



*Flin Flon Public Library*  
*Annual Report*

**2011**





**FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
STAFF MEMBERS  
2011**

**Phyllis Stadnick**

Administrator-Retired (April 15 2011)

**Cindy McLean**

Administrator  
(April 2011-present)

**Tara Redahl**

Administrator Assistant/Cataloguer  
(March 2009-Present)

**Cindy Patterson**

Inter-Library Clerk (Retired Oct 11 2011)

**Gina Huysamen**

Inter-Library Loan Clerk/Assistant Cataloguer  
(July 2011-Present)

**Karen McKay**

Evening Supervisor/Library Clerk  
(Sept 2011-Present)

**Alecia Thompson**

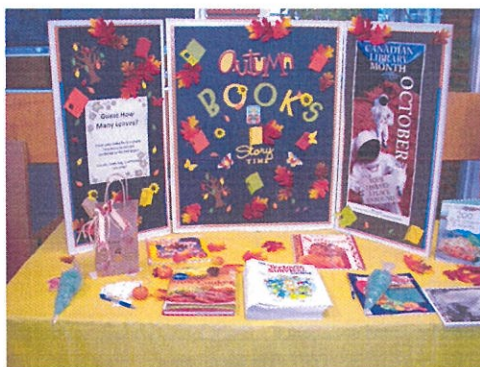
Library Clerk  
(April 2008-Present)

**Whitney Natrass**

Student Page  
(November 2009-Present)

**Joshua Ramshaw**

CAP Youth Intern  
(Oct 18 2011-Present)



Fall Display October 2011

**Flin Flon Public Library  
Board Members  
2011**

**Buz Trevor  
Board Chairman  
Village of Denare Beach Representative**

**G.R. "Bob" Frazer  
Vice-Chairman**

**Lois "Bunny" Burke  
Secretary/Treasurer**

**Tim Babcock  
City of Flin Flon Representative**

**Val Dixon  
Town of Creighton Representative**

**Murray Smith  
Board Member**

**Blaine Veitch  
Board Member**

**Tom Goodman  
Board Member**



**Flin Flon Public Library Summer Display**



# **FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**2011**

Another successful year has passed for the Flin Flon library which saw a number of changes. Perhaps the most significant change was the retirement of our long serving Library Administrator, Phyllis Stadnick in March. For many people in the community Phyllis was the "face" of the library and her dedication and welcoming disposition will be missed. We have been fortunate in hiring Cindy McLean as the new Administrator. Cindy brings a different background to the library which is enabling the Library to maintain its place as an innovative and welcoming hub in the community.

Changing demographics have not left the Library unaffected. During the year, hours of operation were modified to better reflect periods of maximum usage. It is a regret that we cannot provide extended hours of opening on all days but budgetary constraints require pragmatic considerations.

The Library continues to enjoy the financial support of the City of Flin Flon, the Town of Creighton and the Northern Village of Denare Beach, along with the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Without the commitment of these agencies, the Library could not exist. It is therefore gratifying that in this time of shrinking populations and multiplying entertainment options, many people continue to use the Library and its services. This is a tribute to the Administrator and staff of the Library who continue to provide a dynamic space that is a far cry from the stereotypical picture of a room full of dusty, unread books on gloomy shelves!

The Library is a public institution and the Board and Staff remain committed to providing the community with the best possible service. We are always receptive to input from members of the communities. LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE.

Warmest Regards,

**BUZ TREVOR**

# **Flin Flon & Area Public Library**

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

**“Our library is a community focused resource library, dedicated to embracing new technologies.**

**We provide all members a balanced collection of reading materials to discover the value of libraries and the joy of reading.”**

### Hours of Operation

#### Winter Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 10:00am to 6:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sunday: closed

#### Summer Hours:

Monday –Thursday: 10:00am to 6:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday: closed



Our library welcomes you!



## Administrator Report 2011

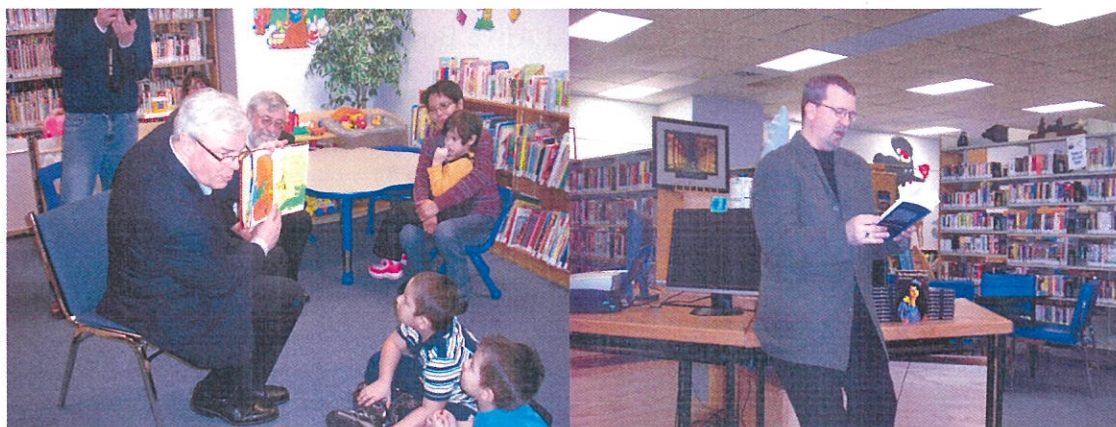
January was another busy month with **Family Literacy Day** being held in the Rotary Room of the library which was run by Lori Suss and all of her volunteers.

The Flin Flon Public Library hosted Creighton School's Family Day, with Cindy Patterson reading to the children.



**Cindy Patterson reading to the children**

**"I Love to Read Month"** was held in February with local Author Alex McGilvery reading his book, "The Unenchanted Princess", to the library audience. We were also fortunate to have special guest Premier Selinger, who announced the continued support for libraries. Mr. Selinger delighted the children with a couple stories while he was at the library.



**Premier Selinger reads to the children and Alex McGilvery reading "The Unenchanted Princess"**

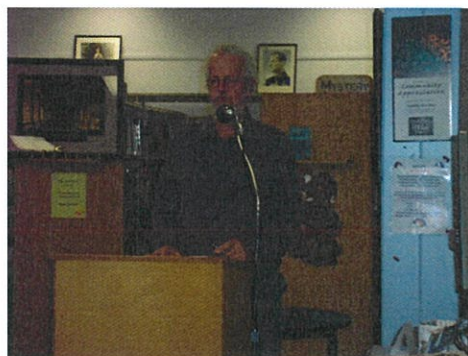
St. Patrick Day was a special occasion at the library this year, as the Flin Flon Public Library Board and Staff members held a come and go tea, in honor of retiring Administrator Phyllis Stadnick. We wish to congratulate Phyllis on her retirement, and thank her for all her hard work and excellent service, over the past 33 years. Enjoy this new path with all your family and friends Phyllis!



#### **Board Member Murray Smith, and retired Librarians attend Phyllis's tea**

April 4<sup>th</sup> 2011, Cindy McLean embarked on her new position as Library Administrator at the library.

**National Poetry Month** was held at the library on April 8<sup>th</sup>, co-hosted by Flin Flon Toastmasters, Flin Flon Writer's Guild and Flin Flon Public Library. There were approximately 23 readers from Flin Flon, Brandon and Winnipeg, and 66 patrons in attendance. Chairman Buz Trevor was Master of Ceremonies and Phyllis Stadnick was acknowledged for her many year of support to the Flin Flon Toastmasters and Flin Flon Writer's Guild by Glenda Hobbs and Doreen Roman. The library graciously accepted 48 book donations from Lillian Mabon of Word Alive Books.



#### **Library Chairman Buz Trevor during Poetry Night**



Staff participated in **“Dare to Pink Campaign”** and implemented our **“Treat Tree”** in the children’s reading area. The children look forward to each new season, to see what treat awaits them at the library.

May 24<sup>th</sup> was Spring Clean-Up day, and the library staff were very busy spring cleaning. Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, was our **“Customer Appreciation Day”**. The staff and Board Members baked cookies, and served coffee and juice to patrons. We completed our Membership drive with 23 new members.



Alecia Thompson, our Library Clerk with Murray Smith-Board Member. Cindy and Cindy serving customers outside on Customer Appreciation Day

Our **“Teddy Bear Story Hour”** program started June 7<sup>th</sup>, with 16 children registering. This program has been fun, with stories, Dr. Seuss, crafts, and snacks. The library also held it’s annual **“Discard book Sale”** on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

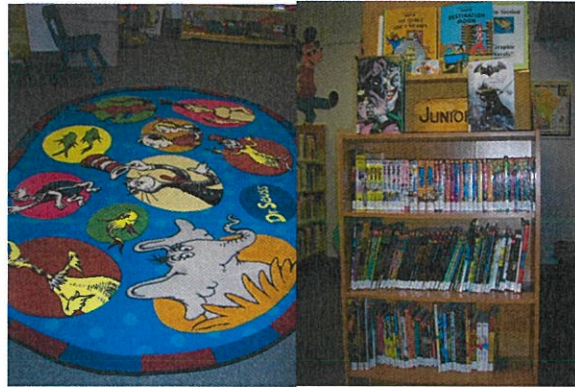


Special guest Nolan Suss reads during Story Hour and our Discard Sale



Aboriginal Head Start Day Care Tour May 2011

June was a very busy month, moving shelves, to make room for new books. We developed a “**Student Reading Nook**”, complete with a new area dedicated to **Graphic Novels**. Thanks to the generous donation by **Dr. Katherine Pettipas**, the daughter of the late **Peter Rendziak**, we were able to purchase a new Teen Reading Chair, Dr. Seuss Childrens’ Rug, and Magazine Rack in the Adult Reading Area. Mr. Rendziak was an avid reader, and one of our library’s regular patrons. He was a strong believer in the power of knowledge, encouraging Katherine to obtain her PHD in History and Anthropology. The family wished to dedicate these items in loving memory of their Father and we are very grateful!



**Our new Dr. Seuss children’s area rug and Graphic Novel section**

**Gina Huysamen**, our new Inter Library Clerk, was a welcome addition, to the library on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Gina replaced Cindy Patterson, who has decided to move to Melfort, to be closer to her family. We will miss Cindy, and wish her much happiness in her new endeavor. Thanks Cindy for being such an awesome employee!

On August 16, the library staff attended a barbeque at my house, with much fun and laughs had by all! Thanks for the “**gifts**” girls!



The staff playing a joke on Gina Huysamen on her first day, getting her to alphabetically organize the discards...so funny.. and our Student Page Whitney Natrass’s birthday!



**Karen McKay** also joined the library staff, as our new Evening Supervisor, on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Karen has also been a welcome addition, and our library is fortunate to have both Karen and Gina!



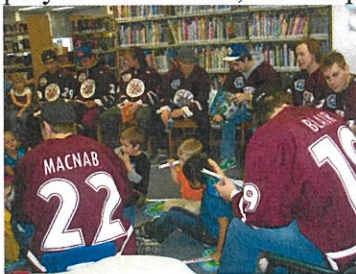
**Karen McKay on her first day “shelf reading” discards!**

September 30<sup>th</sup> brought **Culture Days** to the Flin Flon Public Library. The Library staff served coffee, juice, and cookies to the patrons. The library featured a Pictorial History of Flin Flon, and entertained our patrons with several musicians. We were also very fortunate to have former Flin Flonner and author **Mr. Albert Stevens** attend the library for a book signing of his first book “No Feather Beds”



Mr. Albert Stevens autographs his books, and Jay Beaupre entertains staff and patrons

The **Flin Flon Bombers** attended the library on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Bombers read stories, played mini sticks, and helped serve juice and snacks to 40 children.



**The Flin Flon Bombers reading, and playing hockey with the children**

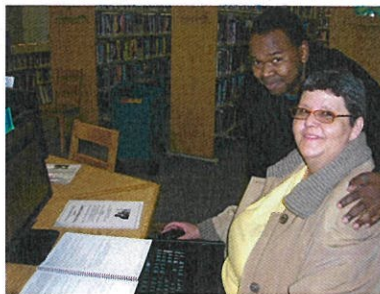
**Joshua Ramshaw**, joined the library October 18<sup>th</sup>, as **CAP (Community Access Program) for Youth Internship Youth Intern**. Josh has been busy instructing our patrons on computer usage, and learning the library ropes, when time permits! Joshua was a frequent visitor to the library as a child, and it has been wonderful watching him interact and instruct our patrons.



Josh doing an awesome job instructing our patron, Joan Gohl.

Cindy McLean and Gina Huysamen attended the **Northern Saskatchewan Libraries Conference** in La Ronge, from October 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. The presentations were informative and fun, especially the Fingerplay Boot Camp presented by Kevin MacKenzie.

**Kirk Raphael** was our **Power Up Course Instructor**, hired by Manitoba Status of Women. Kirk did an amazing job instructing six ladies in basic computer knowledge. The course ran from Oct 24<sup>th</sup> to Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, and Kirk received “glowing” accolades from the students.



The library held a **Children's Halloween Party** on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, and fun was had by all, including our “scary” staff!





In November, the library partnered with the Primary Health Care, holding an **Ovarian Cancer Presentation** in the Rotary Room. The staff held our Christmas party early this year, on Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, as Gina returned home to South Africa for six weeks during Christmas.



Christmas party antics...trying to wiggle a Gingerbread cookie to drop in our mouths!

Our library continues to offer the delivery and pick up of books to our Senior Residents. We are very fortunate to have Joe Kowalchuk, who volunteers delivering these books. A big thank you to Joe!



Gina Huysamen & Joe Kowalchuk

On Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, the staff participated in the **Salvation Army Kettle Campaign**, outside the library.



Tara and Gina lend a helping hand!



Alecia and Josh having fun!



The Flin Flon Public Library held our **McNally's Christmas Book Sale** in December. We held our annual **"Fines For Children"**, waiving fines if patrons brought in a toy for the Children's Gift Program.



Our Candy Cane Lane Christmas display and Dawn Cardell accepting toys for the Children's Gift Program, from Alecia Thompson

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, the library hosted local author Gail Baker for the signing her latest book, **"A Pictorial History of Flin Flon 1916-2011"**. The library served coffee and cookies, as a way to wish all our patrons a Merry Christmas! Tory was the lucky winner of our Christmas Draw!



Gail Baker signing her book and Tory receiving her Christmas candy!

On behalf of the Board and Staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the City of Flin Flon, Town of Creighton, Village of Denare Beach, RM of Kelsey, and the Province of Manitoba who provide us with the necessary funding to provide services to our community. A big thank you also goes out to the staff at Public Library Services, who have been a continual source of patience and help this year.



At this time, I would like to say a very special thank you to my hardworking and amazing staff, Tara, Gina, Alecia, Karen, Whitney, and CAP Intern Josh. You have made these past nine months so much fun, and I am so blessed to have had all your help! **You guys ROCK!**

I would like to thank our Library Board, whose dedication, vision, and encouragement, continue to make the Flin Flon Public Library a progressive and integral part of our community. I look forward to working together in 2012!

Respectfully yours,

Cindy McLean  
Library Administrator



## **2011/2012 CAP Youth Internship Program**

### **Joshua Ramshaw**

I have been working as the CAP student intern here at the Flin Flon Public Library. It has been a fantastic job and I am extremely glad I have the opportunity to do this. When I started on October 18<sup>th</sup> I wasn't quite sure what to expect. I had never had a "teaching" job before so it was all a new experience to me. As I soon found out working at the Library, has been very comfortable and the people of Flin Flon have been very easy-going. The librarians have made me feel right at home, and have definitely supported me, and helped create a friendly environment to work in!

The majority of the people I have helped have been 50+, however there has been a great number of middle-aged (30-50) adults come by as well. I've heard positive feedback from clients who have come in, which makes it more worthwhile! Those individuals have told their family and friends about the free computer courses, so the word-of-mouth factor has really helped.

Alongside teaching computer classes I have also been able to learn how to do many of the librarian jobs including working the front counter, filing, pocketing, and many other duties. Overall I am very pleased with what I have been able to accomplish at the Flin Flon Public Library. This position has been a great learning experience, and has been very fulfilling!

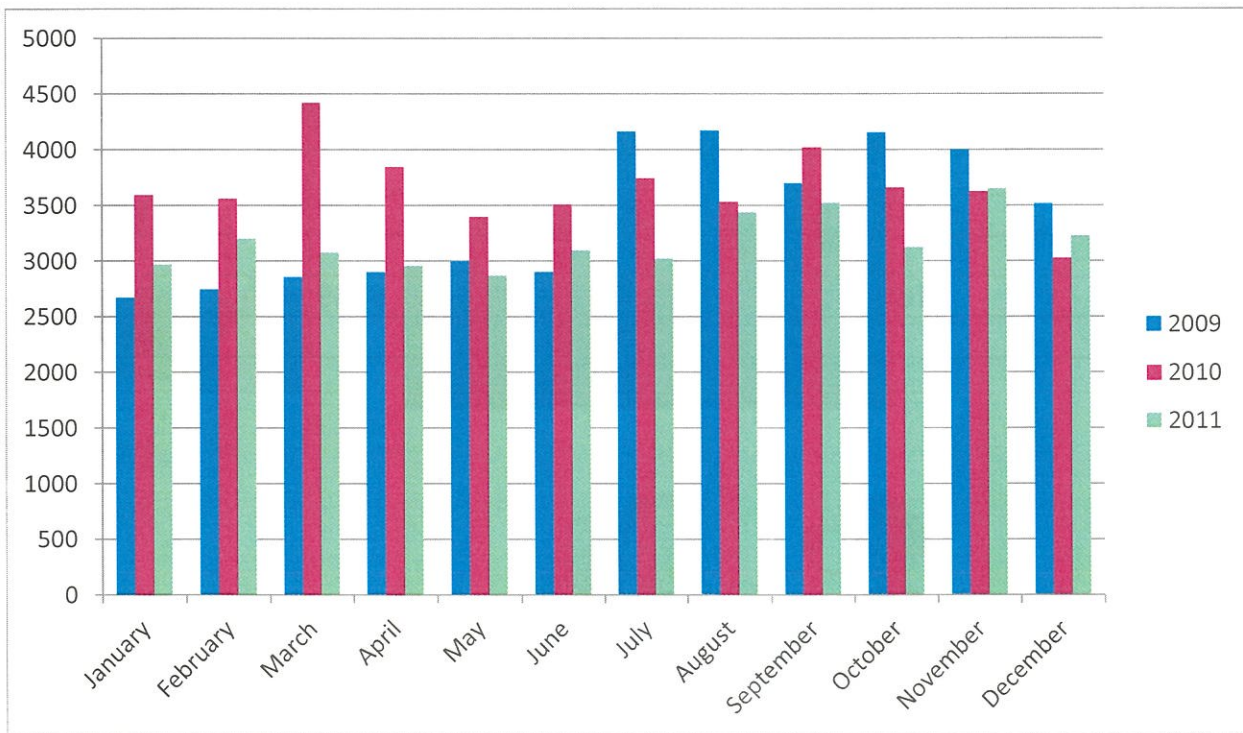




	<b>New Memberships 2011</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Added</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Manitoba Residents</b>				
Flin Flon	1819	183	3	1999
				0
Cranberry Portage	110	6		116
				0
<b>Manitoba Non-Residents</b>				0
				0
Baker's Narrows	50	11		61
				0
Big Island	23	1		24
				0
Schist Lake	46	11		57
				0
Sherridon	4			4
				0
Snow Lake	2			2
				0
Wanless	1			1
				0
Manitoba Non-Resident-other	5			5
				0
Inter-Library Membership	106			106
				0
Temporary	0			0
				0
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>2166</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>2375</b>
<b>Saskatchewan Residents</b>				
Creighton	316	39		355
				0
Denare Beach	163	21	1	183
				0
Saskatchewan Non-Resident				0
				0
Tyrell Lake	1			1
				0
Sandy Bay	9	1		10
				0
Pelican Narrows	13			13
				0
Saskatchewan Non-Resident	14			14
				0
Deschambault Lake	8	1		9
				0
Other Non-Resident	12	3		15
				0
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>536</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2702</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2975</b>

## Library Patron Gate Count-2011

	2009	2010	2011
January	2675	3602	2972
February	2750	3569	3202
March	2857	4429	3076
April	2900	3853	2955
May	3001	3403	2869
June	2900	3514	3093
July	4161	3749	3020
August	4170	3536	3436
September	3698	4025	3521
October	4153	3665	3119
November	3998	3630	3649
December	3515	3028	3225
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40778</b>	<b>44003</b>	<b>38137</b>





Library Holdings - 2011				
<b>Adult Books</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Deleted</b>	<b>Added</b>	<b>2011</b>
Adult Fiction	5792	674	817	5935
Adult Fiction - French	12	12	0	0
Adult Fiction - Donations	256	120	88	224
Adult Fiction - First Nation	11	0	0	11
Adult Non-Fiction	9422	337	405	9490
Adult Non-Fiction - French	31	4	0	27
Adult Non-Fiction Donations	582	191	145	536
Adult Non-Fiction -First Nation	200	0	20	220
Adult Non-Fiction - Frist Nations Don.	7	11	0	-4
Pocket Books	80	167	141	54
Pocket Books-Donated	803	135	322	990
Large Print	255	30	106	331
Large Print - Donation	50	5	26	71
Reference	110	0	0	110
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17611</b>	<b>1686</b>	<b>2070</b>	<b>17995</b>
Newspapers	9	1	1	9
Magazines (Individual Subscriptions)	56	0	0	56
Newspaper/Magazine Donations	23	0	0	23
Bound Periodicals	151	0	0	151
Vertical File (Folders)	27	0	27	54
Telephone Books	8	0	0	8
Government Documents	126	0	14	140
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>441</b>
<b>Children's Books</b>				
Beginner Readers	3021	95	417	3343
Beginner Readers - Donations	285	61	63	287
Beginner Readers - First Nation	46	0	13	59
Beginner Readers - French	30	9	8	29
Books & Tapes	18	0	0	18
Junior Fiction	1674	115	290	1849
Junior Fiction - French	41	1	4	44
Junior Fiction - Donations	67	59	23	31
Junior Fiction -First Nation	61	0	2	63
Junior Non-Fiction	1904	210	120	1814

Junior Non-Fiction - French	55	16	3	42
Junior Non-Fiction - Donations	114	52	4	66
Junior Non-Fiction - First Nation	114	0	18	132
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7430</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>7777</b>
Downstairs Level Archives	150	0	0	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>25591</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>7927</b>
<b>Non-Print Material</b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>Deleted</u></b>	<b><u>Added</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>
CD Music	33	0	0	33
Sound Print Adult	347	185	0	162
Sound Print Children	18	17	0	1
Sound Print Donations	0	0	0	0
CD-Adult	335	2	92	425
CD-Adult Donation	44	0	0	44
CD Children	41	0	4	45
CD Children Donation	6	0	0	6
CD Junior	19	0	0	19
CD Junior Donation	0	0	0	0
DVD	2	18	73	57
DVD Donation	322	0	107	429
Videos	30	30	0	0
Videos-Donations	0	0	0	0
Toys	146		4	150
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1430</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>1371</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27,075</b>	<b>2923</b>	<b>4042</b>	<b>27734</b>

Note:

Sound Print-cassettes & Videos-VHS have been deleted due to very low circulation





			Library Circulation 2011		
<b><u>Adult Books</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>	
Adult Fiction	11487	9709	10135	8445	
Adult Fiction-French	5	0	0	0	
Adult Fiction-Native	22	7	1	3	
Adult Non-Fiction	7583	5459	5501	3409	
Adult Non-Fiction-French	0	0	0	0	
Adult Non-Fiction-Native	70	66	23	61	
Large Print	2413	3764	2241	2550	
Pocketbooks	4297	3507	3229	2320	
Magazines	2146	464	344	379	
ILL-Borrowed	559	542	628	517	
ILL-Lent	161	122	92	4	
Reference	1	3	1	0	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>28749</b>	<b>23643</b>	<b>22195</b>	<b>17685</b>	
<b><u>Children's Books</u></b>					
Beginner Readers	6462	4196	7220	3248	
Beginner Readers-French	50	15	2	5	
Beginner Readers-Native	9	4	5	10	
Junior Fiction	1540	1485	2105	1477	
Junior Fiction-French	44	1	3	3	
Junior Fiction-Native	1	0	1	7	
Junior Non-Fiction	725	966	980	675	
Junior Non-Fiction-French	0	38	24	3	
Junior Non-Fiction-Native	34	15	15	63	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8865</b>	<b>6720</b>	<b>10355</b>	<b>5469</b>	
<b><u>Non-Print Materials</u></b>					
CD-Children	78	121	156	56	
CD-Adult	1531	1529	1493	1362	
CD-Junior	9	8	9	4	
CD-Music	127	88	59	8	
Sound Print-Adult	967	625	300	66	
Sound Print-Children	77	49	14	17	
CNIB-Daisy Digital Readers	146	66	30	0	
Odrive	71	14	204	465	
Toys	42	3	19	6	
Equipment	0	8	3	0	
Videos	581	528	297	6	
DVD	721	629	728	767	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4350</b>	<b>3668</b>	<b>3108</b>	<b>2274</b>	
<b><u>Infopod Centre</u></b>					
Research	2100	700	2300	1320	

**FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>MATERIALS</b>		
Books	\$ 33,151	\$ 42,669
Other	30	148
Magazines	589	493
Newspaper	930	1,291
Videos	193	-
Toys	<u>205</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>35,098</u>	<u>44,601</u>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Association Fees	195	458
Audit and professional fees	3,194	2,694
Bank Charges	586	596
Copier Contract/Paper	2,574	2,637
Express/Delivery/Postage	936	1,420
Equipment/Furniture	1,409	1,728
Insurance	1,830	1,830
Promotion & Publicity	2,197	2,004
Laminating	980	570
Library Stationary	335	1,623
Maintenance	8,242	18,608
Miscellaneous	1,242	663
Programming	726	294
Utilities	17,379	15,242
Wages and Benefits	118,556	110,931
Technical Services	708	-
Travel & Conference	<u>571</u>	<u>510</u>
	<u>161,660</u>	<u>161,808</u>
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>		
Service Contracts	650	-
Communications	4,862	5,028
Licences	556	424
Maintenance	17	-
Supplies	<u>1,802</u>	<u>1,268</u>
	<u>7,887</u>	<u>6,720</u>
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>		
Archives	13	169
Manitoba - Techonlogy	<u>2,357</u>	<u>3,882</u>
	<u>2,370</u>	<u>4,051</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 207,015</u>	<u>\$ 217,180</u>





## Retirement Reception

You're invited to a come and go retirement reception for Phyllis Stadnick at the Flin Flon Public Library Thursday, March 17, 2011 from 2:00

to 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!

## NEWS

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# Former banker excited to head up library

**Kelly Carrington**  
Staff Writer

As an avid reader, taking a position at the Flin Flon Public Library seemed like the perfect fit for Cindy McLean.

A former banker at the Royal Bank, McLean recently took over as the new library administrator.

Replacing the newly retired Phyllis Stadnick, McLean says she's got her work cut out for her.

"Phyllis has done a great job," says McLean. "There are big shoes for me to fill."

Knowing the challenges that lie ahead, McLean says she plans on getting her wet feet before jumping right in.

"I hope to, with the community's blessing, of course, and their involvement...to see where the need is," she said.

The new administrator says she wants to make changes based on what people want to see.

"I definitely see a need for seniors and I have a lot of things going around in my head," she said.

But, she says she's hoping for an "open door policy."

"I really want the community to tell me what the need is and bring that to the community," said McLean.

As someone who spent time at the Flin Flon

Public not only as an adult and a mother, but as a child as well, McLean plans to see the popular reading programs continue.

"Definitely we will be doing the reading challenge," she says.

### Other programs

McLean says she also has thoughts about other

children's programs as well as exploring the idea of a reading club and even genealogy.

Reading has always been a part of McLean's

life and she says she's happy to be able to spend her days in a library.

"It's going to be exciting," she said. "I'm really, really looking forward

to it."

McLean says she knows it will be a good fit for her, as it will give her a creative outlet banking didn't offer.



The staff of the Flin Flon Public Library: Tara Redahl (left), Alecia Thompson, Cindy McLean and Cindy Patterson.

PHOTO BY KELLY CARRINGTON



# Program returns library to its roots

Jonathon Naylor  
Editor

Between DVD rentals and Internet-ready computers, the original purpose of the Flin Flon Public Library can sometimes become lost in a sea of technological advances.

But that is never the case Tuesday mornings during the Teddy Bear Story Hour.

"The primary goal is to foster a love of books and reading in children," says library administrator Cindy McLean.

McLean oversees the program, wearing a bright smile as she reads stories to tikes seated on the floor of the Kinsmen Room, in the basement of the library.

Open to kids aged three to five, the sessions also include a craft related to the morning's story.

Last week, for instance, a fish-themed story was followed by the creation of a fish-themed

poster to hang in the library window for Trout Festival.

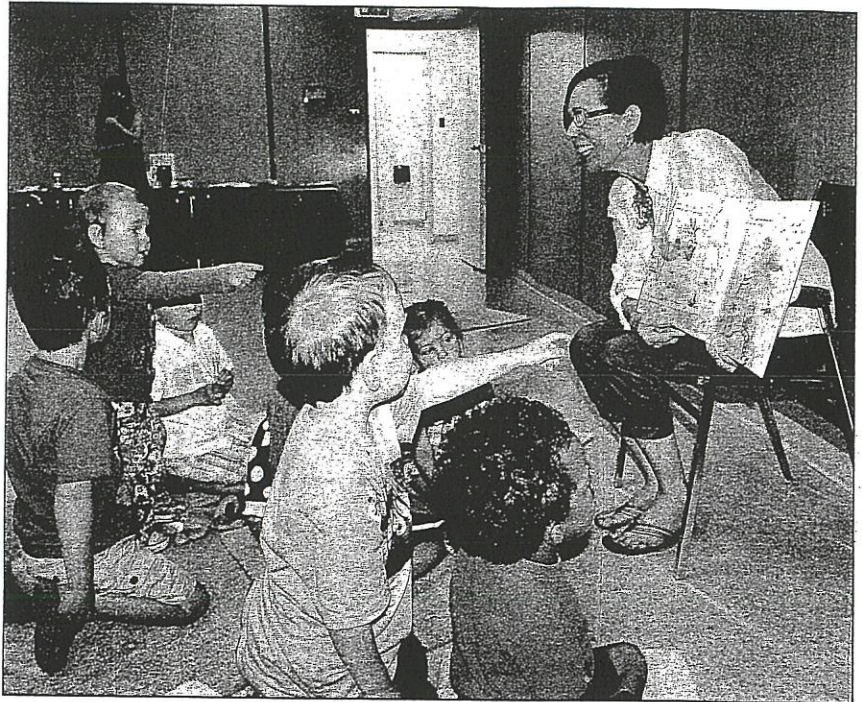
The program, offered free of charge, is a highlight for McLean, still new to the top job at the library.

"I just really feed off (the kids') enthusiasm and I understand just how important reading is to them," she says. "And that's what I love about them. I love their enthusiasm and I just love being around them."

McLean is quick to praise her staff, as well as many parents, for their support in running the program.

With a capacity enrollment of 16 children, the current edition of the program began in early June and will run until the end of July.

The next session is slated to begin in September. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Phone the library at 687-3397 for more information.



Children point to the fish in a story read by Cindy McLean.

## The Gloves Are Off...



The Bombers put their gloves down for a much more important reason last week as members of the team formed a semi circle at the Flin Flon Public Library to read to the children. Picking up books about dinosaurs, hockey and everything in between, the group passed the books along as the children were mesmerized.

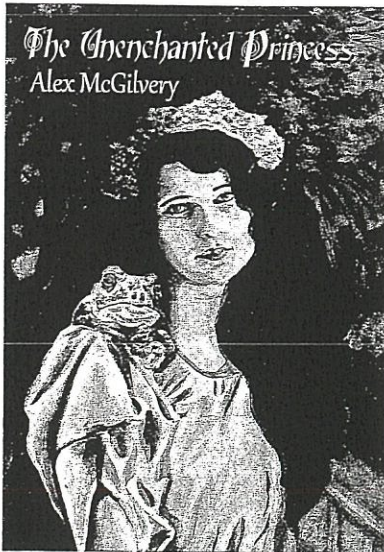
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At the Flin Flon Public Library last week, Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger read to children from the Aboriginal Head Start program. He also announced nearly \$59,000 in grants for the library this year.



A tale  
of  
magic  
and  
friend-  
ship.

Come to a reading by the author  
at the Flin Flon Public Library.

February 7 at 7pm

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

## A story to tell

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They say everybody has a story to tell, but Albert Gordon Stevens has quite a few of them.

At 88, the longtime former Flin Flonner recently self-published his first book, *No Feather Beds: A New Twist to an Old Tale*.

"I'm very happy about it," Stevens told the *Portage la Prairie Daily Graphic*. "It's quite an experience writing my first book. We have been so busy this spring that I really didn't think of it. Now it's starting to sink in a little."

The book relays Stevens' experiences with the Royal Canadian Air Force, with whom he served during and after the Second World War, and his life in Manitoba, including Flin Flon.

After leaving the Force in 1946, the Darlingford, Man., native — who goes by "Bert" — settled in Flin Flon. Here he worked with Sutton Pederson, Bert's Record Bar and HBMS.

Stevens and wife Gwen retired out west to Vernon, B.C., in 1986, but they main-



Albert Gordon Stevens

tained the friendships they had made while in Flin Flon.

When Gwen passed away, he returned to Manitoba, this time Portage la Prairie, where he still resides.

For Stevens, sharing his many wartime stories was important.

"It needs to be told," he told the *Daily Graphic*. "A lot of people don't realize what goes on. I hope that people enjoy it. There should be a few laughs, and a few points that will make you stop and think."

Stevens will be at the Flin Flon Public Library this Friday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. He will present his story and sign copies of his book as part of the 2011 Culture Days celebrations.



Knowledge is Power Presentation  
Ovarian Cancer

Thursday, Nov 3rd 10:00 -11:30

Flin Flon Public Library

Primary Health Care Centre will be holding an  
Ovarian Cancer Presentation in the Flin Flon  
Public Library Rotary Room.



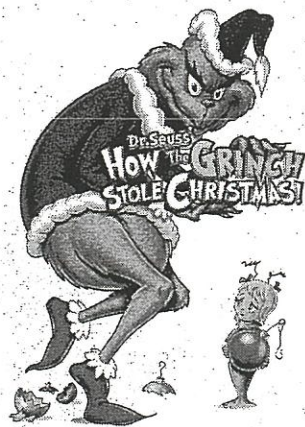
Please join us for this informative presentation.  
Coffee and muffins will be served

## Flin Flon Public Library Newsletter

December 2011

McNally's Christmas Book Sale – great selection of graphic novels, children's books, cook-books, etc. We also carry library canvas bags, as well as children's book bags, and Flinty coins for stocking stuffers!

On Friday, December 16 Gail Baker will be signing her latest book, "A Pictorial History 1916-2011", in our reading area. Gail will be available from 10:00 – 2:00. Please join us for coffee and cookies.



Join us Saturday, December 17 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. for a cartoon movie "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas", as well as a Christmas story, snack and craft. Children from ages 4 to 9 are welcome! Please call 687-3397 to register or drop by the library on Saturday.

"Fines for Children" – bring in a toy or mittens for the Children's Gift Program and we will waive your fine in the month of December.

We have expanded our "new release" section and are ensuring books are now available as soon as possible.

Come visit our revised children's reading area and enjoy the Cat in the Hat rug! We have also developed a teen reading nook, complete with a new graphic novel section!

We have enjoyed serving you in 2011 and would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to you and your loved ones at this special time of year!

Merry Christmas everyone!





