

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ANNUAL REPORT 1985



On the Edge of a Dream

'Year of the Youth'



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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL EDITION

1985

SERVING

CITY OF FLIN FLON

POPULATION - 8,261.

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 - 1985

Murray Smith        - Chairman  
Del Baird            - Vice-Chairperson  
Joyce Henderson    - Secretary  
Joe Sattleberger    - Creighton Rep.  
Dick Lyons           - Council Rep.  
Bunny Burke         - Member

STAFF

Gretta Redahl       - Library Administrator       - P.P.T.  
Phyllis Stadnick   - Library Assistant            - P.P.T.  
Rhonda McKinnon   - Library Clerk                - P.P.T.  
Tracy Nilsen        - Archivist, Library Clerk    - P.P.T.  
Joan Reich           - Library Clerk                - P.P.T.  
Ruth McIntosh      - Library Clerk                - Casual  
Karen Kennedy       - Student Page  
Lisa Jaszan         - Student Page

The citizens of Flin Flon and Creighton continue to receive exceptional library services due to the efforts of our friendly, courteous and knowledgeable staff under the guidance of Library Administrator Greta Redahl.

Thanks is due to many, many friends during this past

- year - to Manitoba Department of Culture, Heritage and Recreation under Minister Eugene Kostyra,
- to the gals at the Public Library Service in Winnipeg,
  - to Flin Flon's Mayor and Council,
  - to the Saskatchewan Government and the Town of Creighton and in particular to their representative Joe Sattelberger.

You have all contributed in numerous ways to make 1985 a most successful year. The Flin Flon Library Board appreciates your efforts on our behalf and we look forward to a future of continued co-operation.



Murray A Smith  
Chairman

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The major financial accomplishment for 1985 was the installation of a new carpet and kirsch blinds in the main library.

It was a solid week of moving books, stacks, and cleaning everything in sight. I was very grateful for the hard, uncomplaining, good humored work effort contributed by all the staff.

The approval of a Challenge '85 grant increased our staff by three people for 17 weeks during the summer months. Their help was indeed appreciated at this time.

Another major project was the re-cataloguing of the reference section; returning a large selection to the non-fiction area, with the expert assistance of Public Library Services.

During 1985 we purchased 2 new sets of reference books. A set of Britannica Great Books was donated to the library.

A presentation on the Chamber of Commerce Group Insurance program was made by Nick Berzenji; the Library Board approved and accepted the Group and Pension Benefit package for the staff.

Changes to the By-Laws are in the process of being up dated.

We are continuing to promote community involvement and awareness of services provided in the library.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gretta Redahl (Mrs.),  
Library Administrator.

## JOINING THE LIBRARY

### Memberships:

Available, without direct charge to citizens of Flin Flon, Creighton & other municipalities participating in the Flin Flon Public Library System.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

Books supplied regularly on a monthly basis to our senior citizen's in the Northern Lights Manor, Hemlock Lodge & Personal Care Home.

Promotion, display & sale of local handicrafts.  
Special Feature: Angelique Merasty's Birch Bark Bitings.

Inter-Library Loan Requests  
Film Rentals  
Projector & Screen Rentals  
Rotary Room Rental  
Talking Book Rentals  
Large Print Books  
Multilingual Service  
Reference Materials  
Toy Lending  
Record Lending  
Camera Loan  
Photocopying Service  
Books (Over 24,000)

## HOURS

Winter: Monday - Friday  
10:00a.m. - 7:00p.m.  
Saturday  
11:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Summer: Monday - Friday  
10:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.  
Saturday  
Closed.

## ARCHIVES &

## GOVERNMENT DEPOSITORY

Tuesday & Thursday  
1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.  
& any time upon request.

## STORYHOUR

Preschool children  
Ages 3 - 5 years  
Wednesday  
10:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.  
1:30p.m. - 2:30p.m.

## REQUEST SERVICE

Can't find the book or information you want? Have the library staff fill out an 'Inter-Library Loan Slip' and the material will be brought in for you.

## BORROWING REGULATIONS

Adult Books: 2 week loan -  
no restriction

Children's  
Books: 2 week loan -  
no restriction

New Books: 1 week loan

## Reference

Books: in-library use only

In order to make materials available to everyone:

- (1) Please do not take all the books on any one subject.
- (2) Please borrow only the books you require for the 2 week loan period.

## OVERDUE FINES

Adult: 10cents per book, per day

Junior: 5cents per book, per day

## RENEWALS

Books can be renewed for an additional 2 weeks.  
Phone: 687-3397.



<u>LIBRARY HOLDINGS</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>1984</u>
<u>ADULT BOOKS</u>				
Adult Non-Fiction	8,347	148	506	7,989
Adult Fiction	5,799	119	575	5,343
Youth Non-Fiction	844	2	7	839
Youth Fiction	2,157	14	194	1,977
Unaccessioned Paperbacks	<u>1,448</u>			<u>1,448</u>
<u>SUB-TOTAL :</u>	<u>18,595</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>1,282</u>	<u>17,596</u>
<u>CHILDREN'S BOOKS</u>				
Junior Non-Fiction	1,929	106	110	1,925
Junior Fiction	1,594	35	168	1,461
Children's Beginner Readers	<u>2,278</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>2,310</u>
<u>SUB-TOTAL :</u>	<u>5,801</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>23,292</u>
Books : Down Stairs Level	1,510			1,510
<u>TOTALS :</u>	<u>25,906</u>	<u>706</u>	<u>1,673</u>	<u>24,802</u>
Newspapers & Periodicals	55		2	53
Donated	16			16
Bound Periodicals	40			40
Film Strips	52			52
Records & Tapes	290		15	275
Toys	70		4	66

### FLIN FLON COMMUNITY ARCHIVES

The Flin Flon Community Archives enjoyed a visit by Neal Putt, coordinator for the Manitoba Heritage Conservation Service, on February 6th. While he was here he explained more about the service and made a brief survey of our facility and collection. He made several suggestions for improving the environmental effects of our lighting, humidity and temperature control in the Archives. We were happy to hear Mr. Putt was "personally impressed by the high standards of control, organization and conservation in storage" displayed. With his help a conservation workshop is being planned for early 1986.

This past summer saw our photograph collection increase greatly with two major contributions by Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd. and Mrs. F. Aitken, an early resident of Flin Flon. A summer student, Monica Barabonoff, hired under the Challenge '85 grant worked on and nearly completed cataloguing and filing these collections. All in all, a productive year for the Archives.

Tracy Nilsen (Mrs.),  
Archivist.



## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Story Hour continues to be a fun filled adventure for the children under the capable guidance of Rhonda McKinnon. The enrollment for the morning session has grown to 40 children and 25 for the afternoon session. Kim Henry, one of the mothers has volunteered her assistance for the morning session. Readings, films, action songs, games and crafts, along with the special seasonal parties are thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

"Explore...With Summer Reading" program had an enrollment of 70 children during the summer months. For the wind up of the program - the names of the children that had read over 20 books during the course of the summer were put in a specially wrapped box for a draw. Three names were drawn and the winners presented with the book 'Manitoba'. The trivia pursuit on Manitoba was answered correctly by one child who also received a book.

Children's Book Festival November 16th - 21st brought about 2 events the community greatly appreciated :

The beginning of the Annual Christmas Book Sale and Barbara Reid's visit.

Five class rooms of grades 1 - 5 were in attendance for Barbara Reid's slide presentation. The children were totally absorbed as she explained her plasticine illustrations from her new book 'New Baby Calf'. She was a delightful person and we all enjoyed her visit immensely.

A children's Christmas film festival, with a lively surprise visit from Santa was held in the library as part of the city's Main Street Christmas festivities.



Barbara  
Reid

### ADULT EVENTS

A reception held in the main library on February 23, was Flin Flon's official send off for local Trout Festival Queen, Val Chudy. Val represented our area in the "Miss Teen Canada Pageant" in Toronto on March 4th. The local candidate performed for her guests at the reception singing "I Have A Dream" by Abba in both French and English. She sang this song in the pageant competition.

A minicourse on Parlimentary Procedure was held in the library March 5, 12 and 19th, co-sponsored with Toastmasters International and instructed by Wendy Gregoire and Guy Avison. The course included workshops in: Organization and Types of Meetings, Types of Motions, Purpose of the Agenda, Duties of a Chairman and Function of a Committee.

A workshop on Budgeting and Financial Management of a Volunteer Board was held September 24th by Culture Heritage and Recreation with Bill Vancoughnett as facilitator.

The library co-sponsored with Employment and Immigration Canada workshops October 9, 17th, November 14, 21, 29th on General Job Search, Resume Writing and the Job Interview. The instructor was Tim Harrington, EIC counsellor.

The senior citizen's Christmas party was held on December 7th with the Christmas caroling of the Flin Flon / Creighton Senior Choir the highlight of the afternoon. Caroling was followed by a delicious snack of tea, coffee and Christmas goodies. This event is one of our favorites.

Charles Wilkins, a noted Manitoba author and teacher, held a public reading at the library September 7th. Wilkins entertained his audience in a delightful manner, reading from published and unpublished selections of his prose and poetry. This event was co-sponsored with the Flin Flon Writer's Guild and Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Recreation.



Birk Sproxton, a former Flin Flonner launched his new book Headframe by holding a public reading at the library on November 29th. Birk writes about life in Flin Flon real and imagined. He is presently working on another book called Trace which will take a critical look at what's happening in prairie writing today. He is also working on a bibliography of three pioneer women of Northern Manitoba. These include Kate Rice, a prospector, Mabel "Mickey" Marlowe, a political activist in the Flin Flon strike of '34, and Angelique Merasty, our famous birch bark artist. Birk's reading was sponsored by Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Recreation and the Flin Flon Arts Council. Birk's reading was well received by all in attendance.



Birk Sproxton



Charles Wilkins



## SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

January 18th, Rhonda McKinnon attended a one day cataloguing seminar at PLS. As Rhonda was the person responsible for student training when the reference section was being re-catalogued, it proved to be a very valuable experience for her and our library. Funding in part was provided on the Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Recreation Skills Transfer Program.

April 18, 19, 20th, Phyllis Stadnick, Library Assistant, Shirley Boyce, a member of the Board of Directors at that time and Gretta Redahl, Administrator attended the Spring Seminar held at the Delta Inn. Sessions on Costing Library Services, International Youth Year and Programming for Young Adults, Evaluating Consumer Health Materials, Effective Communication, Determining Your Library's Basic Legal Collection Requirement and How To Be An Effective Chairperson were attended. Shirley also attended a MLTA luncheon and annual meeting and the session on the Role and Responsibilities of Library Trustees. It was a very busy and beneficial time sharing ideas with other library's.

May 4th, Joyce Henderson attended the Oral History Workshop in The Pas.

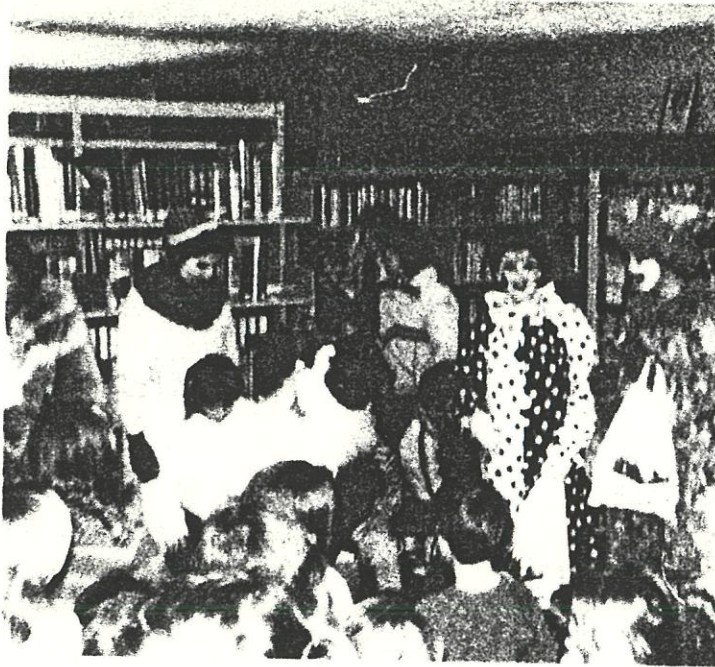
May 25th, Gretta Redahl attended the Northern Library Meeting in Thompson. The session on Developing a Policy Manual was very instructive. This is a project that our library must begin to work on.

October 9th, Gretta Redahl attended a Time Management Seminar held by the Federal Business Development Bank at the Kelsey Trail Motel in Flin Flon.

October 24, 25th, PLS' Fall Seminar was held in Portage La Prairie at the Westward Village Inn. Joyce Henderson, a member of the Board and Gretta Redahl, Administrator attended the session on Display Ideas for the Public Library, Organizing the Library's Support : Volunteers and Friends, the Workshop In Library Leadership: Selection and Orientation of New Trustees, Canadian Children's Literature, and Workplace Safety.

October 26th, the MLA conference held sessions on Effective Written Communication, The Law, Intellectual Freedom and Librarians. A most interesting session was held on Librarians Talking To Policy Makers. Beverly Thompson, technical advisor, Manitoba Research Council; Christopher Sunde, former councillor, The Pas; Al Ducharme, councillor, City of Winnipeg; and Fred Stambrook, vice president (academic), University of Manitoba, addressed librarians on How Library Programs should be presented successfully to policy decision makers. It was indeed a learning experience.





Christmas Film Festival  
&  
Santa's Visit

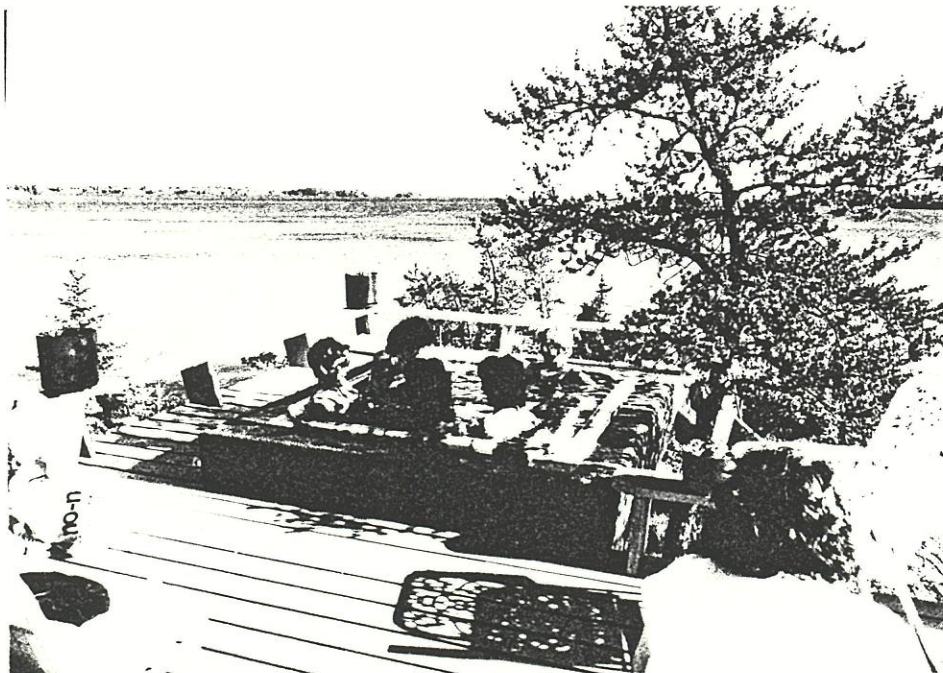


Annual Senior's Christmas Party





Story Hour Halloween Party



Barbecue at Marg and Murray Smith's cabin at Bakers Narrows - a much appreciated reward for the staff after the hard work when the carpet was installed.