



Flin Flon Public Library
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The organization committee of Carol Ham – The Pas Regional Library, Mary Toma – South Central Regional Library, Lorraine Trudeau – Jake Epp (Steinbach), Phyllis Stadnick – Flin Flon Public Library, and Denise Weir Public Library Services (Brandon). The committee raised \$7,910.00 in donated new books, \$2,950.00 in donated cash and gift certificates and \$490.00 in gifts in kind through the generous sponsors of National Book Service, Whitehats Library Programme, United Library Services, McNally Robinson Booksellers, Imaginet, Leech Printing, Scholastic Canada, Star Books, Rotary Clubs – The Pas, Flin Flon, Dauphin & Steinbach, Royal Bank – Steinbach, Steinbach Credit Union, Manitoba Library Association, CBC Radio and Canada Reads.

During this challenge rural Manitoba Libraries signed out an amazing 167,560 books. An increase of 24,788 from 2003.

Flin Flon Public Library received generous donations, going toward our library draws. Thank you to Flin Flon Bowling Lanes, Mean Gene's – Creighton, CFAR Radio, Flin Flon Reminder & Shaw Cable for the great coverage they provided.

First place went to Central & Parkland with a 20.3% increase in circulation and a prize of \$200, in new books for each library in that team.

Second place went to Westman & Norman with a increase of 17.3% increase and a prize of \$150.00, in new books for each library. Flin Flon, The Pas Regional Library were together on a team.

Third place went to Interlake & Eastman with an increase of 15.3% and a prize of \$120.00 toward book purchase.

Special congratulation to Snow Lake Community Library and Pilot Mound Public Library with circulation increase of 121 % and 102% respectively.

It was great fun and we hope to enjoy it again next year.

Robert Sedlack author of "The African Safari Papers" held a reading from his new novel, "The Horn of a Lamb" which had referral to Flin Flon. The public thoroughly enjoyed the reading.

Basic internet and computer training was held at the Flin Flon Public Library, which was sponsored by Community Learning Network which was held free of charge to the general public.

“Welcome to a celebration of Poetry” was held at Flin Flon Public Library, April 15th, 2005. This event was co-hosted by Flin Flon Writers Guild, Flin Flon Toastmasters and the Flin Flon Public Library.

Agreement for funding between Village of Denare Beach, Town of Creighton and Flin Flon Public Library was signed. Buz Trevor was appointed representative on the Library Board for the Village of Denare Beach.

Flin Flon Public Library took out memberships with the Saskatchewan Library Association and Saskatchewan Library Trustee Association.

May 1st, 2004 the Flin Flon Public Library began charging non –resident fees. This charge would effect our patrons who live at Big Island, Schist Lake, Bakers Narrows, Sherridon, Snow Lake, Wanless on the Manitoba side and the patrons from Tyrell Lake, Pelican Narrows, Deschambault Lake on the Saskatchewan side and many of our summer residents.

The second annual “Reading Challenge” was held against The Pas Regional Library with the The Pas being successful winners this year (but by not very much). Bob Frazer, chairman of the board travelled to The Pas to help cook hot dogs, serve cake and drinks to the patrons of The Pas Regional Library. The staff from Flin Flon Public Library served up 442 hotdogs.

The tie breaker will be held in May 2005 at the Flin Flon Public Library, as we jokingly told the patrons from The Pas that we will see them in Flin Flon as their staff will be here cooking!

Mickey Masson from Frontier Collegiate in Cranberry Portage was working at the library for a week of work placement. We had him pocketing books, waiting on the patrons and many other jobs.

Canada Manitoba Business Service Centre moved to Greenstone Community Futures Development Corporation. This included collection of books and computer, that had been at our library.

Community Learning Network bid farewell after 3 years in operation. Robin, Rebecca and Phyllis attended a farewell reception held at the City of Flin Flon Council Chamber.

Flin Flon Public Library took out membership in Saskatchewan Library Association and Saskatchewan Library Trustee Association.

Glenda Walker-Hobbs (retired school librarian) launched her new book of poetry titled “In & Out of the Shadows”. She also had a reading and book signing at McNally Robinson Booksellers in Winnipeg with this book.

Flin Flon Public Library held a sidewalk discard book sale during the Trout Festival, which was a great success.

Work is continuing in our Community Archives by many volunteers. "Flin Flon Archives Committee held an evening under the "Big Top" at Bakers Narrows Campground with Gerry Clark's entertaining talk and slide show on the unique and colorful beginnings of the historic "City of Flin Flon".

Phyllis and Rebecca attended the annual Flin Flon & District Chamber of Commerce Gala which acknowledges volunteers and businesses throughout the community.

Flin Flon Public Library placed a table in the "Community Fun Health Fair" which was held Saturday October 2, 2004.

Phyllis Stadnick and Rebecca Hayward attended the Public Library Conference "Informal Learning @ your Library" which was held in Brandon. Some of the sessions attended were, "The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) Library and Visunet Canada Partners Program (VCP)", "Summer Reading Program and Battle of Books Organizational Meeting", "Increasing Library Visibility by the Book Club", "Developing the Ultimate Public Library Board : a session for library trustees, municipal officials, and librarians", "Linux : Security and Freedom", "Digital Digs" and "Emergency 911 : A/V Resuscitation".

Phyllis Stadnick and Kyle Harkiss attended a three day conference in Brandon for CAP VI training. Kyle Harkiss was hired through funding from E-Manitoba to do basic computer and internet training at the Flin Flon Public Library.

Phyllis Stadnick received Flin Flon & District Chamber of Commerce Executive Choice Award for 2004.

The library held their annual Christmas Book Sale. The books were supplied by McNally Robinson Booksellers of Winnipeg and ran from November 19th until December 24th.

December was a busy month for staff and library. The library staff participated in the first annual "Parade of Lights". The staff survived -35 to decorate the vehicle and brave riding on the back of the float.

"Food For Fines" ran for two days. The library excepted non-parishable food items in place of money for fines, from patrons. The food which was collected was then donated to the Salvation Army for their Christmas hampers and also the Lord Bounty Food Bank. The Library Board and staff would like to thank the patrons and community for their generosity.

“Read your way to the top” sticker program. This program was divided into two age groups, ages 0-7 years old and 8-18 years old. The younger group of children would receive one sticker for every five books read to put on their sheets and once they had read 25 books would receive a sticker and pick a present from the goodie box.

The group of older children would receive a sticker for every 4 books read and once they had read 20 books they would receive a sticker and also pick a present from the goodie box.

Flin Flon Public Library received donation from the Flin Flon Lions Club to purchase a Daisy Digital Reader for our visually challenged patrons to use.

We also hosted a day for the children to come in and e-mail Santa Claus, with Kyle Harkis (CAP YI) assisting.

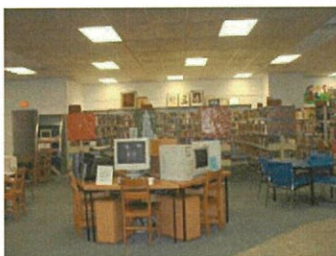
I would like to thank the Library Board and Staff for their continuous support which enables me to be involved with the Flin Flon & District Chamber of Commerce, Buisness Builders, and many other involvements throughtout the community.

Thank you to the City of Flin Flon, Town of Creighton, Province of Manitoba, R.M. of Kelsey, Province of Saskatchewan, Pahkisimon Nuye?”“ah Library System (La Ronge, SK), Public Library Services and the Village of Denare Beach for their support.

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		New Memberships - 2004			
		2003	Added	Deleted	2004
Flin Flon		3123	348	175	3296
Cranberry Portage		128	15	0	143
Baker's Narrows		72	6	0	78
Big Island		35	2	0	37
Schist Lake		53	4	1	56
Sherridon		11	1	1	11
Snow Lake		6	0	0	6
Wanless		1	1	0	2
Manitoba Non-Resident		25	3	4	24
Inter-Library Loan		98	0	0	98
Temporary		11	2	0	13
Saskatchewan Residents					
Creighton		705	53	33	725
Denare Beach		306	26	15	317
Tyrell Lake		3	0	0	3
Sandy Bay		10	1	0	11
Pelican Narrows		17	5	0	22
Saskatchewan Non-Resident		22	6	9	19
Deschambault		19	1	0	20
Other Non-Resident		39	0	0	39
Total		4684	474	238	4920
*We are continuing to work on updating our memberships list.					

Internet Use 2004					
Month	E-mail	Internet	Word Processing		
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2004
January	35	47	64		14
February	30	74	202		5
March	57	75	141		15
April	41	75	223		6
May	51	88	322		10
June	84	134	245		12
July	92	93	201		5
August	107	83	217		4
September	38	60	219		10
October	27	30	79		12
November	62	21	157		2
December	52	25	128		3
Total	676	805	2198		98
Internet Training With	Basic	Basic		Intro to	
Community Learning Network	Internet	Computer		Web	
		Appl.		Design	
February/March	10	8	10		0
April	3		5		
December	5			12	
Community Access Program YI					
October		6		6	2
November		36		36	0
December		17		17	0
Total		67		64	2



Flin Flon Public Library Services Provided

Meeting Rooms
(Hooked into High Speed Internet)

Internet Services
(Colored Laser Printer)

Fax Service

Copier Service

LCD Projector Rental

Laminating Service

Large Print Books

Sound Print Audio



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Library Circulation 2004			
	2003	2004	
Adult Books			
Adult Fiction	10,833	11,088	
Adult Fiction-Fench	1	4	
Adult Fiction-Native	3	1	
Adult Non-Fiction	8,094	7,493	
Adult Non-Fiction-French	0	5	
Adult Non-Fiction-Native	156	93	
Youth Fiction	5	0	
Large Print	835	979	
Large Print-PLS (1)	86	0	
Pocketbooks	4,952	4,790	
CMBSC-Business Books(3)	34	36	
Magazines	1,122	1,239	
CMBSC-Reference (3)	0	0	
Subtotal	26,121	25,728	
Children's Books			
Beginner Readers	6,537	7,930	
Beginner Readers-French	35	50	
Beginner Readers-Native	6	22	
Junior Fiction	2,640	2,595	
Junior Fiction-French	6	20	
Junior Fiction-Native	4	7	
Junior Non-Fiction	1419	1,247	
Junior Non-Fiction-French	10	14	
Junior Non-Fiction-Native	40	76	
Subtotal	10,697	11,961	
CD-Children	79	32	
CD-Adult	0	429	
ILL-Borrowed	668	917	
ILL-Lent	226	307	
Sound Print-Adult	1,472	1,548	
Sound Print-Children	92	156	
Talking Books-CMBSC (3)	0	0	
Talking Books-PLS	131	165	
Toys	25	10	
Videos	1,404	1,390	
Videos-CMBSC (3)	2	1	
Videos-PLS	147	81	
Vertical Files	20	0	
Subtotal	4,266	5,036	
Infopod Centre			
CMBSC (3)	0	0	
Computer Disc	0	0	
E-mail (2)	0	0	
Internet (2)	0	0	
Internet & Education (2)	0	0	
Research	1,500	1,000	
Word Processing (2)	0	0	
Computer Usage-Time	3,561	8,177	
Subtotal	5,061	9,177	
Total	46,145	51,902	
1) We did not get a block from PLS for 2004			
2) E-mail, Internet, & Word Processing is kept separate for 2004.			
3).CMBSC collection were moved over to Greenstone Business Development in May 2004.			

**FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUE/EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	2004	2003
REVENUE		
OPERATING GRANTS		
City of Flin Flon - Grant	78,124	\$ 76,442
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	10,500	10,500
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	59,770	59,770
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	10,500	10,000
RM of Kelsey	4,613	4,613
Village of Denare Beach	2,352	-
DONATIONS	165,859	161,325
ADMINISTRATIVE	4,991	2,256
Overdue book fines	1,310	1,590
Parking stall rentals	1,156	1,156
Book sales	6,451	7,790
Goods and services tax	-	2,758
Material replacement	174	278
Non-resident fees	650	-
Other	4,692	571
PATRON SERVICES	14,433	14,143
Business	2,593	5,066
Copying charges	2,177	1,911
Fax	899	1,256
Laminating	5,782	3,600
Rental	11,451	11,833
InfoPod	2,216	1,693
E-mail	577	325
Printer	44	18
Disc Sale	2,837	2,036
SPECIAL PROJECTS	650	-
Community Connections	650	-
REVENUE- LIBRARY OPERATIONS	200,221	191,593
TOTAL EXPENSES - EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	196,047	187,816
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	4,174	3,777
OTHER INCOME - Community Learning Network Grant	-	63,848
OTHER EXPENSES - Community Learning Network Expenses	-	63,848
TRANSFER TO (FROM) SPECIAL RESERVE	-	-
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	\$ 4,174	\$ 3,777

**FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
EXPENSES		
MATERIALS		
Books	\$ 30,279	\$ 36,709
Other	31	187
Magazines	443	1,184
Newspaper	1,439	1,410
Videos	-	37
Toys	-	83
	<u>32,192</u>	<u>39,610</u>
ADMINISTRATION		
Association Fees	468	327
Audit and professional fees	2,050	1,421
Bank Charges	294	366
Continuing Education	-	688
Copier Contract/Paper	3,556	3,727
Express/Delivery/Postage	1,147	1,190
Fax	(56)	12
Equipment/Furniture	8,248	1,084
GST	2,155	4,827
Insurance	1,230	1,217
Promotion & Publicity	2,217	2,478
Laminating	281	544
Library Stationary	2,929	2,183
Maintenance	12,175	11,143
Miscellaneous	1,343	607
Programming	510	297
Utilities	11,831	13,982
Wages and Benefits	101,961	91,143
Travel & Conference	503	993
	<u>152,842</u>	<u>138,229</u>
TECHNOLOGY		
Communications	4,175	4,255
Licences	35	1,143
Maintenance	3,023	1,334
Supplies	2,807	2,773
Training	26	-
	<u>10,066</u>	<u>9,505</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	648	(3,482)
Project 2: Community Connections	299	-
Project 4: L4U	-	3,654
Manitoba Employment Training	-	300
	<u>947</u>	<u>472</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 196,047</u>	<u>\$ 187,816</u>

Disabled to benefit from new technology

Jonathan Naylor
Staff Writer

Technology coming to the Flin Public Library will make it easier for disabled residents to plug into the information superhighway. The Web-4-All program will use a computer with special features to help these individuals surf the Internet and comprehend what they are seeing. "This has been long needed," said library administrator Phyllis Stadnick. "We just have to get people aware that it's going to be here." Funded through the Winnipeg - based Independent Living Resource Centre, the program is expected to be up and running within the next two weeks. Users will each be given a smart card that, when scanned by the computer, adjusts the features according to

each individual's needs. They will have access to five high-tech tools. The first tool is called "Visual Dynamic Keyboard," an on-screen keyboard that allows individuals to operate the computer without the traditional keyboard and mouse. The second is "Opera," a Web browser with that assists people who have visual or coordination problems. Opera enlarges on-screen words and pictures while also speaking to the user, providing him or her with guidance. It also assists individuals who can use only one hand or have difficulty pushing single keys. The third tool is the CAST eREADER, which reads material for the user, be it scanned, on file, or typed. The fourth tool is the Home Page Reader, a talking Web browser for blind people. The fifth and final item comes complete

The computer system comes complete with a modified tracker of about 20 libraries across Manitoba picked to receive this technology from the Independent Living Resource Centre. "We are very privileged to be chosen," said Stadnick.

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PHOTO BY JONATHAN NAYLOR



Author

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Internationally acclaimed author Robert Sedlack will be the special guest at the Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library tonight.

The Calgary-born writer is scheduled to read excerpts from his latest novel, *The Horn Of A Lamb*, from 7-9 p.m.

The book tells the story of Fred Pickle, a brain injury victim whose world falls apart with the announcement that the owner of his local NHL team is moving the franchise.

Torn between the law-abiding influence of his caregiver uncle and the radical urgings of Badger, an elderly anarchist, Pickle must decide whether a plot of vengeance against the owner is a path to independence or oblivion.

Sedlack's first novel, *The African Safari Papers*, received international praise and *The Globe and Mail* named it the best book of 2001.

Popular Canadian comedian Rick Mercer called the debut novel "hysterically funny and darkly comic" while playwright and author Timothy Findley said Sedlack "knows how to keep a reader reading."

Author has a Flin Flon fascination

Gail Baker
Writer

Robert Sedlack, the author of the new book *The Horn of a Lamb*, traveled from Los Angeles by car early in February to launch his book in Canada.

He started in Alberta in Jasper, then Edmonton, Calgary and Canmore. He then headed into Saskatchewan, first in Saskatoon and then Regina, before coming to Manitoba, where he first visited Brandon and then came up to Flin Flon.

Sedlack arrived in Flin Flon last Wednesday and stayed in a hotel the first night, only to move out to a cabin at a tourist lodge for the next night. This was his first trip to Flin Flon and he couldn't believe the beauty of our community.

There were about a dozen people who attended the reading of part of his book at

the Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library the following evening, Thursday.

Sedlack appeared to be pleased with the turnout. He was very easy to talk to and quite a personable young man.

In Sedlack's book he mentions Flin Flon many, many times. Any mention of Flin Flon and its relation to the hockey story in his book is strictly fictitious!

He told me that he had a fascination with Bobby Clarke when he was playing in Philadelphia and ever since, Sedlack tried to find out as much as he could about Clarke's roots and the City of Flin Flon, including how Flin Flon got its name.

The Horn of a Lamb is a hockey story based in Manitoba. It is a story about a young hockey player who played for the Brandon Wheat Kings and had the potential of being

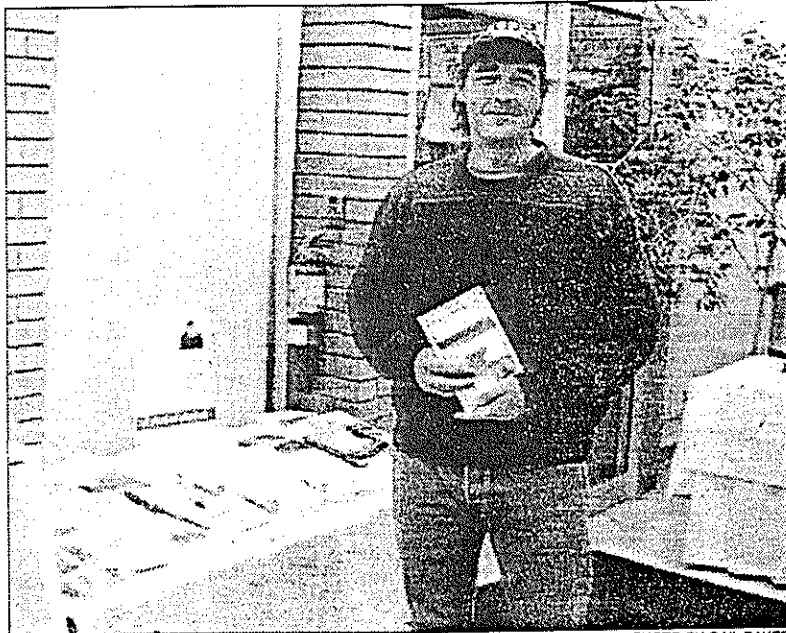


PHOTO BY GAIL BAKER

Author Robert Sedlack visited the Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library last week. His new book contains references to Flin Flon.

drafted into the NHL. However, he becomes injured with a severe head injury that results in the end of his hockey career but not in his fascination of the game.

I am only half way through reading the book and find it to be

quite entertaining, and at times sexually explicit, so perhaps not a book for everyone.

Sedlack was heading to Winnipeg from Flin Flon and then on to Ontario where he will begin in Sault Ste Marie, then head to

Sudbury, Stratford and finally Toronto on March 13.

In Toronto, Rick Mercer is going to highlight the author and his book on CBC.

From there, Sedlack is going back to sunny L.A.

Flin Mayor Dennis Ballard (and friend) took some time on Tuesday to read from the book, "Snake Supper" to the children gathered for Literacy Day at the Public Library. More than 30 children and their parents attended the morning session of the program which ran throughout the day and featured a variety of local 'celebrity' readers.



PHOTO BY GAIL BAKER

More library funding

Also sharing in the new funding are the libraries in Snow Lake (\$1,500); The Pas (\$1,295); Thompson (\$14,756); Leaf Rapids (\$2,809); Lynn Lake (\$1,856); Churchill (\$2,463); and Gillam (\$1,678). Manitoba's public libraries serve more than 920,000 residents each year with collections that contain more than four million items.

giving those families the support they need to help them live and work in their home community," said Culture, Heritage and Tourism Minister Eric Robinson in a statement. "In this information age, all Manitobans need equal access to information to improve their education, graduate to better jobs and improve their quality of life."

announced yesterday, the funding is part of a \$40,000 increase to eight libraries across Northern Manitoba. It marks the first provincial increase to the libraries in a decade and is part of the province's Northern Development Strategy. "By increasing support to rural and northern libraries, we are

The Manitoba government has opened up its wallet to provide the Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library with an annual funding increase of nearly \$8,000. "It's good news for the library for helping with the services that are provided to the community," said

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Book battle

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Residents have combined their competitive fire with their love to read.

The Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library has been an extra busy place since it joined a challenge to see which part of the province can read the most books throughout February.

For the first two weeks of the month, nearly 2,300 books, videos and audio books were checked out, much more than what the library would normally lend in a two-week period.

The local library has

been placed on a team with other libraries across the northern and western parts of the province for the so-called Battle of the Books. We're joining forces with the likes of Thompson, The Pas, Churchill and Leaf Rapids.

The two other teams consist of the eastern part of the province, including Steinbach and Lac du Bonnet, and the central part, including Swan River and Carman.

The 58 participating libraries will record their circulation throughout February, and the region that shows the highest increase in circulation will take the top spot.

See 'Campaign' P.7

Campaign

Con't from P.1

Assistant administrator Robin Galbraith said it's obvious that residents are eager to help the their region win and encouraged people looking for a good book to stop by.

With the increased traffic, library staff are asking people to take a few extra moments to update their member-

ship information if necessary.

Battle of the Books is part of a campaign by Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism to promote alternatives to television viewing as a winter pastime. "Think Active! Be Active! Live Active!" has been chosen as the slogan for the campaign.

Battle of the Books encourages reading



Library staff want you to take out books. Left to right are Rebecca Hayward, Tara Quesnelle and Robin Galbraith. The success of that challenge was mentioned at a library conference held in Portage La Prairie last October. "Everyone thought it was a great idea and they all wanted to be involved," recalled Stadnick. Stadnick sees the challenge as a great way to encourage people to do more reading. Fittingly, the Battle of the Books will take place throughout February, which has been designated as I Love to Read Month. Battle of the Books is part of a campaign by Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism to promote alternatives to television viewing as a winter pastime. "Think Active! Be Active! Live Active!" has been chosen as the slogan for the campaign.

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The local library has been placed on a team of the Film Foundation of the Film Foundation of the province. We're joining forces with the likes of Thompson, The Pas, Churchhill and Leaf Rapids for this challenge. The two other teams consist of the eastern part of the province, including Steinbach and Lac du Bonnet, and the central part, including Swan River and Carman. In total, 58 libraries are taking part in the challenge, which starts today and runs until February 28. The libraries will record their circulation during that time, and the highest increase in circulation will show the top spot. Interestingly, the competition held last year between libraries came from a friendly Pas. (Incidentally, Film won). See 'Success' P.3

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Library

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Residents are being rewarded for their love of reading. The Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library will receive \$150 worth of books for participating in the Battle of the Books 2004, which involved 61 libraries across the province.

The goal was to see which of three provincial regions could increase its library circulation the most throughout this past February compared to February, 2003.

The local library was placed on a team with other libraries across the northern and western parts of the province for the friendly challenge, joining forces with the likes of Thompson, The Pas, Snow Lake and Leaf Rapids.

Circulation

Con't from P.1

Each library in our region will receive the prize of \$150 in books.

Our region placed second in the Battle of the Books thanks in part to an impressive circulation increase of 77 per cent in Flin Flon.

Overall, the region saw a 17 per cent increase, with readers signing out nearly 168,000 books.

Snow Lake

Community Library will gain a special prize for its 121 per cent circulation increase. The prize consists of a book bag, courtesy of McNally Robinson, along with five books from CBC.

The Battle of the Books was part of a campaign by Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism to promote alternatives to television viewing as a winter pastime.

THE REMIND

SERVING FLIN FLON & DISTRICT DAILY

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada



WEATHER

Variable cloudiness
High -15°C
Low -17°C
Wind 20 km/h N
P.O.P 20%

Tonight... Low -21°C.
Tomorrow... VC, High 1°C.

Second place

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Staff Writer

For the staff at the Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library, second place is pretty good.

Our library and others across the northwestern part of the province earned the silver in the Battle of the Books challenge, which ran throughout February.

The idea was to see which of three provincial regions could increase its circulation over February of 2003.

The local library saw its circulation go up by an impressive 77 per cent.

"Even though we came in second place, a 77 per cent increase is phenomenal," commented assistant administrator Robin Galbraith. "It's a really good thing, and people really got into it."

Galbraith said many library patrons told staff they were motivated to stop by because of the Battle of the Books.

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likes of Thompson, The Pas, Snow Lake and Leaf Rapids. The two other teams consisted of the eastern part of the province, including Steinbach and Lac du Bonnet, and the central part, including Swan River and Carman.

The central portion of the province won the challenge. The prizes for the libraries are still being organized.

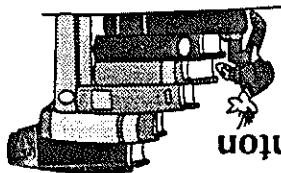
Even more impressive than the 77 per cent increase in Flin Flon was the 121 per cent increase at the Snow Lake Community Library.

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Interestingly, the inspiration for the Battle of the Books came from a friendly competition held last year between libraries in Flin Flon and The Pas, which Flin Flon incidentally, won.

"There is talk about another challenge between Flin Flon and The Pas, but there's no definite date set yet," said Galbraith.

Join the
Flin Flon-Creighton
Public Library
in the



"Battle of the Books"

From January 27th - February 28th

This challenge is between 58 Manitoba Libraries

Come in and borrow lots of books!!!

And while you are here let's update your membership



PHOTO BY JONATHON NAYLOR

Doug O'Brien presented the Executive Award to Phyllis Stadnick. Also, O'Brien took the opportunity to present the chamber's Executive Award to Phyllis Stadnick over the past year. Stadnick was supposed to accept the award last week but was unable to attend the previous chamber meeting.

Author pleased with Winnipeg reading

Jonathon Naylor
Staff Writer

Flin Flon author Glenda Walker-Hobbs recently expanded her literary audience at one of the province's largest book stores.

She was at Winnipeg's Grant Park McNally Robinson last week to treat a crowd of poetry enthusiasts to readings from her book *In and Out of the Shadows*.

"I was just on such a high, it's so hard to believe it actually happened," said Walker-Hobbs. "If there was one store I could have chosen for a debut, it would have been McNally Robinson. I feel like I'm getting somewhere professionally."

For half an hour, the author captivated an audience of about 25 people with heartfelt poems detailing her lifelong struggle with weight.

"I wrote the book on the theory that if you have a weight problem, you hide in the shadows, and when you lose weight, you come out," she said.

Walker-Hobbs doesn't shy away from the somber details of her weight problem. The poems

deal with issues such as prejudice, rude comments, and obscene phone calls.

"*In and Out of the Shadows* relates in poetry a woman's struggles through the shadows of self doubt and pain caused by obesity and her efforts to stay within the light of self confidence that successful weight loss brings," reads a summary on the back of the book.

The McNally Robinson store began carrying the book, Walker-Hobbs' third, in September.

"Somebody predicted about five years ago that I would have a book sold in stores," said the retired McIsaac School Ecole McIsaac librarian. "You kind of like to believe, but until it actually happens, it's hard to believe."

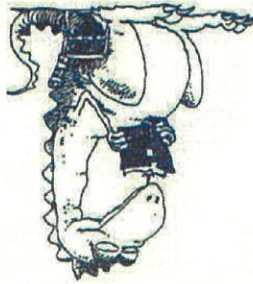
Walker-Hobbs is also the author of *The Waldron Wild Cats*, a collection of poems about the many cats in her life, and *The City on the Rocks*, featuring poems about Flin Flon with titles such as *Smoke Stack Images*, *Autumn at Bakers Narrows*, *Mandy Mine*, and *Marijuana Capital*.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Glenda Walker-Hobbs autographs a copy of her book at a McNally Robinson outlet in Winnipeg.

Flin Flon Public Library
April 15, 2004



WELCOME
TO
A CELEBRATION
OF
POETRY

Phyllis Stadnick receiving donation from Flin Flon Writers Guild
Glenda Walker-Hobbs, Harry Hobbs, Phyllis Stadnick, Loretta Stewart, & Phyllis Antal





Robin working the Discard Book Sale
Downstairs of the Library



Chuck coming back to work the Discard Book Sale



Kiddie Korner Day Care
Story Time @ the Library





Winner of the Summer Reading Program



Winner of "Battle of The Books"



Summer Reading Program

The 2004 Summer Reading Program was a 1 hour session, once week that promoted reading to a group of about 20 children. The theme given was "Buggy Over Books", so each weekly session was focused on a specific bug. We would read a book to the kids and then do a craft, all relating to the chosen insect. There were prizes given out the kids who signed out a required amount of books from our library. At the end of our program we had a bug themed party, with stories, crafts and games. It was an excellent program and we both really enjoyed Doing it!!!!

Breanne Ballard & Crystal Hancock



Story Hour Co-ordinators
Breanne Ballard, Kayla Reeves, & Crystal Hancock



Children participating in Summer Reading Program



Family Literacy Day 2004



Children @Family Literacy Day



Carol Ham, Bonnie White, Bob Frazer
Working the Discard Book Sale
@ Reading Challenge The Pas Regional Library



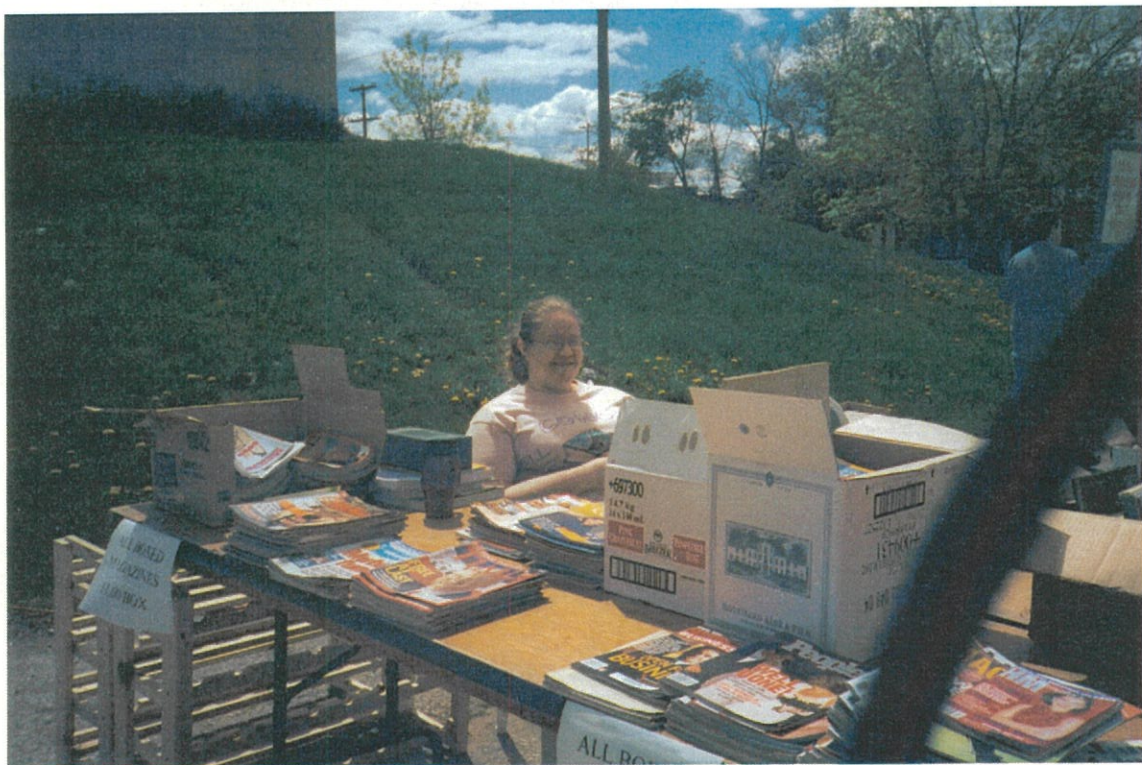
Robin Galbraith, Brenda Smigelski, Heather Chambers, Tara Redahl

Phyllis Stadnick, Rebecca Hayward & Bob Frazer
Cooking and Serving Hot Dogs to the Patrons
Of The Pas Regional Library



Tara Redahl & Robin Galbraith
Cooking up Hot Dogs for the winners of Reading Challenge





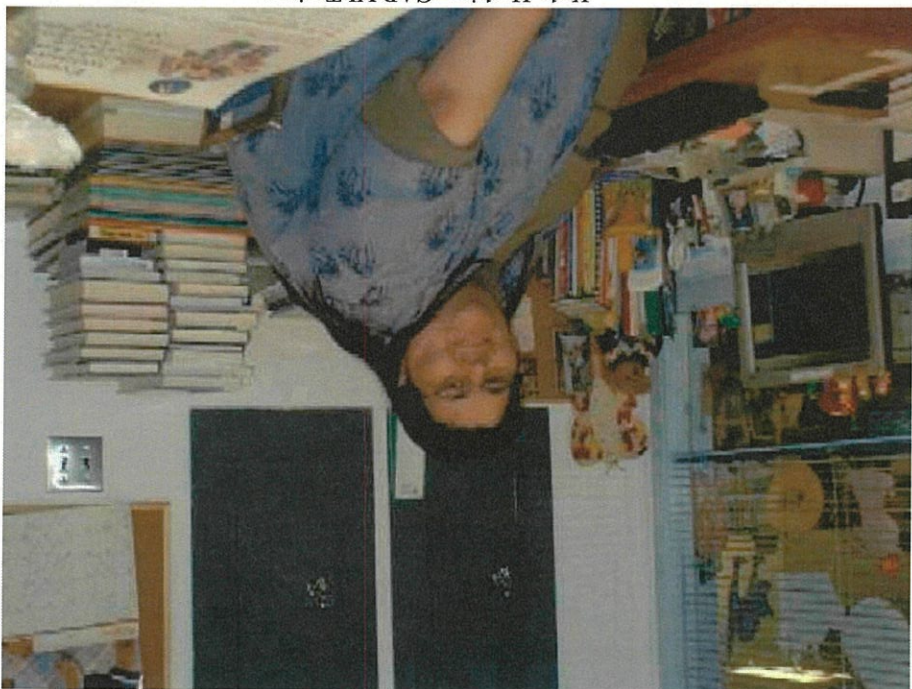
Rebecca Hayward working the Discard Book Sale
@ The Pas Regional Day Reading Challenge



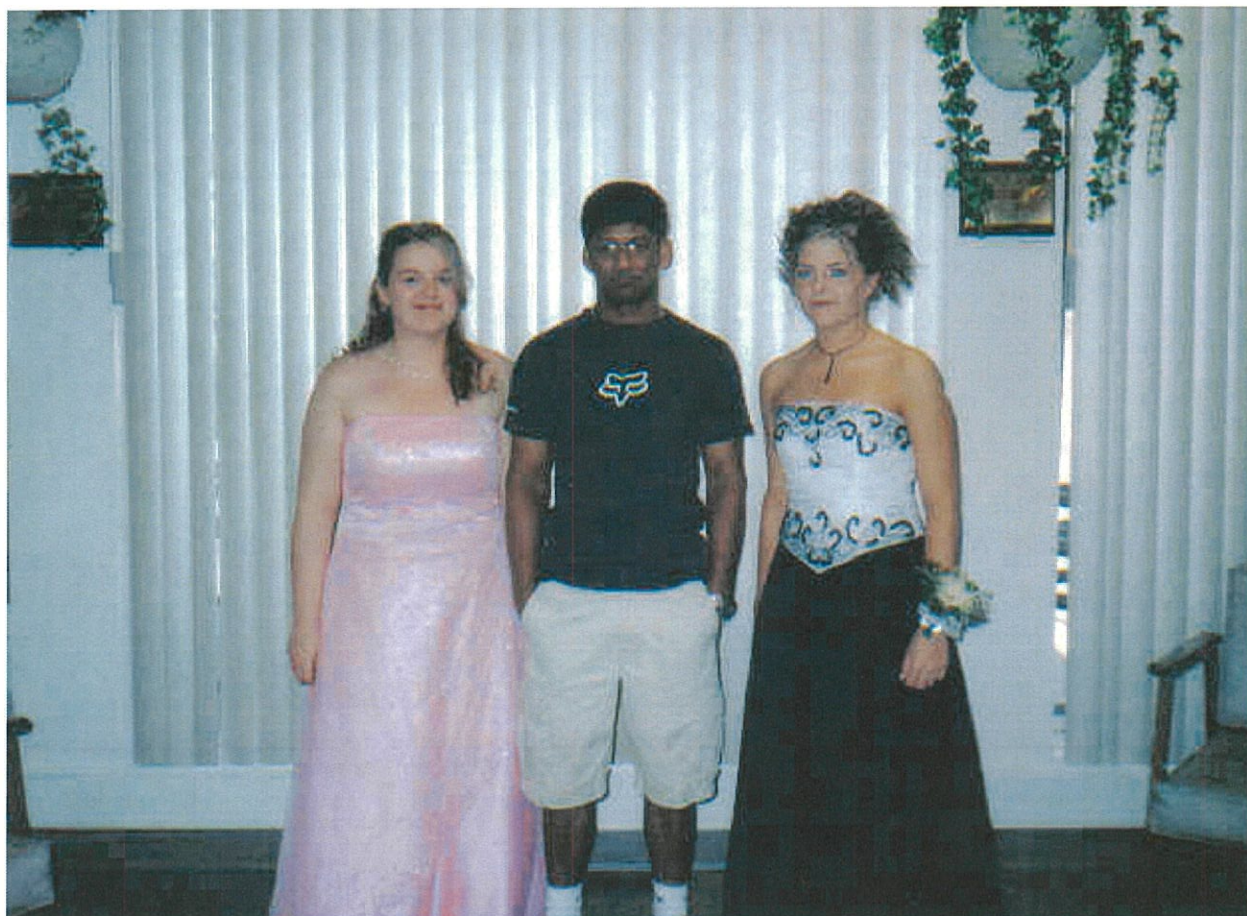
Robin & Brenda checking out "Bite Me"



Mrs Petrash & Alecia Thompson
Hapnot Collegiate – Work Placement



Kyle Harkiss- CAP YI Trainer



(Breanne Ballard, Chuck Perera & Crystal Hancock)

Breanne & Crystal's Graduation

Grad Picture Taken at The Library 2004

Kyle Harkiss (right) is offering free basic computer courses at the library. Helping out is volunteer Darren Bensen.

Residents with overdue library books recently given the chance to clear up their fines with a simple act of kindness.

On two recent occasions, the Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library allowed patrons to pay their fines with food donations for the Lord's Bounty Food Bank and the Salvation Army.

Each food item given

Jonathan Naylor
Staff Writer

Community Access Program –Youth Initiative Internship

Good day! My name is Kyle Harkiss and I am a CAP intern at the Flin Flon Public Library. I started working on October 12 and have enjoyed my job thoroughly! I am in essence, to raise awareness of computers and technology for people and my main goal is to target youth. Unfortunately that didn't receive a lot of interest despite my best efforts BUT a lucky thing happened instead. I noticed a need for basic lessons for adults. I've contrasted a six course curriculum at about an hour long apiece that works very well and has gotten a lot of positive feedback. At this juncture I was working with a smaller group of about a dozen people, holding basic lessons at about once a week. This worked out VERY well with each of the peoples involved becoming much more comfortable in using computers for everyday things. My greatest success was with a gentlemen who had never touched a computer in his life. His son had given him a brand new, up to date laptop computer and the most basic of ideas how to use it. Astute as he is, that's STILL a device he's never touched or had much experience with and he was lost. After all was said and done he's now up and running and even to the point of burning his own CD's...from the vantage point of never moved a mouse. Case in point I've assembled a curriculum of lessons that I call "Computers for the Modern Civilian" and I think I've discovered a niche market that the library and Flin Flon sorely needs.

**Not part of the computer
age?
behind?**
Feeling left

The answer is clear!
Take a computer class!!

"COMPUTERS FOR THE MODERN CIVILIAN"

MAY BE JUST THE COURSE FOR YOU!!

Even if you have never touched a computer before feel free to
come in and take a look at what this FREE course has to offer.
It's a great opportunity to get involved and see what the world
of computers can do for you! It's a free course so you have
nothing at all to lose. Sign up today by phoning or coming into
the Flin Flon Public Library.

**PHONE 687-3397 TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT TODAY
OR VISIT MY WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE!
<http://www.freewebs.com/>**

copy!



Flin Flon Public Library
Non-Resident Fees

**Effective May 1st, 2004 Flin Flon Public Library
will begin charging non-resident fees to those patrons
who live outside the boundaries of City of Flin Flon, Town of Creighton
and Village of Denare Beach.**

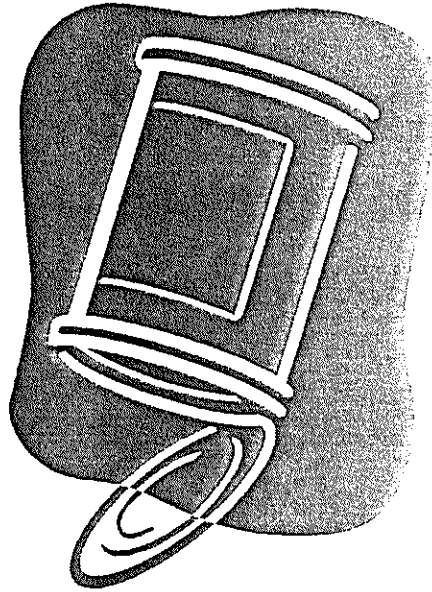
**Those are patrons who live at Big Island, Schist Lake, Barkers Narrows
and temporary residents (Summer residents, students and visitors to the area).**

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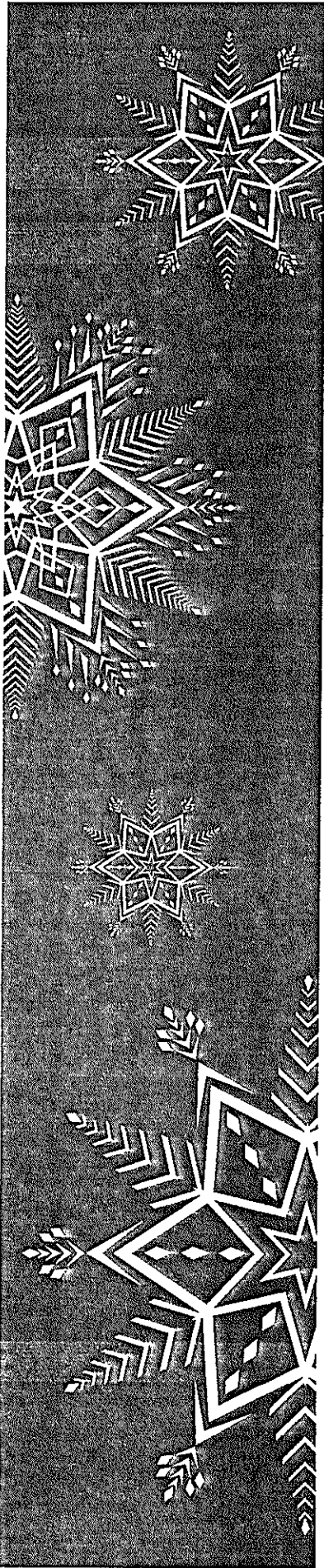
"Food for Fines"

On Friday, November 19, 2004 we will be donating to Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Hampers and on Friday December 10th, 2004 we will be donating to the Lord's Bounty Food Bank. Patrons of the Flin Flon Public Library may pay their overdue fines with donations of non-perishable food. Patrons may also pay fines in cash. All food items and fines received will be donated to two different local organizations.

For every \$2.00 in fines, we ask that you bring 1 non-perishable food item.



Mark these dates on your calendars and help out others in need!



Flin Flon Public Library

November 19th until December 24th!!

Annual Christmas Book Sale

Come on down and find a few excellent books for the Holidays season. Support your Local Library and get yourself some great NEW books! Find the perfect gift for that special someone in our great selection of fine titles!

~SPECIAL NOTICE~ Take this opportunity to pick yourself up some Official Flin Flon Souvenir Coins! They make excellent stocking stuffers!

Contact the Library for further information: 687-3397

Parade of Lights

Friday, December 3rd

at

6:00 P.M.

Main Street

~~Santa's Workshop~~

Saturday, December 4th

LOWER LEVEL OF CO-OP

12:00 Noon - 3:00 PM



Games!

Crafts!

Hot dogs!!

Coffee!

Pictures with Santa!

All sorts of Family Fun!!!

~~~~Treat bags for the first 300 kids!~~~~



## Decorating for the Parade of Lights

On December 3, 2004

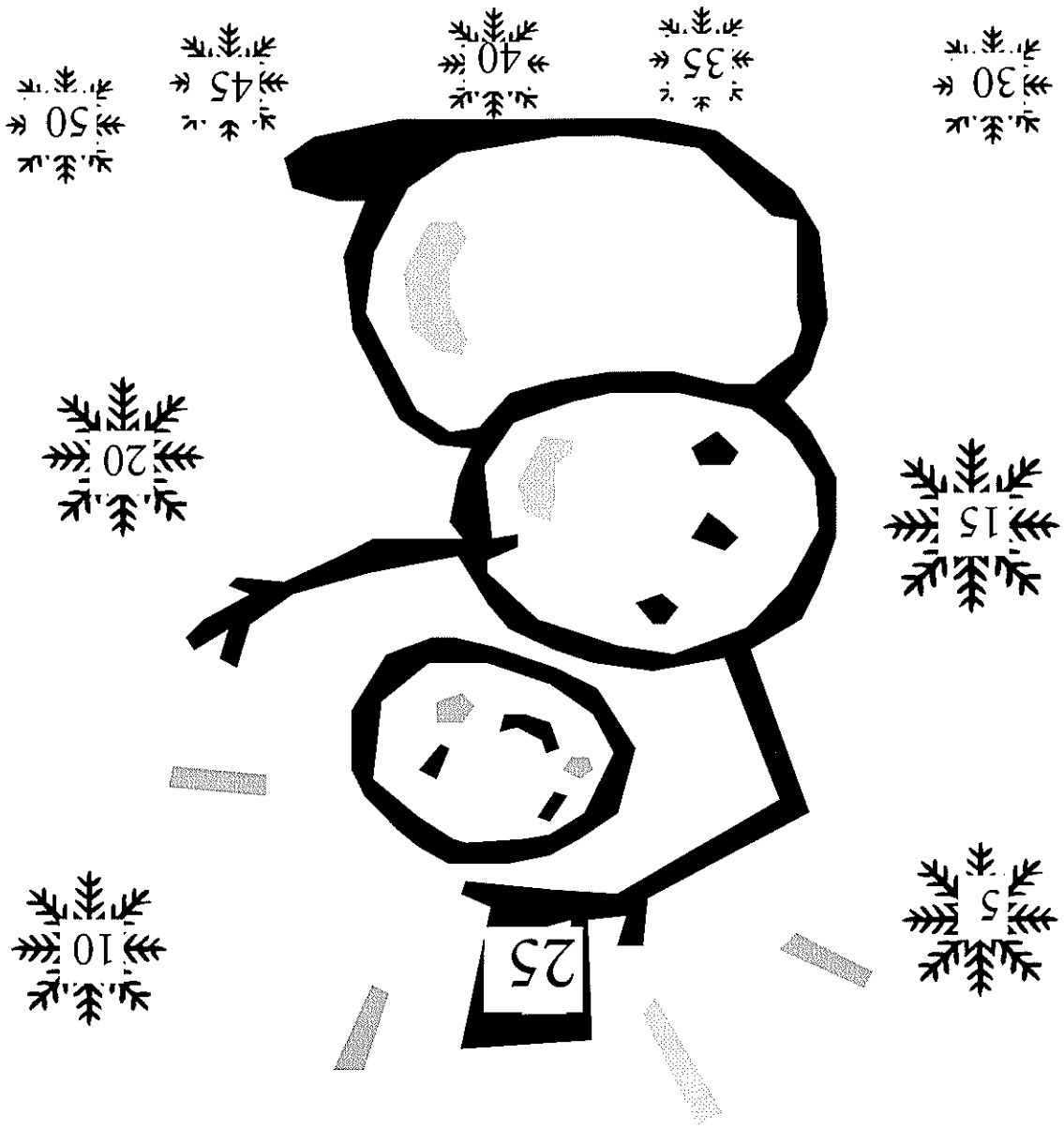
(Brrrrrr!, -40 with the wind chill, it was mighty chilly!)



## 2004 Library Christmas tree



# **Flin Flon** **Public Library** *"Read your way to the top!"* Reading Sticker Sheet **AGES 0 TO 7 YEARS**



# **Flin Flon Public Library**

## **Holiday Reading Event**

For children ages 0 – 12

“Read your way to the top!”

### **Ages 0 – 7**

Receive a sticker for every 5 books you read on your own or with your parent/guardian. Once you have read 25 books, you may pick up a gift from our Gift box!

Keep reading books and collecting stickers until December 22.

### **Ages 8 – 12**

Receive a sticker for every 2 junior books you read. Once you have read 20 books, you may pick a gift from our Gift box

Keep reading books and collecting stickers until December 22.

*\* All books must be signed out from the Flin Flon Public Library \**

*\*\*Program starts November 19<sup>th</sup> – Pick up your sticker sheet today!\*\**

