



*Flin Fson/Creighton Public
Library
Annual Report
2013*

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

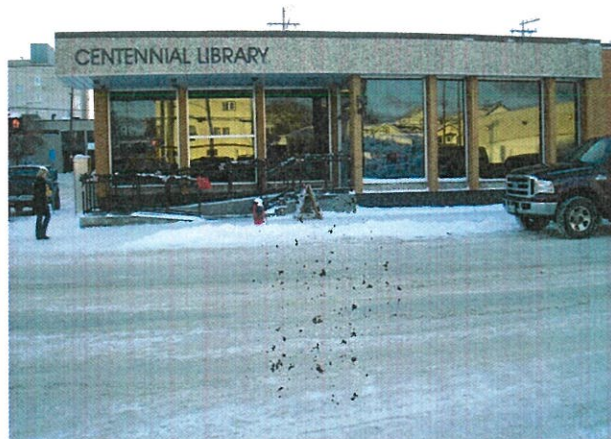
Sunday: closed

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

2013

*"A library outranks any other thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert." -
Andrew Carnegie*

Andrew Carnegie knew what he was talking about and he backed up his words by endowing libraries throughout the land.

Money to operate libraries is always under threat. In our modern world there are so many demands on all levels of government that public institutions like libraries are often financially squeezed.

In 2005 the library had operating grants of \$169,000. By 2013 this amount had increase to \$189,000.

Now the cost of everything goes up, and the Library Administration has always operated a very tight ship. But this is the alarming fact. The number of books being purchased has declined. This is because expenditure on reading material is really the only discretionary spending that the library has.

If someone was asked, "What does the library represent?" A good answer would be "A place full of books representing the ideas and knowledge of the world, which is available to everyone."

Now, over the period from 2005 to 2013, reading material purchases in the library have dropped from \$42,000 to \$26,000 annually. This monetary decrease is even more alarming when one considers, with the ever rising publishers' costs, how many fewer books we can purchase with these decreasing amounts.

I am privileged as Chairman of the Library Board to work with the excellent people who staff our library. Their dedication in these times of fiscal constraint ensures that we have a library that welcomes everyone and provides a wealth of reading material and social activities that would not be out of place in a larger and better funded community.

From this report you will see that apart from being a repository of books, the library hosted 25 different wide ranging programs in 2013. It is interesting, too, that while the general population has declined, the usage statistics show positive trends.

I urge everyone to use and support our library! Buz Trevor



FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEMBERS
2013

Buz Trevor
Board Chairman
Village of Denare Beach Representative

Tom Goodman
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Lois "Bunny" Burke
Secretary/Treasurer

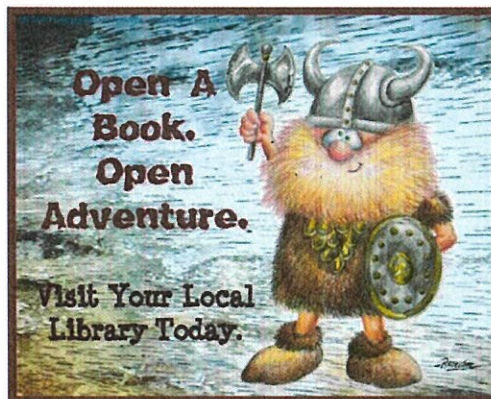
Tim Babcock
City of Flin Flon Representative

Val Dixon
Town of Creighton Representative

Murray Smith

Blaine Veitch

William "Bill" Hanson



FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STAFF MEMBERS
2013

Cindy McLean

Administrator (April 2011-present)

Tara Redahl

Assistant Administrator (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 (Sept 2012-present)

Rebecca Kozar

Student Page (Jan 2013-Dec 2013)

Tania Georgii

Casual Library Clerk (Aug 2013-present)



Donations 2013:

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. The Flin Flon Public Library acknowledges these individuals and organizations, who generously supported the library in 2013:

Evelyn Collins
Judy Zimmer
Christine Sanders
Joan Bowman
Harry & Glenda Hobbs
Kathy Matzer
Brian Hiebert
Kay Sebold
Mrs. Hastie-Benoit
Laurie Bellisle
Heather Kowalchuk

Leah Stanley Jones
Taya Rogers
Cindy Lahonen
Tiffany Mohr
Ted Linnick
Campbell Senkingen
Kyle Stener
Tasha Ward
Rena Gummerson
Scott Gilmore
Max Maximchuk

Manitoba Hydro
Wal Mart
North of 53 CO-OP

Eddies
Flin Flon Credit Union

Donation - The Estate of Irene Lowes: New seating area furniture



Volunteers:

*"No act of kindness,
No matter how small,
Is ever wasted"*
Aesop

Tania Georgii-Tania immigrated to Canada from Brazil two year ago, and started volunteering at the library last year. We certainly enjoy having Tania at the library, and she is always willing to lend a hand whenever needed. Tania spent hours setting up our Christmas Village, which looked beautiful! Tania also helps us out as a casual employee, when we are short staffed. Her sense of humour and willingness to pitch in whenever needed, is very much appreciated. Thanks Tania for donating the most precious commodity...time! Your warm smile always brightens my day!



Don Peake- Don has been very busy scanning hundreds of pictures from our Archives on to discs. Don has spent a multitude of hours doing this, for the sole benefit of our community! If you see him out and about town, be sure to thank him for this generous act! We are so thankful for the countless hours you have spent on this very time consuming project Don!



Flin Flon Public Library Administrator's Report 2013

January 2013, 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. Student Page, Brianna Kostuchuck decided to take employment elsewhere, and our new Library Page Rebecca Kozar joined us on January 8th.

To kick off **Family Literacy Day**, Heather Jobbs along with her Read To Me Group, enjoyed a day of stories, and games on Jan 26th in the Rotary Room. I enjoyed being one of numerous guest readers, and enjoyed interacting with the little ones. Thanks to Heather Jobes, Family Literacy Coordinator, and her volunteers for a job well done!

The big event of the year, was the completion of our **mural on January 17th**, in the Children's Reading Area. The mural is beautiful, complete with a reading tree, fairies, monkeys, dragons, falling leafs, a giant dragon, and Lego Imagination Station. The mural was made possible with a grant from Northern Revitalization Corporation. Local artist, **Linda Sonnenberg Jackson** was awarded the contract, and did an incredible job!

The Flin Flon Library completed a major upgrade in our library software, upgrading to L4U Elite on January 22nd. This upgrade was essential, to allow our patrons to renew books on- line. There were quite a few hiccups with this upgrade, however, they were ironed out in a couple of days.

"February is Love To Read Month" and the Flin Flon Public Library hosted our new **Children's Area Grand Opening** on Feb 20th. Our local Mayor, George Fontaine, RCMP Shayne Smith, Postman Rob, and Bomber Coach Mike Reagan, along with local Bombers joined us for stories, games, and snacks. The children enjoyed having stories read to them, by our local celebrities, made "Dragon Breath" crafts, nibbled on "Dragon Ears", "Dragon Teeth" and "Dragon Toes", and as a finale, participated in a scavenger hunt to "rid the library of Dragon eggs"! Almost 100 people attended the event, and enjoyed our new area!

During the month of February, the library held a **"Help Us Name our Library Dragon"** contest. The winner was Lily Ballard, who named our dragon **"Rowhog Reader"**.

Author Darla O'Rourke visited the library on March 22, to the delight of 92 children from Ecole School. She read from her book, "I Got Whatever It IZ", while the children enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate. I also read to the children, and all children received a treat bag! An enjoyable afternoon was shared by all!

A new **Story Hour** session started on Feb 26th, and continued until spring break. The children enjoyed numerous fun days, played games, read stories, munched on snacks, and made new friends!

We held our annual **"Who Kidnapped the Easter Bunny?"** contest during the month of March. Children were asked to write a brief story about who kidnapped the Easter Bunny. It was an opportunity for children to explore their imagination, and **Ava Williams** was the deserving winner of an Easter basket.

On April 7th, 50 guests came together at the library, to celebrate **National Poetry Month**. Twenty eight readers shared poems and stories, with a number of readers sharing their own work. This was my first reading, and I chose a poem about libraries, naturally!

To help celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Flin Flon Writers Guild, the library hosted a **Literary Reading**, on April 12th. We were very fortunate to share the evening with Gemini Award winning author Jordan Wheeler, as well as Donna Besel, who was shortlisted for CBC's Literary Award. Chandra Mayor, who won the Eileen McTavish Sykes Award for Best First Book, also read. The library served coffee and snacks to an appreciative crowd, who were amazed to hear such awesome talent!

On April 10th, the library hosted our local **Sparks Group**, for a tour, snack, and craft. The girls "**Kind Bombed**" selected books, with thoughtful words. It was fun for weeks, to have patrons express their appreciation of finding special notes in their books! The library was able to revamp our reading area, with the purchase 6 beautiful reading chairs, courtesy of the **estate of late library patron Irene Lowes**.

I attended the **Canadian Library Conference** in Winnipeg at the end of May, enjoying numerous speakers, and learning about different programs. These conferences are so inspiring, that as soon as I get back, I want to implement everything!! Oh a girl can dream!

In May we started our new fundraising venture, "**Friends of the Library-Adopt a Shelf**". The program allows individuals, or organizations, to purchase a shelf, with an engraved plaque, bearing an engraving of their choice, to be placed on whichever shelf they opt for. We envision patrons walking through the library, and taking in an interesting visual tour of community members.

We closed the library June 6th & 7th, to spring clean the basement. Chairman Buz Trevor provided the muscle and the truck, and the staff provided additional muscle and organization. It was well worth it, as we disposed of years of expired bookkeeping, and other "hoarding" items!

On June 13th, the **Kindergarten Ruth Betts** class, attended the library for a tour, craft, story, and a snack. The next day, the **Mclassic French Class** also visited the library, for a repeat event. We certainly enjoy these class tours!!

On Saturday, June 22nd, we held our first "**Superhero**" and "**Princess Party**". Ten Superheros came in the morning, enjoying crafts, snacks and Superhero games, including web crawling, rescue Superman, and Batman toss. In the afternoon, 31 beautiful Princesses, were delighted to enjoy a spa day of nail painting, makeup, crafts, snacks, and treat bags! What a fun day!

Author Michelle Grimmelt attended the library on June 28th, reading from her book, "The Aura of the North". We combined this with our annual **Customer Appreciation Day**, serving coffee, tea, cake, and a book draw.

The library started our **TD Summer Camp Reading Logs**, in June, which ran the entire summer. The library offered prizes for the most avid readers, who had fun completing passports, complete with official finger-prints. The children read a total of 1,535 beginner books, while the library staff had fun stamping their passports, and watching the children work towards a coveted prize!

The library was fortunate to have **Scott Gilmore** (President of Anchor Chain, founder of Peace Dividend Trust, and named one of 25 transformational Canadians) visit the library on July 30th, to present his recent project, a pictorial map of Lake Athapap, titled, "**Rock on Both Sides Canoe Map**". Approx 40 people enjoyed an entertaining presentation. These amazing maps are on sale at the library.

Our week long **TD Summer Reading Camp**, started on Aug 12th. Our CAP Youth Intern-Jessica Graham did an amazing job. It was very well attended

On August 20th, the library was very pleased to receive a donation of a new table and chairs, in honour of **Nadia Maximchuck**-retired Kindergarten teacher, and avid reader. The presentation of the table was a surprise, with many of Nadia's life- long friends and family attending.

The library held a **Literacy Camp**, on Aug 26th, with 28 children attending, for a fun afternoon of crafts, stories, and snacks.

We were very pleased once again, to be approved for the **Manitoba E-Association CAP Youth Intern position**, and local Flin Flon Bomber **Landon Hiebert** started his position on Sept 23rd. The community has certainly appreciated all of Landon's patience and knowledge, regarding computer programs. The program offers free basic one on one computer training.

We were once again, very pleased to take part in the annual **Culture Days** activities, hosting our **Human Book Wine & Cheese Evening** on Friday Sept 27th. A packed house enjoyed individual discussions with seven interesting "Human Books", who became books, and were "borrowed" for conversation. The library event included the tasting of 16 different wines, and numerous cheeses.

The library hosted **C.M. Klyne** for an author reading on Oct 22nd. His book, "**The Silent March**", takes place in Winnipeg, 1919 during the Winnipeg General Strike, and the Spanish influenza. The library staff enjoyed his reading, as did the patrons who were treated to cake & coffee.

On Oct 23rd, the library, with the help of the **Flin Flon Bombers**, hosted a **Frightfully Fun Halloween Party**. Local Bombers manned several ghoulish game stations, and the children had a blast playing, Spooky Ghost Pick Up, Pumpkin Bowling, Monster Mash Cheeto Toss, Face Painting, Dark Knight Missing Eyeballs, and of course, Pumpkin Hockey! The party also included a Halloween Costume contest, and the staff served free hot dogs, drinks, and spooky snacks to a full house! Then on Oct 29th, we repeated much of the same, with our Story Hour children!

Maureen Fox's class from **Creighton School**, attended the library on Nov 22nd, for a library tour, snack, and story. We entertained 23 children in the PM, and 18 children in the PM.

November 22nd was the first **Power UP** Course day, taught by the very talented Kirk Raphael. This is courtesy of a grant, offered by the Manitoba Status of Women, to teach basic computer skills to women seeking employment, or general computer knowledge.

To celebrate the Christmas season, we hosted our "**Don't be a Cotton Headed Ninny-Read!**" program. The children completed **Elf Reading Logs**, and received various prizes for completed books read. The library hosted "**Christmas Movie Days**", on Dec 9th and Dec 16th. The children were treated to the movie

"Elf", and "The Grinch", while munching on popcorn, and Grinch punch! We also had a beautiful selection of **Beginner Christmas books for sale.**

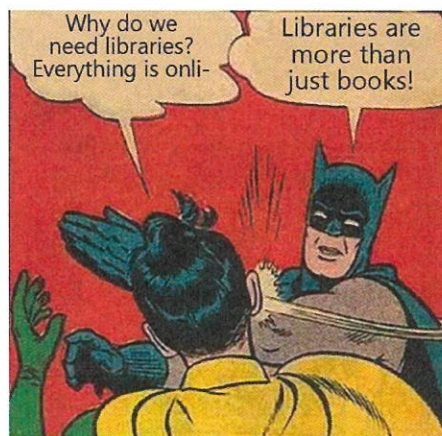
Our grand finale for 2013, was "**Story Time with Santa**", on Dec 23rd. Local MLA- Clarence Peterson, and RCMP- Shane Smith, read stories to the children, while local musicians Doug & Anne McGregor entertained the children with Christmas carols. **Approximately 92 children** enjoyed free hot chocolate, cookies and snacks, and a treat bag from special guest....Santa!

Creighton resident Heather Kowalchuk, donated her cheerful collection of **Winter Villages**, to the library. The library is very fortunate to be the recipient of hundreds of colorful homes, shops, churches, fences, and cobblestone roads. The lifetime collection is now enjoyed by library patrons!!

As I look back on 2013, I am filled with awe and pride, regarding all we have accomplished. A very special thank you to our committed Library Board, whose advice and support are appreciated. We would not be able to operate without the financial contribution of 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 doors open, and the services available to the public.

I would also like to express my deep appreciation to my amazing staff, Tara Redahl, Aimee Best, Alecia Thompson, Karen McKay, Tania Georgii, Leanna Koop, and Abby Wiens, whose friendship and support I know I am blessed to have. The following quote pretty much sums up, how I feel about the library staff: **"The most important asset of any library goes home at night-the library staff" –Timothy Healy .**

Thanks for allowing us to serve you in 2013...it has been an awesome journey , and we look forward to an exciting 2014!



F.O.T.L. "Friends of The Library"

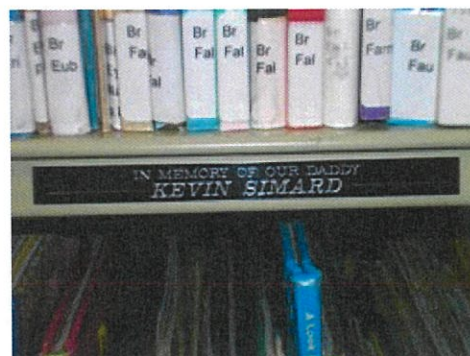
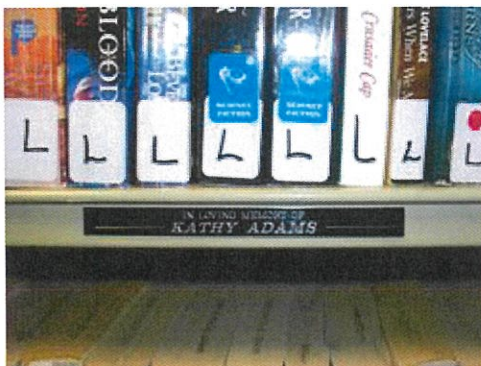
A Project of Community Partners

We would like to introduce our new **"Friends of the Library"** adoption program. By adopting a shelf, book, chair, table, or any number of items, an "Adoption Plaque" is placed on that item to honour that contribution.

Our library is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to foster literacy, and build community relations. This program strives to raise special project funds, providing business owners with affordable advertising. For individuals, placing a plaque in memory of a loved one, or as a retirement/birthday gift, is a way to leave a living legacy.

Individual can purchase a shelf, as a way to advertise their business, as a joint retirement gift, anniversary gift, special birthday, or just as a fun way to create a permanent memory. As an example, "Grandma Loves to Read With Us-Tammy & John Smith".

In 2013, our library was very fortunate to have received enough of these funds to purchase new tables and chairs, for our Rotary & Kinsmen meeting rooms. Special thanks to the individuals and businesses who contributed to this on-going special project!



Manitoba E Association

CAP Youth Intern-TD Summer Reading Program



Bubble Day Fun!



"Where the Wild Things Are" Wild Rumpas Day



Wii Games Day



Princess Day Spa with Hannah Buettner, Jessica Graham & volunteer- Destinee Lahonen!



Fairytale Lunch amazing snacks!



Disney Pixars Cars Day racetrack!



"J'Amie la France" Day decorations



Jessica helping out Halloween Party

The library was very fortunate to have Jessica Graham, as our TD Summer Reading Instructor, along with Assistant Hannah Buettner, courtesy of CAP YI Program. Jessica was our party planner extraordinaire!! Jessica had such amazing ideas, with her artistic talents setting the stage for every event! The children had such a fantastic time! Thanks girls for all your efforts!



SUMMER FUN DAYS!

July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 <i>Discover Art!</i> 10:00-11:30	17	18 <i>Discover Art!</i> 1:00-3:30	19	20
21	22 <i>Lucky Lego Day</i> 1:00-3:30	23	24 <i>GOOFY GAMES DAY</i> 1:00-3:30	25	26 <i>Wii Arcade</i> 1:00-3:30	27
28	29 <i>Race On! Pixar's Cars</i> 1:00-3:00	30 <i>Ninja Adventure</i> 1:00-3:30	31			

August 2013

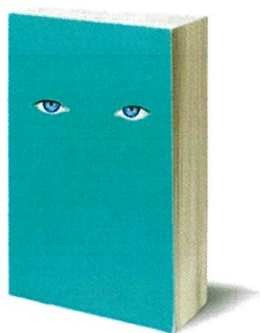
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Fairytale lunch</i> 1:00-3:00	2 <i>Spa Day</i> 1:00-3:30	3
4	5	6	7 <i>Silly Siren Day</i> <i>Fire truck visit!</i> 1:30-3:30	8	9 <i>Movie Day</i> <i>Veggie Tales</i> 1:00-3:30	10
11	12 <i>Bubble Day</i> 1:00-3:30	13 <i>J'aimie la France</i> 1:00-3:30	14 <i>Demo Arigato Japan</i> 1:00-3:30	15 <i>Explore Egypt</i> 1:00-3:30	16 <i>Ch? Canada</i> 1:00-3:30	17
<div> <div></div> <div>TD SUMMER READING CAMP</div> <div></div> </div>						
18	19 <i>Movie Day:</i> <i>The Lorax</i> 1:00-4:00	20 <i>Sebastian Dr. Seuss</i> 1:00-2:30	21	22 <i>Wild Rumpus</i> 1:00-2:30	23 <i>Movie Day:</i> <i>Monsters Inc.</i> 1:00-4:00	24
25	26	27 <i>Under the sea!</i> 1:00-3:30	28	29	30 <i>Movie Day:</i> <i>Finding Nemo</i> 1:00-4:00	31

Flin Flon Public Library Program Stats 2013

Date	Event	Attendance
26-Jan-13	Family Literacy Day	43
20-Feb-13	Grand Opening Childrens Mural	88
22-Mar-13	Author Reading Darla O' Rourke	101
Mar, 13	Who Kidnapped the Easter Bunny	36
26-Feb-13	Story Hour starting to April 2, 2013	82
02-Apr-13	Story Hour Ending	
05-Apr-13	Poetry Night	52
12-Apr-13	Manitoba Writers Guild	23
10-Apr-13	Sparks Tour	18
13-Jun-13	Kindergarten Group Ruth Betts	17
14-Jun-13	Mclsaac French Class Visit	18
22-Jun-13	Princess & Superhero Party	41
	Author Reading Michelle Grimmelt & Customer	49
28-Jun-13	Appreciation Day	
30-Jul-13	Scott Gilmore Map Presentation	53
12-Aug-13	TD Summer Reading Camp	16
20-Aug-13	Nayda Maximchuk table presentation	44
26-Aug-13	Literary Camp Visit	28
10-Sep-13	Story Hour to December 10, 2013	156
10-Dec-13	Story Hour ending	
27-Sep-13	Culture Days Human Book Night	240
22-Oct-13	C.M Klyne Author Reading	26
23-Oct-13	Halloween Party Flin Flon Jr Bombers	96
22-Dec-13	Creighton School tour Family Day	41
28-Nov-13	Christine Sanders presentation	31
09-Dec-13	Movie Day - Elf	8
23-Dec-13	Story Time with Santa	92
Dec, 2013	Christmas Reading Logs	24
Total Attendance 2013 Library Events		1423



Don't **judge** a book by its cover.



Flin Flon Public Library
Human Library Culture Days Event
Friday Sept 27th
8:00-10:00 pm



The library held our annual Human Book Night, where interesting people become the books and are "borrowed" for conversation. Our library event included the tasting of 16 different wines, for a nominal charge. Complimentary cheese, crackers, coffee, and apple cider was served. Everyone enjoyed the open dialogue, while "checking out" our Human Books! It was a very enjoyable evening, and we were delighted to have a packed house! Everyone has a story to tell. This event teaches us to not judge a book by it's cover, but to get to know and discover other people, and their stories first. It is interesting to note, that most people feel they are paperbacks, but in fact, are entire volumes of encyclopedias.

Flin Flon Public Library Culture Days Event

Human Book Night– Enjoy conversing with our “Living Books”



Father Paul Bringleeson

Faith, Hope & Cigars

From Southern Ontario, Father Paul chose Manitoba for his next adventure. Struggling with addiction and the loneliness that came with it, his love was tested. This led him to renew his faith in God, and allowed him to share his new life as a wounded priest in northern communities.



Norm Crerar

Canoeing & Writing

Local author of “Journals of the New Voyageurs” Norm was captain of the Manitoba Voyageur Canoe Team which won the 1967 Centennial Pageant. The team consisted of 10 Flin Flon area residents, and was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.



Sadia Lone

A Muslim Doctor

Immigrated from Pakistan. Sadia is a highly educated physician, proud mother of two sons, and a devout Muslim who maintains the tradition of “Nagab”- choosing to cover her face. Embracing her lifestyle she understands there are fundamental values and ideologies, which can be shared among all people.



Dawn Straf

Healthy for Life

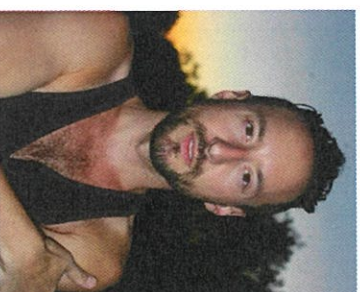
10 years after being told she had heart issues and may not live to see her son graduate, Dawn embraced a new healthy lifestyle. Leaving a stressful Nursing career, Dawn became a certified Remedial Massage Therapist, Nutritional Lifestyle Coach and an accomplished bodybuilder.



Alison Dallas (Funk)

\$urviving MS

Laughter, hope, family and jumping in with both feet. Alison was diagnosed with Relapsing Remitting Multiple Sclerosis in 2003. Underwent controversial CCSVI (Chronic Cerebrospinal Venous Insufficiency) surgery in 2010 and again 2012 in Poland. Now an active member of the CCSVI group of Manitoba advocating for patients.



CC Trubiak

They say I am Different

Grew up in Flin Flon, open about his sexuality moved to Ottawa pursuing expressive arts and a degree in Social Work & Community Studies. Recognized/Published Fine Arts Photographer, Nominated Best New Artist and Album of the Year “They say I am Different” currently a Mental Health Clinician in Flin Flon.



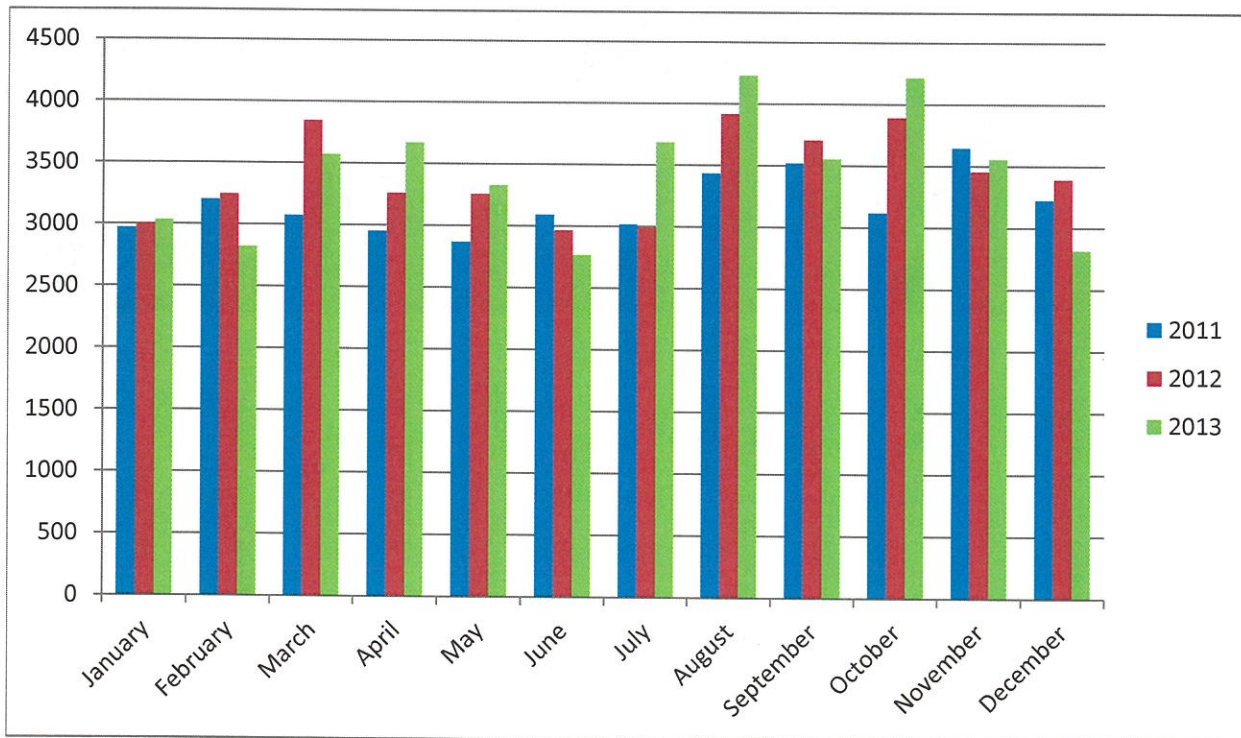
Sophie Ostrowski

Baba’s House is Best

Sophie is a Ukrainian-Canadian Grandmother, who values her family above all else. In 2012 she allowed her granddaughter Katie Kozak and Lucien Durey to convert her home into an art exhibit, proudly displaying “Baba’s” treasures. Sophie, an established artist, promotes her Ukrainian culture currently displayed at www.babashouse.tumblr.com

Library Patron Gate Count 2013

	2011	2012	2013
January	2972	3005	3034
February	3202	3248	2822
March	3076	3845	3573
April	2955	3263	3673
May	2869	3258	3330
June	3093	2967	2768
July	3020	3001	3685
August	3436	3919	4232
September	3521	3708	3556
October	3119	3893	4220
November	3649	3457	3559
December	3225	3395	2820
Totals	38137	40959	41272



	New Memberships 2013			
	2012	Added	Withdrawn	2013
Manitoba Residents				
Flin Flon	2051	139	0	2190
				0
Cranberry Portage	115	12		127
				0
Manitoba Non-Residents				0
				0
Baker's Narrows	63	2		65
				0
Big Island	32	2		34
				0
Schist Lake	37	3		40
				0
Sherridon	4	1		6
				0
Snow Lake	3			3
				0
Wanless	1			1
				0
Manitoba Non-Resident-other	20			20
				0
Inter-Library Membership	108			108
				0
Temporary	1			1
				0
Sub Totals	2435		0	2594
Saskatchewan Residents				
Creighton	370	28		398
				0
Denare Beach	192	24	0	216
				0
Saskatchewan Non-Resident				0
				0
Tyrell Lake	1			8
				0
Sandy Bay	8	0		0
				0
Pelican Narrows	11	1		12
				0
Saskatchewan Non-Resident	15			15
				0
Deschambault Lake	7	1		8
				0
Other Non-Resident	17	1		18
				0
Subtotals	621		0	676
L4U Topic Search & Staff	2			2
Total	3058			3272

		Computer Usage 2013			
		<u>2011</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
January		356		284	275
February		607		328	249
March		540		342	251
April		355		300	280
May		555		299	278
June		406		269	211
July		391		487	503
August		435		468	451
September		215		268	433
October		322		265	557
November		339		291	508
December		269		200	499
Totals		4787		3801	4495



"I sent you an e-mail and forwarded a copy to your PDA, cell phone, and home computer. I also faxed a copy to your office, your assistant, and laptop. Then I snail-mailed hard copies to you on paper, floppy, and CD. But in case you don't receive it, I'll just tell you what it said..."

Library Circulation 2013

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adult Books						
Adult Fiction	11487	9709	10135	8445	7585	7860
Adult Fiction-French	5	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Fiction-Native	22	7	1	3	0	
Adult Non-Fiction	7583	5459	5501	3409	3097	3500
Adult Non-Fiction-French	0	0	0	0	0	2
Adult Non-Fiction-Native	70	66	23	61	41	43
Large Print	2413	3764	2241	2550	1831	1351
Pocketbooks	4297	3507	3229	2320	1784	1557
Magazines	2146	464	344	379	399	338
ILL-Borrowed	559	542	628	517	305	344
ILL-Lent	161	122	92	4	8	180
Reference	1	3	1	0	0	3
Subtotal	28749	23643	22195	17685	15050	15178
Children's Books						
Beginner Readers	6462	4196	7220	3248	4351	4570
Beginner Readers-French	50	15	2	5	0	
Beginner Readers-Native	9	4	5	10	1	2
Junior Fiction	1540	1485	2105	1477	1967	2026
Junior Fiction-French	44	1	3	3	4	3
Junior Fiction-Native	1	0	1	7	0	2
Junior Non-Fiction	725	966	980	675	421	271
Junior Non-Fiction-French	0	38	24	3	2	3
Junior Non-Fiction-Native	34	15	15	63	15	3
Subtotal	8865	6720	10355	5469	6761	6880
Non-Print Materials						
CD-Children	78	121	156	56	79	37
CD-Adult	1531	1529	1493	1362	1444	1310
CD-Junior	9	8	9	4	3	
CD-Music	127	88	59	8	41	15
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	524
Toys	42	3	19	6	20	40
Equipment	0	8	3	0	0	
Videos	581	528	297	6	0	
DVD	721	629	728	767	2169	3316
Subtotal	4350	3668	3108	2274	5090	5242

Infopod Centre						
Research	2100	700	2300	1320	1125	1450
Computer Usage-Time	7166	7687	6769	4787	6426	6328
Subtotal	9266	8387	9069	6107	7551	7778
Total	51230	42418	44727	31535	34452	35078



Material Inventory 2013

Material	Total Holdings
Adult Materials	
Adult Fiction	4807
Large Print	579
Non-Fiction	8750
Pocketbooks	1149
Reference	2
Subtotal:	15287
Junior/Beginner Material	
Junior Fiction	2115
Junior Non-Fiction	1564
Beginner Readers	4235
Subtotal:	7914
Audio/Visual Materials	
Audio Books	737
DVD	880
DVD Kids	344
Music DVD	51
Wii Games	17
Children's Sound Print	15
Equipment	1
Series	1
Subtotal:	2046
Magazine/Newspaper	641
Toys	88
Library Use only	14
Total:	25990



Manitoba E-Association

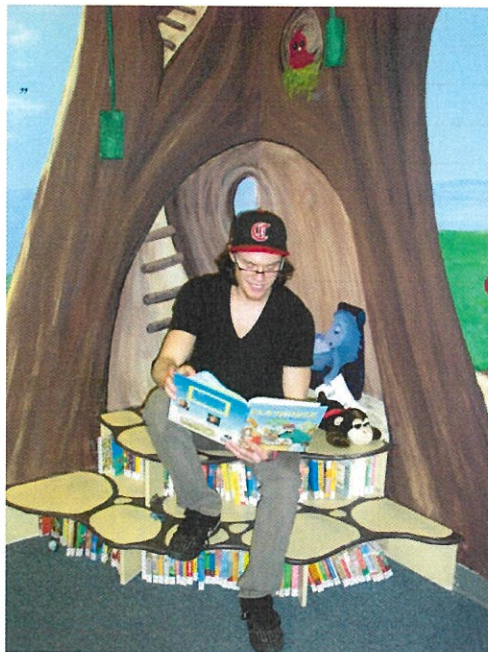
CAP Youth Intern

The Project: The Youth Intern at the community access sites helps Canada create jobs and other social, educational, and economic benefits associated with the expanded use of information technologies. As part of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy, the Youth Intern position provides job opportunities for over 1,000 Canadians.

During my time at the Flin Flon Public Library, I gained knowledge about how the library system works, and I also helped individuals with computer related problems. During my two years at the library, I learned how to fax, photocopy, shelf read, shift, deletions, and library filing. While working with patrons, I learned how to operate new operating systems, such as Windows 8, and became comfortable completing updates on public computers. I also taught patrons how to import and back up photos, create Facebook and Hotmail accounts, Microsoft Excel, and spreadsheets.

I was fortunate to meet very interesting individuals, and also gained communication skills. I am very happy I got this opportunity to work with these smart, happy, humble and amazing staff, who I can happily call my friends!

Landon Hiebert



FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY 2013

A YEAR IN PICTURES



"Dragons and Monkeys, and Fairies. Oh My!!!

"Imagination"

A smiling monkey whisks by on a tire swing, a dragon spreads its wings, and children explore through imagination in our new Children's Reading Area!



Grand Opening guests & "Rowhog Reader" contest winners



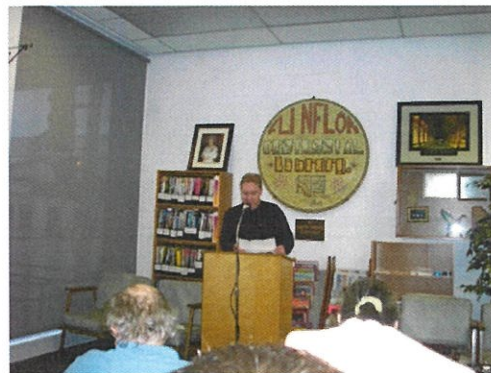
Find the hidden valentines winner!



Author Darla O'Rourke visit



"Who stole the Easter bunny?" contest winner & Board Member Tim Babcock reading @ Poetry Night



The library helps celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Writers Guild with special guests April 12th

Manitoba Writers Guild

With input from the Flin Flor Arts Council, Writers' Guild, School Division and Public Library, the Manitoba Writers' Guild has organized a weekend of literary events in Flin Flor, led by three prominent Manitoba writers.

The following events are free and open to everyone:

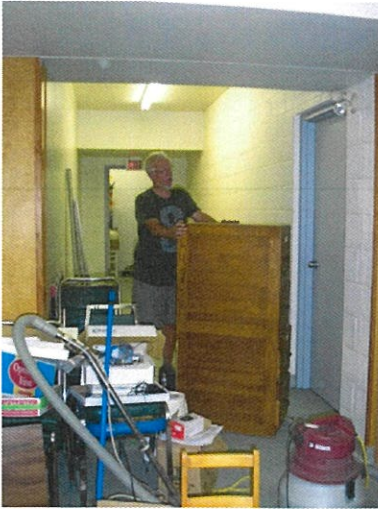
Literary Reading: Friday April 12th, 7pm, Flin Flor Public Library
Writing Workshop: Sat April 13th, 9 am - 1:00, Mancy Faces School

Meet the writers:

<p>Jordan Wheeler</p>  <p>Jordan Wheeler is a Grant Award winning writer who lives in Winnipeg. He currently writes for the CBC Drama Archive.</p> <p>"Whether writing for children, teaching songwriting, giving workshops for Indigenous youth, writing for Indigenous television or bringing mainstream scripts home, Jordan tells Indigenous stories with love, humor, and authenticity." - Storytellers 31 Magazine</p> <p><small>Source: The Winnipeg Free Press, The Winnipeg Sun, CBC</small></p>	<p>Donna Besel</p>  <p>Donna Besel lives in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba and also writes fiction and nonfiction for various publications.</p> <p>Besel's writing has been published in several anthologies, including shortlist for CBC's Literary Awards, Grant's CBC's "Canada Writes," and first place in This Magazine's "Great Canadian Literary Award." She also teaches creative writing workshops to students of all ages, works in the postcard-making industry in the School program and has instructed groups on outdoor activities, music, drama, art, parenting and sports.</p> <p><small>Source: Manitoba Writers Guild</small></p>	<p>Chandra Mayor</p>  <p>Mayor is a Winnipeg-based poet and novelist whose writings "live into worlds of urban and alternative cultures." Winnipeg.</p> <p>Chandra Mayor's writing has appeared in several anthologies, and her first book, <i>Angled White</i>, was shortlisted for four Manitoba book awards and won the Winnipeg North End Award for Best First Book.</p> <p>Mayor's novel, <i>Cherry</i>, won the Carol Shields Winnipeg Book Award. The title story from Mayor's most recent book, <i>All the Pretty Girls</i>, was shortlisted for a 2008 CBC Literary Award.</p> <p><small>Source: The Winnipeg Free Press, Winnipeg International Writers Festival, Winnipeg</small></p>
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We hope to see you there!

Contact us at www.flinflorwritersguild.wordpress.com or flinflorwriters@gmail.com



Chairman Buz Trevor spring cleaning!



Aimee & Cindy cleaning out years of financial records!



Superhero table in progress!!



Tara & Cindy receive flowers of appreciation from patron!



Bombers playoff hockey display



Community Places grant provides automatic door openers



"Mother of the Year" contest winner!



McIassie School tour & visit



Princess & Superhero Party Display



Winners of Princess coloring contest!



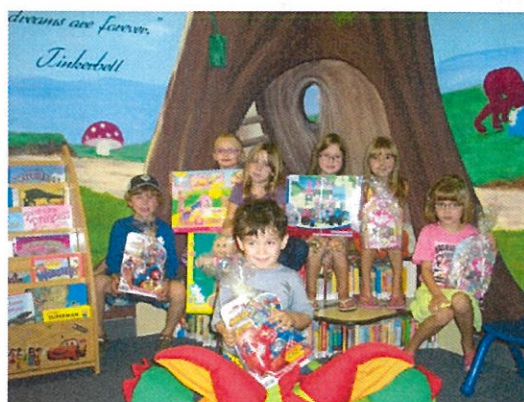
Author reading-Michelle Grimmelt



Customer Appreciation Day cake



Scott Gilmore launches new map-"Rock on Both Sides" Nadia Maximchuck library table presentation



TD Summer Reading "finger-printing" passports Winners TD Summer Reading program



Author reading-C.M. Klyne "If you liked the movie, you'll love the book" display



"Be a Book Nut" display with Aimee & Jessica



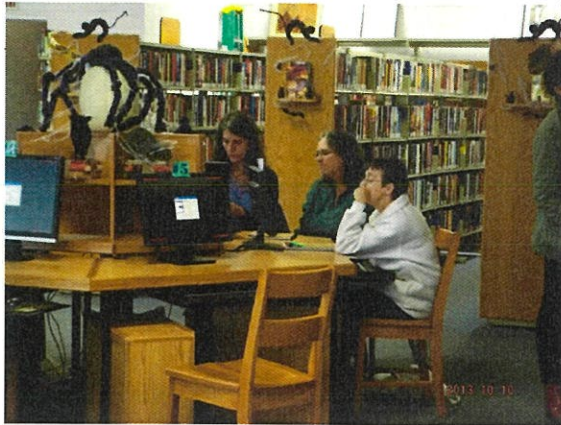
Winner of Book Nut reading contest!



Aimee & Cindy making one of our awesome displays....Books come out at Halloween!!



Flin Flon Bombers & the Library unite for a Frightfully Fun Halloween Party!!



Power Up course offered by Mb Status of Women



Literacy Camp



Christmas Village donation by Heather Kowalchuk



Christmas Reading Logs display



"Read" tree with children's Christmas books



Winners of Elf on the Shelf reading contest!



Packed house for Story Time with Santa!



Doug & Anne McGregor entertain the children



MLA-Clarence Petterson reading with Santa



RCMP-Shane Smith reads a story!!



Special thanks to our Library Santa!! What a fun day!!

Photos by Libby
Stoker-Lavelle and
Daniel Dillon



Dragons and Monkeys and Fairies, Oh My!

A Beautiful New Children's Area at the Flin Flon Public Library

— Libby Stoker-Lavelle —

It was a labour of love," says Cindy McLean, Library Administrator, as she tells me about the transformation of the new children's area at the Flin Flon Public Library. Love, indeed: with a vibrant floor-to-ceiling mural by local artist Linda Sonnenberg-Jackson, cozy reading nooks, a Lego station, and shelves filled with brightly coloured books and toys, this is a space that children will adore. Here, McLean shares the story and vision behind the new children's area and insights into other changes happening at Flin Flon's dynamic public library.

Why was rejuvenating the children's area at the library a priority for you?

Children are, and should be, our biggest priority. Having a place children would love was the driving force behind having that area redesigned. It doesn't seem like so long ago when I was a young mom, bringing my children to the library. Now our oldest is 28 and getting married this summer. The children's area was basically unchanged since that time, so this project was long overdue. The biggest reward has been the squeals of delight coming from children

as they run in, saying, "Mommy, look at the monkey," or, "Mommy, look at the tree!" The new "Lego Imagination Station" is a place where children can further use their imagination, or they can sit on our Library Dragon and read a story. It's said that children are made readers on the laps of their parents, so now we have a place where families can cultivate future readers and have fun at the same time! The

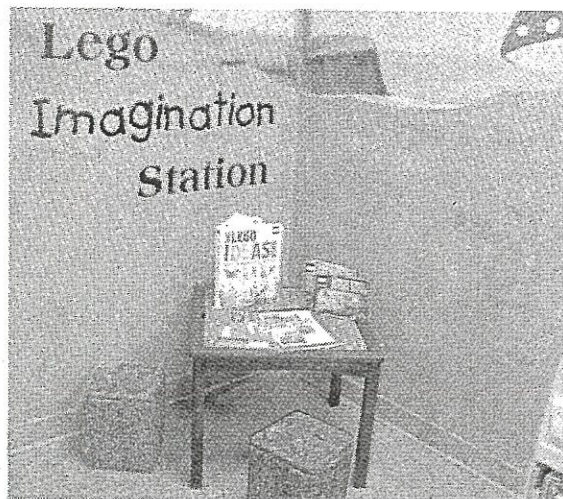
main theme behind the mural is "Imagination" because reading and playing is a way for children to explore their imagination, and that's what rejuvenating the area was all about.

Can you tell us about the process you went through to redesign the children's area?

The first part of the process was to obtain board approval, and they were completely supportive. I then applied for a grant through the Flin Flon Neighbourhood Revitalization Corporation, and we received the funds to complete the project. The painting of the mural was then awarded to Linda Sonnenberg-Jackson. Then, in

order to make space for the project, the library staff had to move a few thousand books — no small feat!

Designing the new space was a labour of love: along with my fellow librarian Aimee Best, we spent countless hours



A new activity station.

discussing and designing what the children might enjoy. I knew right from the beginning that I wanted a large tree with a reading nook at the base. Aimee and I discussed quotes and possible additions to the area. Linda Sonnenberg-Jackson had some amazing ideas and the skill to bring the area to life. She is a gifted artist and really got our vision – she was a blessing to work with.

The three of us worked together to tweak the design throughout the process and bring the space to life. Aimee and I would come in every morning excited to see what was painted overnight. If one of us got in before the other, we would wait to turn on the lights so we could view it together: it was like Christmas every morning!

Who are the people who made this transformation possible?

There are so many individuals who played a part in this transformation, starting with the library board of directors. Our board of directors, led by Chairman Buz Trevor and Vice Chairman Tom Goodman, really understand and support the need for change. My library staff, Tara, Aimee, Karen, Tania (volunteer), Alecia, Leanna, and Rebecca, deserve much of the credit, as they eagerly support any crazy ideas I come up with. It usually starts with, "I was thinking..." which probably makes them want to run away, but most often they join in, sharing their ideas as well.

The finances are, of course, crucial, and we are very appreciative to have obtained a grant through the Flin Flon Neighbourhood Revitalization Corporation. We couldn't have done it without their financial support. So much credit goes to that organization, and to Linda Sonnenberg-Jackson for bringing the vision to life.

Can you tell us about some of the other projects you've been working on at the library since you became the library administrator?

The first project was to revive the Preschool Story Hour program (offered on Tuesdays 10:30-11:30 a.m.). I've had a blast with the children, and the attendance has been great.

We also held our first Human Book Evening during Culture Days, which was a huge success. We served wine and cheese and invited interesting individuals from the community – "Human Books" – to share their stories with the audience. We've also introduced a Keurig Coffee Bar, so our patrons can now enjoy a coffee while they read or use the computer, and moms seem to enjoy having a coffee together while their children play.

This past summer we held our TD Reading Camp for a

week, partnering with the RCMP. I feel it's vitally important to involve local partners such as the RCMP and the Flin Flon Bombers in library projects. We also employ Landon Hiebert, a local Bomber, through a grant initiative called CAP Youth Internship. Landon is available to the public, free of charge, to assist with computer training.

Furthermore, when I first came to

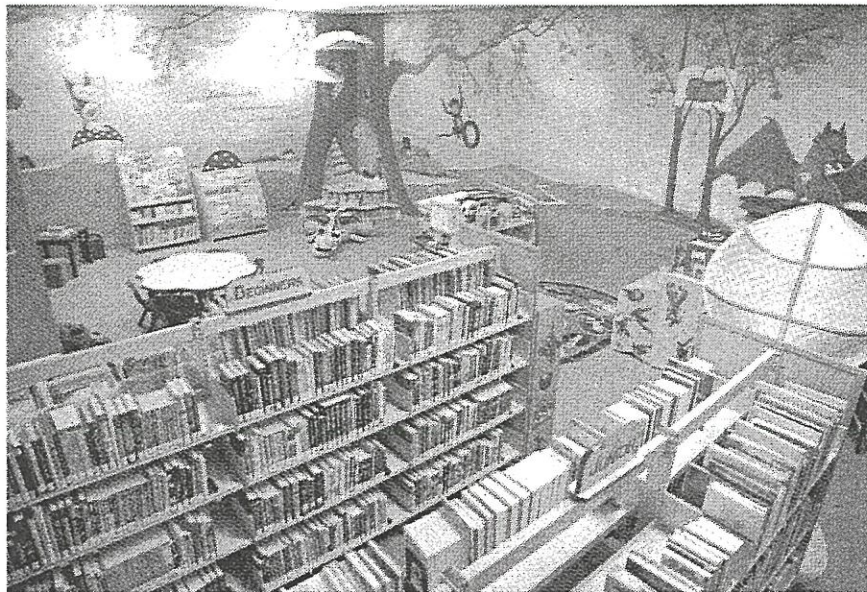
the library, our Kinsmen Room was not available for use to the public. This room and the Rotary Room are now both available to rent, for a very reasonable fee. The Rotary Room, complete with a kitchen facility, is a great venue for meetings or small gatherings like baby and bridal showers. We have recently introduced a Birthday Party package for

\$35, which includes access to a newly purchased big screen TV, Wii Station, and a dozen games.

Our new library website, <http://www.flinflon-publiclibrary.ca/>, went public a couple of weeks ago. The most exciting addition is the ability to renew books online – all you need is a library card number and a password (which can be obtained at the library). The new webpage has numerous links, including a link to e-libraries Manitoba, where library patrons can download free e-books.

We can add links at any time, so the website is always evolving.

Also, I felt it was important to have a Graphic Novel section in the library – something for readers who might find a



The layout of the children's section is completely rearranged.



A few thousand books had to be moved!

novel too intimidating. We now have a couple hundred graphic novels and a new teen reading area. We have also been working on building a large collection of children's DVDs. A library has to work on meeting the needs of the public it serves, and having a place where families can come and read, play, and take a movie home for "movie night" is important, especially when finances are tight. A family can plan a fun afternoon at the library and not spend a penny... how awesome is that?

What is your vision for the Flin Flon Public Library?

I would love to cultivate a passion for reading in children, bring families together, and make reading an addictive habit. I firmly believe that books alone will not draw people to the library. We have to look at ways to involve the community, and my goal is to make the library an informative, fun place to be, with programs, events, and of course, amazing books! *Literacy for life* is my motto, starting with little ones opening the pages of a book and then running through the library doors to find the next daring adventure!

What other changes would you like to see in the near future?

I'm always exploring new ideas, but specifically we are looking at improving the adult reading area. We'd also like to see the building painted and have the Archives Room up and running. The archives need the help of community volunteers, so it would be a dream come true if a group of individuals felt compelled to take that on. Volunteer Don

Peake is working hard on getting all the archived pictures digitalized, so that is a huge start! An after school program, a book club, and programming for seniors are all high on the priority list as well.

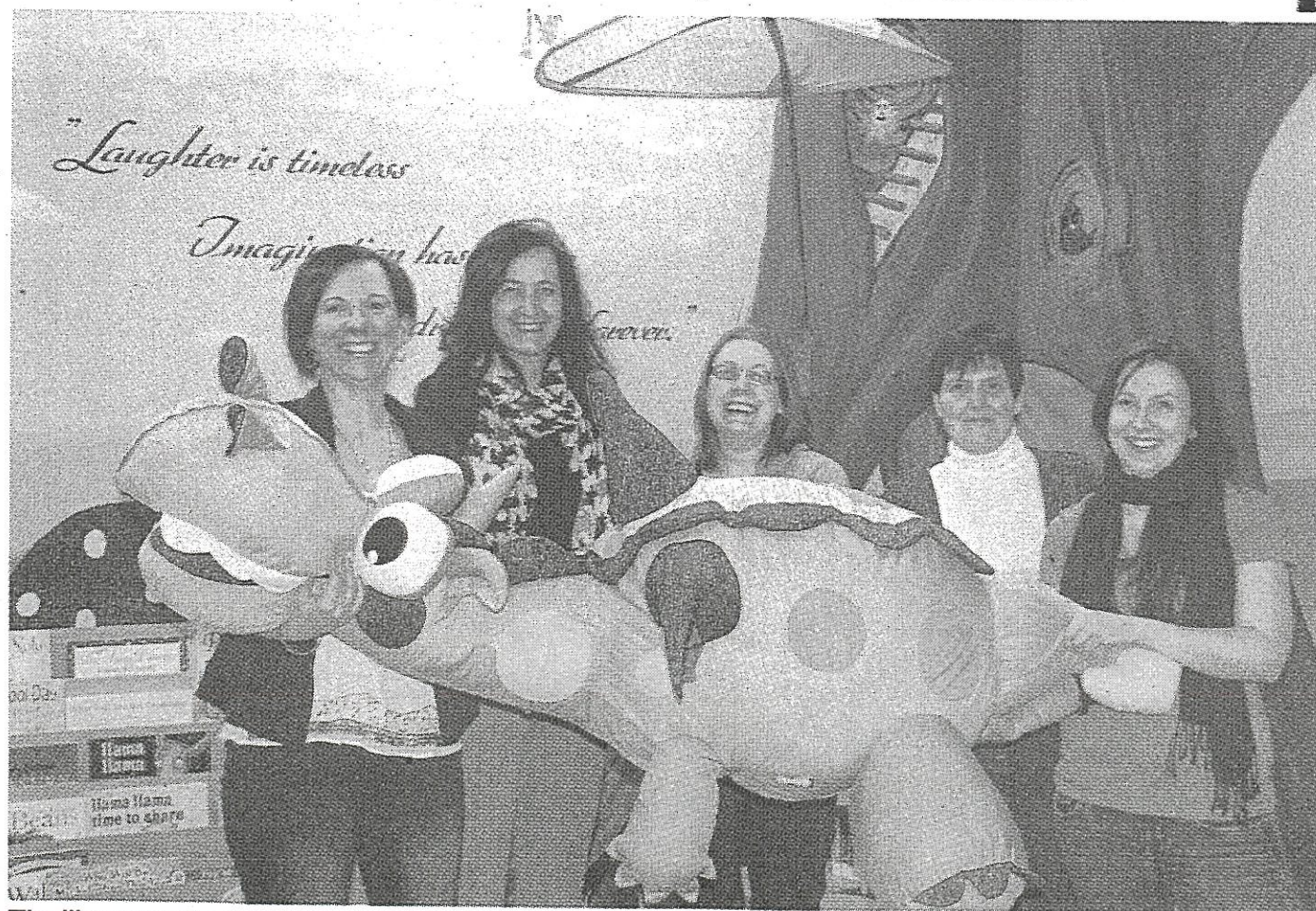
We'll see the upgrades in the adult reading area soon, complete with chess and backgammon games, a fireplace, new coffee table, and reading chairs. This has been made possible by a very generous estate donation to the library. Hopefully the reading area will be a place where community members can gather to play a game or quietly enjoy the paper or a book. Our library is made possible with tax dollars, so we want to ensure we are meeting the needs of the community. I welcome any suggestions or ideas and will try my best to embrace any suggested change.

What else would you like to tell us about the library?

Albert Einstein once said, "The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library." We're located at 58 Main Street, and we'd love to see you! I really want to encourage parents to shut off the TV, turn off the iPhones, and spend a day with your son or daughter at the library...you'll never know how much fun it is, until you give us a try!

Current library programming, hours, and information are all available at <http://www.flinflonpubliclibrary.ca/>

Interested in helping out at the library or want to share an idea with Cindy and the library staff? Contact them at ffpladmin@mts.net or 204-687-3397!



The library staff, with their new stuffed dragon. (l-r) Cindy McLean, Tania Georgii (Volunteer), Alecia Thompson, Tara Redahl, and Aimee Best.

Kids enter library's world of imagination

Jonathon Naylor
Editor

A smiling monkey whisks by on a tire swing. A dragon spreads its wings atop a cliff. Giant leaves protrude from a hollowed-out tree.

A new mural has added colourful radiance to the revamped children's area at the Flin Flon Public Library.

"The main theme behind the mural is imagination, because reading and playing is a way for children to explore their imaginations," says library administrator Cindy McLean.

Spread across parts of three walls, the mural depicts a bright daytime scene with lush green hills off in the distance.

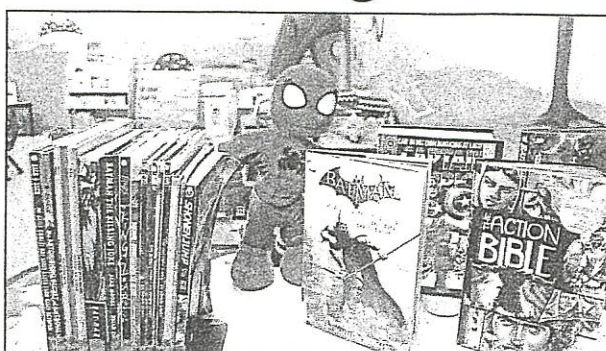
In the corner, the mural shows a hollowed-out tree complete with two large artificial leaves that jut out from the wall.

At the tree's base is a bookshelf that doubles as a sitting area for youngsters and their parents to enjoy the wonders of literature.

The monkey and drag-



Left: The monkey in the mural has become a favourite of the kids. Right: A Spider-man figure stands with some of the new graphic novels.



on are among the more prominent characters within the mural, the work of local artist Linda Sonnenberg Jackson.

"It was a journey for me," says Sonnenberg Jackson. "I had never journeyed in that direction before, doing that kind of animated painting."

While Sonnenberg Jackson did the painting, the mural represents a vision articulated by both McLean and her colleague, library clerk

Aimee Best.

"Cindy was the director and I was like the instrument," says Sonnenberg Jackson. "It's difficult to explain, but it's almost like we had become in sync somehow. I could sense what she wanted because she was so enthusiastic and excited about what she wanted that I could not help but see what she wanted."

60 hours

Throughout January, Sonnenberg Jackson spent about 60 hours completing the mural. It was officially unveiled last week at a ceremony that included children and guest readers such as Mayor George Fontaine.

McLean says the previous mural in the children's area, featuring a few Disney characters, had been on the wall for decades.

It was time for a fresh



Guests at last week's unveiling of the mural included children as well as (from left) Sgt. Shayne Smith of the Flin Flon RCMP, Laurence Gillespie of Flin Flon Neighbourhood Revitalization Corp., artist Linda Sonnenberg Jackson, Mayor George Fontaine, library administrator Cindy McLean, and guest reader Rob Anze of Canada Post.

look, so the library applied, and received, a \$3,900 grant from Flin Flon Neighbourhood Revitalization Corp.

"I wanted a place where children would

love to come, so that was the driving force behind the redesign," says McLean.

And the mural is just one part of that redesign. There is also a new Lego imagination station and a plush dragon cushion.

Nearby is the pre-teen and teen reading area, which includes a table topped with a collage of superhero images.

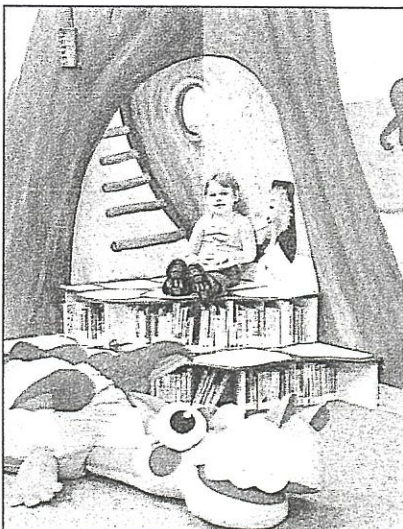
It's next to the library's new selection of graphic

novels, including hardcover versions of *Batman*, *Captain America* and other comic book titles.

Looking around at the updated space, McLean is clearly impressed.

"I think it turned out amazing," she says.

As for Sonnenberg Jackson, she is no stranger to murals. Some of her past works can be found at the Personal Care Home, Rack's Billiards and the Salvation Army.



Left: Sierra Stanley-Jones, 3, in the reading corner under the mural's tree. Right: Library clerk Alecia Thompson at the pre-teen and teen reading area, which includes a table topped with superhero imagery.



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MORTGAGE SALE

The building and land known as 83 Green Street, Flin Flon, Manitoba, as described in Certificate of Title No. 2294045/3 will be sold at auction on Wednesday, the 20th day of March, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at 47 Main Street, Flin Flon, Manitoba.

The Vendor under Power of Sale is informed that there situate on the said land a 1 1/2 storey dwelling house with a living area of approximately 932 square feet, more or less, with 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom and having a partial basement, and that the said land has a frontage of approximately 50 feet, more or less, on Green Street.

REALTY TAXES: The realty taxes with respect to the said land will be paid full to December 31, 2012 with the exception of any accruing outstanding water accounts as added or may be added to the tax roll.

PRIOR CHARGES: Caveat Nos. 22863N/3 and 22888N/3.

TERMS: Twenty percent of the purchase price in cash or certified cheque and the balance according to auction sale conditions.

The building and land are to be sold subject to a RESERVE BID to be announced prior to the sale.

Further information or a copy of the Auction Sale Conditions may be obtained from:

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Reading celebrates art of poetry



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the Flin Flon Toastmasters at the recent Poetry Night. Left to right are Dorian Kent, Denny Hyndman, Doreen Beady, Doreen Roman and Harry Hobbs.

Submitted By
Flin Flon Writers Guild

On April 7, nearly 50 guests came together at the Flin Flon Public Library to celebrate the art of poetry.

Twenty-eight readers

shared poems, ranging from the silly to the profound, and a number of the readers shared their own work.

Highlights included T.S. Eliot's witty "How to Address a Cat", read in perfect Toastmaster style, a two-voice

poem read by Glenda and Harry Hobbs, and a series of art-response pieces written by Hapnot Collegiate students and read skillfully by art teacher Karen Clark.

The annual poetry reading is organized by the Flin Flon

Writers Guild, Toastmasters Society and the library in celebration of National Poetry Month.

This year's event was particularly special as it marked the 30th anniversary of the Flin Flon Writers Guild.

Adopt a shelf, benefit library

Jonathon Naylor
Editor

The Flin Flon Public Library is usually empty on Sundays, but that wasn't the case this past Mother's Day.

Library administrator Cindy McLean, along with two brothers and a sister, stopped by and headed to a row of books at the rear.

There, in front of a shelf bearing a plaque – "In Loving Memory of Kathy Adams" – the siblings held hands and had a little cry in honour of their late mother.

Not everyone can go to the library on a Sunday, but now all residents can memorialize a departed loved one – or anyone else for that matter – through the Adopt-A-Shelf program.

"It's a community library and this is a way for various businesses and individuals to be reorganized in a positive and permanent way," says the ever-enthusiastic McLean.

Sponsor

McLean's was among the first families to sponsor a shelf for the modest cost of \$100.

That price tag gives each purchaser a small plaque, bearing an engraving of their choice, to be placed on whichever shelf they opt for.

It also gives them the satisfaction of helping the library, one of the Flin Flon area's most valuable public institutions.

McLean and her family chose a shelf of pocketbooks because Adams, who passed away in 2009, always had a pocketbook on the go.

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'Her shelf is always going to be there'

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"It's really awesome because her shelf is always going to be there now," says McLean.

In the travel book section, Joan Gohl has sponsored a shelf in memory of her late husband, former city councillor Elmer Gohl.

"The library is a real important place for residents of the Flin Flon area," says Gohl. "I'm happy to be making this donation to support this most recent cause."

On a shelf in the children's area, a plaque recently went up in honour of the late Kevin Simard, a Flin Flon father of two – Cayden, 8, and Camryn,

6.

"I think it's cool they can come look at their dad's shelf," McLean says.

While such plaques are touching tributes to lost loved ones, sponsors can choose to honour anyone.

The library recently heard from a grandmother who wants a plaque in the children's area to include her grandkids' names.

McLean envisions patrons one day walking through the library and taking in "an interesting visual history of community members."

That would offer an experience similar to that of Flinty's Boardwalk, where engraved planks list a

wide range of past and present citizens.

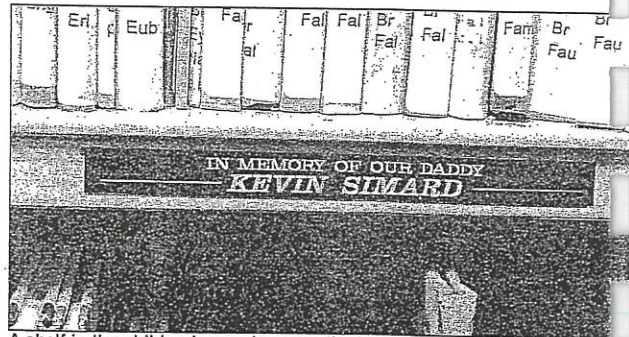
And like the boardwalk, sponsorships from businesses are welcome.

McLean views Adopt-a-Shelf as an inexpensive, lasting means of advertising for businesses of all sizes.

The personable administrator got the idea for Adopt-A-Shelf from a library in the U.S. that had enjoyed success with the concept.

"We're a community-oriented library, so I thought that was a community project that would be embraced," McLean says.

All proceeds from Adopt-A-Shelf will be



A shelf in the children's area honours the late Kevin Simard.

kept in a fund specifically for capital projects at the library during this time of municipal belt-tightening.

The same is true of the new Adopt-A-Book program, where spon-

sors who pay a smaller sum are recognized with labels affixed inside individual books.

Sponsors can also purchase new furniture for the library, again

with plaques providing the appropriate recognition.

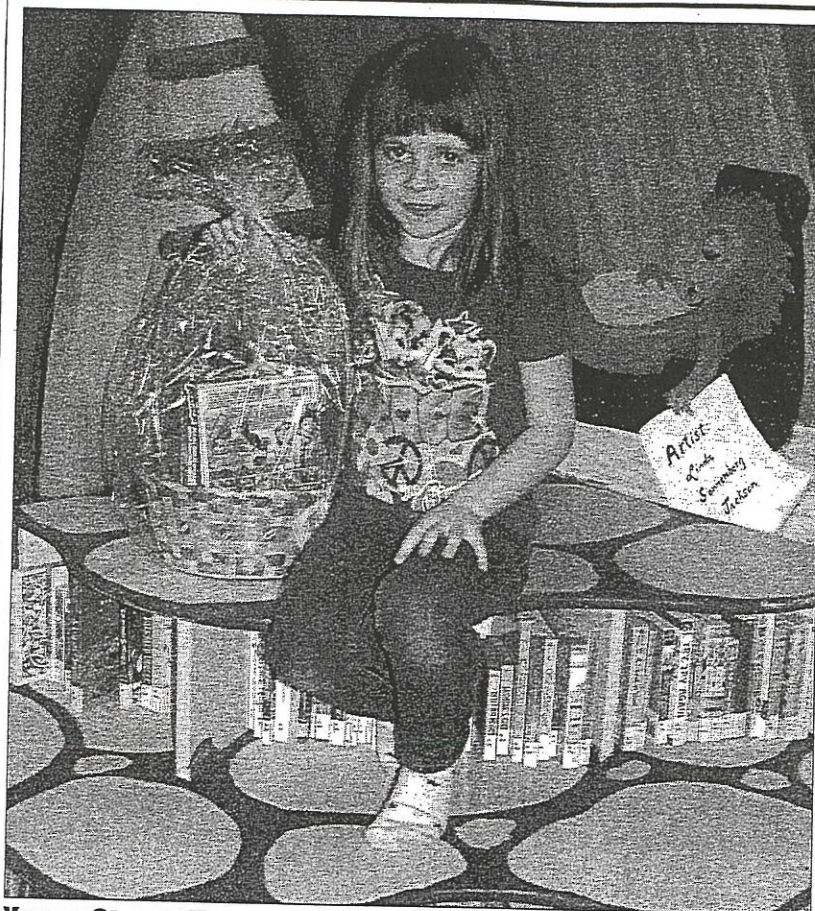
For more information on any of the library fundraisers, contact the library at 204-687-3397.



Joan Gohl with the shelf that honours her late husband Elmer.



Jim Sturley with the shelf that honours Kevin Simard, who was his son-in-law. PHOTOS BY JONATHAN NAYLOR



Young Storyteller...

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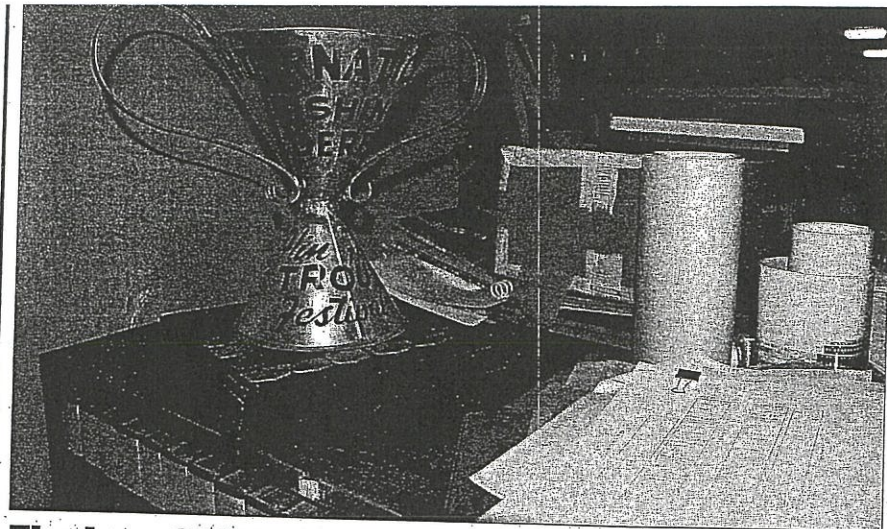
Ava Williams, 6, was one of two winners in the Flin Flon Public Library's recent "Who Kidnapped the Easter Bunny?" story contest. She is pictured with the gift basket she won. Olivia Fernandes was also a winner in the contest, which had 83 entries. Kids were asked to write a brief story about who kidnapped the Easter Bunny.



Meet Rowhog Reader...

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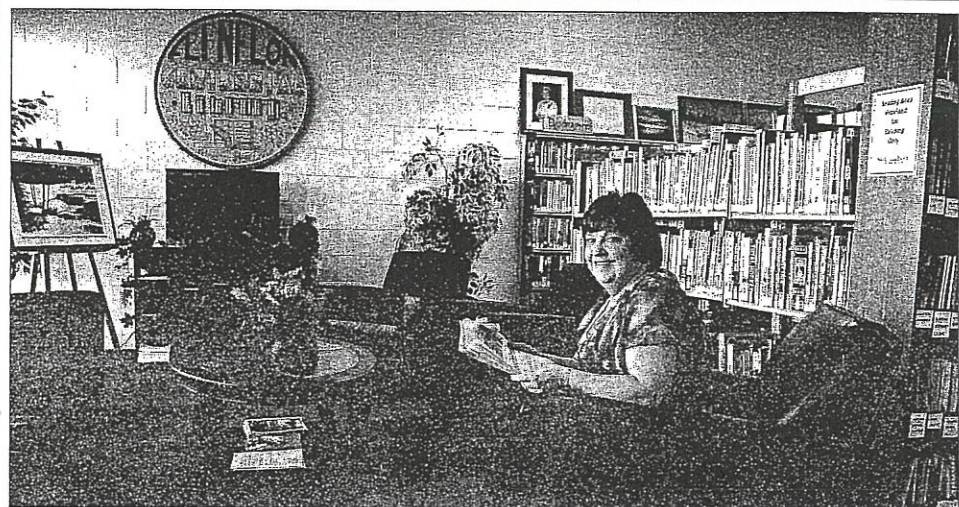
Children who visit the Flin Flon Public Library hold up "Rowhog Reader," the plush dragon that sits in the kids' area. Left to right are Lily Ballard, Talissa Alexander, Blake Alexander, Kenzie Trumbley, Sam Moore and Maddox Dominey. The dragon was named through a contest open to children. Lily submitted the winning suggestion of "Rowhog." Library staff then gave him the last name "Reader," which was a suggestion made by both Kenzie and Sam. The other children pictured were also recognized for their suggestions.



The Lure Of Winning...

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An old Trout Festival International Fishing Derby trophy is among the artifacts now being stored at the archive room of the library. Volunteers are in the process of finding a home for such items, ensuring the archive has a focus on newspapers, photos and documents.



Cozy and Comfy...

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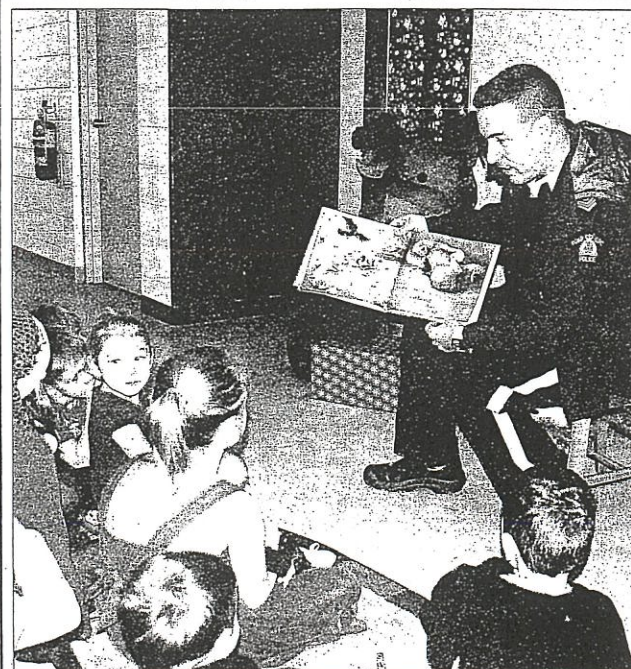
Karen McKay sits in the revamped reading area of the Flin Flon Public Library, where she works as evening supervisor. A donation from the estate of late library patron Irene Emilie Lowes allowed for the purchase of six new leather chairs earlier this year. Last year, the estate of another patron, Peter Rendziak, contributed an artificial fireplace and flat-screen TV.



Bomber Fever!!!

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Staff at the Flin Flon Public Library helped spread Bomber fever with this display. "Hawks Are Going Down!" indeed, as Flin Flon bested Nipawin and...



Story Time...

PHOTO BY KAREN MACKINNON

Flin Flon RCMP Sgt. Shauna Smith read to children at the library's recent Christmas party.



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the Reminder

Friday, August 2, 2013

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Council
poised
to set
pumpout
limits

Jonathan Naylor

City council is poised to cap free sewage pumpouts for Channing residents next year under a plan to contain spending in the sub-subsiding area.

Though nothing is finalized, Mayor George Fontaine said he thinks each Channing home will be limited to one city-funded pumpout per week, at most, as of August 2014.

Addressing a public forum Tuesday, Mayor Fontaine said he was comfortable with this limit and that the 20-plus Channing residents in attendance seemed to be as well.

"We need to make a change," he told the crowd, gathered in the city hall council chamber, repeated by a series of speakers.

As part of the plan, the city would offer subsidies of \$2,000 to homeowners who need to install a larger sewage tank in order to reduce the frequency of their pumpouts.

The city has budgeted \$20,000 for subsidies this year, with priority going to homeowners who currently need the most pumpouts. There are plans to budget another \$20,000 next year.

Since some homeowners will need to upgrade their tanks, the city will wait a year before implementing any changes. See 'Never' on pg. 6

Mapping our 'mythic' history

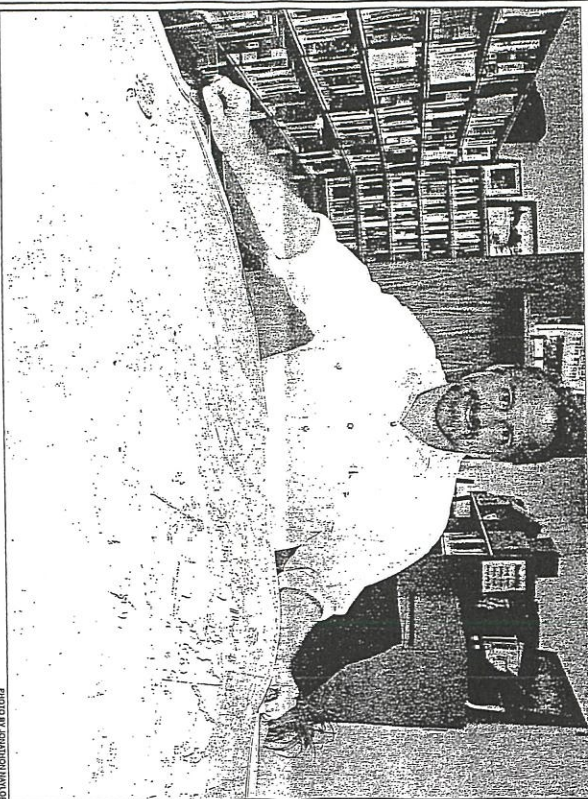


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Jonathan Naylor

Scott Gilmore with a draft copy of his map at the library.

As other boys heard tales of war at their grandfathers' knees, Scott Gilmore learned about the rich history of the Flon Flon region.

The 42-year-old Flon Flon resident, who grew up in the area, learned that his grandfather, Branchcamp, inspired him a sense of wonder that lives on decades later.

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Atchapp, the map notes: "This bay was named after Frank Schleder, a merchant who sold work clothes in Channing." Near Schist Creek, the map explains: "Before the railroad was built, one barges traveled down Schist Creek, the islands and numerous lakes, creeks and portages are hand-drawn within future generations. He is putting the final touches on an illustrated canoe map of the Flon Flon-Cranberry Portage area. Spliced in with the numerous lakes, creeks and portages are hand-

written-style facts of place seem much more both a historical and vocative and really made it come alive for me." Besides Schleder's Bay, off of Little Creek from Flon Flon to the Pas, tidbits point out other landmarks: "Other tidbits point out other landmarks: 'stoked with rainbow work.'"

Now Gilmore is 42, but he still remembers those times when he and his grandfather would go on adventures. "I would see this evocative image of this forest fire, like the wrath of God wiping clean this little outpost of civilization."

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Seeking additional anecdotes

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Undertaking last October, teaching himself how to use mapping software. He conducted extensive research, including the table-toppling map and sought additional anecdotes by to see him. He was still hoping to learn more about the so-called Bakers Narrows Bandit, who broke into cabins in the area in the 1920s. He was missing on the map, and he was very interested in the very interesting in the past from Alabama, named Holt, who allegedly kept a pet wolf and a pet lynx in this area back in the 1920s.

Much of the info on the map comes from newspaper articles as well as the archives and *Northern Lights* magazine of Hubby.

But some of it is plain old oral history that Gilmore realizes may not be 100 per cent gospel. "It's been a challenge," he says.

"But you know, frankly I'm not that worried about it. What I'm trying to capture is the mythology. This isn't meant to be a definitive history. It's to tell the story about what a remarkable place this is. It's a unique in the world."

Though Gilmore was raised in Edmonton, he was born — and has always spent his summers in — Flon Flon. He considers this his home.

After realizing last summer that his young children were missing out on the fascinating history his grandfathers advanced, he set out to produce the map.

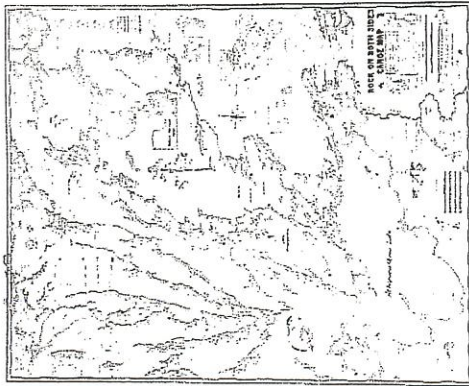
As a labour of love with no grant money or funding of any kind, Gilmore dove into the

the 250th anniversary this year, coincidentally, of the first recorded visit of a European to the area. Gilmore expects the final version of the map to be available this September or October. He will provide free copies to schools, museums and the library, and hopes to sell other copies at a not-for-profit price. Other than a map-maker, Gilmore is also an accomplished social entrepreneur.

He is the founder and CEO of Bullfinch Markets, formerly Peace Dividend Trust, a non-profit that develops and implements programs to improve lives in poor and war-torn nations.

Gilmore invites anyone with stories and facts for his map to e-mail him at gilmore.scott@gmail.com.

A LANDSCAPE OF STORIES: THE ROCK ON BOTH SIDES CANOE MAP



A draft version of the Rock on Both Sides Canoe Map — Scott Gilmore

My grandfather, Watson Gilmore, arrived in Flin Flon in the 1930s, and within the scope of six decades he had played baseball, worked underground, ran a store, cut timber, and prospected. As a child, I would spend evenings in his cabin at Baker's Narrows and listen to him visit with friends. During those long summer nights, I absorbed my grandfather's stories and legends about Lake Athabasca, and, in my mind's eye, I built a mythic landscape. My grandfather's tales gave every landmark a story. Paddling my canoe past an island, I wouldn't simply see rock and trees. I would see the Cree hunter's camp, the early trap lines, and the prospector's claim.

When I began to bring my own children to the lake, my grandfather was long gone, and so were his tales. Canoeing up Mistik Creek with my daughter, she saw only portages. I saw an ancient hunting trail, each lake named from one to fourteen in Cree: Payuk, Neso, Nisto.... I realized that my children were not inheriting the mythology that brought the land to life for me.

One day, I found a tattered copy of Real Berard's illustrated canoeing map for Mistik Creek. Berard, an artist and naturalist, created a series of beautiful hand-drawn maps in the '60s and '70s for paddlers. His detailed sketches of wildlife, landmarks, and artifacts along the route communicated a deep love for the region, but also gave the land character and history. Inspired by his example, I decided to create an illustrated map for my children, one that told the history of Lake Athabasca and its surroundings.

Scott Gilmore learned to love the landscape of Northern Manitoba through the evocative stories told by his grandfather. Today, Gilmore is passing on his grandfather's legacy by sharing that local knowledge with a new generation.

I began by collecting old maps. I visited the Hudson Bay Company archives in Winnipeg, spent hours in the University of Toronto Library, found prospecting journals, and obsessively searched newspaper archives. I read through history books and canvassed friends and relatives for stories. Gradually, I filled in the lakes, traced the old portage routes, added facts and tales, and sketched moose tracks, pictographs, and old canoes. The "Rock on Both Sides Canoe Map" began to take shape.

While researching, I learned that this summer is the 250th anniversary of the first recorded visit by a European to the region. In 1763, fur trader Joseph Smith paddled from York Factory to Cranberry Portage, guided by a First Nations leader named Meesinkeshick. Unfortunately, the visit did not end well: Smith died on the return journey.

Sitting at the crossroads of many canoe routes, including the historic "Upper Track" to Hudson's Bay, the Athabasca area has seen many of Canada's most important explorers. The famed English explorer Samuel Hearne came through in 1774. He was sent inland by the Hudson Bay Company to establish Cumberland House, the first permanent European settlement in Saskatchewan.

In the late 1700s, Peter Fidler paddled through one of his survey trips. His descendants still live in the region today. David Thompson visited in 1813 on his way west. And in 1896, J.B. Tyrrell, who mapped most of Western Canada, arrived. In his journal he described Athabasca's "beautifully clear transparent water."

As my research continued, many less well-known but equally remarkable characters emerged from the region's history. There was the "mad" trapper Holt. Originally from the U.S., in the 1920s he kept a tame



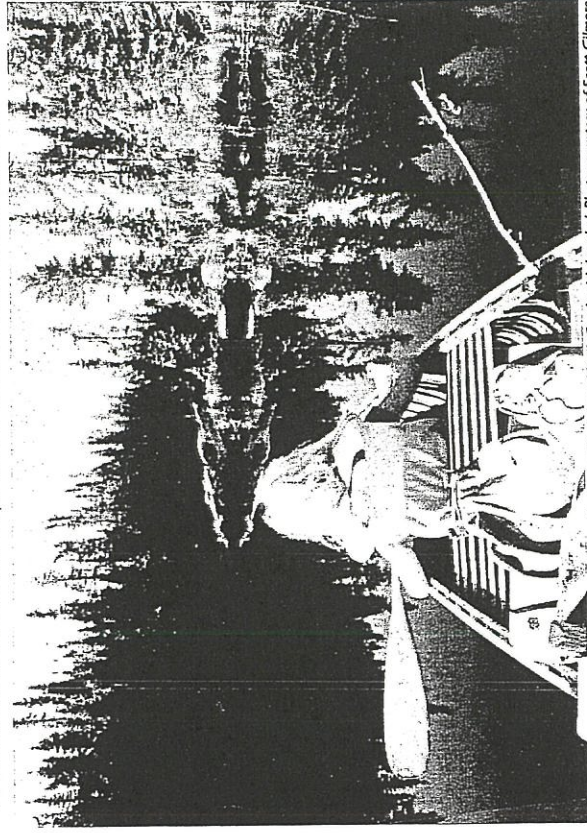
Gilmore with daughter Maddy. He was a famous dandy, with expensive taste: in the 1930s Foote would pay bush pilots to fly in fresh roses to his cabin in the winter. Sally's Beach is named after his German Shepherd, who often played there.

hard to find as many local place names as possible. They may not be listed on the official government maps, but the traditional names of the Swimming Islands, Washing Machine Bay, Burnt Point, and Haystack Rock still deserve to be recorded and passed on.

The first draft of the Rock on Both Sides Canoe Map is now complete. As I hoped, my children are fascinated by it, and they pore over the details, building their own mythic landscapes.

Scott is now circulating copies of The Rock on Both Sides Canoe Map in order to gather more local place names and legends to include in later versions. In the autumn he will share it with local schools and libraries, and find a distributor if members of the public want copies. If you have stories or names you think should be included in the map, please contact Scott at gilmore.scott@gmail.com.

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Maddy paddles along Mistik Creek with her dad. Photos courtesy of Scott Gilmore.

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

STATEMENT OF REVENUE/EXPENDITURE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
REVENUE		
OPERATING GRANTS		
City of Flin Flon - Grant	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	15,739	15,451
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	54,032	56,919
Province of Manitoba - Technology Grant	3,526	3,630
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	18,239	17,951
RM of Kelsey	4,862	5,602
Village of Denare Beach	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	<u>188,898</u>	<u>192,053</u>
DONATIONS	<u>8,826</u>	<u>349</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Overdue book fines	1,300	1,650
Parking stall rentals	1,229	1,139
Book sales	2,568	3,420
Interest	1,255	146
Material replacement	297	334
Non-resident fees	580	880
Other	<u>1,389</u>	<u>595</u>
	<u>8,618</u>	<u>8,164</u>
PATRON SERVICES		
Business		
Copying charges	2,872	2,450
Fax	1,551	2,065
Laminating	833	497
Rental	<u>5,145</u>	<u>4,880</u>
	<u>10,401</u>	<u>9,892</u>
InfoPod		
E-mail	2,909	2,756
Printer	<u>935</u>	<u>763</u>
	<u>3,844</u>	<u>3,519</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	56	240
REVENUE- LIBRARY OPERATIONS	<u>220,643</u>	<u>214,217</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES - EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	<u>224,824</u>	<u>216,150</u>
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(4,181)</u>	<u>(1,933)</u>
TRANSFER TO (FROM) SPECIAL RESERVE	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ (4,181)</u>	<u>\$ (1,933)</u>

See accompanying notes.

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
EXPENSES		
MATERIALS		
Books	\$ 23,691	\$ 25,913
Other	220	-
Magazines	880	782
Newspaper	454	918
Videos	430	904
Toys	<u>591</u>	<u>405</u>
	<u>26,266</u>	<u>28,922</u>
ADMINISTRATION		
Association Fees	270	250
Audit and professional fees	3,745	3,143
Bank Charges	878	505
Continuing Education	429	-
Copier Contract/Paper	2,871	2,642
Express/Delivery/Postage	848	1,000
Equipment/Furniture	13,531	2,107
Insurance	2,138	1,922
Promotion & Publicity	4,781	3,518
Laminating	457	610
Library Stationary	1,165	1,130
Maintenance	8,506	21,113
Miscellaneous	1,258	1,421
Programming	1,021	1,211
Utilities	18,232	16,446
Wages and Benefits	126,477	119,265
Technical Services	76	169
Travel & Conference	<u>1,465</u>	<u>1,302</u>
	<u>188,148</u>	<u>177,754</u>
TECHNOLOGY		
Service Contracts	836	688
Communications	3,582	3,576
Licences	1,521	854
Maintenance	2,137	1,195
Supplies	2,085	2,075
Training	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>10,161</u>	<u>9,388</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	-	86
Project 1: Library Net	<u>249</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>249</u>	<u>86</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 224,824</u>	<u>\$ 216,150</u>

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