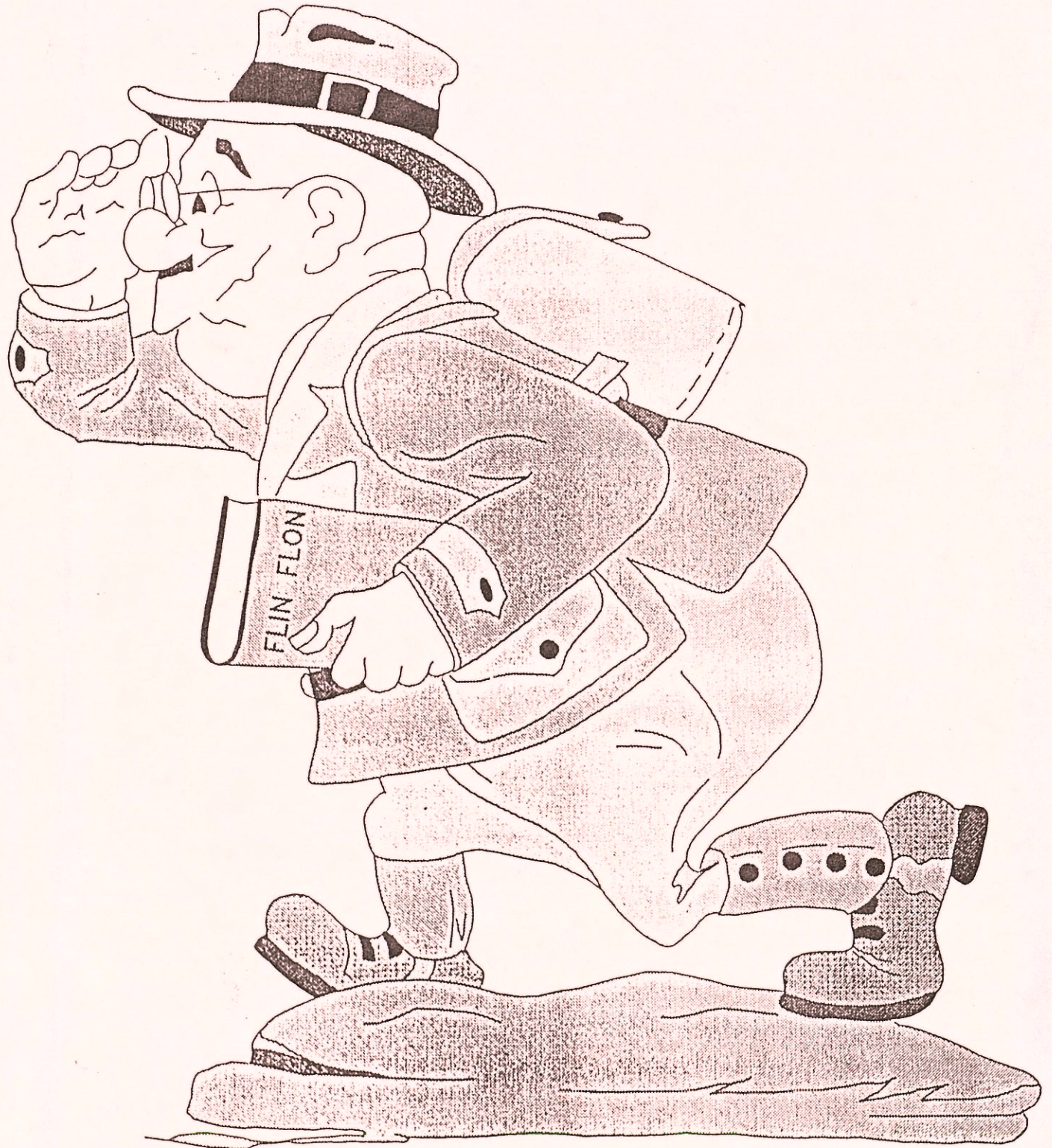


FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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ANNUAL REPORT





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FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL EDITION

1996

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 - 1996

Bob Frazer	- Chairman
Buz Trevor	- Vice Chairman
Val Dixon	- Sec/Creighton Council Rep.
Dave Law	- Flin Flon Council Rep.
Murray Smith	- Member
Charlie Mott	- Member
"Bunny" Burke	- Secretary

STAFF

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

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Since the 1996 report the Board membership has remained stable and we intend to continue with the same Board throughout the year.

In 1996 the Library incurred some significant maintenance costs which were funded by the City of Flin Flon. These included approximately \$6500 for an upgraded lighting system in the Main Library and approximately \$4000 to refurbish the canopy over the front door. This entailed a new all-weather finish and aluminum soffits.

As well, the Library roof has developed a leak. An independent engineer's report indicates that repairs to the roof will cost \$40,000.

Under Cathy Delgatty a newly revitalized Friends Of The Library group are providing valuable help to the Library.

The final step in the automation of the library has been initiated by the letting of a contract to install a complete new computer network with full access to the outside world.

The following are some of the functions that will be carried out on the new system:

- Computerized book loans and returns using a bar-code scanner.
- Computerized topic searches by patrons using a "key-word" system. For the present these searches will apply to books within the library. In the near future this search capability will be expanded to include books within local school libraries and later to include books in other outside libraries.
- Computerized "flagging" of overdue books.
- Computerized office functions such as letter-writing and accounting.

I would like to express my appreciation to Gretta Redahl and the other members of the staff for their continued dedicated efforts to upgrade the library.

G.R. Frazer



## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT USING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AS A MODEL FOR LIBRARY ADVOCACY**

### **INTERNATIONAL AWARD:**

The HEALTHCARE FORUM is a resource in education and applied research at the forefront of new leadership thinking, organizational learning and mastering change. The FORUM is a catalyst in the creation of HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES. FORUM members are individual and organizational leaders throughout the United States and countries around the world.

In April 20-23, 1996 the FORUM was held in SAN FRANCISCO, USA. It was at this FORUM that HEALTHY FLIN FLON shared the INTERNATIONAL AWARD with TUXTLA, ZAPOTITLAN from PUEBLO, MEXICO.

The International Selection Committee judged applicants on: Quality of Vision, Community-Wide Effort, Action Plan, Accountability and Sustainability. HEALTHY FLIN FLON represented a unique example of community involvement with a focus on expressed community need. Flin Flon is the first Canadian Community to be recognized at this level, for innovative community development.

The Community reception for the unveiling of the HEALTHY FLIN FLON AWARD was held in June. The award is on display in the Library.

### **WHY IS THIS INFORMATION IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY?**

- This Community Development Model was proclaimed by resolution through City Council
- The Library Administrator was one of the four co-founders for this Movement
- New information, ideas and trends constantly flow into the Public Library. The Librarian is in a position to pass this knowledge along to other community Leaders for consideration when planning for the future of the community

### **HEALTHY COMMUNITIES IS ONE MODEL THAT COULD BE ADAPTED TO DEVELOP THIS PROCESS IN LIBRARY ADVOCACY.**

#### **WHY IS ADVOCACY IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY?**

Advocacy is important in order to accomplish the following:

- To raise the Library profile
- To improve the relationship between Libraries and other organizations
- To acquire resources (financial, capital, and human) for the Library

Through HEALTHY FLIN FLON we have achieved the objectives of ADVOCACY. This was accomplished by:

### **1. RAISING THE PROFILE OF THE FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY THROUGH THE HEALTHY FLIN FLON PROCESS**

Representatives from over 80 organizations attended the monthly Healthy Flin Flon Public Forum which took place at the Public Library. This brought a cross-section of community leaders into the library; some entering for the first time.

### **2. IMPROVING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE COMMUNITY**

The Library has acted as a catalyst and has been used as an incubator for the following new ideas and programs:

- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDUCATIONAL NETWORK 2000
- PARTNERSHIP WITH LOKKEN TRAINING CONSULTANTS AND THE HUMAN RESOURCE CENTER
- COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION CENTRE
- COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY ACTION COMMITTEE
- MANY FACES ALTERNATE HIGH SCHOOL (class room)
- ADULT LEARNING CENTRE
- FAMILY LITERACY
- HEALTHY FLIN FLON PUBLIC FORUM

Our book and resource acquisitions increasingly reflect the true needs and unique character of the community. This result has come about as the organizations and members have become more involved with the library.

### **3. THE FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS ACQUIRED RESOURCES (financial, capital and human) THROUGH THE INVOLVEMENT OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS USING THE HEALTHY FLIN FLON PROCESS**

- Lokken Training Consultants brought in considerable funding through room rental, fax and copy service
- Consumer Information Centre brought , furniture, computer, Internet access and a Information Researcher to perform a personal service for the public
- Many Faces Alternate School brought 2 computers, furniture and many CD-ROM disks
- Friends of the library Group, utilizing the excellent community relations the library had established was successful with a Book Donation Campaign during the month of Dec.



**AUTHOR VISITS IN 1996:**

Children's Author, Martyn Godfrey was selected as the author of choice by the Students from the Creighton Saskatchewan Public School. The author's visit was the award received for winning a Province wide "Reading Program". The reading was held in the Library in April.

Newly published author, Joan Edwards, unveiled her book "PLEASE DON'T SHOOT THE BUFFLO" during a public signing in the Library in December. Joan sold many copies of her book for Christmas gifts.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

LORI'S BOOKCELLER, a local book store, displayed and sold her books in the Library during the months of July and December.

**LION'S QUEST PROGRAM:**

Six Hapnot College teachers visited the Library for one morning in October to gain work experience and awareness of library work procedures. This knowledge was then passed on to the students participating in this program. Four Hapnot Students from the Lion's Quest Program had to complete 20 hours of work experience in the Library to receive their credit. The students are placed in many different business and services through out the community, the goal is to combine the concept of the workplace with education.

PLS Consultant, Louise Shah visited the Library in April to meet with two Library Board Trustees. They are Creighton Town Council Representative Val Dixon and Flin Flon City Council Representative Dave Law. The discussion centered around issues concerning the two communities and the provision of library services to the Town of Creighton.

The daily newspaper "The Reminder" celebrated its 50th anniversary in October. A come and go Reception was held at the Library. The Reminder made up displays of years of pictures that were taken of community events and special occasions. These pictures were then sold to community people. The profit from these pictures were then donated to charitable organizations. The library was a popular choice for many people.

The Senior Citizen's Annual Christmas Party, delighted a crowd of seniors, young people and guests with song and food. This joyful event is hosted by the Library Staff each year and winds up the year on a happy note.





## CONSUMER INFORMATION CENTRE

The Consumer Information Centre (C.I.C.) is in its second year of operation. The Centre is located in the middle of The Flin Flon Public Library. Our location makes us highly visible to all library patrons. The C.I.C. has also undergone a name change. It was formerly known as the Consumer Health Information Centre. Human Resource Development's new Job Creation Funding requested this name change. While still providing health information we cater to any type of information request. The new funding concludes at the end of June 1997.

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

From January 1996 to December 1996 the Consumer Information Centre had three hundred sixty one (361) requests for information. Requests come from walk-in customers as well as telephone requests. Many of the people who have requested services have been referred by word of mouth.

Patrick Weber  
Information Coordinator  
Consumer Information Centre



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## Expanding Community Inter-Agency Connection

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Various representatives from Community Organizations have formed an alliance to establish the Consumer Information Centre. The members and organizations they represent are listed as follows:

Public Library & Chamber of Commerce. . . . .	Gretta Redahl
Saskatchewan Health. . . . .	Adele Crocker
Flin Flon City Council. . . . .	Tom Therian
Manitoba Health Promotion. . . . .	Heather Acres
Information Coordinator/Educator. . . . .	Patrick Weber
Concerned Citizen. . . . .	Kathy Delgatty
Community Nurse Resource Centre. . . . .	Marj McNeill
Family Services/ Rotary Club. . . . .	John Scott
Pharmasave Pharmacist. . . . .	Janet Campbell
Regional Health Authority CEO. . . . .	Gerry Hildebrand
Public Health. . . . .	Bev Hill
Human Resources Development. . . . .	Art Williamson

These members have recognized the growing consumer tendency to access information on their own. This tendency is the result of higher education levels and the growing abundance of information. The members have recognized a need to pool their information resources in one centralized location to make it easier for the busy consumer to access all the information needed for important decision making.



## MEMBERSHIP

	<u>1995</u>	<u>New Members</u>	<u>Cancellations</u>	<u>1996</u>
Resident Family	4,773	245	22	4,996
Non-Resident Family	817	91	3	905



The Healthy Flin Flon Committee unveiled their award at the Library on Monday. *Staff Photo*





# 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 to 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 Stadnyk, Story Hour Coordinator, explaining how quickly the youngsters take to Story Hour.

Assisting Stadnyk 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, Stadnyk 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.



# RULES FOR BEING HUMAN

1. You will receive a body. You may like it or hate it, but it will be yours for the entire period this time around.
2. You will learn lessons. You are enrolled in a full-time informal school called life. Each day in this school you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the lessons or think them irrelevant and stupid.
3. There are no mistakes, only lessons. Growth is a process of trial and error and experimentation. The "failed" experiments are as much as part of the process as the experiment that ultimately "works".
4. A lesson is repeated until learned. A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it. When you have learned it, you can then go on to the next lesson.
5. Learning lessons does not end. There is no part of life that does not contain its lessons. If you are alive, there are lessons to be learned.
6. "There" is no better place than "here". When your "there" has become a "here," you will simply obtain another "there" that will again, look better than "here."
7. Others are merely mirrors of you. You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects to you something you love or hate about yourself.
8. What you make of your life is up to you. You have all the tools and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you. The choice is yours.
9. The answers lie inside you. The answer to life's questions lie inside you. All you need to do is look, listen, and trust.
10. Whether you think you can or can't; In either case you'll be right.

Think about it.

*Author Unknown  
Found on a refrigerator in Toronto*

# Library 1996 Holdings

	1995	Added	Withdrawn	1996
Adult Books				
Adult Non-Fic	8,909	389	719	8,579
Adult Fiction	5,785	242	848	5,179
Youth Non-Fic	603	-	2	601
Youth Fiction	1,082	48	1	1,129
Unacc Pkt Books	2,272	546	786	2,032
Sub Total	18,651	1,225	2,356	17,520
Children's Books				
Junior Non-Fic	2,146	24	21	2,149
Junior Fiction	1,824	174	51	1,947
Beginner Reader	2,864	198	21	3,041
Sub Total	6,834	396	93	7,137
Books:				
Downstairs				
Level	129	300	-	429
Total	25,614	1,921	2,449	25,086
Computer Disks	16	9	-	25
Newspapers &				
Periodicals	50	2	3	49
Donated	56	3	-	59
Bound Periodicals	113	-	-	113
Records &				
Cassettes	62	6	-	68
Toys	189	-	1	188
Videos	507	65	17	555
Talking Books	116	15	-	131
Vertical File	200	5	1	204
Telephone	96	-	-	96
Government				
Documents	100	25	-	125
Sound Print	359	-	-	359
Sub Total	1,864	130	22	1,972
Total	27,478			
Large Print	*included in			
Adult Fic		10	-	10
Reference	*included in			
Adult Non-Fic		4	-	4
French	*included in			
Fiction			-	-
	27,478	2,065	2,471	27,072



Circulation	1995	1996
Adult		
Adult Non-Fiction	8,464	8,389
Adult Fiction	8,900	9,486
Youth Non-Fiction	125	100
Youth Fiction	887	607
Large Print	130	90
Large Print (PLS)	318	424
Unaccessioned Paperbacks	7,009	7,575
Magazines	715	683
University (I.U.N.)	188	128
Children		
Junior Non-Fiction	1,745	1,821
Junior Fiction	2,896	2,861
Beginner Reader	<u>7,927</u>	<u>9,292</u>
Sub-Total	39,304	41,456
Films	3	0
Records	17	0
Cassettes	187	14
Talking Books	188	265
Talking Books (PLS)	16	13
Toys	202	114
Inter-Library Loan - Borrowed	466	682
Inter-Library Loan - Lent	123	117
Videos	4,951	5,616
Videos (PLS)	453	693
Vertical Files	261	207
Foreign Language	22	2
Foreign Language (PLS)	4	-
Sound Print Library	280	381
Computer Disks	388	403
Consumer Health Info Centre	-	<u>416</u>
Total:	<u>46,865</u>	<u>50,379</u>

# THE FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES (Operating Fund)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	1996	1995
EXPENSES		
Archives	\$ 165	\$ -
Audit	1,000	1,043
Bank Charges, Penalties and Interest	604	552
Books	14,708	8,622
Continuing Education	45	-
Express and Delivery	126	137
Furniture and Equipment	10,104	453
Goods & Services Tax	3,287	2,923
Honeywell Expense	5,665	5,665
Insurance	654	601
Janitorial Contract & Supplies	5,744	6,011
Magazines and Periodicals	1,438	1,651
Maintenance and Repairs		
-Building	1,640	558
-Equipment	603	207
Membership Fees	345	35
Publicity and Promotion	772	1,007
Salaries and Employee Benefits	93,925	91,449
Stationery and Library Supplies	4,257	2,078
Sundry	1,499	1,467
Supplies for Copy Machine	3,559	3,081
Telephone	916	1,391
Travel and Conference	750	1,044
Toys, Records and Tapes	875	243
Utilities	<u>13,933</u>	<u>12,966</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 166,614</u>	<u>\$ 143,184</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES

# THE FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE (Operating Fund)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	1996	1995
<b>REVENUE</b>		
City of Flin Flon - Grant - Note 3 →	\$ 64,725	\$ 64,705
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	8,500	8,500
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	60,868	60,868
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	<u>8,500</u>	<u>8,500</u>
Total Revenue	<u>142,593</u>	<u>142,573</u>
<b>REVENUE OTHER</b>		
Donations →	823	221
Over Due Book Fines	2,270	2,269
Copying Charges	6,257	5,986
Rotary Room Rental	3,464	2,893
Parking Stall Rentals	1,156	1,059
Book Sales	739	840
Interest	3,538	4,087
Goods & Services Tax	1,878	1,620
Sales - Handicraft	884	1,125
Facility Rentals - Lokken Associates	9,889	-
Fax	<u>1,523</u>	<u>1,215</u>
Total Revenue Other	<u>32,421</u>	<u>21,315</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	175,014	163,888
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES - Per Schedule</b>	<u>166,614</u>	<u>143,184</u>
<b>INCOME FROM OPERATIONS</b>	8,400	20,704
<b>TRANSFER TO SPECIAL RESERVE</b>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>20,704</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES



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# LOKKEN ASSOCIATES

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*Training Consultants, Inc.*

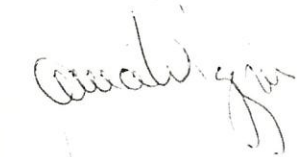
## Lokken Associates Training Consultants Inc. Update

The Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library and Lokken Associates Training Consultants Inc. have been working together for the past 2 years. One of our shared goals is to instill Lifelong Learning into the community by supporting and providing Adult Education Training Projects to underemployed or unemployed individuals.

By working together we have been able to share invaluable resources such as knowledge and expertise, and foster a greater understanding of the potential of Human Resources.

In addition to our relationship the Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library continues to provide the City of Flin Flon and the Town of Creighton with modern, up-to-date technology, reading material, and Attitudes. No request is too big or too small, and no one is denied the opportunity to utilize their resources.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library on another year of excellent and innovative service in the era of the Information Highway and Society.



Janice Wiggins  
Regional Manager

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## ***GERRY AND THE LIBRARY***

My friend Gerry Mascho was the most special man I ever knew. His strongest specialness was his caring. I envied him his natural ability to understand where I was at, and to enter into that feeling unrestrainedly. He never asked why, he just cared. He taught me the meaning of so many things, always gently, and always wryly. One special day Gerry took me on an adventure that changed my life.

To understand the story you have to know that I lived on the last row of houses in south Prince Albert, the poor section up by the Provincial Jail. Ours was a two room house set at the back of the lot so that our 'street' was in fact the back alley. We had no indoor toilet facilities. The front room was the living room and kitchen. The small room held two beds, one for me and my sister, and a smaller one for my father.

In my neighbourhood there was no tolerance for quietness. I was a shy boy who enjoyed getting lost in a book more than almost anything else. The other kids did not read as recreation, and did not let me read either. My attempts to find a quiet time always resulted in a tussle, often as fight. I read in school, of course, and we had a couple of books at home, but uninterrupted reading was just not possible where I lived.

Public reading was unheard of except in Poole's corner store. There I would scrunch down behind the comic and magazine racks. If the owner forgot I was there I could read the comics until he discovered me, and threw me out, always with the accompanying harangue about 'buying' and 'the poorhouse'.

I was five years old when I met Gerry in Grade 1 at Queen Elizabeth school. He often commented that he remembered me because I used to jump on him from the Jungle Gym. I don't remember that, but I do remember one of my first magical adventures that I still call 'Gerry and the Library'.

At that point in my life a Library was only a word to me. I knew of course that it was a place where they had books, but I did not know where it was, or anything else about it. One Saturday in October Gerry asked me if I wanted to go to the Library with him. I said sure since I had no real vision what was involved, and I enjoyed doing things with Gerry. We walked down to the old Library building on Twelfth Street. It was a strong building, brick, with a porch formed by large brick arches under a full length balcony on the second floor. Beneath the central arch were broad steps leading up to huge double oak doors. It still stands in Prince Albert, although it is empty and in disrepair, a decaying 'heritage site'.



As soon as we entered I knew the drill. The Library was imposing and there was a woman behind a desk. I had spent enough time in welfare offices to know that if I acted up she would descend on me with conviction (and eviction).

It was a beautiful place. There were books everywhere, on the desks, on the tables, and of course on the shelves. And it was quiet. I wandered (wondered?) over to one of the tables. On it were Tin Tin and Babar, both favourites of mine. Gerry sat down to read a book he had found, so I decided to read until the woman threw me out. I read both books, and several others from the pile on the table before the woman behind the desk came up to me.

She was an old woman. Of course when you are five anyone over twelve is old, but she had grey hair tied in a bun at the back of her head, so to me she was old. She had wrinkles and a set line for a mouth. I had met many men and women who looked like her in welfare offices, churches and police stations. Therefore I knew what to expect, and prepared myself for a derisive lecture, and an embarrassed departure.

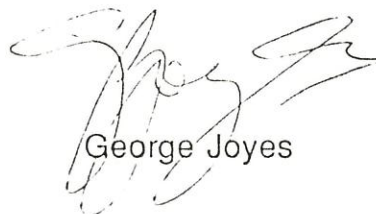
I was stunned speechless when she smiled and asked me how I was enjoying the books, and if she could help me find any others to read.

To make a long story short I learned about Libraries that day. I never dreamed that there was such a magical, peaceful place, or that there were people as special as the Librarian. She was in fact a wonderful 'Old Woman', and became central to my continuing adventure at the Library. I went there every Saturday, often with Gerry. You know, I never asked him if he took me there on purpose because he knew I needed such a sanctuary, or if it was just his instinctive helping in action. It doesn't matter. Either way, Gerry opened a door to a magical place, and changed my life forever.

"Children who are  
read to ...READ!"

Respectfully;



  
George Joyes

"Parents  
are a child's  
first  
and most important  
teachers."

A FAMILY LITERACY  
PROGRAM  
Flin Flon, Manitoba



# COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE

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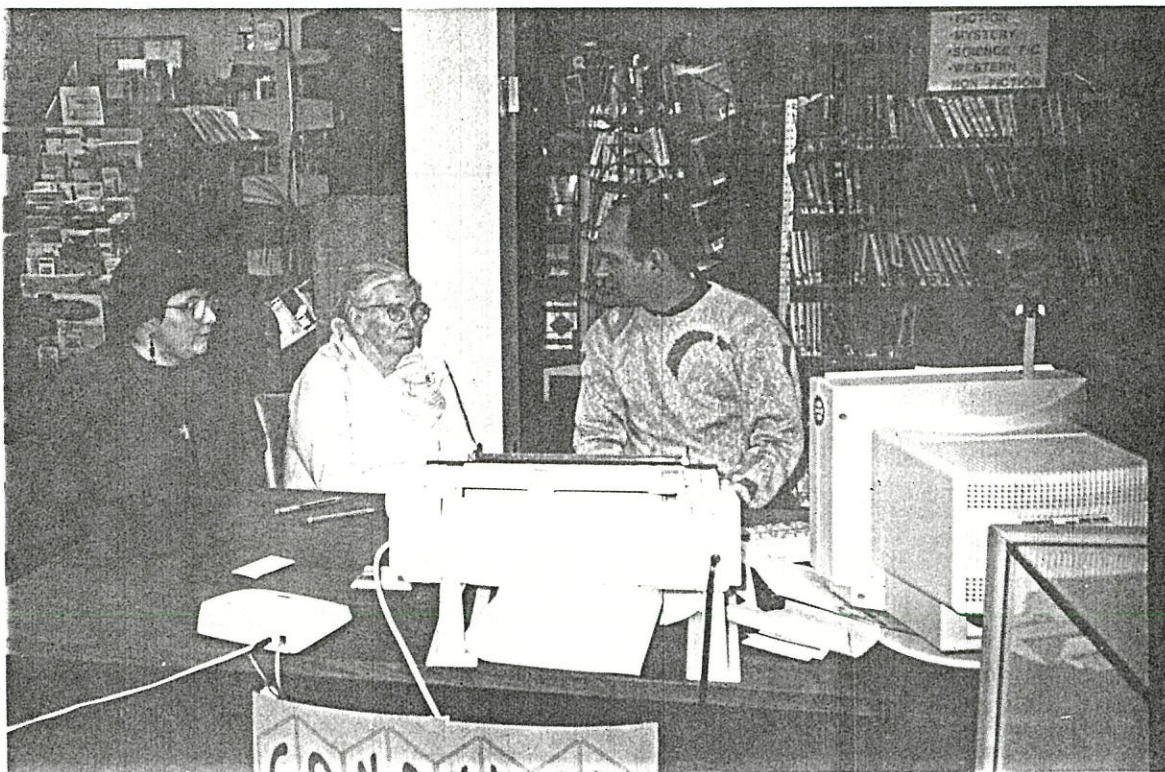
The Community Adult Learning Centre, now situated in Rooms 208 and 209, 35 Main Street, took place, for the first 5 years of its life, in the Archives Room of the Flin Flon Public Library. The program, which began in early 1992, has grown rapidly, indicating the need for such a facility in our community. At the time of this report, there is an enrolment of 32 students. Due to its rapid expansion, a grant of \$23,000 has been allocated by the Minister of Education, of the Province of Manitoba, through the Literacy Department in Winnipeg. The centre is governed by a committee of 10 persons, led by Chairperson, Val Whitbread. Practitioner/Instructor, Margaret de Kock, caters to the needs of the students with the help of 15 volunteer tutors who teach on a one-on-one basis. Duties of the practitioner include recruitment, interviewing, assessment, instruction, and evaluation of students, recruitment of tutors, and preparation of individual study programs for students. The program is learner-oriented, and confidentiality is stressed.

The student body includes adults who want to improve reading, arithmetical, spelling, language, and handwriting skills, as well as English Second Language, and GED students. Lessons take place in the classroom or at the tutor's or student's home.

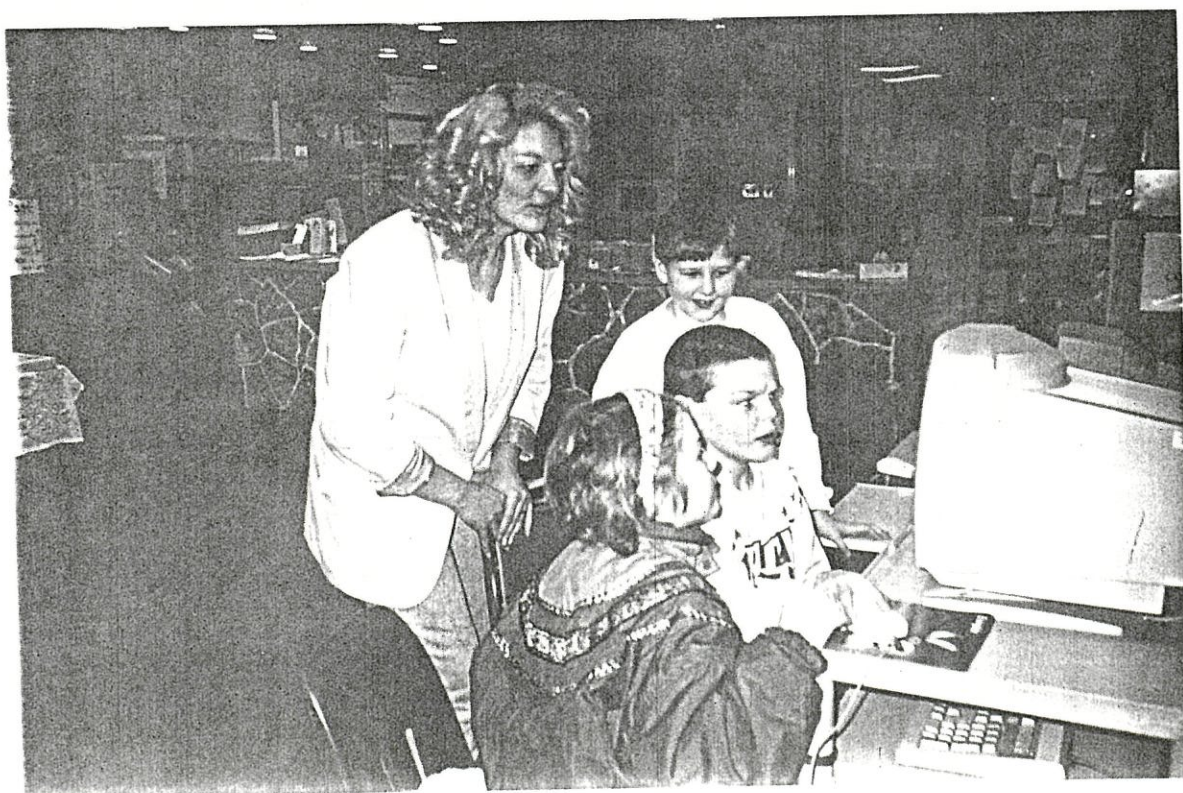
A special "THANK-YOU" is extended to Gretta Redahl, Chief Administrator of the library, the librarians, program committee people, and volunteer tutors, who have been so generous towards the program.

Margaret de Kock  
Practitioner/Instructor  
Community Adult Learning Centre





Patrick Webber instructing and  
doing an information search on  
the internet for the public



Lois MacFarlane enjoying a CD  
on the computer with her children





## Please Don't Shoot the Buffalo

Joan Edwards was born in England in 1917, and came to Canada in 1923. She trained as Nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in London, Ontario, and moved to Northern Manitoba with her husband Jack in 1949 when she accepted a position

at Oxford House with the federal Indian Health Services. In the early fifties after field nursing assignments in Northwest Ontario and Fort Alexander, she joined her husband on the trapline at Kiskeynew Lake. Low fur prices in 1956 brought Joan and Jack Edwards back from the trapline to set up a home in Flin Flon where Joan still resides. Joan began writing in 1989 at the age of seventy-two.

## Godfrey great with kids and grown ups

by Arnold Johnston

A school boy with a raisin stuck in his nose, another whose practically only spoken word is "ugh", a teenager who unwittingly walks into his own surprise party naked -- just a few of the subjects for the lively, enacted and immensely funny stories writer Martyn Godfrey tells as he tours to promote his work.

Invited by Creighton School, Godfrey made his latest travel stop at the Flin Flon Library's Rotary Room Wednesday afternoon. Before a crowd of young students, teachers, and parents and without the slightest pause for an hour, Godfrey recollected in animated fashion the strange incidents that spurred him onto writing books for youths, his anecdotes touched up with pantomime often doubling over the listeners in laughter.



**What's in writer/comedian Marty Godfrey's nose?**

