

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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"CHILD OF THE NORTH"

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

58 MAIN STREET



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday Through Friday - 10:00a.m. to 7:00p.m.  
Saturday - 12:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.

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1983

SERVING

CITY OF FLIN FLON  
POPULATION - 8,500

BOUNDARY AREA  
POPULATION - 408

TOWN OF CREIGHTON, SASK.  
POPULATION - 1,746

H.B.M.&S. DORMITORIES  
127 - MEMBERS

RURAL AREAS

BAKER'S NARROWS - SANDY BAY -  
CRANBERRY PORTAGE - PELICAN NARROWS -  
DENARE BEACH, SASK.  
780 MEMBERS

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD - 1983

Murray Smith - Chairman  
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Tracy Nilsen -  
Joan Kennedy - Student Aide  
Tammy Yee - Student Aide  
  
Trudie Klause - Assistant - Resigned

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ANNUAL REPORT - 1983

This has been an action year for the library, keeping in line with library policy for total community involvement.

Our constant aim has been to make the community aware that this is Their Library!

Books and periodicals, toys and records, equipment, local handicrafts, art and photography, local author promotions are here - for every adult and child in this area.

No request coming into this library has been too large or too small for us to handle. We try - and enjoy the trying.

Friendship is high on our priorities, and friendships grow in the relaxed pleasant atmosphere of the library. It is not just a building for housing books - it is a meeting place for friends - where knowledge may be found or dreams pursued - where you can sit comfortably in the reading room or browse at your will.

This is Flin Flon Public Library. The one remaining place in high cost living, where there are still "Free Reads, Sights, and Sounds!"

It is with much regret that I make this final annual report. My years with the library have brought me many challenges, and much enjoyment.

To Public Library Services, and to Karen and Georgina in particular, thank you for being there with your knowledge and support of all Manitoba Libraries.

A sincere thank you to past and present Library Board chairmen and members - for your strong support and encouragement through the years.

A special thank you to all the staff and custodians I have worked with - you have given me many fond memories.

I am proud of what we have accomplished, and am confident that you will go on to accomplish even more.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dorothy Bridges,  
Librarian.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Shipments of one hundred books are supplied regularly on a monthly loan basis to our senior citizens in the Northern Lights Manor and Hemlock Lodge.

Public Library Services assists us on this program with block shipments of Large Print and Talking Books.

Our continued appreciation to Jim Pickell, Kinsmen president, who maintains a regular pick-up and delivery service for the seniors.

The library staff whole-heartedly supported Flin Flon's Jubilee Year with volume sales of Flin Flon's Visual History - totalling \$19,780.00, and miscellaneous Jubilee items.

As our contribution to the Jubilee Year, the library made available to the public at cost, bound copies of the "Sunless City" - the 1911 out-of-print paperback novel which gave Flin Flon its name - sales totalling \$1,554.00.

We are steadily working towards the opening of a Flin Flon Archives, to preserve the history and records of this colorful Northern City.

With the assistance of an employment grant - "Summer Canada", two students sorted, filed and catalogued an accumulation of historical material.

Through the support and encouragement of Mr. Gordon Dodds - Provincial Manitoba Archives, one of our staff members, Mrs. Tracy Nilsen attended a three week training session.

We are very appreciative of a special grant for \$3,000.00, just received through Mr. Kostyra - Department of Tourism and Culture, to assist in the purchasing of necessary shelving and supplies in the Archives room.

We applied for and received two employment grants, "Career Start" and "Summer Canada", enabling us to hire five students for the summer months, with the addition of two students from the Friendship Centre Grant who came to us for basic library training for a two week period.

This was a very busy summer for the library, and all of the girls proved of valuable assistance.

Through Steinbach Music Place, organ lessons were made available to the community, and music lovers of all ages are availing themselves of this opportunity.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

A weekly radio program through local station CFAR reports briefly on what is happening in the library - e.g. new books - displays - programs - etc.

Book report columns are a regular feature with the Daily Reminder, with added coverage on special library events.

Handicraft, art, and pottery and ceramic sale displays are a permanent feature in the library, with Angelique Merasty's "Bite" pictures being one of the most notable. Library sales of Angelique's "Bites" have travelled the world, with last year, two being sent to Japan and China.

The wealth of talent in this northern area is continuously surfacing in the original beauty and technique of our craftsmen and artists.

With the space available to us, we are very proud of the opportunity to display this wide assortment of art and craftwork to the community.

Author visits and workshops have always been a popular feature of the library. With the assistance of Manitoba Arts Council and Canada Council, we have had the pleasure of bringing to the community many notable authors, among them Doris Anderson, Max Braithwaite, Heather Robertson, Nan Shipley, Robert Kroetsch, Susan Musgrave, and Mara Haas.

This year, we were visited by W.D. Valgardson, Jake McDonald, and Sandra Birdsell. Sandra Birdsell came to us through the courtesy of the Flin Flon School Board.

Working with the schools, through the Artist in school's program, these same authors are involved in school programing. A special thank you to Heather Lytwyn for all her support on this.

As a direct result of author Jake McDonald's workshop - another talent became known to Flin Flon with the forming of a Writer's Group - "The Copper Flame" - with meetings held regularly in the library.

On going book sale displays featuring local authors are a regular part of our programing.

Discard books were donated to the Sandy Bay, Pelican Narrows and this year, because of an accumulation, a large shipment was donated to the Children's Hospital Book Sale.

We were pleased to fill a request from the Sandy Bay School principal, for the cataloguing of one hundred of their new books.

This year as the library christmas feature we planned a musical afternoon, with the children's Ruth Betts choir, the Senior Citizen's choir, and the Sweet Adeline Chapter from The Pas. An audience of over sixty people thoroughly enjoyed it, and there was much toe-tapping and humming of favorite tunes as they joined in with the singers.

It was a successful year, and activities planned were well received.

### ADULT SERVICES

By advance ordering, we endeavor to keep our book holdings up to date on new fiction and non-fiction as they are released.

New book displays are on a regular basis, and the public is kept informed through our "new book report" columns and radio program.

All book requests are noted for future purchase.

For those books not on our shelves, Inter-Library Loan service is available through Public Library Services.

Brandon's "University of the North" program, supplies a wide area of reference books on a rotating basis.

A projector, and a view finder may be borrowed for a small fee, and films may be obtained through Public Library Services, National Film Board, and Brandon University.

Through the courtesy of Polaroid Canada Inc., two new "Sun" cameras were added to our loans program this year - a popular new feature.

Our record library is in steady use with 171 loans last year. With the new addition of a cassette tape record, we hope to enlarge this program in the coming year.

With the purchase of a new Canon Copier this year, our revenue showed a substantial increase in copying services.

Typing, book mending and covering, may also be obtained with advanced notice.

A special service for fortunate residents travelling south for the winter - we will baby-sit your plants - at owner's risk.



## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

There is such a fascinating world for children in the book world - books to stimulate imagination - books to delight in - books to comfort and soothe - books to answer the never-ending "why's" of a child.

All of these types of books are in the children's area in the library.

A toy and record lending library add to the fun - with 83 Fisher Price Toys and puzzles in our collection, and favorite recordings covering children's games, exercises, simple dances, finger-plays, fairy tales, and the ever popular Sharon, Lois & Bram.

School childrens' tours of the library are regular events, with children from Flin Flon, Creighton, Denare Beach, Pelican Narrows, and Sandy Bay participating.

Discard books have been donated to the schools at Sandy Bay and Pelican Narrows. This year we received a delightful acknowledgement from a group of Sandy Bay children - with each one writing a special thank you in their own way.

A pen-pal program has been in progress for two years, with pen-pals available from every corner of the world, and colorful posters and pamphlets supplied by world embassies.

The simple aim of promoting friendship through children of the world was whole heartily supported by all embassies.

A children's reading program has created much interest. A large poster with each child's name entered is displayed at the Circulation Desk. Each book read is marked with a red star. Ten red stars entitle the reader's to their choice of a children's book, after completing a short descriptive essay on their favorite story.

Due to the popularity of this program, of necessity we had to place restrictions, with each child eligible for three book choices a year.

Children's reading is definitely on the up swing!

P.S. parents and grandparents who read to their children were also eligible!

Programming for special days is a regular feature of the library, with film showings, story programs, and small give-aways.

Our regular story-hour program did not live up to past successes, and we found it necessary to cancel this particular program.

However, we all learn from trial and error - and it will be returned in September once again, under Library Staff supervision.

A warm thank you to our regular story-hour volunteers - Joan Edwards and Edna Vickery.

TOTAL COMBINED CIRCULATION

<u>BOOKS</u>		<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>	
Adult		38,384	38,198	
Children		<u>11,872</u>	<u>9,909</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>50,256</u>	<u>48,102</u>	
<u>SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOMES</u>		<u>800</u>	<u>700</u>	
Films		7	20	
Talking Books		41	65	
Records		229	350	
Toys		323	584	
Inter-Library Loans - Loaned		54	64	
- Borrowed		5	14	
<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS - No Charge</u>		<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>	
Family Membership - (2,547)		6,959 (2,318)	6,730	
Non Residents		<u>229</u>	<u>225</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>7,188</u>	<u>6,955</u>	
<u>LIBRARY HOLDINGS</u>				
<u>Books</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983 Additions</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adult	17,555	1,165	167	18,553
Children	<u>4,896</u>	<u>733</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>5,514</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>22,460</u>	<u>1,898</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>24,067</u>
Paperbacks	<u>1,025</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>1,172</u>
Newspapers-)	64		5	59
Periodicals)				
Donated	<u>23</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>87</u>		<u>8</u>	<u>79</u>
Bound Periodicals	40			40
Film Strips	52			52
Records & Tapes	193	6		199
Toys	78	12		90

Estimated Reference Requests Weekly - 195



VISITING AUTHOR -

W.D. VALGARDSON

LOCAL AUTHOR -

BETTY CARPEN

WILDLIFE  
BOOK  
DISPLAY



VISITING AUTHOR -

JAKE McDONALD



STAFF  
CHRISTMAS





CHILDREN'S  
AREA



SUMMER GRANT  
EMPLOYEES



HAND-CRAFTED  
DOLL DISPLAY

PRESENTATIONS



To  
Joan Edwards  
Long Time Friend  
of the Library.  
by - Dorothy Bridges



To  
Bill & Angelique  
Merasty  
of "Bite" Picture  
Fame  
by - Dorothy Bridges



Dept. of Tourism &  
Culture - Minister -  
Euguen Kostyra  
Presenting Cheque  
For Special Archives  
Grant to Flin Flon  
Library Board Chair-  
man - Murray Smith.

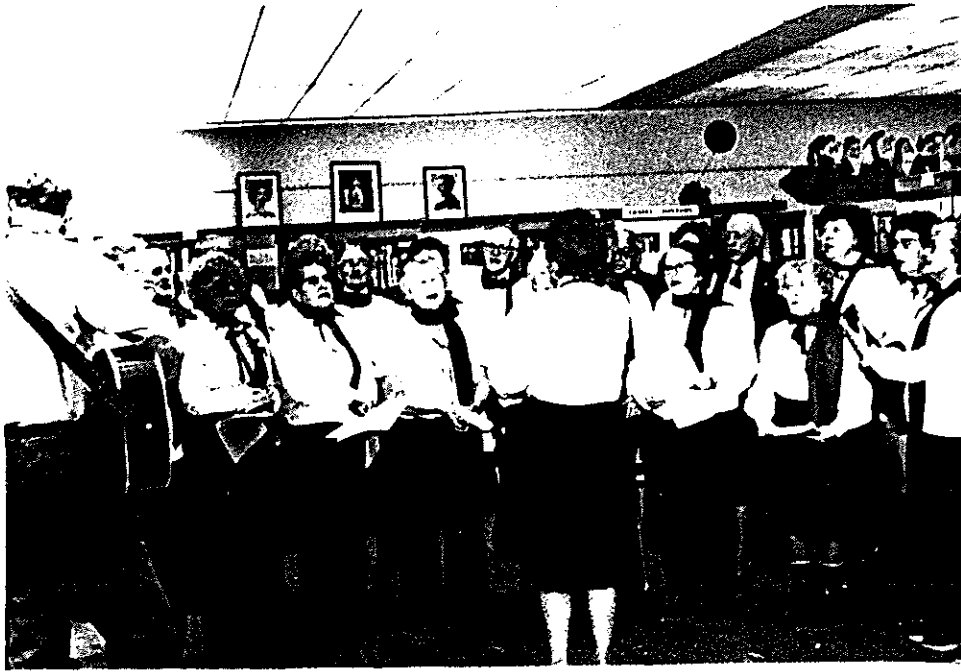


Happy Library Staff!



Kay Matzer - Library Custodian

XMAS MUSICAL AFTERNOON



Flin Flon  
Senior Citizen  
Choir  
Director -  
Eva Woods



Ruth Betts  
Junior Choir  
Director -  
Sonia Goodman



Singing Group -  
"Ice Crystals  
The Pas"  
Director -  
Dawn Netherby