



Flin Flon Public Library
Annual Report
2014

Flin Flon & Area Public Library

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“Our library is a community focused resource library, dedicated to embracing new technologies.

We provide all members a balanced collection of reading materials to discover the value of libraries and the joy of reading.”

Hours of Operation

Winter Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 10:00am to 6:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sunday: closed

Summer Hours:

Monday -Thursday: 10:00am to 6:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday: closed



FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2014

*The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.
(Albert Einstein)*

The great scientist knew that the library was the repository of universal knowledge and entertainment. A town without a library is an empty place.

Our library operated throughout the year in a cost effective manner, providing services to citizens from Flin Flon, Creighton, Denare Beach and surrounding communities. It is an interesting fact that items are checked out of the library at a rate of about 100 per day. This does not take into account all the people who stop by the library casually. It is a welcoming place at the heart of Main Street.

From this report you will see that apart from being a repository of books, the library hosted 32 different wide ranging programs in 2014. These ranged from events designed to stimulate children to the very popular Human Book Event for Culture Days. The library is also the venue for the Annual Poetry Night which brings poets to our community from far afield. I urge everyone to use and support our library.

Our Library Administrator and staff strive to make the library experience an innovative and accessible one for everybody. Our community is fortunate to have them.

During the year, long serving Library Board member Murray Smith stepped down. Murray joined the library board in 1974 and served in many capacities. He was always an advocate for the library and the staff, and we certainly appreciated his dedication.

BUZ TREVOR



FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD MEMBERS

2014

Buz Trevor
Board Chairman
Village of Denare Beach Representative

Tom Goodman
Vice-Chair

Lois "Bunny" Burke
Secretary/Treasurer

Karen MacKinnon
City of Flin Flon Representative

Val Dixon
Town of Creighton Representative

Nora Fontaine

Blaine Veitch

William "Bill" Hanson

Retired: **Murray Smith**
City of Flin Flon Rep to Dec 2014: **Tim Babcock**



Flin Flon Public Library
Administator's Report
2014

“Bad libraries build collections; good libraries build services; great libraries build communities”- R. David Lanks

As I sit and reflect upon 2014, as well as the last three years since assuming this position, I am truly humbled by what we have been able to achieve. With the help of my amazing staff, we have taken on a multitude of behind-the-scenes improvements, which have all contributed to the success of the library. Everything from back office procedures, book-keeping, policy making, programming, building improvements, and community events, have all contributed to significant progress.

The above-noted quote, certainly sums up what we have strived to accomplish this past year. In 2014, the library hosted 32 awesome events, such as our Family Literacy Day, Community Wellness Day, Poetry Night, Easter Party, Human Book Night, Storyhour, Mediation Lunch & Learn, Halloween Party, TD Summer Reading Camps, Polar Express Party, and numerous others. Countless hours of planning and delivery, have gone into each of these events, with the hope of community-building, while always being sensitive to our community needs. All of our Children's Events have been filled to capacity, as well as most of our Adult Events. We have been successful in obtaining E-Association CAP funding, which enabled us to hire a Flin Flon Bomber. This has been a great community partnership, as well as the recent partnering with the Parent Child Coalition, whose focus is childhood literacy.

2014 was the year of library computer upgrades. We were very fortunate to receive donations from the Flin Flon Rotary Club, and the Flin Flon Lions Club, which we used to purchase 6 new Windows 8.1 public computer pods. We also purchased a new Library Server, replacing the ancient one in the basement, as well as 3 new Windows 8.1 back-office computers, replacing the Windows XP computers. The library purchased new meeting room tables and chairs, courtesy of funds raised through our “Friends of the Library Adopt a Shelf Program”. As the financial climate across government is tight, we are so thankful to have received financial support from our community! I cannot express my appreciation enough!

The library incurred a significant maintenance cost of approximately \$93,897.67 last year, to repair our leaking roof, which was funded by the City of Flin Flon. Everything appears to be in good working order this year. We are very thankful to the City of Flin Flon regarding this.

The library continues to promote our programs through our web page (www.flinflonpubliclibrary.ca), our Facebook page, as well as advertising through CFAR, and The Reminder. Please feel free to visit our web page to complete our library survey, under "Library Survey" www.countingopinions.ca. We are always open to your suggestions, and encourage our patrons to let us know how we can assist you.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to my wonderful staff, Tara Redahl, Aimee Best, Alecia Thompson, Karen McKay, Abby Wiens, Leanna Koop, Tyler Highfield, and volunteer Tania Georgi, who I am blessed to work with every day! I know I have the best staff, and I am so proud of everyone. YOU GUYS ROCK!!! A very special thank you to our Library Board, whose commitment and expertise, is instrumental to the success of the library. We would not be able to operate without the financial contribution of the City of Flin Flon, Town of Creighton, Village of Denare Beach, Province of Saskatchewan-Pahkisimon Nuye?"ah Library System, Province of Manitoba, and RM of Kelsey, who provide the necessary funding to keep our doors open.

Books are certainly a priceless resource, but far more important are the people who mind and read them! Thank you for allowing us to serve you in 2014, and we look forward to 2015!

Respectfully yours.

Gindy McLean

Administrator



Library presentation Bakers Narrows Ladies breakfast

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STAFF MEMBERS
2014

Cindy McLean

Administrator (April 2011-present)

Tara Redahl

Assistant Administrator (March 2009-present)

Aimee Best

Inter Library Clerk (June 2012-present)

Karen McKay

Evening Supervisor/Library Clerk (Sept 2011-present)

Alecia Thompson

Library Clerk (April 2008-present)

Tyler Highfield

Student Page (June 2014-present)

Abby Wiens

Student Page (Jan 2014-present)

Leanna Koop

Student Page (Sept 2012-May 2104)

Tania Georgii

Casual Library Clerk (Aug 2013-present)



Murray Smith Retirement Tea

Murray closed the book on his historic tenure with the library, after serving 40 years on the Board.

Murray joined the Board in 1974 and was part of numerous changes, from multiple renovations to the introduction of evolving technology. "I enjoyed every minute of it"- Murray's parting words!



Mayor George Fontaine presents City of Flin Flon award



Past & Present Library Administrators



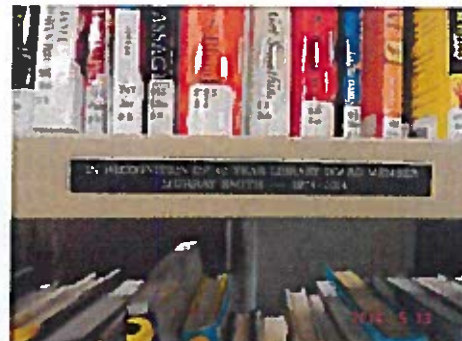
Murray & his wife Marg



Aw..we will miss that sweet face!



Staff & Board Members



Murray's shelf at the library!

Poetry Night April 4 2014

Poetry Corner

On April 4th, Flin Flon writers and readers celebrated National Poetry Month with a poetry reading at the Flin Flon Public Library. This annual event is hosted by the local writers guild and the toastmasters club in collaboration with the library, and participants are encouraged to share their own work, or read a poem written by someone else.

A special guest was in attendance this year, British poet, playwright, filmmaker and arts activist Louise Wallweir. Wallweir had spent the week in Flin Flon working with budding writers at the Women's Resource Centre and the Flin Flon Friendship Centre's youth program. She also led a workshop for local writers at the Victoria Inn.

Highlights of the poetry evening included readings from high school and elementary school students and some "musical poetry" courtesy of Ann Ross and Doug McGregor, who got the crowd singing along with Don McLean's classic *American Pie*.

In honour of National Poetry Month, here are a few pieces by local poets.

March 20th

by Sheila Marchant

Now the cold wind crushes our fondest belief
that the first day of spring would bring us relief
from the long winter chill and snow piled so high,
—it's enough to make even an optimist cry.
But in case you feel down in the mouth with grief,
let's hope whatever is left will be brief.
And a thought that might cheer, is that somewhere
beneath
all the frost of this winter lies our first green leaf.

Upon Deciding to Move North

by Landice Yestrau

One heart torn between
another and many.
A lonely feeling,
Self-imposed.
Ignorant and rude heart,
abandoning the beats dulled by another.
When to reconnect to the vessels?
Fervent, stoical.
Simple, agonizing choice.

A Poem

by Pat Vickery

A poem is black and white
Trying to describe colour
A poem is the words to a song
Whose melody has escaped it.
A poem is a net of words
That can only describe
Something wonderful
That has just slipped
Through it

A good poem
Celebrates its own failure
To bind in words
What only failure
Can liberate

A poem is a little machine
Delicately manufacturing air
For ideas to fly in.



Numerous poets and readers contributed to the National Poetry Month reading at the Flin Flon Public Library
Photo by Daniel Dillon

Eureka! TD Summer Reading Days



Library Display & Reading Contest



So many kids...had boys in one room!!



And girls in the other!! Seustastic Tuesday!



Community Barbeque & Bubble Day!



Lego Days Fun!



RCMP Staff Sargeant -Shane Smith helps out!



It's snack time!



Walk the Plank Wednesday!



Disney Movie Day-Frozen Friday Princess



Library window display



Our first to sign up for the Summer Reading Club & some of the winners who read the most books all summer! Each received a reading activity kit, and treat bags for completed notebooks! Way to go!!!!

LIBRARY READING WAGON



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Summer Reading...

Almee Best of the Filn Fion Public Library handed out complimentary books to Isabelle Kohlenberg (middle) and Zoe Claveau at Denare Beach's Main Beach last week. With the goal of promoting reading, the library's Reading Wagon program is bringing free books to kids (and magazines for parents) at summer destinations such as beaches and wading pools. The wagon itself was donated by former Filn Fionner Katherine Pettipas, who now lives in Winnipeg.

Something new for 2014!
It was great fun delivering discard books to the beach!

Manitoba E-Association

CAP Youth Intern

The Project: The Youth Intern at the community access sites helps Canada create jobs and other social, educational, and economic benefits associated with the expanded use of information technologies. As part of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy, the Youth Intern position provides job opportunities for over 1,000 Canadians.

Brandy Davidson was our CAP Youth Intern until Feb 26/14, and in the fall, local Flin Flon Bombers Austin Evans and Simon Hofley, joined the library as our new Youth Interns.

As Youth Interns, Austin and Simon's main focus was to provide the community with technology-related training, at no cost. Our Interns maintained a strong community presence, promoting the Manitoba Youth Initiative with one-on-one training to every demographic. Patrons certainly enjoyed these private computer training sessions, and the children were always excited to see them at our events!



Austin Evans & Simon Hofley



Simon & Austin get into the Christmas spirit!



Don't Judge a book by its cover

We hope you enjoy conversing with our "Human Books"; open dialogue is encouraged, however, if the "Human Book" is uncomfortable with a question, they will motion with closed hands, to move to the next question.



Wine tokens are available by the front door at a cost of \$3.50 each. Complimentary cheese, crackers, coffee and apple cider will also be available.

Everyone has a story

Flin Flon Public Library

Human Library Event

Friday Sept 26th

7:00-9:00 pm

Wine & Cheese Evening

Thank you everyone who made this enjoyable evening possible.

Where people become the books and are "borrowed" for conversation.



Gail Baker

“Writing, Surviving, & Smiling”

Local Author of 4 Flin Flon books, Gail’s knowledge of Flin Flon’s history along with it’s interesting characters, is second to none. Her personal triumph with leukemia (AML), after being diagnosed with a 3% survival rate 28 years ago, makes her an inspiration to us all. “Cancer is just a word, not a sentence”, is the motto she has come to live by.



Shannon Smadella

“Beauty & Fitness Meet Charity”

A charitable business professional, humanitarian and former Miss Canada, Shannon has toured the country speaking to young women in schools about inner beauty and confidence, and raised over 3 million dollars for charities. Shannon’s main interest and love, is fitness. From TSN Sports Host to Freelance Journalist, Shannon is a certified Yoga Instructor, and the owner of Flin Flon Yoga. Visit her website at www.shannonismadellafit.com



Steve Mitchell

“Inked 4 Life”

The practice of tattooing had long been significant badges of infamy and criminals, before becoming badges of honor and expressions of art. Steve embodies this new way of thinking, approaching the majority of significant events and interests in his life, with approximately 200 tattoos. Inspired by his father, Steve’s first experience with ink was at 18, which has led to a life-long fascination with the art of tattooing. Steve’s easy going gentle nature, breaks down the stereotype barrier of tattooed individuals.



Danita Stallard

“My Fine Filter Mouse”

Danita started telling stories at a young age, and never grew up enough to stop. Her love of cartooning, calligraphy, and fantastical storytelling has inspired her to delve into the world of graphic novels, so when she isn’t pursuing the life of an author, she can likely be found amidst sketchpads and eraser crumbs. Danita’s online portfolio can be found at: www.filtermouse.weebly.com



Daniel Dillon

“Behind the Lens”

Daniel is a passionate photographer, teacher, and traveler who was born and raised in a single parent family on the island of Cape Breton. His work, first as a carpenter, then as a teacher, has taken Daniel to 27 countries. Daniel moved to Flin Flon in 2012; he currently teaches technology, geography and world issues at Hapnot Collegiate. Last spring, he exhibited a collection of his documentary photography at the NorVA Centre and is looking forward to an upcoming exhibition of his work.



dianne hallberg MSW, RSW

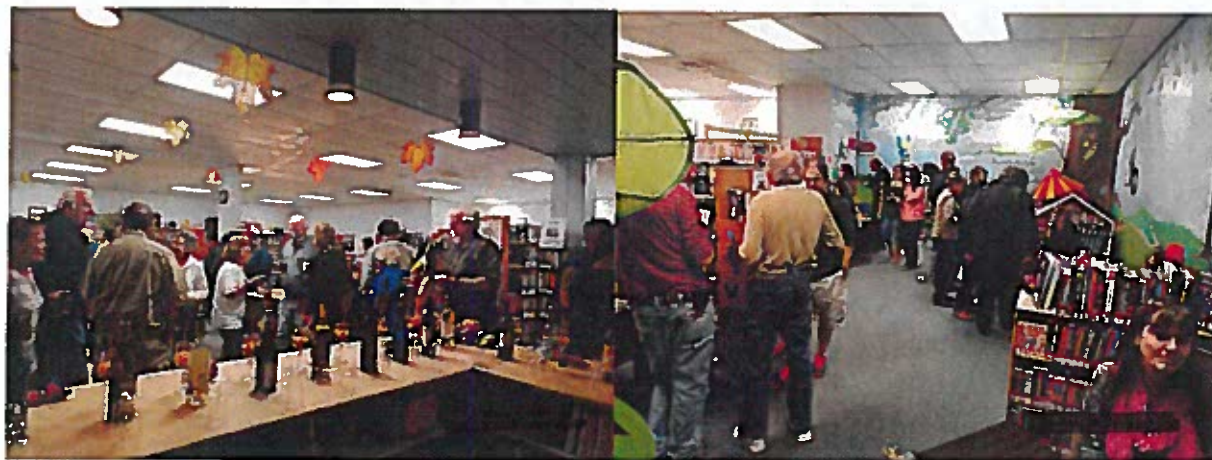
“Life is a Complex Process”

dianne is a Mental Health Social Worker with Creighton Health, who embodies the Shambhala Buddhist belief that every human being has a fundamental nature of basic goodness. To date, her experiences and studies have taught her that healing from life experience is a complex process, and she is committed to helping herself and others accept, explore, and understand this human condition through the practice of mindful art, meditation, and movement. Feel free to discuss her choice of no capital letters in her name.

2014 Human Book Night (Culture Days Event) Fri Sept 26th



Gail Baker, Steve Mitchell, Shannon Smadella, Dianne Hallberg, Daniel Dillon, and Danita Stallard

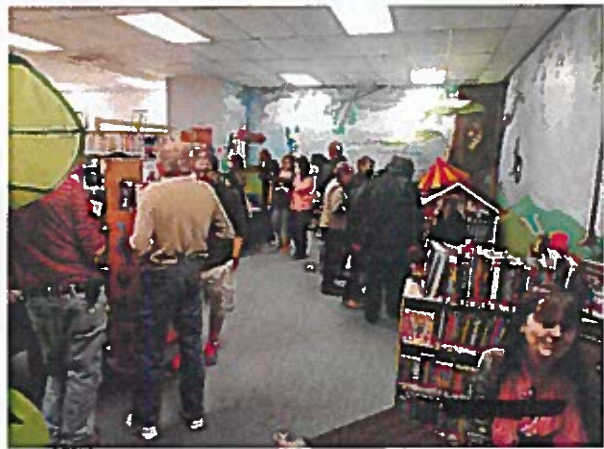


Our Human Book Wine & Cheese Night was a big hit!

All of our Human books were so interesting!



People really enjoy walking around and conversing with the Human books



Dan displays his photography, Shannon talks to guests, while Gail and Dianne are engaged in conversations!

Material Inventory 2014

Material	Total Holdings
Adult Materials	
Adult Fiction	4603
Large Print	614
Non-Fiction	8810
Pocketbooks	1417
Reference	
Subtotal:	15444
Junior/Beginner Material	
Junior Fiction	2295
Junior Non-Fiction	926
Beginner Readers	4016
Subtotal:	7237
Audio/Visual Materials	
Audio Books	782
DVD	990
DVD Kids	378
Music DVD	93
Wii Games	16
Children's Sound Print	14
Equipment	
Subtotal:	2273
Magazine/Newspaper	678
Toys	88
Library Use only	14
Total:	25734



Book Report

New Library Holdings Added 2014

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	
Adult Fiction/Donation	32	55	51	73	72	34	43	28	28	68	56	30	8	550
Pocket Books/Donation	1	4	153	28	29	1	1	4	4	3	77	8	4	313
Large Print/Donation		6	3	4	8	9	4	1	1	2	3	5	1	46
Adult Fiction Native														
Adult Non-Fiction/Donation	36	27	11	31	22	13	32	24	24	35	31	31	19	312
Adult Non-Fiction French														
CD-Adult Non-Fiction	6	6	1	3	5	7	9	5	5	5	8	10	2	67
Music DVD	5	21			19					11	1	1		58
DVD	35	20	7	42	52	2	21	2	2	36	33	10	23	283
DVD Kids	3	11	1	11	4	1	1			9	13	3	4	61
Games														
Magazines	23	21	23	23	28	23	23	20	20	23	28	36	19	290
Toys									1					1
Library Use Only						2								2
Junior Fiction/Donation	11	17	8	19	21	29	15	39	38	38	19	15	9	240
Junior Fiction Native/French				1										1
Junior Non-Fiction				4		12	2	1	1	1	1		2	24
Beginner Reader CD						1								1
Beginner Reader/Donation	46	30	30	2	14	17	44	12	12	26	29	28	9	287
Beginner Reader French					1		1				2		1	5
Total:	198	219	288	241	277	149	196	137	257	301	177	101	2541	



Library Circulation 2014

<u>Adult Books</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Adult Fiction	8445	7585	7860	7350
Adult Fiction-French	0	0	0	0
Adult Fiction-Native	3	0		1
Adult Non-Fiction	3409	3097	3500	3953
Adult Non-Fiction-French	0	0	2	0
Adult Non-Fiction-Native	61	41	43	39
Large Print	2550	1831	1351	1237
Pocketbooks	2320	1784	1557	1387
Magazines	379	399	338	338
ILL-Borrowed	517	305	344	317
ILL-Lent	4	8	180	154
Reference	0	0	3	3
Subtotal	17685	15050	15178	14779
<u>Children's Books</u>				
Beginner Readers	3248	4351	4570	4887
Beginner Readers-French	5	0		1
Beginner Readers-Native	10	1	2	1
Junior Fiction	1477	1967	2026	1924
Junior Fiction-French	3	4	3	1
Junior Fiction-Native	7	0	2	2
Junior Non-Fiction	675	421	271	283
Junior Non-Fiction-French	3	2	3	0
Junior Non-Fiction-Native	63	15	3	0
Subtotal	5469	6761	6880	7099
<u>Non-Print Materials</u>				
CD-Children	56	79	37	51
CD-Adult	1362	1444	1310	1108
CD-Junior	4	3		4
Music DVD	8	41	15	188
Sound Print-Adult	66	deleted		
Sound Print-Children	17	deleted		
CNIB-Daisy Digital Readers	0	deleted		
Overdrive e-readers	465	1334	524	2768
Toys	6	20	40	30
Equipment Power Point	0	0		5
Videos	6	0		
DVD Adult & Children	767	2169	3316	4171
Subtotal	2274	5090	5242	8325
Total	25428	26901	27300	30203

Computer Usage 2014			
	2012	2013	2014
January	284	275	363
February	328	249	345
March	342	251	396
April	300	280	411
May	299	278	414
June	269	211	366
July	487	503	425
August	468	451	491
September	268	433	369
October	265	557	377
November	291	508	378
December	200	499	253
Totals	3801	4495	4588



Kindle of 1922!!

Flin Flon Public Library Program Stats 2014

Date	Event	Attendance
07-Feb-14	Family Literacy Day	22
14-Feb-14	Blind Date With a book	28
24-Feb-14	Freedom to Read Open House	32
04-Mar-14	Story Hr Session to May 27	36
26-Feb-13	Story Hour starting to April 2, 2013	166
02-Apr-14	Story Hr Session ends	
03-Mar-14	Community Wellness & Appreciation Day	26
04-Apr-14	Poetry Night	70
04-Apr-14	Sparks Tour & Craft Day	25
15-Apr-14	Easter Children's Party	46
16-Apr-14	Brownies & Sparks Easter visit	25
02-May-14	Lauren Carter Author Visit	18
16-May-14	Queen Victoria Tea with Royal Watcher Glenda Hobbs	32
13-May-14	Murray Smith Retirement Party	31
10-Jun-14	Mclassic School Tour	13
20-Jun-14	Ronald Mcdonald Fun Day	20
27-Jun-14	Community Discard Sale Main Street	100
11-Aug-14	Monster Bubbles Monday	53
12-Aug-14	Seusstatic Tuesday	52
13-Aug-14	Walk the Plank Wednesday	54
14-Aug-14	Lucky Lego Thursday	55
14-Aug-14	Disney Frozen Friday	52
20-Aug-14	Kiddie Korner Visit & Storytime	18
28-Nov-13	Christine Sanders presentation	31
10-Sep-14	Author Visit Linda Sonnenberg Jackson	8
18-Sep-14	How to Meditate Presentation	19
20-Sep-14	Family Meditation	9
26-Sep-14	Who's Who Senior Breakfast	48
26-Sep-14	Human Book (Library) Wine & Cheese Night	223
04-Oct-14	Breastfeeding Challenge	20
20-Oct-14	Halloween Party With the Bombers	82
29-Oct-14	Reduce Your Cancer Risk Presentation	12
14-Nov-14	Creighton School Family Day Event	21
26-Nov-14	Sparks Christmas Party with the Bombers	13
13-Dec-14	Polar Express Christmas Party	65
15-Dec-14	Lego Internet Safety with the Bombers	6
Total Attendance 2014 Library Events		1531

New Memberships 2014				
	2013	Added	Withdrawn	2014
Manitoba Residents				
Flin Flon	2190	140	0	2330
				0
Cranberry Portage	127	11		138
				0
Manitoba Non-Residents				0
				0
Baker's Narrows	65	2		67
				0
Big Island	34	1		35
				0
Schist Lake	40	0		40
				0
Sherridon	6	0		6
				0
Snow Lake	3			3
				0
Wanless	1			1
				0
Manitoba Non-Resident-other	20			20
				0
Inter-Library Membership	108			108
				0
Temporary	1			1
				0
Sub Totals	2595	154	0	2749
Saskatchewan Residents				
Creighton	398	30		428
				0
Denare Beach	216	11	0	227
				0
Saskatchewan Non-Resident				0
				0
Tyrell Lake	1			1
				0
Sandy Bay	8	0		8
				0
Pelican Narrows	12	1		13
				0
Saskatchewan Non-Resident	15			15
				0
Deschambault Lake	8	1		9
				0
Other Non-Resident	18	2		20
				0
Subtotals	676	45	0	721
Total	3271	199		3470

A Year in the Life of the Library 2014



Jim Fluetty & Jeff Henderson haul new tables



Our new Barbie house



Our new tent is enjoyed



Banned Book Display



CAP Youth Intern Brandy Davidson



Winner of "Blind Date with a Book"



Community Wellness & Appreciation Day



Story Hour Easter Party April 15



RCMP volunteer "Easter Bunny"



Sparks & Brownie Easter Party April 16



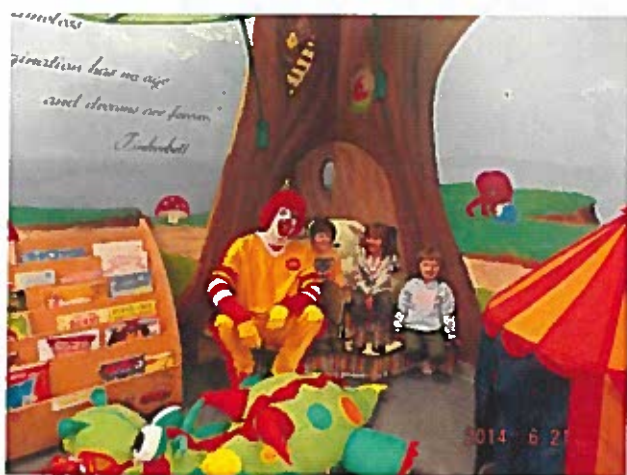
Library Easter Egg Hunt April 17



Lyn Carnaby visits from the UK. She is writing a book based upon her Uncle's time in Flin Flon in 1928



Mclsaac School visit



Ronald McDonald visit



Local author Linda Sonnenberg-Jackson new book



Mediation class with Shannon Stein



Who's Who (Photo Discovery) Breakfast Sept 26.



Easter Bunny arrives! April 17th



April 17th Community Easter Party Movie fun!



Chairman Buz Trevor visits Storyhour Firetruck day!



Author Lauren Carter reads



Victoria Day display



Royal watcher Glenda Walker-Hobbs serves tea



Fall Reading Contest



Creighton School Family Day visit



Children decorating our Dr Seuss "Book Tree"



"Elf of the Shelf" office antics



Lego Halloween Party

Oct 20 2014



Batman enjoys snacks!



Craft Table fun! We were so full we used two rooms!



Flin Flon Bombers help build Lego



Volunteer Tanla Georgi facepainting



Who's having more fun?



Little girls love stickers!

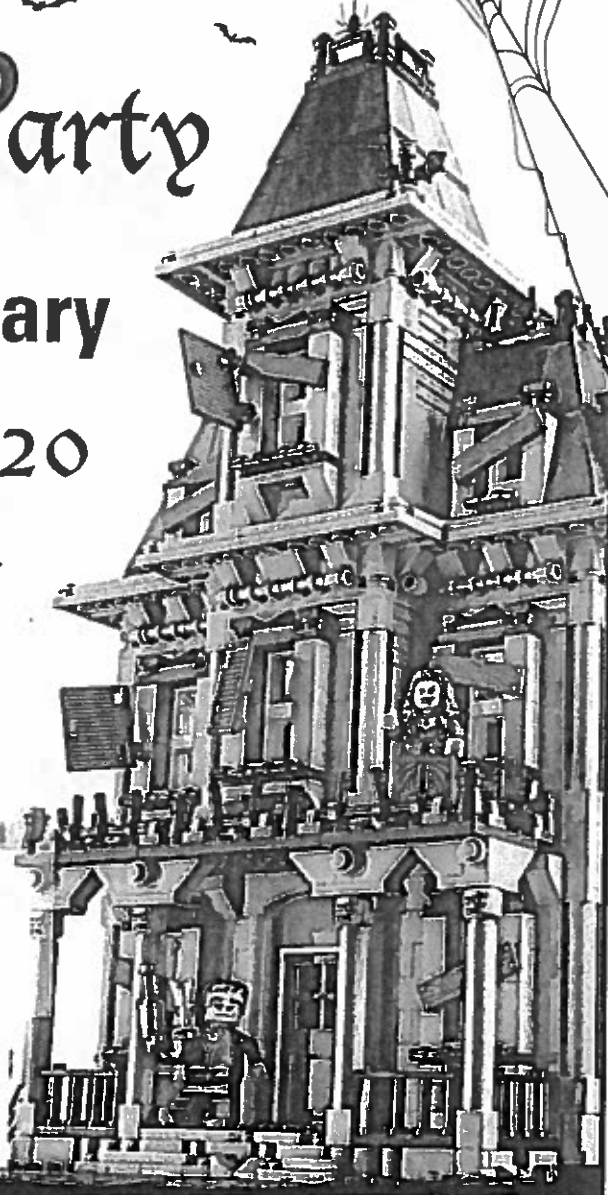
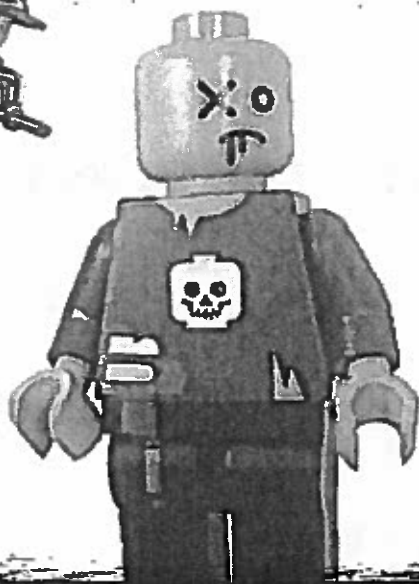
LEGO

Halloween Party

Flin Flon Public Library

Monday, October 20

4:00 - 6:00 pm



Join us and the **Flin Flon Bombers**
for a bewitchingly good time!

All ages are welcome to come for a free drink and spooky snacks. We will also be hosting a **costume contest** & LEGO building with the Bombers!

We're dying to see you there!

Babytime at the Library!!



Starts Friday Dec 5th

Stimulate your baby's senses and develop a love of books and reading with your baby.



Polar Express Christmas Party

Dec 13th 2014



The children had a great time at our Polar Express Party, enjoying the Polar Express movie, snacks, a story, and a visit from the big guy himself.....Santa (Wow, Santa sure looks a lot like Buz....)

LIBRARY NEWS

What's Happening at your
Flin Flon Public Library?



**Free
Event!**

Get your Golden Ticket at the Library!

Polar Express Golden Tickets are available for
pick up at the Library for the first 50 children.
Register your child for a fun-filled day!

(Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult)

Write a Letter to Santa!

FREE!

Come on in to the Flin Flon Public Library to write your letter to Santa and get an instant reply! Play computer Santa games, and munch on a cookie.

Our Flin Flon Bombers Austin Evans & Simon Hofley will be helping the children from 1:30-5:30 on the following days: December 8, 10, 12, 15.

Lego Day With the

FREE!

Flin Flon Bombers! Mon, Dec 15

Join Bombers Austin Evans & Simon Hofley between 4:00-5:30 for Lego building, online Lego games, and internet safety.

Need to do some last minute shopping? Feel free to drop your children (ages 5 and older) off for some Lego fun!

Fines for Children

Bring in a toy for the Children's Gift Program and we will waive your fines until December 24!

Babytime at the Library!

FREE!

Stimulate your baby's senses and develop a love of books by reading with your baby. Drop in to the Library every Friday from 2-3pm, starting December 5. Come meet some new moms, share some parenting tips, and enjoy a coffee.

For more information, call 204-687-3397.

Looking for something for that person that's hard to shop for? Why not give a gift that lasts forever! Buy them their own Library Shelf, complete with an engraved plaque, for \$100.00.

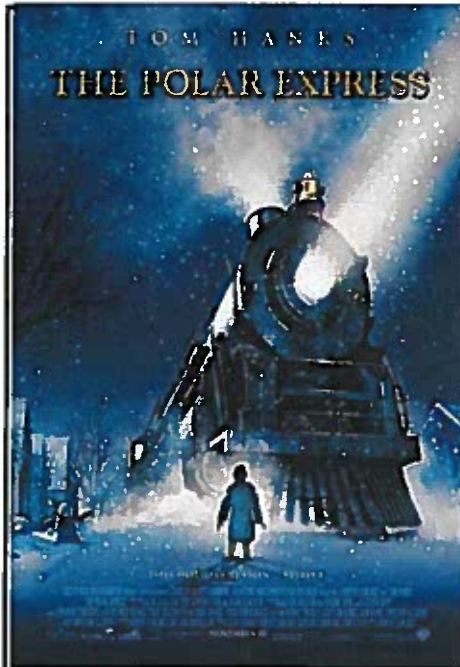
Please enjoy our Christmas DVDs & Books!

On behalf of the Flin Flon Public Library staff and Board Members, we have enjoyed serving you in 2014, and would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to you and your loved ones at this special time of year.

Merry Christmas,
Everyone!

NEWSLETTER

Phone #: 1(204)-687-3397
 Email: ffpl@mts.net
 Website: flinflonpubliclibrary.ca



Flin Flon Public Library presents:

Polar Express Christmas Movie Party!

Saturday Dec 13th
11:30am - 2:00 pm

Join us for a
 family Christmas fun
 day!
 Free Event!!

Get Your Golden Ticket at the Library!!

Put on your best holiday pajamas (optional), grab the kids, and come to the library for a movie, free hot chocolate, coffee, cookies, and Story Time with Santa!

Polar Express Golden Tickets are available for pick up at the Library, for the first 50 children! (Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult)

Don't forget your camera!



WINTER HOURS

Monday	10:00-6:00
Tuesday	10:00-6:00
Wednesday	10:00-6:00
Thursday	10:00-6:00
Friday	10:00-5:00
Saturday	10:00-2:00
Sunday	Closed

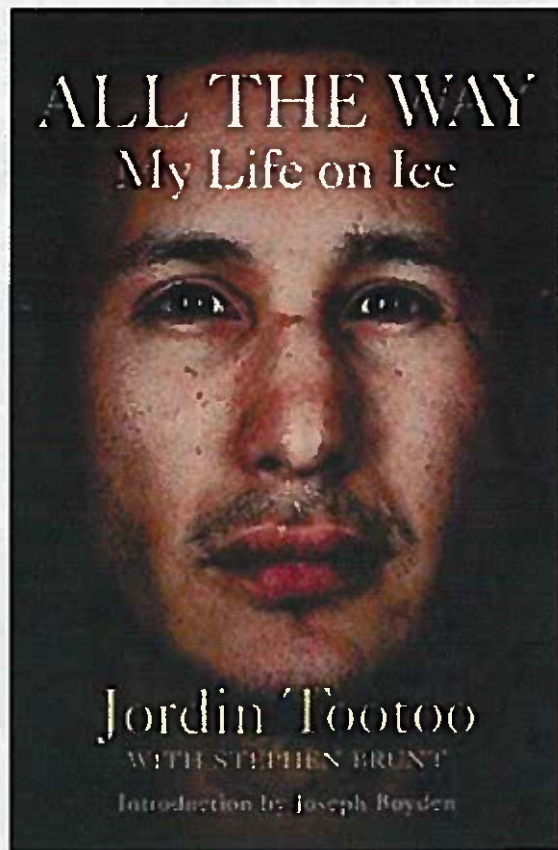
We will be closing
 @ 1:00 on Dec 24
 & 31st



Closed Dec 25th &
 26th for Christmas

STAFF:

- Library Chairman - Buz Trevor
- Library Administrator - Cindy McLean
- Assistant Administrator - Tara Redahl
- Inter-Library Loan Clerk- Aimee Best
- Evening Supervisor - Karen McKay
- Library Clerk - Alecta Thompson
- Student Page - Abby Wiens
- Student Page - Tyler Highfield



This months featured book

All The Way, My Life on Ice By Jordin Tootoo

It seemed as though nothing could stop Jordin Tootoo on the ice. The captain of Canada's Under-18, a fan favourite on the World Junior squad, and a WHL top prospect who could intimidate both goalies and enforcers, he was always a leader. And when Tootoo was drafted by Nashville in 2000 and made the Predators out of camp in 2003, he became a leader in another way: the first player of Inuk descent to suit up in the NHL. All the Way tells the story of someone who has travelled far from home to realize a dream, someone who has known glory and cheering crowds, but also the demons of despair. It is the searing, honest tale of a young man who has risen to every challenge and nearly fallen short in the toughest game of all, while finding a way to draw strength from his community and heritage, and giving back to it as well.

CHECK IT OUT!!

Every time you check out 5 books, magazines, or DVD's at a time, enter your name to win a grand prize of Superhero & Monster High luggage & penguin sleds! (Adult luggage too)



Contest ends December 31st, 2014

Flin Flon Public Library

Children's Christmas Book Sale!

Come early !!

Huge Selection of books!!

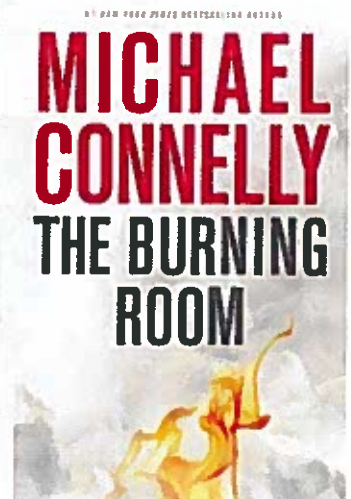
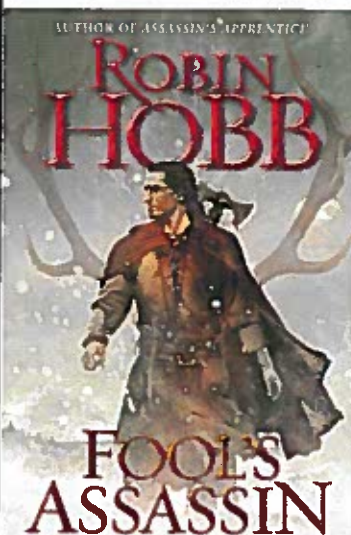
Nov 19th - Dec 24th



NEW BOOKS

ADULT NON-FICTION

- The 21-day Belly Fix - Tasneem Bhatia
- Anatomy, Stretching & Training for Yoga - Amy Auman
- Casting Quiet Waters: Reflections on Life and Fishing - Jake MacDonald
- A Child called "it" - David J. Pelzer
- Contemporary Celtic Crochet - Bonnie Barker
- Facebook & Twitter for Seniors, For dummies 2nd Edition - Marsha Collier
- The Future of God: A practical approach to Spirituality for Our Times - Deepak Chopra
- Hatred: Islam's War on Christianity - Michael Coren
- Holy Shift! - Robert Holden
- How to Sit - Thich Nhat Hanh
- In the Kingdom of Ice - Hampton Sides
- In the Manger - Max Lucado
- Lesson 101: - Jon Mundy
- Mind-Body Health and Healing - Andrew Goliszek
- Napkin Notes - Garth Callaghan
- The Opposite of Loneliness - Marina Keegan
- Questions for the Dalai Lama: - Bstan-'dzin-rgya-mtsho
- Real Beautiful the Secret Energy of the Mind, Body, and Spirit - Cindy Heath
- Rumi: Soul Fury: Rumi and Shams Tabriz on Friendship - Coleman Barks
- Strong is the new skinny - Jennifer Cohen
- Thrown - Kerry Howley
- Warrior of the Light: A Manuel - Paulo Coelho
- The Woman Who Would Be King: Hatshepsut's Rise to Power in Ancient Egypt - Kara Cooney



ADULT FICTION

- Bathing the Lion - Jonathan Carroll
- The Betrayers - David Bezmozgis
- Blood Magick - Nora Roberts
- Blue Labyrinth - Douglas J. Preston
- The Boy who drew monsters - Keith Donohue
- The Burning Room - Michael Connelly
- The Cinderella Murder - Mary Higgins Clark
- The Ever after of Ashwin Rao - Padma Viswanathan
- The Far Side of the sun - Kate Furnivall
- Fool's Assassin - Robin Hobb
- Half Bad - Sally Green
- Last Winter, We Partied - Fuminori Nakamura
- A Man called Ove - Fredrik Backman
- Pegasus - Danielle Steel
- Peridita - Hilary Scharper
- Revealed - P.C. Cast
- Sidney Sheldon's chasing tomorrow - Tilly Bagshawe
- Suffer The Children - Craig DiLouie
- The Taxidermists Daughter - Kate Mosse
- Trinity - Conn Iggulden
- The Tutor Vendetta - C.W. Gortner
- Us: - David Nicholls
- Vampires of Manhattan - Melissa de la Cruz
- Watch how we walk - Jennifer LoveGrove
- World of Ice and Fire - George R.R. Martin

CD BOOKS

- Blue Labyrinth - Douglas J. Preston
- The Burning Room - Michael Connelly
- A Good Marriage - Stephen King
- Only Little Prayer You Need: The Shortest Route to a Life of Joy, Abundance - Debra Landwehr Engle
- Paris Match - Stuart Woods
- Us - David Nicholls

NEW BEGINNERS

Aw, nuts! - Rob McClurkan

Chick 'n' Pug - Jennifer Gordon Sattler

A Chick 'n' Pug Christmas - Jennifer Gordon Sattler

Chick 'n' Pug meet the Dude - Jennifer Gordon Sattler

Dinosaur vs. The Library - Bob Shea

Fox and Squirrel Make a Friend - Ruth Ohi

Goodnight, you - Genevieve Cote

How to behave at a tea party - Madelyn Rosenberg

Hush, hush! - Margaret Wild

I want to be a ballerina - Anna McGhee

Little Boo - Stephen Wunderli

One big pair of underwear - Laura Gehl

Star Bright - Alison McGhee

This book just ate my dog! - Richard Byrne

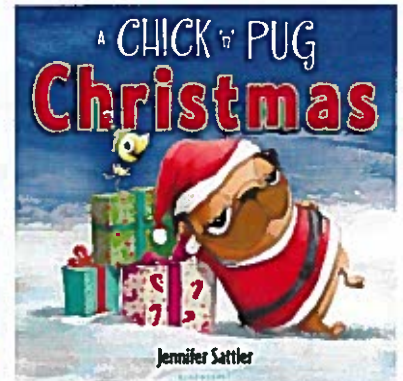
Two bunny buddies - Kathryn Osebold Galbraith

Uncles and Antlers - Lisa Wheeler

A Very Marley Christmas - John Grogan

While you were napping - Jenny Ofill

You are not my friend, but I miss you - Daniel Kirk

**Christmas****Lego Days**

@ flin flon public library

Monday December 15th

4:00-5:30pm

Need to do some last minute Christmas shopping? Feel free to drop your kids off for some lego fun! The Flin Flon Bombers will be joining the children in the afternoon fun!





**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:
A Project of Community Partners**

Can't think of anything special for that person who has everything? Why not give a gift that lasts forever? Consider purchasing a shelf as a way to create an everlasting memory.



**Come check out our
Christmas DVD and
Book Shelf by the front
door. Time to get into the
holiday spirit!**



Enjoy one of twenty flavors from our Keurig while you read or browse.

\$2.00



SERVICES

- Internet: \$1.00/hr
- Printing: \$0.25/pg
- Color Printing: \$1.00/pg
- Fax: \$1.00/pg
- Photocopying: \$0.25/pg
- Laminating: starting @ \$1.00
- Inter-Library Loan: \$1.00/item

WE

HAVE



WIRELESS INTERNET
upstairs and downstairs

**HOST YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY
OR EVENT
AT THE LIBRARY**



Room Rentals:

- Kinsmen Room (holds approx. 20-25 people)
- Rotary Room (holds approx. 40-50 people)

- Two Hour Party Package.....\$45.00
- First Hour..... \$20.00
- Half Day..... \$50.00
- Full Day.....\$100.00
- Week.....\$200.00

NEW JUNIOR

Big Nate: The Crowd Goes Wild - Lincoln Peirce
 Complicit - Stephanie Keuhn
 Fallen in Love - Lauren Kate
 Love Letters to the Dead - Ava Dellaira
 The One - Kiera Cass
 Redeemed - P.C. Cast
 Theodore Boone, kid lawyer - John Grisham
 Theodore Boone: The Abduction - John Grisham
 Theodore Boone: The Accused - John Grisham
 Theodore Boone: The Activist - John Grisham



Come see our Christmas "READING TREE" decorated with children's Christmas book covers. All these books are available at your local library!

"FINES FOR CHILDREN"

Bring in a toy for the
CHILDRENS GIFT PROGRAM
 & We will waive your fines until

Dec. 24th!!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



NEW KIDS DVDS

Disneys Planes: Fire and Rescue
 Rainbow Rocks
 Sleeping Beauty



Administrator's Message:

On behalf of the Staff and Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to you and your loved ones at this special time of year! We have enjoyed serving you in 2014....it has been an awesome year, and we look forward to an exciting 2015!

Thank you for reading the Flin Flon Public Library Newsletter
 If you wish to advertise with us please call us at 1(204)-687-3397

Write a Letter to Santa
on the Library Computers!



Come on in to the Flin Flon Public Library for some Santa fun!

Write a letter to Santa, get an instant reply, play computer Santa games, and munch on a cookie!!

Our Flin Flon Bombers **Austin Evans** and **Simon Hofley** will be helping the children from 1:30-5:30 on the following dates:



November 26,27
December 1,2,8,10,12,15

Merry Christmas!

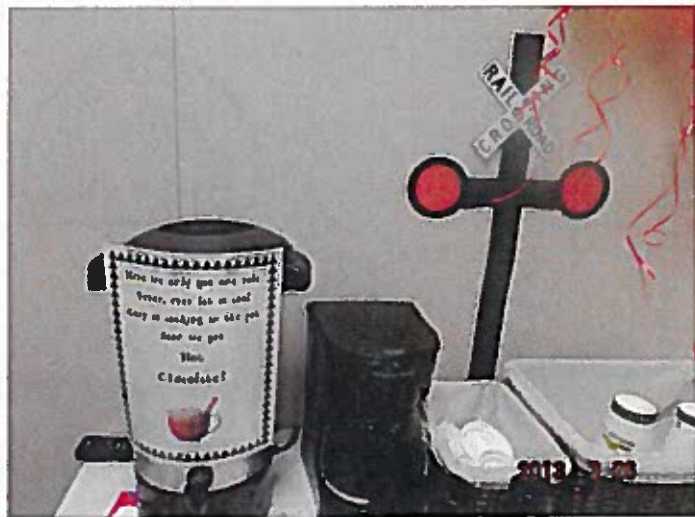
Christmas at the Library



Sparks visit



This little guy gives Rudolph a kiss!



**Now we've only got one rule
Never, never let it cool
Keep it cooking in the pot
Soon we got.....Hot Chocolate!**

**LOCAL SERVICE GROUPS GENEROUS
DONATION
FLIN FLON ROTARY CLUB
&
FLIN FLON LIONS CLUB**



PHOTO BY KELLY OSWALD

Logging In...

On behalf of the Flin Flon Public Library, administrator Cindy McLean recently accepted a donation of six new computers from Flin Flon Rotary Club president Bill Pauley (right) and Lions Club member Allan French. In 2014 alone, the library had just shy of 4,500 logins on its six older computers. McLean reached out to clubs across the community to help with the cost of new computers and received \$3,000 from the Rotarians and \$2,000 from the Lions.

DONATIONS 2014:

It takes a whole village to run a library...many thanks to the people and organizations who supported the Flin Flon Public Library this past year. Items include monetary donations, pocketbooks, DVD's, games, toys, & books. The Flin Flon Public Library acknowledges these individuals and organizations, who have generously supported the library in 2014:

Louis Morissette
Donna Webber
Pat Vickery
Amber Jessup
Jane Garroich
Brian Heibert
Evelyn Collins
Hank Klunder
Lil Shoeman
Christy Wasyliuk
Bryan Rainville
Judy Zimmer
Allison Mandapat
Betty Spiller
Harmonie Rainville

Leah Stanley Jones
Debbie Gourlay
Lynn Burroughs
Brandi Reed
Marica Mason
Joan Bowman
Keely Patterson
Natasha Ward
Susan Thompson
Evelyn Collins
Katie Kozak
Katherine Pettipas
Lorraine Petryk
Reg Boutillier
Elsie Dumas

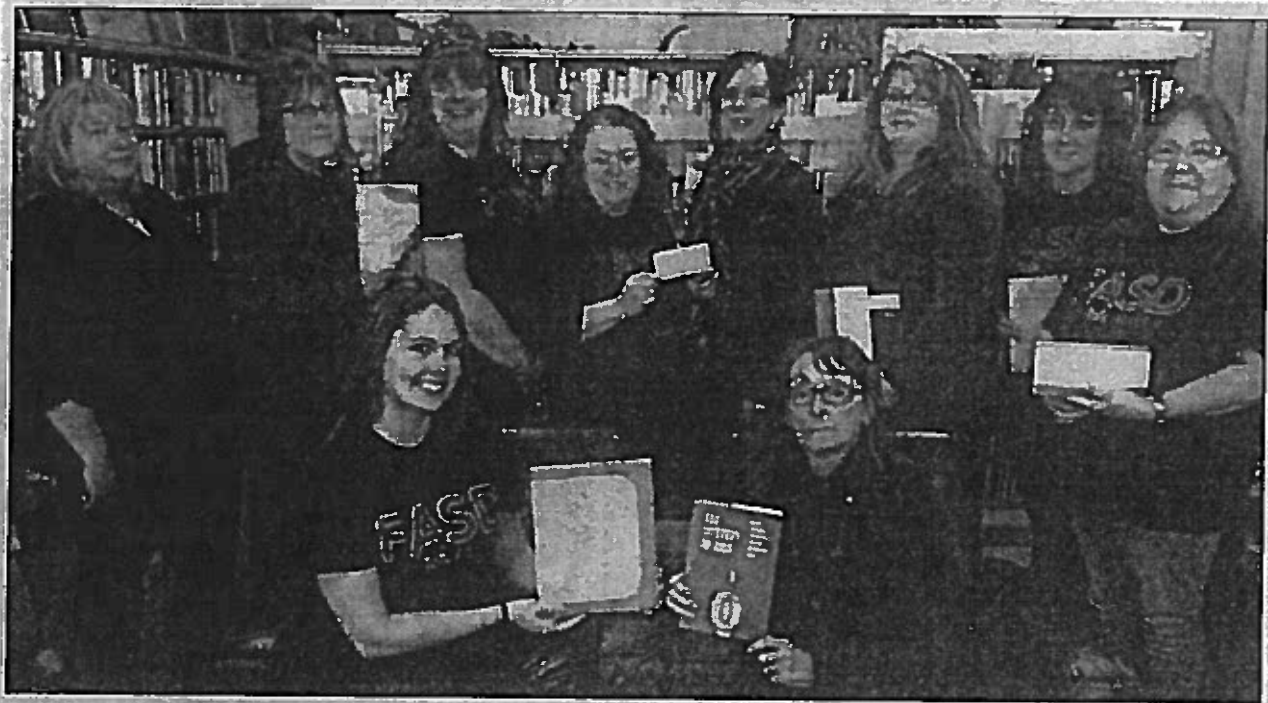
City of Flin Flon
Northern Rainbow's End
Victoria Inn
Ginnell, Bauman, Watt Law Firm
North of 53 CO-OP
Flin Flon Arts Council

Town of Creighton
Village of Denare Beach
McKeen's Trucking
Hudbay
Eddies IGA
Flin Flon Insurance

This public participation is the strength that is essential in our ability to survive in these tough economic times.

We would also like to give a very special thank you to the local Flin Flon Rotary Club & Flin Flon Lions Club, who generously donated funds, which enabled the library to purchase 6 new public computer pods!

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD & STAFF.....THANK YOU!!!!!!



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Raising Awareness...

The Flin Flon Public Library received a donation of a shelf and books from the Flin Flon-Creighton Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Committee. The books focus on FASD and are one strategy the committee is using to raise awareness of FASD and its effects.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Moms and babies who took part in the Quintessence Breastfeeding Challenge included (from left) Shaylene and baby Lucy Dumenko; Leslie and baby Nicole Ruben; Tiffany and baby Haylee Falk (back); Kendra and baby Max Dueck (front); Jessica Prosko and baby Bhuric Bangura; Claire Bowman and baby Bruce Gamache (seated); Ruth and baby Matthew Unrau (standing); Sarah Lawrence and baby Piper Pawlachuk (seated); Janelle and babies Scarlett and Lincoln Scully; and Nicolle Fox and baby Emily Bettger.

Prose celebrated at record Poetry Night

Jonathon Naylor
Editor

If poetry is the language of the soul, there was a lot of soul-searching going on at the Flin Flon Public Library.

The 13th Annual Poetry Night, held last

Friday, April 4, featured an eloquent blend of thought-provoking and more lighthearted prose presented by local writers and dignitaries.

"I was very impressed with the quality of the reading and the number of people who participated," said Harry Hobbs of the Flin Flon Writers

Guild, co-sponsor of the evening.

Held in honour of National Poetry Month, Poetry Night showcased topics ranging from war to the tough job of a librarian.

The event not only set an attendance record with 66 people, but also featured some interesting

firsts.

It was the first time that a youth read his own poetry. Many Faces Education Centre student John Vancoughnett did the honours.

It was also the first time that a grandmother, Louise Last, and her granddaughter, Taylor Dundas, presented

poems.

And it was the first time that participants, Ann Ross and Doug McGregor, sang a poem, in this case Don McLean's song / poem "American

Pie."

Poetry Night was sponsored by the Flin Flon Writers Guild, the Flin Flon Toastmasters Club and the Flin Flon Public Library.

Council briefs

Jonathon Naylor
Editor

Highlights from Wednesday's Creighton town council meeting:

- Council heard from two residents, Wade and Mike Chambers, interested in purchasing lots at the trailer court rather than renting them from the town.

Selling trailer court lots, however, would require the town to survey the subdivision and install new piping to replace the aging lines put in decades ago by a private individual.

Mayor Bruce Fidler said council would review the Chambers' request, adding that despite concern from Wade, council has "never even thought about" evicting trailers

struction on the site.

- Council was asked to boost its annual contribution to the Flin Flon Public Library by at least \$2,500, from \$15,451 to a minimum of \$17,951, effective this year.

Library administrator Cindy McLean said the increase would "assist with our ever-increasing expenses."

Council agreed to discuss the request, with Ald. Jeff Lane saying he has "heard nothing but great things about the library," with many of the compliments praising McLean.

- Council voted to set the remuneration for Creighton Community Police Board members at \$50 per meeting.

The board acts as a liaison between the community and the RCMP.

- Council voted to spend \$23,800 plus taxes

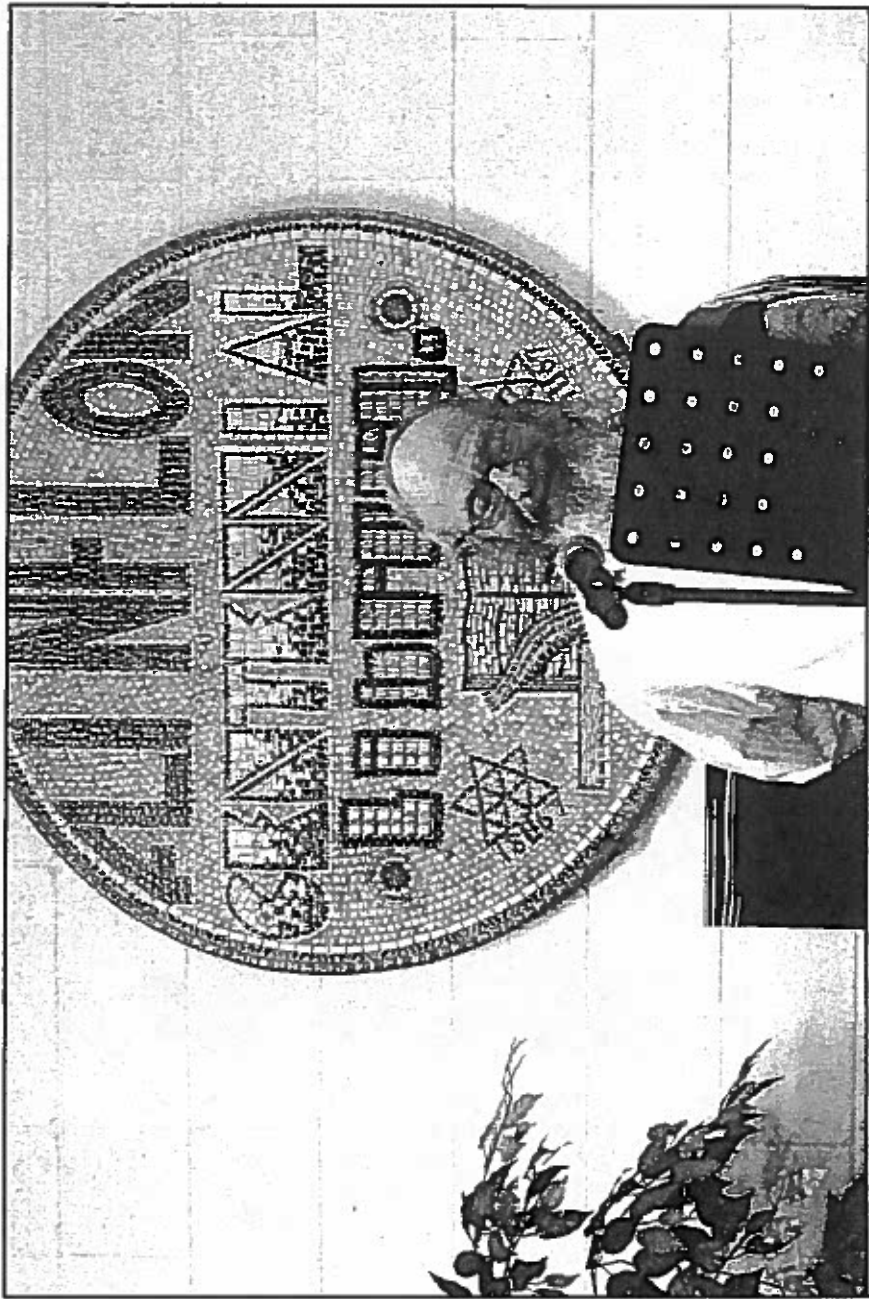


PHOTO BY DANIEL DILLON



Murray Smith with wife Marg at the library on Tuesday.
PHOTO BY KAREN MACKINNON

'Enjoyed every minute'

library Tuesday to mark Smith's retirement after 40 years with the library board of directors.

"I enjoyed every minute of it," said Smith, the longest-serving board member the library has ever had.

Smith joined the board in 1974 and

Jonathon Naylor
Editor

Murray Smith has closed the book on a historic tenure with the Flin Flon Public Library.

Friends and acquaintances gathered at the

would be part of many changes at the library, from multiple renovations to the introduction of evolving technology.

He has been involved with other volunteer initiatives over the years, not the least of which is the Rotary Club of Flin Flon.



PHOTO BY JONATHAN NAYLOR
Building Blocks...
Flin Flon Public Library administrator Cindy McLean helps Nate Goodman, 6, build a Lego fortress. The library hosted its TD Reading Camp last week, with daily themes including Lego, bubbles, Dr. Seuss, pirates and the hit movie Frozen.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Voracious Readers...
Children who read the most books during the TD Summer Reading Camp, held at the Flin Flon Public Library over the summer, recently accepted gifts for their accomplishment. Pictured (main photo, back, from left) are Addison Neill, Hailey McCracken and Halle Moore; and (front) mom Kristen Imrie with daughter Evelyn Mitchell and Lex and Lauren Richard. Pictured in the inset is Skanathan Vijayarajan.



PHOTO BY JONATHAN VANTOR

Which One???

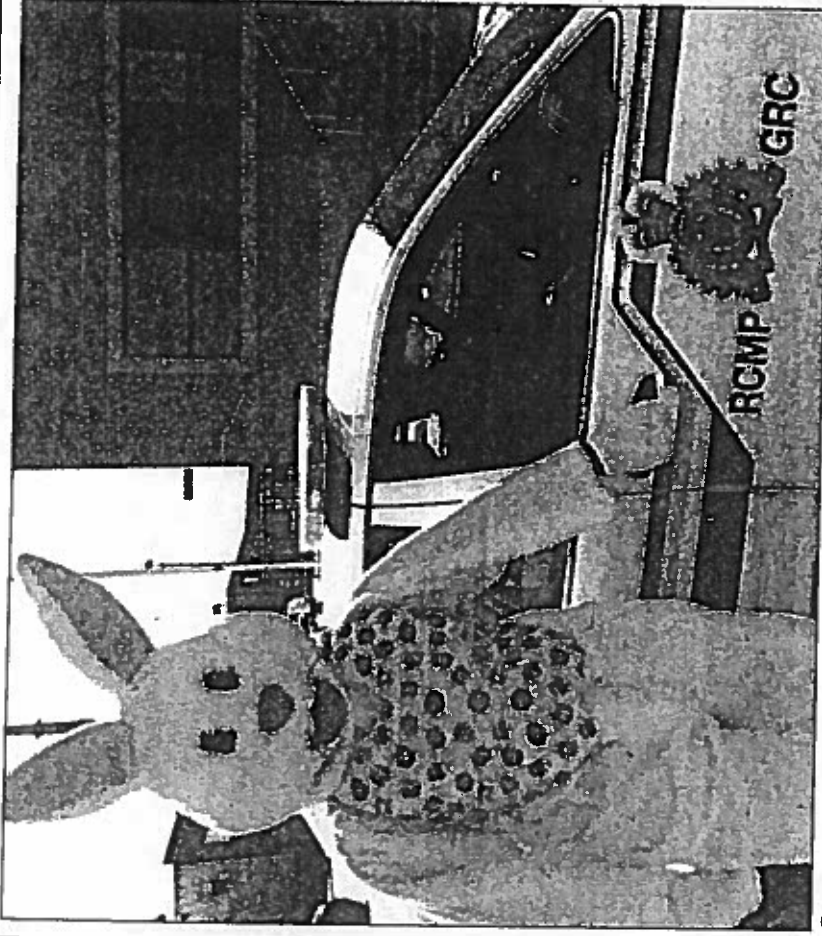
Bombers blueliner Brandon Masson watches as Oliver Atchison, 6, goes through a book of stickers at the Filin Flon Public Library's Lego Halloween party on Monday. The Bombers were on hand to help costumed kids enjoy a spooktacular good time ahead of the big night of trick-or-treating.



PHOTO BY KAREN MACKINNON

That's Kids' Stuff...

Children (and at least one grown-up) from the Filin Flon Public Library's Story Hour program climbed aboard a fire truck as part of their wind-up celebration Tuesday. Left to right are Evelyn Mitchell, 1, Hollie Clarke, 5, Buz Trevor, Bronwyn Trevor, 5, and Rylan Laderoute, 5. Story Hour will resume in September.

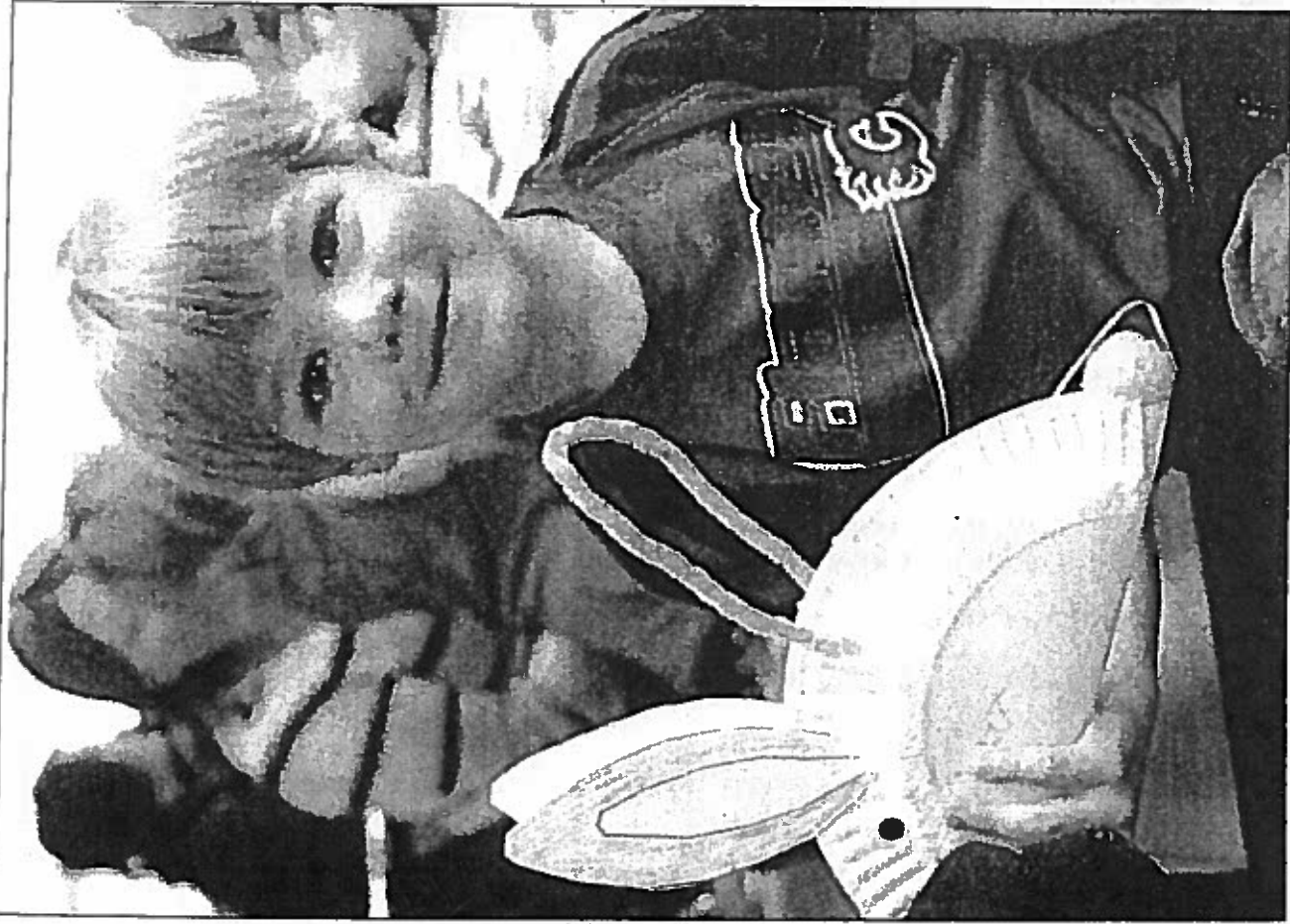


Guest of Honour...

The Easter Bunny chatted with a friendly Mountie before making his way into the Filn Flon Public Library for a children's party last week. He was the guest of honour at a pre-Easter celebration that included snacks, stories and an egg hunt.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Story Hour Easter Party
&
Community Easter Party**



Look What I Made!!!

Lucas Reid proudly showed off the bunny bag he made at the craft portion of storytime at the Filn Flon Public Library. Lucas was just one of 31 boys and girls who also got to meet the Easter Bunny last week!

PHOTO BY KELLY CARRINGTON

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUE/EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
REVENUE		
OPERATING GRANTS		
City of Flin Flon - Grant	\$ 95,000	\$ 90,000
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	15,739	15,739
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	54,032	54,032
Province of Manitoba - Technology Grant	3,492	3,526
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	18,239	18,239
RM of Kelsey	4,862	4,862
Village of Denare Beach	<u>5,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	<u>196,364</u>	<u>188,898</u>
DONATIONS	<u>1,419</u>	<u>8,826</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Overdue book fines	1,803	1,300
Parking stall rentals	1,281	1,229
Book sales	1,735	2,568
Interest	35	1,255
Material replacement	330	297
Non-resident fees	875	580
Other	<u>1,594</u>	<u>1,392</u>
	<u>7,653</u>	<u>8,621</u>
PATRON SERVICES		
Business		
Copying charges	2,692	2,872
Fax	1,674	1,551
Laminating	404	833
Rental	<u>6,826</u>	<u>5,145</u>
	<u>11,596</u>	<u>10,401</u>
InfoPod		
E-mail	2,631	2,909
Printer	<u>1,125</u>	<u>935</u>
	<u>3,756</u>	<u>3,844</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	8	56
Public Computers	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,008</u>	<u>56</u>
REVENUE- LIBRARY OPERATIONS	<u>225,796</u>	<u>220,646</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES - EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	<u>226,889</u>	<u>224,822</u>
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(1,093)</u>	<u>(4,176)</u>
TRANSFER TO (FROM) SPECIAL RESERVE	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ (1,093)</u>	<u>\$ (4,176)</u>

See accompanying notes.

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
EXPENSES		
MATERIALS		
Books	\$ 25,144	\$ 23,691
Other	110	220
Magazines	785	880
Newspaper	710	454
Videos	612	430
Toys	<u>539</u>	<u>591</u>
	<u>27,900</u>	<u>26,266</u>
ADMINISTRATION		
Association Fees	270	270
Audit and professional fees	3,745	3,745
Bank Charges	799	878
Continuing Education	465	429
Copier Contract/Paper	2,677	2,871
Express/Delivery/Postage	986	848
Equipment/Furniture	528	13,531
Insurance	2,245	2,138
Promotion & Publicity	4,755	4,781
Laminating	514	457
Library Stationary	1,753	1,165
Maintenance	10,104	8,506
Miscellaneous	1,093	1,256
Programming	716	1,021
Utilities	17,994	18,232
Wages and Benefits	129,133	126,477
Technical Services	-	76
Travel & Conference	<u>1,530</u>	<u>1,465</u>
	<u>179,307</u>	<u>188,146</u>
TECHNOLOGY		
Service Contracts	520	836
Communications	3,984	3,582
Licences	1,286	1,521
Maintenance	1,287	2,137
Supplies	<u>3,471</u>	<u>2,085</u>
	<u>10,548</u>	<u>10,161</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	10	-
Project 1: Library Net	135	249
Public Computers	4,626	-
Server	<u>4,363</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>9,134</u>	<u>249</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 226,889</u>	<u>\$ 224,822</u>

See accompanying notes.

"This place is a mystery. A sanctuary. Every book, every volume you see, has a soul. The soul of the person who wrote it & the soul of those who read it & lived it & dreamed with it. Every time a book changes hands, every time someone runs his eyes down it's pages, it's spirit grows & strengthens. In this place, books no longer remembered by anyone, books that are lost in time, live forever.."

-Carlos Ruiz Zafón

Tattered Cover
Denver, Colorado

