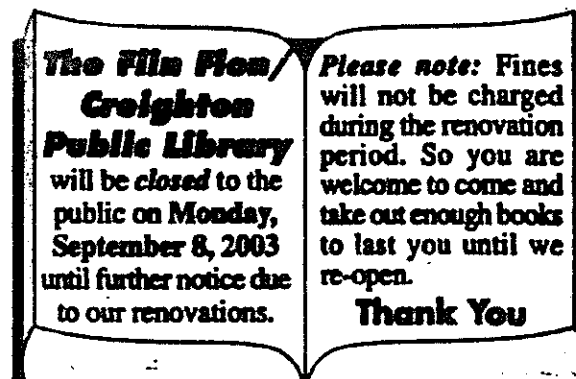
The current pump has outlived its usefulness and will soon be replaced.



Flin Flon / Creighton
Public Library

This is a notification that the Library will be **closed** to the public on **September 8th** until further notice, due to renovations.

***Please Note :** Fines will not be charged during the renovation period. So you are welcome to come and take out enough books to last you until we reopen.

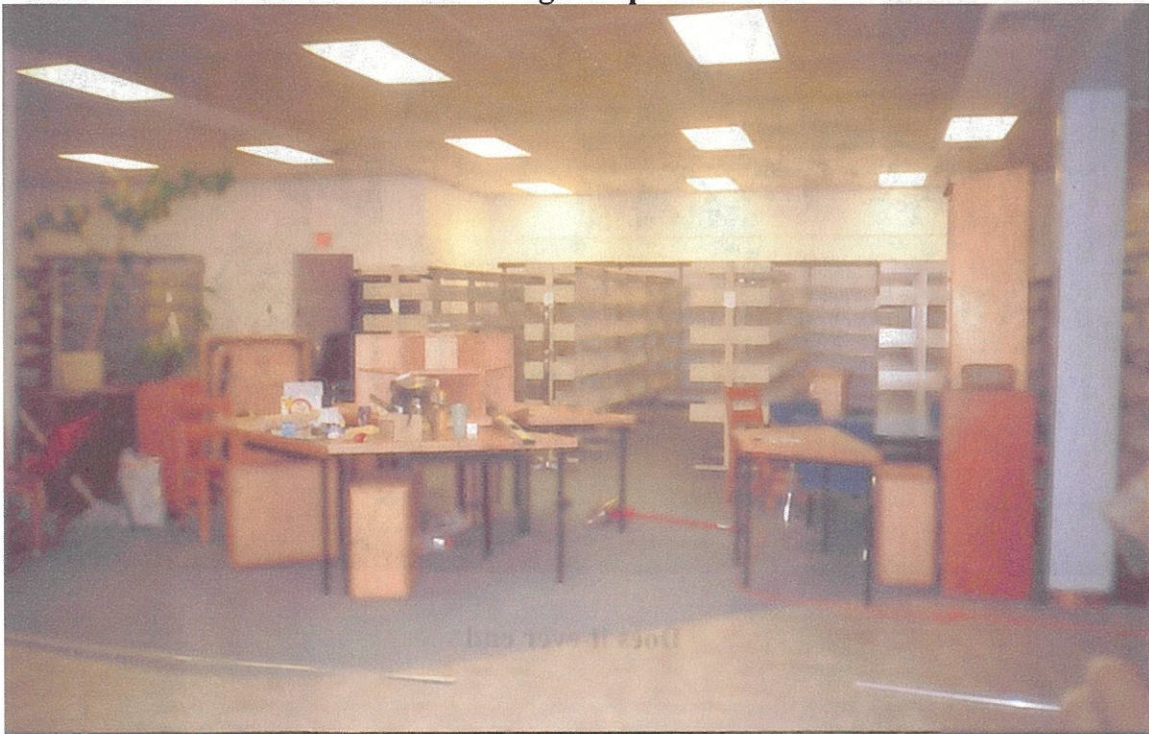




Does it ever end



Packing Completed





Books Being Moved to North of 53 Consumer Co-op





Boxes being stored at basement of North of 53 Consumer Co-op



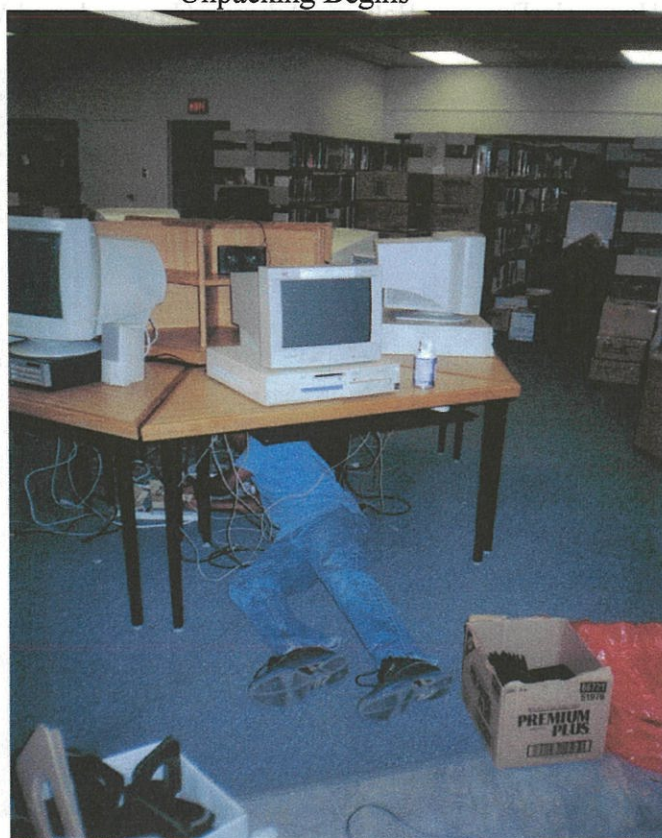
"Packing Crew"
Crystal Hancock, Breanne Ballard, Rebecca Hayward, and Whitney Mote



Chuck Perera & Kayla Reeves
Missing : Robin Galbraith & Phyllis Stadnick

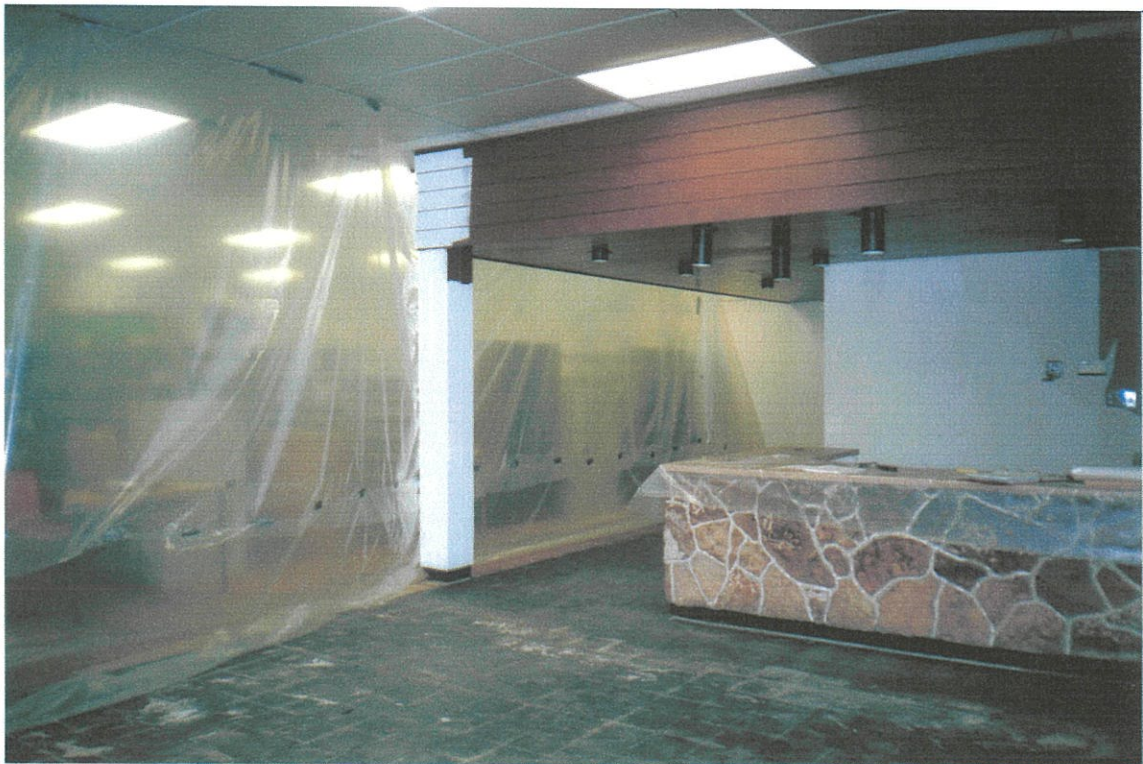


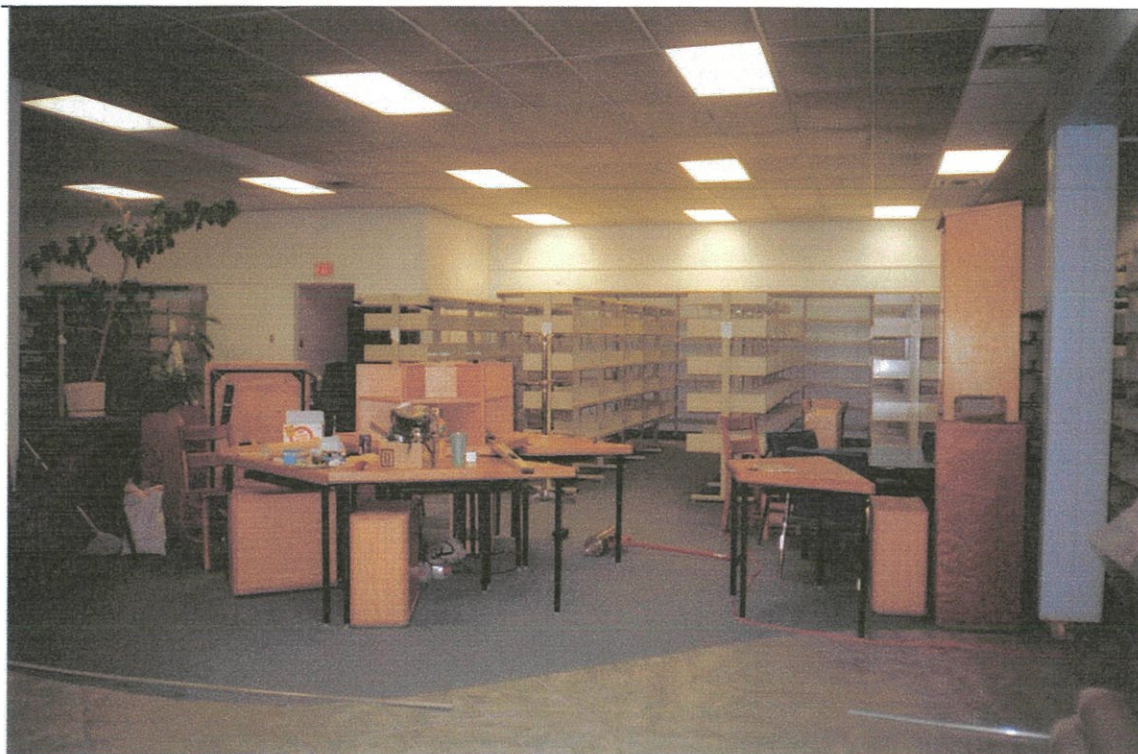
Unpacking Begins





Renovations Begin





Renovations continue



PHOTO BY JONATHON NAYLOR

The shelves at the Film Flon-Creighton Public Library were bare yesterday as staff moved the books in preparation for the upcoming renovations. The books will be temporarily stored (at no cost) in the lower level of the Co-op as workers install new flooring, lay a new carpet and paint the walls in the library. Pictured is library administrator Phyllis Stadnick moving a couple of boxes of texts.

THE REMINDER

SERVING FLIN FLON & DISTRICT DAILY

Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada Post Mail Reg. #0502073 Wednesday, October 22, 2003

Library renovations 'a great improvement'

Jonathon Naylor
Staff Writer

Residents have been using words such as "bright" and "cheery" to describe the newly-renovated Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library.

The library reopened yesterday after a six-week closure necessitated by the renovation work.

"It looks great," commented administrator Phyllis Stadnick. "It's a great improvement. It really brightens it up in here. Our patrons are all quite pleased with it. They say that it looks brighter and has opened right up."

The renovations consisted of the installation ceramic tile at the entrance area, a new blue carpet and a fresh coat of off-white paint for the walls (though the colourful murals in the children's section remain).

The overhead of the main counter was also painted, with blue replacing the brown.

The work took a



PHOTO BY JONATHON NAYLOR

The newly-renovated Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library opened yesterday.

few weeks longer than expected, and Stadnick and her staff were eager to again serve their patrons.

"We had been getting a lot of calls and people were stopping us on the street wanting to know when we were open-

ing up again," said the library administrator.

During the renovations, which began in early September, the library's inventory of approximately 28,000 books was stored in the lower level of the Co-op (at no charge).

It took Stadnick and her staff about a week to restock the shelves with the books, which had been stored in some 900 boxes.

A few minor aspects of the renovation work will be completed in the near

future, including a new top for the main counter.

The board and staff of the library had asked the City of Flin Flon to fund the renovations, saying it was time to give the popular facility a fresh look.

Children Art Exhibition

Presenters: Kiddie Korner

children ages 4-5 & 2-3

Place: Flin Flon Public Library

Time: March 15- 22, 2003

The goals or purpose of our children art exhibition are: (1) *to celebrate our childrens' successes*; and (2) to emphasize the importance of creating an organization where quality is derived from the work of the *participants being viewed as a whole* rather than individual parts. Also, it is not possible to adopt a single "correct" way to be an effective organization. Therefore we believe that we must work together as a whole in creating a truly integrated community.

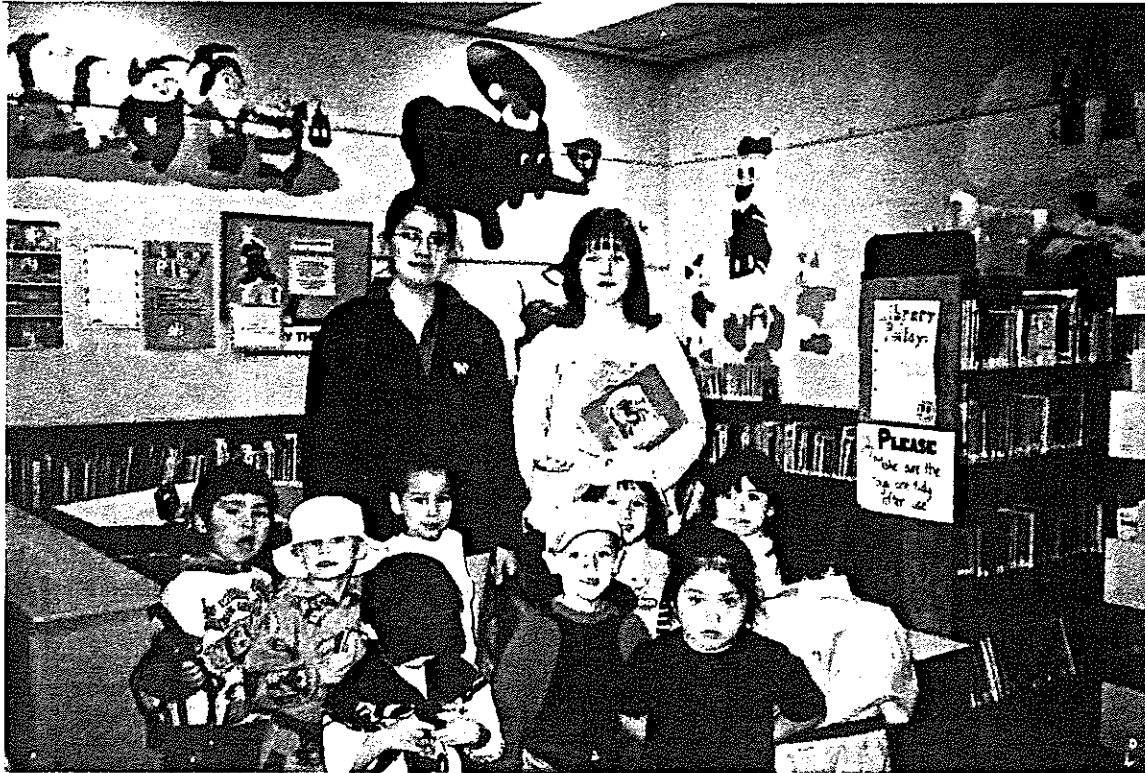
Some of our major present goals are: (1) safe and friendly environment for the children and dedication to their development and individual needs; (2) to provide an enjoyable work place which benefits children and workers; (3) our primary purpose is to serve the children and our personal ambitions become secondary; (4) providing time to learn from each other to develop our professionalism; (5) building collaboration and cooperation, this involves provisions for people to do things together, talking together, sharing concerns; (6) making private knowledge public; (7) appreciating that there are many variations of development efforts; there is no one best way.

With true respect and appreciation to our children, their parents, early childhood educators, and community members interested in our children early years development, schooling and the joy of "life long learning"; our Kiddie Korner's vision is an organization that is a caring, intimate place built on mutual respect, civic responsibility, and shared purposes.

In our exhibit you will see the childrens' (age level 4-5, Pre-K group; age level 2-3, Pre-S group) art images and compositions that are part of the final product from our integrated weekly units: (1) concepts; (2) safety; (3) spirit week; (4) St. Patrick's Day.

Thanks to all participants, observers and visitors, we hope you **enjoy our exhibit!**

Welcome to the Flin Flon Public Library, 58 Main Street,
from March 15 to March 22, 2003.

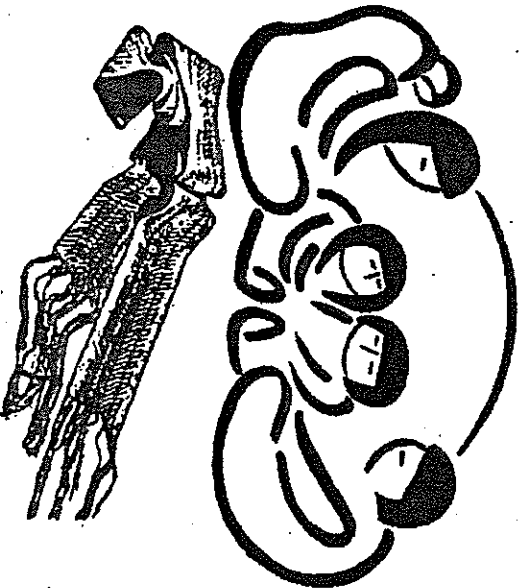


Donations of Children's Native Books for our collection, presented by the
Aboriginal Headstart Children
Accepted by Robin Galbraith, Assistant Administrator

STORYTIME

Story time was held from Fall 2002 til Spring 2003. The Aboriginal Head Start children attended this program from the local Friendship Centre preschool program. Each session was held once a week for about 25-30 minutes. There were on average, 6-15 children that came for story time held on the main level, children's area of the Library. I really enjoyed reading to the children, they are very attentive during the stories and have many questions to ask as well. They especially looked forward to having a "pop-up" story read to them! Most weeks our session together ended with the children singing me a Cree song that they recently learned. This was very wonderful & special. I look forward to the next story time session to begin.

Robin Galbraith
Assistant Administrator



This Certificate is Awarded to:

Shirley Lee Harvey

For your support of Aboriginal Head Start.

The support and contribution of community organizations and services significantly enhances the capacity of Aboriginal Head Start programs to have an impact on the healthy development of Aboriginal children and families.

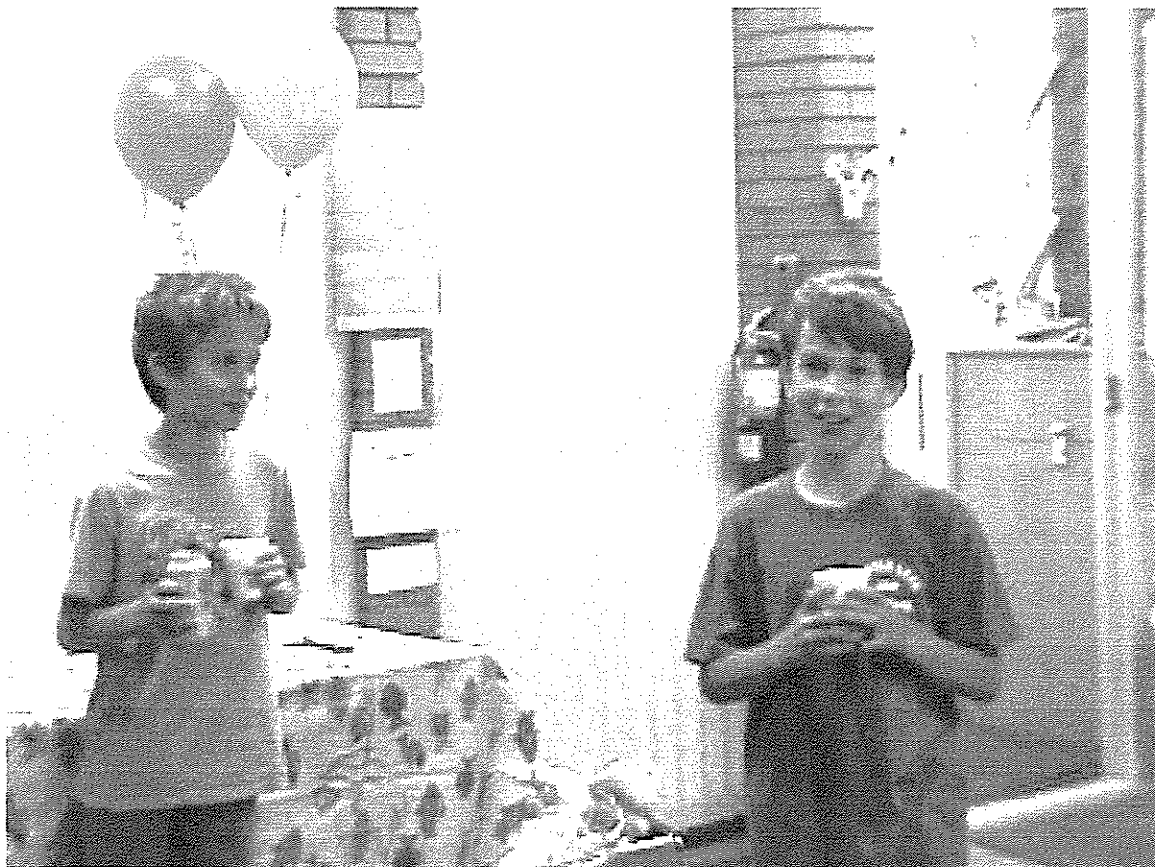
Shirley Lee Harvey
Program Director

June 27/03
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Shirley Lee Harvey
Teacher



Top Readers from the Reading Challenge

Library

Gail Baker
Writer

A presentation was made to the Flin Flon Public Library on Wednesday, April 16 by Mrs. Irene Lowes of a beautiful hand crafted ceramic table to match the Centennial Wall Plaque that was presented to the library in Centennial year 1967.

This ceramic art work was done by Irene's late husband Gerry. The table has inlaid all the provincial emblems along with centennial coins and the centre has a Flinty coin surrounded by the Canadian flags.

This is just beautiful and people are welcome to pop into the library and have a look at it.

The past and present administrators of the library graciously accepted the table.

Pictured left to right are: Greta Redahl (past administrator), Irene Lowes and library administrator Phyllis Stadnyk.



Donation

Jonathon Naylor
Staff Writer

Children who love to read had reason to smile this week.

Thanks to a local non-profit organization, the Flin Flon Public Library has received 110 new books for young readers.

"It's a mandate of our group to support children," commented Eleanor Hayes, past-president of the Council for Exceptional Children Northern Chapter No. 106, as she presented the books to library staff members.

The books, valued at about \$1,200, are aimed at children from preschool to about Grade 1.

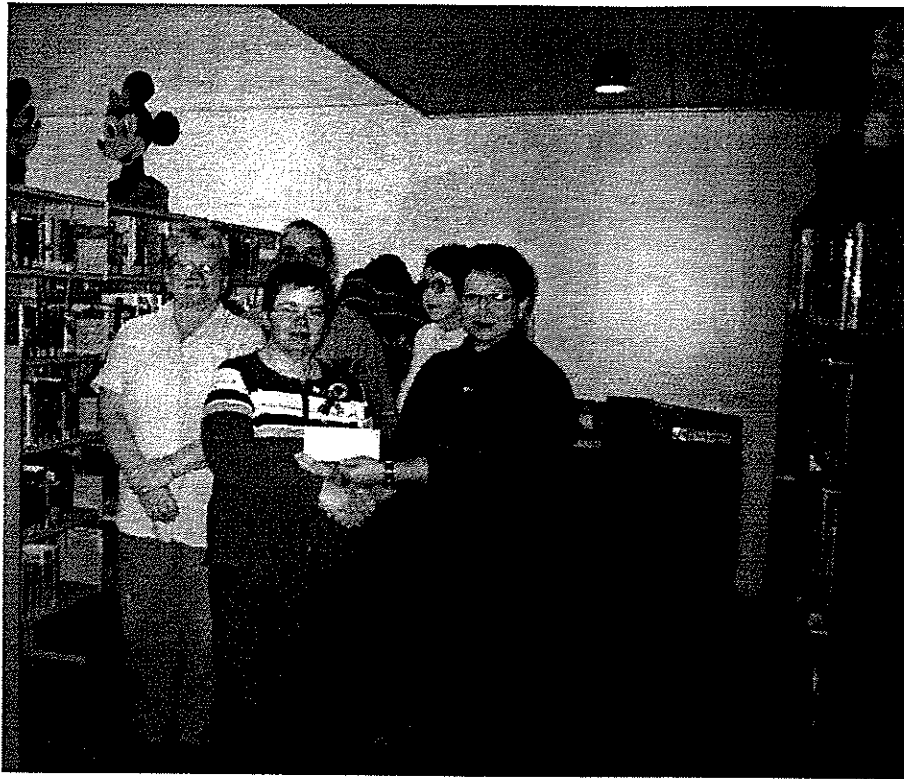
This was the third consecutive year that the council has donated children's books to the library. The group has now expanded the selection in the children's section by almost 300 books.

"The books have been very popular," said Phyllis Stadnyk, library administrator, "especially for children about to begin to read."

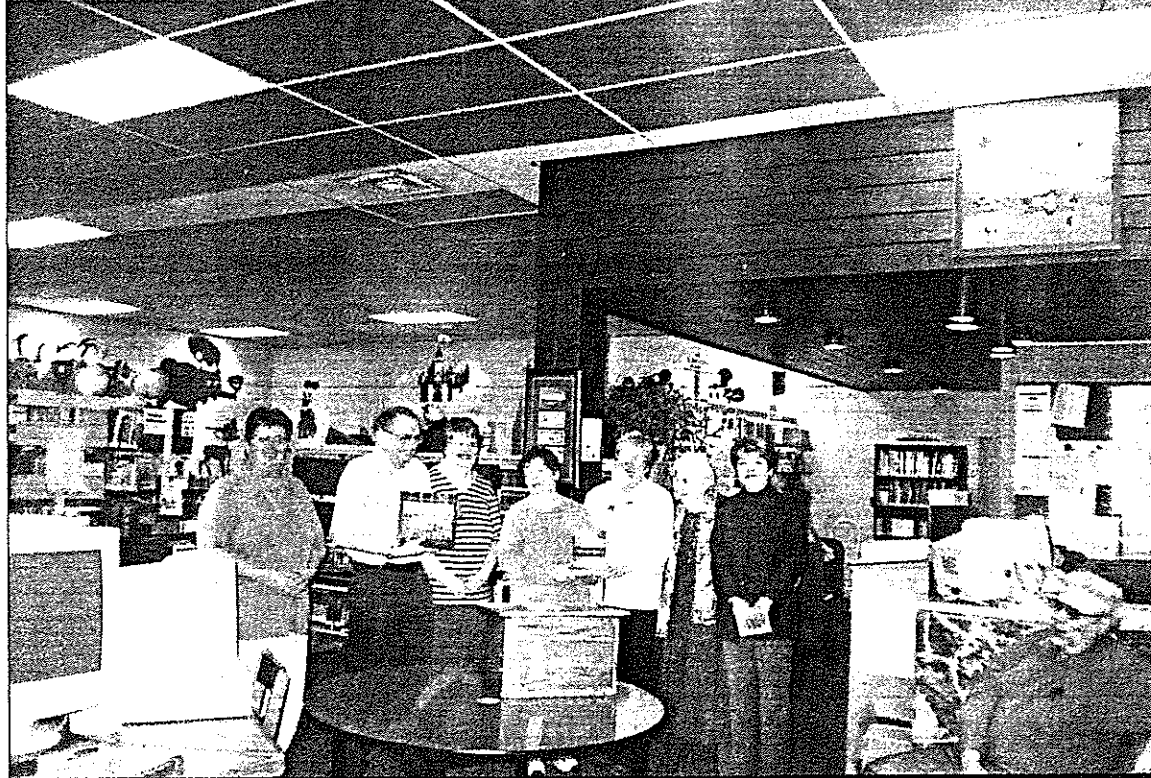
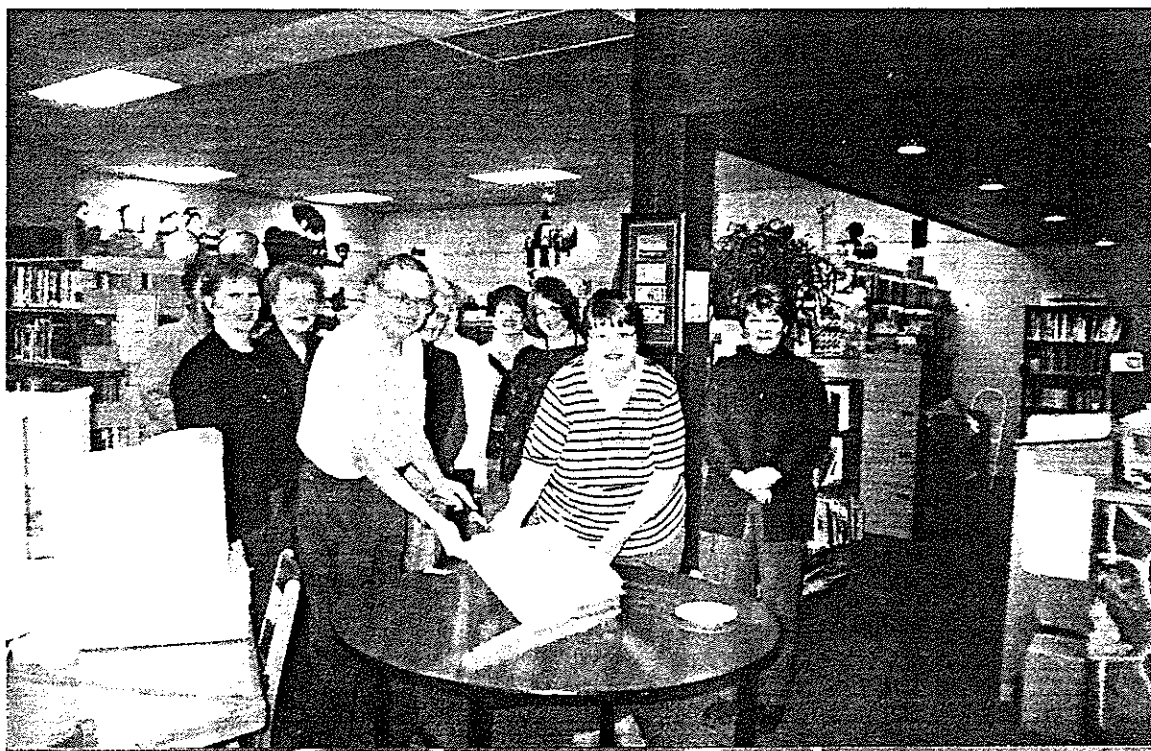
The council took part in fundraising initiatives to purchase the books.



Left to right: Robn Galbraith, administrator's assistant at the library, Phyllis Stadnyk, administrator; and Eleanor Hayes pose with donated books.

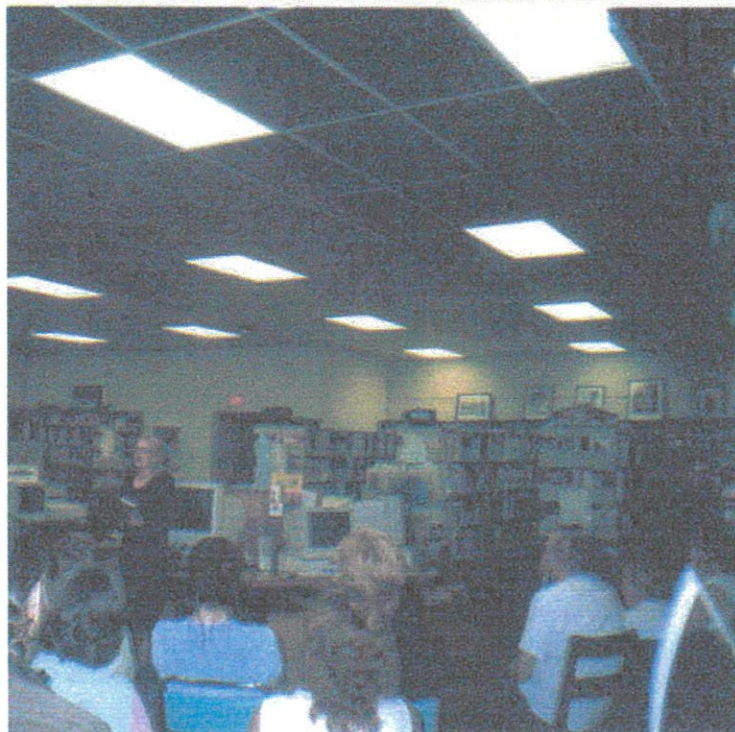
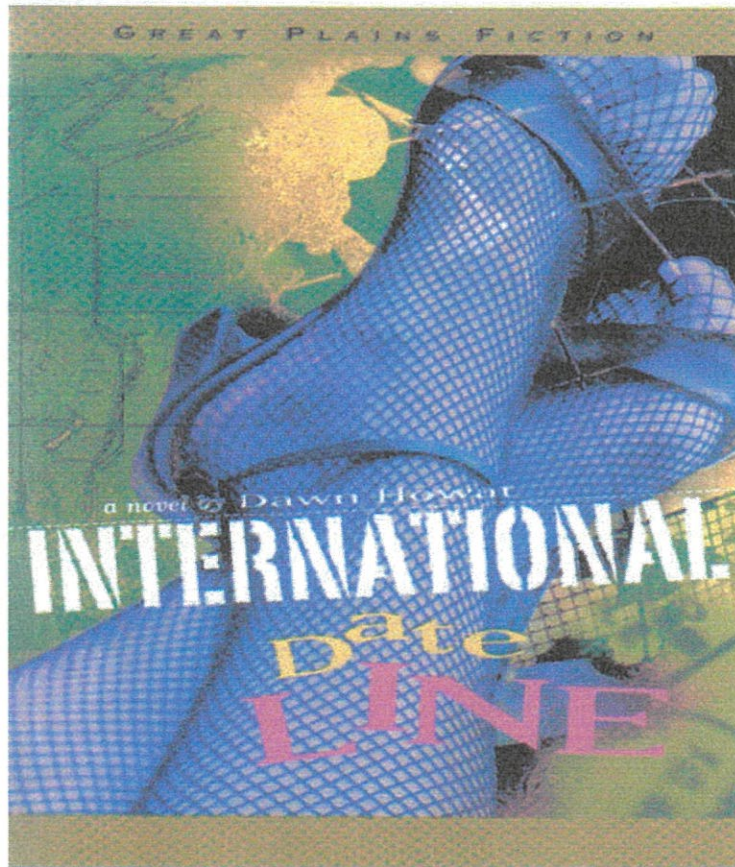


Donations to Sound Print Library



Flin Flon Writer's Guild celebrating 20th anniversary
With Cake and donation to the Flin Flon Public Library

Dawn Howat
Local Author



Library Patron Statistics For 2003

<i>January:</i>	3,080 (approx total)
<i>February:</i>	2,640 (approx total)
<i>March:</i>	3,054
<i>April:</i>	2,843
<i>May:</i>	3,094
<i>June:</i>	2,827
<i>July:</i>	3,428
<i>August:</i>	2,839
<i>September:</i>	745 (Closed for renovations on Sept.9th)
<i>October:</i>	1,395 (Opened after renovations on Oct.21st)
<i>November:</i>	2,322
<i>December:</i>	2,535
<u>TOTAL:</u>	30,802

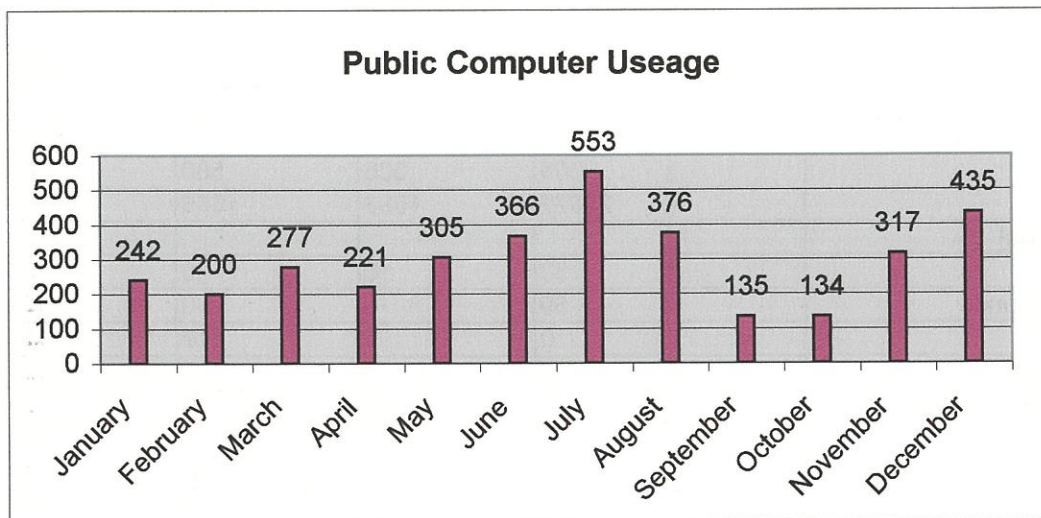


Total 386

September 8th - October 21st closed for renovations

Memberships 2003						
Place		Added	Deleted	Total		
Flin Flon			577	3123		
Cranberry Portage (RM of Kelsey)			13	128		
Baker's Narrows			5	72		
Big Island			5	35		
Schist Lake			13	53		
Sherridon				11		
Snow Lake				6		
Wanless				1		
Manitoba Non-Resident			6	25		
Inter-Library Loan				98		
Temporary				11		
Saskatchewan Residents						
Creighton			109	705		
Denare Beach			30	306		
Tyrell Lake			1	3		
Sandy Bay				10		
Pelican Narrows				17		
Saskatchewan Non-Resident			1	22		
Deschambault				19		
Other Non-Resident			3	39		
We are working on updating our memberships						

Internet Use 2003				
Month		E-Mail	Internet	Word Processing
January		35	151	3
February		30	125	3
March		57	147	9
April		41	141	1
May		51	179	17
June		84	202	14
July		92	267	13
August		107	253	12
September		38	68	1
October		27	67	5
November		62	142	12
December		52	164	11
Total		676	1906	101
Internet Training With		Basic	Basic	Intro to Web Design
Community Learning Network		Internet	Computer Appl.	
February/March 2003		10		
February/March 2003			10	
April, 2003			5	
April, 2003		3		
December, 2003				12
December, 2003		6		
Total		19	15	12



Total Public Computer Usage 3561
September 8th - October 21st closed for renovations

	Library Holdings 2003				
Adult Books	2002	Discard	Added	2003	
Adult Fiction	5938	313	292	5917	
Adult Fiction-Donations (1)	0	0	45	45	
Adult Non-Fiction	9860	534	255	9581	
Adult Non-Fiction-Donations	0	0	65	65	
Youth Fiction (2)	71	71	0	0	
Pocketbooks	1573	375	289	1487	
CMBSC-Books	93	0	10	103	
Subtotal	175335	1293	956	17198	
Children's Books					
Beginner Readers	3391	0	129	3520	
Beginner Readers-Donations	0	0	60	60	
Junior Fiction	2040	0	192	2232	
Junior Fiction-Donations	0	0	0	0	
Junior Non-Fiction	2400	0	29	2429	
Junior Non-Fiction-Donations	0	0	0	0	
Subtotal	7831	0	410	8241	
Downstairs Level	306	306	500	500	
Total	25672	1599	1866	25939	
Non-Print Material					
Computer Disc	33	10	0	23	
Newspaper/Magazines	59	0	0	59	
Magazines (3)	0	0	417	417	
CMBSC-Magazines	15	0	0	15	
Newspaper/Magazines-Donations	28	11	6	23	
Bound Periodicals	151	0	0	151	
Record/Cassettes	49	30	0	19	
Toys	140	1	6	145	
Subtotal	475	52	429	852	
CMBSC-Audio	3	0	0	3	
CMBSC-Video	20	0	0	20	
Vertical File	288	100	0	188	
Telephone Books	30	24	0	6	
Gov't Documents	150	25	15	140	
Sound Print-Adult (4)	856	100	57	813	
Sound Print-Children	0	0	0	0	
Sound Print-Donations	0	0	26	26	
Videos	399	50	6	355	
Videos-Donations	0	0	50	50	
Subtotal	1746	299	154	1601	
CD-Adult	4	0	7	11	
Large Print	264	0	21	285	
Reference	93	0	2	95	
CMBSC-Reference	30	3	3	30	
French	237	0	1	238	
Subtotal	628	3	34	659	
Total	28521	1953	2483	29051	
1) Donations were added into the regular holdings last year.					
2) We have included the youth into other areas.					
3) Magazines were entered as single issues last year.					
4) Adult and Children Sound print were included together last year.					

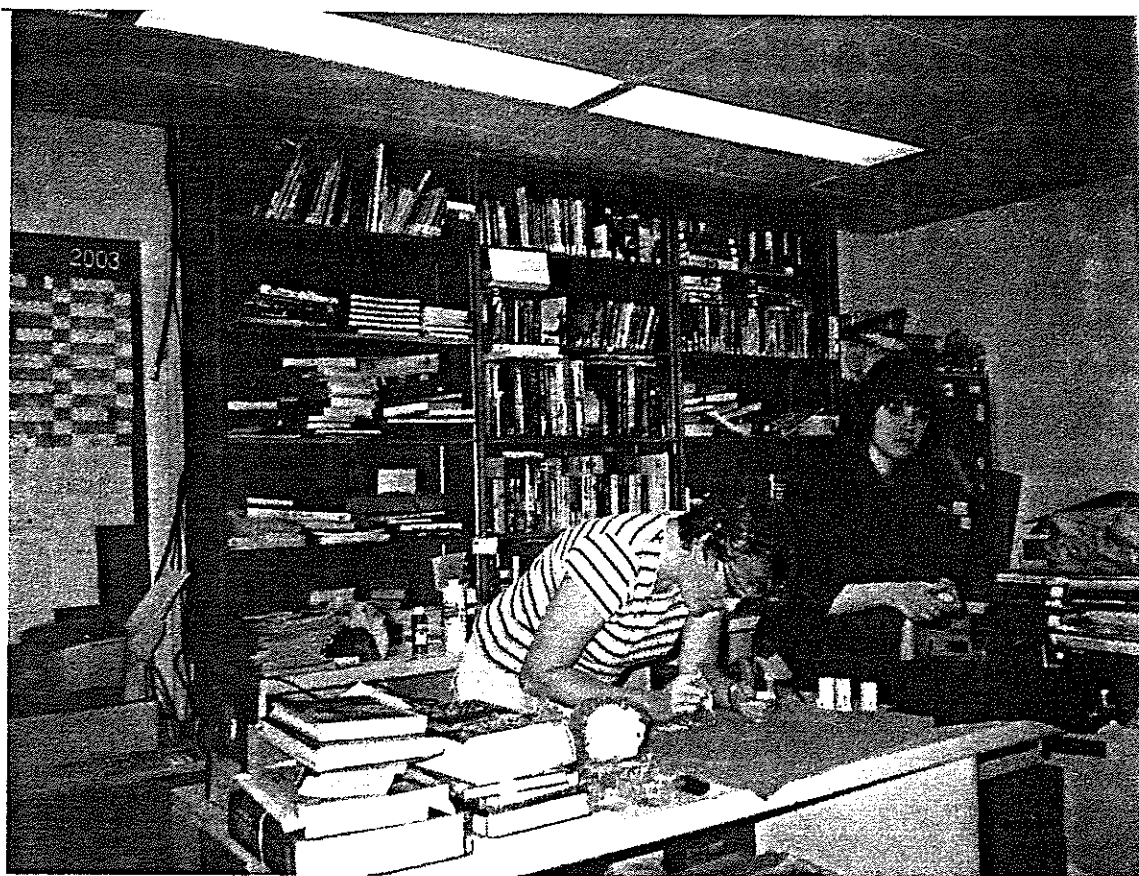
Library Circulation 2003			
Adult Books	2002	2003	
Adult Fiction	7237	10,833	
Adult Fiction-French	0	1	
Adult Fiction-Native	0	3	
Adult Non-Fiction	4893	8094	
Adult Non-Fiction-French	0	0	
Adult Non-Fiction-Native	0	156	
Youth Fiction	1	5	
Large Print	530	835	
Large Print-PLS (1)	54	86	
Pocketbooks	3429	4952	
CMBSC-Business Books	37	34	
Magazines	573	1122	
Subtotal	16754	26121	
Children's Books			
Beginner Readers	4452	6537	
Beginner Readers-French	0	35	
Beginner Readers-Native	0	6	
Junior Fiction	1052	2640	
Junior Fiction-French	0	6	
Junior Fiction-Native	0	4	
Junior Non-Fiction	1223	1419	
Junior Non-Fiction-French	0	10	
Junior Non-Fiction-Native	0	40	
Subtotal	6727	10697	
CD-Audio	0	79	
Foreign Language-French	24	0	
Foreign Language-PLS	0	0	
ILL-Borrowed	782	668	
ILL-Lent	192	226	
Sound Print-Adult	1082	1472	
Sound Print-Children	0	92	
Talking Books-CMBSC	0	0	
Talking Books-PLS	26	131	
Toys	17	25	
Videos	1095	1404	
Videos-CMBSC	15	2	
Videos-PLS	50	147	
Vertical Files	25	20	
Subtotal	3308	4266	
INFOPODCENTRE			
CMBSC	0	0	
Computer Disc	0	0	
E-Mail (2)	692	0	
Internet (2)	1982	0	
Internet & Education (2)	24	0	
Research	900	1500	
Word Processing (2)	167	0	
Computer Usage-Time	0	3561	
Subtotal	3765	5061	
Total	30554	46145	
1) PLS collections was not borrowed during the library renovations.			
2) Email,Internet, Internet & Education, Word processing was collected as computer usage.			
See chart for actual usage of the above.			

**FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUE/EXPENDITURE
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

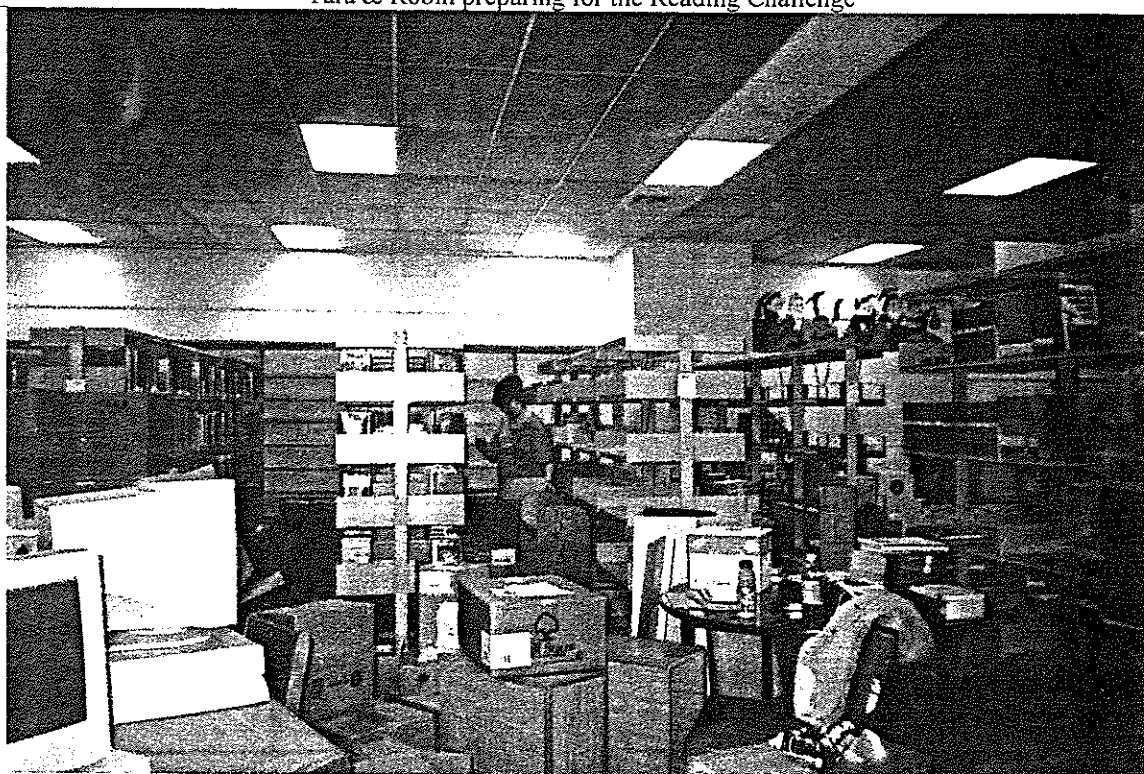
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u> (Note 3)
REVENUE		
OPERATING GRANTS		
City of Flin Flon - Grant	\$ 76,442	\$ 76,442
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	10,500	10,000
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	59,770	56,765
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	10,000	10,000
RM of Kelsey	<u>4,613</u>	<u>6,090</u>
	<u>161,325</u>	<u>159,297</u>
DONATIONS	<u>2,256</u>	<u>9,869</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Overdue book fines	1,590	1,499
Parking stall rentals	1,156	1,156
Book sales	7,790	3,250
Goods and services tax	2,758	2,392
Material replacement	278	271
Other	<u>571</u>	<u>1,724</u>
	<u>14,143</u>	<u>10,292</u>
PATRON SERVICES		
Business		
Copying charges	5,066	4,573
Fax	1,911	2,720
Laminating	1,256	1,045
Rental	<u>3,600</u>	<u>7,325</u>
	<u>11,833</u>	<u>15,663</u>
InfoPod		
E-mail	1,693	1,595
Printer	325	242
Disc Sale	<u>18</u>	<u>30</u>
	<u>2,036</u>	<u>1,867</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	-	476
Community Connections	-	300
L4U	-	583
Manitoba Employment Training	<u>-</u>	<u>12,017</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,376</u>
REVENUE- LIBRARY OPERATIONS	191,593	210,364
TOTAL EXPENSES - EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	<u>187,817</u>	<u>236,483</u>
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	<u>3,776</u>	<u>(26,119)</u>
OTHER INCOME - Community Learning Network Grant	63,848	54,279
OTHER EXPENSES - Community Learning Network Expenses	<u>63,848</u>	<u>54,279</u>
	<u>3,776</u>	<u>(26,119)</u>
TRANSFER TO (FROM) SPECIAL RESERVE	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ 3,776</u>	<u>\$ (26,119)</u>

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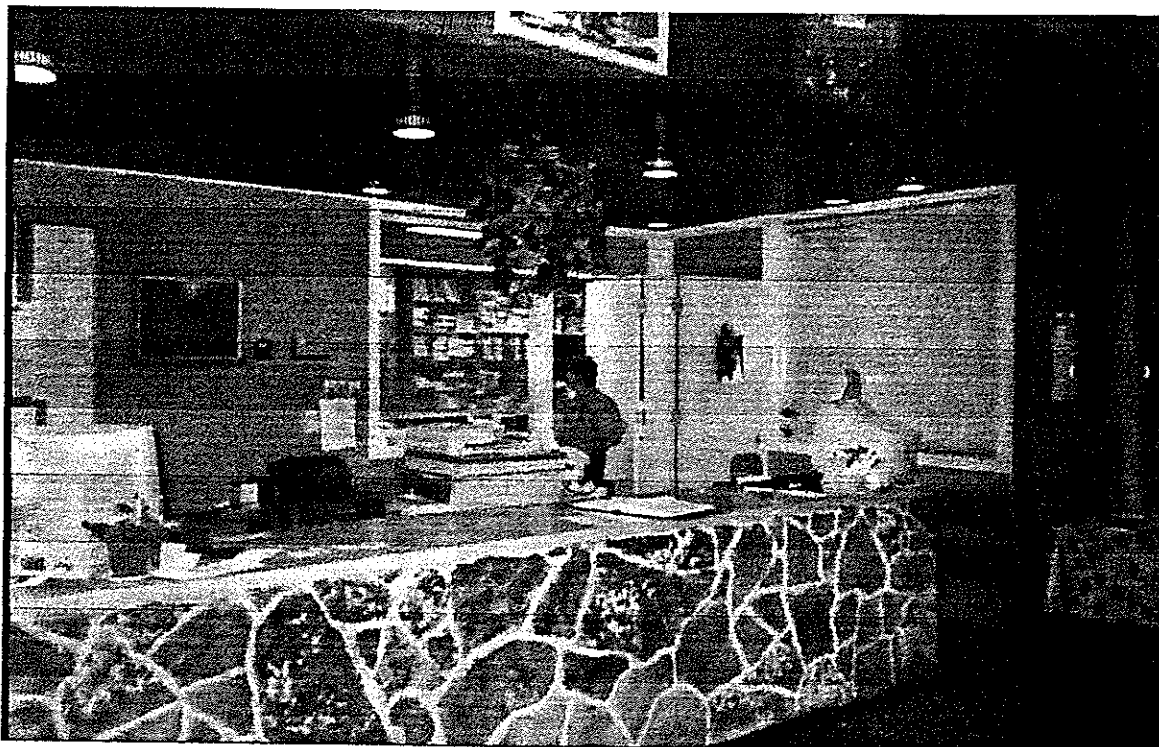
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u> (Note 3)
EXPENSES		
MATERIALS		
Books	\$ 36,710	\$ 25,432
Other	187	19
Magazines	1,184	754
Newspaper	1,410	1,614
Videos	37	81
Toys	83	66
	<u>39,611</u>	<u>27,966</u>
ADMINISTRATION		
Association Fees	327	315
Audit and professional fees	1,421	1,000
Bank Charges	366	547
Continuing Education	688	734
Copier Contract/Paper	3,727	4,372
Express/Delivery/Postage	1,190	933
Fax	12	103
Equipment/Furniture	1,084	4,981
GST	4,827	4,785
Insurance	1,217	943
Promotion & Publicity	2,478	5,037
Laminating	544	263
Library Stationary	2,183	2,145
Maintenance	11,143	10,657
Miscellaneous	607	-
Programming	297	332
Utilities	13,982	13,418
Wages and Benefits	91,143	117,347
Technical Services	-	2,000
Travel & Conference	993	967
	<u>138,229</u>	<u>170,879</u>
TECHNOLOGY		
Service Contracts	-	2,500
Communications	4,255	3,231
Licences	1,143	35
Maintenance	1,334	5,292
Supplies	2,773	2,097
	<u>9,505</u>	<u>13,155</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	172	6,506
Project 1: Library Net	-	3,042
Project 4: L4U	-	3,654
Manitoba Employment Training	300	11,281
	<u>472</u>	<u>24,483</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 187,817</u>	<u>\$ 236,483</u>



Tara & Robin preparing for the Reading Challenge



Robin unpacking



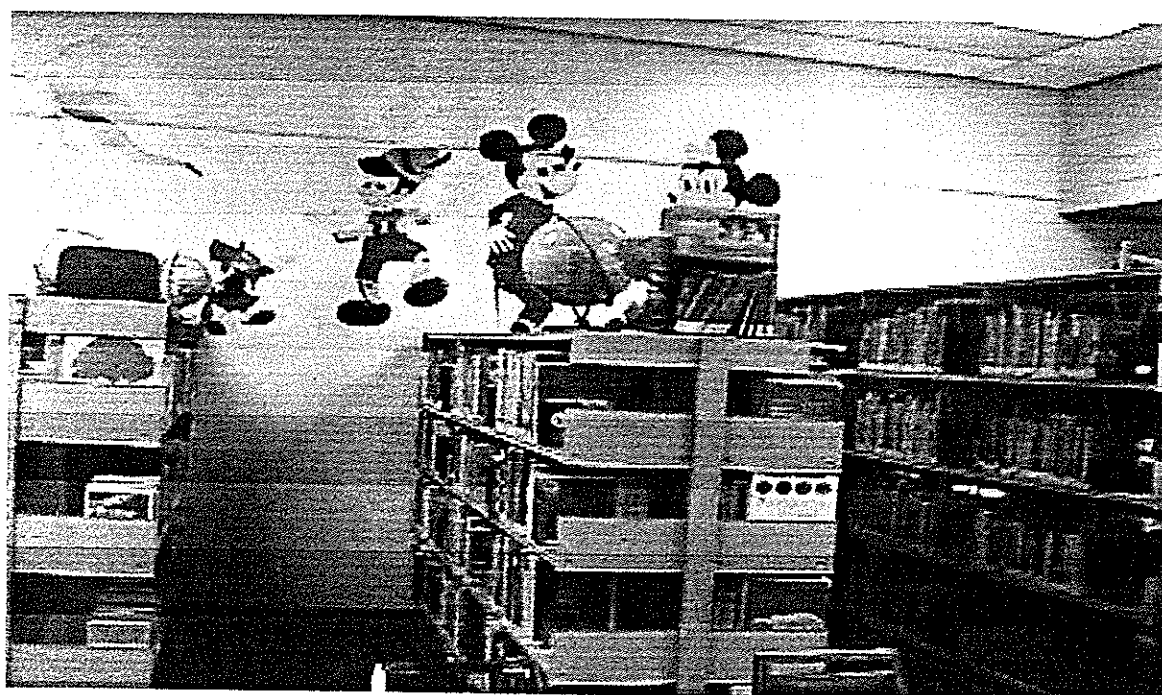
Front Circulation Counter Before



Front Circulation Counter After



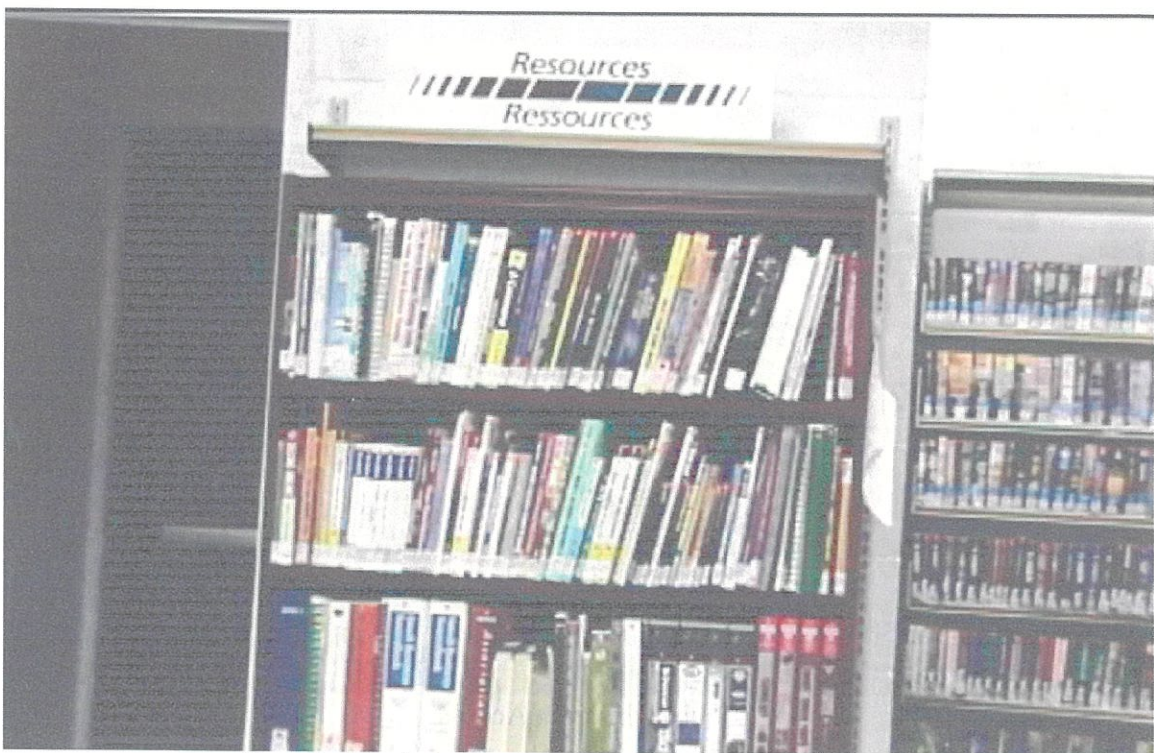
Children's Area



Junior Section



Canada Manitoba Business Service Centre Workstation



Canada Manitoba Business Service Centre Collection



Reference Section



Public Internet Access