

## FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 1966.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:

This is the 9th annual report of the Flin Flon Public Library and covers operations for the year ending December 31st, 1966.

Membership during the year increased by 856 - not a very reliable figure though, as many were in Flin Flon for the summer months only, and we lost quite a number of members through families leaving town. 963 books were purchased; also three 16mm films, 16 records, and 10 filmstrips. 329 books were discarded. Kindergarten story hours were held Friday afternoons from January till Easter with an average attendance of 16 for 13 sessions, and reconvened in September, the average attendance for the 15 sessions to the end of the year being 12. Films are shown to children every Saturday morning but no record on attendance is kept.

Report on book circulation is disappointing. 61,861 books were distributed in 1966 as compared to 70,481 in 1965. Last year the library was open 296 days so the average per day was about 209 books. In 1965 the average was 239. Part of the drop can be accounted for perhaps in the moving of the McIsaac school children over to the Hudson area, and the Highschool students down to Green Street, which considerably increases the problem of getting to the library in the afternoon after school is dismissed.

Films, filmstrips, and records were used many times in the library as well as loaned. The 16mm projectors went out 148 times, and 384 films, and 128 filmstrips and records, were borrowed. Lack of space prevented growth of this audio-visual department, but valuable experience has been gained, and in the new Centennial building we hope it can be given the attention it deserves.

Despite the drop in circulation it was a busy year. Many more students now use the library for reference material, and we find this

interesting and challenging. Books are sent to Rotary Coart regularly, and quite a number of teachers get 10 or 12 books every two weeks to supplement room libraries. There were no art displays from the Winnipeg Art Gallery in '66 but these will be requested again when we move to the new building.

Very few of the "discarded" books were actually thrown into the waste-paper baskets. Any that were readable at all were sent on to the public schools at Cranberry Portage or Thicket Portage, as it has been brought to our attention many times that the need for books in every northern community is most acute.

Mrs. Krahn was welcomed back on the staff after a long illness. The two highschool students left in September for University, and Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Krahn, and myself, managed the work without student help until the end of the year.

Encouragement and assistance from the Library Board, the Film Council, and Friends of the Library, is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna M. Hopkinson, Librarian.  
(Mrs. R. G.)

# STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURE 1966.

## REVENUE

Town of Flin Flon	\$ 11,351.69
" " Creighton(Sask.)	946.86
Prov. of Manitoba	5,130.16
Fines	552.18
Film Council (2 yrs.)	180.00
Interest Credit Union	197.76

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## EXPENDITURE

Rent	\$ 1,200.00
Janitor Supplies	38.13
Salaries (Lib.)	6,952.12
Salary (Jan.)	249.00
Unemp. Ins.	93.46
Stationery	48.95
Postage	46.03
Telephone	61.54
Lib. Supplies	443.05
Express	3.75
Customs	8.50
Art Displays	20.00
Advertising	10.10
Travel	50.00
Insurance	96.90
Miscellaneous	352.88
Exch. & Bk. chgs.	18.80
Mag. & News.	179.16
Pension Plan	73.89
Books	3,263.89
Films	447.47
Equip.	206.79

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## SURPLUS

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