



Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library
Annual Report
2012

Flin Flon & Area Public Library

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

"Our library is a community focused resource centre, 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



FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2012

"When it doubt, go to the library." from Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J.K. Rowling.

In our increasingly technological age from time to time we read or hear opinion pieces calling for the demise of libraries. It is an interesting debate but the fact is, libraries are evolving to reflect changes in our world and it is their ability to evolve that remains the key to their ongoing relevance.

As an example, the growing significance of e-books is supposed to indicate that there is no longer a need to go to the library. There is no doubt that e-books are very convenient but they do not have the same portability as a physical book. It is not straightforward to lend your e-book to your friend. We do not want to buy every book we read and that is what lending libraries have always done – provided a place where we can have access to a large collection of books without having to buy the books. This need continues. In fact, I think the requirement for libraries may grow. Increased access to technology seems to be creating a population that wants to read.

The administrators of the Flin Flon Public Library recognised early the changing role of a community library and today the library is a different place from what it was thirty years ago. It is no longer just shelves of books and a few seats. It is a well-lit attractive space with an array of computers and a wonderful children's area with not only books but also a collection of toys and interactive games. What could be better for a young mother than to stop by the library and share a cup of coffee with other mothers while the young ones enjoy the library?

We are fortunate that the City of Flin Flon, the Town of Creighton and the Northern Village of Denare Beach, along with the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan continue to support the Library. Much of the funding of the Library depends on the population levels and as is well known, the population of our area continues to decline. Our Administrator, Cindy McLean and her staff have continued to provide wonderful services throughout the past year in spite of increasing budget constraints and rising costs of our primary feature – books!

The Library belongs to the community. I urge everyone to come in and see what you can find.

BUZ TREVOR



Flin Flon Public Library
Board Members
2012

Buz Trevor
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Village of Denare Beach Representative

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Town of Creighton Representative

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Bill Hanson

G (Bob) Frazer
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FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STAFF MEMBERS
2012

Cindy McLean
Administrator
(April 2011-present)

Tara Redahl
Administrator Assistant/Cataloguer
(March 2009-Present)

Aimee Best
Inter-Library Clerk (June 2012-present)

Karen McKay
Evening Supervisor/Library Clerk
(Sept 2011-Present)

Alecia Thompson
Library Clerk
(April 2008-Present)

Leanna Koop
Student Page
(Sep 2012-present)

Rebecca Kozar
Student Page
(Jan 2013-Present)



Flin Flon Public Library
Administrator's Report
2012

It is my pleasure to present The Flin Flon/Creighton/Denare Beach Public Library report. This has been my second annual report, and I am pleased and proud of the library staff, whose eager participation enabled so many awesome programs and activities to take place!!

January 2012, a New Year! We started off the year, with a **Scavenger Hunt**, which ran until Feb 14th. Patrons had to find a hidden Valentine, and enter their name to win a selection of books. Our library purchased a Keurig coffee pot, and has individual coffee, tea, and hot chocolate to purchase while browsing, reading or playing with the little ones. Our patrons are enjoying this immensely! We also purchased Chess and Backgammon sets, which have not seen much action, but are a welcome addition. **Family Literacy Day** was held on Jan 27th in the Rotary Room, with approximately 85 people attending. Thanks to Heather Jobes-Family Literacy Coordinator, and her volunteers Anita Pruden, Maureen Jobes, Shirley Jobes, and Peggy Mullie.

To further celebrate **"Love To Read Month"** and **"Family Literacy Day"** families from Creighton School attended the library, with approximately 40 people attending. Stories were read, hot chocolate and cookies were served, and the children participated in a tour and Scavenger Hunt. The little "future librarians" scanned books out, and had fun stamping! This was a fun day, and the library was pleased to host the school for their **"Creighton School Fun Day"**.

Flin Flon Public Library held a "Journey to Learning" contest. Children entered the contest by completing a form, telling the story of their reading journey. Our patrons had fun, finding valentines in the books, which earned them a ballot for a chance to win books. On Feb 23rd, local author, Gail Baker presented her book, **"A Pictorial History of Flin Flon 1916-2011"**. Patrons had a chance to reminisce with old friends, and were treated to coffee and cookies, while viewing the book, as well as displayed library Archives material

The Flin Flon Public Library held a contest, **"Guess Who Kidnapped the Easter Bunny?"** in the month of March. Nearly 50 youngsters took part writing a short story of who and why. Our special guest, **Ronald McDonald** entertained 89 children on March 28, with a magic show and a few stories. The day concluded with an Easter Egg Hunt, and treat bags to the very appreciative boys and girls.

The Flin Flon Writers Guild, the Flin Flon Public Library and the Flin Flon Toastmasters Club hosted a poetry reading in honour of **National Poetry Month** on Friday, April 13th. The event featured writing by local authors as well as readings by members of the community, including Library Chairman Buz Trevor. Several guests from Winnipeg took part, while 56 guests enjoyed the readings.

I attended the Manitoba Library Conference May 14th, 15th, and 16th, in Winnipeg, and found the workshops informative and inspiring. I was so inspired, that I thought Flin Flon should host a Human Book evening of our own, which we did!

Battle of the Books was held during the month of May, between Flin Flon Public Library, and The Pas Regional Library. Congratulations to The Pas, whose patrons read 4625 books, compared to Flin Flon's 3232. We had fun, and held several book draws for our patrons!

As a finale to the Royal Weekend celebrating the Diamond Jubilee, the library treated our patrons to our own Jubilee Day, serving tea & bannock. Patrons also had the opportunity to browse through hundreds of original newspaper articles and photos of the Royal Family, dating back to the 1930's. This collection was donated to the library, and discovered in our archives. This interesting display was well received on May 30th & 31st.

Story Hour wound down for the summer on June 6th, with a special guest appearance by our Flin Flon Fire Chief, Jim Pitre, who fired up the fire truck for the children to explore. The library also hosted our first "Stamp N Snack" program on June 4th. The program featured Cricut, Cuttlebug, stamping and card techniques. The library has a new "Two Hour Party Package", which included a brand new 50' TV, Wii Station and games. This package includes our kitchen facility, table and chairs, and is enjoyed by our local youth. Our Inter Library Clerk-Gina Huysamen and her family have decided to move to Fort McMurray. We will miss Gina's sense of humour, and wish her all the best! On that note, the library welcomed Amy Best on June 7th as our new ILL Clerk. Amy fits right in, and her sunny disposition has been a welcome addition! We held our annual outdoor book discard sale on June 29th, with the public finding some hidden gems!

TD Summer Reading was a huge success! It was such a joy, watching the children explore a love of reading, while having fun! It was awesome to see our summer circulation stats increase. For example, we average between 107-170 books per month for Junior, which increased to 315 for July and 384 for August. We average between 300-348 books per month for Beginner, which also increased to 658 for July and 595 for August.

Our library plays a vital role in the community, and we appreciated the opportunity to enhance and encourage a love of reading for every child! After all, fostering a LOVE of reading is our goal, and privilege! TD Summer Reading is such an awesome tool, providing a program that is so effective in community partnerships, and children's literacy!

Thirteen children from the Kiddie Korner Day Care visited us on August 13th. Long time Board Member Bob Frazer retired from the Board. Board Members and staff held a coffee and cake evening in his honour on August 15th. On behalf of the Board and Staff, we have certainly appreciated all of Bob's time and efforts over the years, and we wish him much happiness. On August 27th, the staff attended a summer barbeque at my house, to wish our Student Page Whitney Natrass farewell. Whitney has graduated, and her Student Page position has been filled with student- Leanna Koop. Whitney drops in for "chocolate and treats" and Leanna is learning the ropes. Welcome Leanna!

Our **Power Up Program** started on Sept 15th, with Instructor Kirk Raphael doing an amazing job! The Power Up Program is an initiative of Manitoba Status of Women, who provide free computer training, to women. To quote one of the students, "As a certified adult educator, I want to commend you for your ability to take a very desperate group to a quality conclusion." Way to go Kirk!

Our library hosted the "**Breastfeeding Quintessential Challenge**", on September 29, bringing like-minded Moms together for sharing and conversation.

Our new **Manitoba E Association Youth** Intern Austen Hebert started on October 29th. Austen plays for our local hockey team the Flin Flon Bombers, and made a trip to the Grade 1 class on Nov 22nd, to read a story and entertain the children. The Flin Flon Bombers traded Austen in December, and our library was fortunate to obtain Flin Flon Bomber Landon Hiebert as our new Intern. Landon did a fantastic job, and our patrons really enjoyed working with him.

On Oct 20th, Flin Flon Public Library partnered with CIBC, to host a "**Stamping Out Breast Cancer**" cardmaking day at the library. This was a fundraiser, in support of Carla Wilcox, a young local Mom, battling stage 4 breast cancer. Snacks, crafts, and door prizes were enjoyed by all! Oct 24th, brought 22 little "monsters" from Kiddie Korner Day Care, to the library for a **Monster Halloween Party** and craft. The children had a blast, and enjoyed stories and treat bags. We also hosted a "**Count the Library Mice**" contest, where children had to find all the mice, who had invaded the library during October. Seth Little and Harrison Dumas were the winners, finding almost all the rubber mice! We held our **Story Hour Halloween party** on Oct 30th, with snacks, spooky punch, and almost scary stories!

On Dec 5th, the library hosted "**PJ Christmas Tales**" with the local hockey team, Flin Flon Bombers. The children had a blast, playing mini sticks, reading stories, and making crafts with the Bombers. The Bombers enthusiastically played games in their jerseys, and even wore "Rudolph Antlers", much to the excitement of the children! The library also hid little "**Christmas Critters**" on various shelves, with a contest to find and count them. Amber McKenzie and Jaida Bigetty were the lucky winners, but it sure was fun watching all the children try to locate them!! Our annual "**Toys for Fines**" enabled us to help those less fortunate, with several boxes of donated toys to the Children's gift Program.

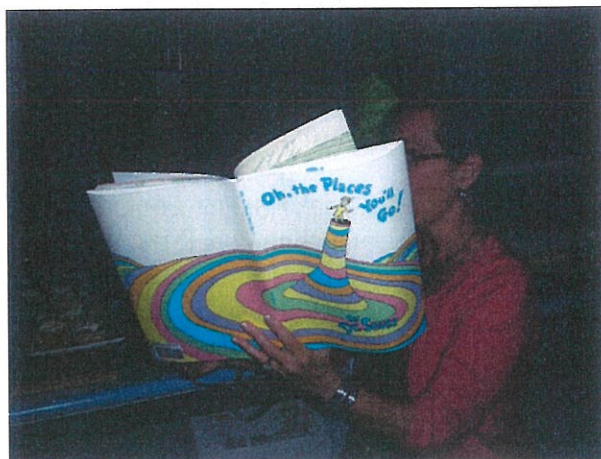
December also brought a much needed **baby change station**, which we installed in our ladies washroom. The young Moms certainly appreciate the convenience of this! We have also been working on a **new website**, which now allows patrons to renew their books on line. The new web site is complete, and is visually appealing, as well as user friendly. The library also installed an **automatic handicap push door**, which is a welcomed and timely addition. The library already has a wheelchair ramp, however, the addition of a handicapped door opening mechanism will make it easier for elderly and handicapped patrons to use the library.

A special thank you goes to the Board for their on-going assistance and support. It is comforting to know they are only a phone call or e-mail away, and are committed to moving forward with necessary changes and improvements. Partnerships remain the key to our success. I would also like to thank the staff of Public Library Services, who provide us with information, resources and support to help us be the best that we can be! Thanks to the City of Flin Flon, Town of Creighton, Village of Denare Beach, Province of Saskatchewan-Pahkisimon Nuye?"ah Library System, and RM of Kelsey who provide the necessary funding to keep the library available; thank you for your continued support.

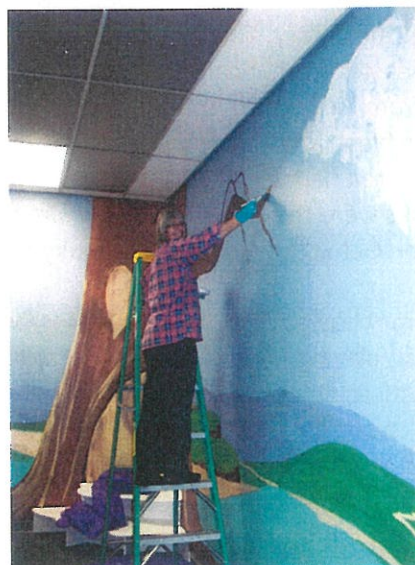
I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to my amazing staff, Tara Redahl, Aimee Best, Alecia Thompson, Karen McKay, and Leanna Koop. Patrons love coming to our library, not only for books, but to enjoy our programs, play with toys, and receive a friendly smile! Your dedication and professionalism is evident, and appreciated!

The role of the library is continually changing, and I am proud of what we accomplished in 2012. We are not just a place to pick up books, but strive to be the heart-beat of our community; a place where young and old, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, can come and discover a world of opportunity, learning, and fun! I look forward to serving you in 2013!

P.S. Watch for next year's report, where we unveil our new Children's Area under construction!



Who doesn't love Dr Seuss??



Sneak peek of our Children's area....

Things To Know about the Library....

Donations:

It takes a whole village to run a library...many thanks to the people and organizations who supported the Flin Flon Public Library this past year. Items include monetary donations, pocketbooks, DVD's, games, books, and a precious commodity...time. The Flin Flon Public Library acknowledges these individuals and organizations, who generously supported the library in 2012:

Evelyn Collins
Judy Zimmer
Janet Kajner
Taya Rodgers
Harry & Glenda Hobbs
Patti Stuckless
Donna Henschel
Linda Sevoid
Nayda Maximchuk
Joan Bowman

Diane Antlet
Christine Williams
Cassie West
Hedley Mason
Skip Martin
Meryle Guymer
Bonnie Campbell Black
Dave Martindale
Jackie Lee
Christine Sanders

Manitoba Hydro
Wal Mart
North of 53 CO-OP
Northern Rainbow's End
CIBC

SGI
Bargin Store
Big Dipper
Dollar Store
Flin Flon Arts Council

Donation in honour of Tom Goodman's retirement:

Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP Law Firm
S Rosenberg, Jeff Kowell, Adrian Frost
James G Edmond Law Corporation

Volunteers:

Tania Georgii-Tania immigrated to Canada from Brazil a year ago, marrying local Postmaster Jim Fluetty. We are very fortunate to have her, and we certainly appreciate all her "un-paid" hours. The back office loves to tease her about her English, threatening to cut her "paycheque" whenever she can't come in. Tania's eagerness to learn, and her willingness to tackle any job, is the library's blessing. She assists with Story Hour on a regular basis, and even her husband Jim is known to swing a hammer or two. Obrigada my Amiga Tania! Picture is Tania's first day "shelf reading" discards....too funny!



Joe Kowalachuk-Joe volunteers by picking up "Books for Seniors", at the library, and delivering them to the various Senior Housing Complexes, in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan. This program plays an important role in our community, and we are delighted he takes the time to do this for us! Thanks Joe!



Don Peake- Don has been very busy scanning pictures from our Archives on to discs. This is a very time consuming job, which will benefit our community for years to come. Thanks Don!



Libby Stoker-Lavelle-Libby has been a welcome addition to the library, as a volunteer for Story Hour whenever time permits. Thanks Libby!



Bob Frazer

Library Board Member Jan 1990-July 2012

Bob Frazer retired from the Library Board in July 2012, due to ongoing medical issues.

Bob joined the Library Board in 1990 and was an enthusiastic Board member. He worked with 3 Library Administrators and saw the library move from a traditional book centred place to one where technology became increasingly important. Bob, as someone who, in his professional life, was always innovative and encouraging, welcomed these changes.

Bob is a staunch advocate of the accessibility of knowledge and for him the library is a key point in the community for not only, the provision of recreational reading material, but also, as a portal to understanding the world around us. Thank you for all your contribution!

He will be missed at our monthly meetings.



Phyllis Stadnick Cindy McLean Gretta Redahl

3 Administrators who worked with Bob



Bob's Retirement

Human Book Night

Flin Flon Public Library held our first **"Human Book Night"** on Sept 28th, in conjunction with Culture Days. The Human Library was an exciting event, where people became the books and were "borrowed" for conversation. The evening included wine and cheese tasting, with patrons able to wander around, stopping to converse with diverse and interesting individuals. The evening included Tri Troung-**Survived to Serve God**, Jack Turner-**Hockey is in my Blood**, Steve Baschuk-**A Soldier's Story**, Jamil Lone-**A Muslim Way of Life**, Irvin Head-**Artstic Dream Becomes Reality**, Doren Harvie-**War Bride**, Cutis Trubiak-**They say I'm Different**, and Dane Bilquist-**Tattoo Art**. Gerry Clark hosted a slide presentation of the history of Flin Flon downstairs. The event was so well received, that we have been asked to host again in 2013! We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the Flin Flon Arts Council/ Manitoba Culture & Tourism for the very generous financial support we received for this event!



CAP Youth Intern

During my time as an intern at the Flin Flon Public Library I have learned numerous things, ranging from crafts to weeding books. It has been a fun job and a good learning experience; I am very happy I had the opportunity to work here and would jump at the chance to do it again. I have never worked in a "teaching" position before and I learned a lot of new things while helping out my clients. The librarians have made my time here very easy and have supported me through my work. They have made my working environment fun and easy to work in, which is a pleasure to show up every day to.

The clients I have had the pleasure of working with have ranged in age from their thirties to sixties. They all have said that my service is great to have and are comfortable coming to my free service. I have gained many clients from advertising service such as flyers, radio, or from my clients.

Not only did I learn from my computer classes but I was also able to learn many of the librarian jobs such as working the counter, pocketing/laminating books, faxing and many other things. Throughout my time as an intern I am happy with what I have accomplished at the Flin Flon Public Library. This position has been a great learning experience and I am glad I got to meet some great new people in the process.

Landon Hiebert

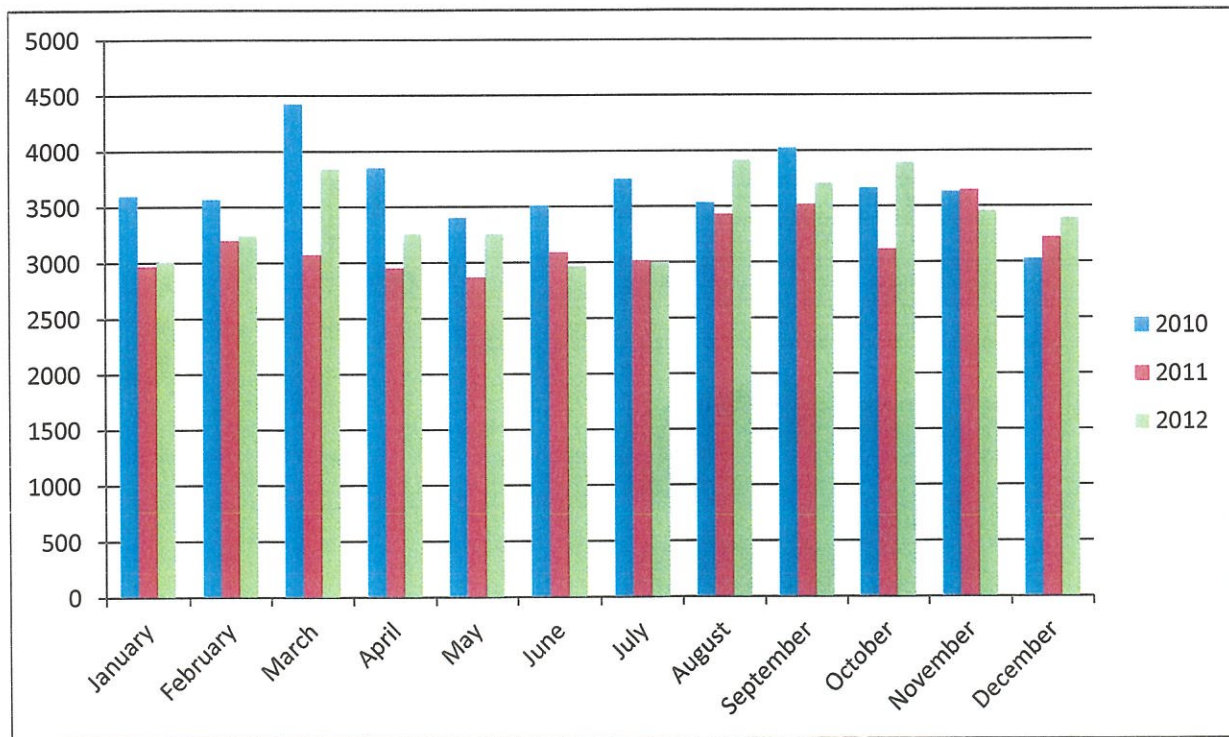


PJ Tales with the Bombers

	New Memberships 2012			
	2011	Added	Withdrawn	2012
Manitoba Residents				
Flin Flon	1999	184	0	2183
				0
Cranberry Portage	116	9		125
				0
Manitoba Non-Residents				0
				0
Baker's Narrows	61	5		66
				0
Big Island	24	3		27
				0
Schist Lake	57	0		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
Sub Totals	2375		0	2576
Saskatchewan Residents				
Creighton	355	28		383
				0
Denare Beach	183	26	0	209
				0
Saskatchewan Non-Resident				0
				0
Tyrell Lake	1			1
				0
Sandy Bay	10	0		10
				0
Pelican Narrows	13			13
				0
Saskatchewan Non-Resident	14			14
				0
Deschambault Lake	9	2		11
				0
Other Non-Resident	15	10		25
				0
Subtotals	600		0	666
Total	2975		4	3242

Library Patron Gate Count 2012

	2010	2011	2012
January	3602	2972	3005
February	3569	3202	3248
March	4429	3076	3845
April	3853	2955	3263
May	3403	2869	3258
June	3514	3093	2967
July	3749	3020	3001
August	3536	3436	3919
September	4025	3521	3708
October	3665	3119	3893
November	3630	3649	3457
December	3028	3225	3395
Totals	44003	38137	40959



		Computer Usage 2012			
		2010		2011	2012
January		500		356	284
February		458		607	328
March		615		540	342
April		513		355	300
May		605		555	299
June		503		406	269
July		660		391	487
August		755		435	468
September		631		215	268
October		589		322	265
November		483		339	291
December		457		269	200
Totals		6769		4787	3801



Library Circulation 2012

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	
<u>Adult Books</u>						
Adult Fiction	11487	9709	10135	8445	7585	
Adult Fiction-French	5	0	0	0	0	
Adult Fiction-Native	22	7	1	3	0	
Adult Non-Fiction	7583	5459	5501	3409	3097	
Adult Non-Fiction-French	0	0	0	0	0	
Adult Non-Fiction-Native	70	66	23	61	41	
Large Print	2413	3764	2241	2550	1831	
Pocketbooks	4297	3507	3229	2320	1784	
Magazines	2146	464	344	379	399	
ILL-Borrowed	559	542	628	517	305	
ILL-Lent	161	122	92	4	8	
Reference	1	3	1	0	0	
Subtotal	28749	23643	22195	17685	15050	
<u>Children's Books</u>						
Beginner Readers	6462	4196	7220	3248	4351	
Beginner Readers-French	50	15	2	5	0	
Beginner Readers-Native	9	4	5	10	1	
Junior Fiction	1540	1485	2105	1477	1967	
Junior Fiction-French	44	1	3	3	4	
Junior Fiction-Native	1	0	1	7	0	
Junior Non-Fiction	725	966	980	675	421	
Junior Non-Fiction-French	0	38	24	3	2	
Junior Non-Fiction-Native	34	15	15	63	15	
Subtotal	8865	6720	10355	5469	6761	
<u>Non-Print Materials</u>						
CD-Children	78	121	156	56	79	
CD-Adult	1531	1529	1493	1362	1444	
CD-Junior	9	8	9	4	3	
CD-Music	127	88	59	8	41	
Sound Print-Adult	967	625	300	66	deleted	
Sound Print-Children	77	49	14	17	deleted	
CNIB-Daisy Digital Readers	146	66	30	0	deleted	
Odrive	71	14	204	465	1334	
Toys	42	3	19	6	20	
Equipment	0	8	3	0	0	
Videos	581	528	297	6	0	
DVD	721	629	728	767	2169	
Subtotal	4350	3668	3108	2274	5090	
<u>Infopod Centre</u>						

Research	2100	700	2300	1320	1125	
Computer Usage-Time	7166	7687	6769	4787	6426	
Subtotal	9266	8387	9069	6107	7551	
Total	51230	42418	44727	31535	34452	



Library Holdings-2012

	<u>Deleted</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>Adult Books</u>			
Adult Fiction	416	647	4487
Adult Fiction - French	0	0	0
Adult Fiction - Donations	60	14	542
Adult Fiction - First Nation	0	0	2
Adult Non-Fiction	495	355	6498
Adult Non-Fiction - French	0	0	17
Adult Non-Fiction Donations	158	22	2044
Adult Non-Fiction -First Nation	6	0	121
Adult Non-Fiction - Frist Nations Don.	0	1	91
Pocket Books	0	34	155
Pocket Books-Donated	313	267	1288
Large Print	231	79	473
Large Print - Donation	62	1	69
Reference	21	0	21
Subtotal	1762	1420	15808
Newspapers	0	0	9
Magazines (Individual Subscriptions)	498 Issues	0	824
Newspaper/Magazine Donations	0	0	56
Bound Periodicals	0	0	23
Vertical File (Folders)	0	0	151
Telephone Books	0	0	54
Government Documents	0	0	8
Subtotal	498	0	1125
<u>Children's Books</u>			
Beginner Readers	641	751	3027
Beginner Readers - Donations	34	6	748
Beginner Readers - First Nation	3	0	61
Beginner Readers - French	3	0	140
Books & Tapes	0	0	
Junior Fiction	115	351	1711
Junior Fiction - French	1	0	58
Junior Fiction - Donations	59	10	240
Junior Fiction -First Nation	0	0	22
Junior Non-Fiction	210	27	1257

Available for
loan

Junior Non-Fiction - French	16	0	8
Junior Non-Fiction - Donations	52	0	191
Junior Non-Fiction - First Nation	0	0	102
Subtotal	1134	1145	7565
Downstairs Level Archives	0	0	
Total	3394	2565	24498
Non-Print Material	<u>Deleted</u>	<u>Added</u>	
CD Music	0	0	172
Sound Print Adult	0	0	
Sound Print Children	0	0	
Sound Print Donations	0	0	
CD-Adult	75	56	528
CD-Adult Donation	21	0	146
CD Children	0	5	60
CD Children Donation	0	0	2
CD Junior	0	1	8
CD Junior Donation	0	0	
DVD	3	271	302
DVD Donation	0	0	640
Videos	30	0	
Videos-Donations	0	0	
Toys/games	70	39	102
Subtotal	199	372	1960
Totals	3593	2937	26458

TD Summer Reading Camp

"Imagine"

Our TD Summer Reading Club Program ran from June 28th to Sept 7th. A total of 172 children registered in the Reading Program, handing in 116 Reading Logs for our Wall of Fame. The library held a four day Reading Camp, with a total of 56 children registering. We approached the RCMP, and were fortunate to partner with their office. The local RCMP provided us with their summer student, Kayla Campbell, who was very helpful, and worked well with the children. This helped promote community partnership, by fostering a fun, healthy relationship between the children and the RCMP. We also partnered with the Neighbourhood Revitalization Corporation, who provided our camp with activities, and bubbles on day one of our camp. Our local WalMart staff, were very generous, providing us with \$200.00, towards prizes and snacks for the children. The children had a great time, participating with hand painting owls on our "Reading Is a Hoot" mural. The crafts were fun, including a "Where the Wilds Things Are" day. The children made caves, with rocks and trees, and then played with hand cut characters from the book. We made Dinosaur eggs another day, and played games, including "Marshmallow Toss". On another day we sat in a circle, and told a "Roaming Story", where the children got to change the story as it was being said. The children had a blast, when we turned off the lights, and used a flashlight....just like a real camp-out! On our display, we had a "Guess How Many Candies" jar, and numerous prizes, for the winners of our Reading Log.



Library News

What's happening at your Flin Flon Public Library?

"Count the Christmas Critters" Come to the Library, and find the hidden Christmas Critters. Enter your name to win a prize, after you have counted them all!!



"Children's Coloring Contest" Pick up a Christmas coloring contest form, and enter your name to win a fun prize!



"Fines for Little Ones" -bring a toy to have your fine waived in the month of December. All toys will be donated to the Christmas Gift Program.

"PJ Christmas Tales With the Bombers" -Wednesday Dec 5. Join the Bombers between 4:00-6:00, for Christmas stories, games, and snacks! Wear your jammies, and have some Christmas fun! Our Library Intern #8 Hayden Dawes, will be here all day, for any children who want to drop in and get an autograph.



"The Christmas Jar Project" - Dec 5th: based on the book by Jason F Wright, a story about rising newspaper reporter Hope Jensen, who uncovers the secret behind the "Christmas Jars" — glass jars filled with coins and bills anonymously given to people in need. But Hope discovers much more than she bargained for when some unexpected news sets off a chain reaction of kindness and brings above a Christmas Eve wish come true. **Come to the Library Dec 5th, for coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks, and register your family in our Christmas Jar Project, or phone 687-3397 to register.** Next year in January, we will have a reunion, to celebrate what your family did with their own "Christmas Jar" Please visit www.christmasjars.com to learn more about this inspirational holiday story and project!!!



On behalf of the Flin Flon Public Library Staff and Board Members, we have enjoyed serving you in 2012, 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!!**

Flin Flon Public Library 2012

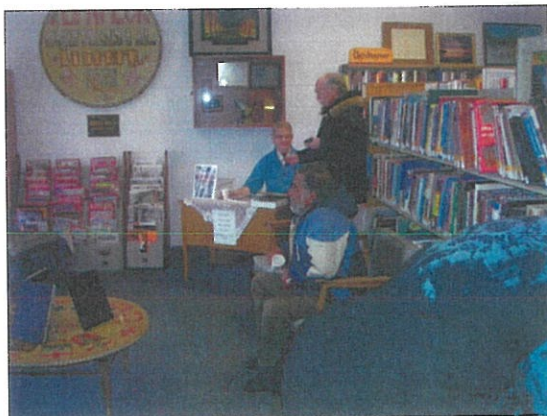
A Year in Pictures



Creighton Family Day Jan 2012



Family Literacy Day Jan 27 2012



Author -Gail Baker & Pictorial History of Flin Flon display

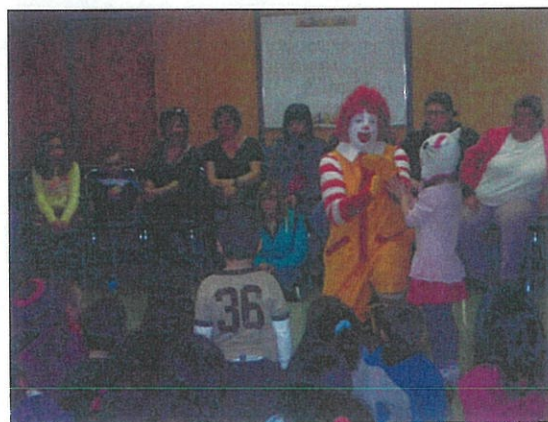


"Love to Read" hidden valentines contest winner & our Library Valentine display



"Who Kidnapped the Easter Bunny?" contest.

Josh hamming it up!!



Ronald McDonald joins visits the library for stories and magic tricks March 28th



Summer Library Display



TD Summer Reading craft



Aimee, Cindy & Board Member Tim Babcock



Jim Pitre- Fire Chief Story Hour Wind-up



Student Page Whitney Nattrass graduates



Gina loves to give Karen a hard time!



Kiddie Korner Day Care makes several visits to the library!





Ronald McDonald, along with 89 children hunt for Easter Eggs, and gives hugs to the staff too!



Our Chairman, Buz Trevor reads on "Poetry Night", joined by Harry Hobbs from Toastmasters



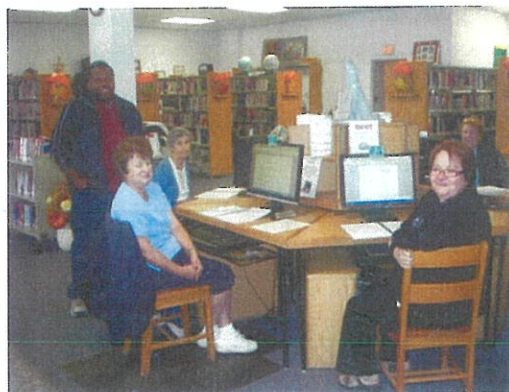
Royal Diamond Jubilee display May 30th.



Patrons enjoying bannock & coffee



Leanna Koop's first day "shelf reading" discards!



Power Up Instructor Kirk Raphael & students



This back office gets crazier every year!



CAP Intern Austin Hebert @ the school



Our fall library display



Story Hour Halloween



"Stamping Out Breast Cancer" day



Staff having Halloween fun!



"Count the Library Mice" contest & winner



Library Story Hour Halloween Party & "Don't fly while texting" display



PJ Christmas Pajama Tales with the Bombers



"Count the Christmas Critters" contest & our Christmas display



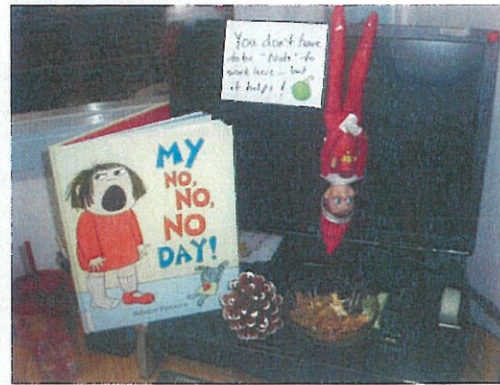
"Toys for Fines" program



Wow..love those "ugly sweaters" girls!

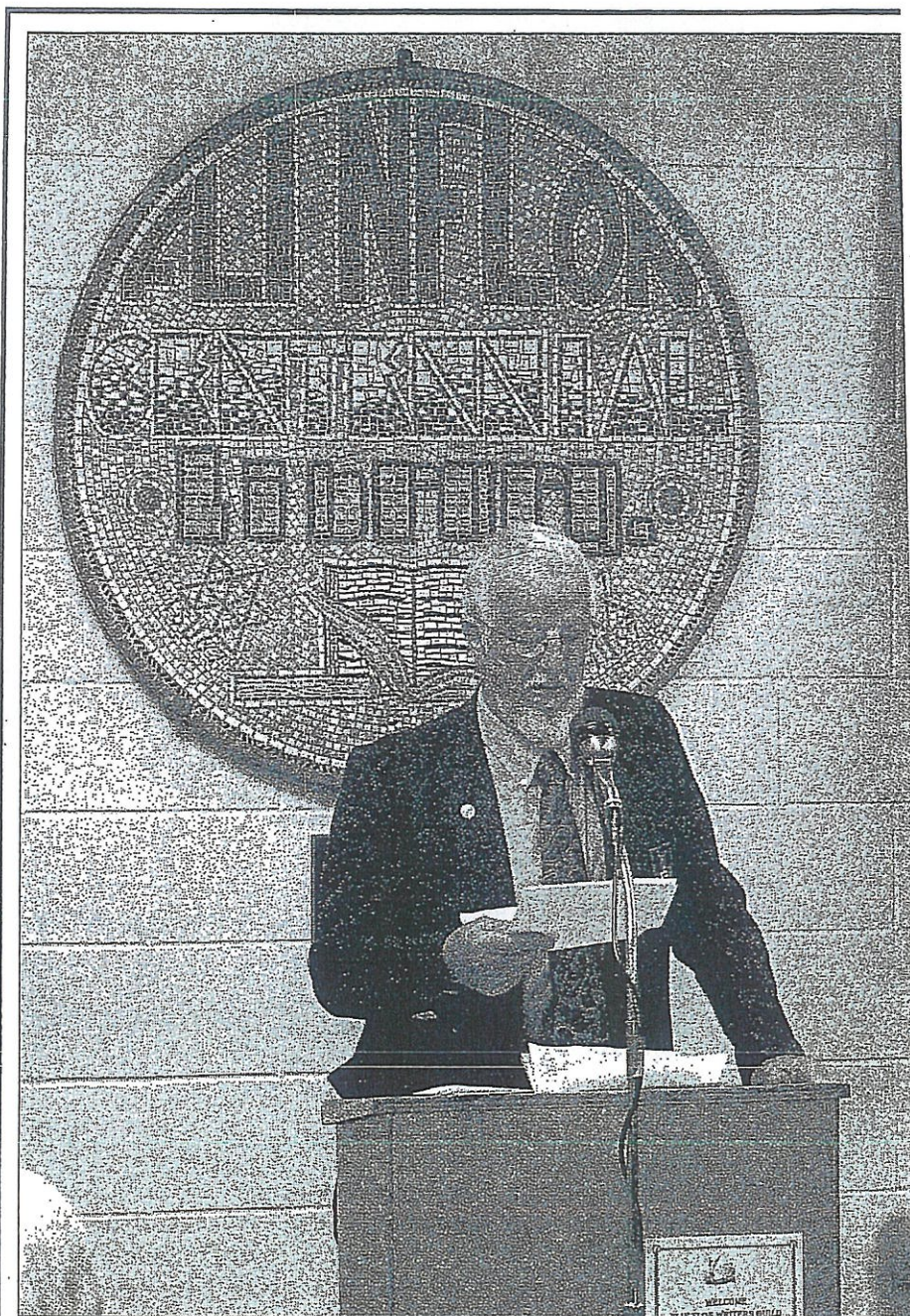


Winners of the Christmas contest



Just one of our "Christmas Elf" antics

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS



Poet and You Know It!!!

PHOTO BY JONATHON NAYLOR

Buz Trevor emceed and read poetry at the Poetry Night held at the Flin Flon Public Library a week ago. We will have more on this event next week.

Kids know who

took Easter Bunny

Jonathon Naylor
Editor

For generations the Easter Bunny has brought springtime joy and sugar highs to children around the world.

So to think that somebody would abduct the furry bearer of treats cannot be a pleasant thought for the kiddies.

Nonetheless, nearly 50

area residents, mostly youngsters, took part in the Flin Flon Public Library's recent writing contest.

Participants were asked to answer the question "Who kidnapped the Easter Bunny?" by providing a brief "who" and "why."

"It was an opportunity for children to explore their imagination," says Cindy McLean, library

administrator.

Some of the kidnappers mentioned were the children's fathers (because they like chocolate), the librarian and even Santa Claus.

Erika Primrose, Grady Bedford, Tyler Highfield and Jace Johnsgaard took first, second, third and honourable mention respectively. The kids each received a treat basket.



Use Your Imagination...

Erika Primrose (from left), Grady Bedford, Tyler Highfield and Jace Johnsgaard won treat baskets in a recent writing contest put on by the Flin Flon Public Library. Please see pg. 3 for more.

PHOTO BY JONATHAN NAYLOR



Future Firefighters???

PHOTO BY JONATHAN NAYLOR

Students from the Flin Flon Public Library's story hour and Kiddie Korner Daycare pose for a photo with Fire Chief Jim Petrie. Petrie, who recently gave the children a tour of a fire truck behind the library.



History Lesson...

PHOTO BY JONATHAN NAYLOR

The Flin Flon Public Library's Cindy McLean (left) and Gina Huysamen stand with a portrait and newspaper clippings related to the royal family. Tomorrow and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., residents are invited to stop by the library for free tea and bannock and a chance to peruse hundreds of newspaper articles and photos, dating as far back as the 1930s, that were recently discovered in the library archives. With the Royal Weekend having just wrapped up, it's a great way to gain some



PHOTO BY JONATHON NAYLOR

Fun and Games...

Bubble-related events drew children to the Flin Flon Public Library on Tuesday afternoon, with games held in the parking lot. Kayla Campbell, a summer student with the Flin Flon RCMP, helped out by filling the air with various-sized bubbles.

Imagine
YOU IN THE CLUB
THIS SUMMER!

Flin Flon Public Library Summer Camp

Our TD Summer Reading Camp will be running from Aug 7th to 10th from 1:00 to 3:30. This camp is an addition to our Summer Reading Program, which runs all summer. The Summer Reading program aims to encourage reading and family time, and all children who keep a log, receive a certificate on our Wall of Fame, and enter their name to win one of our fantastic prizes.

This year's theme is "Imagination", with events planned around using your imagination through stories, games, and crafts. All children between the ages of 5 and 12 are invited to attend this no cost Reading Camp!

On Aug 7th, we will have Bubble Machines, bubblegum, games, crafts, and treat bags for all the children!! This is the kick-off to World Bubble Day, which is held Aug 19th at the Flin Flon Station Museum.

You can register your child by calling 687-3397, or drop in to the library.

'Books'

Open

up at

library

Jonathan Naylor
Editor

When boredom prompted Irvin Head

to pick up a piece of diamond willow 13 years ago, he had no idea it would change his life forever.

The creative spark unleashed as he carved the stick into an aboriginal dancer would form the basis of a new career as a renowned sculptor.

"I have work in many parts of the world," says the Cranberry Portage resident. "It's nice to go to those places and visit, but I always know where home is. This is my home. This is where everything started and this where I get my incentive from."

HUMAN BOOK NIGHT

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"Then they'd go somewhere else and pay (a tattoo artist) \$100 an hour to do it."

Sensing a great opportunity, Bilquist in time became a self-taught tattoo artist working out of his Flin Flon home.

As much as he enjoys this form of artistic expression, he is equally jazzed about talking to his customers.

"It's pretty cool to hear their stories and why they're getting a tattoo," Bilquist says. "There's always a good reason."

At the opposite end of the library, a smiling Jack Turner captivated patrons with memories of his life in hockey.

In 1958, when he was 19, the Winnipeg native received a phone call about an opportunity up north.

"They asked me to come up to Flin Flon to try out for the Bombers," says Turner, now 72. "It was the best thing that ever happened to me."

A talented blueliner, Turner spent two memorable seasons with the Bombers before graduat-

ing to the Minneapolis Millers of the IHL in 1960.

He spent the next dozen years bouncing between leagues and teams. He never cracked the NHL, but he proudly points out that he was a member of the very first pro hockey team in Columbus, Ohio, in 1966.

Turner retired from the IHL's Flint Generals out of Michigan after the 1971-72 season. He could have stayed in Flint or gone back to any of the other large centres he had called home throughout his career.

Special place

But Turner had a special place in his heart for Flin Flon. He made the community his home throughout 35 years (on and off) at HBMBS, now Hudbay.

Today he splits his time between Flin Flon and Winnipeg and, remarkably, still plays rec league hockey three times a week.

Clearly the sport will always be a big part of Turner's life.

"If you play hockey, you've got friends every-

where and that's what I like about it," Turner says.

Other human books at the event included Second World War bride Doreen Harvie, Afghan war veteran Stephen Baschuk and artist and mental health clinician Curtis Trubiak. Also on hand were

devout Muslim Jamil Lone and Tri Truong, who was smuggled out of Vietnam before finding faith in Canada.

Each of the books stacked side by side at the library tells a unique story. And on this night, so too did these intriguing guests.



Self-taught tattoo artist Dane Bilquist with one of his sketches.

PHOTO BY JONATHAN NAYLOR

Breastfeeding benefits moms and their babies

Breastfeeding has many benefits for both you and your baby.

It's a special way for you to feel close to each other. Best of all, though, your breastmilk gives your baby every-

thing she needs to thrive for the first six months of her life.

And once your baby starts solids at around six months, you can carry on breastfeeding her. Breastmilk is full of nutrients that will con-

tinue to do your baby good.

Breastfeeding also helps your baby to fight infections in the first few months of her life. Breastmilk contains antibodies which help protect your baby

against illnesses such as tummy bugs (gastroenteritis), colds, urinary infections and ear infections.

Breastmilk also reduces the risk of your baby getting allergic conditions such as asth-

ma and eczema. It can even help to protect your baby against serious illnesses, such as childhood diabetes and leukemia.

As well as antibodies already in your breastmilk, your body will

make new antibodies as soon as you are exposed to an infection. These antibodies then transfer to your milk, ready for your baby to receive as soon as she breast-feeds.

Breastmilk has long-chain polyunsaturated fatty acids, which are essential for helping your baby's brain develop. Exclusively breastfeeding for the first few months can improve your baby's cognitive development. In theory, this means breastfeeding your baby could make her more intelligent.

Breastfeeding is the healthiest choice for you, too. It reduces your risk later in life of premenopausal breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and bone fractures from osteoporosis.

On the practical side, a big benefit of breastfeeding is how convenient it is. You have nothing to wash, sterilize or prepare. You and your baby will enjoy it, and you will feel a real sense of achievement to see her growing and developing. And it's all your own work!

PHOTO BY KELLY GARRINGTON



Five local mothers and their babies took part in the worldwide Quintessential Challenge this past weekend. Held at the Filn Flon Creighton Public Library, the challenge saw how many mothers and babies could breastfeed at the same time. In Filn Flon, the afternoon was used more to socialize and answer questions. Pictured are Serena and 22-month-old Elizabeth Watkins (from left), Joanna and 24-month-old Cooper Ledoux, Marsha and nine-month-old Lucas Rainville, Ruth and four-month-old Charlotte Unruh, and Leah and eight-month-old Caitlyn Bear.

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUE/EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
REVENUE		
OPERATING GRANTS		
City of Flin Flon - Grant	\$ 90,000	\$ 93,443
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	15,451	15,186
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	56,919	56,319
Province of Manitoba - Technology Grant	3,630	3,282
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	17,951	17,686
RM of Kelsey	5,602	5,602
Village of Denare Beach	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	<u>192,053</u>	<u>194,018</u>
DONATIONS	<u>349</u>	<u>1,231</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Overdue book fines	1,650	1,538
Parking stall rentals	1,139	1,134
Book sales	3,420	3,749
Interest	146	478
Material replacement	334	157
Non-resident fees	880	810
Other	<u>595</u>	<u>1,272</u>
	<u>8,164</u>	<u>9,138</u>
PATRON SERVICES		
Business		
Copying charges	2,450	3,246
Fax	2,065	1,775
Laminating	497	474
Rental	<u>4,880</u>	<u>3,604</u>
	<u>9,892</u>	<u>9,099</u>
InfoPod		
E-mail	2,756	2,926
Printer	<u>763</u>	<u>632</u>
	<u>3,519</u>	<u>3,558</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	240	110
REVENUE- LIBRARY OPERATIONS	<u>214,217</u>	<u>217,154</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES - EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	<u>216,150</u>	<u>207,014</u>
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(1,933)</u>	<u>10,140</u>
TRANSFER TO (FROM) SPECIAL RESERVE	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ (1,933)</u>	<u>\$ 10,140</u>

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
EXPENSES		
MATERIALS		
Books	\$ 25,913	\$ 33,151
Other	-	30
Magazines	782	589
Newspaper	918	930
Videos	904	193
Toys	405	205
	<u>28,922</u>	<u>35,098</u>
ADMINISTRATION		
Association Fees	250	195
Audit and professional fees	3,143	3,194
Bank Charges	505	585
Copier Contract/Paper	2,642	2,574
Express/Delivery/Postage	1,000	936
Equipment/Furniture	2,107	1,409
Insurance	1,922	1,830
Promotion & Publicity	3,518	2,197
Laminating	610	980
Library Stationary	1,130	335
Maintenance	21,113	8,242
Miscellaneous	1,421	1,242
Programming	1,211	726
Utilities	16,446	17,379
Wages and Benefits	119,265	118,556
Technical Services	169	708
Travel & Conference	1,302	571
	<u>177,754</u>	<u>161,659</u>
TECHNOLOGY		
Service Contracts	688	650
Communications	3,576	4,862
Licences	854	556
Maintenance	1,195	17
Supplies	2,075	1,802
Training	1,000	-
	<u>9,388</u>	<u>7,887</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	86	13
Manitoba - Techonlogy	-	2,357
	<u>86</u>	<u>2,370</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 216,150</u>	<u>\$ 207,014</u>

