

FLIN FLON COMMUNITY CENTRE

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 1988



FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL EDITION

1988

SERVING

CITY OF FLIN FLON

POPULATION - 7,610

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 - 1988

Bunny Burke	- Chairman
Murray Smith	- Vice-Chairperson
Joyce Henderson	- Secretary
Heather Strom	- Creighton Rep.
Richard Lyons	- Council Rep.
Robert Munro	- Member
Clyde MacTavish	- Member

STAFF

Gretta Redahl	- Library Administrator
Phyllis Stadnick	- Library Assistant
Joan Reich	- Cataloguing Clerk
Ruth McIntosh	- Clerk
Donna Jesso	- Student Library Clerk
Heidi Nilsen	- Student Page
Gaylene Yee	- Student Page
Sandra Zolinski	- Student Page

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Guest authors, Claire McKay and John Bianchi visited Flin Flon to officially launch the exciting event of the Children's Book Week on November 12th. A first for Northern Manitoba.

Other out of town guests that joined in the celebrations were: Al Davis, Acting Director of Public Library Services, Jim Blanchard, Extension Services Consultant, Jean Swift, Manitoba Regional Officer, The Children's Book Centre, Brian Huycke, Chairman of the Pas Library Board, Kathy Huycke, Council Member, The Pas, Bobbi Day, Administrator, The Pas Library and her husband Bob.

A reception and dinner prepared by the Library staff in honour of our guests, the committee and Board of Directors was held in the Rotary Room following the official launch at the R.A. Channing Auditorium.

Readings by authors Jean Little, Jake MacDonald, and local author, Linda Brooks, combined with the promotion and public reception of local cartoonist Kirk Warren's first book, made 1988 a year to remember.

The author visits focused the community attention on young people and emphasized the importance of books and reading skills in their future development. The participation and co-operation of every one involved was very gratifying.

Karen Kennedy was employed through the Challenge '88' student grant program to work for 17 weeks from May 9th to August 26th.

A third student page was hired in August to work during the evenings.

The non-fiction and the children's collection were up-dated in several areas: Native, Biographies, Travel and Business sections.

In this community and surrounding area, we are becoming increasingly aware of the fact that our statistics do not reflect an accurate picture of the many ways in which this Library provides services to meet the different needs of the population; from the seniors that gather in the reading room in the mornings for companionship and conversation, to the young parents with small children visiting in the children's area with the many books and toys. Also we are pleased to report that the increase in the number of students, of all ages, utilizing the library

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Flin Flon City Council appointed four new members to the Flin Flon Public Library Board. We are pleased to welcome: Robert Munro, Clyde MacTavish and Richard Lyons. Representing Creighton is Heather Strom.

The Board made plans to have major renovations done to the Library to make it more attractive and the installation of an air exchange system in the downstairs level; expansion of the Community Archives and a new storage area. The main floor will include air conditioning, and a ramp to provide easy access for the handicapped. The doors are to be modified to accommodate wheelchairs. This project will be completed by Fall of 1989.

In addition to the renovations, new equipment has been added to provide more services for the patrons to the Library. A laminator was purchased to be used to cover the book jackets on new books, as well as be available to the public at a nominal fee.

A new Xerox copier and typewriter were also purchased.

Our library continues to provide many services to the Flin Flon/Creighton area by providing an excellent collection of books, friendly atmosphere and various other services.

Respectfully,
Lois (Bunny) Burke,
Chairperson.

resource materials for studying and working on their research projects, is on the rise. This positive result is due to better communication and co-operation between the public schools and the public Library.

We look forward to continuing these services in 1989.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretta Redahl.

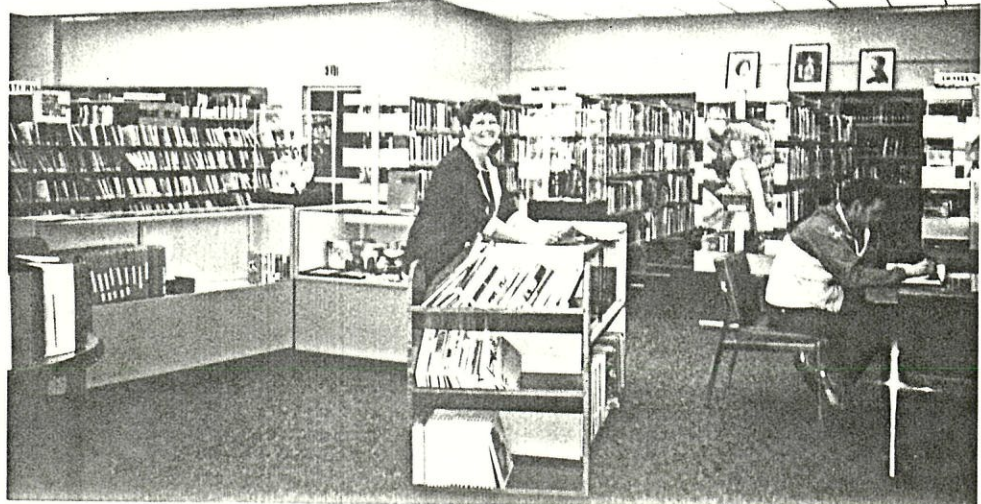
PUBLIC RELATIONS

The community is constantly made aware of the library; first through a weekly radio report from local station CFAR 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>1987</u>	<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	<u>CANCELLATIONS</u>	<u>1988</u>
Resident Family	3,714	413	133	3,994
Non-Resident	<u>832</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>960</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>4,546</u>	<u>546</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>4,954</u>



<u>LIBRARY HOLDINGS</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>1988</u>
<u>ADULT BOOKS</u>				
Adult Non-Fiction	8,115	169	413	8,359
Adult Fiction	5,125	19	296	5,402
Youth Non-Fiction	833	Ø	1	834
Youth Fiction	1,775	21	180	1,934
Unaccessioned Pocket Books	<u>1,623</u>	<u>627</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>1,698</u>
<u>SUB TOTAL:</u>	<u>17,471</u>	<u>836</u>	<u>1,592</u>	<u>18,227</u>
<u>CHILDREN'S BOOKS</u>				
Junior Non-Fiction	1,957	29	152	2,080
Junior Fiction	1,658	72	201	1,787
Children's Beginner Readers	<u>2,018</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>2,220</u>
<u>SUB-TOTAL:</u>	<u>5,633</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>619</u>	<u>6,087</u>
Books : Downstairs Level	<u>1,979</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,979</u>
<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>25,083</u>	<u>1,001</u>	<u>2,211</u>	<u>26,293</u>
Newspapers & Periodicals (Combined)	63	8	5	60
Donated	39		3	42
Bound Periodicals	54	*	26	
Film Strips	52			52
Records & Cassettes	318	1	28	
Toys	81		60	141
Videos	2	4	96	94
Talking Books	-	-	-	13
Vertical File Folders	-	-	-	240 *
Telephone Directories	-	-	-	72 *
Government Public (Headings)	-	-	-	100

* Not Included Last Year

THE FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARYSTATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITUREYear Ended December 31, 1988

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>
Revenue:		
City of Flin Flon - grant	\$ 40,350	\$ 40,350
Town of Creighton - Library board levy	8,500	8,500
Province of Manitoba - operating grant	49,260	55,923
Province of Manitoba - Job Training for Tomorrow	4,330	4,118
Province of Manitoba - Archives grant	4,000	
Province of Saskatchewan grants	10,000	11,500
Government of Canada - summer student project	3,479	4,752
Copying charges	4,912	5,172
Overdue book fines	1,127	1,045
Rotary room rentals	2,965	2,588
Parking stalls rental	1,115	870
Book sales - net	2,072	4,544
Commission sales - net	136	342
Interest	4,685	1,965
Miscellaneous	369	532
	<u>137,300</u>	<u>142,201</u>
Expenditures:		
Archives project	4,998	
Audit	935	900
Bank charges	491	576
Books	20,691	22,964
Continuing education	322	
Express and delivery	447	327
Furniture and equipment	8,463	778
Insurance	867	1,210
Janitorial contract	4,370	4,280
Janitorial supplies	605	567
Magazines and periodicals	1,890	1,753
Maintenance and repairs - building	1,138	2,880
- equipment	990	653
Membership fees	137	193
Publicity and promotion	1,077	570
Salaries and employee benefits	67,252	64,806
Stationery and library supplies	3,851	3,575
Summer student project	3,480	5,075
Sundry	1,602	1,571
Supplies for copy machine	1,687	1,088
Telephone	723	555
Travel and conference	752	532
Toys, records and tapes	1,850	38
Utilities	7,267	6,405
	<u>135,885</u>	<u>121,296</u>
Net Revenue on Operations	<u>\$ 1,415</u>	<u>\$ 20,905</u>

This statement must be read in conjunction with the attached Auditor's Report dated February 20, 1989.

<u>CIRCULATION</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
<u>ADULT</u>		
Adult Non-Fiction	8,558	8,071
Adult Fiction	9,774	8,430*
Youth Non-Fiction	204	291
Youth Fiction	2,248	1,727
Large Print	397	400
<u>CHILDREN</u>		
Junior Non-Fiction	2,506	2,710
Junior Fiction	4,988	4,890
Children's Beginner Readers	11,304	11,857
Magazines	798	684
Unaccessioned Paperbacks	4,338	5,940
I.U.N. (Inter-University North)	<u>191</u>	<u>190</u>
<u>SUB-TOTAL:</u>	<u>45,306</u>	<u>45,190</u>
Films	33	2
Records & Tapes, Videocassettes	330	320
Talking Books	197	239
Toys	185	164
Inter-Library Loans: Borrowed	306	395
Inter-Library Loans: Lent	62	66
Videos	-	756
Vertical Files	-	126
Foreign Language	<u>-</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>46,419</u>	<u>47,287</u>



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 1988

GRAND MANITOBA OPENING!

The R.H. Channing Auditorium filled with adults and children of all ages Saturday afternoon to celebrate the opening of the Twelvth Annual Manitoba Children's Bookfair. The McIsaac School choir began the opening with the singing of O Canada and then entertained with their presentation of two other songs.

Authors Claire MacKay and John Bianchi were present as special guest speakers. Claire MacKay was introduced first and described to the audience, but especially to the children who watched and listened from their positions on gym matts in front of the chairs, her attraction to writing as a young person and some of the events in the lives of her own children that inspired her to begin writing children's books. Mrs. MacKay finished her talk by reading a short passage from her book Mini Bike Hero.

John Bianchi has worked in film as well as painting, illustrating and writing children's books. He treated the audience to a slide show presentation of a variety of pictures and comics he has done over the years. Mr. Bianchi finished his presentation by telling the story of his books The Bungalo Boys and Princess Frownsalot, along with showing slides of the illustrations he drew for the books.

Tables were set up with the books of both authors as well as a wide variety of other children's books for sale. The McIsaac and Ruth Bett's schools also had tables set up displaying their students' creative writing projects which showed the obviously strong emphasis placed on making writing fun by the schools through the tremendous quantity and the colorful variety of the work displayed.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

The Children's Story Hour continues to grow. Phyllis Stadnick, Library assistant, agreed to organize and co-ordinate Story Hour. Phyllis trained a group of 8 volunteers to plan the themes for each session by co-ordinating the stories, games, crafts and video presentation. The children especially enjoy the weeks when special events and parties take place; such as Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter and the Summer wind-up.

The parents of the children involved often express their appreciation for the time and creative energy Phyllis and the volunteers spend in making the Library Story Hour a fun place to visit and make friends. The Library Board of Directors and staff would also like to add their appreciation and thanks to the volunteers: Shelley McDuff, Angie Richards, Mary-Lou Spooner, Tammy Lyons, Bev Charuk, Penny Rooks, Grace Horne, and Sharon Allen.

"Discover Summer" - The summer reading program, which supports recreational reading during the summer weeks from June 29th - August 19th, was promoted and encouraged during the entire month of June by the primary teachers in this area.

There were 60 participants in 1988 with a wide variety of books read.

The main attraction for the readers registered was a puzzle of Flin Flon. Each location was assigned a number which was the same as the puzzle piece. To get a puzzle piece you had to read the book that had the same number as the piece. When you had read all 15 books, your puzzle was ready to assemble.

The wind-up party was held on August 19th. Books were presented to the readers who finished their puzzle projects.



VISITING AUTHOR SPEAKS TO FLIN FLON CHILDREN

Jean Little came to Flin Flon for the morning of April 19. There was her mother, herself, and Zephyr her Seeing Eye Dog - two grey haired ladies and a labrador retriever the colour of oatmeal and cream with a touch of honey. Jean spoke about writing, and about blindness too.

"This one's plastic," she says, tapping her left eye. She can see just the haziest of outlines with her right. "But I can't see you are people" she tells the group of grade fours, fives and sixes who are seated in the Rotary Room.

The students are from Creighton, McIsaac, Parkdale and Ruth Betts Schools.

Jean has written seventeen books. Each one started out as a home-bound story to sell at the church bazaar. She talks about attending a preview of the film made of her book "Mamas going to buy you a mockingbird". It will be aired at Christmas, a two-part made-for-T.V. special.

The children ask question after question.

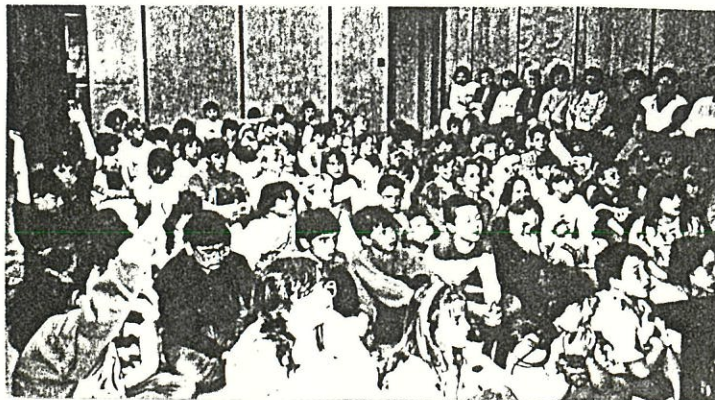
"What books do you like?"

Children's books are her favourites - "The Secret Garden"; "Bridge to Terabithia".

"Which character you have written about, do you like best?"

"Myself in "Little by Little", (Her partially fictionalized autobiography).

A birch bark biting created by Angelique Merasty of Denare Beach is the children of Flin Flon and Creighton's gift to this distinguished, lovable author. She autographs the Public Library's copies of her books. Holding each one literally to her nose, she writes: "The best place for your nose is in a book" adding a sketch of a smiling face and the flourish of her signature.



KIRK WARREN

LOCAL CARTOONIST HAS FIRST BOOK PUBLISHED

Flin Flon's own Kirk Warren and Queenston House Publishing with Manager Joan Parr, are proud to present Kirk's first publication of cartoons titled "DOC".

The Flin Flon Public Library invited everyone to meet Kirk at a book signing and sale at the library on Saturday, October 8, 1988 from 1P.M. to 4 P.M.

Kirk, the son of Don and Anne Warren, 364 Creekside Drive, was born and raised in Flin Flon, attended McIsaac and Birchview Schools and graduated from Hapnot Collegiate in 1981.

Kirk's exceptional talents for cartooning and writing were apparent at a very young age, and his lifetime goal has always been to excel as a cartoonist. The Reminder (Flin Flon's daily newspaper) and its publisher gave Kirk a unique opportunity to expose his art to the public by publishing his cartoons on a weekly basis.

Kirk has been working diligently on his cartoons over the past few years and now attends the University of Manitoba, School of Art, working towards a degree in Fine Arts.

As Kirk's cartoon character "DOC" says, "Laughter is the best medicine".



ADULT EVENTS SEMINAR & WORKSHOPS

On February 24th, The Library Board of Directors requested Director, Barbara Grenniaus, and Northern Consultant, Georgina Karklin of Public Library Services attend a Board meeting. During this meeting an orientation workshop on the "Role of the Board" and the "Public Libraries Act" was held. The new Board Members were encouraged to discuss and question this information to help familiarize themselves in their new roles as Library Trustees.

Neil Kimelman, Public Relations Officer from Revenue Canada Taxation Office arranged for two day information sessions on the new Income Tax return forms, in March. These sessions were well attended by the general public.

Jake MacDonald made a return trip to Flin Flon on April 12th. He held a reading from his new book "Bridge Out of Town", in the main Library. On April 14th, he gave a workshop to the Flin Flon Writers' Guild on how to make writing more dramatic.

On May 2nd, Joan Reich completed the 2 part final exam in Cataloguing BO5-L111 with an "A". Congratulations Joan.

Robert Munro and Gretta Redahl attended the Public Library Services 1988 Conference at Gull Harbour Resort, Hecla Island, on April 27th, 28th and 29th. Topics discussed were: Denis Marshall, Head, E.K. Williams Law Library, University of Manitoba - reviewed Bill C-60 and its implications for Libraries.

Elizabeth Carriere, Assistant Deputy Minister, Culture Heritage and Recreation presented theoretical as well as practical applications of interculturalism in the context of the Public Library.

Dr. W. Converse, University of Winnipeg Library and Susan Traill, Library Consultant, St. Vital School Division discussed Bill C-54 - pornography versus freedom of expression. John Weier, Canadian Book Information Centre, David Arnason, Professor, St. Johns College, Pat Sanders, President, Association of Manitoba Book Publishers and Barbara Grenniaus, Director of Public Library Services, discussed Canadian books - Why buy them? Who publishes them?

Jean Swift, Manitoba Regional Officer for the Children's Book Centre was invited to Flin Flon on May 9th. Jean facilitated an information workshop in preparation for the Children's Book Week official Launch. A committee of six people: Nettie Johnson, Ruth Betts School, Diana Robertson, Parkdale School, Sarah Trevor, Hapnot Collegiate, Donald Allan, Creighton School, and Gretta Redahl with the professional expertise of Jean, were responsible for organizing this major Library event held on November 12th. It was a rewarding busy time for the committee.

John Bianchi's return visit to Flin Flon on November 16th was an unexpected treat. Due to the time schedules on his itinerary it was more convenient to make connections from the Flin Flon airport to his destination of Wallaston Lake, Sask. Quick readings were organized at Ruth Betts and McIsaac schools. He was received with much enthusiasm by several classrooms of grade 3-6 students.

December 3rd, found the Main Library in a flurry of activity and excitement for the Seniors' Annual Christmas Party. Once again, the Flin Flon/Creighton Senior Choir entertained with a selection of everyone's favorite Christmas carols. The recital of organ music by the students of "Music Place" continues to be a source of great entertainment. The improvement the student makes year by year is continually encouraged by all the guests. Congratulations go to Carol Boyes, the music teacher. The Library Staff provided a lunch of dainties, tea and coffee.

