

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
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ANNUAL REPORT



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SERVING

CITY OF FLIN FLON

POPULATION - 7,449

TOWN OF CREIGHTON, SASK.

POPULATION - 1,668

RURAL AREAS

BAKER'S NARROWS - SANDY BAY -

CRANBERRY PORTAGE - PELICAN NARROWS -

DENARE BEACH, SASK.

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD - 1994

Edgar Wright	- Chairman
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Gretta Redahl	- Library Administrator
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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S REPORT

Automation of the library continued to progress in 1994. Our library will move forward into on-line services with the aid of a grant from Community Services and a donation from the Joe Brain Foundation. Public Library Services will be instrumental in delivering on-line services for libraries throughout the province. It must be realized that at each library the staff will be the final link in the process; only with trained personnel will the on-line services be successful. Training of the staff has been on-going and must continue.

While automation has been a part of our life for generations and society has become used to having to deal with it, a new phrase has entered our vocabulary: going on-line. Debates about this centre on how revolutionary it is. It has been argued that the use of books will decline in favour of using on-line information sources. So the place and the existence of the library in the future is questioned. I see the library with a new tool for improving its services to the public.

Thanks to all the board members, I had expected to participate on the board with them for a much longer period. As chairperson from September, 1994, to January, 1995, I appreciated the dedication and diligence of the staff and the board.

Edgar Wright

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“Attitude”

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes!”

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT 1994

Constant change in every aspect of our lives challenge us to give up our old and comfortable ways of thinking.

A wealth of knowledge, with information teaching us the new trends and ideas, pass across my desk every day.

The staff at the Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library appreciate the contribution and efforts that the Board of Directors make in providing us with the opportunity to learn, because the impact of these changes directly influence the work place.

Workshops and conferences members of the staff attended and participated in are as follows:

- Human Resource Planning - sponsored by Economic Development - Creighton & Denare Beach.
- Business Symposium - Greenstone Community Futures.
- Community Intersectorial Discussions re: Input into future program planning - sponsored by the Canada Employment Centre.
- Participation in the Education Technology Symposium - Flin Flon School Division.
- Proposal on Developing Rural Community Foundations - Thomas Sill Foundation.
- Training for Trainers I Workshop - in Thompson, Manitoba. Sponsored by the Dept. Culture, Heritage & Citizenship.
- The Virtual Library, Winnipeg, Manitoba - MLA Joint Conference.
- Canadian Images Canadienes 3, Winnipeg, Manitoba - sponsored by MLA.
- "Casting The Net : Manitoba Public Libraries Enter the Information Age" - PLS Fall Conference.
- International Video Conference on the Electronic Library - sponsored by (OCLC) Online Computer Library Centre - Keewatin Community College, The Pas.

This broad perspective of information enable the staff to be more in-tune with patron needs and concerns.

In co-operation with the Canada Employment Centre, the Library participated in two 26 week work experience Coping Programs. These programs upgrade the working skills of single mothers on Social Assistance to help with the transition back into the work force.

A display was set up at the Family Fair in Creighton, Sask. for two days. The public, not familiar with libraries, had the opportunity to see what is available to loan or rent at the library.

Poet, song writer and novelist, Robert Priest performed for the students at Parkdale School. In the evening Robert held a workshop on writing children's books. Later he entertained the Writers; Guild and the public with his poems and songs.

JOSEPH BRAIN: Prospector

In his travels in Northern Manitoba, Joe Brain discovered the Flexar and Birch Lake Mines. He forever left his mark as one of Flin Flon's outstanding citizens. A bronzed bust was installed in the Library to commemorate Joe Brain and his contribution to Flin Flon and the surrounding area through the Joe Brain Foundation.

The City expressed its appreciation with a come & go reception in the Library, hosted by the Library and the Joe Brain Foundation.

Erna Redahl



Sculptor, Leo Mol
Joe Brain Foundation
Director, The Honourable F.L. Jobin
Library Board Chairperson,
Lois "Bunny" Burke

COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE

Our community-based literacy program is now in its fourth year of operation. The literacy needs of the community are being met by our centre in the provision of several subjects which are available to interested adults who want to upgrade educational levels. Lessons in reading, spelling, phonics, math, writing, and grammar are provided as well as English Second Language classes for those whose first language is not English. GED (General Equivalency Diploma) courses are available for persons who desire this option for a high school diploma.

We also provide computer programmed education. We use the Jostens "Invest" Programming in which lessons in reading, spelling, grammar, math, and life skills for adults from grade 1 through grade 10 are provided. Lessons in a specific type of learning - such as learning the metric system, or learning to use the computer - are also available.

We operate on a 2-pronged system. Daily group classes are offered for students who are unemployed or who work part-time. Students who are unable to attend classes are taught individually in the centre or by volunteer tutors. To date, we have 18 people in the community who give freely of their time each week to help others to learn.

The program is managed by a working group committee consisting of a chairperson, Val Whitbread; secretaries, Eileen Jessup and Dorothy Adams; treasurer, Wendy Yeo; library liaison person, Gretta Redahl; publicity person, Poomidevi Sethi; and fund-raising person, Bev Johnson.

Our enrolment at this time is 39 students. Of this number, we have 6 people in the grades 7 to 8 level, 19 in the grades 4 to 6 level, 6 in the grades 1 to 3 level, 5 in the English Second Language class, and 3 who are taking GED subjects. Of those enrolled in the program, there are 20 males, 19 females, and 9 Native students. Agewise, there are 7 persons between 17 and 25 years of age, 21 people between 25 and 40 years of age, and 11 persons who are above the age of 40 years.

This year, we incorporated a Family Literacy project in the program for the first time. This has proven to be highly successful.

Having our program in the public library has reaped many benefits for us. The library contributes in a very vital way to the well-being of those who desire further education.



FAMILY LITERACY



FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ended December 31, 1994

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
REVENUE		
City of Flin Flon - Grant - Note 5	\$ 63,661	\$ 59,050
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	8,500	8,500
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	50,868	48,933
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	8,500	8,500
Government of Canada - Summer Student Project	1,320	1,318
Miscellaneous Revenue - Note 6	<u>28,724</u>	<u>20,909</u>
	<u>161,573</u>	<u>147,210</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Archives	-	352
Audit	775	975
Bank Charges, Penalties and Interest	541	526
Books	22,519	16,882
Continuing Education	205	323
Express and Delivery	276	195
Furniture and Equipment	527	421
Goods and Services Tax	3,850	2,657
Honeywell Expense	4,611	-
Insurance	561	504
Janitorial Contract	4,890	5,150
Janitorial Supplies	599	472
Magazines and Periodicals	2,633	1,998
Maintenance and Repairs		
-Building	568	1,425
-Equipment	577	276
Membership Fees	450	270
Publicity and Promotion	1,037	660
Salaries and Employee Benefits	83,344	89,600
Stationery and Library Supplies	2,232	2,417
Summer Student Project	1,520	1,317
Sundry	1,554	1,454
Supplies for Copy Machine	2,555	2,913
Telephone and Telecopier - Net	178	703
Travel and Conference	1,528	646
Toys, Records and Tapes	491	384
Utilities	<u>12,452</u>	<u>11,233</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>150,473</u>	<u>143,753</u>
NET REVENUE ON OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 11,100</u>	<u>\$ 3,457</u>

<u>LIBRARY HOLDINGS</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>1994</u>
<u>ADULT BOOKS</u>				
Adult Non-Fiction	8,599	287	15	8,871
Adult Fiction	5,459	253	75	5,637
Youth Non-Fiction	607	-	-	607
Youth Fiction	1,068	178	143	1,103
Unaccessioned Pocketbooks	<u>2,023</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>2,319</u>
<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>	17,756	1,187	406	18,537
<u>CHILDREN'S BOOKS</u>				
Junior Non-Fiction	2,121	43	8	2,156
Junior Fiction	1,861	175	78	1,958
Beginner Reader	<u>2,681</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>2,853</u>
<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>	6,663	446	142	6,967
Books: Downstairs Level	<u>329</u>	-	<u>200</u>	<u>129</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	24,748	1,633	748	25,633
Newspapers & Periodicals (combined)	51	-	1	50
Donated	23	3	-	26
Bound Periodicals	113	-	-	113
Film Strips	52	-	-	52
Records & Cassettes	381	-	312	69
Toys	184	12	7	189
Videos	415	50	5	460
Talking Books	111	9	1	119
Sound Print	-	364	-	364
Telephone Directories	92	4	-	96
Vertical File Folders	204	21	10	215
Government Documents (Headings)	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>	1,726	463	336	1,853
<u>TOTAL:</u>	26,474	2,096	1,084	27,486

<u>CIRCULATION</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>
Adult Non-Fiction	9,014	8,883
Adult Fiction	8,793	9,319
Youth Non-Fiction	122	94
Youth Fiction	968	1,068
Large Print	660	489
Unaccessioned Pocketbooks	8,587	7,404
Magazines	846	809
University (I.U.N.)	262	189

CHILDREN

Junior Non-Fiction	2,427	1,868
Junior Fiction	4,105	3,368
Beginner Readers	<u>9,653</u>	<u>9,833</u>
SUB-TOTAL:	45,437	43,324
Films	-	3
Records	112	27
Cassettes	26	20
Talking Books	171	170
Toys	223	226
Inter-Library Loans : Borrowed	576	601
Inter-Library Loans : Lent	92	123
Videos	9,869	7,514
Vertical Files	385	400
Foreign Language	38	23
Sound Print Library	<u>301</u>	<u>282</u>
TOTAL:	57,230	52,713

MEMBERSHIPS

	<u>1993</u>	<u>New Members</u>	<u>Cancellations</u>	<u>1994</u>
Resident Family	4,950	191	405	4,736
Non-Resident Family	1,357	88	10	1,435



