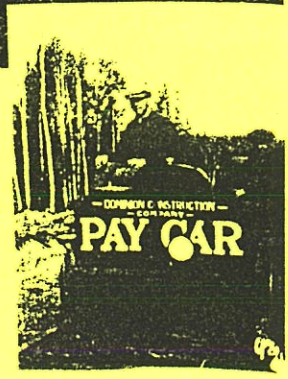
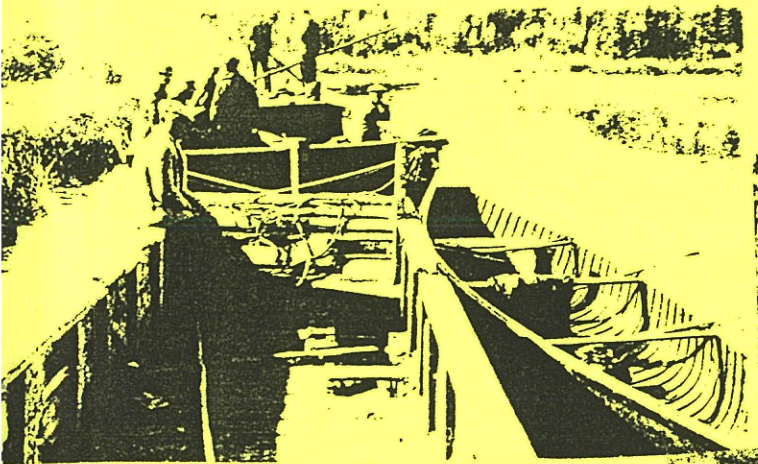
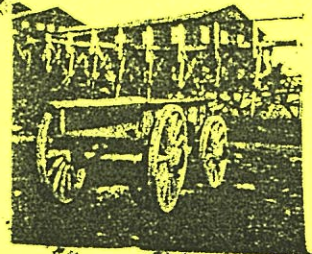


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ANNUAL REPORT

1984





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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL EDITION

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SERVING

CITY OF FLIN FLON  
POPULATION - 8,261.

TOWN OF CREIGHTON, SASK.  
POPULATION - 1,636.

RURAL AREAS  
BAKER'S NARROWS - SANDY BAY -  
CRANBERRY PORTAGE - PELICAN NARROWS -  
DENARE BEACH, SASK.

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD - 1984

Murray Smith        - Chairman  
Del Baird            - Vice-Chairperson  
Joyce Henderson    - Secretary  
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Bunny Burke         - Member

STAFF

Gretta Redahl       - Library Administrator       - Permanent Part-time  
Phyllis Stadnick   - Library Assistant            - Permanent Part-time  
Rhonda McKinnon   - Library Clerk                 - Permanent Part-time  
Tracy Nilsen        - Archivist, Library Clerk      - Permanent Part-time  
Joan Reich           - Library Clerk                 - Permanent Part-time  
Ruth McIntosh      - Library Clerk                 - Casual  
Karen Kennedy       - Student Pages  
Lisa Jaszan         - Student Pages

## HONORARY CITIZEN

### DOROTHY BRIDGES - FORMER LIBRARIAN

Memories can not be taken away - fortunately for that, Dorothy Bridges still lives within and beyond the walls of our Flin Flon Public Library. For Fourteen years she gave her all in making our library a "human place" with its many innovative programs and supportive environment be that for a child or a senior citizen.

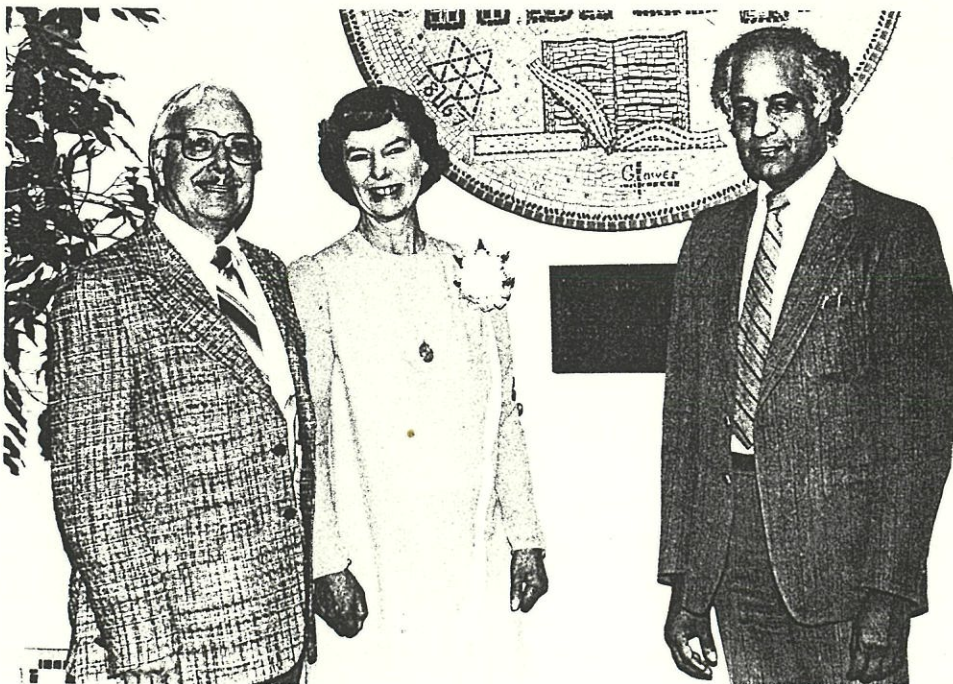
We have a library which is one of the finest for a city of our size in the province of Manitoba.

"No less than the people of this area deserve" - said Dorothy on her retirement.

I am confident that the citizens of Flin Flon and Creighton will continue to have the best library services; because Gretta Redahl and her friendly hard working staff have taken up the challenge to keep up the good standard set by our departed friend - Dorothy Bridges.

The Board congratulates the staff on making 1984 a very successful year.

Murray Smith,  
Chairman of the Board.



UNVEILING OF PLAQUE :  
"The Dorothy Bridges Reading Room"  
L.R. - Murray Smith, Dorothy Bridges, & Mayor, Nazir Ahmad



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1984 will be remembered as a year of transition, a time of great sadness, of learning, of making mistakes and laughing at ourselves; of being grateful for a support system like Public Library Services, and special people like Karen Adams, Georgina Karklan, Bobby Day and many others in the library field who gave us direction and encouragement.

It was a period of housekeeping for the Flin Flon Public Library. Bunny Burke, an accountant on our Board of Directors, streamlined the accounting system, and was there with her expertise when ever needed. A new method of purchasing books was set up. The formulation of job descriptions aided the staff in establishing their areas of responsibility. A new wage scale was established by the Board.

The work involved in preparation of the official opening of the Flin Flon Community Archives and Government Depository was preformed in part by three students hired through a Summer Canada Grant Program.

A brochure of Community Services was compiled for new members, the Welcome Wagon, and for community information in general.

With the assistance and expertise of Georgina Karklan in December, weeding of the Adult Non-Fiction and Fiction section helped tremendously in creating the badly needed shelf space.

Cost sharing with a Manitoba Community Chec Energy grant program has enabled us to replace our old gas furnaces with two new energy efficient gas furnaces. It also enabled us to triple pane three office windows and replace weather stripping around the doors.

The changes were made possible by the decisions, co-operation and support of the Board of Directors. Their confidence in the staff as individuals has created a spirit of team work and enthusiasm that will stand us in good stead as we stride out into our community in 1985.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretta Redahl (Mrs.),  
Library Administrator.

MEMBERSHIPS

	<u>1984</u>	<u>Cancellations</u>	<u>1983</u>
Resident Family	3,245	244	* 6,959
Non-Resident Family - no charge	519	77	229
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
TOTAL	<u>3,764</u>	<u>321</u>	* <u>7,188</u>

\* NOTE: 1983 was counted as individual memberships - 1984 is being counted as a Family Membership.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

The community is constantly made aware of the library, first; through a weekly radio report from local station CFAR with Del Baird, on what is happening during the week - such as; new books, displays, programs, etc.

Secondly, a book report column in the local newspaper, The Reminder, along with a corresponding book display in the library every two weeks. A special block or community news column advertises programs or events that are coming up in the future.

## ADULT EVENTS

1984 included special displays:

Ralph Wride a member of the "Photo 54" and the "National Association of Photographic Arts", displayed 40 black and white 11" x 14" photographic prints during Manitoba Library Week.

Tony Allison a renowned local artist displayed 4 of his new paintings.

The senior citizens of Flin Flon displayed their various handicrafts and enjoyed a coffee hour.

In June the seniors were invited to view a film, "Something to Celebrate", on the challenge of aging. There was plenty of food for thought and the many comments were a definite education for the staff.

July 1st - something new for the Flin Flon Public Library was the display of tropical fish, during the Flin Flon Trout Festival, put on by the Flin Flon Tropical Fish Association. This display is planned to become an annual event.

Also, an archives display from the Flin Flon Community Archives, brought many tourists and visitors in for a nostalgic trip into the past. Several people were able to indentify many of the pictures that had been donated, and left unidentified.

Christmas time again found the senior's enjoying the senior choir singing their favorite carols. A fun afternoon would not be complete without coffee and something delicious to eat.



### CHILDREN'S EVENTS

The reading program started by Mrs. Bridges in November 1983 reached its successful conclusion in November 1984. 60 children participated - many books were given out to the readers after every 10 books were read, upon the completion of a short descriptive essay on their favorite story.

The story hour program was overwhelming in its response. Two sessions of 20 children each - one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon on Wednesdays; resulting in a waiting list of several children.

Each month a special theme was presented through books, films, action songs and games. Invitations were sent out to the children with regular attendance for the May summer wind up party; "The Teddy Bear's Picnic", and for the Halloween and Christmas parties. It was always a great time for the little ones. Rhonda McKinnon deserves much credit for her enthusiasm and imagination as the many grateful parents will tell you.

A first for the Flin Flon Public Library was the excursion trips by the Flintabbaty - Oske Miskum day camp children. There were 4 sessions for a total of 100 children during July and August who thoroughly enjoyed their afternoons of films from Public Library Services and crafts supplied by the camp counselors. We feel this to be a positive approach to their continuing use of the library in the future.

A major undertaking for story hour was escorting 40 excited little children down the full length of main street to the community hall for the Sharon, Lois and Bram concert. (Sponsored by the Flin Flon Arts Council)





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Also, please let us know about the kind of books and services you want in the library. The library is supported by your tax dollars and your opinion is important to us.

Yours Truly,

Gretta Redahl,  
Librarian.

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58 MAIN STREET

PHONE: 687-3397

## HOURS

Winter: Monday - Friday  
10:00a.m. - 7:00p.m.  
Saturday  
12:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.  
Summer: Monday - Friday  
10:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.  
Saturday  
Closed.

## ARCHIVES &

### GOVERNMENT DEPOSITORY

Tuesday & Thursday  
1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.  
& any time upon request.

## STORYHOUR

Preschool children  
Ages 3 - 5 years  
Wednesday  
10:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.  
1:30p.m. - 2:30p.m.

## REQUEST SERVICE

Can't find the book or information you want? Have the library staff fill out an 'Inter-Library Loan Slip' and the material will be brought in for you.

## BORROWING REGULATIONS

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## RENEWALS

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## SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

April 26, 27 the spring seminar at the Marlborough Inn presented definite and constructive ideas on budgeting and job descriptions for someone new in management. I attended this seminar alone, but felt it would have been an invaluable learning experience for all the staff.

The May 26th meeting of Northern Libraries and Trustees was held in Thompson, Manitoba; Murray Smith, Chairman, Joyce Henderson Secretary, Joe Sattleberger, Creighton representative from the Board of Directors and myself attended. The sessions were: Library Boards, Management and Public Service / Programming.

The Board members felt the seminar was very beneficial in that it enabled us to exchange ideas and problems with other northern libraries.

October 18, 19th at the Viscount Gort - this seminar was attended by Phyllis Stadnick, Library Assistant, and myself. The session on microcomputers, vertical files, hiring, storytelling and library management in times of restraint; were very informative and we were able to use much of what we learned in the changes that were made during the year.

It was a privilege to attend the CLA workshop with Don Young on the Dynamics of Supervision, October 20th. As I am especially interested in the administration work in the library, the concepts on motivating staff, allowing them to be more creative and satisfied in their work was particularly stimulating.

Tracy Nilsen, Archivist, attended a workshop at the Hotel Fort Gary on October 11, 12th, sponsored by the Canadian Oral History Association. Tracy felt that the sessions on interview methods, Community History and Oral History were beneficial to her work in the Archives.

Georgina Karklan came to Flin Flon on December 4 to 6th for a Public Library Service Basic Training Program with the staff and myself. The topics covered Legislation, Development of Library, Material Selection and Cataloguing Services.

The staff and I thank you Georgina, for the long hours and your great patience with all our questions. The many new ideas and suggestions are being slowly worked into our system.



## FLIN FLON COMMUNITY ARCHIVES

What is an archives? An archives is a place where original documents and other materials are kept to provide a historical record. It may be best described as a memory bank. An archives is by its very nature designed for the preservation and studied use of historically relevant records.

The records and papers worth saving take many forms. Photographs, diaries, maps, letters, drawings, minutes, etc. All these and many more contain valuable and often irreplaceable historical information. Such materials provide a basis of cultural heritage and are available to the public.

Most municipal archives existed "de facto" before a formal archival program was developed to manage them. All came to life when someone decided to "do something worthwhile" with their manuscript holdings. This is in fact how our local Archives came into being.

For a number of years the Flin Flon Historical Society had kept its materials collected for the publication of their book Flin Flon stored in a lower level room at the Flin Flon Public Library for safe keeping. However, these materials were not readily available to the general public.

The summers of 1983 and 1984 saw two university students, with the assistance of a summer grant, sorting and listing our collection with a view to seeing exactly what was being held. The present holdings include the records of local clubs, groups and associations as well as individual contributions.

The Archives also has a fairly large collection of photographs. All of the Daily Reminder photographs as well as a large number of photos by local residents have been donated.

There are sets of all of Flin Flon's newspapers, past and present - Flin Flon Daily Miner, Flin Flon Daily Reminder and the Flin Flon Time (incomplete). There is also a complete set of Northern Lights magazines which is published by the local Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co. A few oral history tapes and films are held as well. We have a small map collection of the area dating back to 1936.

There is much more to be located. With a permanent Archives, area residents have the assurance that their donations are being properly housed and protected from loss or theft.

OFFICIAL OPENING



The Flin Flon Community Archives and Government Depository located in the lower level of the library were officially opened to the public on August 30, 1984 at 2:00p.m.

On behalf of the Honourable Eugene Kostrya, Minister of Culture, Heritage and Recreation; the Honourable Jerry Storie, Minister of Northern Affairs and MLA for Flin Flon presented Murray Smith, Chairman of the Board of the Flin Flon Public Library and Tracy Nilsen, Archivist, with a plaque commemorating the occasion.



HONORARY CITIZEN



Delores Baird (Del) is a woman who lives her philosophy - namely involvement.

Del has participated in the Flin Flon Trout Festival, the Kinnette Club, Girl Guides, Chamber of Commerce, Jubilee Committee, and was president of the new Manitoba Organization of Festivals and Events in 1984.

We are proud to have her sit on our Board of Directors for the past four years. Her experience in community work is a great asset to the Flin Flon Public Library.

### ELIZABETH CLEAVER'S VISIT

One of Canada's foremost illustrators of Children's books conducted a reading in the library on November 19th.

The 18 people in attendance highly praised her philosophy and enthusiasm for her work. The majority of local people included members of the Flin Flon Writers Guild and Arts Council. These people were very interested in the technical side of Elizabeth's work.

Emily Finnie and Annette Kirby, two local artists, presented Elizabeth with gifts of their works.

Elizabeth was also very pleased with the birch bark biting she received from the library and the personal introduction to Angelique and Bill Merasty. They had an enjoyable visit discussing various aspects of their work.





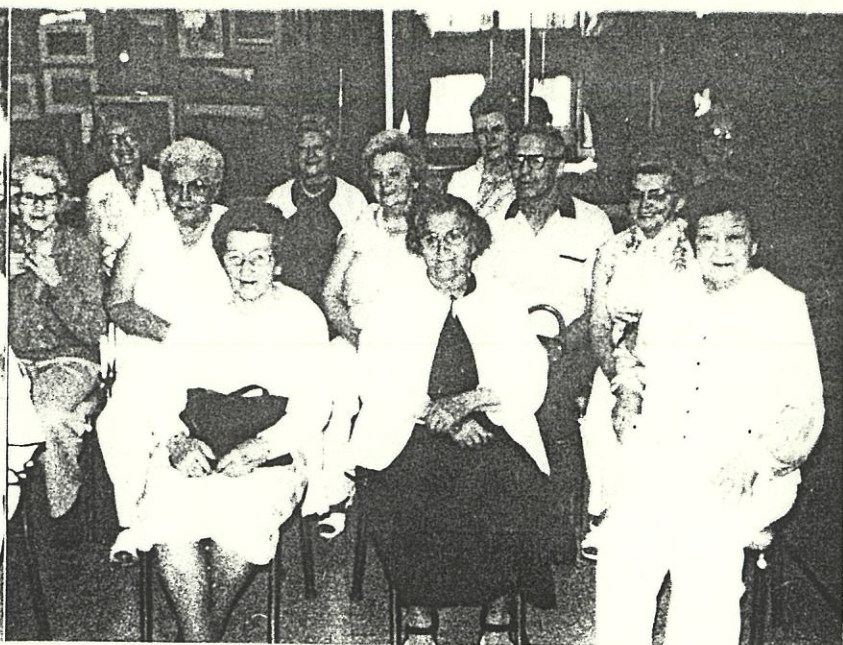
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Adult		38,384
Adult Non-Fiction	7,528	
Adult Fiction	10,952	
Youth Non-Fiction	208	
Youth Fiction	1,558	
Children		11,872
Junior Non-Fiction	1,594	
Junior Fiction	2,257	
Children's Beginner Readers	8,159	
Magazines	613	
Unaccessioned Paperbacks	2,293	
I.U.N. ( Inter-University North)	143	
Books For 4 Senior Citizen Homes	<u>1,200</u>	
SUB-TOTAL	<u>36,505</u>	* <u>50,256</u>
S.C.H. (Senior Citizen Homes)		800
Non Print Materials		
Films	99	7
Records & Tapes	261	229
Talking Books	52	41
Toys	552	323
Inter-Library Loans: Borrowed	86	54
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TOTALS	<u>37,560</u>	Included in * <u>50,256 Total</u>

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<u>LIBRARY HOLDINGS</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>WITHDRAWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1983</u>
Adult Books					18,553
Adult Non-Fiction	7,566	43	878	6,645	
Adult Fiction	5,032	37	1,078	3,917	
Youth Non-Fiction	823	3	5	815	
Youth Fiction	1,788	9		1,779	
Unaccessioned Adult Paperbacks	1,448			1,448	1,172
Adult Additions	<u>939</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>939</u>	<u>—</u>
SUB-TOTAL	<u>17,596</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>1,961</u>	<u>15,543</u>	<u>19,725</u>
Children's Books					5,514
Junior Non-Fiction	1,737	11	2	1,724	
Junior Fiction	1,356	14	15	1,327	
Children's Beginner Readers	2,013	37	9	1,967	
Additions	<u>590</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>—</u>
SUB-TOTAL	<u>23,292</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>1,987</u>	<u>21,151</u>	<u>25,239</u>
Rare Books & Others in Down Stairs Level	1,510		790	720	
* NOTE: 1,227 from Down Stairs - Discarded From File and Sent To Pelican Narrows and Children's Hospital..					
TOTALS	<u>24,802</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>2,777</u>	<u>21,871</u>	<u>25,239</u>
Newspapers & Periodicals			6	53	59
Donated			4	16	20
Bound Periodicals				40	40
Film Strips				52	52
Records & Tapes				275	199
Toys				66	90

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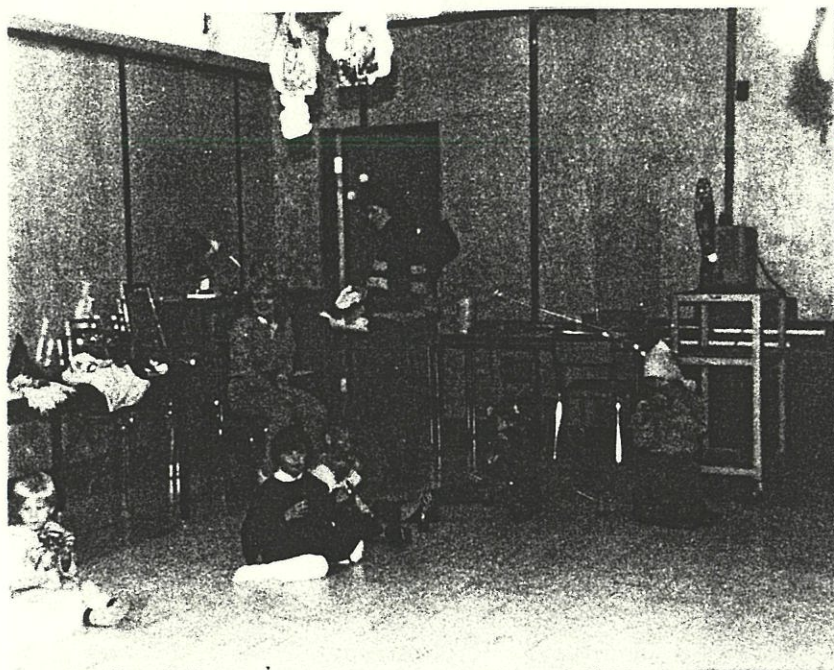


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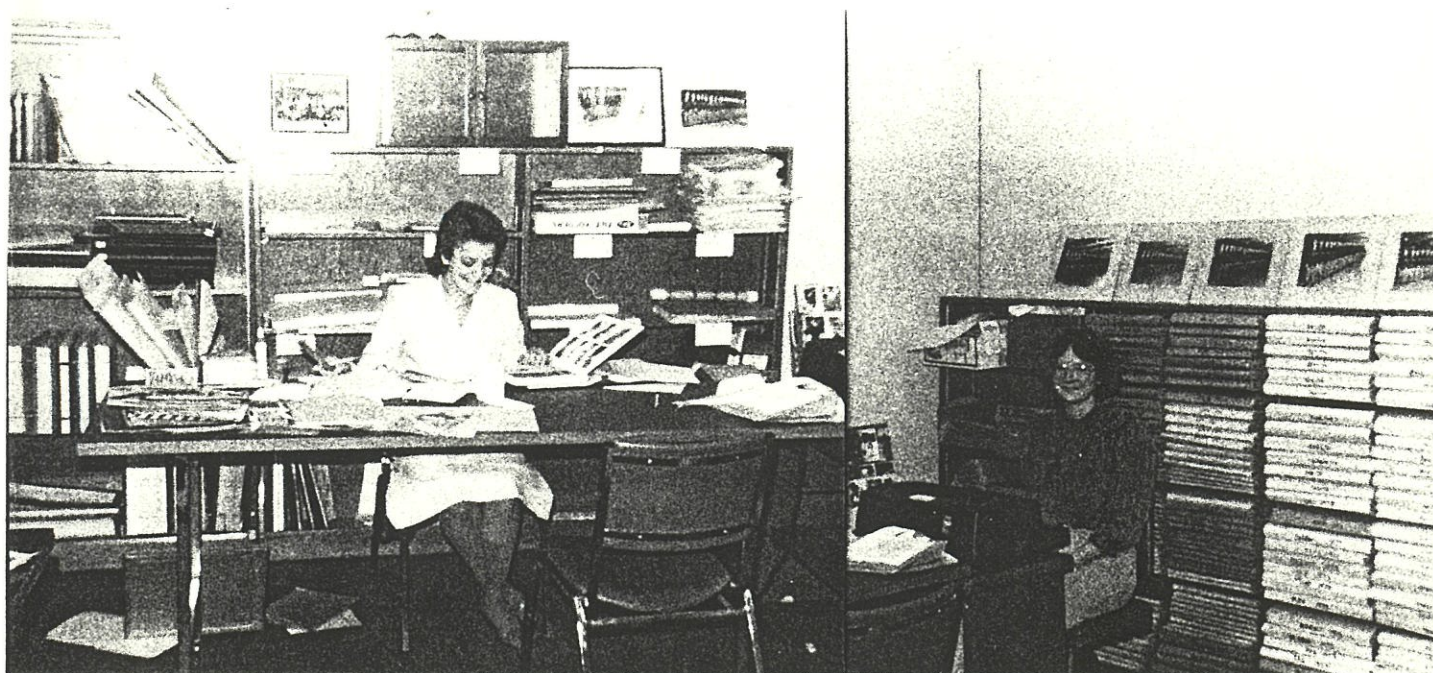




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SUMMER CANADA GRANT

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