

Library Service
From "Flin Flon" written by Flin Flon Historical Society 1974

In 1929 the Flin Flon Community Club set aside space to be used as a library and reading room in the newly completed community club building. Donations of books and magazines were invited – the first listed was made by "Ma" Bell who supplied Flin Flon's readers with the ten-volume Harmsworth Self Educator. The library branch of the Community Club charged a fee of fifty cents per club member for library privileges – non-members were asked to pay a two dollar fee. One of the first librarians mentioned in the club's records was Miss Doris Griffith who presided during afternoon and evening hours for borrowers in 1937.

Children's library facilities in Flin Flon's three schools left much to be desired when, in 1936, the Women's Institute undertook the task of supplying the schools with books, a service they provided and maintained for several years. Stocks of reading material available to the public came from two other sources in the thirties. One lending library of over six hundred books was located at Jack Marantz's Club New Agency in the Rex Theatre building in 1935; the other, a small library of books supplied by W.S. Dougall's private library chain from Winnipeg was operated by Jean Young in the MacKenzie-Wright Limited store at 87 Main Street. An exchange of books was made when the librarian considered that everyone interested had read the volumes on hand. A fee was charged for each book borrowed through this service conducted from 1938-1940.

Meanwhile, the Community Club library continued to enlarge its supply of books and periodicals to provide as complete a reading service as possible. Miss Ethel Dobson was librarian in 1939. The expanding community club activities necessitated moving the library service to various parts of the building before it was moved to a location at 120 Main Street, vacated by radio station CFAR. It remained there temporarily before locating at the sewing room of the Jubilee Hall in November, 1943. The system was changed to a borrowing fee of 10 cents per book at the period when Mrs. George (Kay) Martindale was appointed librarian. Mrs. Martindale faithfully tended the library until 1957 when the lack of available funds and an outdated stock of books forced the closing of the service. Flin Flon Public Library was established in 1958; over five hundred of the old volumes were donated by the Community Club to help fill out the book stock.

The history of Flin Flon Public Library is emphasized by a strong commitment on the part of several citizens whose volunteer work involved dedicated effort toward providing the town with an adequate and up-to-date library. At the time of initial planning for a library, the dream of having a new building constructed was unrealistic due to various reasons including that of financing. A review of events leading up to the establishment of a public library in Flin Flon brings to light the role played by the organization was credited with being the guiding force behind suggestions, through the period trial summer libraries (when books from the University of Manitoba Extension Library were circulated from various depots manned by volunteer workers from the Home School Associations), to the drawing up and circulating to a petition calling for establishment of a public library. Three ladies, Mrs. R.G. Hopkinson, Mrs. A.R. Fraser, and Mrs. R.A. McLachlan, had

worked actively with the Home and School Associations' campaign for a library and served on the first library board along with Orson F. Wright, Q.C., as chairman; John B. Kines, then principal of Hapnot School; and Gunnar Folkstone, a member of Flin Flon Town Council. Mrs. Fraser had resigned from the board to become assistant librarian in May of 1958, at which time Mrs. McLachlan took a place on the board.

These people were present among many others who attended the official opening of Flin Flon Public Library at the Community Club building where a large room, measuring twenty-seven by fifty-five feet, fitted with adequate lighting and shelves for four thousand books would be enjoyed for almost 10 years. Mrs. G.V. Watson, librarian, paid tribute to Miss Marjorie Morley, the provincial librarian, whose assistance was considered to be invaluable. Miss Morley official opened the library for public inspection on May 7, 1958.

To begin serving the public, Flon Flon's library subscribed to some twenty-five magazines and periodicals, accepted gifts from individuals, groups and companies, such as the collection of seventy books and a number of pamphlets written in the Ukrainian language and donated by the Ukrainian Self Reliance League. Over the years, individuals have presented books from private collections to place on Flin Flon Public Library shelves for the enjoyment of borrowers.

In April of 1959, Mrs. R.H. (Edna) Hopkinson became librarian upon the departure from Flin Flon of Mrs. G.V. Watson. The membership stood at 3,665 while the circulation was 50,178. Services continually expanded with displays of art work, children's story hour and a summer reading club. By 1964, the library membership was over forty-five hundred, and services included the supply of books to Cranberry Portage, Denare Beach and the Town of Creighton which began paying a fee based on the number of members from Creighton. The Flin Flon Film Council was conducted through facilities and staff at the library by this time, and librarian Edna Hopkinson, her assistant Marianne Krahn, and later Florence Barnes, were providing Flin Flon with a personable service that continued to expand as the library staff assisted with various cultural aspects of community life.

So encouraging was the growth of Flin Flon Public Library that when a project for Canada's centennial year was considered, the construction of a brand new building was undertaken on the lot known as 58 Main Street. Vacant for a number of years, the lot was backfilled, covered with gravel and used as a town parking lot for a time, until the location became an obvious choice for the new Centennial Building. The services provided therein are readily accessible to the public.

Flin Flon Centennial Building was officially opened on Sunday July 2, 1967, with unique ceremonies in which pioneer citizens and youths participated. The Centennial Building was planned to provide a modern library on the main floor, while a lower level contained random use space. A large tiled area with a separate entrance was to have been used as public restrooms until it was determined that costs of maintenance would be too high for the city to absorb. The room was subsequently used by the Flin Flon Pottery Club who installed a potter's wheel and a large electric kiln. A meeting room was completed by the

Rotary Club, and in 1972 the Flin Flon Historical Society established Flin Flon Archives. The Centennial Building, consequently services the cultural, social, and educational aspects of Flin Flon as was the intention when centennial projects were planned and financed.

Membership in Flin Flon Public Library had dropped by over one thousand during the construction period of the new building, but soon soared to 8,694 in 1969. Mrs. Fred (Florence) Barnes was appointed librarian in 1969, though her assistant, Marianne Krahn, became acting librarian at the time of Mrs. Barnes death in 1971. Mrs. Krahn served in this capacity until a trained librarian Mrs. Dave (Margaret) Hanna was hired in 1972.

A peak of enthusiasm in borrowing, according to the annual reports filed in the library, was attained in 1961 just before the advent of television service to Flin Flon. Average daily distribution was 309 when the circulation desk was often piled high with as many as 850 books passing in and out. Book repair was a never-ending task, and, for a time, a volunteer service known as "friends of the library" took books and magazines to the Association Hospital, to Rotary Court for senior citizens, and assisted with children's activities at the library.

Financing of Flin Flon Public Library has been conducted in the following way since the inception of the service. In 1958, a municipal levy of \$7,063.85 from the year 1957 was combined with the 1958 levy in the amount of \$7,153.83 for a total of \$14,217.68. In addition, the provincial government allowed a grant in the amount of \$2,000 for the year 1958. This grant has been paid annually since 1958 and supplements the city's levy amounting to \$10,959.91. In 1971 plus a special grant of \$4,540.09, a Province of Saskatchewan grant amounting to \$1,057.15, a Town of Creighton grant of \$999, and a further Manitoba special grant of \$3,629. From its First Annual Report when revenue totaled \$16,217.68 to its present operation with the revenue of \$25,072.60, the Flin Flon Public Library stands with fixed assets of \$63,245.42 including books, films and records, furniture and equipment. The Library Board for the years 1973-74 included chairman, city representative Gunner Folkestone, secretary Mrs. W. Urich, Town of Creighton representative J. Sattleberger, Mrs. C.V. Gilmore, Mrs. W. Duncan, Mrs. D. Hanna and Murray Smith.

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Student Page

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Story Hour Co-ordinator

Kyle Harkiss
Computer/Internet Consultant

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2007



The staff wages have been increased incrementally as in previous years. Because of financial restrictions, we have been unable to accelerate their rates of increase.

The year 2007 was a very eventful one for the Flin Flon Public Library.

- This year is the Library's fortieth anniversary.
- There were again on-going repairs to the building. Leakage on the north wall necessitated repairs to that wall and the installation of new flooring in the Rotary Room. The opportunity was taken to also install new flooring in the Kinsmen Room and the basement bathrooms.
On the main floor, repairs required on the new carpeting and new ends on the bookshelves completed work started in 2006.

The Library computer-training program carried out by Kyle Harkiss continued to be very successful. Kyle has now left the library and this program has been discontinued.

I would like to express the thanks of the board to the following:

- The Province of Manitoba.
Their funding in 2007 totaled \$59,769.50. They also instituted an infrastructure donation of \$15,400 to every library in Manitoba to upgrade their computer systems.
- The City of Flin Flon. Their funding of the Library totaled \$78,124.00. They also paid for the repairs to the library building.
- The Regional Municipality of Kelsey (Cranberry Portage).
They contributed \$5,227.50 to the library funding.
- The Town of Creighton. They contribute \$10,500.00.
- The Village of Denare Beach. They provide the Library an annual funding of \$2500.00.
- The Province of Saskatchewan. Their annual funding totals \$13,000.00

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 2007

The Flin Flon Public Library once again co- hosted the **Family Literacy Day** on January 27th, 2007 with many local dignitaries coming into to read to the public in the morning session as well as one in the evening. This program was organized the new co-coordinator Lori Suss and her group of volunteers.

"I Love to Read Month" in February was another successful event with sponsorship for **Calm Air** for an adult draw with a return flight for two to Winnipeg. To promote the importance of reading we also received donations of new or gently used books which was donated to Flin Flon General Hospital Pediatrics Floor



Patron and Dad donating Children's Book



Phyllis Stadnick administrator and Lynn Hodgson winner of the draw to Winnipeg for 2 courtesy of Calm Air



Calm Air

The 5th Annual National Poetry Month reading was co-hosted by the Flin Flon Public Library, Flin Flon Toastmasters and the Flin Flon Writer's Guild. The general public and guests from Winnipeg came and recited their favorite poems. Chairman Bob Frazer was the master of ceremony recited Sam McGee by memory.



Loretta Stewart, Glenda Walker-Hobb, Harry Hobb (Flin Flon Writers Guild Members), Robin Galbraith (Assistant Administrator)

During the Poetry Reading the library received a donation of books from the Flin Flon Writer's Guild and guests from Winnipeg to be added to our collection.

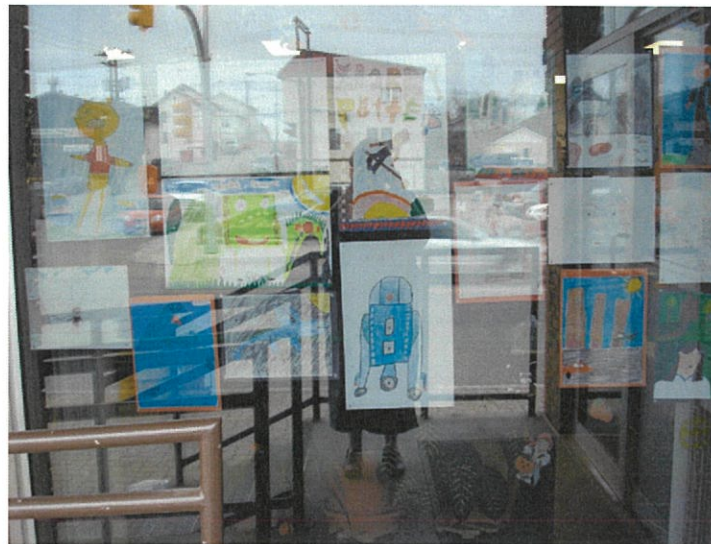
Throughout the year library hosted local and visiting author readings. Lighthouse Publishers on their 5th anniversary held celebration at the library with authors who had their books published by Lighthouse. Author Dan Trembath did readings during the day at Creighton School Division and Flin Flon Public Library in the evening.

"Battle of the Books" against The Pas Regional Library was not held this year due to main street construction going on but we are looking forward to 2008 as this will be a tie breaking year.

Flin Flon Public Library celebrated its 40th Anniversary on Saturday October 20th, 2007. The library was a Centennial project and official opening was on July 2nd, 1967. Some of the events held during the week were count Flinty, who had the oldest paper membership, and Amnesty week. Greetings and well wishes were brought on behalf of Flin Flon Public Library Board, the City of Flin Flon, Town of Creighton, Village of Denare Beach and Pakkison-Nuye?Ah Library System. Those in attendance to the celebrations all received a Flin Flon Public Library cloth book bag.

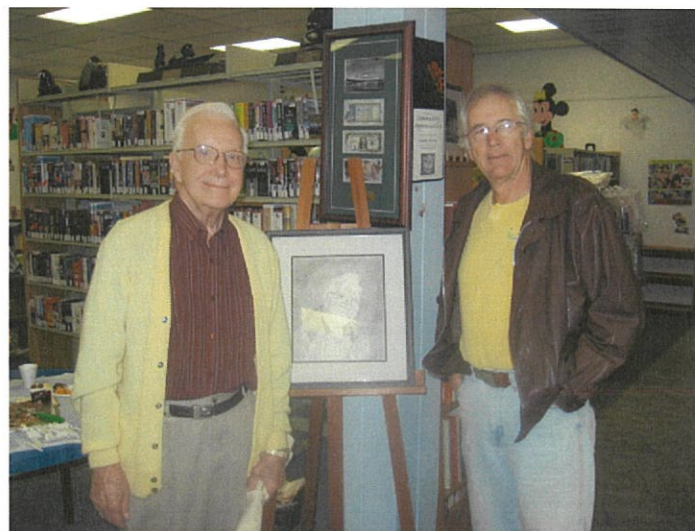
Some of the services that the library offers to the general public are Internet Service, Large Print and audio books, eLibraries (audio book & ebook downloads), Inter-Library Loans and story time.

Students from various schools entered drawings of characters from their favorite books and they were posted at the Flin Flon Public Library and winners received prizes of book bags and books.



Drawings by School Children

Murray Smith was honored for 33 years of service. The library board chose to rename the children's area to The Murray Smith children's nook. Gerry Clark local artist did a pencil sketch of Murray which is hanging in the children's nook.



Murray Smith and Gerry Clark

Administrator Phyllis Stadnick was recognized for 30 years of service and presented with a necklace.

Kyle Harkiss was hired under the Manitoba-E Association Inc Grant for continued computer training. Kyle was kept busy with many clients coming in for basic computer, downloading and other aspects of training.



Patron taking computer lessons

November, Rebecca Hayward and Administrator Phyllis Stadnick attended the annual fall conference held in Brandon.

November was bring your "Take your Kid to Work" for a half day . Robin's daughter Bryer Galbraith came into work at the library.



Bryer Galbraith hard at work

Flin Flon Public Library held the annual Christmas Book Sale with the books from McNally Robinson Bookstore and Readers World which we do as a fund raiser for the library.

The 3rd annual Warm Up Little Hands and Food for Fines was held in December with 120 pairs of mittens were donated and divided amongst Elks Christmas Cheer, Salvation Army and the Lord's Bounty Food Bank.



Phyllis Stadnick presenting donations of "Food for Fines and knitted mittens to Dennis Hydamaka of Lord's Bounty Food Bank

To Robin, Rebecca, Tara, Carmen, Paige, Kira and Kyle thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the Flin Flon Public Library. To the Board of Directors thank you for your support of the library and staff.

Thank you to all who have supported and made donations to the library throughout the year.

Phyllis Stadnick
Administrator

Looking Back Through The Years

1984

The Annual Budget this year was \$134,100. Expenditures were \$115,851.

The Archives was officially designated as the Flin Flon Community Archives and located in the downstairs level of the Library utilizing ½ of the current Archival Room (the other half was used for the Pottery Club). During that Project 3 students were employed through the Summer Canada Grants program to catalogue the archival material. Workshops were conducted on Archival preservation.

A Government Depository was located in the kinsmen Room .

During that year the first Library Brochure of Community Services was compiled and distributed to new community members and the Welcome Wagon.

With a cost sharing agreement (The Manitoba Community Chec Energy grant program) the old gas furnace was replaced with two new energy efficient gas furnaces. The office windows were replaced with triple pane. Weather stripping was added around the doors.

With new administration new office procedures were implemented, new job descriptions were developed and a new accounting system was designed by Bunny Burke and implemented.

The official dedication of "The Dorothy Bridges Reading Room" was in celebration of Dorothy Bridges' contribution to the Library.

1985

New carpets were installed on the Main Library and new drapes were purchased for the front windows on the Main Floor.

There was a re-organization of the collection especially in the Reference section.

The staff was included in a small benefit package through the Chamber of Commerce.

1986

The Library conducted workshops in Archival preservation.

The Library became involved in community organizations and functions including Greenstone and the Chamber of Commerce.

Author readings were held.

The Library identified future partnerships that could be developed.

1987

The Library was able to increase its resources by a donated TV by the Lions Club, a newly illustrated Health Encyclopaedia set, new children's games and toys, a reader/printer for the Archives.

The 20th anniversary at this location was celebrated and the outside trim was painted giving the library a fresh look.

1988

This year was the year we saw many authors visits including Clara McKay, John Bianchi, Jean Little, Jake MacDonald and Linda Brooks. Children's Book Launch was celebrated that year by including the community in a memorable northern event.

We became more visible in the community by having a local radio weekly report developed by Del Baird and Book Report in the Reminder.

This year saw the beginning of the renovations plan for the building.

New equipment included a laminator, copier and "typewriter" was added to resources.

1989

1988 and 1989 were two years that the City and the Library Board worked closely together to carry out the major renovation project (about \$175,000).

The renovation project included the installation of ramp to make the Library accessible to all patrons.

The installation of a complete roof-top electric heating cooling unit complete with duct work insulation and sound controls, temperature controls and diffusers to provided ventilation heating and cooling to the Main Library.

An opening was constructed installation of the inside Book return.

The Archives were expanded – this changed included taking over the area which the Pottery Club used (included an removal of a wall) installed the control conditions heating and humidity of the Archives.

A complete air exchange system as well as suspended ceilings in the Rotary, Kinsmen and Archives Rooms was installed.

Fireproof doors & frames, were installed as well as painting of the Main Floor.

Carpeting was installed throughout the downstairs level.

IUN (Inter-University North through Brandon University Library) established a computer presence by connecting the Libraries through a computer with a modem to the IUN library central computer terminal for university students.

Maureen Woods the Co-ordinator from Regina was based out of La Ronge. She developed the Northern Sask. Library System. The first Northern Saskatchewan Fall workshop was held in October – at R.J.'s . Jim Blanchard and Georgina Karklin representing Public Library Services from Winnipeg and SK. Reps were there. The two provinces working together was very productive.

A contract was signed with the National Film Board to provide videos.

Authors Ray Guy from Newfoundland, Tony German, Jake MacDonald visited our Library.

Dr. Joli conducted an educational workshop on aging.

1990

Community development was the focus of the Year

Relationships between Greenstone, The Chamber of Commerce were strengthened.

The emergence of Healthy Flin Flon contributed to the success of the Library in being part of a network promoting common community goals.

The Flin Flon Creighton Adult Learning Council was established in June 1990 with the goal to develop a program (community based) with the physical presence in the Archives of the Library.

The Sound Print Library was established Katie Anderson and Margaret Britton two local teachers conducted this project. This project required \$50,000 in fund-raising. The Kinsmen room instrumental in this project. The storage cabinets in the Kinsmen Room were designed and installed by the School Division with the funds donated by the Division.

1991

Healthy Flin Flon was a major focus with the goal to increase our partnerships and increase community capacity.

We computerized and purchased one 386 and one central server and 2-286 computers two printers a bar code reader and InMagic Library System. Novell Network System was installed. This was the beginning of our in house computerized Library Management System.

1992

The newly established Alternative High School (the beginning of Many Faces) held a class in the Kinsmen Room (the other classes were at the Friendship Centre). The staff provided research support and the Main Library was a source of information for the students.

The steering committee for the Volunteer Centre was organized

The Writers Guild were active in the Library.

Joe Robertson author and Dr. Ruby Wiebe held a public reading in the Library.

The staff continued to work hard in the automation system planning and learning about computers.

1993

InMagic Library Management software was installed and the conversion with loading the collection.

The newly formed Community Improvement and Development Committee met in the Library and the Library hosted Employment workshops in the Library to compliment the work of the CIDC (this was the first major community work addressing the downsizing of HBM&S work force).

1994

The Board Chairman Edgar Wright outlined how revolutionary the role of the Library could become in the future "While automation has been part of our life for generations and society has become used to having to deal with it a new phase has entered our vocabulary: going online. Debates about this centre on how revolutionary it is. It has been argued that the use of books will decline in favour of using on line information sources. So the place and the existence of the library in the future is questioned. I see the Library with as new tool for improving its services to the public."

The Joe Brain Foundation installed the bronze bust in a central location on the Main Floor to commemorate the contribution Joe Brain and his contribution to Flin Flon and surrounding area through the Joe Brain Foundation.

1995

The Public Library hosted the 1st Northern Library Conference in March. This conference included both Public Libraries and the School Libraries.

This year also saw the establishment of a Consumer Health Information Centre located in the Library through a grant provided by HRDC. Patrick Webber was the Information co-ordinator and this service lasted 18 months.

The Greenstone Internet and Technology committee was established to look at needs of the community in relation to common community challenges to adopt new technologies and use the Internet.

The Chamber Network Education committee was established with the Library being instrumental in the formation.

Lokken Training became part of a three way partnership program with HRDC as well to provide community based training from the Library

InMagic Library system was terminated and SliM installed.

1996

Healthy Flin Flon received an award for their community development work through the AMERICAN HEALTH CARE FORUM at their Annual Convention. Gretta Redahl being part of the original steering committee went to San Francisco to accept the award with other members of the steering committee.

The Library upgraded its lighting system in the Main Library and the canopy over the front door was refurbished with a new all weather finish.

Kathleen Delgatty started to develop support for the Library by looking at a way to develop new revenue streams for the Library and increase the community capacity for technology.

The Library purchased new computers for the office and front desk.

1997

The birth of the InfoPod happened this year. The InfoPod was designed to offer physical and digital place.

Funding obtained through the Industry Canada CAP program was obtained and a community access site was established in the Library. The Pod which began

with just 2 computers was located in a circular configuration in the main area of the Library.

A WAN (Wide Area Network) was established with the Flin Flon School Division being the partner to deliver the internet.

Policies and procedures were researched and developed before opening.

A scanner was purchased as well as sophisticated software packages (Office, File maker Pro, Claris Works, Photo Shop, Avid Cinema, Ready-Set-Go.

The Library was instrumental in the development of a Community Events Calendar with other partners.

The Library was used to house the Long Term Care Aid Program.

1998

The live hook-up to the School Division was activated.

The InfoPod now provided Community Internet Access in the summer of 1998.

New bar coded membership cards were introduced to the community with the logo of the Library attached.

The circulation with SLiMNs Library management software was activated.

1999

Murray Smith was honoured as he served well for 25 years on the Library Board. Murray was very instrumental in heading up building projects as well as he served as Chairman of the Library Board for several years. Today he is still a member who continues to offer his support and service to the community.

The Canada Manitoba Business Service centre was established on February 23. A new computer on the InFoPod with access to the databases in Winnipeg.

The InfoPod began with an e-mailing service to the Public especially tourists.

Office was introduced as well as funds for special business collection.

Internet training was made available for the public and students who were in governmental programs, pre-employment programs.

Lokken consultants conducted a hotel course and Internet training was provided by the Library and the use of the Pod was growing.

Manitoba Education and Training and HRDC agreed to fund a partnership innovative program after a successful proposal was brought forward by Kathleen Delgatty Special Project co-ordinator.

Three major components were involved. Two young adults were employed and used the Pod to develop a innovative Internet program Surf and Play, a Seniors Internet Program, and a program to develop support materials for the Pod.

Joan Reich long time staff member resigned to move to southern Manitoba.

The identification for a expanded learning program due to demand evolved and development work started on trying to find programs and funding – this led to the research and development of CLN with developmental fund received to write a proposal under HRDC Office of Learning Technologies. Moses Idah and Kathleen Delgatty worked together- identifying potential funding sources and the way to bring forward a learning project for the community. The first CLN community steering committee meeting was held June 6, 1999.

The JOB BANK HRDC kiosk was located on the Pod to accommodate the public to easily find employment information. This kiosk is maintained by HRDC.

The first website design was done by Kathleen Delgatty and Tyler Mitchell.

2000

A programming partnership was developed with the Flin Flon Sweet Grass Aboriginal Head Start Centre which was co-ordinated by Robin Galbraith called “Early Beginnings”.

Youth Conference 2000 was a community based initiative which resulted in a large conference in March 2000.

Lokken with training course in tourism and Internet training was supported by Library.

The Flin Flon Homecoming 2000 was a hi-light with people accessing the Archives and a special exhibit was established.

The Flin Flon Public/Creighton Library received approval from Office of Learning Technologies to develop a formal proposal for the formation of a Community Learning Network under the research and innovation programming of HRDC. The mission of the project was to provide increased opportunities for lifelong learning at the community level through the use of technology.

2001

SliMs Library database system has gone out business. (new system had to be found). New system was fun L4U.

Community Learning Network (CLN) became into being and Heather Johnsgaard hired as Project Facilitator.

2002

Gretta Redahl (Administrator) retires after 19 years of service. Phyllis Stadnick fills position of Administrator –July 2002.

Kathleen Delgatty enlisted a group of enthusiastic volunteers to organize and catalogue the Archives.

Phyllis Stadnick celebrates 25 years of service.

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

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

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

Flin Flon Public Library staff entered float into the annual Santa Claus Parade.

2003

Capital Funding received from the City of Flin Flon for new flooring and counter tops.

The Province of Manitoba increased their per capita funding of libraries by 13%. Received a 2% increase from the Province of Saskatchewan.

Annual Family Literacy Day was co-hosted at the Library in January.

National Poetry Month and 20th Anniversary of Flin Flon Writers Guild.

May was busy month with the annual Battle of the Books against The Pas Regional Library with the Flin Flon coming in first with 7836 books checked out.

Renovations at the Library began with staff packing approximately 900 boxes of books and moved to North of 53 Consumer Co-op basement for storage.

Flin Flon Public Library staff attended Public Library Service Conference in Brandon while Library closed for renovations.

The Library closed from September 11th to October 21st.

2004

Annual Family Literacy Day held at the library.

Received new Capital Funds from the City of Flin Flon to complete renovations of the Main Floor of the Library.

Robin, Rebecca and Phyllis attended workshop of HTML.

Phyllis attended workshop on Simply Accounting.

WEB 4 All Program was installed at Flin Flon Public Library allowing those with a disability access to the internet.

Received funding from the Northern Neighbours Foundation and updated public computers.

First annual "I love to read" battle of books was launched with 61 public libraries broken to teams to see what region could read the most books.

Agreement for funding between Village of Denare Beach, Town of Creighton and Flin Flon Public Library was signed.

Flin Flon Public Library began to charge non-resident fees, May 1st, 2004.

Canada Manitoba Business Service Centre was moved to Greenstone Community Futures Development Corporation.

Phyllis Stadnick and Kyle Harkiss (Cap consultant) attended a three day conference on training for CAP YI.

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

The Library held "Foods for Fine" collecting non-perishable goods were collected in place of fines for the late books and donated different organizations.

Flin Flon Lions Club donated funds for a purchase of a Daisy Digital Reader for our visually challenged patrons.

2005

Annual Family Literacy Day held at the Library.

Jody Galbraith hired to Story Hour Program.

Funding received from Youth Employment Strategy to hire Kyle Harkiss for computer training.

Murray Smith is awarded the Manitoba Library Trustee Association's Trustee of Distinction Award, he is second recipient to receive this award.

Phyllis Stadnick, administrator attended the Manitoba Library Conference held in Winnipeg.

Third Annual Battle of the Books against The Pas Regional Library with Flin Flon coming out winners once more. Flin Flon winning in 2003 and 2005, The Pas Regional Library winning in 2004.

Author readings with the following authors; Ingi Bjornson, Glenda Walker-Hobbs, Poetry Reading Group, Maggie Siggins, Jim Moronchuk and James Parres.

Chuck Perera – our technical support person graduated in June of 2005.

We collected knitted mittens “Warm Up Little Hands” from our generous patrons and general public and then donated them to the Salvation Army, Elks Christmas Cheer and Lord Bounty Food Bank to be added to the hampers.

Capital Funding received from City of Flin Flon for replacement of carpet in lower level of Library, put hold due to water leak in basement.

Funding increase from the Village of Denare Beach and the RM of Kelsey.

2006

Improvement made to Computer System. Novel System replaced with a Windows system easier for staff to maintain.

Received funding from the Manitoba Government for technology improvements in the amount of \$15,400. New server, 3 new computers, LCD projector and laser printer purchased.

Annual Family Literacy Day held.

February was “Raise A Reader” collected gently used or new books were collected and donated to different organizations throughout the community.

The Pas won the annual “Battle of Books”, (we are tied with 2 for 2)

Annual Poetry Reading Month with 55 people in attendance.

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUE/EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
REVENUE		
OPERATING GRANTS		
City of Flin Flon - Grant	\$ 78,120	\$ 78,124
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	10,500	10,500
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	59,770	59,770
Province of Manitoba - Technology Grant	4,501	-
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	13,000	13,000
RM of Kelsey	5,228	5,228
Village of Denare Beach	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	<u>173,619</u>	<u>169,122</u>
DONATIONS	<u>891</u>	<u>1,146</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Overdue book fines	659	1,179
Parking stall rentals	1,145	958
Book sales	6,176	7,349
Interest	1,993	674
Goods and services tax	39	1,107
Material replacement	341	1,330
Non-resident fees	350	610
Other	<u>709</u>	<u>746</u>
	<u>11,412</u>	<u>13,953</u>
PATRON SERVICES		
Business		
Copying charges	2,364	2,026
Fax	1,627	1,543
Laminating	372	446
Rental	<u>1,426</u>	<u>1,910</u>
	<u>5,789</u>	<u>5,925</u>
InfoPod		
E-mail	3,582	1,956
Printer	565	415
Disc Sale	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>4,152</u>	<u>2,385</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Community Connections	780	650
Youth Employment Skills	-	7,664
Manitoba Metis Federation	<u>1,325</u>	<u>5,394</u>
	<u>2,105</u>	<u>13,708</u>
REVENUE- LIBRARY OPERATIONS	197,968	206,239
TOTAL EXPENSES - EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	<u>197,106</u>	<u>200,709</u>
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	<u>862</u>	<u>5,530</u>
TRANSFER TO (FROM) SPECIAL RESERVE	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ 862</u>	<u>\$ 5,530</u>

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
EXPENSES		
MATERIALS		
Books	\$ 35,598	\$ 36,009
Other	33	-
Magazines	884	482
Newspaper	1,276	966
Videos	623	-
Toys	-	27
	<u>38,414</u>	<u>37,484</u>
ADMINISTRATION		
Association Fees	363	350
Audit and professional fees	1,391	1,528
Bank Charges	512	362
Continuing Education	90	454
Copier Contract/Paper	2,481	2,184
Express/Delivery/Postage	1,369	1,728
Fax	3	-
Equipment/Furniture	468	831
GST	-	92
Insurance	1,274	1,287
Promotion & Publicity	4,018	1,335
Laminating	279	279
Library Stationary	1,716	1,164
Maintenance	10,848	9,125
Miscellaneous	966	977
Programming	239	507
Utilities	15,837	14,371
Wages and Benefits	104,992	112,867
Technical Services	800	877
Travel & Conference	929	1,840
	<u>148,575</u>	<u>152,158</u>
TECHNOLOGY		
Service Contracts	300	1,500
Communications	4,645	4,334
Licences	700	1,863
Supplies	898	3,370
	<u>6,543</u>	<u>11,067</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	113	-
Community Connections	416	-
Manitoba - Techonlogy	3,045	-
	<u>3,574</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 197,106</u>	<u>\$ 200,709</u>

			Computer Useage - 2007				
			2005		2006		2007
January			1008		859		828
February			631		776		970
March			846		1323		573
April			428		1027		728
May			677		698		633
June			867		536		486
July			641		947		749
August			939		871		719
September			784		809		536
October			661		668		767
November			919		654		660
December			906		586		580
Totals			9307		9754		8229

		Library Holdings 2007			
<u>Adult Books</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Deleted</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>2007</u>	
Adult Fiction	5506	128	580	5958	
Adult Fiction - French	8	0	4	12	
Adult Fiction - Donations	139	0	85	224	
Adult Fiction - Native	9	0	0	9	
Adult Non-Fiction	9435	106	355	9684	
Adult Non-Fiction - French	31	0	0	31	
Adult Non-Fiction - Donations	315	0	173	488	
Adult Non-Fiction - Native	193	0	1	194	
Pocket Books-Donated	1165	584	517	1098	
Large Print	300	0	54	354	
Large Print - Donation	3	0	28	31	
Reference	96	0	5	101	
Subtotal	17200	818	1802	18184	
Newspapers	56	0	0	56	
Magazines	61	0	0	61	
Newspaper/Magazine Donations	23	0	0	23	
Bound Periodicals	151	0	0	151	
Vertical File (Folders)	100	25	0	75	
Telephone Books	6	0	0	6	
Government Documents	126	0	0	126	
Subtotal	523	25	0	498	
<u>Children's Books</u>					
Beginner Readers	3161	378	208	2991	
Beginner Readers - Donations	170	0	55	225	
Beginner Readers - Native	26	0	2	28	
Beginner Readers - French	22	0	1	23	
Books & Tapes	6	0	12	18	
Junior Fiction	1806	230	90	1666	
Junior Fiction - French	24	0	14	38	
Junior Fiction - Donations	26	0	34	60	
Junior Fiction - Native	11	0	0	11	
Junior Non-Fiction	1831	0	42	1873	
Junior Non-Fiction - French	40	0	0	40	
Junior Non-Fiction - Donations	86	0	3	89	
Junior Non-Fiction - Native	88	0	4	92	
Subtotal	7297	608	465	7154	
Downstairs Level	700	0	0	700	
Total	25720	1451	2267	26536	

	Library Circulation 2007				
Adult Books	2005	2006	2007		
Adult Fiction	11737	9927	7993		
Adult Fiction-French	0	0	35		
Adult Fiction-Native	2	5	46		
Adult Non-Fiction	8954	7472	6868		
Adult Non-Fiction-French	5	3	0		
Adult Non-Fiction-Native	84	72	118		
Large Print	1470	1519	1755		
PLS-Large Print	0	0	2		
Pocketbooks	5257	4870	4135		
CMBSC Books	31	0	1		
Magazines	1883	1629	1413		
ILL-Borrowed	770	244	504		
ILL-Lent	309	80	112		
Subtotal	30502	25821	22982		
Children's Books					
Beginner Readers	9975	7699	5389		
Beginner Readers-French	1	78	21		
Beginner Readers-Native	7	35	8		
Junior Fiction	2720	2273	1525		
Junior Fiction-French	7	27	67		
Junior Fiction-Native	2	5	8		
Junior Non-Fiction	1739	1285	1050		
Junior Non-Fiction-French	3	15	4		
Junior Non-Fiction-Native	62	45	49		
Subtotal	14516	11462	8121		
Non-Print Materials					
CD-Children	28	161	102		
CD-Adult	785	1144	1118		
CD-Junior	8	45	30		
CD-Music	0	0	2		
Sound Print-Adult	1924	1269	978		
Sound Print-Children	446	388	151		
PLS-Talking Books	105	25	73		
CNIB-Daisy Digital Readers	29	155	201		
Toys	20	28	40		
Videos	1420	817	387		
DVD	0	51	473		
CMBSC-Videos	7	15	11		
PLS-Videos	292	24	0		
PLS-DVD	59	18	0		
Vertical Files	0	0	0		
Subtotal	5123	3979	3566		
Infopod Centre					
Research	1500	1650	2300		
Computer Usage-Time	9307	9754	8229		
Subtotal	10807	11404	10529		
Total	60948	52666	45198		
" Without having the "Battle of the Books" against The Pas Regional Library Made the					
Difference in our Circulation Numbers.					

<u>Non-Print Material</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Deleted</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>2007</u>		
Computer Disc	33	0	0	33		
Sound Print Adult	667	163	40	544		
Sound Print Children	31	0	2	33		
Sound Print - Donations	35	0	47	82		
CD-Adult	144	82	40	102		
CD-Adult-Donation	1	0	47	48		
CD-Children	20	0	9	29		
CD-Children-Donation	6	0	0	6		
CD-Junior	9	0	12	21		
CD-Junior-Donation	0	0	0	0		
DVD	7	0	0	7		
DVD-Donated	41	5	113	149		
Videos	167	60	0	107		
Video - Donations	111	0	11	122		
Toys	147	0	0	147		
Subtotal	1419	310	321	1430		
Totals	27139	1761	2588	27966		



			Library Patron Gate - 2007					
		2005		2006		2007		
January		2877		3193		3245		
February		3424		2527		2702		
March		3012		3416		3501		
April		2889		2721		3645		
May		3241		3080		2825		
June		2535		2677		2654		
July		2689		2871		3012		
August		2710		2670		2750		
September		2673		2166		2342		
October		3143		2272		2905		
November		3499		2993		2853		
December		3119		3041		2851		
Totals		35799		35633		35285		

		New Membership 2007			
		2006	ADDED	WITHDRAWN	2007
Manitoba Residents					
Flin Flon		2884	193	78	2999
Cranberry Portage		135	11	3	143
Manitoba Non-Residents					
Baker's Narrows		90	4	0	94
Big Island		43	2	0	45
Schist Lake		5	1	0	6
Sherridon		12	0	0	12
Snow Lake		6	0	0	6
Wanless		2	0	0	2
Manitoba Non-Resident		28	0	0	28
Inter-Library Loan		98	0	0	98
Temporary					
Sub Totals		3303	211	81	3433
Saskatchewan Residents					
Creighton		455	35	13	477
Denare Beach		173	22	1	195
Saskatchewan Non-Resident					
Tyrell Lake		3	0	0	3
Sandy Bay		12	4	0	16
Pelican Narrows		26	0	0	26
Saskatchewan Non-Resident		28	0	0	28
Deschambault		21	0	0	21
Other Non-Resident		44	0	0	44
Subtotals		762	61	14	810
Total		4065	272	95	4243
*We are continuing to work on updating our memberships list.					

Community Access Program

Kyle Harkiss

It's been a good year or term as it tends to be in regards to me. This term I was taken into consideration by the CAP program, which was the first organization to fund me to work here at the Flin Flon Public Library. Each and every time I'm thankful, this time especially so because I didn't think I would have another chance to do what I love doing before I finally took the big leap and left for school. I'm going to be going into education and it's all because of the experience I've gained from being here and simply teaching others.

My day is simple. Broken into one hour blocks I have a book in which I take appointments. I have six slots in any given day and people take whatever time suits them best. It's been lucky that no one has had much interest in evening classes, I now have a second job and it would be difficult though there has been a lot of interest as a whole. I work with middle aged and the elderly mostly, I think in all my time I've only been asked about working with someone younger a total of three times. As it were, they aren't my demographic. The people who need guidance the most are just average people who live their lives. Computers are now so much a part of the world around us it's akin to not being able to read to not know even the basics of running one. As time goes on that gap will get wider and wider. When I started people were asking about Windows 95, now they ask about Vista. In just the almost four years I've been here things have progressed that much. You have to keep on top, what are the new threats, what's popular and useful, what are the laws concerning the digital age? Questions like these need answers.

It's surprising to see what is and isn't a flash in the pan. My personal favorite is CD burning. It's handy to back up data but the age of burning music CD's is all but dead. MP3 players and iPods came too fast and then digital music downloading was all too common. I don't even know anyone who has a CD walkman anymore. The music player in my pocket can play short videos and has a small screen. They get much more advanced then that. In a couple years more the Blu-Ray format will be standard, offering much more storage room. They already sell movies in the very same format with PC drives just now hitting the market. That's not even acknowledging things like Blue Tooth and Vista, which are already integrated into the technologies we have this second.

Then you get someone who hasn't been in the game as long. Sees computers advertised on television or knows a bit, maybe used them at work for this or that with no real regard for what the details are. This is the person who I work with. Usually it's someone who's decided it's time to start working with computers or just as commonly, it's someone who has received a new computer and needs to know how to get started.

What I do is casual enough, we start simple. A bit of knowledge on computers as a whole. Ram and the hard drive, basic questions. Somewhere in that area. Then we move onto Microsoft Word. You almost have to start here because it's the only place to get properly introduced to the keyboard itself and how to use it. Capitalization, double keys, spacing, these things that are common or expected knowledge when online and

need to be learned and it's easiest to focus on simple document creation. After that it's into the printer. We make t-shirts. It's fun, it exposes a lot about what the printer is and how to use it. Most people likely won't go home and make t-shirts but they could. Then we move into the internet. Using search engines and just overall file management. This is probably the most fun part, actually getting in there and using a web browser. From then on it's whatever they want to cover because by this time most people have started investigating on their own and have questions. At this point it gets more personalized because everybody is into different things. It takes anywhere from seven to fourteen classes to get what I would say is comfortable with working on the computer, the normal classes I have being fourteen. I think what people like most is that it's not a big crowd and I'm right there. It does take a lot of patience to so what I do, these are people who come from all walks of life and are now learning something new. Some people can type, some can't. Some people are outright scared of the machine and others lack the personal confidence to hold the mouse correctly. Half of it is figuring out what keeps them from learning and attacking that angle. One thing I had to learn to do as walk away. When someone is typing or working on an assignment I have to walk away. Some people barely notice, others crumble when I'm not there every step of the way. It's an odd thing but it's good for the student to use their own abilities and make judgment calls. A scant few times has anyone messed up so bad a few clicks could not save the work they had completed.

Every time I come there are people who sign up, you would figure after four years and over four hundred individual students things would settle down but it doesn't look that way. I'll be sad to leave the library but I'm not done teaching. From this experience I know now that is what I was meant to do.

Children's Nook...



PHOTO BY JONATHAN NAYLOR

A drawing and plaque have gone up at the library commemorating the kids' area as The Murray Smith Children's Nook. Smith is a longtime library board member.

Murray Smith

Murray Smith was appointed trustee of the Flin Flon Public Library Board on January 16th, 1974.

Vice-chairman September 1975

He was very instrumental in heading up building projects as well as he served as chairman of the board.

Chairman of the Board February 1978 – February 1988

Murray was honored in 1999 with 25 years of service on the Library Board

In 2005 was awarded the Manitoba Library Trustee Association's Trustee of Distinction Award at the 2005 Public Library Services Conference in Brandon. (unaware of being nominated for this award). – Second person to receive this award.

Murray has attended Library Conferences, Santa Claus for staff Christmas Parties, and coming checking on to see how his girls were doing at the library.

In honor of Murray's dedication to the Flin Flon Public Library – the children area will be now known as The Murray Smith Children's Nook

Record turnout signals poetry's growth

Jonathon Naylor
Staff Writer

Mining, hockey and cold weather are what usually come to mind when people think of Flin Flon.

But based on the success of an event held last Friday at the library, perhaps it's time to include a fourth element — poetry.

"I would say that there's a lot more poetry here than most people would think," says Harry Hobbs, an organizer of the Sixth Annual Poetry Night, which had a record turnout of nearly 50 people.

Hobbs, a published author and retired school librarian, was one of more than 20 readers on hand to share works by local and non-local poets alike.

"Every year there are more and more readers coming, which is awesome," says Hobbs enthusiastically.

The informal evening ran the gamut of emotions. Flin Flon MLA Gerard Jennissen read a somber poem about war, which, he said, is timely given Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.

Cyndi Bartle presented a piece about United Airlines Flight 93, the aircraft overtaken by passengers to thwart part of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

On the lighter side were works by the likes of local author Glenda Walker-Hobbs, whose poem about the rumour mill at Johnny's Confectionery brought out plenty of smiles.

But some of the biggest laughs of the

evening went to Dorian Kent, who presented a poem about milking a cow that sounded an awful lot like something more risqué.

Hobbs was impressed by the fact that just over one-third of the pieces were by local poets.

"Flin Flon is a vibrant community of artists," he says.

Bob Frazer, emcee for the evening, couldn't have agreed more.

"People were quite capable," he says. "In fact, I didn't hear [a poem] that I disliked."

Equally impressive was the array of people who turned out not just to read poems, but to hear them. A school trustee, a reverend, retirees and schoolchildren were among those present.

See 'Broaden' P.12



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Cyndi Bartle takes to the podium to read a poem.

Broaden event's appeal

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That's good news for Hobbs, as he hopes to broaden the appeal of the annual gathering.

"We'd like it to be a community-wide event," he says. "We'd like it to be not just poets, though that is certainly part of it."

The Sixth Annual Poetry Night was organized by the Flin Flon Writers Guild, the Flin Flon Toastmasters Club and the Flin Flon-Creighton Public Library.

It was held in honour of National Poetry Month.



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Attendees applaud one of the pieces.

Presents of Poetry...

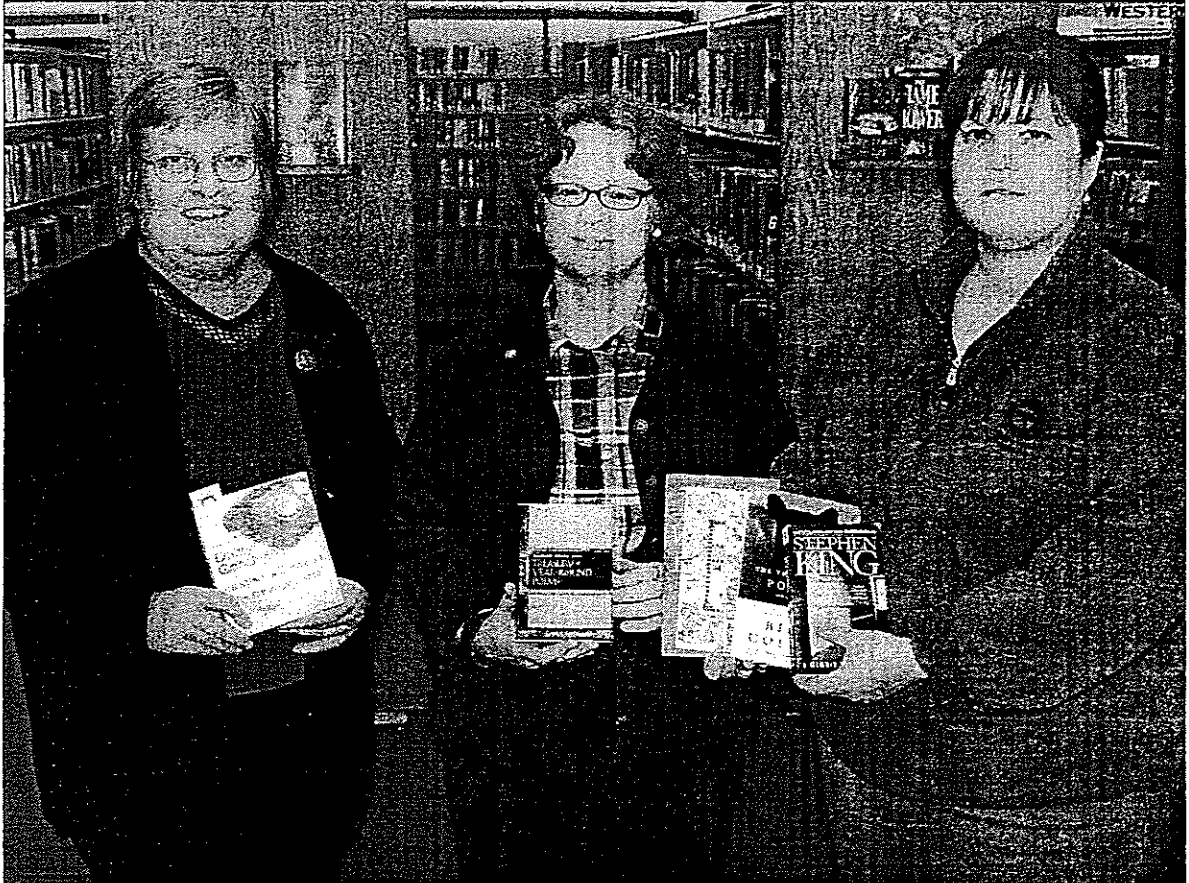


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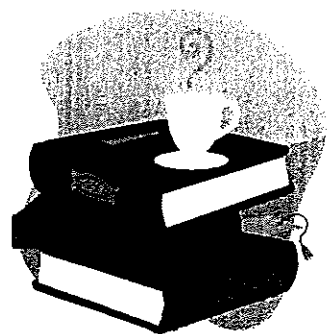
Following last week's Poetry Night, two out-of-town guests each donated a poetry book to the library. Left to right are Dallas Bagby, Bev Phillips and the library's Robin Galbraith. Robin is also holding books donated by the Flin Flon Writers Guild.

Writers Give...

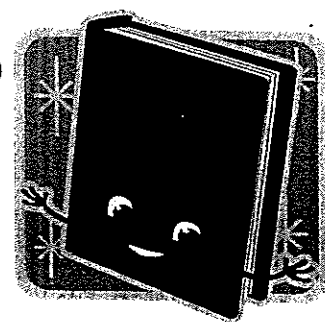


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The Flin Flon Writers Guild donated books to the library following the recent Poetry Night. Left to right are Judy Pettersen, Glenda Walker-Hobbs, Phyllis Antal, Harry Hobbs and the library's Robin Galbraith.



FEBRUARY is "I Love to Read" Month!



**The Flin Flon Public Library invites you
to come in & check out a book, or donate
new or gently used children's books
(the books will be donated to numerous
organizations)**

**& you can enter your name into one of
3 Awesome Draws!**

**If you are 18 or older you can enter your
name to win a Free Return Trip for 2 to
Winnipeg, generously donated by
Calm Air!**

**And children can enter to
Win Free Gift Packs!**

We Invite You To Join Us In
Promoting Life Long Reading!



Winner of "I Love to Read"



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**Flin Flon Public Library
40th Anniversary
Winner**



Count Flinty
Winners



Draw favorite character/coloring
Winners



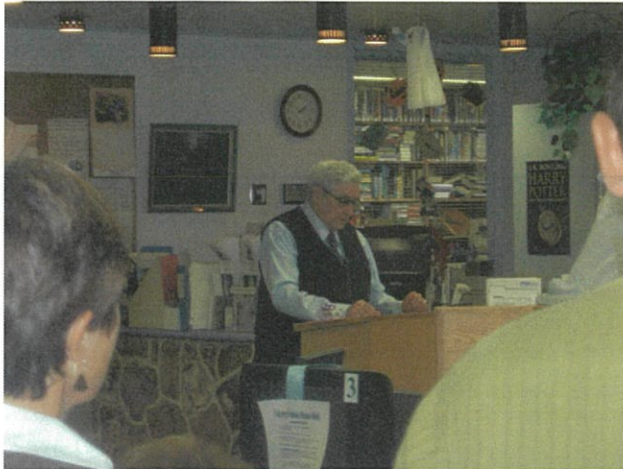
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Mr. & Mrs. Maximchuk



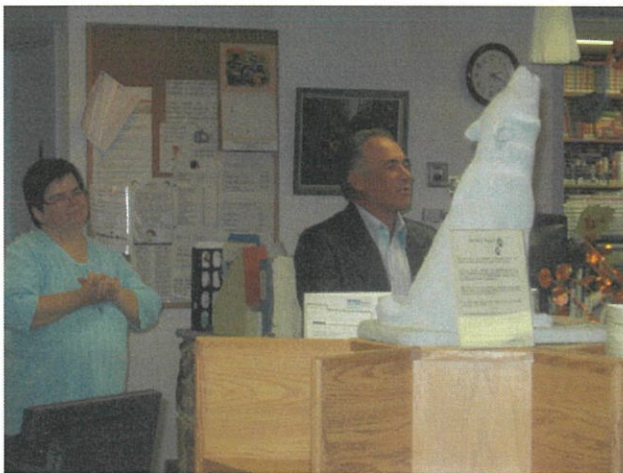
Mr. & Mrs. Gibson presentation



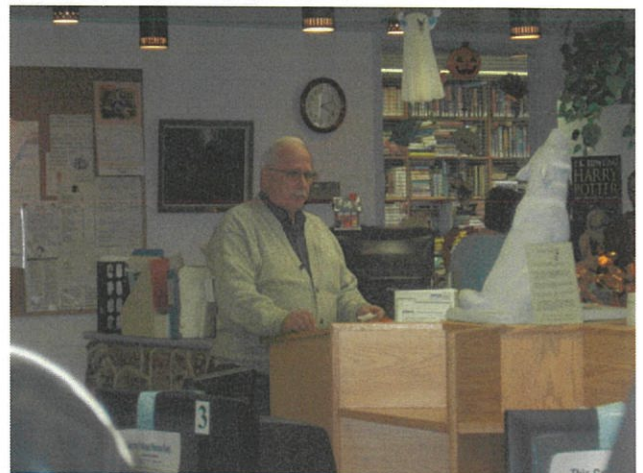
Bob Frazer – Chairman of the Board



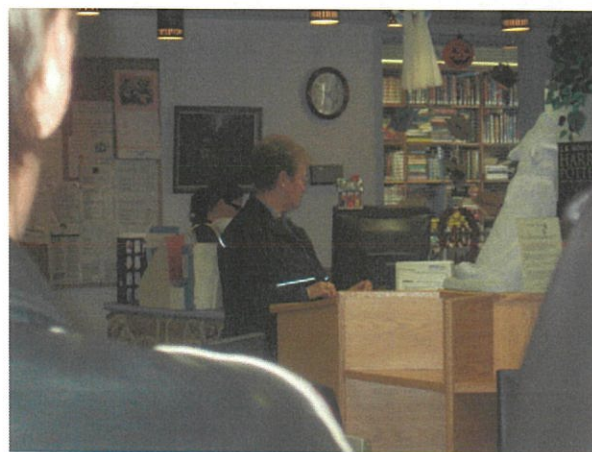
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City of Flin Flon



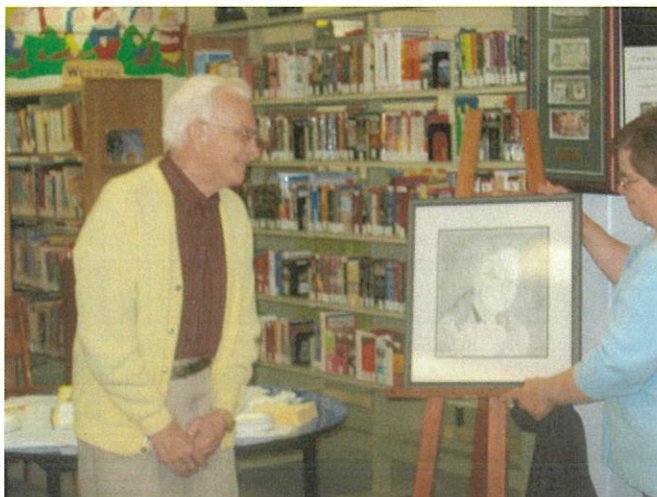
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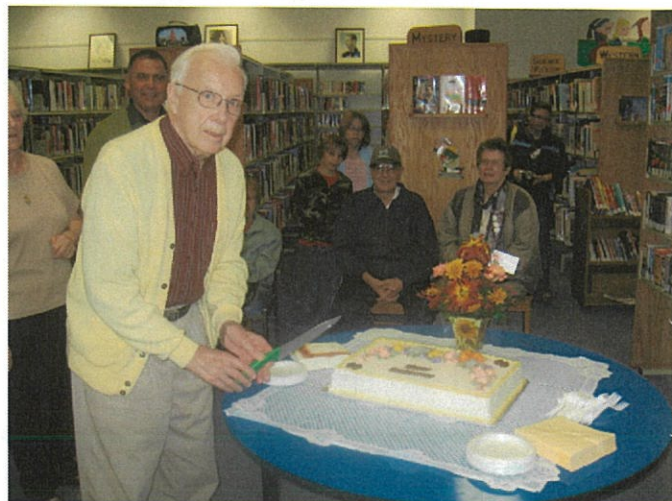
Carl Lentowicz
Village of Denare Beach



Janet Clarke
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Murray & Phyllis - Presentation



Murray cutting the cake



Bunny Burke – Cutting cake



Phyllis Stadnick-30 yrs presentation



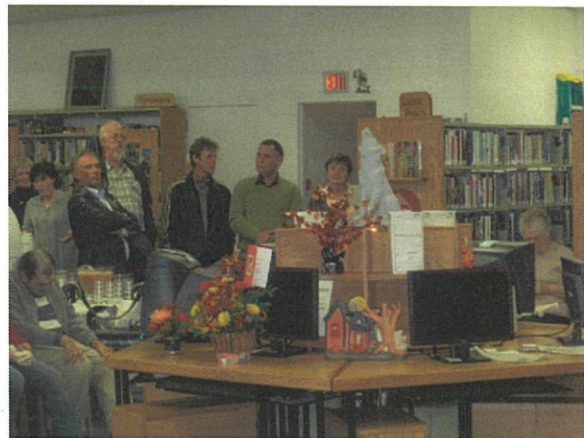
Patrons enjoying celebration



Patrons enjoying celebration



Back Row – Mr. & Mrs. Maximchuck
Front Row – Mr & Mrs. Gibson
40+ years of patronage



Board members and patrons



Kira & Paige



Rebecca & Kyle

Library & Staff Activities



Paige & Kira
Main Street – Book Sale



Tara
Main Street – Book Sale



Carmen – Story Hour coordinator



Robin & Klye – Health Fair Display



Phyllis & Kyle-Health Fair



Phyllis & Ricky – Cleaning Library



Rebecca & Alecia



Alecia-Ashley – Staff Barbeque



Paige

