

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

58 MAIN STREET



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Friday - 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL EDITION

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SERVING

CITY OF FLIN FLON  
POPULATION - 8,500

BOUNDARY AREA  
POPULATION - 408

TOWN OF CREIGHTON, Sask.  
POPULATION - 1,746

H.B.M.& S. DORMITORIES  
118 MEMBERS

RURAL AREAS

BAKER'S NARROWS - SANDY BAY -  
CRANBERRY PORTAGE - PELICAN NARROWS -  
DENARE BEACH, Sask.  
220 MEMBERS

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD - 1982

Murray Smith	- Chairman
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Dorothy Bridges	- Head Librarian
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Rhonda McKinnon	- Permanent Part Time
Blanche Fisher	- Permanent Part Time
Joan Kennedy	- Student Aide
Tammy Yee	- Student Aide



LIBRARY DUST - 1982

THE POWER OF BOOKS - 1633 - 1924

1. Choose an author as you choose a friend - Wentworth Dillon - 1633-1685
2. Books, the children of the brain - Jonathon Swift - 1667-1745
3. Books are the legacies that a great genius leaves to mankind, which are delivered down from generation to generation, as presents to the posterity of those who are yet unborn - Addison - - 1711
4. Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body - Steele - 1672-1729
5. Writing, when properly managed, is but a different name for conversation - Lawrence Sterne - 1713-1768
6. No furniture so charming as books - Sidney Smith - 1771-1845
7. Live always in the best company when you read - S. Smith -
8. What you don't know would make a great book! - S. Smith -
9. Detached thoughts on Books - Charles Lamb - 1775-1834
  1. I love to lose myself in other men's minds
  2. Books think for me
  3. Books which are no books
10. A book that furnishes no quotations is no book - Thomas Peacock - 1785-1866
11. If life had a second edition, how I would correct the proofs - John Clare - 1793-1864
12. In every man's writings, the character of the writer must lie recorded - Goethe - 1828
13. All that mankind has done, thought, gained or been, is lying in magic preservation in these books - Thomas Carlyle - 1795-1881
14. The true university of these days in a collection of books - Thomas Carlyle - 1795-1881
15. Nature and books belong to the eyes that see them - Ralph Waldo Emerson - 1803-1882
16. A good books is the best of friends, the same today and forever - Martin Farguhar Tupper - 1810-1889
17. "Classic" - a book which people praise and don't read - Mark Twain - 1835-1910
18. Only two classes of books have universal appeal: the very best and the very worst - Conrad - 1924-

HEAD LIBRARIAN'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR 1982

In retrospect, the past year shows a good record of accomplishment. Sincere thanks and appreciation to the Library Staff who made this possible, and to the Library Board Members for their support on our endeavours.

An inventory in August, led to a thorough weeding of outdated books in all sections, with a total of 3,757 books discarded. 1,576 new books were added to the collection, giving us a total housing of 22,460 volumes. Revisal of accession books was completed, and a correctional filing survey is now in process.

Media support included regular book report columns and program coverage in the "Daily Reminder" newspaper - a weekly radio program of Library news by Board Member, Del Baird - and a recent addition, the Weekly Television of our Story Hour Program by Romik Community Television.

We continued to fully support and promote local area artists, craftsmen, and authors with regular sale displays.

Library tours were requested by the schools, children's groups, adult education classes, and the Correctional Institute.

Varied programing for special events, including, Manitoba Library Events, National Book Festival, author visits and holidays, were an interesting part of the Library picture.

Sincere appreciation is extended to all those who have supported us by donations, volunteer help and encouragement.

In these days of recession, it becomes increasingly important, with whatever means we have at our disposal, to give our Library a bright and hopeful community image with "Free Reads, Sights and Sounds!"

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dorothy Bridges,  
Librarian.

## FLIN FLON'S JUBILEE YEAR

Flin Flon is celebrating it's 50th Birthday in 1983.

A highlight of the festivities planned was the Lieutenant-Governor's Levee on February 12th. The Library was honored by a special visit preceeding The Levee when Her Honour, The Lt. Governor, expressed a desire to meet Angelique Merasty, famous for her "bite" pictures, three of which hang in Government House.

It was an enjoyable relaxed visit, for Board Members and staff, Bob Lowery and Murray Mackenzie, Free Press Representatives were present, with Murray interpreting for Angelique, who speaks only Cree.

We were all pleased with this added recognition of Angelique's talents. This shy little lady has brought beauty into the Library.

Flin Flon is the only city in North America to be named from an out-of-print paperback - "The Sunless City" - published in 1905. Flin Flon Library is fortunate to have one of the very few copies in existence. To honour Flin Flon's Jubilee Year, the Library is offering a limited number of hard bound copies of "The Sunless City" - available in March at \$12.95 per copy.

On the Jubilee year theme, the Library will be offering an interesting little cookbook, with family recipes dating back to the 1890's, donated by Library friends. Appropriately the book will be titled "Friends of the Library".

The Library has also been handling Jubilee Calendars, Placemats and Stationery since December with sales adding up to \$4,200.00.

Also at the Library to celebrate Flin Flon's Jubilee Year - 1983, a poster and essay competition is being promoted, with the children being asked to use their imagination and picture Flin Flon in its beginning - the 1930's . Cash prizes are being awarded by the Jubilee Committee to three categories, with a special award for pre-schoolers.

In line with our Jubilee Year as well as making use of our World Embassy File, the children are being asked to select a country they would like to correspond with. The theme is - "Tell The World About Flin Flon!" For each letter written, the Library will enclose a Flin Flon pamphlet, with mailing under our supervision.

### ADULT SERVICES

Memberships total 7,086, with circulation remaining steady at a total of 48,107 books borrowed for the year.

59 magazines and newspapers are subscribed to, with 32 regular donations - re Scala - Panorama - Japan Pictorial, Saudi Arabia, etc.

Paperback donations form the major part of non-accessioned books, with a steady flow of borrowers. Complete housing - 1,025.

350 records were borrowed from our collection of 184 records, with additions planned for this year.

Through Public Library Service, Brandon Film Service, and National Film Board, 20 films were borrowed for community and library use.

Valuable assistance continues through Inter-Library Loans, with 64 books borrowed, and 14 loaned.

"University of the North" continuing education program is a definite asset, making available to the community a wide range of reference books.

Informational pamphlets from Consumers Education, Alcohol Foundation, Mental Health, Cancer program, and Muscular Dystrophy are displayed for easy access.

For cold weather escapists and dreamers, our travel file contains helpful information. Assorted tropical plants in our sunny reading room, add to the illusion!

As part of library service, we try to answer all questions and requests: e.g. - locate a book or poem with no author or title - only a rough outline, or one sentence! Sometimes we succeed!

Information requests vary from month to month, and all resources are used to fill these.



### CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Children's Educational books and fantasy books are being geared to attract children and parents alike, and these are the books that are on our shelves, with new selections purchased regularly.

We have a reading selection of 6,579 books, and carry subscriptions to 5 children's magazines.

Thanks to a Toy donation by the Mental Retarded Association, we now have 76 Fisher-Price Toys and puzzles in our collection, with 584 items borrowed in the past year.

Children's records with selections covering nursery rhymes, song and dance, activity games, folk tunes, co-ordination records, Sherri and Bron, and fairy stories were popular loan items, with 140 borrowers.

17 Children's Films and Cartoons were borrowed for library and community use, through Public Library Service, Brandon Film Service, and National Film Board.

Under Trudie and Rhonda, the pre-schooler's Story Hour program continued to climb in popularity with a registration of 62 this year, an increase of 13 children, an all time high. Some of the highlights of this program were a dress-up Hallowe'en Party with everyone a prize-winner - mini-puppets in the form of witches and pumpkins donated by the Library. The Christmas party was a special treat with their own special Christmas cake decorated with Frosty The Snowman, and red and green pop-corn balls, thanks to Trudie and Rhonda. Christmas cartoons and gift books were supplied by the Library.

With the recent weekly televising of this program, supervision is now under the volunteer staff of Leslie McKeachnie, Nyda Maximchuk, Joan Edwards, and Mrs. Vickery. A sincere thank you to Trudie and Rhonda for their efforts in the past two years, and to our volunteers.

Story Hour creative art work has a place of honor in the Reading Room

window weekly, with jolly little snowmen, gingerbread men, and Winnie The Pooh's famous honey-pot bee - an added attraction to passer-by's.

One of the features of Manitoba Library Event was Nursery School Day, with 50 small day-care toddlers enjoying cartoons, dixie cups and animal cookies, with "smile" balloons and buttons for give-aways.

Summer reading programs with book prizes add interest to the long summer holidays.

Group visits by the schools and organizations are made welcome, with balloons, book-marks, and "Smile" pins for give-aways.

We enjoy having children in the Library, and each one receives special attention. (There is no lack of staff volunteers to cuddle small babies, while young mothers select books!)

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

### MEDIA -

1. A weekly radio program with brief reports on what is happening in the Library e.g. - new books, displays, craft sale, etc.
2. New book report column in the Daily Reminder, with added coverage on Library events.
3. Weekly Story Hour televising by Romik Community Television.

Handicraft displays are featured monthly -

1. Hand-crafted quilts - Master Craftsman Annette Kirby
2. Stained glass display - Margaret Britton
3. Original animal-print pottery - Bunny Jones
4. Pottery, ceramics, and toll craft - Jean Reagan
5. Liquid Embroidery - Mrs. Dayton
6. Hand-Crafted Jewellery - Mrs. Fredin
7. Ukranian Handicraft - Mrs. Todaschuk - needlework, tradional eggs
8. Ornamental Bread - Betty Maranchuk
9. Pottery and Ceramic Display - Pottery Club
10. Art Display - Local Artists
11. Photographic Display - Photo 54 Club
12. Bride Display - with bridal bouquets by Christie's florists, travel information from Flin Flon Travel Bureau, and a topical book display.
13. Grain and Wheat - The Staff of Life - an interesting agricultural display of grains grown in Swan River area.

Sale displays feature local authors, artists and craftsmen - some of whom are -

1. Angelique Merasty - "Bite" pictures - a vanishing art and Indian culture
2. Emily Crosby - original Batik and pottery
3. Elaine Holmes - Corn-Husk craft
4. Joan Edwards - Landscape paintings
5. Bob Lowery - Author - "The Unbeatable Breed"
6. Betty Carpen - Author - "Hardships and Happiness"

7. Val Dixon - Mini puppets - novelties
8. Cranberry Portage Senior Citizens - Fish Hooks
9. Kay Matzer - Dolls, Ice Worm Bookmarks, Knitted novelties

Manitoba Library Event gave recognition to the men of Flin Flon with a display of their handicraft talents - a hand-crafted violin, carpentry precision tools, h.o. gauge miniatures, petit-point, paintings, drift-wood art, and a miniature hay-rack and team of farm horses by an 83 year old retired farmer.

A Christmas flower arranging program conducted by Rania Baker of Christie's Florist was enthusiastically received with an attendance of 50. Door prizes were donated by Christie's Florists and Ormiston's Florists.

As an added feature this year, the library was a depository for toys for the Elks Christmas Cheer Fund, with 60 toys donated. With each toy donated, the library contributed a children's book

A highlight of our Christmas programs this year was Christmas Carolling by the Senior Citizen's choir and Ruth Bett's school choir. The combination singing of the two age groups was a beautiful celebration of the Christmas season.

In combination with this are regular book sales

1. Christmas Book Sales - New Books
2. Discard Book Sales
3. Discard magazine sales

Visiting author programs broaden our horizon and create new friendships. During the past year we were pleased to host readings by Heather Robertson, Bob Lowery and Priscilla Galloway. Some of the past authors who have honored us are Doris Anderson, Nan Shipley, Max Braithwaite, Scott Young, Mara Haas, Professor Kroetch, Susan Musgrave.

Hopefully, by our public relation efforts, we are creating good memories.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. One of our most worthwhile efforts is supplying books on a monthly loan basis to our Senior Citizens in the Northern Lights Manor and Hemlock Lodge.
2. In the past three months, in support of Flin Flon's Jubilee Year we have sold special calenders totalling \$4,185.00.
3. In May, 1982, with special assistance from Sue Lambert and Jamie Bridges, we were able to place in the Library an informational pamphlet of Flin Flon, prepared by Bunny Jones - just in time for the Tourist Season! To date, at \$1.00 a copy we have sold 100.
4. We offer photocopying services to the public for a minimal fee - giving us a profit this year totalling \$1,689.00.
5. Typing resumes, thesis, letters etc, is available, and books may be covered or repaired by our staff.
6. We also baby sit plants for residents travelling south for the winter, (giving us anxious moments and the need to check our libray book "Why Are My Leaves Turning Yellow!")
7. Special book ordering for hard-to-find books is also available.

### STAFF ACTIVITIES

1. An enjoyable Weiner Roast was held at Kay Matzer's cabin, Beaver Lake, last June. The black flies were not biting yet, we had lots to eat - a little to drink - and good fun and conversation!
2. A Christmas dinner at the Flin Flon Hotel, followed by a gift swap and Christmas cheer at the Library, started us on the road for the holiday season.  
Gifts of chocolates and home baking from Board Members and Library patrons blinded us to weight control.  
As Trudie phrased it "We gorged ourselves!" and enjoyed every mouthful!
3. Miscellaneous staff activities: Emergency plumbing skills, repairing library drapes and toys, blowing up balloons, baking cakes and cookies for children's programs, repotting trees in the "reading room", preparing displays - and making everyone feel welcome in the Library.
4. Custodian Kay Matzer plays an important role in the Library - rising to every emergency while keeping us clean and shining.  
Thanks, Kay.
5. Main staff activity - Work!  
Unanimous comment - "Energize Me!"
6. Supporting all our activities, a thank you to Public Library Services for their continued assistance, and to Georgina Karklin for a pleasant, productive visit.

TOTAL COMBINED CIRCULATION

<u>BOOKS</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
Adult	38,198	38,203
Children	<u>9,909</u>	<u>9,899</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>48,107</u>	<u>48,102</u>

<u>SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOMES</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
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Films	20
Talking Books	65
Records	350
Toys	584
Inter-Library Loans - Loaned	64
- Borrowed	14

<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS</u> - No Membership Charge	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
Family Memberships - (2,318)	6,730	(2,278) 6,573
Non-Residents	225	220
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>6,955</u>	<u>6,793</u>

LIBRARY HOLDINGS

<u>BOOKS</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982 Additions</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adult	18,856	967	2,268	17,555
Children	<u>5,785</u>	<u>609</u>	<u>1,489</u>	<u>4,896</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>24,641</u>	<u>1,576</u>	<u>3,757</u>	<u>22,460</u>
Paperbacks- N.C.	<u>960</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>1,025</u>
Newspapers- ) Periodicals)	69	-	5	64
Donated	<u>30</u>	-	<u>7</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>99</u>		<u>12</u>	<u>87</u>

BOUND PERIODICALS - 40

Film Strips	52	-	-	52
Records, Tapes	190	3	-	193
Toys	26	52	-	78

Estimated Reference Requests Weekly - 198

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Year Ended December 31, 1982

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
Revenue:		
City of Flin Flon - levy	\$ 13,632	\$ 14,621
- grant	24,718	23,729
Town of Creighton - Library board levy	5,000	4,803
Provincial Library grant	2,000	2,000
Province of Manitoba - operating grant	39,632	39,632
- capital grant		(3,550)
Copying charges	2,001	2,448
Overdue book fines	1,158	1,253
Rotary room	2,830	1,125
Used book sales	2,905	475
Commission sales - net	1,251	922
Miscellaneous	153	790
Special book sale		1,990
	<u>\$ 95,280</u>	<u>\$ 90,238</u>
Expenditures:		
Audit	\$ 635	\$ 575
Bank charges	193	122
Books	17,786	15,880
Express and delivery	133	163
Furniture and fixtures	406	886
Insurance	1,728	2,444
Janitorial contract	3,750	3,570
Janitorial supplies	523	392
Magazines and periodicals	1,361	854
Maintenance and repairs - building	3,133	27,957
- equipment	536	463
Membership fees	40	25
Publicity and promotion	1,259	443
Salaries and employee benefits	56,900	49,855
Special book sale purchases		1,638
Stationery and library supplies	2,198	1,533
Sundry	1,502	986
Supplies for copy machine	291	782
Telephone and telegraph	456	443
Travel and conference	224	542
Toys and records	166	918
Utilities	7,572	6,807
	<u>\$100,792</u>	<u>\$117,278</u>
Net Loss on Operations	<u>\$ 5,512</u>	<u>\$ 27,040</u>



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BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1982

GENERAL FUND

1982

1981

Assets:

Cash on hand and in bank	\$ 3,121	\$ 15,684
Term deposits	22,000	
Accounts receivable - general	332	2,426
- City of Flin Flon	10	
	<u>\$ 25,463</u>	<u>\$ 18,110</u>

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 4,158	\$ 3,959
Due to Special Reserve Fund	21,305	14,151
	<u>\$ 25,463</u>	<u>\$ 18,110</u>

CAPITAL FUND

Assets - at cost:

Books	\$ 90,565	\$100,503
Furniture and equipment	34,156	33,750
Toys and records	1,085	918
	<u>\$125,806</u>	<u>\$135,171</u>

Investment in Capital:

Balance - beginning of year	\$135,171	\$117,962
Add: Book purchases	17,786	15,880
Equipment	406	886
Toy and record purchases	166	918
	<u>\$153,529</u>	<u>\$135,646</u>
Less: Book disposals	27,723	475
	<u>\$125,806</u>	<u>\$135,171</u>

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND

Assets:

Cash in bank	\$ 2,827	\$ 2,512
Term deposit		10,103
Due from general fund	21,305	14,151
	<u>\$ 24,132</u>	<u>\$ 26,766</u>

Reserve:

Balance - beginning of year	\$ 26,766	\$ 50,620
Interest income	2,878	3,186
Net (loss) on operations	(5,512)	(27,040)
	<u>\$ 24,132</u>	<u>\$ 26,766</u>

## LIBRARY DUST

1. Forty below zero on the parking lot -  
Understatement - "Who pulled that plug?"
2. Comment - after tripping over boxes in crowded office - "Don't ever say 'break a leg' to someone coming in here!"
3. Hopeful suggestion:  
"Could we sit around for a couple of days and discuss time Management?"
4. Small child, obviously unfamiliar with grey-haired ladies - patting Trudie's hair, with the question, "What's that?"
5. Query: Can we claim workmen's compensation for paper cuts?
6. Factual statement -  
"You don't need a good murder mystery to make your blood run cold in this climate!"
7. Resignation after year-end balancing:  
"Bookkeeping seems to be the only thing in life where debits always equal credits!"
8. Inspirational poetry: "If winter comes can spring be far behind?"  
Cold hard facts: "In the North country it is!"
9. Grandmother's sore throat remedy -  
Boiling water, honey and a bottle of rye: Dosage - every hour on the hour!  
Prognosis - 24 hour period - "What sore throat?"

Just wondering: Further to year end:

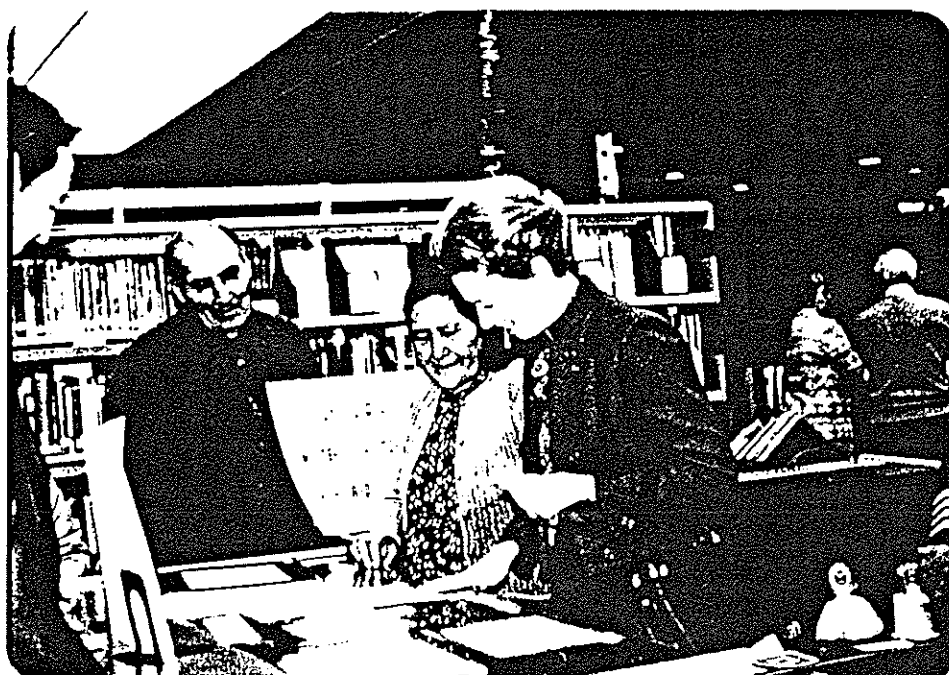
If Nancy Regan can have a disaster area dress made out of paper cups, why can't I have one made from adding machine tapes!

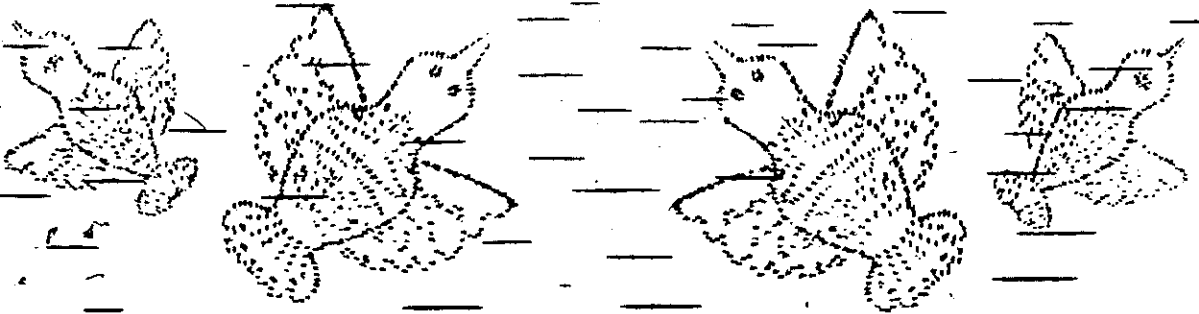


# Hon. Pearl McGonigal ITINERARY...

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1983

9:30 a.m. — Public Library Meeting with  
Angelique Merasty & husband  
received by Librarian  
Mrs. Dorothy Bridges.





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Angelique Merasty and Husband Bill

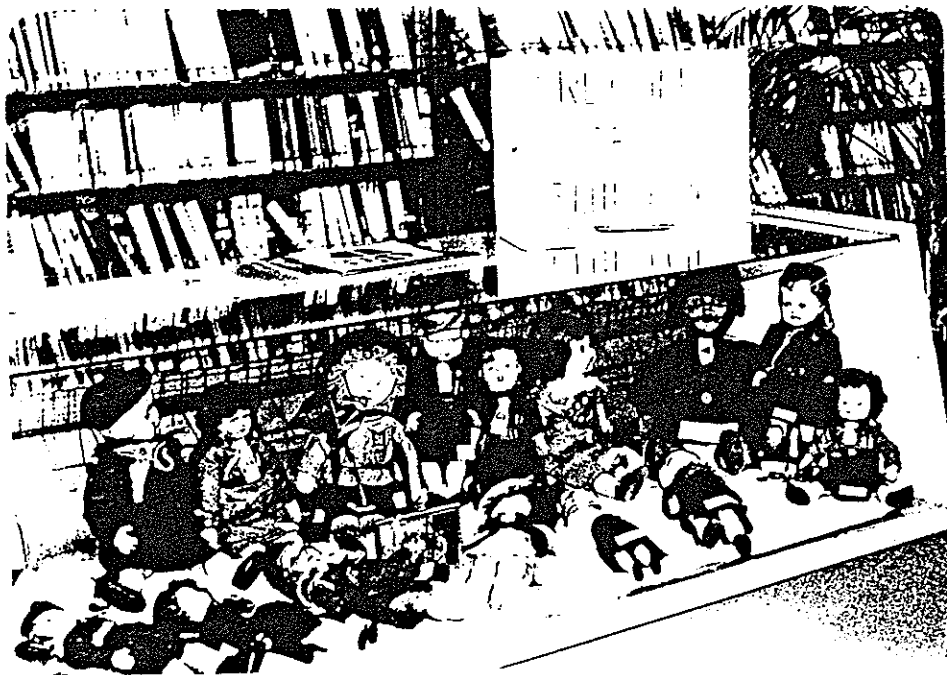


Manitoba Library Event  
Theme - LIBRARIES SHARE

Bright eyed Beavers with  
Toy donations for Elk's  
Christmas Cheer Fund

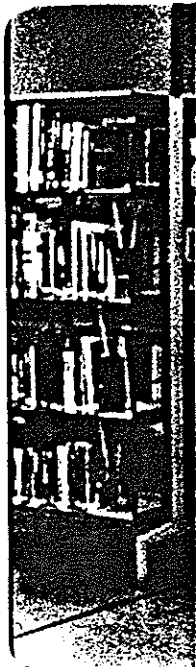


Beaver Group from  
Creighton, Sask.



Girl Guide Display -  
"Guide Dolls of the World"

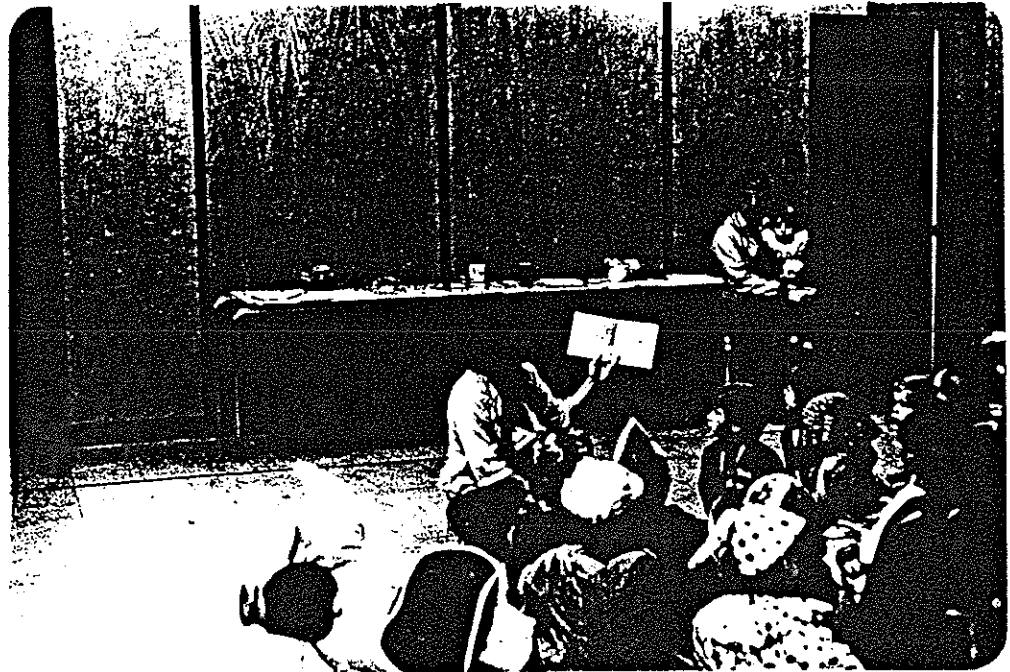
Monthly Photographic  
display courtesy of  
Campbell's Studio



Christmas Carolling by  
McIsaac School Choir



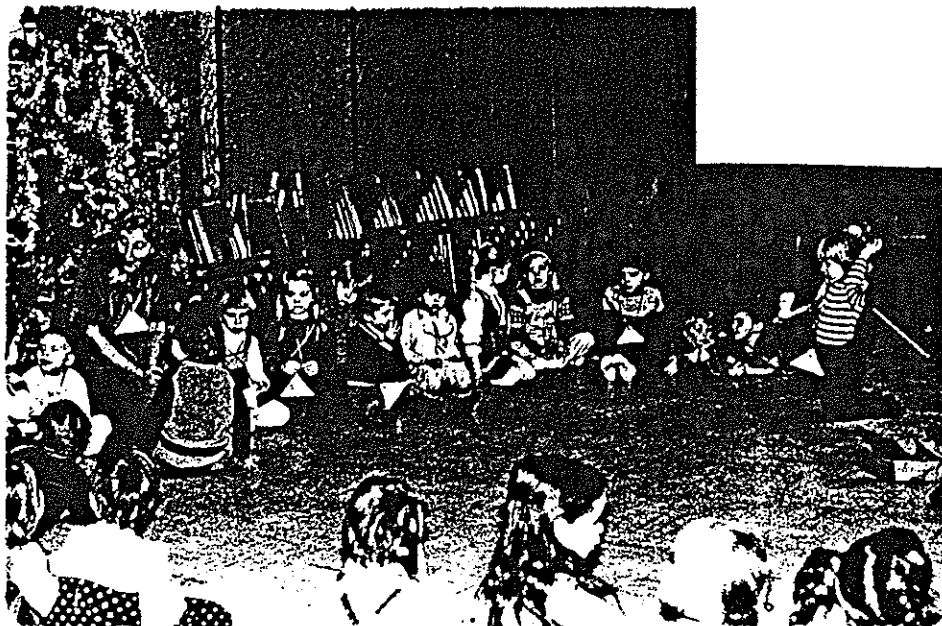
Story Hour  
Film Cartoons



Story Telling

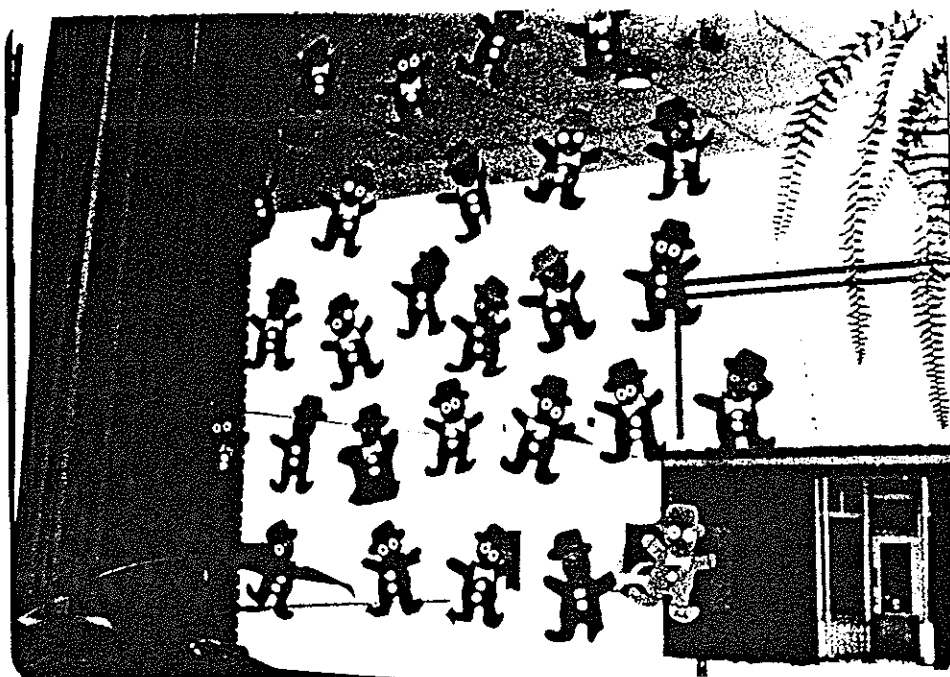


Singing Games  
(Televised)

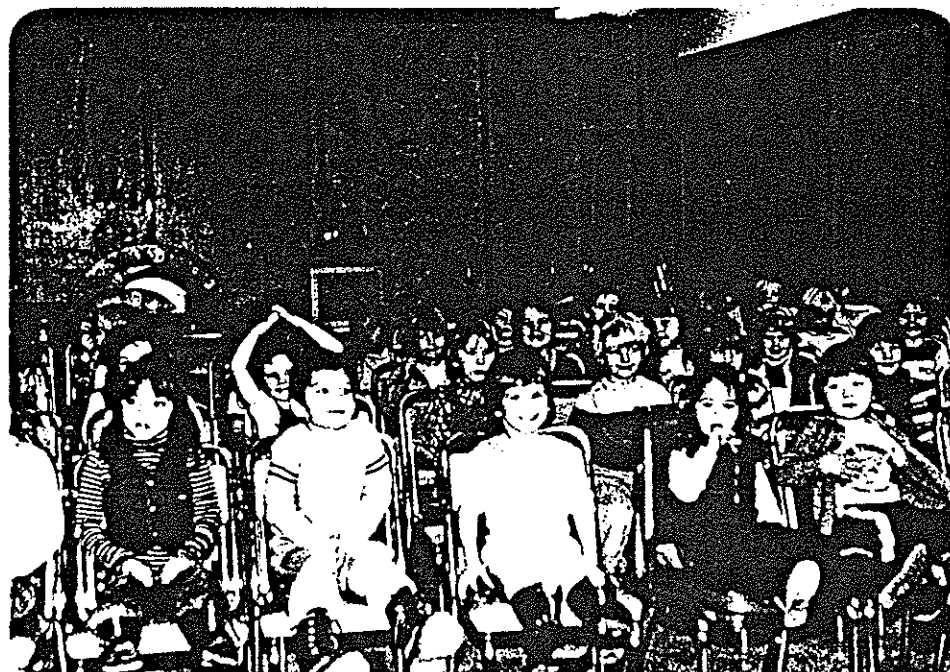


Story Hour Christmas  
Party

Story Hour Craft Display  
In Front Window of the  
Library



Nursery School Day Library  
Manitoba Library Week







Seniors Christmas  
Carolling



Regular Reading Room Patron



Enjoying a Quiet Chat



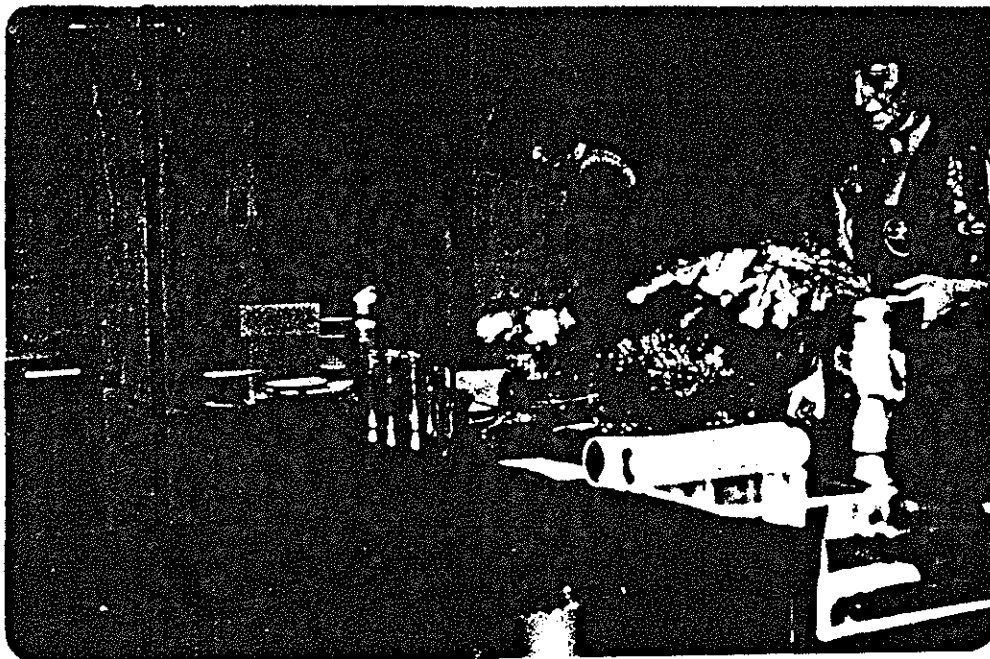
Children's Author -  
Mrs. Priscilla Galloway, Ph.D.



Heather Robertson  
(The Flying Bandit)



Nan Shipley - Writer  
of Northern Stories



Manitoba Library Event -  
Flower Arranging Courtesy  
Christie's Flowers

It Looks So Easy!



Ornamental Bread Display



Good-Bye Times and  
Happy Birthdays



Austrian Horn  
Blowing  
Contest



In The Good Old  
Summer Time



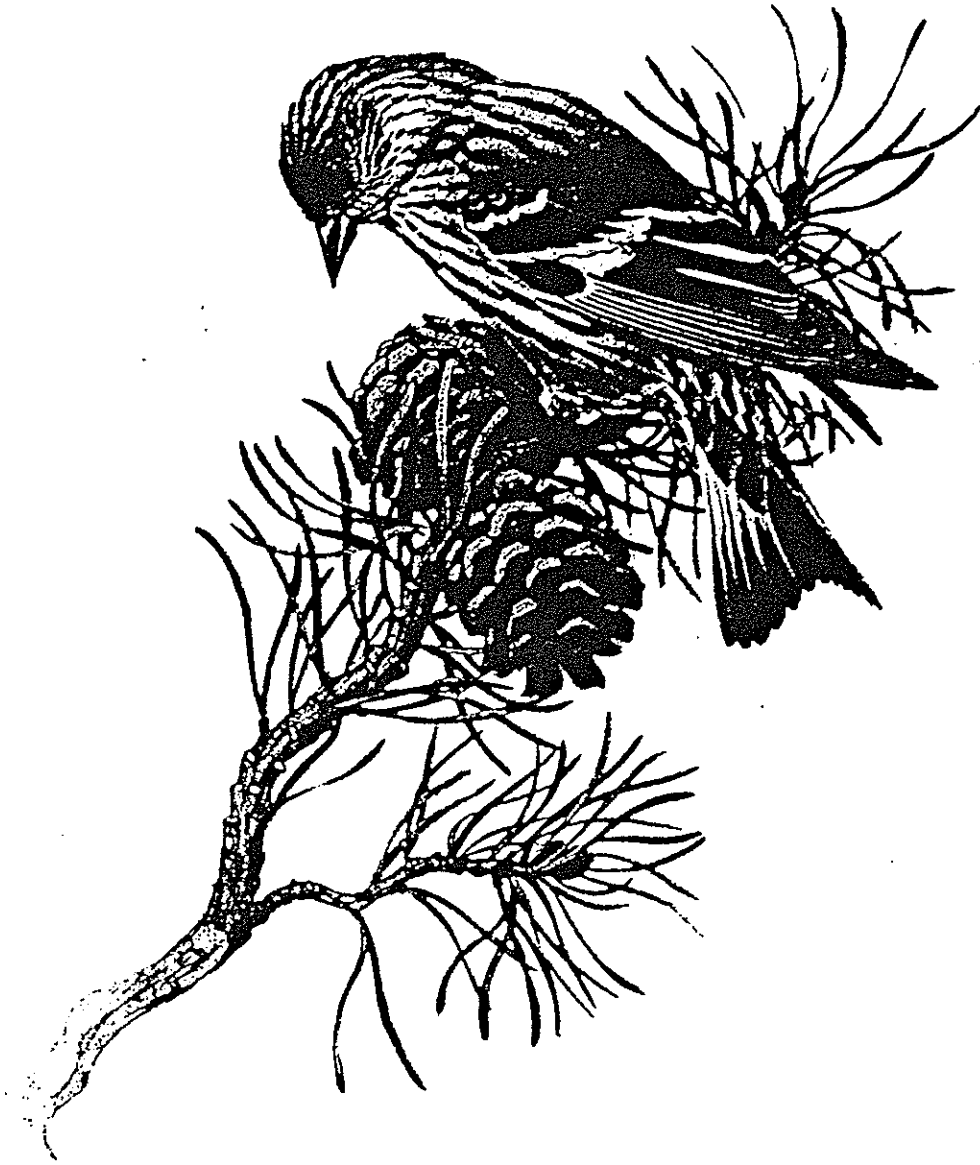
Talking It Over



That's Fun



Get Your Hand Out  
of the Cookie Jar



NORTHERN PINE GROSBEAK

I heard a bird sing  
In the dark of December  
A magical thing  
And sweet to remember.

Author Unknown