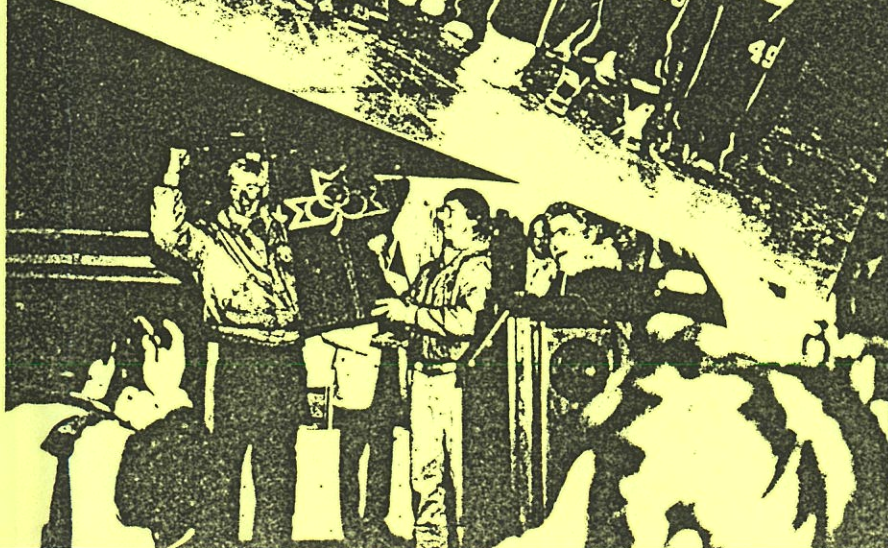
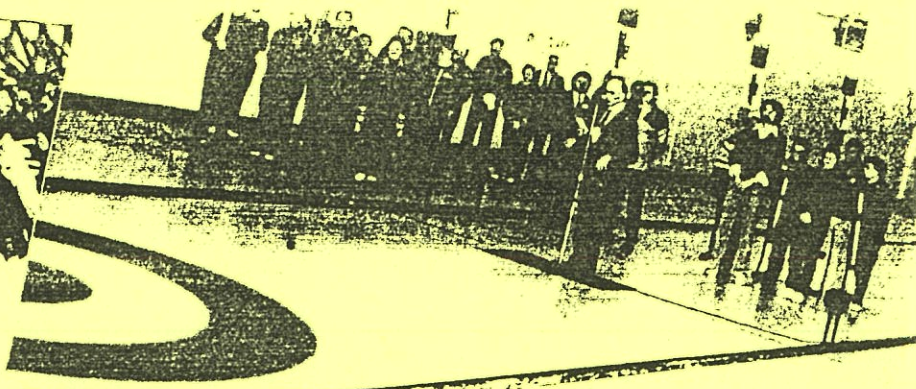
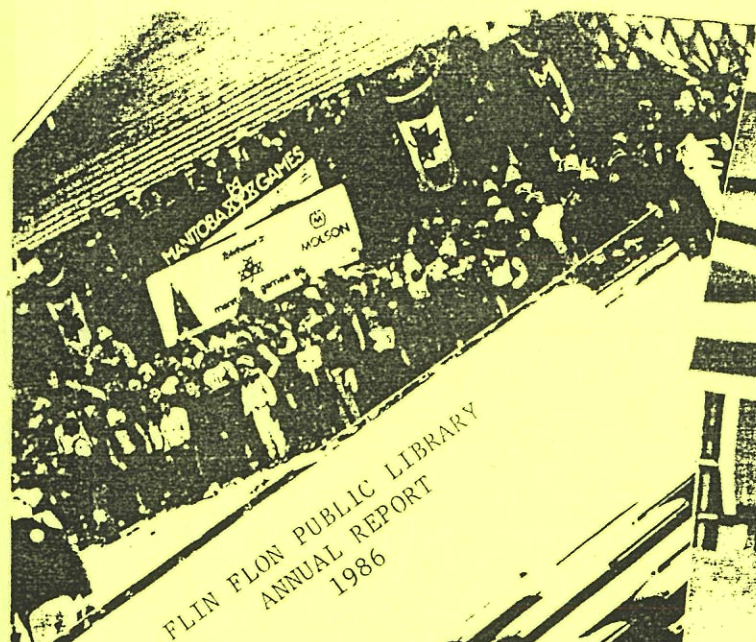


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ANNUAL REPORT
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SERVING

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 - 1986

Murray Smith - Chairman
Bunny Burke - Vice-Chairperson
Joyce Henderson - Secretary
Joe Sattleberger - Creighton Rep.
Earl Watson - Council Rep.
Del Baird - Member

STAFF

Gretta Redahl - Library Administrator
Phyllis Stadnick - Library Assistant
Joan Reich - Cataloguing Clerk
Ruth McIntosh - Clerk
Lisa Jaszan - Student Page
Kim Garinger - Student Page
Stacey Braaten - Student Page
Rhonda McKinnon - Casual
Tracy Nilsen - Casual

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The focus of the library in 1986 was to continue creating a warm friendly atmosphere for our patrons, and to encourage them to use the library.

Discovering and trying to fulfill the special needs of patrons became a special goal as the year progressed.

The many reference questions were an important source of information. We found that people are more questioning of their life situations and require more information before approaching the professionals for advice.

The more questions we have been able to find solutions for, the more we have been asked. I speak for the entire staff when I say that it is a great feeling being able to provide a service like this for our community. We especially would like to express our thanks to the Public Library Services staff for assisting us through the year.

Phyllis Stadnick has been updating our collection in the subjects of Medical, Law, self-help, and do-it-yourself books. There have been many requests for these particular subjects.

Barbara Greeniaus, accompanied by Georgina Karklan, made her introductory visit to Flin Flon on February 12th. The Board of Directors and staff had an opportunity to become better acquainted with Barbara during a dinner held that evening in her honour.

Tracy Nilsen and Rhonda McKinnon left during the summer to have babies.

Joan Reich is responsible for the Cataloguing Department. She has had the assistance of Donna Jesso, a student of the Orbit Program sponsored by the Canada Employment Centre.

Ruth McIntosh works the evening hours, and is responsible for the on going training program for the student pages.

The library was fortunate in being eligible for the Challenge "86" Student Grant for 1986. We had two students for 17 weeks. Establishing the vertical file was the main project. Georgina Karklan came to Flin Flon on May 15th for a days workshop on the vertical file. Thank you, Georgina.

The Christmas cookbook was an extra chore that the staff managed to work in, along with the Children's annual Christmas book sale. The recipes for the cookbook had been collected over a period of five years from members of the staff and friends of the library. The cookbook made a wonderful Christmas gift.

Looking back it was a fun year, and I enjoyed it immensely.

Bette Karklan

| <u>LIBRARY HOLDINGS</u> | <u>1985</u> | <u>Withdrawn</u> | <u>Added</u> | <u>1986</u> |
|--|---------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <u>ADULT BOOKS</u> | | | | |
| Adult Non-Fiction | 7,924 | 108 | 393 | 8,209 |
| Adult Fiction | 5,488 | 81 | 417 | 5,824 |
| Youth Non-Fiction | 828 | 3 | 2 | 827 |
| Youth Fiction | 1,968 | 11 | 203 | 2,160 |
| Unaccessioned Paperbacks | <u>1,448</u> | <u>224</u> | <u>245</u> | <u>1,469</u> |
| <u>SUB-TOTAL :</u> | <u>17,656</u> | <u>427</u> | <u>1,260</u> | <u>18,489</u> |
| <u>CHILDREN'S BOOKS</u> | | | | |
| Junior Non-Fiction | 1,741 | 165 | 145 | 1,721 |
| Junior Fiction | 1,489 | 83 | 362 | 1,768 |
| Children's Beginner Readers | <u>1,981</u> | <u>380</u> | <u>325</u> | <u>1,926</u> |
| <u>SUB-TOTAL :</u> | <u>5,211</u> | <u>628</u> | <u>832</u> | <u>5,415</u> |
| Books : Downstairs Level | <u>1,510</u> | | | <u>2,062</u> |
| <u>TOTALS :</u> | <u>22,867</u> | <u>1,055</u> | <u>2,092</u> | <u>25,966</u> |
| Newspapers & Periodicals (Combined) | 55 | 23 | | 14 42 |
| Donated | 16 | | | 39 |
| Bound Periodicals | 40 | | | 40 |
| Film Strips | 52 | | | 52 |
| Records & Tapes | 290 | 2 | 26 | 304 |
| Toys | 70 | | 12 | 82 |

* Note: Corrected figures in 1984 & 1985, as in 1984 new books were added into the figures twice.

| <u>CIRCULATION</u> | <u>1985</u> | <u>1986</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>ADULT</u> | | |
| Adult Non-Fiction | 8,055 | 7,921 |
| Adult Fiction | 11,485 | 11,701 |
| Youth Non-Fiction | 222 | 230 |
| Youth Fiction | 1,697 | 2,610 |
| Large Print | | 302 |
| <u>CHILDREN</u> | | |
| Junior Non-Fiction | 2,175 | 2,789 |
| Junior Fiction | 2,680 | 4,139 |
| Children's Beginner Readers | 9,977 | 10,497 |
| Magazines | 700 | 625 |
| Unaccessioned Paperbacks | 5,093 | 4,438 |
| I.U.N. (Inter-University North) | <u>120</u> | <u>228</u> |
| <u>SUB-TOTAL :</u> | <u>42,204</u> | <u>45,480</u> |
| Films | 141 | 82 |
| Records & Tapes | 310 | 303 |
| Talking Books | 90 | 200 |
| Toys | 440 | 356 |
| Inter-Library Loans: Borrowed | 236 | 303 |
| Inter-Library Loans: Lent | <u>18</u> | <u>51</u> |
| <u>TOTALS :</u> | <u>43,439</u> | <u>46,775</u> |

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The community is constantly made aware of the library; first, through a weekly radio report from local station CFAR with Del Baird, that tells 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.

The involvement of the Library staff on local committees and organizations also provides an avenue of public awareness for the Library in the city and surrounding area.

| <u>MEMBERSHIPS</u> | <u>1985</u> | <u>New Members</u> | <u>Cancellations</u> | <u>1986</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Resident Family | 3,517 | 307 | 31 | 3,793 |
| Non-Resident | <u>608</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>688</u> |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>4,125</u> | <u>397</u> | <u>41</u> | <u>4,481</u> |

ADULT EVENTS

March 20th - Wayne Sharpe, sales representative of Saunders Wholesale books, displayed 2,000 children's books at the library. The school librarians, in the area, were invited to take advantage of this "hands-on" display to purchase books for the schools.

April 15th - Artist, author, Ted Harrison's visit was a special occasion for many reasons.

The grade VII art class at Ruth Betts school were in the process of studying Mr. Harrison's art work, and a display of the students' colorful art lined the hallway to the gymnasium where his reading took place. It was obvious that Ted was pleased.

About 400 children and adults attended the Reading. Ted's art work and story telling expresses the vibrant humorous person that he is.

Lunch with the Writer's Guild and the Art Club was held in the Rotary Room after the Reading. Ted also had the opportunity to relax and chat with Sid Hudson, a long time resident of Flin Flon, who was born in England close to where Ted was born.

Everyone enjoyed a tremendous afternoon, and we will remember Ted Harrison's visit with fond memories.

April 7th - The Library, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee hosted the Hospitality Plus Workshop. Seventeen people were in attendance. On May 7th, we jointly hosted the Marketing Your Tourism Product; 20 people participated in this workshop.

May 28th - Participation Day - Citizens of Flin Flon, Creighton and area were encouraged to turn off their TV's and visit the Library. Grab bags for the first 50 people were made up of several items including book marks, ore samples from Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co. Ltd., souvenirs from the Summer Trout Festival, travel information from the Tourist Bureau, the City Jubilee copper coin and the Library pamphlet.

November 20th - Although Scott Young was born in Glenboro, Manitoba, he has a sister, Dorothy Liss, living in Flin Flon. Scott is a favorite with Flin Flonners because of this personal connection, as well as his involvement in hockey both through radio and his books.

The fans that attended his Reading were especially interested in his travels to Russia during the past year where he has been promoting his books - with much success - "Scrubs on Skates, Boy on Defence and Boy at the Leaf's Camp". Scott answered many questions about the everyday life of the Russian people. We enjoyed a stimulating and fun evening.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Story Hour has taken on a slightly different form this year, as Rhonda McKinnon became one of the casual staff members in June, due to the arrival of her son, Ryone.

The Library Board and staff wish to extend a warm thank you to Rhonda for all the involvement, organization and imagination she provided in Story Hour for three years.

A committee of four volunteer gals, led by Debbie Baily, assisted by Kim Henry, Julie Tardiff and Jo Werry came together. They set up the team teaching idea for the morning and afternoon sessions on Wednesday of each week. The enrollment stayed at twenty children per session - with children on the waiting list being called whenever there was a cancellation. The committee meets frequently for the advance planning of crafts, storys, films, games and parties, for each session. The committee is also responsible for finding a substitute when they are unable to attend a session.

Flin Flon chose the "Space" theme in the Public Library Services Summer Reading Program of "Adventure Begins". Sixty children of all ages participated, several of whom were holdiay visitors, here to visit with grandparents and friends.

The Library staff created a space display for the centre of the library, and also one for the children's section.

The wind-up of the summer Reading Program was a fun filled afternoon of films and partying, with prizes given for the most books read and for the posters on "Space adventure" that were submitted.

A complete weeding of the Children's Library, replacing many of the Beginner Readers collection, new French books purchased, a nature series set purchased, and replacing of the toy lending Library with bright new toys were positive steps toward the increase in our children's circulation.

ADULT EVENTS - CONT.

December 6th - The Seniors were entertained once again by the Flin Flon/Creighton Senior Choir; singing all of our favorite Christmas Carols. The performance of the music students under the direction of Carol Boyes was a first time event for the Annual Christmas Party.

Lunch was served after the entertainment, providing us with an opportunity to visit with many people we hadn't seen since last Christmas.



FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES

Inter-Library Loan Requests
Film Rentals
Projector & Screen Rentals
Rotary Room Rental
Talking Book Rentals
Large Print Books
Multilingual Service
Reference Materials
Toy Lending
Record Lending
Camera Loan
Photocopying Service
Books - 25,000
T.V. & V.C.R. Service

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- January 14 - Gretta Redahl attended a Federal Business Development Bank Seminar on Motivating Your Personnel.
- January 20 - Joan Reich attended the five day Library Staff Orientation/Training Programme at Public Library Services. Joan found this training extremely beneficial in all aspects of library work, as well as an aid to the B05 Cataloguing correspondence course she is taking through Red River Community College.
- April 10 & 11 - "Bunny" Burke, Vice Chairman of the Library Board, and Gretta Redahl attended the Public Library Services Spring Seminar at the Delta Inn in Winnipeg. Courses offered in Written Communication Skills, Popular Adult Literature, Mystery, Science Fiction, Romance and Westerns, Determining Salary Levels, and Problem Analysis, were informative and interesting.
- May 8 - Gretta Redahl attended a one evening workshop on Role of the Chairman - sponsored by Culture, Heritage and Recreation.
- June 18 & 19 - Tracy Nilsen, Joan Reich, and members of the staff attended all or parts of the workshops on Community Archives and Museums. These workshops dealt with restoration techniques and environment monitoring methods. Instructors were Shelagh Linklater of the Provincial Archives, and Cathy Collins from the Manitoba Museum of Man & Nature.
- October 16, 17 & 18 - Bunny Burke, Phyllis Stadnick and Gretta Redahl attended the Canadian Images Canadiennes, a conference to celebrate Canadian children's and young adult literature.

I venture to say that this event will be the sole highlight of our Library days. We were grateful to all the sponsors involved with this conference, and to the Flin Flon Library Board members for allowing us to attend. It was a wonderful experience.