

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Flin Flon, Manitoba.

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ANNUAL REPORT

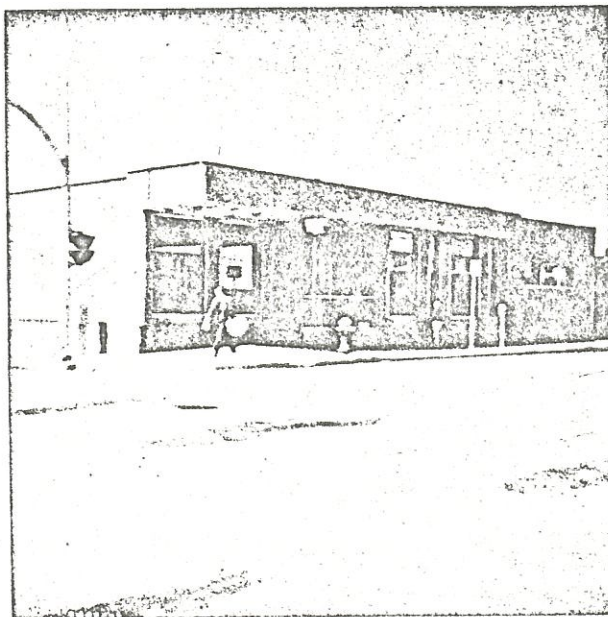
1978

Richmond Hotel - 1935



---Serving a Thirst

Flin Flon Centennial Library - 1979



---For Knowledge

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LIBRARY BOARD

Mr. Murray Smith - Chairman
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LIBRARY STAFF

Mrs. Dorothy Bridges - Librarian

PERMANENT PART-TIME HELP

Mrs. Bernice Jones
Mrs. Beryl James
Mrs. Phyllis Stadnyk

STUDENT PART-TIME HELP

1978 & 1979

Miss Jamie Bridges
Miss Lisa Garuk
Miss Arlene Willson
Miss Gail Klewchuck

VOLUNTEERS

Katimavik Group

MAINTENANCE AND CARE TAKING

Mrs. Kay Matzer

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday Through Friday - 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday - 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

GENERAL REPORT - 1978

This has been a good year for the Library, and all our efforts have been worthwhile. Maybe our only complaint being time never seems to keep pace with what we would like to accomplish.

The idea for our cover page originated last summer, when a gentleman came up to me at the circulation desk with the comment that where I was standing, he had "slung" beer, some thirty years ago. A visit to the Provincial Archives turned up a picture of the Corona Hotel, destroyed by fire, on which site, the Flin Flon Centennial Library was built.

A sincere "thank you" to the Royal Canadian Legion for their donation of a new Bell and Howell projector, which enabled us to set up a film showing program, with films supplied by the National Film Board and Ducks Unlimited.

Mr. Bob Bryson conducted a training program for three high school students on the proper care and handling of projectors. These students were then available to us for film showings.

An older Bell and Howell projector, donated by the now defunct Flin Flon Film Council, was repaired and made available to the public on a rental basis.

Through the assistance of Canada Arts Council, the Library had the pleasure of hosting a writing workshop by Dr. Maara Haas, combined with a public reading.

Manitoba Library Event and Children's Book Week was a busy time for us. A variety of events were planned, commencing with a flower arranging and plant care demonstration, by Doug Ormiston. The floral arrangements, plants and bouquets, donated by local florists, Ormiston's, Christies, and Julie's Plant Patch, were drawn for.

A "local author" night - a get-together night for Ham Radio buffs and C.B.'rs, with a display of C.B. equipment, and ham radio books dating back to 1929 - a discard book sale day - a film showing, courtesy of Ducks Unlimited - and an "open house - get acquainted with your Library" day, with a suggestion box placed at the entrance, rounded out the program. Coffee and dainties were served at all of these events. The highlight of the adult program was our guest speaker, Doris Anderson. A highly qualified, very likeable, down-to-earth lady, who gave the audience of over sixty people, an enjoyable evening.

Combined with these events, arrangements were made with Hurtig and Macmillan publishing houses, for a successful sale of new books to the public. On display, were books by Manitoba authors, posters and storybook moviles.

For the children's part of the Festival, Mrs. Ruth Shomperlain, a children's story-teller of many year's experience, conducted a story hour and coloring contest for the pre-schoolers, followed later in the week by a nursery rhyme recital. For the older children, cartoon and coloring and book-mark contests, an old-fashioned spelling bee, a film cartoon showing, and a children's story book costume party. Prizes of recommended books were presented, and ice cream and cookies were served for all of these events. An added interest was the raffle of a story-book cake.

The Katimavik group of young people, was with us again this year, donating their time and efforts to the Library. They were a pleasure to work with, and interesting for us to hear about their homes in other parts

of Canada, especially the boys and girls from the Quebec and Montreal areas.

Once again we had a group of boys and girls from the ungraded class at Hapnot High School working with us - washing books, shelf-reading, and circulation. Tours for the Creighton adult upgrading class, Sandy Bay students, Beavers and Moonbeams, were conducted.

During the winter months, a story-hour program for pre-schoolers, was held Friday afternoons, with some twenty children participating. We are hoping to reinstitute this in the fall, if time and staff are available. Working with small children is one of the most happy and interesting aspects in the book world.

Three glass display cases were purchased from a local merchant at a minimal cost. The largest one is being used for a display of Flin Flon handicrafts, and creates much interest. A set of bound National Geographics (our "endangered species" with a previous loss of 20 volumes) are housed in another - and the remaining one will be used for natural objects of interest from the Flin Flon area, such as ore samples, animal paw prints, concretions (clay formations), etc.

The Flin Flon Public Library Board hosted the annual fall meeting of the M.L.T.A. on October 28th, with fourteen out-of-town members. Business meeting and nomination committee report was followed by a report by Dr. Chub, with a discussion on Inter-Association brief.

David Steen was guest speaker at a luncheon, attended by M.L.T.A. members and Mayor Abrahamson, representing the town.

A discussion followed, with the theme being "Bigger and Better? Larger Regions!".

With the loss of a dear Library friend, Mrs. Doran, the family instituted a special Library fund in lieu of flowers. The fund is to be used for a memorial picture painted by a local artist, Mrs. Joan Edwards, depicting a northern scene.

Our miscellaneous sales of discard books, magazines, sewing patterns, newspaper logs, plant slips - netted us \$213.23, last year.

Sale of new books (initial cost of \$893.73), netted us \$790.76, with the remainder of \$331.00 worth, still being sold. Final profit will be \$282.00.

The much-appreciated increase in government funding opened new doors to us, with an increased purchase of books, library furniture, equipment and shelving.

1,725 new books were added to the collection, with 845 book reports written for our column in the local paper, the Reminder.

During the year, our adult fiction section was recatalogued and brought up-to-date, with new cards typed and filed accordingly.

There is a slow but steady rise in circulation and memberships, with an increase in the number of query's answered - bringing it close to the 5,000 mark, and the most interesting one being a little three-year old's query, "Did the Library ladies make all the books?"

Christmas season was celebrated with a tree-decorating party by the staff; a tree being placed at the entrance, and a children's candy cane tree in the children's section. Special displays of Christmas books were popular seasonal additions, although Santa Claus books are popular with small children all year round!

A sincere "thank you" to local talent for their art and handicraft displays - to our local florists for their bouquets and plant donations - for all donations of books, magazines, etc., and for those who donated their time and efforts during Manitoba Library Event. A special "thank you" to Bob Bryson for his patience and back-up work in keeping our projector in circulation.

Sincere gratitude to our Library Board for standing firmly behind us in all our efforts.

To Public Library Services, and David Steen, for their continuing support.

Two of our staff members retired this year - Mrs. Kay Neilsen, our P.R. lady, and Bunny Jones, "my good right arm". A sincere thank you from myself, library staff and board members, for the privilege of knowing you and working with you.

Welcome to Mrs. Norma Kennedy, our newest staff member and Bunny's capable replacement.

To Kay Matzer, our custodian, for taking such good care of the library, and for being truly one of us.

To all my staff, a simple sincere thank you! Without your encouragement and efforts, this report would not have been made possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dorothy Bridges
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THE FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1978
(with prior year's figures for comparison)

GENERAL FUND

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash.....	\$ 23,099.93	\$ 7,883.14
Accounts Receivable.....	258.19	1,062.51
TOTAL.....	\$ <u>23,358.12</u>	\$ <u>8,945.65</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable.....	\$ 14,195.63	\$ 725.08
Due to Special Reserve Fund.....	8,220.57	7,724.39
		\$ <u>8,449.47</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT).....	941.92	496.18
TOTAL.....	\$ <u>23,358.12</u>	\$ <u>8,945.65</u>

CAPITAL FUND

ASSETS - at cost:		
Books.....	\$ 67,550.04	\$ 59,084.29
Films - Disposal by write-off.....		1,529.08
Furniture & Equipment.....	28,614.65	16,662.08
TOTAL.....	\$ <u>96,164.69</u>	\$ <u>77,275.45</u>
INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS:		
Balance at beginning of the year.....	\$ 77,275.45	\$ 81,058.67
Add:		
Book purchases.....	9,681.92	4,686.70
Equipment purchases.....	11,952.57	
	\$ 98,909.94	\$ 85,745.37
Deduct:		
Book disposals.....	1,216.17	8,469.92
Film disposals.....	1,529.08	
	\$ <u>96,164.69</u>	\$ <u>77,275.45</u>

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND (BYLAW #2)

ASSETS:		
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 562.04	\$ 527.29
Deposit - Flin Flon Credit Union.....	8,424.80	7,989.45
Due from General Fund.....	8,220.57	7,724.39
TOTAL.....	\$ <u>17,207.41</u>	\$ <u>16,241.13</u>
RESERVE:		
Balance at beginning of the year.....	\$ 16,241.13	\$ 16,784.54
Add:		
Interest income.....	470.10	490.11
	\$ 16,711.23	\$ 17,274.65
Add 1977 Surplus in General Fund	496.18	1,033.52
TOTAL.....	\$ <u>17,207.41</u>	\$ <u>16,241.13</u>

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

CIRCULATION

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Adult & Young Adult Fiction	22,490	23,346
Adult & Young Adult Non-fiction	13,658	14,027
Junior Fiction	6,120	6,215
Junior Non-fiction	<u>2,795</u>	<u>2,895</u>
	44,083	46,483

CIRCULATION

Paper Backs		700
Inter-library Loans	45	70

P.L.S.

Large Print		150
Spanish		2
Hungarian		10
Chinese		6
Czech		4
Icelandic		8
Swedish		<u>5</u>

Total Circulation 47,438

<u>1977</u>	<u>Books</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Discarded</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Adult & Young Adult	12,509	853	1,122	235
Children	2,801	385	856	97
Reference	<u>617</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
Total:	<u>15,927</u>	<u>1,310</u>	<u>1,978</u>	<u>332</u>

1978

Adult & Young Adult	13,779	1,270
Children	3,176	375
Reference	<u>697</u>	<u>80</u>
Total:	<u>17,652</u>	<u>1,725</u>

Non-English Languages

Ukrainian - 105 French - 56 German - 2

Bound Volumes - 38 National Geographics
Magazines - 36 Newspapers - 12

<u>Membership</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Adult	3,136	3,193
Children's	1,872	193

REMEMBER:

- The morning that one of our "regulars" came in feeling the worse for wear from the previous night, and asked Phyl and Bunny to get her a book that would make her feel happy, "and none of that sex stuff, either."
- Our same friend, accompanied by a hefty companion who had obviously quenched her thirst (but not for knowledge!) ran into a problem at closing time. Her companion was sound asleep in the reading room! Phyl's aid was enlisted, in no uncertain terms: "Tell her to come, or we call da cops to take her away!"
- The night Bunny & Dot entertained a visiting author who professed a desire to check out the new disco in town. As they walked into the room of flashing lights and LOUD music, the first person they saw was Bunny's young son. The complete look of amazement and shocked disbelief on his face will never be forgotten as he breathed, "Mother! What are you doing here?" Who says there isn't a generation gap???

Dorothy got her driver's license last year. Bunny helped her during the learning period, driving to work with her. Snatches of conversation -- mostly Bunny -- "Okay, Dorothy. Now that we are going up a hill, you can give it a little more gas. Uh-h - Dorothy - the idea when you are going down a hill, is to take your foot off the brake". "Oh Bunny - what's the matter? We've stopped but the motor's still going!" "Try turning off the key, Dorothy." In case anyone is interested, Bunny did finally get her toes uncurled.

A very young Library patron, admonished by his mother on correct library behavior, loudly and angrily told B.J. to "shhh", while she was attempting to discuss a minor point with his mother! Obviously "human rights" starts at a very young age!

"I'm a Happy Booker" sticker on the office window, with a crucial letter partially obscured by a fast-growing spider plant, created some fun for a mischievous library patron, and some embarrassment for B.J., when he asked what the "rates" were!

How many of us know our car license number without checking? An amusing episode; trying to track down the owner of a car parked illegally in our lot, we enlisted the aid of one of our guardians of the law. He promised a check, and later the call came back, sheepishly, - "Sorry, it's mine!"

B.J. in the work-room, telling Phyl and Bunny about the wild rabbits around her place luring the tame rabbits in the Wild-Life Park. Dot's voice from the office - "That figures - they're co-rabbitating!" Groan!!!!

Things We Could Do Without:

- Cigarette butts ground into the Rotary Room floor (with ample ash trays available).
- Damaged books, long overdue, and "walking books"!!

Familiar Faces and Friendly Comments:

Older people who make our reading-room a regular part of their day.

Our student help for their youthful enthusiasm and their dreams.

Things We Like:

- Small children for their unpredictable comments! (Little boy, after a wash-room visit, excitedly running up to Bunny, with the comment - "I did it! I did it!")
- Familiar faces and friendly comments.
- Older people who make our reading-room a regular part of their day.
- Our student help for their youthful enthusiasm and their dreams.