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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2008

2008 has been another successful year for the Library.

We began the year with the usual financial challenges brought on by declining MB revenue due to Flin Flon's declining population. These difficulties were overcome by soliciting additional funds from the sources: The City of Flin Flon, The Town of Creighton, and The Province of Saskatchewan.

We would still like to raise the wages to our loyal and dedicated staff but this year very little was done in that endeavour.

During the last 3 years the Library has collected mittens donated by the public and donated them to the Elks "Christmas Cheer Program", the Salvation Army and to The Lords Bounty Food Bank. In 2008 40 pairs of mittens were delivered to each of these three charities.

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

The City of Flin Flon. Their funding of the Library totalled	\$90,000.00
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They also paid for some minor repairs to the library building.

The Province of Manitoba. Their funding in 2007 totalled	\$56,318.50
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The Town of Creighton provided	\$13,000.00
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The Province of Saskatchewan. Their annual funding totals	\$13,000.00
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The Regional Municipality of Kelsey (Cranberry Portage).	\$5,601.50
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This donation may not be available in the future.

The Village of Denare Beach.	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
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Total: \$180,420.00

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

G. R. Frazer
Chairman

Administrator Report

The Flin Flon Public Library co-hosted the annual "Family Literacy Day" on January 27th, 2008 with co-coordinator Lori Suss and group of local readers and volunteers. Even though it was a very stormy day there was a good turn out.



Flin Flon Junior Bombers
Reading to the children

Administrator Phyllis Stadnick was also one of the readers for this event.

Kyle Harkiss continued with computer classes until March. He helped many people with the basic of computer use. Some of the other thing he taught were CD burning, basic Microsoft office, transfer making and other interest. We wish Kyle all the best in his future endeavors.

February was "I Love To Read" Month

A big thank you goes out to *Calm Air* for their generous donation of a return flight for author Joe McLellan from Winnipeg. Mr. McLellan came to the Flin Flon Public Library and The Pas Regional Library for a reading of his children's books and other stories that he has written. While he was in Flin Flon he also gave readings at the McIsaac Ecole School, Ruth Betts School and Aboriginal Head Start Nursery School.



Students from Ruth Betts School



Calm Air

Other special events for "I Love To Read" month were the many prize draws for patrons who came into the library & checked out books. The prizes were donated by Subway, The Movie Gallery, Al & Cindy Patterson, ElMarie Louw, Robert Anze, and the Flin Flon Friendship Centre.

Flin Flon Public Library successfully applied for a grant from the Northern Neighbors Foundation. This was for the upgrading of the kitchen equipment in the lower level of the library.

March, Mrs. Val Dixon from Creighton School brought her pre-kindergarten class to the library for a play time and story hour in the morning and afternoon.



Rebecca Hayward reading to the pre-kindergarten class



Phyllis Stadnick reading to pre-kindergarten class

Mrs. Fisher brought her class from Ruth Betts School for a tour of the library and story time.

The library received an increase in operation funding from the City of Flin Flon, Town of Creighton, Province of Saskatchewan and the RM of Kelsey.

The 7th Annual Poetry Reading, co-hosted by Flin Flon Writer's Guild and Flin Flon Toastmasters was held at the Flin Flon Public Library. There were readings from local poets as well as participants from Winnipeg. The evening concluded with the Flin Flon Public Library being presented with a generous donation of poetry and writing books from both groups.



Poetry Reading 2008

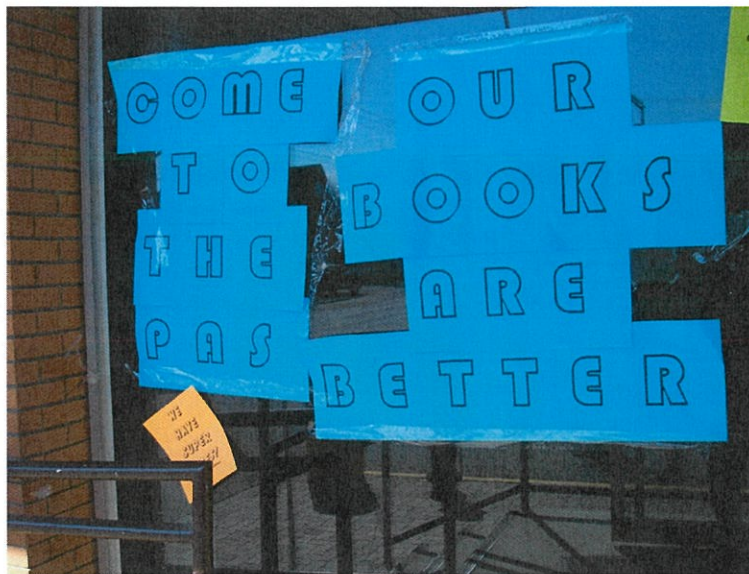
Rebecca Hayward resigned from the Library after 6 years. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

The province announced a new technology grant program. This grant is directed to support and enhance new library technology.

Administrator Phyllis Stadnick attended the joint Saskatchewan / Manitoba Libraries Conference "Prairie Partnerships" held in Regina, SK from May 1- 3, 2008. Some of the

workshops were “*Michael Ridley: From Learning Commons to Academic Town Square: Invoking the Future*”, “*Rhyme Time for Babies*”, “*Métis Children’s Literature*”, as well as “*Province –Wide Initiatives – Saskatchewan Provincial Library, Manitoba Public Library*” and many more. It was a very interesting conference and a wonderful opportunity to meet many Librarians from Saskatchewan and to discuss topics and issues that concern them.

The fifth annual “Battle of the Books” was held in May, against The Pas Regional Library. We wanted to thank The Pas Regional Library for the free advertisement on our windows. It was quite the fun battle, and congratulations go to The Pas Regional Library who was the winners this year, with the most books checked out for the month.



Windows of the Flin Flon Public Library
Decorated courtesy of The Pas Regional Library



The City of Flin Flon celebrated its 75th Birthday in June. The library was kept busy with many visitors coming and going, being able to use the library as the meeting place to catch up with old friends. Throughout the summer months we held our discard book sale, and had visiting authors coming into the Library to sell their newly published books.

Lois “Bunny” Burke was nominated and received the Manitoba Library Trustee Association “*The Library Trustee of Distinction Award*”. Bunny Burke and Phyllis Stadnick attended the Manitoba Library Trustee AGM in Winnipeg, where Bunny received her award for 2008. Also in attendance were Councilor Karen Mackinnon and Councilor Dave Kennedy from the City of Flin Flon. Bunny has served on the Flin Flon Public Library Board for 25 years.



Conrad Artibise (MLTA), Bunny Burke, Phyllis Stadnick,
& Flin Flon City Councilors Dave Kennedy

Myrna Guymer local author of *"The Canadian Shield Alphabet"* launched her first children's book at the Flin Flon Public Library on October 30th and November 1st. There was a great turnout for both events.



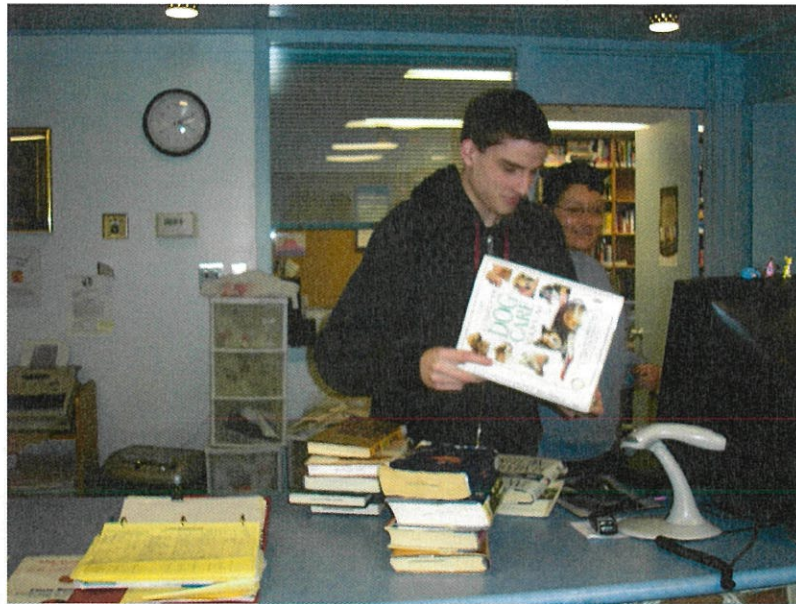
Local Author Myrna Guymer

Administrator Phyllis Stadnick attended the *"Kaleidoscope9: Children's Literature Conference Story: Bridging Worlds"*, held in Calgary, AB. Nov 6th – 8th, 2008. This was an excellent conference to attend, and recognition to the importance of children's literature and the imagination of children. Phyllis attended the conference with school librarians June Reed, Corinne Mathews, and Catherine Pauley.

Friday sessions were given by; Shaun Tan, Lois Lowry, Julie Lawson, Betsy Lewin, Janet Stevens, & George Littlechild. The dinner speaker was Michael Morpurgo who spoke about his personal experiences with the consequences of war as a child growing up in London.

Saturday attended sessions were by; Janet Stevens - *"Stalking the illusive idea and then how to grab it"*, Wallace Edwards - *"Making picture books start to finish"*, Jack Zipes - *"Changing lives, bridging community with storytelling"*, and George Littlechild *"The first nations people shall no longer remain silent."*

Kyle McMaster from Creighton School worked at the library for a career orientation placement for 6 weeks. Kyle had shown interest in working at the library.



Kyle checking in books

The third annual “Warm Up Little Hands” mitten campaign had the library collecting 120 pairs of mittens. The mittens were donated by the community and divided between the three organizations of “The Salvation Army”, “Elks Christmas Cheers”, and “Lord Bounty Food Bank”. In total the library has collected 420 pairs of mittens, scarves, toques and slippers.



Caitlin Bailey presenting mittens to the Salvation Army

Bunny Burke was recognized for 25 years of service on the Flin Flon Public Library Board.

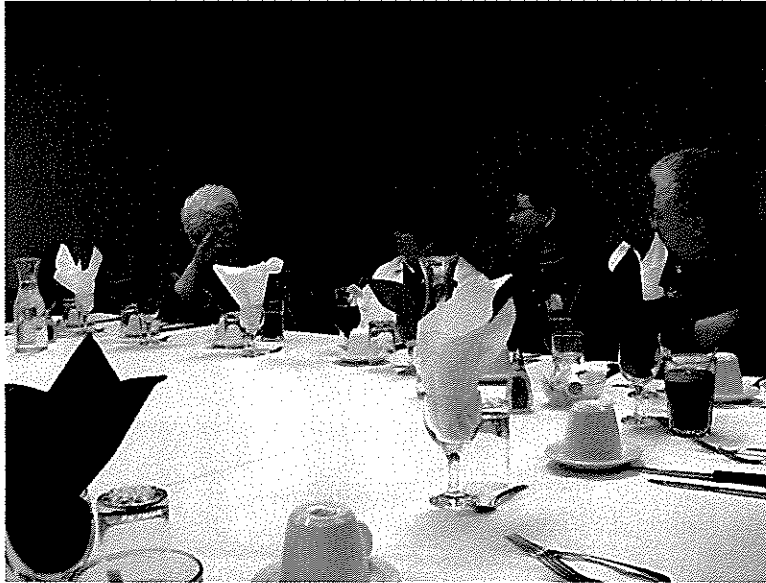


Board Chairman Bob Frazer presenting Bunny Burke with 25 year service watch

The annual Christmas Supper was held December 4th at the Victoria Inn for Board, Staff and Spouses.



Blaine Veitch, George Fontaine, Nora Fontaine and Betty Frazer



Betty Frazer, Phyllis Stadnick, Cindy Patterson, Bunny Burke

I would like to thank the City of Flin Flon, Town of Creighton, Village of Denare, Province of Manitoba, Province of Saskatchewan, RM of Kelsey for your continued support of the library.

My thanks to Robin, Tara, Rebecca, Cindy, Alecia, Paige, Kira and Caitlin for their hard work and continue support of the library. To the Board of Directors thanks for your continued support.

Phyllis Stadnick

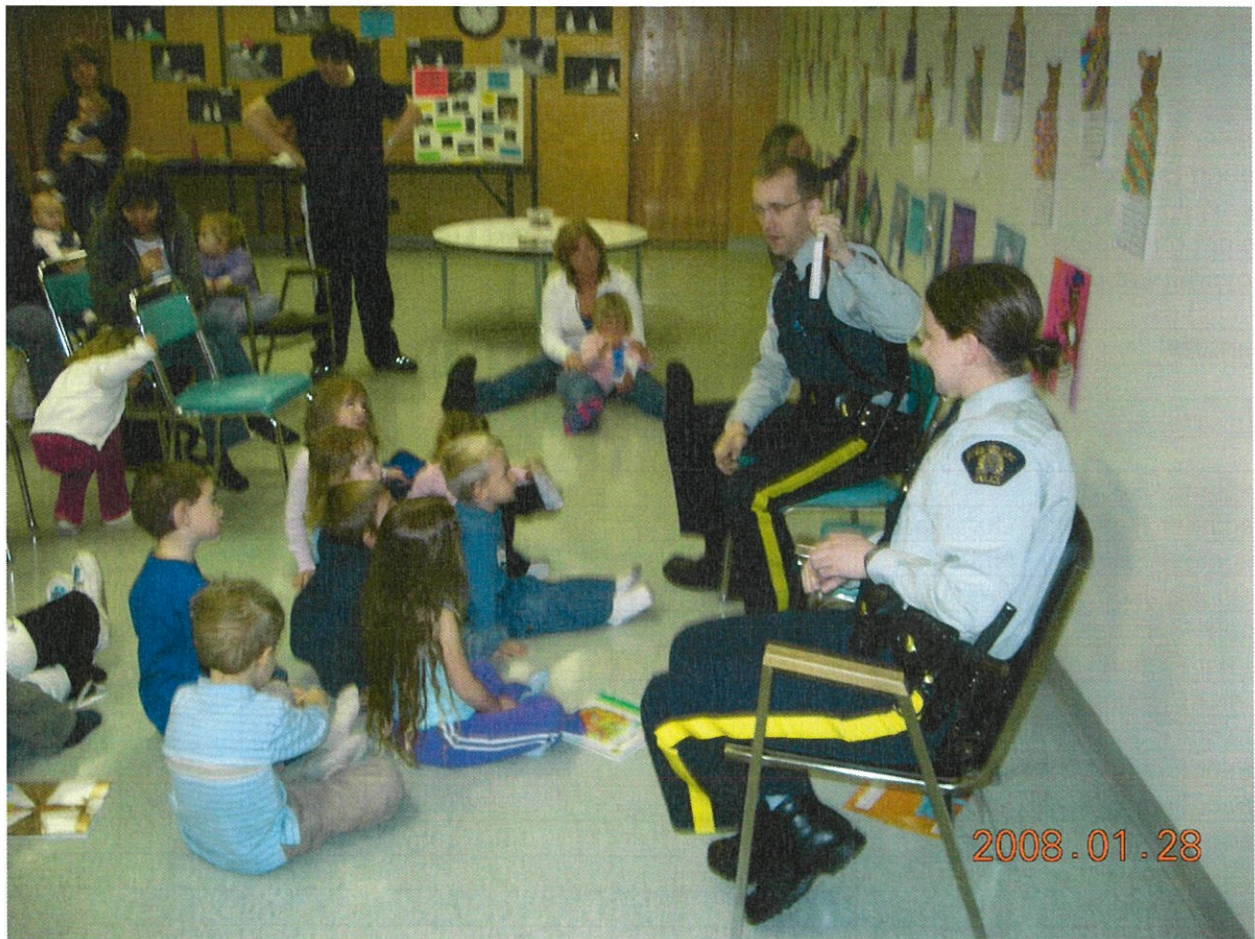
Phyllis Stadnick
Administrator

Family Literacy Day

On January 28, 2008 the Family Literacy Day Committee hosted our 9th Annual Celebration at the Flin Flon Public Library. Although the weather had extreme wind chills, snow and reduced visibility, 40 Adults and 55 children took time to come out to the "Beary Big Book Bash." We had door prizes, celebrity readers in our reading circle, and every child in attendance left with a free book. It is through donations from business and community agencies that we are able to put on our celebration every year. Once again the Flin Flon Public library donated the Rotary Room for our use free of charge. We are extremely grateful to have the Flin Flon Public Library as one of our community partners.

Lori Suss

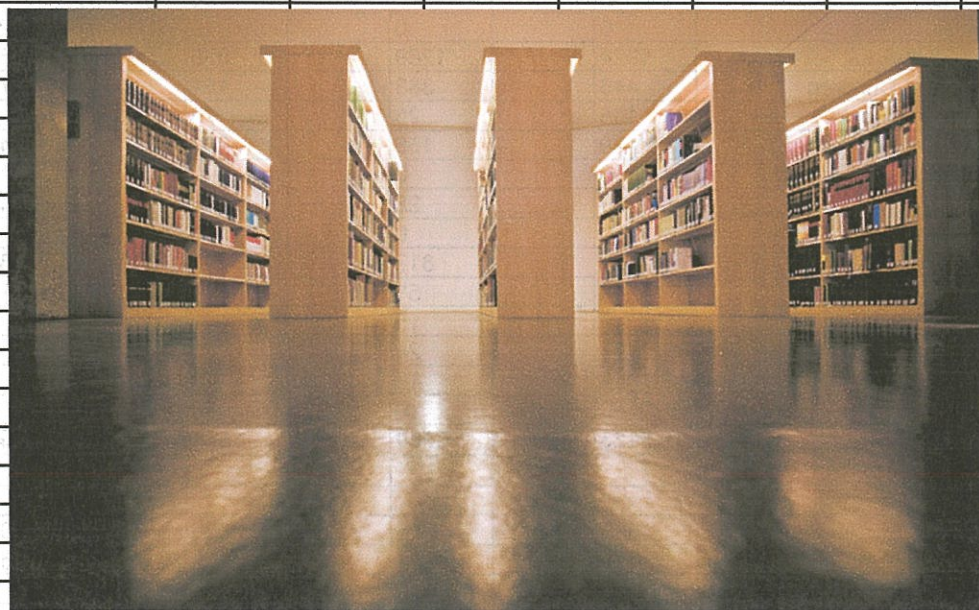
Family Literacy Day Coordinator



Local RCMP officers

Library Holdings 2008						
<u>Adult Books</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Deleted</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>2008</u>		
Adult Fiction	5958	862	528	5624		
Adult Fiction - French	12	0	0	12		
Adult Fiction - Donations	224	0	88	312		
Adult Fiction - Native	9	0	0	9		
Adult Non-Fiction	9684	97	372	9959		
Adult Non-Fiction - French	31	0	0	31		
Adult Non-Fiction - Donations	488	0	96	584		
Adult Non-Fiction - Native	194	0	0	194		
Pocket Books	0	0	63	63		
Pocket Books-Donated	1098	442	355	1011		
Large Print	354	140	50	264		
Large Print - Donation	31	0	25	56		
Reference	101	0	4	105		
Subtotal	18184	1541	1581	18224		
Newspapers	56	0	0	56		
Magazines	61	0	2	63		
Newspaper/Magazine Donations	23	0	0	23		
Bound Periodicals	151	0	0	151		
Vertical File (Folders)	75	0	0	75		
Telephone Books	6	0	2	8		
Government Documents	126	0	0	126		
Subtotal	498	0	4	502		
Children's Books						
Beginner Readers	2991	10	152	3133		
Beginner Readers - Donations	225	0	131	356		
Beginner Readers - Native	28	0	8	36		
Beginner Readers - French	23	0	4	27		
Books & Tapes	18	0	0	18		
Junior Fiction	1666	3	110	1773		
Junior Fiction - French	38	0	3	41		
Junior Fiction - Donations	60	0	31	91		
Junior Fiction - Native	11	0	47	58		
Junior Non-Fiction	1873	11	72	1934		
Junior Non-Fiction - French	40	0	15	55		
Junior Non-Fiction - Donations	89	0	18	107		
Junior Non-Fiction - Native	92	0	0	92		
Subtotal	7154	24	591	7721		
Downstairs Level	700	500	0	200		
Total	26536	2065	2176	26647		

Library Holdings 2008					
<u>Non-Print Material</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Deleted</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>2008</u>	
Computer Disc	33	0	0	33	
Sound Print Adult	544	3	28	569	
Sound Print Children	33	0	0	33	
Sound Print - Donations	82	0	27	109	
CD-Adult	102	5	79	176	
CD-Adult-Donation	48	4	7	51	
CD-Children	29	0	0	29	
CD-Children-Donation	6	0	0	6	
CD-Junior	21	0	0	21	
CD-Junior-Donation	0	0	0	0	
DVD	7	0	0	7	
DVD-Donated	149	6	38	181	
Videos	107	1	0	106	
Video - Donations	122	0	0	122	
Toys	147	1	0	146	
Subtotal	1430	20	179	1589	
Totals	27966	2085	2355	28236	



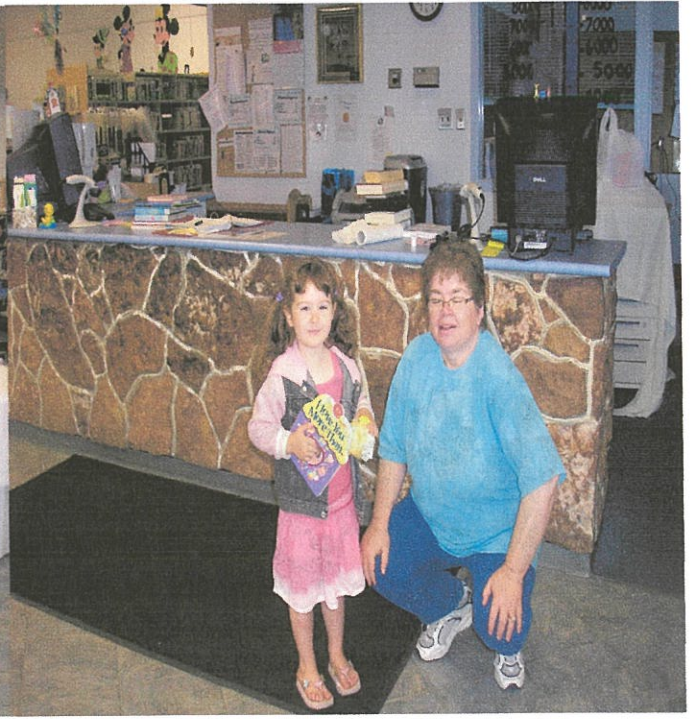
	Library Circulation 2008				
Adult Books	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Adult Fiction	11737	9927	7993	11487	
Adult Fiction-French	0	0	35	5	
Adult Fiction-Native	2	5	46	22	
Adult Non-Fiction	8954	7472	6868	7583	
Adult Non-Fiction-French	5	3	0	0	
Adult Non-Fiction-Native	84	72	118	70	
Large Print	1470	1519	1755	2413	
PLS-Large Print	0	0	2	5	
Pocketbooks	5257	4870	4135	4297	
CMBSC Books	31	0	1	0	
Magazines	1883	1629	1413	2146	
ILL-Borrowed	770	244	504	559	
ILL-Lent	309	80	112	161	
Reference	0	0	0	1	
Subtotal	30502	25821	22982	28749	
Children's Books					
Beginner Readers	9975	7699	5389	6462	
Beginner Readers-French	1	78	21	50	
Beginner Readers-Native	7	35	8	9	
Junior Fiction	2720	2273	1525	1540	
Junior Fiction-French	7	27	67	44	
Junior Fiction-Native	2	5	8	1	
Junior Non-Fiction	1739	1285	1050	725	
Junior Non-Fiction-French	3	15	4	0	
Junior Non-Fiction-Native	62	45	49	34	
Subtotal	14516	11462	8121	8865	
Non-Print Materials					
CD-Children	28	161	102	78	
CD-Adult	785	1144	1118	1531	
CD-Junior	8	45	30	9	
CD-Music	0	0	2	127	
Sound Print-Adult	1924	1269	978	967	
Sound Print-Children	446	388	151	77	
PLS-Talking Books	105	25	73	0	
CNIB-Daisy Digital Readers	29	155	201	146	
Odrive	0	0	0	71	
Toys	20	28	40	42	
Equipment	0	0	0	0	
Videos	1420	817	387	581	
DVD	0	51	473	721	
CMBSC-Videos	7	15	11	0	
PLS-Videos	292	24	0	0	
PLS-DVD	59	18	0	0	
Vertical Files	0	0	0	0	
Subtotal	5123	2790	3566	4350	
Infopod Centre					
Research	1500	1650	2300	2100	
Computer Usage-Time	9307	9754	8229	7166	
Subtotal	10807	11404	10529	9266	
Total	60948	52666	45198	51230	

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUE/EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
REVENUE		
OPERATING GRANTS		
City of Flin Flon - Grant	\$ 90,000	\$ 78,120
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	13,000	10,500
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	56,319	59,770
Province of Manitoba - Technology Grant	-	4,501
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	13,000	13,000
RM of Kelsey	5,602	5,228
Village of Denare Beach	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	<u>180,421</u>	<u>173,619</u>
DONATIONS	<u>3,090</u>	<u>891</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Overdue book fines	1,493	659
Parking stall rentals	1,135	1,145
Book sales	12,852	6,176
Interest	1,836	1,993
Goods and services tax	4	39
Material replacement	319	341
Non-resident fees	745	350
Other	<u>841</u>	<u>709</u>
	<u>19,225</u>	<u>11,412</u>
PATRON SERVICES		
Business		
Copying charges	2,479	2,364
Fax	1,541	1,627
Laminating	486	372
Rental	<u>4,812</u>	<u>1,426</u>
	<u>9,318</u>	<u>5,789</u>
InfoPod		
E-mail	3,602	3,582
Printer	544	565
Disc Sale	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>4,150</u>	<u>4,152</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Community Connections	-	780
Manitoba Metis Federation	<u>-</u>	<u>1,325</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,105</u>
REVENUE- LIBRARY OPERATIONS	<u>216,204</u>	<u>197,968</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES - EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	<u>187,878</u>	<u>197,106</u>
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	<u>28,326</u>	<u>862</u>
TRANSFER TO (FROM) SPECIAL RESERVE	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ 28,326</u>	<u>\$ 862</u>

**FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
EXPENSES		
MATERIALS		
Books	\$ 24,314	\$ 35,598
Other	(8)	33
Magazines	579	884
Newspaper	1,155	1,276
Videos	-	623
	<u>26,040</u>	<u>38,414</u>
ADMINISTRATION		
Association Fees	415	363
Audit and professional fees	1,641	1,391
Bank Charges	331	512
Continuing Education	115	90
Copier Contract/Paper	2,374	2,481
Express/Delivery/Postage	1,386	1,369
Fax		3
Equipment/Furniture	2,399	468
Insurance	1,626	1,274
Promotion & Publicity	3,372	4,018
Laminating	563	279
Library Stationary	1,220	1,716
Maintenance	10,863	10,848
Miscellaneous	944	966
Programming	349	239
Utilities	18,932	15,837
Wages and Benefits	103,441	104,992
Technical Services	(800)	800
Travel & Conference	2,247	929
	<u>151,418</u>	<u>148,575</u>
TECHNOLOGY		
Service Contracts	-	300
Communications	4,787	4,645
Licences	1,697	700
Maintenance	1,300	-
Supplies	1,739	898
	<u>9,523</u>	<u>6,543</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	897	113
Community Connections	-	416
Manitoba - Techonlogy	-	3,045
	<u>897</u>	<u>3,574</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 187,878</u>	<u>\$ 197,106</u>



**Winners of the "I Love To Read Month"
Draw**



Activities at the Library



Battle of the Books will rage throughout May

Jonathon Naylor
Editor

Libraries are normally viewed as quiet, thoughtful places where people go to enrich their minds and get in touch with the world around them.

They're not usually seen as battlegrounds, but that will change in Flin Flon and The Pas during the month of May.

The Flin Flon Public Library and The Pas Regional Library will engage in the Fifth Annual Battle of the Books to see which facility can lend the most books and DVDs.

"Come to the library to check out as many books in that one-month period (as you can)," urges local library administrator Phyllis Stadnick.

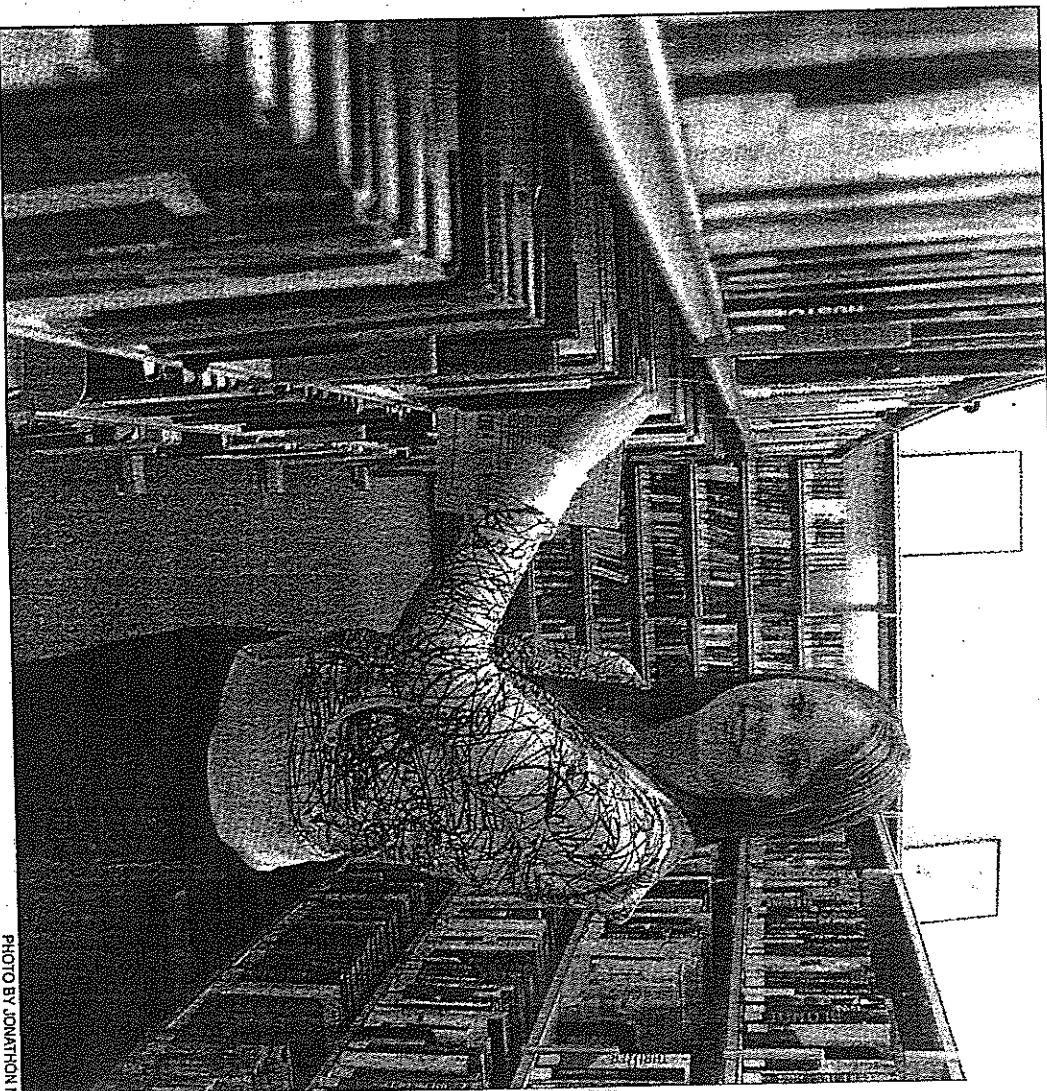
Stadnick says this year's competition has an added drama given that it is a tiebreaker event. Flin Flon and The Pas have each won two of the previous four challenges.

"In a couple of those years, it's been very, very close," she notes.

May's busiest library will treat patrons to a customer appreciation day. Staff from the losing library will be on hand to serve the hot dogs and cake.

Stadnick says the competition is all in good fun and offers residents in both communities a great opportunity to see what their libraries have to offer.

The Battle of the Books was first held in 2003. It did not take place last year due to the reconstruction of Flin Flon's Main Street.



Library employee Kira Nattrass and her coworkers are looking forward to next month's Battle of Books.

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