

2000

*Flin Flon  
Public  
Library*



**ANNUAL REPORT**

# FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Library Board - 2000

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## Library Staff - 2000

**Library Administrator**     Gretta Redahl

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Kathleen Delgatty	Special Projects Co-ordinator
	Admin/Technology INFOPOD CLN



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



During the year 2000 the Library continued to develop its computer services for the public and the public have responded by increasing their patronage of these services. At the same time the Library continues to fulfill its traditional role as a source of reading material.

The publicly available computers grouped together in the "InfoPod" in a central position on the main floor provide the public with the functions of:

- Taking the place of the card index – books sought are found much more quickly and easily using a computer.
- Finding and borrowing books which are resident in other Manitoba libraries. This is done through the InterNet.
- Access to email. Tourists are the main beneficiaries of this service.
- Making posters, writing letters and resumes and other common computer functions.
- Carrying out research on the InterNet.

During the year the Library and other community groups have been presented with a proposal to participate in a "Community Learning Network". Although rather vague, the general idea is that people will be solicited for proposals to use the publicly available computer facilities and working spaces in a manner beneficial to the community. If such ideas presented meet a set of federal government criteria, then federal government funding will be available.

Several ideas have been presented and they will be dealt with in the year 2001.

I would like to thank Gretta Redahl and her staff for their continued dedicated and innovative efforts to enhance the Library.

G. R. Frazer  
Chairman

## ♦ ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT ♦

The Year 2000 in the Flin Flon Public Library marked the entry into what all libraries are facing-implementing programs and services that reflect huge changes within society. Our Library is most fortunate as we have formed important partnerships over the years that have assisted us in fulfilling our goals. Healthy Flin Flon was a major start in this process. The growth we are now experiencing is a journey complimented by the contributions of many individuals and partners over several years.

With the Internet ,residents can access information and services in ways that were never dreamed of just a few short years ago. One only has to look at our Inter Library loan program to realize the significance of change. People can now access the card catalogues of the Manitoba rural libraries and order books from home.

Our INFOPOD is a huge success. People from all walks of life walk and from all over the world to use our 7 public access stations.The Canada Manitoba Business Service Centre (CMBSC) is a valuable service on the POD as well as the HRDC JOBBANK kiosk.

Our year has been busy and some of the hi-lights include

- the further development of our community based program "EARLY BEGINNINGS " co-ordinated by Robin Galbraith. Our partner in this initiative is the Flin Flon Sweetgrass Aboriginal Head Start Centre.
- Twice a week children enrolled in this community program come to the Library for a reading enrichment session.
- the participation in the community YOUTH CONFERENCE 2000
- the SUMMER READING PROGRAM " Window on the World" which provided children with the opportunity to experience different cultures
- the seniors EASTER TEA was well attended by shut-ins who loved the community musical entertainment
- the continued support of the Educational community by participating in the support of LOKKEN TRAINING COURSE in tourism which we partnered with in the area of technological support, the hosting of workshops conducted by Wayne Warren INTERMATICS Consultant in conjunction with the formation of the ManSask Internet Co-op, the INTERNET library training
- the participation in FLIN FLON HOMECOMING 2000 with the reading during that time by author Bob Rogers
- the participation in research and development work in the establishment of a "COMMUNITY LEARNING NETWORK"

In 2001, our online services will grow at <http://www.infopod.net>. We hope to improve the Library by working on a major "facelift" including upgrading our archival area. and giving a more modern look to the main floor.We anticipate becoming a leader in lifelong learning through the establishment of a CLN.

Thank- you to all who assisted us in fulfilling our 2000 goals!

Gretta Redahl  
Adminstrator

# Aboriginal Head Start Centre

John Cook

The Flin Flon Sweetgrass Aboriginal Start Centre is a federally funded early intervention strategy which address the needs of young aboriginal (Metis, First Nation and Inuit) children living in urban areas and in large Northern communities.

It is a comprehensive program designed to meet the spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs of children from birth to six years old.

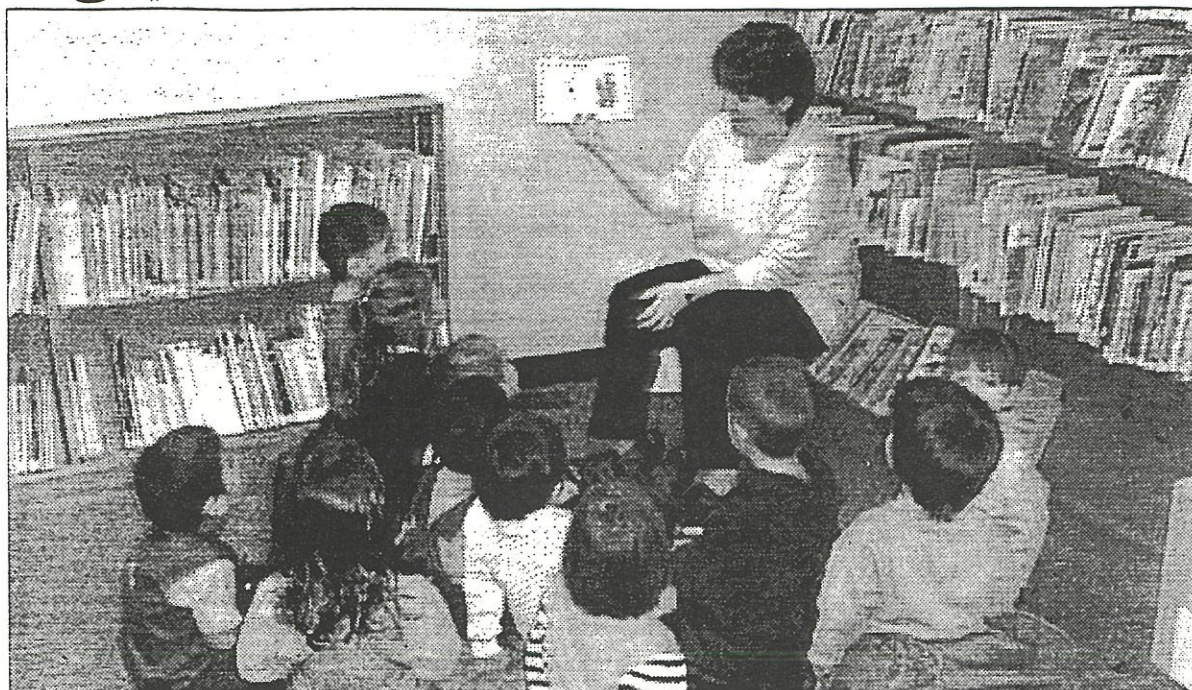


PHOTO BY JOHN COOK

Every Monday and Wednesday the kids from the Flin Flon Sweetgrass Aboriginal Head Start Centre spend an hour at the Flin Flon Public Library for Story Hour with Robin Galbraith.

## Promote childhood strategies

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The AHS Centre is a locally controlled and administered Aboriginal non-profit organization, which sees the parents/care giver as the natural advocate of the child and whose primary concern is the well being of Aboriginal children.

Funding for the centre has been made possible by Federal funding provided by Health Canada, in agreement with the Province of Manitoba.

The centre's mission is to promote Early Childhood Strategies designed and controlled by Aboriginal people.

These strategies will provide opportunities to Aboriginal pre-school children to develop a positive sense of self and a desire for learning, as well as providing them with opportunities to develop to their

fullest potential and to succeed in all aspects throughout their lives.

The centre offers services to Aboriginal children and their parents/care giver and families of outlying communities.

These surrounding communities are: Sherridon, Cranberry Portage, Denare Beech and Creighton.

Van service is provided to children and parents who are participating in the program.

A culturally relevant curriculum has been designed and implemented, that is based on the traditional teachings of the aboriginal culture and the six components of the AHS Initiative.

The components of the program are Culture and Language, Education, Health Promotion, Nutrition, Social Support Programs and Parental Involvement.

On Mondays and

Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. the centre has Story Hour at the Flin Flon Public Library.

The Library's Robin Galbraith reads for the kids at this time and the children enjoys it very much.

The programs and activities at the centre are Parent Programs, Beading/Crafts, Cooking Circle, Story Hour, Music Program, Smudging Ceremonies, Feasts, Traditional Dancing Information Workshops and Parent/Child Interaction Activities.

The staff at the centre is made up of Lisa Gamblin, Centre director; Katie Kawerski and April Downs, early childhood educators; Colleen Arnold, parent co-ordinator; Yvonne Markham, van driver, respite worker and custodial; Carolyn Brightnose, outreach worker for Cranberry Portage

and Donna Calvert, outreach worker for Sherridon and cultural language co-ordinator.

The Management Committee is made up of chairperson Marci Johnson from the Flin Flon Friendship Centre Sponsoring Agency; vice chairperson Lynne Dubois, Cranberry Portage representative; Donna James from the Manitoba Metis Federation representative; Barbara Gunville, a the Aboriginal Head Start representative; Heather Charlette from Sherridon parent representative; Bernadette Hillier from Flin Flon community representative; and Bernice Kirk from Denare Beach community representative.

This is the fifth year the centre has been in operation. The centre has 51 children enrolled this year.

**WEATHER**

High 15°C.  
Sun and cloud.  
NW winds @ 20kms.



Tonight ... Low -3°C.  
Tomorrow ... Mainly sunny, High 14°C.

# THE REMINDER

SERVING FLIN FLON & DISTRICT DAILY

Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada Post. Mail Reg. # 0502073 Wednesday, May 24, 2000 50¢

## Funding for community pilot project

Submitted By  
InfoDepot Steering  
Committee

The Flin Flon/Creighton Public Library has received approval for \$25,000 from The Office of Learning Technologies (OLT) in research and innovation funding. The funding is for a six-month phase to develop an innovative pilot project proposal. The pilot project is under the Community Learning Network program of OLT.

This developing project called InfoDepot will use the Internet to deliver information and knowledge to the community. The InfoDepot would be hosted by the library in partnership with other community organizations.

If this project is approved by the federal government, the funds available are up to \$100,000 per year for three years with 50 per cent of the funding to be matched by the community through contributions and financial assistance.

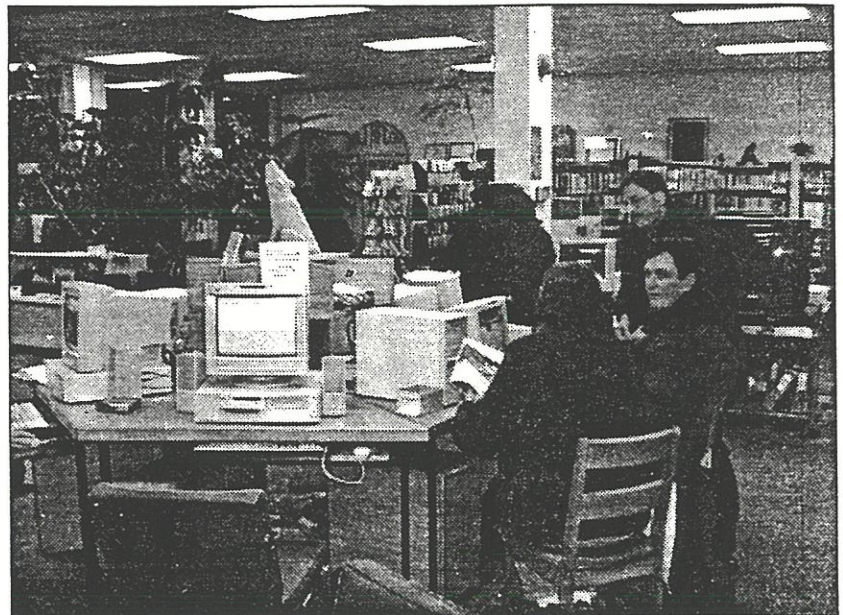
"We are in the planning and assessment stages. This summer, we are working on community consultations and we hope to send off the proposal in the fall," said Kathleen Delgatty, special projects coordinator at the Flin Flon Public Library.

Technology today requires that our lives are now made up of lifelong learning.

"Our mission is to provide the opportunity for lifelong learning at the community level through the use of technology. Our aim is to be a northern community that is connected and able to respond to all the changes that are before us in this post industrial era," Delgatty noted.

The projects involved will allow people to learn in a very non-formal way. The learning that will take place will be as a result of innovative, interesting and grassroots driven projects.

"The InfoDepot concept is a good project that could bring



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tremendous benefits to the community. We are looking for support from the community at this stage," she added.

The InfoDepot concept is aimed at furthering community and economic development while enhancing the lives of people in the community by supporting and encouraging lifelong learning. This project will further enhance the services of public

access to information and will enhance the services of the Flin Flon CAP site.

This unique centre of knowledge which is about to be created is aimed at assisting people to think and to do things in a fundamentally different way by using advanced technological tools available today. The primary method of connecting people will be through the Internet.

Partners represented on the steering committee are Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co. Limited, Royal Bank, Flin Flon Indian Métis Friendship Centre, Northlands College, City of Flin Flon and Human Resources Development Canada. During this developmental phase, additional partners will be recruited for the pilot project.

# Library Holdings 2000

	1997	1998	1999	ADDED	WITHDRAWN	2000
<b>Adult Books</b>						
Adult Non-fiction	8539	8694	8964	554	214	9304
Adult Fiction	5344	5415	5584	258	208	5634
Youth Non-fiction	474	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Fiction	248	175	71	0	0	71
Uncat. Pocketbooks	1869	1788	1842	329	518	1653
C/MBSC Books	-	0	93	7	0	100
<b>Subtotal</b>	16474	16072	16554	1148	940	16762
<b>Children's Books</b>						
Junior Non-fiction	2069	2131	2194	98	0	2292
Junior Fiction	2084	2017	2052	105	2	2155
Beginner Reader	3043	2968	3030	280	9	3301
<b>Subtotal</b>	7196	7116	7276	483	11	7748
Downstairs Level	130	130	1206	0	66	1206
<b>TOTAL</b>	23800	23318	25036	1631	951	25716
<b>Non-print/Misc.</b>						
Computer Disc	30	30	33	0	0	33
Newspaper/Periodicals	47	48	51	11	0	62
C/MBSC Magazines	-	-	15	15	0	15
Donated	62	62	62	0	38	24
Bound Periodicals	113	151	151	0	0	151
Record/Cassettes	69	69	69	0	20	49
Toys	215	224	223	5	20	208
<b>Subtotal</b>	536	584	604	16	78	542
Talking Books [1]	143	143	143	0	0	0
C/MBSC Audio	-	-	3	0	0	3
Vertical File	209	209	209	0	0	288
Telephone	96	96	96	0	66	30
Gov't documents	165	165	130	79	30	100
Sound Print	497	510	548	0	0	745
Videos [2]	651	701	440	40	0	480
C/MBSC Videos	-	-	20	0	0	20
<b>Subtotal</b>	1761	1824	1589	173	96	1666
Large Print	94	131	175	90	164	101
Reference	13	15	43	98	51	90
C/MBSC Reference	-	-	30	0	0	30
French	20	124	127	3	0	255
<b>Subtotal</b>	127	270	375	128	215	476
<b>TOTAL</b>	2424	2678	2568	505	389	2684
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>26224</b>	<b>25996</b>	<b>27604</b>	<b>2136</b>	<b>1340</b>	<b>28400</b>

Membership 4337

Notes

Telephone Directories

# Library Circulation 2000

	1997	1998	1999	2000	variance
<b>Adult Books</b>					
Adult Non-fiction	8152	7877	9127	7236	-1891
Adult Fiction	9988	9306	10556	10613	57
Youth Non Fiction	79	6	0	0	0
Youth Fiction	279	124	14	12	-2
Large Print	198	451	949	751	
Large Print PLS	458	494	473	588	115
Unaccessioned PBKS	7685	7348	8445	6187	-2258
C/MBSC Books		0	61	81	
Magazines	845	813	986	681	-305
Inter-Universities North	81	118	100	70	-30
<b>Children</b>					
Junior Fiction	2576	2142	3162	1083	-2079
Junior non-fiction	1817	1830	2752	1177	-1575
Beginner Reader	8837	8977	9759	7736	-2023
<b>Subtotal</b>	40995	39486	46384	36215	
<b>Films</b>	0	0	0	0	0
Records	12	19	0	0	0
Cassettes	12	4	4	0	-4
Talking Books	302	63	51	6	-45
Talking Books-PLS	10	13	51	65	14
Talking Books-C/MBSC	-	0	2	0	-2
Toys	155	0	88	34	-54
ILL-Received	728	528	590	777	187
ILL-Sent to	129	276	405	343	-62
Videos	3968	3133	3689	2069	-1620
Videos-PLS	714	490	386	247	-139
Videos-C/MBSC	-	0	10	20	10
Vertical File	177	73	48	3	-45
Foreign Language-French	18	0	63	99	36
Foreign language PLS	4	3	0	25	25
Sound Print Library	528	700	867	892	25
<b>Subtotal</b>	6757	5302	6254	4188	
<b>InfoPod Centre</b>					
InfoPod	-	624	0		
Computer Disks	463	0	61	6	-55
Word Processing	-	0	247	299	52
E-mail	-	252	467	644	177
Internet	-	0	1611	2034	423
Research	600	786	1500	1550	
Internet Research & Edu	2500	0	164	48	
<b>Subtotal</b>	3563	1662	4050		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u>51315</u>	<u>46450</u>	<u>56688</u>	<u>44984</u>	

Circulation changed to 3 week period

Talking books have been re-catalogued to sound Print

THE FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
REVENUE		
City of Flin Flon - Grant (Note 3)	\$ 76,442	\$ 76,442
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	10,000	10,000
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	58,823	56,765
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	10,000	8,500
Manitoba Canada Business Resource Centre	<u>1,875</u>	<u>743</u>
	<u>157,140</u>	<u>152,450</u>
REVENUE OTHER		
Donations	1,478	2,884
Overdue book fines	1,951	2,463
Copying charges	5,912	5,515
Rotary room rental	5,058	6,821
Parking stall rentals	1,156	963
Book Sales	7,584	5,452
Interest	3,057	2,683
Goods and services tax	4,077	2,987
Sales - Handicraft	-	175
E-mail	1,604	2,294
Fax	1,282	1,087
Music	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>
	<u>33,159</u>	<u>33,337</u>
REVENUE - LIBRARY OPERATIONS	190,299	185,787
REVENUE - SPECIAL PROJECTS	<u>29,724</u>	<u>14,817</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>220,023</u>	<u>200,604</u>
EXPENSES - LIBRARY OPERATIONS SCHEDULE	191,380	190,817
EXPENSES - SPECIAL PROJECTS	<u>25,870</u>	<u>14,817</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>217,250</u>	<u>205,634</u>
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	2,773	(5,030)
TRANSFER TO (FROM) SPECIAL RESERVE	<u>2,773</u>	<u>(5,030)</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

THE FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
LIBRARY OPERATIONS		
Archives	\$ 292	\$ -
Audit	1,000	1,000
Automation	11,062	8,645
Bank charges, penalties and interest	438	665
Books	21,577	31,880
Continuing Education	269	110
Express and delivery	348	520
Furniture	1,611	-
Goods and services tax	7,102	5,227
Handicraft	44	-
Insurance	1,210	722
Janitorial contract and supplies	6,699	5,928
Magazines and periodicals	2,547	2,252
Maintenance and repairs		
- Building	3,561	1,111
- Equipment	303	-
Membership fees	237	455
Publicity and promotion	1,249	771
Salaries and employee benefits	106,485	103,829
Stationery and library supplies	2,778	4,001
Supplies for copy machine	4,896	3,548
Telephone	1,693	1,952
Training	-	2,804
Travel and conference	2,185	424
Toys, records and tapes	1,402	4,667
Utilities	<u>12,392</u>	<u>10,306</u>
	<u>\$191,380</u>	<u>\$190,817</u>



## NEW DIRECTIONS

**Our Flin Flon / Creighton Public Library is a community-focused resource centre. We maintain the traditional role of the Library while embracing new technologies.**

Several events in Flin Flon marked the beginning of the Century. Homecoming 2000 held in early July was an event that many will not forget; over 4000 people gathered together to celebrate the beginning of a new century. It was a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience. Flin Flonners are unique in their achievement of lifelong friendships and attachment to their home base or at least a place for a part of their lives that they called home. This is part of the heritage of our community - the ongoing associations...and in this day and age of communication strengthening these ties is possible in a way that was never possible. The Flin Flon Public Library will do everything to support the community in exploring ways to keep the home fires burning. The Flin Flon Public Library will explore through its web site and through some new and emerging programs and partnerships -a community of interest - Flinflonners. We absolutely look forward to each spring when all our snowbirds come through the door looking for the best reads for the summer.

Providing information is a fundamental responsibility of any library. There are exciting projects within our community that are ground-breaking. One only has to think of the Mentor Program and the Green Project as examples of new information. We see customizing of this type of information as a critical link to ensure that the community is well aware of what is happening. We aim to act local and think global when looking at how and what we provide to the world for information.

Project 777 is the local mining project (HBM&S) that has provided our community with a hope for a future. The discovery of a new ore body in the early 1990's led to the construction of the new shaft located just north of the Library. Our community now has hope because of the ore find and the improvements being made within the plant. The challenge now is to diversify the economy if the demographic base is to be maintained. The Library will develop its capabilities to become a knowledge centre in order to support the development of community economic diversification.

Supporting life-long learning has been a major initiative this year with a lot of energy and hard work going into the exploration of forming a Community Learning Network. This pilot project is under the Federal HHRC program in the Office of Learning Technologies department. This developing project called InfoDepot will result in the formation of a Community Learning Network and will use the Internet to deliver information and knowledge to the community. The Library could not develop content alone. The community demand for re-education is well known to the Library who have provided Internet education the past few years. The hope is that with strategic alliances and partnerships the Library will be better equipped to fulfill its mandate as a knowledge centre in the 21st Century.

