

THE TOWN OF FLIN FLON

PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

1968

11th

LIBRARY BOARD 1968

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Miss Margaret Beveridge	Library Clerk
Mrs. Rita Pettersen	Part time
Miss Gloria Galant	Summer holidays
Mrs. Jessie Burr	January to September

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Saturday	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday Kindergarten Story Hour	2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Films - Saturday morning	11 a.m. - 12 noon.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1968.

Mr. Chairman and Members
of the Flin Flon Library Board:

It is my privilege to present the eleventh annual report of the Flin Flon Public Library. The year 1968 lacked the excitement of 1967 when we moved into our new quarters in the Centennial Building. However it has been a busy year and one of change and adjustment.

90,869 books were borrowed during the year. 37,959 by adults and 50,658 by children. Magazines & Periodicals borrowed numbered 2,252. This is an increase in circulation of 16,572 over the previous year. The Library was open to the public 296 days. 10 hours per day.

Several classes of students have visited the library in order to become acquainted with the resources available to them. Groups of Cubs have also been instructed in the use of reference material and care of books in order to qualify for their library pins.

Art exhibits have always been a popular attraction and this year we had several fine displays from the Winnipeg Art Gallery. We are indebted to the local Art Club who kept us supplied with displays of their work which is of great interest to visitors and members of the library.

Young Canada Book Week was observed with Open House at the library - a number of new books were displayed and guests were served tea in the Rotary Room, courtesy of ladies of the I.O.D.E. Book lists were used for table centers. We were happy to have as guests during the evening His Worship Mayor Freedman and the Town Council.

Kindergarten Story Hour for pre-school children was held 23 weeks with an average attendance of 60. Mrs. Ruth Shomperlen is the very popular story lady.

Since the Aurora Federation has suspended operations we no longer have the usual 5 blocks of films available - however thanks to the National Film Board we do receive regular allocations of films. Starting in the Fall films were shown Saturday mornings from 11 - 12 with an average attendance of 25.

The Summer Reading Club had 17 members this year and there were 5 gold pins awarded, 1 silver and 2 bronze. Some of the children have read the books a number of times and with a new list of books we think participation in this program will increase.

The reading area is badly overcrowded on week-day evenings -

the students are using the library in ever increasing numbers and it is very important that this age group continue to use the resources offered them. We therefore strongly urge the library board to endeavor to find ways and means of completing at least part of the basement as soon as possible in order to make available a larger reading and studying area.

Thanks to Mr. Cy Gilmore the Senior Citizens in Rotary Court are supplied with a box of books every two weeks.

The library again looked after the Unicef boxes and the sum of \$139.20 was collected and sent to headquarters in Winnipeg.

Our grateful thanks to the Provincial Library for the book-lists which were a valuable guide to us when ordering books and thanks too, to the Extension Library for interlibrary loans.

In April the library lost the valuable services of Mrs. Edna Hopkinson who left us after serving 9 years as Librarian. She had guided the library from its early days in the Community Hall until the move into the New Centennial Building - we know how much she enjoyed her work in the library, but we know she

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is happy with her husband in their new home at Bathurst, New Brunswick. At last report Edna was busy becoming bilingual.

I was appointed to replace Mrs. Hopkinson and with the help and co-operation of an enthusiastic staff the year has been a happy and successful one.

I would like to express my personal appreciation to the members of the Board for your kind consideration in all matters concerning the library. With the continued interest of the Board and the staff, the library should continue to grow in every way and especially in service to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Florence Barnes.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY 1968

Circulation:

	<u>Average per day</u>	<u>Total per month</u>	
January	304	7911	
February	359	8962	
March	374	9729	
April	345	8708	
May	265	7418	
June	231	5774	
July	276	6073	
August	330	7270	
September	297	7122	
October	316	8218	
November	322	8059	
December	225	5625	
Total 1968	90,869		
" 1967	74,297	Increase of - 16,572	
Daily Average - 1968 - 307		Monthly Average - 1968 - 7,572	
" " 1967 - 258		" " - 1967 - 6,183	
		Increase of 1,389	

Registered Members:

	1968	1967	Increase
Adults	3,751	2,699	1,052
Children	<u>2,777</u>	<u>2,144</u>	633
Total.....	6,528	4,843	
<u>Bookstock</u>	17,416	<u>Withdrawal</u>	170

New Books purchased in 1968 - 799