

**Flin Flon Public Library Board Members
2009**

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As our radio advertisement says
"We are more than just books"

Computer Service

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**Flin Flon Public Library
Staff Members
2009**

Phyllis Stadnick
Administrator
(August 1977- Present)
(Administrator July 2002 – Present)

Robin Rylance (Galbraith)
Administrator Assistant
(Resigned March 2009)

Tara Redahl
Administrator Assistant
(March 2009-Present)

Cindy Patterson
Inter-Library Loan Clerk
(April 2009-Present)

Jody Galbraith
Evening Supervisor
(March 2009-Present)

Alecia Thompson
Library Clerk
(April 2008 – Present)

Kira Natrass
Student Page
(August 2006- October 2009)

Caitlin Bailey
Student Page
(September 2007-Present)

Whitney Natrass
Student Page
(November 2009)



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2009

The library has continued to operate efficiently throughout 2009.

This year the library received additional funding from The Regional Sustainability Technology Grant. This grant produced funds for the following purchases:

- two new staff computers
- a new laser printer
- a Patron Counter Gate

The Patron Counter Gate enables a more accurate count of the usage by patrons of the library. The annual 2008 (manually observed) patronage was estimated at 35,353. By comparison the measured 2009 figure (estimated using the gate) was 40,778. The library staff believes that the 2009 figure is much more accurate.

For the first time in a long time, finances were not a problem and the board did not need to seek further funding.

The board is happy to report that Alicia Thompson has settled effortlessly into her job at the library and is an efficient, competent employee.

There is a computer-related issue that has occurred and continues to exist at the time of this writing. There are two independent library software services. One which is paid for by the library which provides users with search utilities for items (usually books) within the building and the other provides users with search utilities for items in other Manitoba libraries. At present these two software functions can no longer work together with the result that local users cannot access other Manitoba libraries.

These two software providers have both graciously decided to work together on this problem and the board anticipates an imminent solution.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. R. Frazer".

G. R. Frazer
Chairman

Administrator's Report

The Flin Flon Public Library co-hosted the annual "Family Literacy Day" on January 27th, 2009, with co-coordinator Lori Suss and group of local readers and volunteers.

There were two sessions held, one in the morning and one in the evening with approximately 70 people in attendance.



Local RCMP reading to the children

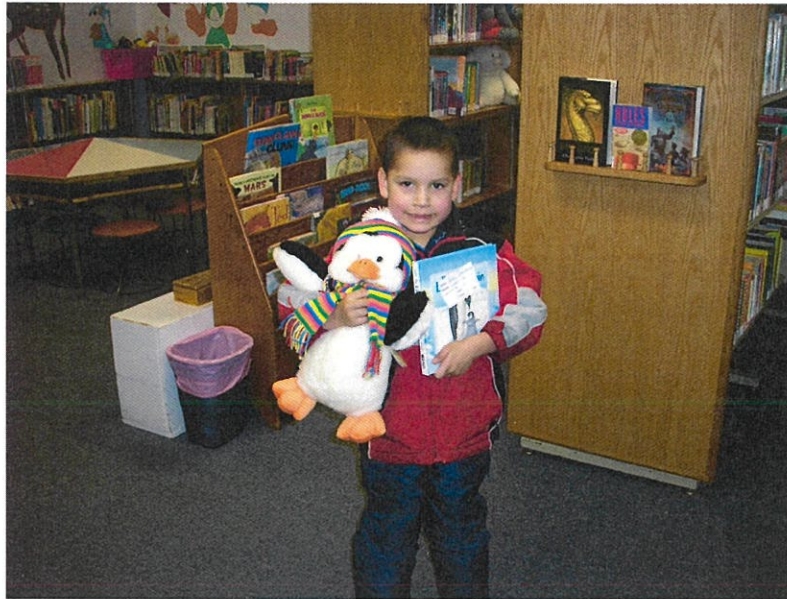
I would like to thank Lori Suss and her group of volunteers for another successful year of "Family Literacy Day" and all the hard work they put into organizing and setting up.

February was "I love to read" month. The patrons read to see how many books it would take to read around the library. For every 5 books read the patron was able to put his or her name on a car and then it was placed on the wall to see how far it took them. Their names were also entered in for a free draw.

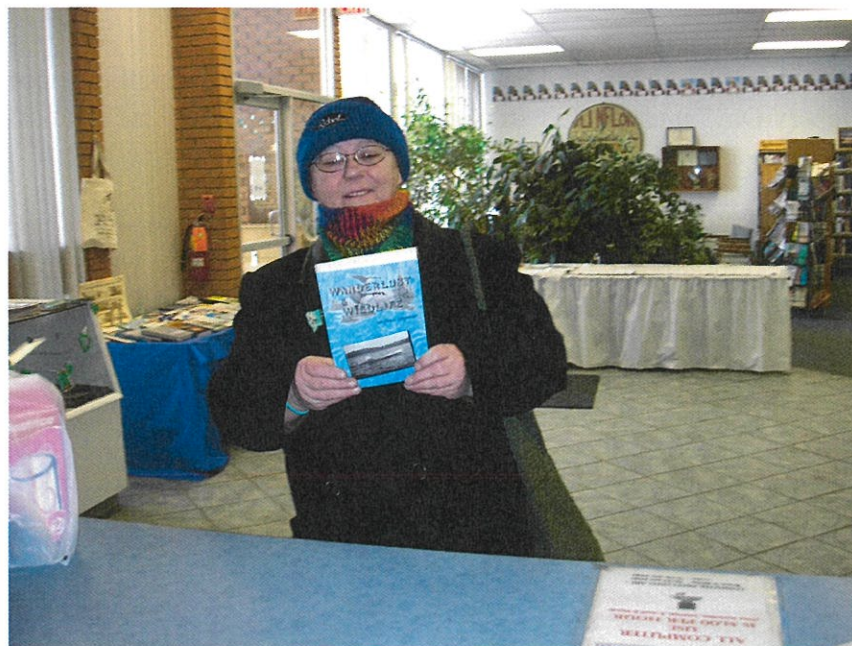


This event took place the second week of February and there was 945 books read which went around approximately one third of the library.

During this event we also had draws in which each time a book was checked out the patron was able to put their name in a draw for a chance to win some books.



Children's Winner



Adult Winner

Tara Redahl has accepted the position of Assistant Administrator. Cindy Patterson was moved up to Inter-Library Loan Clerk and Jody Galbraith has been hired as night supervisor.

Mrs. Val Dixon from the Creighton Community School brought her morning and afternoon pre-kindergarten class, parents and grandparents to the library for family day. The staff of the library read stories and then the children looked at the books and played in the Murray Smith Children's Nook.



Mrs. Val Dixon's pre-kindergarten class

Flin Flon Brownie Sparks came to the Library for a tour and to have stories read to them.



Brownie Sparks

Artmarks : a Manitoba Bookmark Exhibition was on display in the Murray Smith Children's Nook for the month of March. This display was of many different bookmarks using different art materials done by over 80 different Manitoba artists. One of the bookmarks was done by a local artist.

Our thanks to the Flin Flon Art Council for their support in bringing this display to Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library.



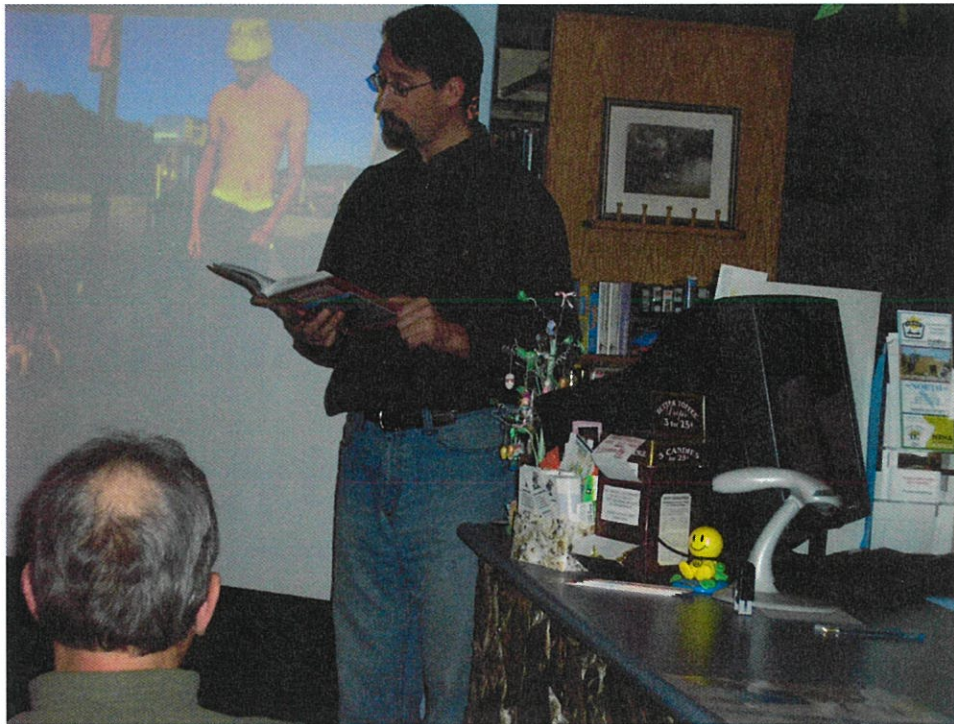
Robin Rylance resigned March 20th after working at the library for 10 years with six of those years being my assistant. Staff had a retirement supper with Carol Ham from The Pas Regional Library in attendance.

I would like to thank Robin for her support and we wish her all the best in future endeavors.



Staff bidding Robin farewell

Matt Jackson did a reading from his books "A Beaver is Eating my Canoe and other books, also a slide presentation from places where he traveled to across Canada to 30 people in attendance. This event took place on Monday April 6th co-sponsored by the Flin Flon Rotary Club and Flin Flon Victoria Inn.



Matt Jackson reading from one of his books and slide presentation

"Join storyteller and award-winning author Matt Jackson for a slide show about a four-year hitchhiking journey across Canada. During his time on the road, Jackson traveled nearly 30,000 kilometers, shot more than 25,000 photographs and met hundreds of Canadians from every corner of the country. Prepare to laugh at his misadventures and feel inspired as Jackson weaves a refreshing tale that celebrates the diversity that makes Canada what it is today."

"Battle of the Books" against The Pas Regional Library was not held in 2009. We are looking forward in making another type of challenge in the future with them. This showed in our circulation stats for the year.

National Poetry Month was held in April and due to the Toastmaster's celebrating their anniversary and the number of people taking part in the Annual Poetry reading, the event had to be held at the local Senior Drop In Centre.

The evening was very successful with many poems being read by people from the community as well as visitors from Winnipeg. Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library was still able to take part in this event and received a donation of books from the Flin Flon Writer's Guild.

The Library staff is looking forward to Poetry Reading Night being held at the library once again in 2010.



Public enjoying National Poetry Reading

Phyllis Stadnick attended the Saskatchewan Library Conference "Branching Out" which was held in Saskatoon from April 30th – May 2nd, 2009. Some of the sessions which were attended were the following Pre conference: "An introduction to Grant and Proposal Writing.", "Making your library more accessible" by Dorothy Macnaughton, "Metis Genealogy on the Prairies" by Tammy Vallee, "Friends of Library : Enhancing your Libray in Your Community" by Dorothy Macnaughton and "Time To Read – Partnerships for Building a Reader Nation" by Judy Nicholson.

Phyllis Stadnick attended the retirement tea for Carol Ham of The Pas Regional Library in June. Phyllis, her staff and Board members would like to wish Carol all the best in her retirement as well as welcome Lauren Wadelius and wish her all the best as the new administrator of The Pas Regional Library.

June was an exciting month around the library with a special visit from Ronald McDonald doing story time and magic for the general public. Ronald did two story time sessions one in the afternoon with children from Creighton Community School, McIsaac Ecole School and Ruth Betts School, and another in the evening for everyone. This event was sponsored by the local McDonald's Restaurant.



Phyllis Stadnick, Ronald, Cindy Patterson

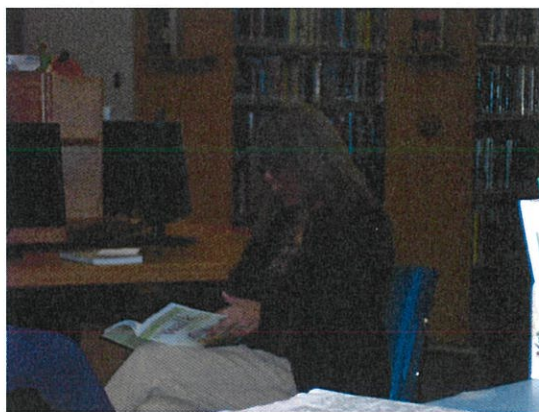


Schools and Teachers enjoying Ronald McDonald

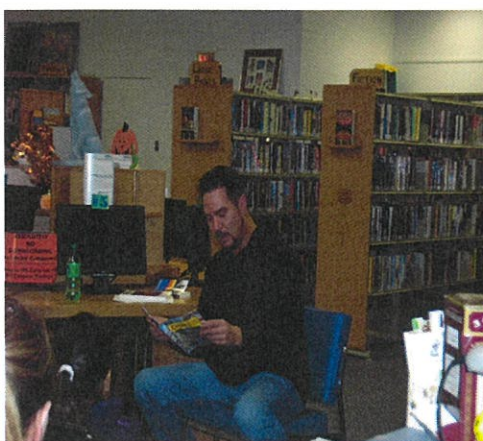
Flin Flon Public Library updated the children's furniture located in the Murray Smith Children's Nook area through a grant from the Northern Neighbours Foundation.

In October Kira Natrass student page with the library for three years graduated from high school and resigned her position to pursue other endeavors. Her co-workers wish her the best in her future endeavors. Whitney Natrass has been hired to fill the student page position

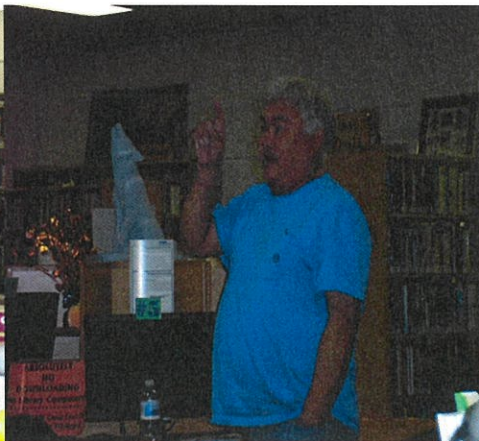
Thin Air Aboriginal Author Tour held a reading at the library in October with Beatrice Monsior author of "In search of April Raintree", Jordan Wheeler author of "Just a walk", and Michael Kusugak author of "The littlest sled dog", each author read or told a story to those in attendance.



Beatrice Mosionier



Jordan Wheeler



Michael Kusugak

The 22nd Annual Christmas Book Sale was held in November and December with books from McNally Robinson Booksellers.



Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library's Warm Up Little Hands and Food for Fines was held again in 2009 which was our fifth year with another success. The donations were made to Elk's Christmas Cheer Hampers, Salvation Army Christmas Hampers, and Lord Bounty Food Banks.



Lord Bounty Food Bank



Salvation Army

The Annual Staff, Board and Spouses Christmas Party was held at the Victoria Inn.



Staff, Board and Spouses

I would like to thank City of Flin Flon, Province of Manitoba, Town of Creighton, Village of Denare Beach, Province of Saskatchewan and R.M. of Kelsey for their continued support of the library.

Special thank you to Tara, Cindy, Alecia, Jody, Caitlin and Whitney and to the Library Board for their support.

Thank you to the patrons and general public for your continued support and donations to the library.

Family Literacy Day

On January 27, 2009 the Family Literacy Day Committee hosted our 10th Annual Celebration at the Flin Flon Public Library. Our theme for the celebration was "Unplug and Read". The goal was to encourage families to turn off the computer, television and video games and enjoy the simple pleasure of reading together. 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



Canada Post reading to the children at Family Literacy Day

2009 TD Summer Reading Program



The 2009 TD Summer reading program was attended by 10 kids, ranging from ages 4-10 years. It ran for 8 weeks & the theme was "Detectives". Our program ran 1 hour, once a week. Every week we did a game, craft, read stories, clue/word searches & treasure hunts. With our theme being "Detectives", we took a field trip to the police station for our last class. The kids got a tour of the station from one of the constables. They were able to see the jail cells, the finger printing area, the police cars and each child had their picture taken in handcuffs. The kids all had a great time and enjoyed the program.

Jody Galbraith, TD Summer Reading Programmer



Poetry Reading 2009

Over seventy guests attended the Celebration of Poetry, sponsored by Flin Flon Toastmasters, Flin Flon Writers Guild and the Flin Flon Public Library, held in the Flin Flon Seniors Room on Friday April 4th.

This year was an extra special event and a busload of people from Toastmasters Clubs in Winnipeg came to participate. We had a record thirty readers consisting of local writers, Toastmasters from Flin Flon and Winnipeg, and representatives from local education, businesses and community organizations. Bob Frazer, Chair of the Flin Flon Library Board once again emceed this event.

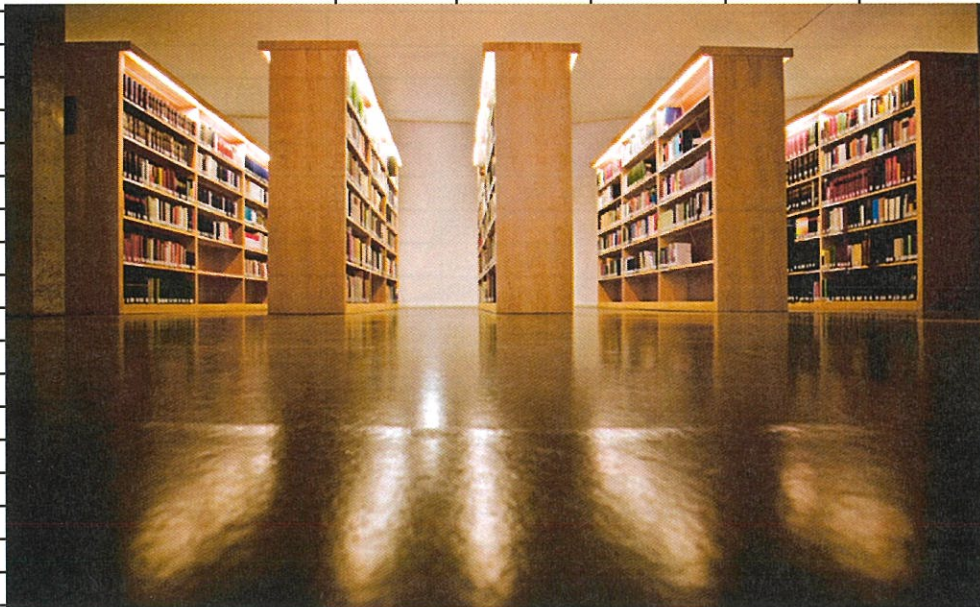
At the conclusion of the evening librarian Phyllis Stadnick received poetry books from the Flin Flon Writes Guild for inclusion in the library collection.

Harry Hobb
Flin Flon Toastmaster/Writer's Guild

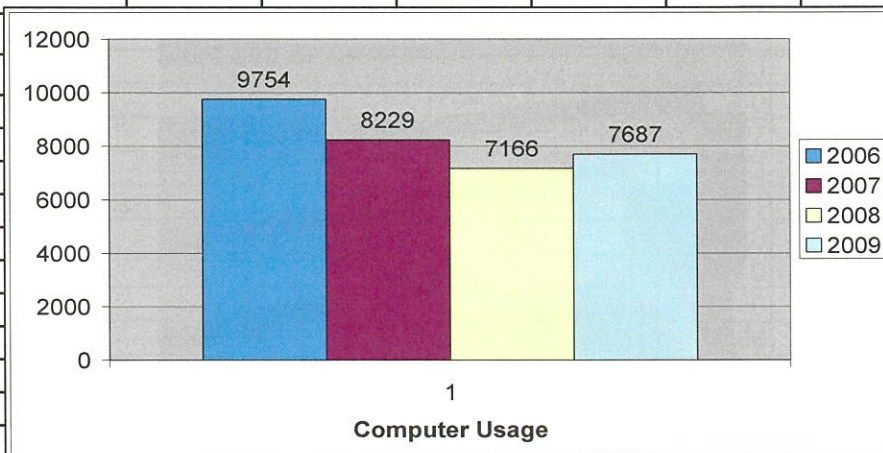


			Library Holdings 2009		
Adult Books	2008	Deleted	Added		2009
Adult Fiction	5624	376	682		5930
Adult Fiction - French	12	0	0		12
Adult Fiction - Donations	312	22	50		340
Adult Fiction - Native	9	0	1		10
Adult Non-Fiction	9959	1060	378		9277
Adult Non-Fiction - French	31	0	0		31
Adult Non-Fiction - Donations	584	1	68		651
Adult Non-Fiction - Native	194	1	5		198
Adult Non-Fiction - Native Donations	0	0	7		7
Pocket Books	63	0	53		116
Pocket Books-Donated	1011	310	334		1035
Large Print	264	12	58		310
Large Print - Donation	56	0	0		56
Reference	105	0	0		105
Subtotal	18224	1782	1636		18078
Newspapers	56	0	0		56
Magazines (Individual Subscriptions)	63	0	0		63
Newspaper/Magazine Donations	23	0	0		23
Bound Periodicals	151	0	0		151
Vertical File (Folders)	75	0	0		75
Telephone Books	8	0	0		8
Government Documents	126	0	0		126
Subtotal	502	0	0		502
Children's Books					
Beginner Readers	3133	72	189		3250
Beginner Readers - Donations	356	0	24		380
Beginner Readers - Native	36	0	4		40
Beginner Readers - French	27	0	0		27
Books & Tapes	18	0	0		18
Junior Fiction	1773	351	254		1676
Junior Fiction - French	41	0	0		41
Junior Fiction - Donations	91	0	24		115
Junior Fiction - Native	58	4	5		59
Junior Non-Fiction	1934	342	182		1774
Junior Non-Fiction - French	55	0	0		55
Junior Non-Fiction - Donations	107	0	1		108
Junior Non-Fiction - Native	92	4	11		99
Subtotal	7721	773	694		7642
Downstairs Level	200	200	150		150
Total	26647	2755	2480		26372

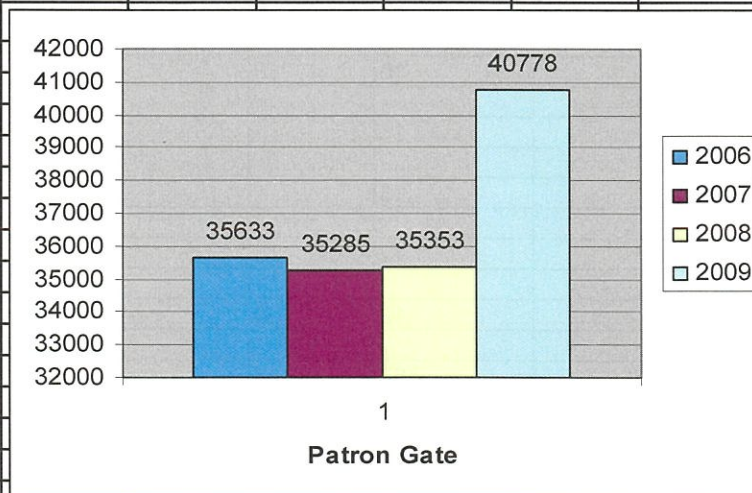
			Library Holdings - 2009			
Non-Print Material	2008		Deleted		Added	2009
Computer Disc	33		0		0	33
Sound Print Adult	569		2		8	575
Sound Print Children	33		0		0	33
Sound Print - Donations	109		0		0	109
CD-Adult	176		8		91	259
CD-Adult-Donation	51		7		0	44
CD-Children	29		3		10	36
CD-Children-Donation	6		0		0	6
CD-Junior	21		2		0	19
CD-Junior-Donation	0		0		0	0
DVD	7		5		0	2
DVD-Donated	181		11		62	232
Videos	106		76		0	30
Video - Donations	122		46		0	76
Toys	146		11		15	150
Subtotal	1589		171		186	1604
Totals	28236		2926		2666	27976



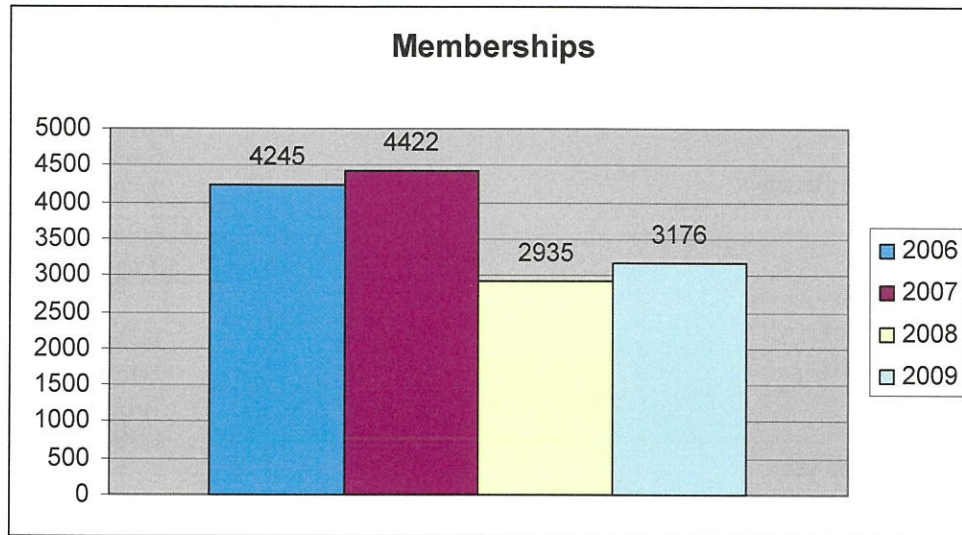
	Computer Usage 2009					
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>		
January	859	828	685	611		
February	776	970	595	479		
March	1323	573	553	670		
April	1027	728	475	570		
May	698	633	467	603		
June	536	486	496	627		
July	947	749	852	973		
August	871	719	536	822		
September	809	536	794	651		
October	668	767	676	630		
November	654	660	550	559		
December	586	580	487	492		
Totals	9754	8229	7166	7687		



		Library Patron Gate - 2009					
		2006	2007	2008	2009		
January		3193	3245	3000	2675		
February		2527	2702	2908	2750		
March		3416	3501	2914	2857		
April		2721	3645	3150	2900		
May		3080	2825	2954	3001		
June		2677	2654	3077	2900		
July		2871	3012	3121	4161		
August		2670	2750	2805	4170		
September		2166	2342	2641	3698		
October		2272	2905	3122	4153		
November		2993	2853	2803	3998		
December		3041	2851	2858	3515		
Totals		35633	35285	35353	40778		



		New Memberships 2008			
		2008	ADDED	WITHDRAWN	2009
Manitoba Residents					
Flin Flon		1998	217	42	2173
Cranberry Portage		91	7	0	98
Manitoba Non-Residents					
Baker's Narrows		67	2	0	69
Big Island		37	0	0	37
Schist Lake		38	7	0	45
Sherridon		2	0	0	2
Snow Lake		2	0	0	2
Wanless		1	0	0	1
Manitoba Non-Resident		0	2	0	2
Inter-Library Loan		102	0	0	102
Temporary		0	0	0	0
Sub Totals		2338	235	42	2531
Saskatchewan Residents					
Creighton		357	39	3	393
Denare Beach		180	16	5	191
Saskatchewan Non-Resident					
Tyrell Lake		2	0	0	2
Sandy Bay		10	0	1	9
Pelican Narrows		11	1	0	12
Saskatchewan Non-Resident		13	1	0	14
Deschambault Lake		12	0	0	12
Other Non-Resident		12	0	0	12
Subtotals		597	57		645
Total		2935	292	9	3176
*We are continuing to work on updating our memberships list.					



Difference in the years is that we are continuing of updating our memberships to the library



FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUE/EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
REVENUE		
OPERATING GRANTS		
City of Flin Flon - Grant	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	15,000	13,000
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	56,319	56,319
Province of Manitoba - Technology Grant	7,601	-
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	15,500	13,000
RM of Kelsey	5,602	5,602
Village of Denare Beach	2,500	2,500
	<u>192,522</u>	<u>180,421</u>
DONATIONS	<u>14,610</u>	<u>3,090</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Overdue book fines	1,364	1,493
Parking stall rentals	1,134	1,135
Book sales	7,451	12,852
Interest	1,381	1,836
Goods and services tax	-	4
Material replacement	370	319
Non-resident fees	760	745
Other	677	841
	<u>13,137</u>	<u>19,225</u>
PATRON SERVICES		
Business		
Copying charges	2,476	2,479
Fax	1,726	1,541
Laminating	514	486
Rental	3,850	4,812
	<u>8,566</u>	<u>9,318</u>
InfoPod		
E-mail	3,950	3,602
Printer	686	544
Disc Sale	-	4
	<u>4,636</u>	<u>4,150</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Community Connections	780	-
	<u>780</u>	<u>-</u>
REVENUE- LIBRARY OPERATIONS	234,251	216,204
TOTAL EXPENSES - EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	<u>216,033</u>	<u>187,878</u>
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	<u>18,218</u>	<u>28,326</u>
TRANSFER TO (FROM) SPECIAL RESERVE	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ 18,218</u>	<u>\$ 28,326</u>

**FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
EXPENSES		
MATERIALS		
Books	\$ 38,790	\$ 24,314
Other	40	(8)
Magazines	1,044	579
Newspaper	1,368	1,155
Videos	292	-
Toys	252	-
	<u>41,786</u>	<u>26,040</u>
ADMINISTRATION		
Association Fees	308	415
Audit and professional fees	1,926	1,641
Bank Charges	383	331
Continuing Education	29	115
Copier Contract/Paper	2,206	2,374
Express/Delivery/Postage	2,295	1,386
Equipment/Furniture	7,226	2,399
Insurance	1,685	1,626
Promotion & Publicity	2,252	3,372
Laminating	213	563
Library Stationary	1,318	1,220
Maintenance	14,779	10,863
Miscellaneous	554	944
Programming	357	349
Utilities	20,084	18,932
Wages and Benefits	105,572	103,441
Technical Services	-	(800)
Travel & Conference	1,001	2,247
	<u>162,188</u>	<u>151,418</u>
TECHNOLOGY		
Communications	4,922	4,787
Licences	1,458	1,697
Maintenance	-	1,300
Supplies	2,167	1,739
	<u>8,547</u>	<u>9,523</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	-	897
Manitoba - Techonlogy	3,512	-
	<u>3,512</u>	<u>897</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 216,033</u>	<u>\$ 187,878</u>



Flin Flon Public Library

Annual Christmas

Book Sale



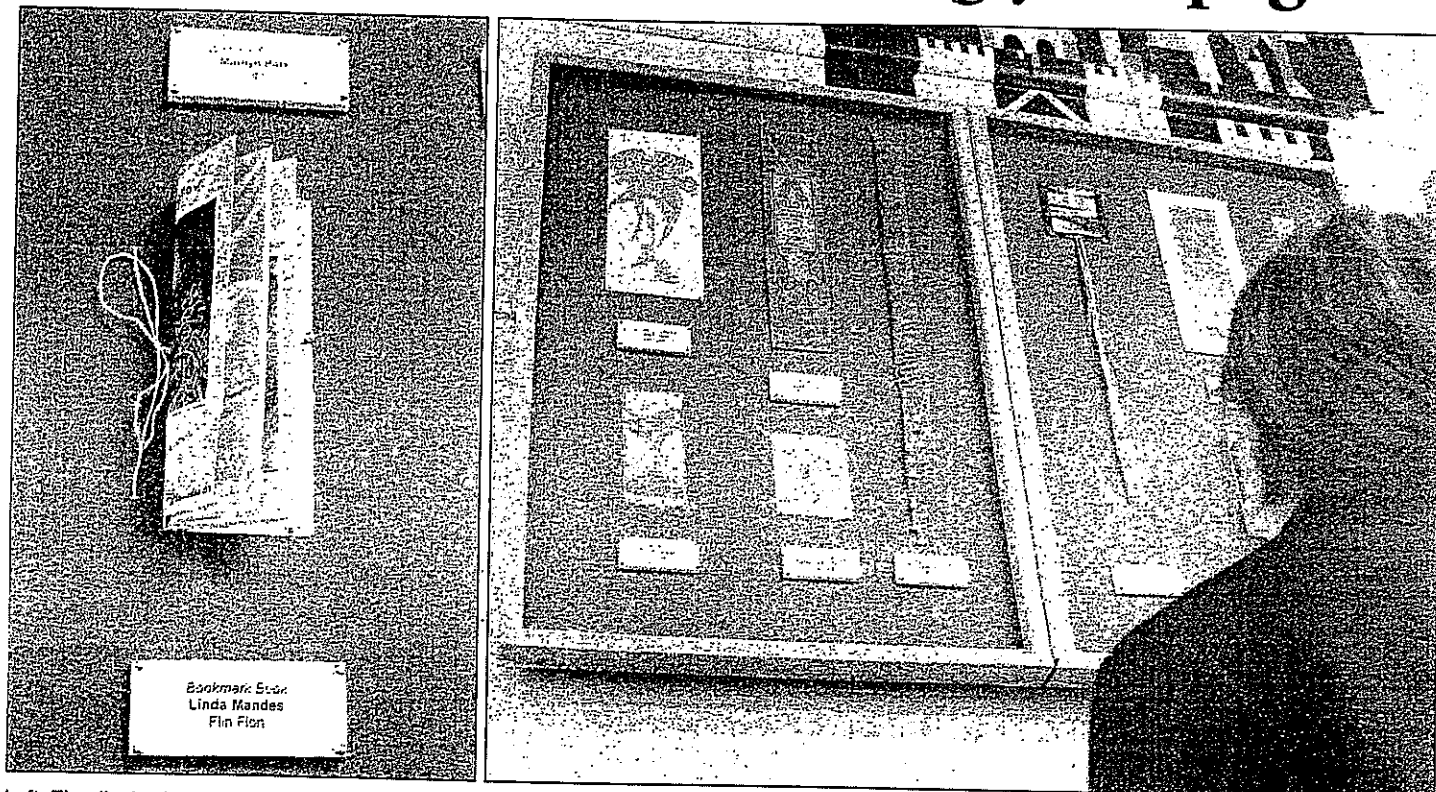
**LOOKING FOR STOCKING
STUFFERS?
COME CHECK OUT OUR
BOOKS!**



**LIBRARY BOOK BAGS \$4.00
EACH**



They're not just for saving your page



Left: The display includes "Bookmark Book" by Flin Flon's Linda Mandes. Right: The bookmarks vary in size, shape, and even material. PHOTOS BY JONATHAN NAYLOR

Jonathon Naylor
Editor

A display at the Flin Flon Public Library merges a literary theme with an artistic touch.

Artmarks: A Manitoba Bookmark Exhibit features more than 80 bookmarks creatively designed by artists throughout the province.

"I think it's amazing

the talent that Manitoba has," said library administrator Phyllis Stadnick. "The vision they have is just amazing."

The bookmarks, hanging in display cases in the children's reading area, vary in size, shape, and even material.

One bookmark depicts Queen Elizabeth in a flowing blue dress,

while others are adorned with scenes of nature, flowers, and bugs.

Another page-marker is a miniature painting that uses an animal hide as its canvas. It shows a mouse unlucky enough to have been caught in an old-fashioned wooden trap.

Other bookmarks appeal to fans of abstract art, featuring casual swathes of bril-

liant colour.

Artists from across Manitoba are represented, including, thanks to Linda Mandes, Flin Flon. Her piece, "Bookmark Book," is a tiny book filled with downsized versions of her art.

"I thought it would be interesting to have a book as a bookmark," Mandes said in an artist's statement accom-

panying the exhibit.

Mandes said she photocopied photos of some of her past paintings and then collaged them with lace, beads, and ribbon. She photocopied the collage and crafted the small folded book.

The display will be open, free of charge, to the public during regular library hours until the end of the month. It

is touring the province courtesy of the Manitoba Arts Network.

As an aside, Stadnick was pleased to report that during I Love to Read Month in February, residents read 945 books.

For every five books a patron read, a congratulatory certificate featuring his or her name went up on the wall.

Staff at Work and Play

