

*Flin Flon Public Library*  
*1995*  
*Annual Report*





FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL EDITION

1995

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 - 1995

Bob Frazer	- Chairman
"Bunny" Burke	- Past Chairperson
Dennis Strom	- Sec/Creighton Council Rep.
Bill Hanson	- Flin Flon Council Rep.
Murray Smith	- Member
Charlie Mott	- Member
Buzz Trevor	- Member

## STAFF

Gretta Redahl	- Library Administrator
Phyllis Stadnick	- Library Assistant
Joan Reich	- Cataloguing Clerk
Donna Jesso	- Clerk
Shelley McDuff	- Clerk
Corinne Kendall	- Student Page
Meghan McKeachnie	- Student Page
Trudy Adair	- Student Page
Angie Manders	- Student Page



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April 4, 1996

Flin Flon Public Library  
58 Main Street  
FLIN FLON, Manitoba  
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**TO: MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THE FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

On behalf of the Council of The City of Flin Flon and myself, I wish to extend our thanks for the efforts you have expended to make the library such a success.

Your progress towards the goal of making the library Flin Flon's information centre, your willingness to address the needs of our community and your achievement of making the library a cheerful and pleasant to visit are to be highly commended.

We wish you continued success and pledge our support to your further endeavours.

Yours truly,

Graham CRAIG, Mayor  
The City of Flin Flon

GC/yg

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Board membership went through several changes during 1995. We regretfully accepted Edgar Wright's resignation as Chairman and as a member of the Board. New Board members approved by City Council were Charlie Mott, Dennis Strom (representing Creighton) and Stewart Trevor.

The library staff have completed the majority of book entries into the library database. This work could have been contracted out, but since a bar code sticker must be manually affixed to every book, it makes more sense to enter the book into the database at the same time as the sticker is applied.

I would like to thank Gretta Redahl and all the other members of the staff for their efforts to make this Library a leader in Manitoba.

G. R. Frazer



## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Public Library hosted the first annual Northern Library Conference for public and school libraries from around the North.

Joint sponsorship of the Conference were: Manitoba Library Association, the Flin Flon School Division and the Instructional Resources Program Implementation Branch of Manitoba Education and Training, teamed up together, to address the conference session topics expressed by library and school people - Partnerships, Library Automation, Freenets in Manitoba, on-line searching, copyright reform, Resource and Services of instructional Resource, selecting C.D. -Rom materials.

It was a pleasure to assist P.L.S. in organizing this conference.

The Library hosted a book signing for three new authors from the North:

"The Spring Celebration", Author: Tina Umpherville, illustrator: Christie Rice, from Cranberry Portage, Man.

"Carly's Stories", Author: Ken Ainsworth from Snow Lake, Man.

"Where The Highway Ends", Author: Brian Kinsley, a former Flin Flonner.

Special collection donations from the Diabetes Association and the Schizophrenia Support Group were gratefully accepted by the library staff.

Many paperback books were also donated from community people.

Requests for Library Tours for the year included:

- Parents of Disabled Children.
- The Beavers.
- 2 Kindergarten Classes.



- Adult Pre-employment Students.
- Day Care Centre Learning Program.
- Lion's Quest - Community based High School teachers program.
- Northland Community College Students.

New Community initiatives the library partnered with in 1995:

- The Consumer Health Information Centre.
- The Community Technology Action Committee.
- The Chamber of Commerce Education Network 2000.
- The 3 partner Contract signed between the Human Resource Centre, Lokken Training Consultants and the Library. This contract consisting of three, nine week sessions, (Sept. 1995 - June 1996) of Pre-Employment preparation training program.

As the library moves toward the new century, it will continue to be more than a place of leisure reading; it now involves education, technology and specialized public relations (Partnerships).

The concept of "one stop shopping" for information, meets the consumer orientated public of today.

Gretta Redahl, Administrator.





# PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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Culture, Heritage  
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### NORTHERN MEETING WITH A NEW TWIST

The PLS bi-annual Northern Meeting took place in Flin Flon at the beginning of March. This year PLS cooperated with the Manitoba Library Association (MLA), the Flin Flon Public Library, the Flin Flon School Division, and the Instructional Resources Unit, Program Implementation Branch of Manitoba Education and Training to put on a two-day event. The Northern Library Conference, as it was called, was offered to all types of libraries in the north. Representatives from school libraries, public libraries and Keewatin Community College were present.

The City of Flin Flon sponsored a wine and cheese party on the evening of March 2nd to welcome everyone to the event. The following morning the first of several sessions took place at the Flin Flon Public Library. Bob Fraser, Chair of the Flin Flon Public Library

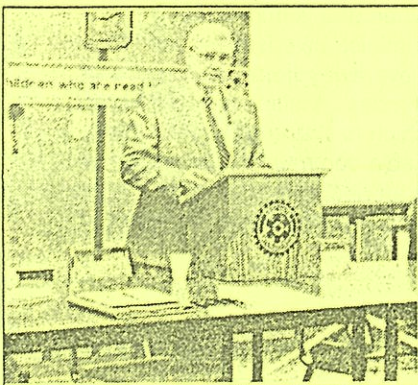
Board, opened the conference with a welcoming address.

Following this, Louise Shah introduced speakers for the morning's panel presentation on library partnerships. Margaret De Kock, coordinator of Flin Flon's literacy service, explored literacy issues and what libraries can do to help. Carol Little, Coordinator of Distance Education programs for Keewatin Community College, discussed the College's system of library service to its student community. Highlighted were the many areas where cooperation with other agencies such as public libraries, is well established. John Tooth, Coordinator of the Instructional Resources Unit of Manitoba Education and Training, discussed areas where school and public libraries can cooperate and he also described the Linking Libraries project.

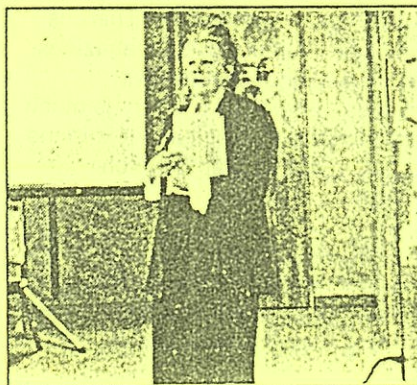
After the panel presentation was complete, the assembled group was offered tours of the Community Adult Learning Centre, Margaret De Kock's literacy service located in the basement of the Public Library and the Many Faces Educational Centre, an alternative high school located next to the public library.

After a lunch, provided compliments of the Public Library Board, Lou-Anne Buhr, Assistant Deputy Minister, Culture, Heritage and Citizenship, brought greetings for the Ministry. A presentation by Ken Kuryliw on basic library automation issues was next. A tour of McIsaac School Library followed.

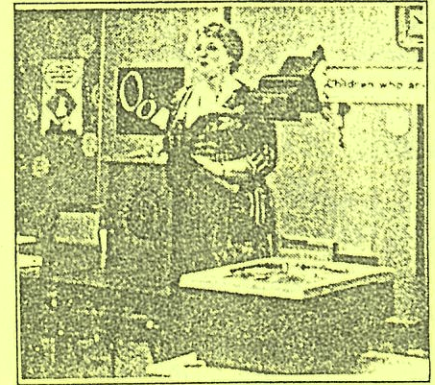
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Bob Fraser



Margaret De Kock



Carol Little



In the evening a banquet was held at RJ's Motel & Restaurant. Graham Craig, Mayor of Flin Flon, Angela Simpson, Trustee of the Flin Flon Public School Board and John Tooth, MLA representative, were speakers at the banquet. Sylvia Nicholson, Director of PLS, spoke on recent Provincial initiatives taken on behalf of public libraries in Manitoba.

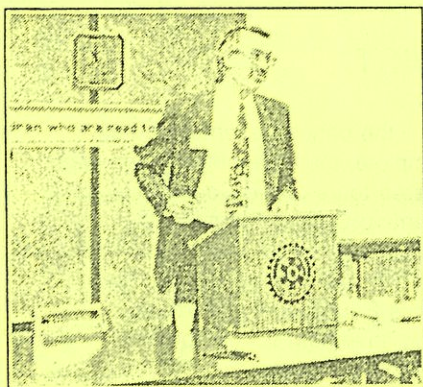
Day two of the conference began early with a breakfast meeting provided by the Flin Flon Rotarians. John Tooth, who is also the Director of the Blue Sky Freenet, spoke on the purpose and

establishment of Freenets and gave an overview of Freenet activity in Manitoba. Along with conference delegates, several community leaders attended the early morning meeting.

Following the breakfast session, conference delegates had a choice of attending a session by Ken Kuryliw on online searching and MERLIN PLuS, or two short sessions offered by John Tooth on copyright and library services available through the Department of Education for teacher use in implementing provincial curricula.

On Saturday afternoon all conference delegates assembled at McIsaac School for a session sponsored by the MLA. Judith Dueck, a teacher-librarian from Winnipeg School Division, gave a presentation on the selection of CD-ROMs. Several sample CD-ROM products were displayed.

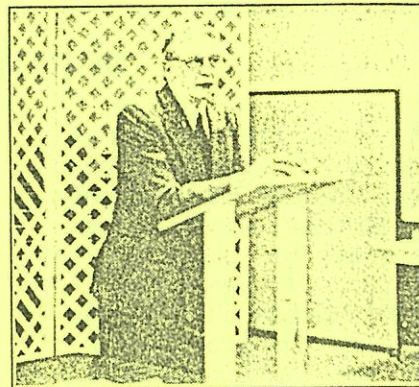
This was the first time a joint conference involving several institutions and types of libraries was attempted. The consensus from those who attended was that it was a resounding success.



*John Tooth*



*Sylvia Nicholson*



*Graham Craig  
Mayor of Flin Flon*

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The trip to Flin Flon for the Northern Library Conference was an opportunity to meet representatives of all types of libraries. Many challenges facing public libraries are shared by school and college libraries. All libraries are facing demands by patrons for more programs and access to a wider range of information sources. Libraries are encouraged to share resources across institutional lines and the first step is getting to know the staff from libraries in a particular region.

The automation of libraries and access to world wide information networks has forced librarians to become knowledgeable about computers and electronic library systems. Librarians are faced with the task of educating themselves,

staff and patrons. Conferences such as this one offer not only a chance to meet other librarians, but exchange ideas and participate in intensive workshops.

As part of the conference we were given a tour of the Flin Flon Public Library. This library is a good example of what a public library should be to a community. There is a fine collection of books, magazines, audio visual and local archival materials. However, a library is much more than the holdings and it is in the area of programs that Flin Flon shines.

There are programs for patrons of all ages and needs with an emphasis on literacy. The Community Adult Learning Centre, the Sound Print

Library, the Writers Guild, Inter Universities North Access, author visits, and support to the Many Faces Educational Centre are all programs committed to reading and literacy. I found my visit to the Flin Flon Public Library of particular interest because of my own background in public libraries and adult literacy.

When one is immersed in administrative issues, it is too easy to move away from the purpose of libraries. Visiting a public library, which has strong programs and is a viable community information centre, is an opportunity to remind myself of our purpose and commitment to libraries.

*Sylvia Nicholson  
Director*



## CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION CENTRE

The Consumer Health Information Centre (C.H.I.C.) is an initiative of *Healthy Flin Flon*, winner of The Healthcare Forum's 1996 International Award for Healthy Communities. This facility provides a central location where local people both consumers and providers of health service can access health and wellness information. Information is provided on local and global levels.

C.H.I.C. is located in the Flin Flon Public Library. This is an ideal location as the library already has a wealth of health and wellness information. It is run by a group of volunteer members comprised of Bev Hill, Gretta Redahl, Gerry Hildebrand, Marj McNeill, John Scott, Earl McCallister, Tom Therien, Adele Crocker, Janet Campbell, Margo Gray, Heather Acres, and Rick Butts.

Patrick Weber is the information coordinator who runs the facility. His duties include: development and distribution of a consumer survey, gathering of local health and wellness data and researching consumer requests for information.

Since its inception during the last week in October until the end of March the Consumer Health Information Center has see one hundred and seventy-seven (177) requests for information. Most requests fall under the categories of drugs, diseases, alternative approaches to health and addresses of health organizations and support groups. The break down of monthly requests is as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	totals
Telephone	3		4	11	14	11	43
Walk-in	30		18	40	25	21	134
Total	33		22	51	39	32	177

Respectfully submitted,

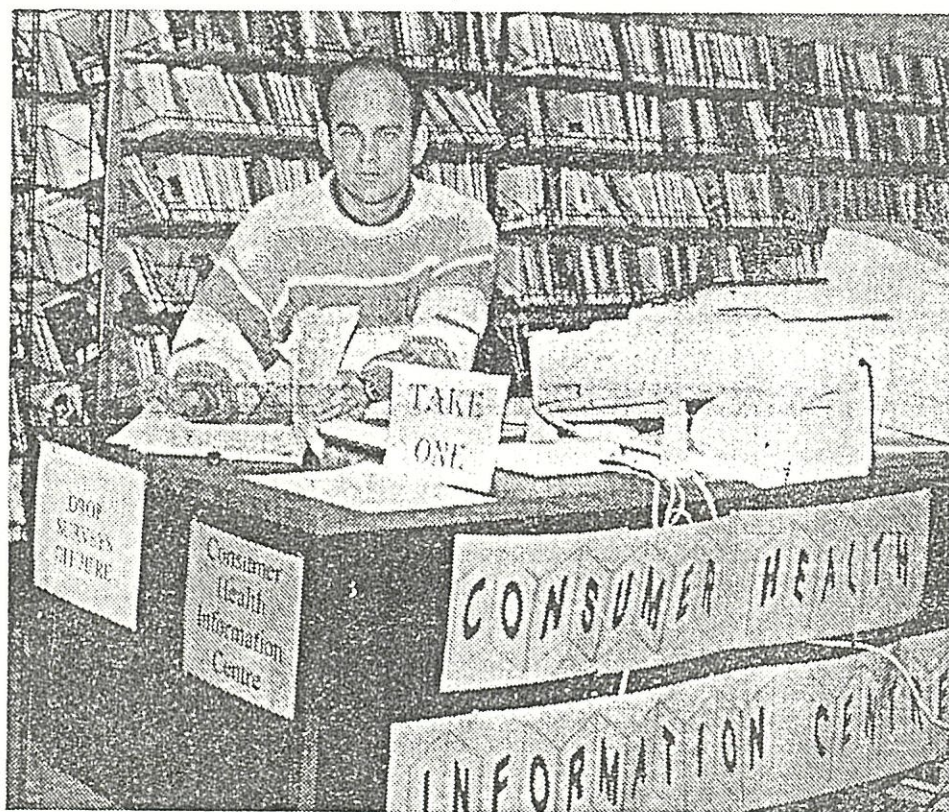


Patrick Weber  
Information Coordinator  
Consumer Health Information Centre



<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>				
	<b>1994</b>	<b>New Members</b>	<b>Cancellations</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Resident Family</b>	<b>4,736</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>*1,794</b>	<b>4,773</b>
<b>Non-Resident Family</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>*712</b>	<b>817</b>

**\*This was of reconversion**



**HARD AT WORK** - Patrick Weber is busy compiling health information for area residents. If you need any information, contact him at the Library. R.D.



# COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE

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It can be truly stated that 'libraries are partners in building a community's future'. The Community Adult Learning Centre, since its inception in early 1992, has had the advantage of being located in the Flin Flon Public Library in its Archives Room. As of this date, we are the only library-based adult literacy program in Manitoba. The library's role has always been one of total support, cooperation, and encouragement, in helping to foster learning for adult literacy students. In so doing, the library is one of the foremost agents in reversing the cycle of illiteracy in the community, thereby playing a major role in the attempt to reduce poverty and unemployment.

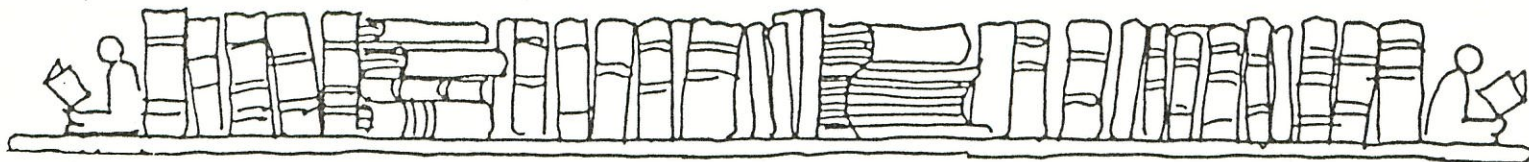
During this 1995/96 academic year, our enrolment has thus far peaked at 39 students. Subjects being taught include reading, grammar, writing, mathematics, phonics, spelling, and handwriting skills. As well, English Second Language (ESL) and General Equivalency Diploma (GED) lessons are provided. Students are taught either in a class held daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or individually by an instructor or volunteer tutors. The program is learner-directed and confidentiality is stressed.

The centre is governed by a committee consisting of: Chairperson & Treasurer, Valerie Whitbread; Vice-Chairperson, Margret Swartz; Secretary, Eileen Jessup; Fundraising Chairperson, Poomidevi Sethi; Library Liaison Chairperson, Gretta Redahl; Family Literacy Coordinator & Instructor, Marge Warkentin; Publicity Chairperson, Margaret de Kock; and Chairpersons' Assistant, Ellen McFarlane.

Our program coordinator and instructor, Margaret de Kock, and assistant, Peggy Mullie, educate students, with the help of 12 volunteer tutors, who teach students on a one-on-one basis. Duties of the practitioner also include recruitment of students, interviewing, assessment, evaluation of students, recruitment of volunteer tutors, and preparation of individual study programs for students.

This academic year, our grant for administering the program was raised to \$23,000. Because such an amount of money would never cover all possible costs of running such a program, we are fortunate that we are able to benefit from the generosity of our library administrator, Gretta Redahl, who allows us to use the library's Archives Room rent-free. This enables us to reach more students and supply more textbooks, etc., than would otherwise be possible.

In helping to support the adult literacy program, the library plays an integral role in helping the community.



## **"READ TO ME" FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM**

During the months of February/March 1995, "READ TO ME" was held at the Flin Flon Public Library on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00. Funding for this program was received by the Community Adult Learning Centre from the Secretary of State.

The program was open to pre-schoolers of any age and their parent/care-giver, and attracted 16 family units and 41 individuals over the course of the two months. Not all attended consistently, but it is felt that providing transportation encouraged some in their commitment. The average attendance was 18 people (adults/children).

The three-hour sessions were planned around daily themes such as: families, nutrition, numbers, dinosaurs, winter, etc. The schedule included:

FREE TIME: reading, learning toys, drawing

GROUP TIME: songs, finger plays, mystery bag, puppets, stories

ADULTS & CHILDREN IN SEPARATE GROUPS:

CHILDREN: stories, games, play, drawing

(Hired child care worker & volunteer responsible)

ADULTS: Videos - family reading, "Hidden Keys to Successful Parenting"

Discussions of parenting issues

Introduction to new toys & crafts

SNACK

CRAFT & FREE TIME

Some benefits of "Read to Me" were exposure to new toys/books/songs/crafts, opportunity for children to interact with peers in a safe, comfortable setting, opportunity for parents and children to participate in meaningful activities together, and exposure to new ways of making reading interesting and meaningful.

Participants in "Read to Me" came from a variety of backgrounds. Some spend lots of time interacting with their children in varieties of ways and found this program as a way to expand their experiences, while others were bombarded with new ideas and experiences. We had a great time together!

-- Submitted by Marge Warkentin



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# LOKKEN ASSOCIATES

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*Training Consultants, Inc.*

10 APRIL 1996

Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library  
58 Main Street  
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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library has been working in cooperation with Lokken Associates Training Consultants Inc. since October 1995 to deliver community based training programs for Unemployment Insurance Recipients.

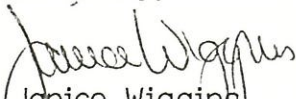
This community service enables the participants of the programs to directly access the resources and information contained within the Public Library. The Public Library has also provided the participants, and others in the community, with information or access to resources not necessarily housed within books.

The Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library has evolved from the traditional definition of library to its new role in society as an Information Centre. It has taken on the role of networking and linking different organizations and people together.

The Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library is a integral part of the community that is constantly changing and evolving. The Public Library has also taken a leading role in providing community based training programs, and acting as an Information-Resource Centre for the community at large.

Lokken Associates would like to congratulate the Flin Flon/Creighton Library on the innovative response to its new role in society.

Sincerely,

  
Janice Wiggins  
Project Manager

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## **Annual Report to the Library**

**From: Many Faces Education Center,  
C. Ziehlke**

**The Flin Flon Library is an asset to the Education Center for Several reasons. We, the staff of Many Faces, look forward to continued use of the Kinsmen Room in the Flin Flon Library.**

**To our students the Kinsmen Room is many things. It is a quiet place to work with comfortable chairs and large solid tables. The room has good lighting. The library has a V.C.R., T.V. and an over-head projector which we can book for our use.**

**Students working at our school can also use the library to do research, along with the periodicals and the newspapers in the reading section. We also make use of the talking books and the video library. The library is also a quiet place for a student to do some reading.**

**In conclusion, the Library is a valued asset to our school. We have contributed 2 computers to the library, which along with their software, are available to public and students after school hours. We will continue to care for the facility and make other contributions when we can.**

**Conrad Ziehlke**



Human Resources      Développement des  
Development Canada    ressources humaines Canada  
Canada Employment Centre  
86 Main Street  
Flin Flon, Manitoba  
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October 6, 1995

Mr. Robert Frazer  
Chairperson  
Public Library  
Flin Flon, Manitoba

Dear Mr. Frazer:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your assistance and support in past training projects in which this office has been involved. Providing the best possible training for clients of the Flin Flon Canada Employment Centre requires the input and participation of our community partners and I feel that your organization is among the most valuable in this area.

We share common goals for our community, not the least of which is our support of lifelong learning and the provision of information to our clients. With your resource base and technological advantages, it is my desire that we will continue to work together for the benefit of the people of Flin Flon.

Sincerely,

Earl McAllister  
Supervisor, Employment Services



# GREENSTONE INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

*Flin Flon, MB  
John Chipman  
Chairperson*

March 14, 1996

Gretta Redahl  
Head Librarian  
Flin Flon Public Library  
Flin Flon, MB

Dear Gretta,

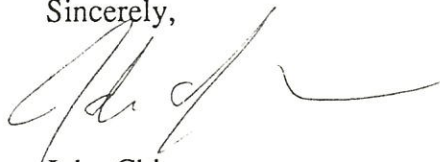
I wanted to write a letter of thanks for all the support the library has given our Internet group. The library has been a vital connection to the community as we work towards setting up a web site for the Greenstone region and expand local access to this soon-to-be vital service.

The library has helped us in determining the interests and needs of local citizens in regards to the Internet. You and your staff have taken a very proactive approach to this developing technology and what role it will play within your library in the future.

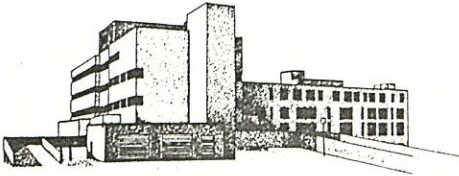
As an important community partner, it has helped us immensely to have your support and input. I am also confident the library will continue to play a role in the future of our committee and how it fosters development in Flin Flon.

Thank you once again for all the help and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,



John Chipman



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January 9, 1995

Flin Flon Public Library  
c/o Greta Redahl  
58 Main Street  
Flin Flon, MB

The Holiday Season has many special moments and joys to offer. Perhaps the most enjoyable for us is the opportunity to say thank you to the Board of Directors and Staff of the Flin Flon Public Library for hosting the special Christmas Tea. It is indeed a pleasure for many of our residents to attend.

The residents and staff of the Personal Care Home and Long Term Care Unit extend best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all.

Yours sincerely,

Marlyn Fehr,  
Director of Long Term Care Services

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## FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ended December 31, 1995

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
City of Flin Flon - Grant - Note 6	\$ 64,705	\$ 63,661
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	8,500	8,500
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	60,868	50,868
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	8,500	8,500
Government of Canada - Summer Student Project	-	1,320
Miscellaneous Revenue - Note 7	<u>27,662</u>	<u>28,724</u>
	<u>170,235</u>	<u>161,573</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Audit	1,043	775
Bank Charges, Penalties and Interest	552	541
Books	16,184	22,519
Continuing Education	-	205
Express and Delivery	137	276
Furniture and Equipment	453	527
Goods and Services Tax	2,923	3,850
Honeywell Expense	5,665	4,611
Insurance	601	561
Janitorial Contract	5,160	4,890
Janitorial Supplies	851	599
Magazines and Periodicals	1,651	2,633
Maintenance and Repairs		
-Building	558	568
-Equipment	207	577
Membership Fees	35	450
Publicity and Promotion	1,007	1,037
Salaries and Employee Benefits	91,451	83,344
Stationery and Library Supplies	2,078	2,232
Summer Student Project	-	1,520
Sundry	1,467	1,554
Supplies for Copy Machine	3,080	2,555
Telephone and Telecopier - Net	175	178
Travel and Conference	1,044	1,528
Toys, Records and Tapes	243	491
Utilities	<u>12,966</u>	<u>12,452</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>149,531</u>	<u>150,473</u>
<b>NET REVENUE ON OPERATIONS</b>	<u>\$ 20,704</u>	<u>\$ 11,100</u>

- See accompanying notes subject to Auditors' Report.





Library 1995 Holdings

	1994	Added	Withdrawn	1995
Adult Books				
Adult Non-Fic	8,871	326	288	8,909
Adult Fiction	5,637	190	42	5,785
Youth Non-Fic	607	-	4	603
Youth Fiction	1,103	152	173	1,082
Unacc Pkt Books	<u>2,319</u>	<u>620</u>	<u>667</u>	<u>2,272</u>
Sub Total	18,537	1,288	1,174	18,651
Children's Books				
Junior Non-Fic	2,156	26	36	2,146
Junior Fiction	1,958	148	282	1,824
Beginner Readers	<u>2,853</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>2,864</u>
Sub Total	6,967	272	405	6,834
Books:				
Downstairs Level	<u>129</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	129
Total:	25,633	1,560	1,579	25,614
Computer Disks		16		16
Newspapers & Periodicals	50	-	-	50
Donated	26	30	-	56
Bound Periodicals	113	-	-	113
Records & Cassettes	69	-	7	62
Toys	189	2	2	189
Videos	460	55	8	507
Talking Books	119	-	3	116
Vertical File				
Folders	215	-	15	200
Telephone	96	-	-	96
Government Documents	100	-	-	100
Sound Print	<u>364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>359</u>
Sub Total	1,801	103	40	1,864
Total:	27,434	1,663	1,619	27,478



Circulation	1994	1995
Adult Non-Fiction	8,883	8,464
Adult Fiction	9,319	8,900
Youth Non-Fiction	94	125
Youth Fiction	1,068	887
Large Print	489	130
Large Print (PLS)	-	318
Unaccessioned Pocket Books	7,404	7,009
Magazines	809	715
University (I.U.N.)	189	188
CHILDREN		
Junior Non-Fiction	1,868	1,745
Junior Fiction	3,368	2,896
Reginner Readers	<u>9,833</u>	<u>7,927</u>
Sub-Total	43,324	39,304
Films	3	3
Records	27	17
Cassettes	20	187
Talking Books	170	188
Talking Books	-	16
Toys	226	202
Inter-Library Loan-Borrowed	601	466
Inter-Library Loan-Lent	123	123
Videos	7,514	4,951
Videos (PLS)	-	453
Vertical Files	400	261
Foreign Language	23	22
Foreign Language (PLS)	-	4
Sound Print Library	<u>282</u>	<u>280</u>
Computer Disks		388
Total:	52,713	46,865



# Story hour strikes up reading interest

## Staff Writer

Binky the rabbit loses his Easter egg. Sly the Fox, intent on an egg breakfast, finds and hides it from Binky. All seems lost and hopeless for the disheartened Binky. But then Sly has a sudden change of heart. Struck by the beauty of the painted egg, he decides he cannot eat it after all and, instead, takes it back to Binky and his family, who are so overjoyed they invite the fox in for dinner.

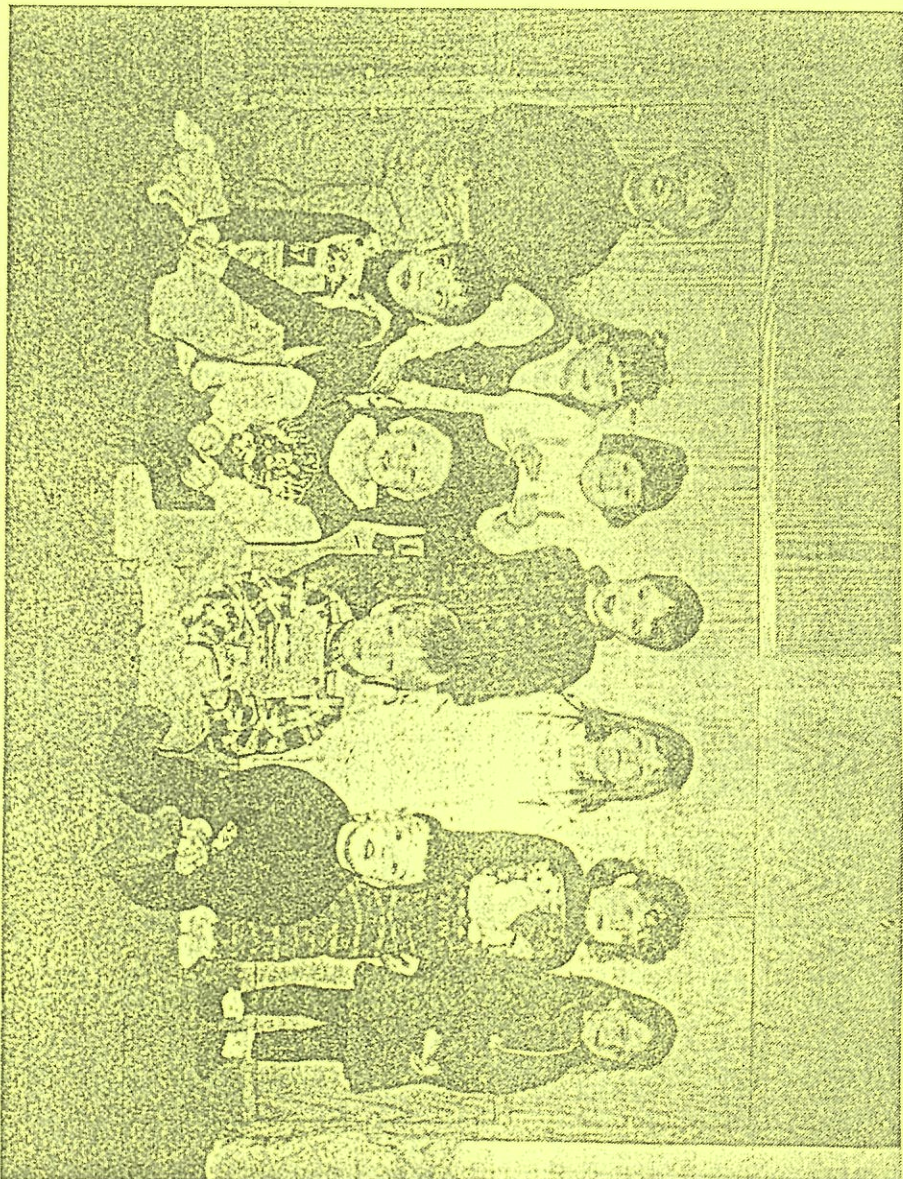
So goes the plot of one of the stories that regale preschool children at Library Story Hour each Wednesday. From 10 till 11 a.m. up to 20 tykes find their enjoyment in the Rotary Room, listening to stories, playing games, making crafts and lunching on cookies and juice in this free program intended to get the children interested in reading and what the library has

to offer.

"They're pretty shy when they first start, but by the time story hour's over they don't want to leave," observes Phyllis Stadyk, Story Hour Coordinator, explaining how quickly the youngsters take to Story Hour.

Assisting Stadyk are Lori McKay, a Many Faces student hoping to pursue a career in Child Psychology, and such parents as Kim MacDonald and Lori Lawrence, who all volunteer their time to enhance this educational atmosphere.

Story Hour runs in two sessions -- October to December and January to May -- and has proven so popular over its twelve years that many parents inquire about registry as early as June, Stadyk reports, even though applications are not accepted until after the program is advertised in September.



Children gather at the Library for Story Hour Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m.



