



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2005

Because the City of Flin Flon is on a restricted budget, we were unable to continue with a staff increase of 7% as in 2004. The board approved a 3% increase in wages, in line with the City of Flin Flon wage increases. The staff members, who earn the minimum wage, received the statutory increase.

Since the new flooring tiles and carpets were installed in the Library, there has been a long delay in getting contractors to repair the carpet seams and to install new ends on the bookshelves. The carpet seams have finally been repaired at a cost of \$1700.00. We have a bid of \$5000.00 to do the shelf ends but we are still waiting for the contractor to do the work.

The Library computer-training program carried out by Kyle Harkiss has been very successful. He has trained 93 "students" to date and has received glowing reports on his work. The Library would like to carry on this program into the future but at present new funding for this has not been found.

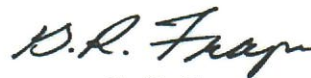
As of September 2005 the Library website is up and running. The address is [www.cityofflinflon.com/mblibrary](http://www.cityofflinflon.com/mblibrary)

We extend our congratulations to our long-standing board member, Murray Smith who received the MTLA (Manitoba Library Trustees Association) award for outstanding service.

We wish to thank the following for donations to the Library:

- The Alzheimer's Society
- The Council for Exceptional Children, Northern Chapter #106
- Eddie's Family Foods for sponsoring The Reading Challenge
- Candy Bar Baskets and Balloons
- Ernie's Wholesale
- The public for their continued donations and support.

As always, the Board is grateful to Phyllis and her staff for their capable administration of the Library.

  
G. R. Frazer  
Chairman

## **Administrator's Report**

**The year 2005 was another busy and active time at the Flin Flon Public Library.**

**In January we hired Jody Galbraith to be our story hour programmer and also the coordinator for TD Summer Reading program. The story hour program is open to children from the ages 3-5 years old, and the Summer Reading Program was opened to all ages. The program had many of activities with games, stories and crafts.**

**Annual Family Literacy Day was co-hosted at the Flin Flon Public Library once again. The participants were from City of Flin Flon, Town of Creighton, Flin Flon Junior Bombers, RCMP from Flin Flon and Town of Creighton, and Wal-Mart . The day was coordinated by Crystal Kolt and her many volunteers. They had a day of activities for children in the morning and evening. Thank you Krystal for all your hard work with this program.**

**In February we held the second annual "I Love To Read" month, with 58 libraries participating from throughout the province. We came in second again this year, we received books for our children section.**

**The library applied for funding from *Youth Employment Strategy* to hire someone to teach computer training classes. We received the funding and hired Kyle Harkiss from May 13, 2005 to April 28, 2006. The program was very successful with him training over 93 people and people requesting basic information.**

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, Poetry Month was once again held at the Flin Flon Public Library with many local residents and guests from Winnipeg reading one of their favorite poems or one that they wrote themselves. There were approximately 30 different guests reading. The evening was co-hosted by Flin Flon Writers Guild, Flin Flon Toastmasters and the Flin Flon Public Library. Books from these groups were generously donated to the library. The whole evening was a great success.**

**Flin Flon Public Library Board nominated Murray Smith for the Manitoba Library Association Trustee of Distinction Award for dedicated service to the library. Bill Stilwell from Manitoba Library Trustee Association later notified us that Murray Smith our board member, was the successful nominee for the award. I accepted the award at the conference for Murray, who had no idea that he was nominated for this award. It was a great honor and pleasure to accept this award on his behalf. Murray has been on the Flin Flon Public Library Board since 1974. Congratulations to Murray from the board and staff.**

**Manitoba Library Association Conference was held in Winnipeg from May 2-4, 2005, which held some interesting sessions in which I took part. Some of the sessions were "Book Lust with Nancy Pearl : The Perils and Pleasures of a life of Reading", "Dusting ff the CBC Archives : Exploring the Rich Online Resource of CBC", and "Libraries through the looking glass with Roy Tennant".**

The third annual "Reading Challenge" against The Pas Regional Library was held for the month of May. Flin Flon Public Library came out the winner one more time. Flin Flon has won in 2003 and 2005, with The Pas Regional Library winning in 2004. I must thank the staff and the patrons of the library for doing all the hard work of checking out books and reading, while I was away attending the conference.

Congratulation to Chuck Perera our technical supervisor, who graduated in June and will be attending University in Winnipeg. Chuck has looked after our computers for the past 3 years while he was attending high school.

Tara Redahl and Phyllis Stadnick attended the annual Public Library Service conference held in Brandon Manitoba, during October.

The library held a campaign called "Warming Little Hands". We collected mittens, hats, scarves and slippers to be donated to the Food Bank, Salvation Army, and Elks Christmas Cheer to be put in their Christmas Food Hampers. Thanks to the community we successfully collected 120 pairs of mittens etc. The idea for this project came from one our patrons, and the staff thought that this would be a great idea. This project was such a successful event that we will be doing it again.

We have been very busy throughout the year with many author readings, book launches and etc. Some of the authors we had at the library for a reading were Ingi Bjornson, Glenda Walker-Hobbs, Poetry Reading group, Maggie Siggins, Jim Moronchuk and Jim Parres.

The library received an increase in funding from the RM of Kelsey and Village of Denare Beach. The City of Flin Flon gave us capital grant to replace our carpet in the meetings on the lower level of the library. This project is on hold as we had a water leak downstairs.

I would like to thank the staff for all of their patience and hard work while I was out doing my volunteering for the library and community, and the Board Members for their continued support. I would also like to thank Kyle Harkiss for all of his hard work and patience while providing computer training for the public.

Thank you to City of Flin Flon, Town of Creighton, Village of Denare Beach, R.M. of Kelsey, Province of Manitoba, and Province of Saskatchewan Pahkisimon Nye ah Library System (La Ronge).

We are looking towards another successful year in 2006 and especially looking forward to 2007, as this will be our library's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

*Phyllis Stadnick*  
Administrator



### **Flin Flon Public Library Board Members**

Front Row: Lois "Bunny" Burke-Secretary Treasurer, Phyllis Stadnick-Administrator  
Back Row: Blaine Veitch, Murray Smith, G.R. "Bob" Frazer, Chairman,  
Bill Hanson-City of Flin Flon Representative, "Buz" Trevor-  
Vice-Chairman and Village of Denare Beach Representative  
Missing: Val Dixon-Town of Creighton Representative

**Staff Members  
2005**

**Phyllis Stadnick  
Administrator**

**Robin Galbraith  
Assistant Administrator/Catalogue Clerk**

**Rebecca Hayward  
Inter-Library Loan Clerk/Assistant Catalogue Clerk**

**Tara Redahl  
Night Supervisor/  
Assistant Inter-Library Loan Clerk/ Catalogue Clerk**

**Jody Galbraith  
Story Hour Programmer/Casual Library Clerk**

**Shauna Foley  
Story Hour Programmer/Casual Library Clerk  
(May 2003-September 2003)**

**Leigh Foley  
Student Page  
(July 2004-July 2005)**

**Ashley Davidson  
Student Page**

**Carmen Harrower  
Student Page**

**Paige Kowal  
Student Page**

**Chuck Perera  
Tech Support  
(March 2002-August 2005)**

**Josh Teneycke  
Tech Support**

**Kyle Harkiss  
Computer/Internet Trainer**

**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**

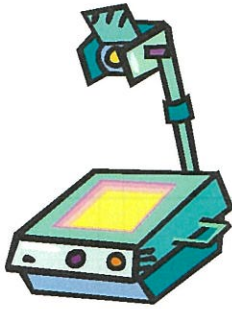
**Deschaumbault**

**Pelican Narrows**

**Snow Lake**

**Wanless**





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

**LCD projector rental**

**Copier Service**

**Fax Service**

**Laminating Service**

**Meeting Room Rental (with high speed internet hook up)**

**Equipment Rental**

**Overhead projector**

**Daisy Digital Reader**

**CAP Site**

**Story Hour Program**

**Internet Service**

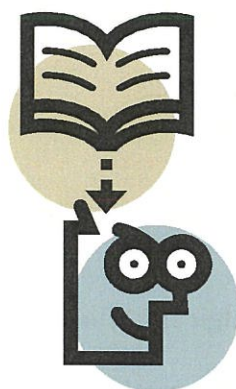
**Internet Training Service**

**Video Rental**

**Audio Book Rental**

**Inter-Library Loans**

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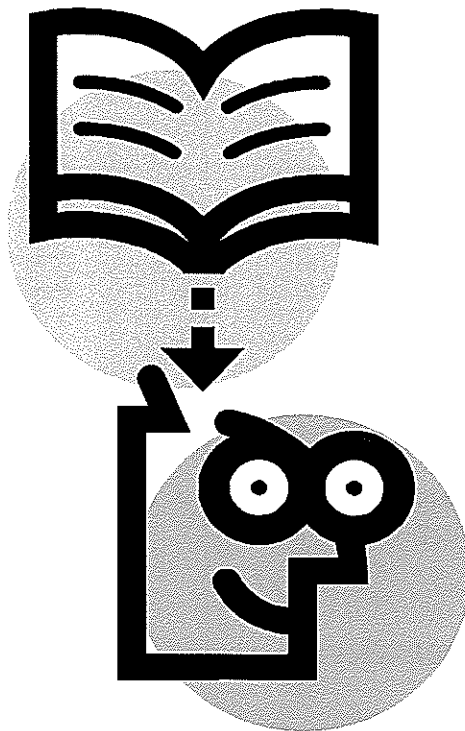


	<b>Library Circulation 2005</b>		
<b><u>Adult Books</u></b>	<b><u>2004</u></b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>	
Adult Fiction	11088	11737	
Adult Fiction-Fench	4	0	
Adult Fiction-Native	1	2	
Adult Non-Fiction	7493	8954	
Adult Non-Fiction-French	5	5	
Adult Non-Fiction-Native	93	84	
Large Print	979	1470	
Pocketbooks	4790	5257	
CMBSC Books	36	31	
Magazines	1239	1883	
ILL-Borrowed	917	770	
ILL-Lent	307	309	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>26952</b>	<b>30502</b>	
<b><u>Children's Books</u></b>			
Beginner Readers	7930	9975	
Beginner Readers-French	50	1	
Beginner Readers-Native	22	7	
Junior Fiction	2595	2720	
Junior Fiction-French	20	7	
Junior Fiction-Native	7	2	
Junior Non-Fiction	1247	1739	
Junior Non-Fiction-French	14	3	
Junior Non-Fiction-Native	76	62	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11961</b>	<b>14516</b>	
<b><u>Non-Print Materials</u></b>			
CD-Children	32	28	
CD-Adult	429	785	
CD-Junior	0	8	
Sound Print-Adult	1548	1924	
Sound Print-Children	156	446	
Talking Books-PLS	165	105	
CNIB-Daisy Digital Readers	0	29	
Toys	10	20	
Videos	1390	1420	
CMBSC-Videos	1	7	
Videos-PLS	81	292	
DVD-PLS	0	59	
Vertical Files	0	0	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3812</b>	<b>5123</b>	
<b><u>Infopod Centre</u></b>			
Research	1000	1500	
Computer Usage-Time	8177	9307	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9177</b>	<b>10807</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>51902</b>	<b>60948</b>	

## Library Holdings 2005

<b>Adult Books</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>Discarded</b>	<b>Added</b>	<b>2005</b>
Adult Fiction	5864	56	329	6137
Adult Fiction - French (1)	0	0	8	8
Adult Fiction - Donations	77	0	26	103
Adult Fiction - Native(2)	0	0	3	3
Adult Non-Fiction	9768	718	258	9308
Adult Non-Fiction - French	29	0	2	31
Adult Non-Fiction - Donations	155	0	78	233
Adult Non-Fiction - Native	0	0	0	0
Pocket Books	1402	445	251	1208
Large Print	348	0	47	395
Large Print - Donation	1	0	0	1
Reference	95	0	0	95
French	238	0	0	238
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17977</b>	<b>1219</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>17760</b>
Newspapers (3)	58	0	0	58
Magazines (4)	61	0	0	61
Newspaper/Magazine Donations	23	0	0	23
Bound Periodicals	151	0	0	151
Vertical File (Folders)	193	30	0	163
Telephone Books	6	0	0	6
Government Documents	126	0	0	126
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>588</b>
<b>Children's Books</b>				
Beginner Readers	3086	69	104	3121
Beginner Readers - Donations	102	0	58	160
Beginner Readers - Native	2		19	21
Beginner Readers - French	0	0	16	16
Junior Fiction	1987	0	42	2029
Junior Fiction - French	0	0	15	15
Junior Fiction - Donations	0	0	10	10
Junior Fiction - Native	2	0	10	12
Junior Non-Fiction	2073	96	63	2040
Junior Non-Fiction - French	39	1	0	38
Junior Non-Fiction - Donations	55	0	17	72
Junior Non-Fiction - Native	1	0	89	90
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7347</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>7624</b>
Downstairs Level	700	0	0	700
<b>Total</b>	<b>26024</b>	<b>1415</b>	<b>1445</b>	<b>26772</b>

Library Holdings 2005					
<u>Non-Print Material</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>Discarded</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>2005</u>	
Computer Disc	23	0	10	33	
Sound Print Adult	792	112	19	699	
Sound Print Children	30	3	5	32	
Sound Print - Donations	31	0	3	34	
CD-Adult	60	0	29	89	
CD-Children	4	0	13	17	
CD-Junior	2	0	7	9	
DVD	0	0	7	7	
Videos	299	42	0	257	
Video - Donations	90	0	21	111	
Toys	160	10	5	155	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1491</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1443</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28133</b>	<b>1582</b>	<b>1564</b>	<b>28115</b>	
1) French Totals has been separated into the different catagories for 2005.					
2) Native Collection has been separated into the different catagories for 2004.					
3) Newspapers are now individual subscriptions.					
4) Magazines are now individual subscriptions.					



**FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE/EXPENDITURE  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
<b>OPERATING GRANTS</b>		
City of Flin Flon - Grant	\$ 78,124	\$ 78,124
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	10,500	10,500
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	59,770	59,770
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	12,852	10,500
RM of Kelsey	5,228	4,613
Village of Denare Beach	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,352</u>
	<u>168,974</u>	<u>165,859</u>
<b>DONATIONS</b>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>4,991</u>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		
Overdue book fines	1,362	1,310
Parking stall rentals	1,155	1,156
Book sales	7,312	6,451
Interest	505	-
Material replacement	247	174
Non-resident fees	495	650
Other	<u>1,018</u>	<u>4,692</u>
	<u>12,094</u>	<u>14,433</u>
<b>PATRON SERVICES</b>		
Business		
Copying charges	2,237	2,593
Fax	2,115	2,177
Laminating	355	899
Rental	<u>5,872</u>	<u>5,782</u>
	<u>10,579</u>	<u>11,451</u>
InfoPod		
E-mail	1,299	2,216
Printer	509	577
Disc Sale	<u>52</u>	<u>44</u>
	<u>1,860</u>	<u>2,837</u>
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>		
Community Connections	650	650
Community Access Program	205	-
Youth Employment Skills	<u>7,882</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>8,737</u>	<u>650</u>
<b>REVENUE- LIBRARY OPERATIONS</b>	203,444	200,221
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES - EXPENDITURE STATEMENT</b>	<u>209,029</u>	<u>196,047</u>
<b>INCOME FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u>(5,585)</u>	<u>4,174</u>
	(5,585)	4,174
<b>TRANSFER TO (FROM) SPECIAL RESERVE</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	\$ <u>(5,585)</u>	\$ <u>4,174</u>

**FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>MATERIALS</b>		
Books	\$ 39,865	\$ 30,279
Other	11	31
Magazines	703	443
Newspaper	1,067	1,439
Videos	9	-
	<u>41,655</u>	<u>32,192</u>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Association Fees	513	468
Audit and professional fees	1,720	2,050
Bank Charges	356	294
Continuing Education	311	-
Copier Contract/Paper	2,825	3,556
Express/Delivery/Postage	1,662	1,147
Fax	-	(56)
Equipment/Furniture	1,693	8,248
GST	1,102	2,155
Insurance	1,184	1,230
Promotion & Publicity	2,362	2,217
Laminating	563	281
Library Stationary	1,701	2,929
Maintenance	8,007	12,175
Miscellaneous	883	1,343
Programming	788	510
Utilities	15,729	11,831
Wages and Benefits	113,817	101,961
Travel & Conference	1,513	503
	<u>156,729</u>	<u>152,842</u>
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>		
Communications	4,991	4,175
Licences	2,531	35
Maintenance	-	3,023
Supplies	2,893	2,807
Training	-	26
	<u>10,415</u>	<u>10,066</u>
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>		
Archives	93	648
Community Connections	-	299
Community Access Program	112	-
Manitoba Employment Training	25	-
	<u>230</u>	<u>947</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 209,029</u>	<u>\$ 196,047</u>

		Internet Use 2005				
	E-mail	Email	Internet	Internet	Word	Word
					Processing	Processing
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
January	47	24	64	170	17	7
February	74	20	202	283	5	8
March	75	36	141	239	15	12
April	75	29	223	182	6	12
May	88	70	322	209	10	9
June	134	72	245	227	12	8
July	93	68	201	192	5	7
August	83	60	217	200	4	12
September	60	33	79	199	12	6
October	30	33	79	199	12	6
November	21	40	157	194	2	7
December	25	37	128	178	3	10
Totals	805	522	2198	2472	98	104



		<b>Internet Training</b>	<b>2005</b>			
<b>Community Access Program</b>						
<b>January</b>		<b>120</b>				
<b>February</b>		<b>61</b>				
<b>March</b>		<b>70</b>				
<b>April</b>						
<b>Totals</b>		<b>251</b>				
<b>YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY</b>						
<b>May</b>		<b>14</b>				
<b>June</b>		<b>28</b>				
<b>July</b>		<b>5</b>				
<b>August</b>		<b>7</b>				
<b>September</b>		<b>6</b>				
<b>October</b>		<b>9</b>				
<b>November</b>		<b>10</b>				
<b>December</b>		<b>67</b>				
<b>Totals</b>		<b>146</b>				

# Being a Computer/Internet Training Consultant

More aptly as I've come to be known to a lot of people 'the big computer guy'. Some know me by name but most just know me. I walk down the street or do my casual everyday routine of grocery shopping or whatever the day entails and I'll find myself waving at or talking to someone I've taught or someone who has a 'quick question' because they know off the bat I'm more than willing to help. Sometimes it's surreal, thinking about how my voice is on the radio and how now and then a complete stranger will find 'Kyle Harkiss' because they heard about me from someone else down the line. Lately I'm the local computer guy.

Having been at the Flin Flon Public library for the better-part of a year and a half and doing a good variety of things, the most successful was always the basic lessons. This started with CAP or Community Access Program which had started the ball rolling. Through a grant I began working here at the library and once that had filled out it's time I was fortunate enough to be offered more time to work here and help others. That was through what I have come to call simply Y.E.S. or Youth Employment Strategy.

Put bluntly this has been a Godsend. Not the richest guy in the world nor having the best resources I started out just like anyone. I didn't know a lot and I didn't have much direction. I was looking for schools and I would be standing in this exact spot here as I type this....having taken some random computer course that would have done nothing for me except cost and waste two years of my time. I didn't know then. I didn't know the difference between hardware and software when I started. Never having had a computer I hadn't done much but research on them. Papers and information.

NOW I can troubleshoot. I can look at a computer and honestly say why it is or isn't a good functioning machine and give reasons. I can answer and talk about technology informatively because I've been given a chance. I've worked with laptops and seen ALL sorts of crazy problems and bugs, I've fixed things I couldn't even comprehend when I started this program and it's all because I've been fortunate enough to have been given the opportunity. Every chance I get I try something new. I experiment. Learn. I've learned with the clients I have and I've learned FROM the clients I have and each and every one has become a face I can consider a friend.

Every day I come to work and I check my email. I'll have one or two asking this or that or even just a friendly forward from a familiar name. Telling me how they've done their own email attachments or how something interesting online has caught their attention. Always questions and that's what makes it worthwhile. Like me each one tries and learns. Fair enough a few fall flat on their faces but so did I. We learn. They KEEP learning and KEEP trying. Each time I see someone hold the mouse wrong I picture in my head several people who did that very thing...and who are now burning CD's or even

simply emailing family. Something they could never have done if they hadn't been given the chance.

Has being here benefited me? I would say in the most blatant and utmost way yes. It absolutely has. I'm not the most social guy and I'm not exactly forward but each day I work directly with the public. Not from the safety of being behind a register but in hour intervals with anyone and everyone who is willing to walk in that front door. There have been a fair share of ignorant people, rude people.....up to and including drunken people but the mass of them have been decent everyday folks. Before I couldn't even express myself casually without being nervous but now I can address a complete stranger with a confidence that cannot be taught....simply learned. A skill in which I will be the first to say I sorely needed. I'm still not the MOST talkative person out there but leaps and bounds over what I was.

I think this program has helped me more then I even know. Adapting and changing I've had to keep up and fresh with what's going on. What anti-virus program works and why, which browser does what, Dell machines, laptops, printers and ram. More then any of that I have direction now. I know where I want to be and where I want to go in life. I'm really going to miss being here. My co-workers. After so long it's hard to imagine each day without any of them. I guess in some ways that's another lesson they can't teach in school.

On paper I've created a unique and original lesson plan for basic and intermediate computer use and a slew of miscellaneous activities and hand outs too numerous to mention. Every ad and card and paper I hand out or present had to be created and most of the time from scratch. I've worked on seminars that didn't do well or garner much interest....that's fine too. If everything worked then I wouldn't learn a thing. Retooling and adjusting and even revamping EVERYTHING I teach to suit seniors. Thinking and making critical decisions and working with feedback. More research then I know and even simply watching Tech TV on satellite to see what's new and interesting. More then anything this job has made me a nerd, and honestly I'm glad.

What can I say to sum it all up? I've had the most rewarding experience of my life here and I've taught over two hundred individual people from the community in my time. I've made more iron on T- shirts then I can honestly keep track of and affected more lives then I even know. I have pride in what I do and who I am even though I'm not the best. I don't have to be to do something important and really make a difference. From here I'll keep learning, I may even aim towards someday teaching....a career option I never would have thought myself capable of. All because I was 'the big computer guy'.

		<b>Computer Usage</b>				
			<b>2005</b>			
<b>January</b>			<b>1008</b>			
<b>February</b>			<b>631</b>			
<b>March</b>			<b>846</b>			
<b>April</b>			<b>428</b>			
<b>May</b>			<b>677</b>			
<b>June</b>			<b>867</b>			
<b>July</b>			<b>641</b>			
<b>August</b>			<b>939</b>			
<b>September</b>			<b>784</b>			
<b>October</b>			<b>661</b>			
<b>November</b>			<b>919</b>			
<b>December</b>			<b>906</b>			
<b>Totals</b>			<b>9307</b>			

## Library Patron Gate 2005

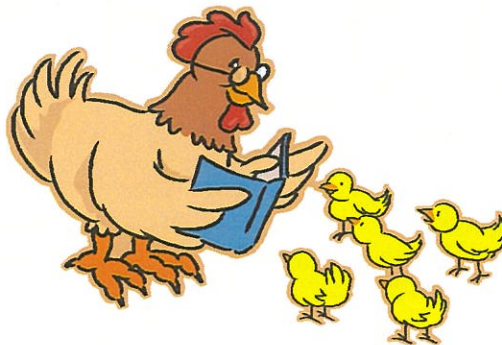
		2004		2005	
<b>January</b>		2700		2877	
<b>February</b>		2715		3424	
<b>March</b>		3140		3012	
<b>April</b>		2890		2889	
<b>May</b>		3470		3241	
<b>June</b>		2755		2535	
<b>July</b>		3000		2689	
<b>August</b>		3075		2710	
<b>September</b>		3230		2673	
<b>October</b>		3124		3143	
<b>November</b>		2746		3499	
<b>December</b>		2452		3119	
<b>Totals</b>		35297		35799	



		New Memberships 2005			
		2004	ADDED	DELETED	2005
<b>Manitoba Residents</b>					
Flin Flon		3296	216	134	3378
Cranberry Portage		143	16	0	159
<b>Manitoba Non-Residents</b>					
Baker's Narrows		78	1	0	79
Big Island		37	1	0	38
Schist Lake		56	0	1	55
Sherridon		11	0	0	11
Snow Lake		6	1	0	7
Wanless		2	0	0	2
Manitoba Non-Resident		24	2	1	25
Inter-Library Loan		98	0	0	98
Temporary		13	0	1	12
<b>Sub Totals</b>		<b>3764</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>3864</b>
<b>Saskatchewan Residents</b>					
Creighton		725	71	21	775
Denare Beach		317	22	7	332
<b>Saskatchewan Non-Resident</b>					
Tyrell Lake		3	0	0	3
Sandy Bay		11	0	1	10
Pelican Narrows		22	3	3	22
Saskatchewan Non-Resident		19	0	2	17
Deschambault		20	3	0	23
Other Non-Resident		39	1	0	40
<b>Subtotals</b>		<b>1156</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1222</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>4920</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>5086</b>
<b>*We are continuing to work on updating our memberships list.</b>					



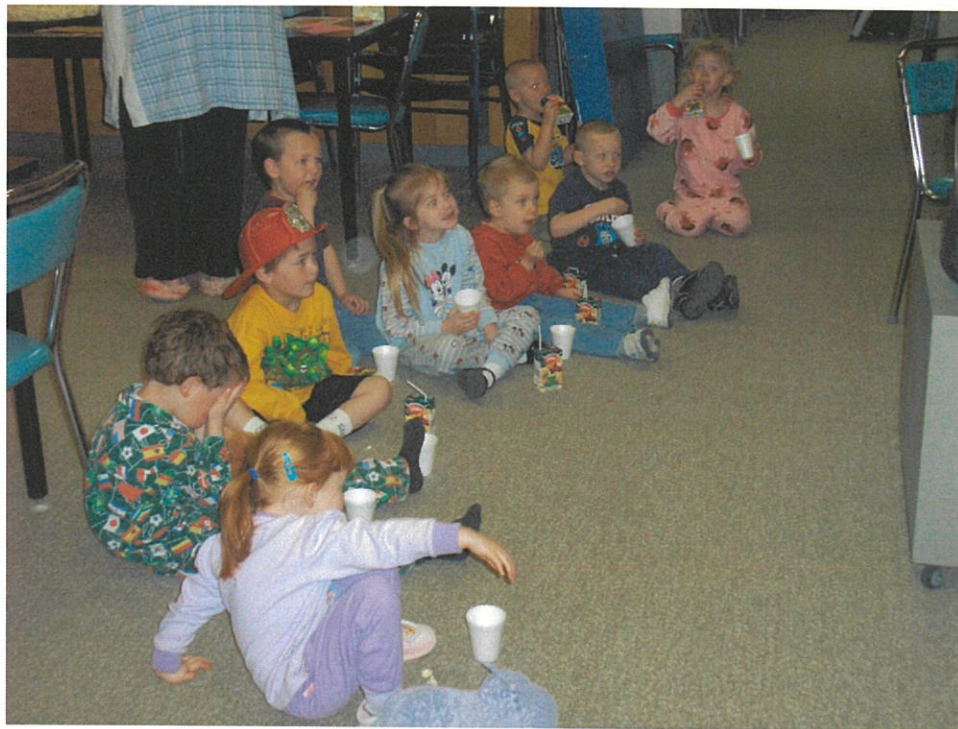
Reading Challenge Against The Pas Regional Library							
			2004		2005		
Adult Fiction			1042		1705		
Adult Fiction-French			1		0		
Adult Fiction-Native			1		0		
Adult Non-Fiction			1596		1790		
Adult Non-Fiction-French			0		0		
Adult Non-Fiction-Native			13		22		
Beginner Reader			1420		1926		
Beginner Reader-French			0		19		
Beginnner Native			0		2		
CMBSC			16		0		
Compact Disc-Adult			42		126		
Compact Disc-Children			2		0		
Junior Fiction			430		501		
Junior Fiction - French			2		0		
Junior Fiction - Native			0		0		
Junior Non-Fiction			241		240		
Junior Non-Fiction-French			4		2		
Junior Non-Fiction-Native			8		14		
Large Print			139		250		
Magazine			430		876		
New Adult Fiction			191		100		
PocketBooks			633		1066		
PLS-Large Print			0		0		
PLS-Talking Books			29		14		
PLS-Video			0		46		
Reference			0		0		
Sound Print-Adult			172		250		
Sound Print-Children			22		120		
Videos			156		186		
Inter-Library Loan			75		112		
Totals			6683		9388		



## STORYHOUR

The Story hour program for 2005 has been a lot of fun. It is held every Monday afternoon for one hour the ages of the children are 3-5. We have 10 children registered for each session. Each session runs for 3 months at a time. When the children arrive there is coloring pages for them to color. I usually allow them about 15 minutes to color before we read our stories. The children's favorite stories are usually the pop-up and lift-the-flap books. We do our craft in the last half hour of the class. They are always very excited and energetic to see what the craft for the day is. I know the children really enjoy the time they get to spend at the library because they usually don't want to go when there mom's come to get them. Story hour has been a great success for 2005.

Jody Galbraith  
Story hour coordinator



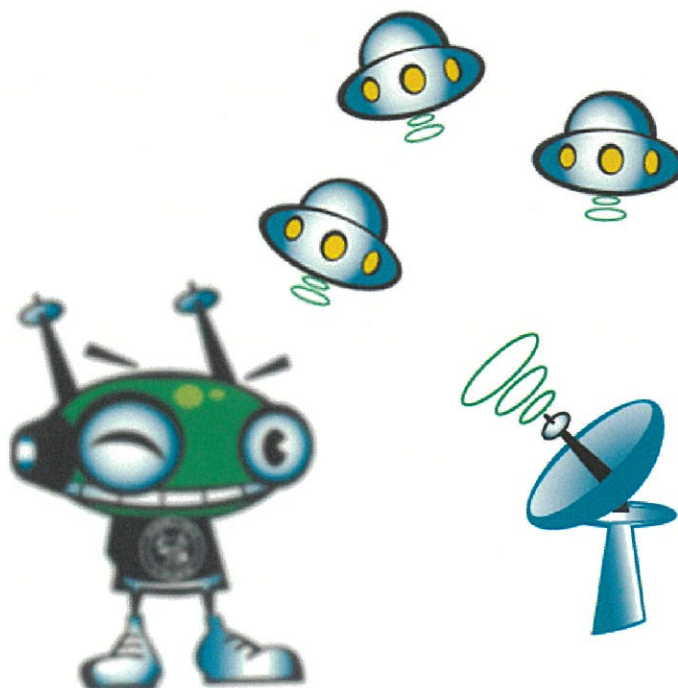


## TD Summer Reading Program

The TD Summer Reading Program "Blast Off to Reading" was a space themed program. The program ran from July 11, 2005 to the end of August, 2005. We had 12 children ages 3-5 and 12 children ages 6-12 enrolled. Each class was once a week for one hour. We would usually start the class by coloring and then we would read as many as 5 books about space and the universe before moving on to a craft. The kids seemed to enjoy having this time to come to the library and it also encouraged them to take out books during the summer. Through out the summer class we read 147 books. As many as 625 books were signing out by the kids over the summer too. The child who read the most books won a gift of a few space themed toys at the end of the program.

Jody Galbraith

Summer reading program coordinator

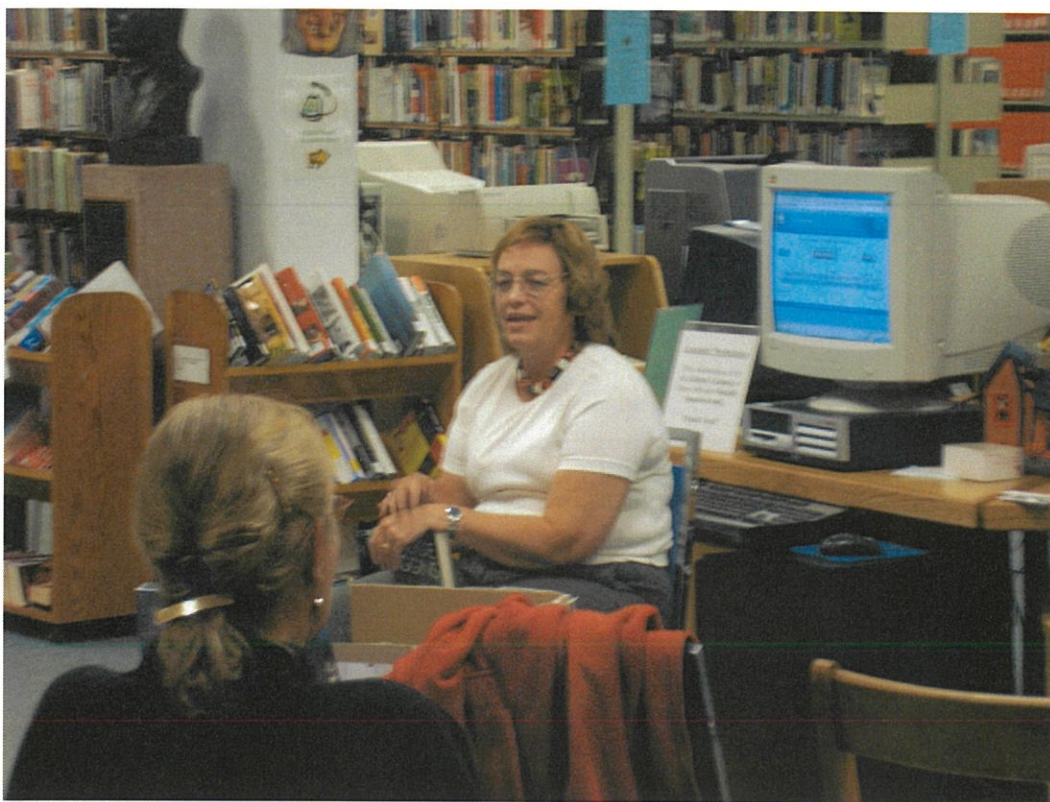




Top : Bob Frazer presenting Murray Smith  
his award of Trustee of Distinction

Bottom : Phyllis Stadnick and Murray Smith  
with his award





"Bitter Embrace"  
Author Maggie Siggins doing reading at Library



"Nor-Acme Gold Mine Story"  
By James R.B. Parres & Marc Jackson





Phyllis Stadnick, Leonard Head and Tara Redahl  
Presenting Leonard with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Terry Fox Book  
Which he won in a draw



Rebecca reading to students from Creighton School





Donation of Mitts to the Salvation Army, Food Bank & Elks

# NEWS

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## Battle of the Books at library

Jonathon Naylor  
Staff Writer

The friendly confines of the Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library have been transformed into a battleground.

Okay, that's a little dramatic, but bear with us.

The library is one of 58 book-lending institutions across the province competing in the "Battle of the Books" to see which region can most significantly boost its circulation.

Flin Flon-Creighton is part of the northern/western team that also includes The Pas, Thompson, Snow Lake and others. We're up against the central/parkland and interlake/eastman regions.

From Jan. 27 to Feb. 28, the libraries in each

region will keep track of how large of an increase is seen in the number of books signed out. The libraries in the winning region will receive new books for their patrons to enjoy.

Local library administrator Phyllis Stadnick encourages people to stop by and take out as many books as they like to help this region be victorious in the friendly competition.

In conjunction with the Battle of the Books, the local library is holding a trivia contest with prizes available.

There is a children's and adult's category, with trivia questions such as "What book is the character of Josiah Flintabbatey Flonatin in?" and "Who wrote the series 'Left Behind'?"



PHOTO BY TIM BABCOCK

Staff member Rebecca Hayward puts away a book at the library. Residents are encouraged to sign out books this month during the Battle of the Books.

Come May, the library will again hold a Battle of the Books competition with the library in The Pas. This will be the third year of

the friendly northern rivalry, with the series so far tied at 1-1.

Just a reminder that residents are welcome to stop by the library

this evening at 7 p.m. to hear local author Ingi Bjornson read some of his work. There will be no charge.



### The Pas/Flin Flon Reading Challenge

THIS IS IT, THE TIE  
BREAKER YEAR!

During the month of May,  
we are challenging our  
communities to see who  
reads the most!

IN 2003, FLIN FLON WON  
THE CONTEST

IN 2004, THE PAS WON  
THE CONTEST

IN 2005 –  
IT'S UP TO YOU!

*Visit your  
Public  
Library often!*





Poetry Reading Month



Family Literacy Day





Alecia Thompson



Kyle Harkiss

# Readers help keep the less fortunate warm



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

**Top: Captain John Kirschman of the Salvation Army, Phyliss Stadnick (holding the sleigh of items) and Joanna LeDoux of the Lord's Bounty Food Bank. Bottom: Stadnick and Ernie Poirier of the Elks.**

**Jonathon Naylor**  
Staff Writer

**T**he Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library has opened the book on new chapter of community service.

Throughout late November and early December, the library set up a small wicker sleigh for patrons to

fill with mitts, scarves, slippers and hats for the less fortunate.

"I was very pleased with it, and actually we were thinking about doing it again next year," said administrator Phyliss Stadnick, noting that about 120 items were donated.

Stadnick presented the donations to the Salvation Army, Elks and Lord's Bounty Food Bank, which ensured they got to residents in need.

The administrator noted that the idea came from a patron who had been to another library that ran a similar program.

