



*Flin Flon/Creighton Public
Library
Annual Report*

2015

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
STAFF MEMBERS
2015

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-retired Dec 2015)

Alecia Thompson

Library Clerk (April 2008-present)

Gabby Smith

Student Page (April 2015-present)

Rachael Hyska

Student Page (April 2015-present)

Tania Georgii

Casual Library Clerk (Aug 2013-present)



FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEMBERS
2015

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Village of Denare Beach Representative

Tom Goodman
Vice-Chair

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Town of Creighton Representative

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"A Library should not shush;
it should roar!"

- The Girl Who Sailed Over Fairyland and Out the Moon in Two

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2015

"Libraries are sacred time machines where knowledge flows and magic is eternal."

Mari Barnes

The magic inherent in libraries was brought home to the Flin Flon Public Library last summer, when, for two days the library basement was transformed into Hogwarts School with a complete cast of characters from the Harry Potter books. Local children were thrilled to experience rudimentary magic and fellowship created by Summer Student Willow Bellisle and library staff. They are doing these imaginative events all the time! Flin Flon residents are so fortunate to have such a facility!

The library continued to operate throughout the year in a cost effective manner. Libraries everywhere are under pressure because of rising costs and budgetary constraints. It is a sad fact of society that money for library services is always hard to come by, even though, intuitively, legislators recognise the merit in public libraries.

Library memberships increased from 3470 in 2014 to 3759 in 2015. In a period when the population is declining this is an encouraging trend.

The Library hosted 41 events which were attended by 2049 people. The best attended was the Reggie Leach book signing when more than 300 people packed into the building! These events cover a wide spectrum of activities and address interests from all ages.

Personally, I believe that a Library which is an active centre of a community indicates a healthy community. Cindy McLean and her staff of enthusiasts are the people who make it happen. I am privileged to serve on the Library Board.

BUZ TREVOR

Flin Flon Public Library Administrator's Report-2015

"You want weapons? We're in a library! Books! The best weapons in the world! This room's the greatest arsenal we could have."

- Dr. Who

Given all the turmoil and strife in the world, this quote is a beautiful reminder of the importance of free speech, the written word, and libraries. Libraries are an essential place in our world, a place where ideas can flourish, live, and grow. The best way to ensure literate children, is to teach them to read, and that reading is fun! Words are more important now, then ever before. I believe we have an obligation to support and value libraries. It is with great hope, through the collaboration of governments, communities, and parents, that the support of libraries and literacy programs will continue to be embraced. This will ensure that our children become confident and enthusiastic readers, and more importantly, leaders for change and progress!

As the Administrator, I am personally passionate and committed to childhood literacy. We are very grateful to the Northern Neighbours Foundation for the funds required to renovate our Kinsmen Room, into the stunning new Family Storytime room, and the Winnipeg Foundation for the grant dollars to run our Mindful Fun Program. By partnering with various community groups such as the Parent Child Coalition, and the Read to Me Program, I am confident that as a community, we are moving in the right direction. To that end, our library initiated the first Mindful Fun Program in 2015, held numerous camps, as well as school tours throughout the year. We encouraged children to open accounts, by giving all children books, and treat bags as an incentive. The focus is childhood literacy, and we remain committed to that end. Russell Brand once said, "Not being able to read, is like a nutritional deficit." Our goal is for our library to be the anchor of the community, while providing a safe and fun place for children and families.

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 "Web Links" 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 amazing staff, Tara Redahl, Aimee Best, Alecia Thompson, Karen McKay-(retired), Gabby Smith, and Rachel Hyska who are always willing to go the extra mile. 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-Pahkision Nuye?"ah Library System, Province of Manitoba, and RM of Kelsey, who provide the necessary funding to keep our doors open.

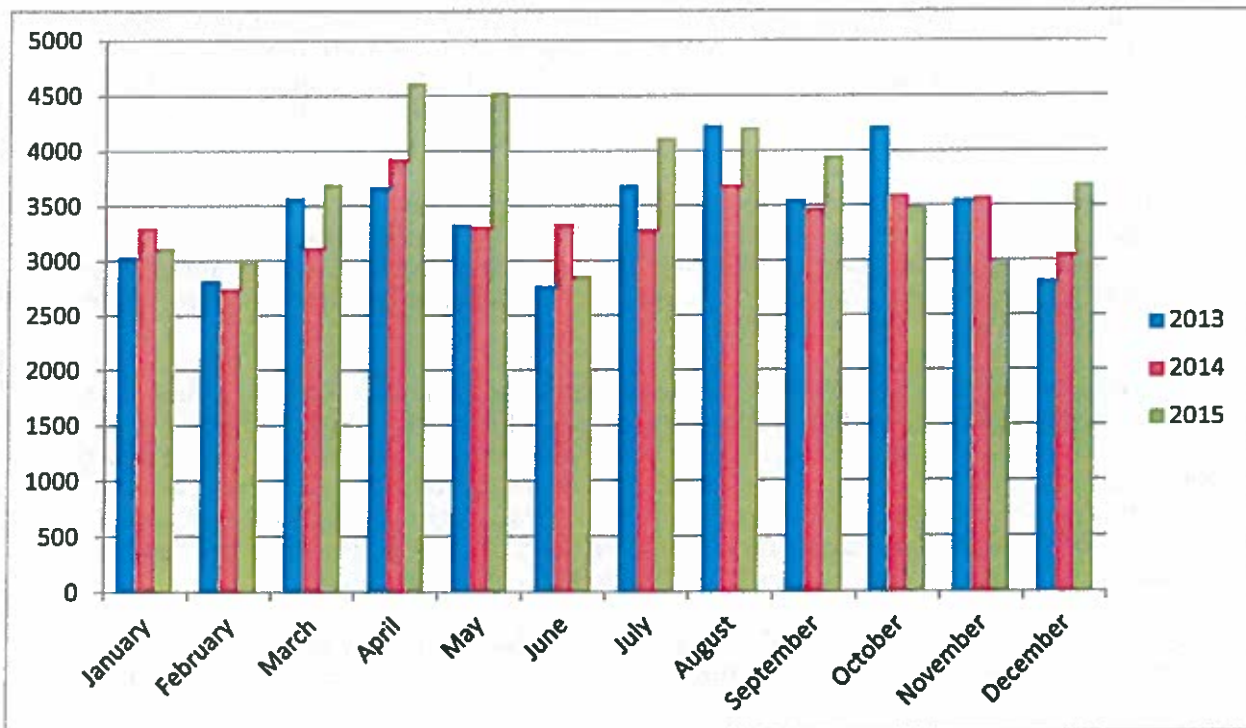
We hope you continue to visit this "arsenal" of books, and enjoy our library programs and events.....the best weapons in the world! Thank you for allowing us to serve you in 2015, and we look forward to 2016!

Respectfully yours.

Gindy McLean
Administrator

Library Patron Gate Count 2015

	2013	2014	2015
January	3034	3306	3111
February	2822	2750	2994
March	3573	3130	3697
April	3673	3934	4618
May	3330	3317	4528
June	2768	3339	2862
July	3685	3287	4120
August	4232	3690	4210
September	3556	3478	3947
October	4220	3605	3489
November	3559	3579	2983
December	2820	3060	3693
Totals	41272	40475	44252



Material Inventory 2015

Material	Total Holdings
Adult Materials	
Adult Fiction	5038
Large Print	619
Non-Fiction	8401
Pocketbooks	1343
Reference	
Subtotal:	15401
Junior/Beginner Material	
Junior Fiction	2270
Junior Non-Fiction	909
Beginner Readers	4323
Subtotal:	7502
Audio/Visual Materials	
Audio Books	731
DVD	1116
DVD Kids	410
Music DVD	94
Wii Games	19
Children's Sound Print	0
Equipment	1
Subtotal:	2371
Magazine/Newspaper	583
Toys	87
Library Use only	21
Total:	25965



A truly great library
contains something in it
to offend everyone.

New Library Holdings Added 2015

Book Report

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total:
Adult Fiction/Donation	35	56	62	96	84	21	98	70	54	84	57	14	731
Pocket Books/Donation	3	1			57	2	41			4	44		152
Large Print/Donation			1	1	2		1			2	1	2	10
Adult Fiction Native	20	40	27	18	26	14	11	17	14	37	37	7	268
Adult Non-Fiction/Donation													0
Adult Non-Fiction French	1	3	3	1	4		9	1	2		1	1	26
CD-Adult Non-Fiction													0
Music DVD										1			2
DVD	70	5	38	55	14	1	70	48	2	22	12	13	350
DVD Kids	9	1	25	4	5	4	16	21		4	24	3	116
Games							1				2		3
Magazines	25	22	29	14	21	19	24	21	31	24	28	21	279
Toys				2									2
Library Use Only	14	35	17	16	19	6	19	72	13	19	1	1	8
Junior Fiction/Donation/French													0
Junior Fiction Native													237
Junior Non-Fiction	2	1			2	1	1		4	2		1	13
Beginner Reader CD	26	25	71	50	179	14	46	45	62	21	48	35	622
Beginner Reader/Donation													0
Beginner Reader French	1						1						2
													0
Total:	206	189	274	257	413	83	334	301	184	222	257	101	2821



New Memberships 2015

	2014	Added	Withdrawn	2015
Manitoba Residents				
Flin Flon	2330	207		2537
Cranberry Portage	138	9		147
Manitoba Non-Residents				
Baker's Narrows	67			67
Big Island	35	1		36
Schist Lake	40			40
Sherridon	6			6
Snow Lake	3			3
Wanless	1			1
Manitoba Non-Resident-other	20			20
Inter-Library Membership	108			112
Temporary/Library Use	1	3		4
Sub Totals	2749			2973
Saskatchewan Residents				
Creighton	428	40		468
Denare Beach	227	21	0	248
Saskatchewan Non-Resident				
Tyrell Lake	1			1
Sandy Bay	8			8
Pelican Narrows	13			13
Saskatchewan Non-Resident	15	2		17
Deschambault Lake	9			9
Other Non-Resident	20	2		22
Subtotals	721	285	0	
Total	3470	285		3759

Usage Statistics for flinflonpubliclibrary.ca

Summary by Month

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Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Jan 2016	623	520	162	87	565	318562	1218	2270	7286	8732
Dec 2015	451	367	133	65	808	387032	2036	4124	11395	13998
Nov 2015	515	390	175	71	753	429654	2158	5263	11721	15473
Oct 2015	428	353	152	68	681	491005	2116	4740	10962	13278
Sep 2015	529	406	174	54	752	488052	1648	5226	12203	15882
Aug 2015	400	357	134	56	879	578983	1757	4161	11085	12429
Jul 2015	420	381	147	65	821	430436	2043	4580	11830	13033
Jun 2015	365	309	126	58	732	550512	1751	3809	9287	10957
May 2015	531	379	160	64	899	547622	2006	4972	11762	16482
Apr 2015	517	460	182	63	812	471411	1898	5473	13804	15537
Mar 2015	508	464	181	65	911	445197	2031	5636	14413	15759
Feb 2015	649	603	197	74	877	514832	2077	5542	16893	18188
Totals						5653298	22739	55796	142641	169748

Flin Flon Public Library Program Stats 2015

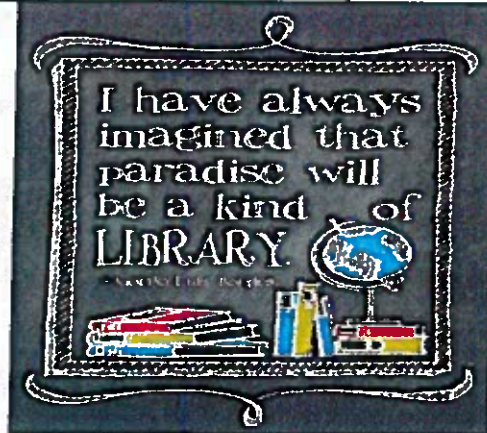
Date	Event	Attendance
Jan 26-Mar 31	Library Hook 'n' Nook Club	48
27-Jan	Family Literacy Day	26
20-Feb	Freedom to Read Coffeehouse	36
01-Apr	Community Easter Party	96
10-Apr	Poetry Night	72
06-May	Children's Book Week Celebration Day	34
May 19-June 30	Family Storytime	58
28-May	Mclsaac School Tour	23
18-Jun	Ruth Betts School Tour	20
22-Jun	Mclsaac School Tour	19
02-Jul	Earth Day	11
03-Jul	Community Discard Sale Main St	93
07-Jul	Banana Split Youth Night	6
09-Jul	Treasure Hunt Day	26
14-Jul	Science of the Senses	28
16-Jul	Science of the Senses	13
July 21 & 23	Story Writing & Minute to Win Night	16
28-Jul	Harry Potter Diagon Alley Day	30
30-Jul	Harry Potter Hogwarts Day	30
04-Aug	World Cake Day	16
06-Aug	Squishy Circuits Day	19
13-Aug	Spy Adventure Day	21
17-Aug	Games Day TD Camp	29
18-Aug	Art Day TD Camp	29
19-Aug	Glow Day TD Camp	28
25-Aug	Minute to Win Night	7
20-Aug	Music Day TD Camp	29
21-Aug	Movie Day TD Camp	31
08-Sep	International Literacy Cake & Coffee Day	44
Sept 22-Dec 15	Mindful Fun Hour	139
25-Sep	Human Book Wine & Cheese Evening	168
25-Sep	Who's Who Seniors Breakfast	42
25-Sep	Puff the Clown Day	65
27-Sep	David Collins Commemoration Reception	86
03-Oct	Breastfeeding Challenge	18
08-Oct	Anxiety Disorder Info & Coffeehouse	37
13-Oct	Community Halloween Lego Day	112
27-Oct	Mindful Fun Halloween Party	12
09-Dec	Sparks visit Grinch Christmas Party	15
12-Dec	Reggie Leach Book Signing	316
15-Dec	Mindful Fun Christmas Party	12
22-Dec	Polar Express Christmas Party	89
		2049

Library Circulation 2015

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Adult Fiction	306	382	497	406	336	278	402	309	444	397	333	311	4401
Adult Fiction French													
Adult Fiction Native													
Adult Fiction Christian	3		4	1					1			1	10
Adult Non Fiction	283	399	247	347	279	201	257	248	348	271	309	245	3434
Adult Non Fiction Christian				2	2		2			2	1	1	10
Adult Non Fiction French													
Adult Non Fiction Native	17	3	20	4	9	5	6	5	5	2	2	1	79
Beginner French	4		5	2			1	1	1				14
Beginner Native													
Beginner Reader	344	425	293	582	419	316	501	447	355	314	316	445	4757
Compact Disc Adult	58	56	62	50	66	49	63	31	51	56	54	35	631
Compact Disc Children	12		4	3		3	8	4	2	1	5	2	44
Compact Disc Junior													
Compact Disc Music									1				1
DVD Kids	70	112	114	125	120	73	85	123	90	55	65	137	1159
DVD Video	367	556	593	724	338	154	302	268	303	300	108	288	4301
Equipment													
Junior Fiction	157	239	146	217	184	162	215	190	114	128	147	164	2063
Junior Fiction Native													
Junior Fiction French							1						0
Junior Non Fiction	26	20	25	35	30	20	31	34	28	19	8	8	284
Junior Non Fiction French													
Junior Non Fiction Native	2		6					2	3				0
Large Print	62	70	61	52	60	70	88	52	103	106	119	56	899
Magazine	29	25	26	68	29	39	49	49	36	43	31	26	450
Music DVD	5	10	5	11	4		3	10	11	5		2	66
New Adult Fiction	226	160	147	204	236	186	306	249	282	236	276	204	2712
Pocketbooks	98	163	138	126	94	64	62	55	71	78	104	113	1166
Reference & Library Use	1			1					2		2		7
Serial													
Toys	1	1		2		3	4		4		1		16
TOTALS	2071	2621	2393	2962	2207	1623	2386	2077	2255	2013	1883	2040	26531

Note: Library closed June 1-5
 Note: DVD's unavailable to public 3 weeks Nov/Dec while library staff re-catalogued all DVD's and placed in storage units.

Computer Usage 2015					
	2013	2014	2015		
January	275	363	287		
February	249	345	273		
March	251	396	462		
April	280	411	593		
May	278	414	332		
June	211	366	388		
July	503	425	608		
August	451	491	433		
September	433	369	423		
October	557	377	294		
November	508	378	281		
December	499	253	314		
Totals	4495	4588	4688		



DONATIONS 2015:

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 2015:

Lil Mardel
Lalain Bashir
Daryl Porteous
John Pierre Noze
Doreen Johnstone
Hedley Mason
Evelyn Collins
Amanda Garrett
Amanda Minten
Harry Hobbs
Lorne Moorehead
Melva & Ken Weiman
Brian Hiebert
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Inner Wheel

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Flin Flon Insurance
Jim's Custom Doors & Windows
Flin Flon Writer's Guild

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 Northern Neighbours Foundation who generously donated funds, which enabled the library to renovate a beautiful new play space for Storyhour. Also special thanks to The Winnipeg Foundation, whose grant dollars ran our Family Storytime & Mindful Fun Programs in 2015.

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

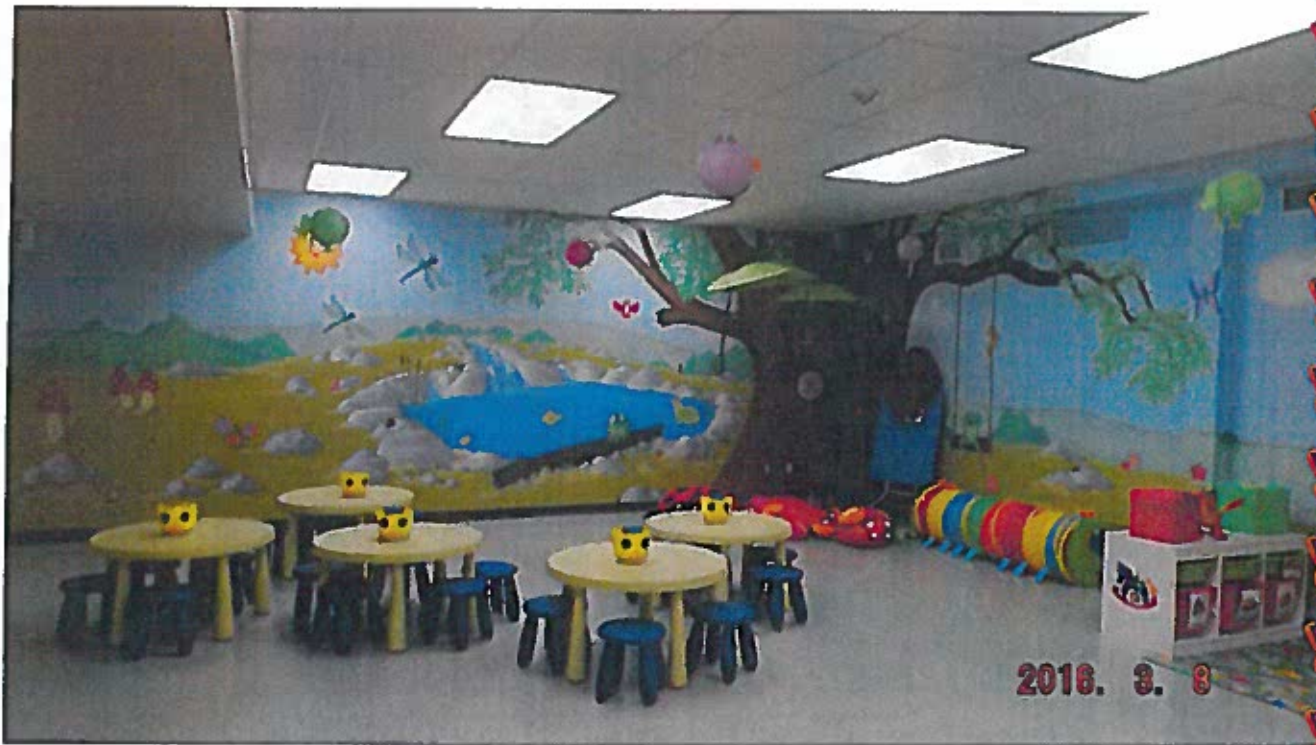
Kinsmen Room Renovation



Before: Boring room



During: Artist Linda Sonnenberg-Jackson



We were very fortunate to receive a grant from Northern Neighbours Foundation, to transform, a once dreary room, into this magical, beautiful space for our Library programming. Wow! What an awesome, fun room for the children!

Easter Bunny Fun!!!



We held our Easter Party on April Fool's Day.....so Santa came in the door first!

Oh my goodness!! The children had a good laugh, and fun was had by all!!

That Santa looks a bit familiar.....



A Mindful Mission

Bringing Mindfulness to children...
...Their way

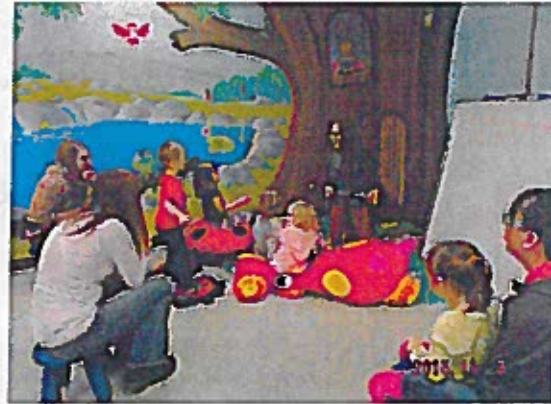
Flirt Floret Public Library's

"Mindful Fun Program"

Our newly renovated Kinsmen room, courtesy of a grant by the Northern Neighbours Foundation, hosted our first Mindful Fun Program. We were excited to offer our new children's program, Mindful Fun, brought to you by the Wpg Foundation!

Taught by owner of Zenergree Wellness- Jelisa Wieggers, Mindful Fun is a program for ages 3-5, on Tuesdays 10:30-11:30. This inspiring program is based on the MindUp curriculum, which teaches children to bring thoughtful, calming awareness to their everyday experiences, through books, games, crafts, belly breathing, yoga, and snacks.

What a great time the children had!!



FREEDOM TO READ COFFEEHOUSE



Our banned/challenged book display





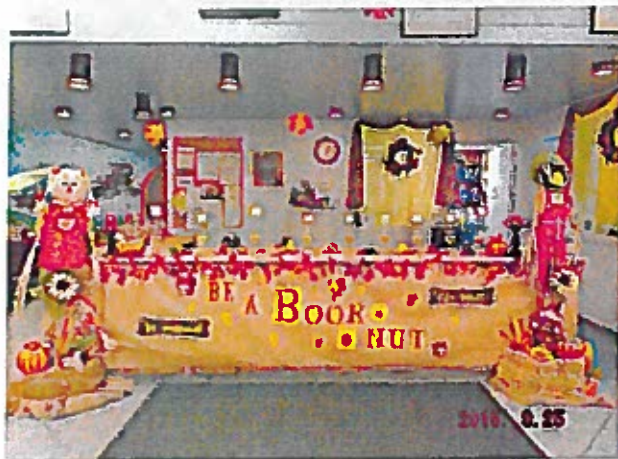
Our first Freedom to Read Coffecheouse.

We enjoyed an evening, of readings from banned/challenged books. Refreshments courtesy of Saskatchewan Library Assoc. Some of the Readers from top to bottom, left to right: Aimee Best, Bill Hanson, Susan Fulford, Valerie Durin, Cindy McLean, Clarence Petterson, Dennis Ballard, Judy Petterson, Libby Stoker-Lavelle, Rob Winton

Culture Days at the Library!



Who's Who Breakfast sponsored by the City of Flin Flon



Getting ready for the big weekend of fun!!



The library celebrated Culture Days with 4 different events.

We started the morning off with the Who's Who Senior breakfast. Seniors enjoyed browsing through pictures, and visiting, while enjoying a beautiful breakfast.

Puff the Clown entertained the children with balloon activities during the afternoon, while the community enjoyed the Human Book Wine & Cheese event in the evening.

The following day, the library hosted the David Collins Commemoration Reception in the Rotary Room. What an amazing weekend!!

2015 Human Book Night (Culture Days Event) Fri Sept 25th



Hilary McDonald, Nayda Maximchuk, Donna Williamson, Clarence Pettersen, Don Peake



Our Human Book Wine & Cheese Night was a big hit! Mark Kolt, Jennifer McLean, Kevin Imrie & Janeve Masson entertained with their unique renditions of some favorite songs.

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 \$4.00 each. Complimentary cheese, crackers, coffee and apple cider will also be available.

I  **CULTURE!**
CREATE, PARTICIPATE & SHARE

Thank you everyone who made this enjoyable evening possible.

Don't Judge a book by its cover



Everyone has a story

Flin Flon Public Library

Human Library Event

Friday Sept 25th

7:00-9:00 pm

Wine & Cheese Evening

Where people become the “books” and are “borrowed” for conversation.



Hilary McDonald

“Digging up Memories”

Hilary grew up in Flin Flon and graduated from Hapnot in 1993. Earning her degrees in archaeology, art, and museums, she now participates in digs around the world. She now combines it all by photographing archaeological projects and works frequently in Turkey and Egypt. Hilary wishes to emphasize the collaborative nature of heritage projects with local communities, as well as the joys of working abroad.



Clarence Pettersen

“Teacher of Life”

Clarence Pettersen is the MLA for the Flin Flon constituency being elected in October of 2011 as part of the Manitoba New Democratic Party. As a cancer survivor, Clarence is also a lover of sports, travel and the arts. Clarence is also a co-founder of the Flin Flon – Creighton Greening Project, a teacher and avid lover of life



Don Peake

“Rescuing History”

Don brings 25 years Mine Rescue experience, 15 years as a team member, and 10 years as an instructor. As part of this important group, Don brings a wealth of knowledge and stories regarding emergency response and rescue. Don is also very involved with the Flin Flon Heritage Project, having scanned 8,750 items, with thousands more yet to be done. You can view the Project @ www.flinflonheritage.com



Nayda Maximchuk

“Puppets & Painting”

In 1958, Flin Flon’s new library was established, and Nayda became the first card-holder. At 19 she taught Grade 1, and at 38 she enrolled at the Inter Universities North, obtaining her Bachelor of Education degree at aged 45. Nayda was the 1st graduate to obtain a degree, without stepping foot on campus. Her love of teaching continued for 30 years, while coaching badminton, growing prize-winning flowers, painting, and raising her family. Nayda has volunteered reading to children using puppets, making her affectionately known as “The Puppet Lady”.



Donna Williamson

“My Soul’s Adventure”

As a wife, mother, and woman, Donna’s role as a stay at home Mom, raising four children has sometimes left her wondering... where is her place in this world? What is her purpose, and what is the answer to this anomaly? With this search she has found adventure and risks... recently walking the Camino de Santiago. Donna has discovered that stepping out of her comfort zone, reverberates her “little old soul”. Donna struggles to remain grounded and satisfied with the normality of life, while there are vast unexplored adventures begging for attention!!!



Jennifer McLean

&

Kevin Imrie

During our intermission, enjoy listening to captivating musicians Kevin Imrie and Jennifer McLean, as they perform their unique renditions of some favorite songs.



Lets go to the Library !!!

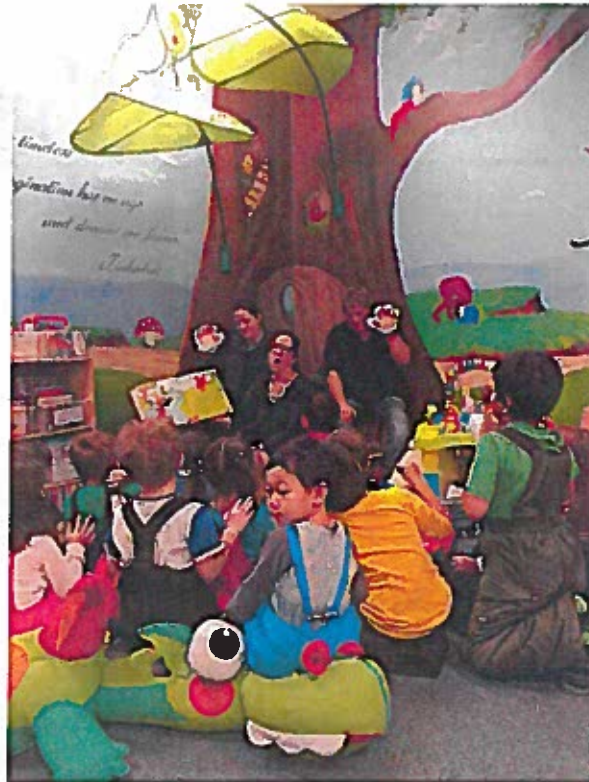


All children who opened an account, received a book, and their name on our "Reading Tree"



Sparks visit

Celebrating Children's Book Week



Family Literacy Day with Mayor-Cal Huntley, & RCMP-Kayla Upson



Mclsaac School tours, with stories, crafts, and snacks!

We had so much fun with all the children, and love reading to them!

Babytime at the Library!!!



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



Twelve Books of Christmas Winners!



Children entered their name with every book checked out. We drew a name every other day for the twelve books!! Here are some of the winners!



Polar Express Christmas Party

Dec 22th 2015



The calm before the storm!



Santa loves to read!



The Polar Express Movie



Santa telling stories!



Pictured top to bottom: Violet Jackson, Hailey Biberdorf, Jaida Goodwin, Max Duedk, Nathan Drennan, Harley & Brianne Sherman, Payton & Avery Salamandyk, Colton Gulliford



Santa & his helpers!



The twins first Christmas!



The children having fun!



Wasn't that a party!

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. Every year this event is so much fun for the children. This year we tried a Polar Express "Breakfast with Santa". After loads of pancakes, granola bars, juice, and treat bags, we sent the little munchkins home for a nap! And.....hopefully another Christmas story book! Till next year.....

Our thanks to:

Cindy McLean and the library staff for providing the venue and helping with the programs

Tim Babcock for acting as MC

Those who helped set up the chairs

Our out of town guests for coming all this way to read

Crystal Kolt and the Flin Flon Arts Council for helping with advertising

Members of the Flin Flon Writers Guild and Flin Flon Toastmasters Club for their help

All those who contributed refreshments



FLIN FLON WRITERS GUILD
FLIN FLON TOASTMASTERS
FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
WELCOME YOU TO
OUR 14TH ANNUAL POETRY READING



FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015

7:00 P. M.

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE READERS

Tim Babcock

Cal Huntley

Andy Stewart

Bruce Fidler

Helen Strom

Sheila Marchant

Natasha Ward

Cindy McLean &

Aimee Best

Heather Jobes

Valerie Durnin

Libby Stoker-Lavelle

Glenda Walker-Hobbs

Louise Last

Rafael Saray

Lawrence Gillespie

Allistair Calligeri

Ray Knight

Linda Lautamus

Mark Kolt

Crystal Kolt

Colin Davis

Dennis de Kock

Doreen Roman

Alex McGilvery

Ardith Bassham

Doreen Beardy

Gerard Jennissen

Kevin Imrie

Gerry Hamm

Lillian Mabon

Laurie Harper-Winning

Sylvia Nilson-Barkman

Gerald Allen

Dallas Bagby

Dorian Kent

Harry Hobbs

Ann Ross &

Doug McGregor



Auditorium.

The live performance tells the story of two rehab patients sharing common ground. Cpl. Michael Armstrong is recuperat-

ing. Crystal Kolt of the Flin Flon Arts Council is excited for the performance and its connection to the community.

"We're really enjoying

infringing."

The Arts Council has extended an invitation to all members of the local Girl Guides to dress in their uniform

fun," she said.

Big productions

The Arts Council had expressed interest to the RMIC that they would

began touring on Wednesday in Snow Lake with stops in Churchill and Thompson before the stop to Flin

able to support [them] again."

Tickets for *Armstrong's War* can be purchased at Northern Rainbow's End.

Company exploring near Flin Flon

A junior miner has announced a fully funded 2015 exploration program focusing on its Pine Bay and Flin Flon projects near Flin Flon.

Callinex Mines says the objectives of the two-phase drilling campaign are to confirm, expand and discover high-grade copper and zinc-rich massive sulfide mineralization.

"[This] announcement is a significant milestone towards our renewed focus on discovering and developing economic VMS [volcanogenic massive sulfide] deposits near Flin Flon," said Max Porterfield, president and CEO of the Vancouver-based company. "I am excited by the opportunities ahead

compiled and re-evaluated historic data on the Pine Bay and Flin Flon projects in support of its exploration program.

The Pine Bay Project is located 16 km east of Flin Flon and, according to Callinex, hosts four high-grade VMS deposits.

The project is at an advanced permitting stage and includes a 212-metre vertical shaft with 760 metres of underground workings nearby historic resources, the company said.

Previous operators reported historic resource estimates totalling 1.62 million tons at a grade of 2.81 per cent copper equivalent flow-
ever, this is a historic estimate and has not been veri-



Celebrating Literacy...

Capt. Kayla Upson of the Flin Flon RCMP and Mayor Cal Huntley cut the cake at Tuesday's Family Literacy Day celebrations at the Flin Flon Public Library. The two also served as guest readers for the children attending the fun event.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Loan program quashed; new fire truck expected

Creighton town council meeting highlights

Jonathan Naylor
Editor

Highlights from the March 25 Creighton town council meeting:

No more loans

Mayor Bruce Fidler expressed his disappointment over a provincial decision to pull the plug on a small-business loan program.

On March 19, the Saskatchewan government terminated the Small Business Loans Association (SBLA) program.

"It was a way of helping out the small businesses of the community," Fidler said of the program.

The province funded SBLA. Local agencies in Saskatchewan communities acted as consultants in awarding SBLA loans to small businesses.

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In a letter, Bill Boyd, Saskatchewan's economy minister, said any loans

approved before SBLA faded will be honored.

Boyd wrote that SBLA assisted thousands of small businesses across the province after being established in 1989.

But over the past decade, uptake in the program has declined more than 67 per cent, Boyd added.

Projects

Meeting minutes from the committee level listed a dozen infrastructure projects and community initiatives to be considered by council in 2015.

For one, a new fire truck worth about \$150,000, before taxes, is expected to arrive this fall.

Council has spent the past four years selling dirty dollars for the truck, which will replace an aging model that is now 30 years old.

Creighton will continue to have two fire trucks and one rescue unit. The truck being phased out will go up for public tender.

Also, as early as possible this spring, the town hopes to repair the aging Spitzberg road.

Fidler said the roof is the victim of wear and tear. He wouldn't try to win the work will cost, as a contractor will need to look at the roof.

Hiring and spending

Council hired a new staff member and approved some

spending requests.

They voted to name Joy Capyk a full-time office clerk. She replaces Cindy Davis, who is moving up to assistant administrator in light of Kate Assen's retirement.

Capyk had been a part-time office clerk for the town. She was also a part-time project administrator for the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), which is no longer in talks with Creighton.

On the spending front, council approved a \$100 donation to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers, which offers cash rewards for crime-solving information.

A letter from Crime Stoppers noted the program received 1,100 tips last year, resulting in 30 arrests and the recovery of \$240,000-plus in property and drugs.

Another \$100 went to the Mixed Bouquet to be held over the weekend at the Uptown Curling Club.

"Cutting is part of our community culture in Pin Flon and part of our collective identity," wrote bouquet organizers Ken Tremblay, Rob Longyel and Phillip Mirzoev in a letter to council.

Council further donated \$100 to the Northern Chill AAA novice team's slushbox to help with travel costs for the young hockey players.



Audrey Mack (left), director of the Publications News-in Library System (PNLS), presented the Pin Flon Public Library's Valley Dawn with an operating contribution of \$18,424. PNLS supports the library in recognition of usage from Creighton and Deyare Beach. The cheque presentation took place during last week's Creighton town council meeting.

Library asks town to boost funding

Jonathan Naylor
Editor

Creighton is being asked to shoulder more of the cost of the Pin Flon Public Library.

Library administrator Cindy McLain appeared before town council last week to request a more generous operating grant.

"If you look at Pin Flon's contribution versus Creighton, there's quite a difference," she told council during a courteous, statistic-filled presentation.

According to McLain's figures, Creighton's annual grant to the library totals \$15,924 or \$10.63 per capita. She said Pin Flon gives \$95,000, or \$14.99 per capita.

During her presentation, McLain did not specify how much more Creighton might pay, nor did library chairman Ben Trevor in a letter presented to town council.

"The level of funding from Creighton has remained static for a number of years," wrote Trevor. "As I am sure you and your council are aware, Creighton is on course to rise."

In recognition of those rising numbers, McLain said both Pin Flon and Deyare Beach boosted their grants last year.

She said Pin Flon went from \$90,000 to \$94,000 while Deyare Beach went from \$2,500 to \$3,000. Deyare Beach now pays \$6.10 per capita, lower than both Pin Flon and Creighton.

Creighton's grant edged the same, said McLain, who also pointed out that the number of library members from Creighton increased last year.

Mayor Bruce Fidler agreed that the library's request would

be discussed as part of council's budgeting process. The town budget is usually released in May.

Events

In making her case for more funding, McLain presented council with a lengthy list of community events hosted by the library over the past two years.

"We're very proud that we (we're) able to offer so many events and not charge anyone anything," she said.

But McLain admitted the library is under financial pressure with a budget deficit of \$1,000 to \$1,500 anticipated this year.

She said the library board will hold a meeting to discuss balancing the budget. In an interview after her presentation, she said a reduction in hours could be up for discussion.

McLain told council that overall library funding "hasn't increased much over the years," rising \$20,000 between 2005 and 2013 for a total of \$189,000.

McLain's funding figures show that on a per capita basis, Pin Flon pays 1.8 times as much for the library as does Creighton — and that doesn't include capital costs funded entirely by Pin Flon.

However, the Saskatchewan government provided an annual grant to the library in recognition of usage by Creighton and Deyare Beach residents. This year the grant total is \$18,424.

The Saskatchewan Funding Council from the government-funded Publications News-in Library System (PNLS). The Manitoba government also helps fund the library.



Scotiabank's Judy Schmitt (from left), Karen Galt, Chelsea Griffin and Shelley Pittman presented a \$1,000 cheque to the Pin Flon Curling Club. Kristin Gaudet, Courtney Gaudet and Ben Galt, a member of the club, accepted the money on behalf of the club. Through the Scotia Bright Futures program, Scotiabank provided funds raised from the Rotary parade and 2000 chair at the Nautic Three Night held March 6. Scotiabank employees also volunteered at the event.

July 30 2015 Flin Flon Post It

Something positive in our community .

My children have attended summer fun at the flin flon public library, they will be unable to attend in August due to holidays and other camps there attending but anyone who wants there kids to have a good time with incredible hostesses who really get into there craft should check this out! It's our second year attending the events and the week long camps is fantastic, if there not already booked to capacity do your self a favour and check this out the kids will love it.

It was just Harry Potter day I was amazed with all the decorations and time they put into it I wish I had taken photos.

I've attached the schedule in a photo

Catch all the FREE summer fun at the Flin Flon Public Library!

JULY		AUGUST	
Tuesday, July 7	Wash Day Washers & Escapes Spits 7-9 pm Available for school days & holidays too!	Tuesday, August 4	World Cafe 7-8:30 pm See what's on the menu!
Thursday, July 9	Treasure Hunt 7-8:30 pm How do you find the treasure in the treasure hunt?	Thursday, August 6	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Friday, July 10	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Friday, August 7	Wash Day Washers & Escapes Spits 7-9 pm
Monday, July 13	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Monday, August 10	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Tuesday, July 14	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Tuesday, August 11	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Wednesday, July 15	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Wednesday, August 12	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Thursday, July 16	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Thursday, August 13	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Friday, July 17	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Friday, August 14	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Saturday, July 18	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Saturday, August 15	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Sunday, July 19	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Sunday, August 16	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Monday, July 20	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Monday, August 17	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Tuesday, July 21	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Tuesday, August 18	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Wednesday, July 22	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Wednesday, August 19	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Thursday, July 23	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Thursday, August 20	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Friday, July 24	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Friday, August 21	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Saturday, July 25	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Saturday, August 22	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Sunday, July 26	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Sunday, August 23	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Monday, July 27	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Monday, August 24	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Tuesday, July 28	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Tuesday, August 25	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Wednesday, July 29	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Wednesday, August 26	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Thursday, July 30	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Thursday, August 27	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!
Friday, July 31	Stargazing 7-8:30 pm Join us for a stargazing session with our 15" telescope!	Friday, August 28	Spooky Stories 1-2:30 pm Join us for a spooky story!

Please register your child (5 years and older) at the library or by calling 204-467-5527

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Yvonne Harvie, Northern RainbowsEnd and 9 others like this.

Monday, August 10, 2015 at 10:00 AM (via Facebook)

Catch all the FREE summer fun at the Flin Flon Public Library!

JULY

Tuesday, July 7 Youth Night: Bookends & Banana Splits
7-9 pm
Personalize your bookends & enjoy a banana split bar!

Thursday, July 9 Treasure Hunt
1-3:30 pm
Dress up as pirates & solve riddles to find the hidden treasure!

Tues, July 14 & Thurs, July 16 Science of Senses
1-3:30 pm
Explore the senses of taste, sight & touch with food & fun games!

Tuesday, July 21 Story Writing
1-3:30 pm
Learn the mechanics of a good story & get the creative juices flowing.

Thursday, July 23 Youth Night: Minute To Win It
7-9 pm
Compete in some 60 second challenges!

Tuesday, July 28 Harry Potter: Diagon Alley
1-3:30 pm
The magic begins with a trip to Diagon Alley to pick up your wands, wizarding tools & tickets for the Hogwarts Express. Crafts, games & Honeydukes sweets! Come back on Thursday, July 30 to participate in your first day at Hogwarts!

Thursday, July 30 Harry Potter: Hogwarts
1-3:30 pm
Attend Potions, Herbology, Defense Against the Dark Arts & Care of Magical Creatures. The Professors have lots of fun crafts & games!

AUGUST

Tuesday, August 4 World Cake
1-3:30 pm
Time to bake some cake from scratch!

Thursday, August 6 Squishy Circuits
1-3:30 pm
Learn to make a salt & sugar play-dough battery pack.

Tuesday, August 11 Youth Night: Teams of 2 Games
7-9 pm

Thursday, August 13 Spy Adventure
1-3:30 pm
Laser mazes, finger prints, and secret codes - all in a day's work for a super spy!

Tuesday, August 25 Minute to Win It
1-3:30 pm
Compete in some 60 second challenges!

Thursday, August 27 Youth Night: Open Mic
7-9 pm
Show off your talents! Poetry, stories, music, acrobatics - anything goes!

TD Summer Reading Camp August 17 - 21

Aug. 17 Game Day 1-3:30 pm
Popcorn racing, Q-tip wars, and more!

Aug. 18 Art Day 1-3:30 pm
Water gun painting is just the start!

Aug. 19 Glow Day 1-3:30 pm
Glow-in-the-dark games for all!

Aug. 20 Music Day 1-3:30 pm
Jam out on your own homemade instrument!

Aug 21 Movie Day 1-4:00 pm
It's our own film festival! Don't miss out!

Please register your child (5 years and older) at the library,
or by calling 204:687:3397

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SOMETHING MAGICAL Rylan Laderoute mixed a potion during a Harry-Potter-themed day at the Flin Flon Public Library last Thursday, July 30. The event brought together children to celebrate the birthday of the beloved fictional wizard.

PHOTO BY KELLY OSWALD

CANADA VOTES

MP elec

JONATHON NAYLOR
Editor

MPs Niki and Rob Clarke are plying for their northern Manitoban Saskatchewanians in a general election mode.

Ashton, MP Churchill-Keewatin-Aski (formerly Churchill), and Clarke, MP for DeWinton-Keewatin-Aski will be on the ballot for the October 19 vote.

At Prime

Sherrin in water

JONATHON NAYLOR
Editor

The Town of Sherrin has hired a consultant to independently evaluate whether the province's plan to release water from Lake Manitoba is safe.

Debi Hatch, a councillor, said concerns were brought in by Mike Manzoni to look into the matter.

Hatch said the province has not demonstrated that the community that



Women and babies at the World Breastfeeding Challenge at the Flin Flon Public Library Saturday, Oct. 3. From left are Vanessa Unrau with baby Elizabeth Whitbread, Tash Coghlan-McLean with baby Tilly Coghlan-McLean, Ruth Unrau with baby Matthew Unrau, Danica Vachon with son Keenan Rasmussen and baby Koady Rasmussen, and Blair Rasmussen with baby Araya Borlay.

SUBMITTED PHOTO



Members of the Baby Friendly Initiative Committee presented Flin Flon's first October baby with special gift to mark World Breastfeeding Week. Pictured (left to right) are committee members Carol Hydnamaka of Bes Beginnings Baby & Me, Shelly Vancoughnett of Kids First North, mom Carla Roberts of Pelican Narrows with daughter Carly Cook, and Kelleen Blouin of Kids First North. Carly Cook was born early in the morning on Oct. 1 weighing six pounds, eight ounces.

PHOTO BY LIBBY STOKER-LAVELLE

Moms aim to make Flin Flon Baby-Friendly

BY LIBBY STOKER-LAVELLE
Staff Writer

Five hungry babes and their moms gathered at the Flin Flon Public Library Saturday to participate in the World Breastfeeding Challenge.

In this annual event, women from all over the world come together for a "latch-on," where they breastfeed their babies together.

The goal is to make breastfeeding more visible in the community," said Vanessa Unrau, one of the organizers and a member of the Flin Flon's Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI) Committee.

Unrau added that the

committee hopes to "make it more of a norm to see breastfeeding moms in public."

The BFI Committee hosted the Flin Flon event as part of World Breastfeeding Week (Oct. 1 to 7).

According to the World Health Organization, "Exclusive breastfeeding is recommended up to 6 months of age, with continued breastfeeding along with appropriate complementary foods up to two years of age or beyond."

One of the committee's goals is to support moms in breastfeeding past that date. With this in mind, the BFI committee runs a

Facebook group where parents can connect and share information.

It also distributes breastfeeding-friendly signs to businesses and organizations and hosts a monthly Breastfeeding Café-Breastfeeding Friends group at Ruth Betts Community School.

The central focus of the committee is to have an official Baby-Friendly accredited health facility in Flin Flon, Unrau explains.

The Baby-Friendly designation is based on established best practices around breastfeeding and maternal and infant health.

The Pas Primary Health

Care Centre recently became the second facility in Manitoba to receive this designation.

"We are hoping the Flin Flon Primary Health Care Centre will be next," says Unrau.

In order to achieve this designation, a facility must meet 10 standards, such as having a written breastfeeding policy, assisting mothers to breastfeed and maintain lactation should they face challenges, and providing a seamless transition between the services provided by the hospital, community health services and peer support programs.

■ The Baby Friendly Initiative Committee hopes the Primary Health Care Centre will be the next Manitoba location to receive the Baby-Friendly designation.

Flin Flon Public Library Events for December 2015

The 12 Books of Christmas
Dec 1-24

Picture your child's name with every book. *Optional cost!*
The staff decorates names every afternoon during the week.
Don't miss the early start of 25 more books!
Good luck, and Happy Holidays!



Flin Flon Public Library Children's Christmas Book Sale!
Come early!!
Huge Selection of books!!
Nov 23rd - Dec 24th



"Fines For Children"
Bring in a toy for the **Children's Gift Program** & we will waive your fines until Dec 20th
Merry Christmas!!



Flin Flon Public Library presents **Polar Express Christmas Movie Party!**
Tuesday Dec 22
10:00am - 12:00 pm

Join us for a family Christmas fun day!

Fine Swat!!
Get Your Golden Ticket at the Library!

Leave your pajamas on, grab the kids, and come to the library for a movie, fresh hot chocolate, coffee, breakfast snacks, and story time with Santa!

Polar Express Golden Tickets are available for pick up at the Library, for the first 50 children! Register your child for a free-filled day! (Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult)



Come visit our **'Santa Writing Station'**
Have fun decorating a card, or drop your letter to Santa in our mailbox!!



My Name Is _____
I am _____ years old.
I live in _____
One of the fun things I did was _____
I did _____
My Christmas Wish List is _____

Reggie Leach

BOOK SIGNING

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 12, 2015

Foreword by Bobby Clarke

My Story
Reggie Leach

This is a tale
for the ages!
JOSEPH BORDEN
Author of *The Game*



The
**Riverton
Rifle**

Straight Shooting on Hockey and on Life

**"It all comes
down to making
the right life
choices."**

- Reggie Leach

11 AM - 2 PM

Flin Flon Public Library: Book Signing
Coffee, cake & dainties served.

12 PM

Flin Flon Public Library : Presentation
Join Reggie as he speaks about his life
& hockey career as it pertains to
the book, *The Riverton Rifle*.

6 PM

Whitney Forum: Book Signing
. Missed him at the library? Stop by the
concession area to get your signed copy.

7:30 PM

Whitney Forum: Puck Drop.

8 PM

First intermission. Last chance! Join us in the Whitney Forum
(concession area) to get your signed copy of *The Riverton Rifle!*

Don't miss this intimate biography of one of the best snipers in hockey history! Through Leach's own recollections, *The Riverton Rifle* traces his trajectory from humble beginnings to NHL stardom and pillar of the Aboriginal community. A must read for every hockey fan!

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Bombers get scientific in aiding students

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PROVINCIAL POLITICS

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MLA Clarence Pettersen "not about what he calls backdoor

JONATHAN NAYLOR
 Editor

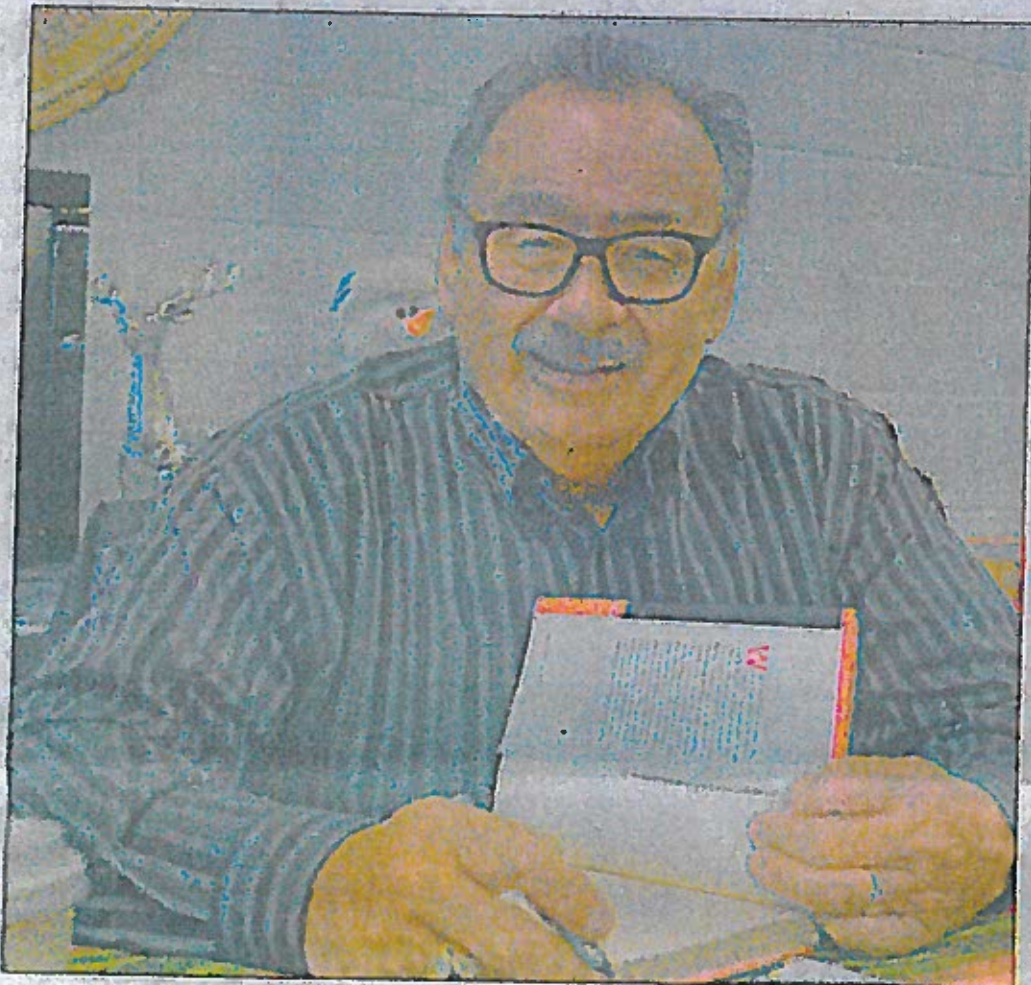
Flin Flon MLA Clarence Pettersen says his past calls for the premier to resign helped inspire his union-backed "overthrow" as the riding's NDP candidate

Now Tom Lindsey, a long-time union activist, will carry the NDP banner in the Flin Flon constituency when voters head to the provincial polls in April.

SEE NDP PAGE 2



Tom Lindsey



READ ALL ABOUT IT

Hockey legend and former Flin Flon Bomber Reggie Leach was at the Flin Flon Public Library last Saturday, Dec. 12 to sign copies of his new autobiography, *The Riverton Rifle: My Story - Straight Shooting on Hockey and on Life*. Leach, 65, also spoke to fans about his career and life.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY SASS

Summer Employment Leaders

WFL today...
 Help make summer youth employment connections.
 Gain valuable leadership experience for your resume.
 Build supervisory, communication and event planning skills.
 Network and partner with local businesses and organizations.
 Visit your local rural or northern community.
 Get 15 weeks of full-time employment from May to mid August.
 Manitoba Youth Job Centres provide summer employment opportunities and career-readiness training for students and youth.
 Visit the website for a list of the over 40 MYJC community office locations across Manitoba.
 Get the details
 Visit manitoba.ca/myjc/

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Flin Flon Public Library interlibrary loan clerk Aimee Best (from left), assistant administrator Tara Redahi and administrator Cindy McLean with Flin Flon and District Chamber of Commerce president Dianne Russell in front of the library's Christmas tree.

PHOTO BY JONATHAN NAYLOR

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Library wins Xmas campaign

JONATHAN NAYLOR
 Editor

The Flin Flon Public Library really got into the holiday spirit, and it showed.

The library won the Flin Flon and District Chamber of Commerce's first-ever

Your Business Shines a Light on Christmas contest.

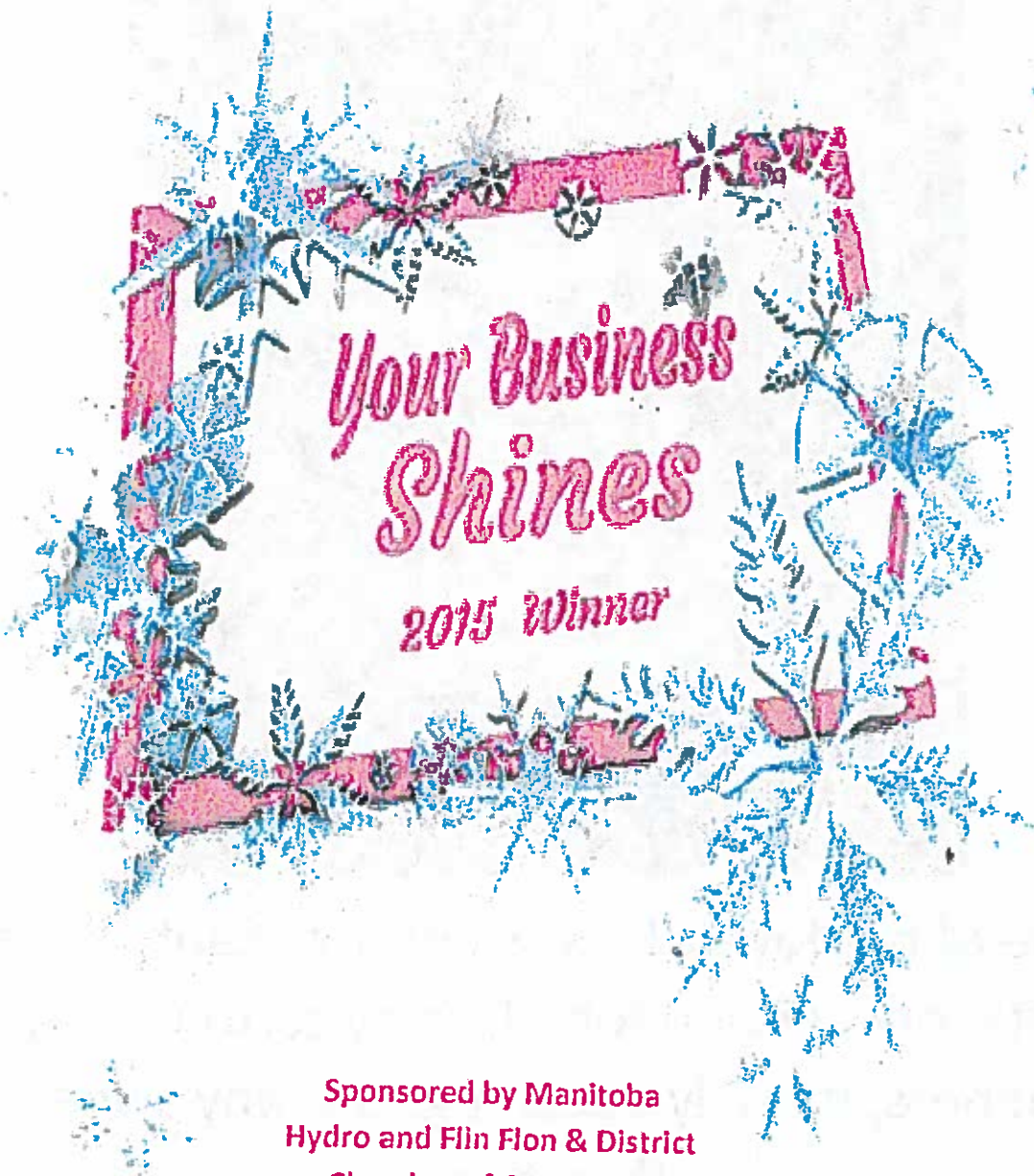
Sponsored by Manitoba Hydro, the contest invited businesses and public facilities to decorate their premises for a chance at a certificate along with lighted gift boxes and a decorative

lamppost. The public voted for their favourites, with a chamber committee selecting the winner from the top-five vote-getters.

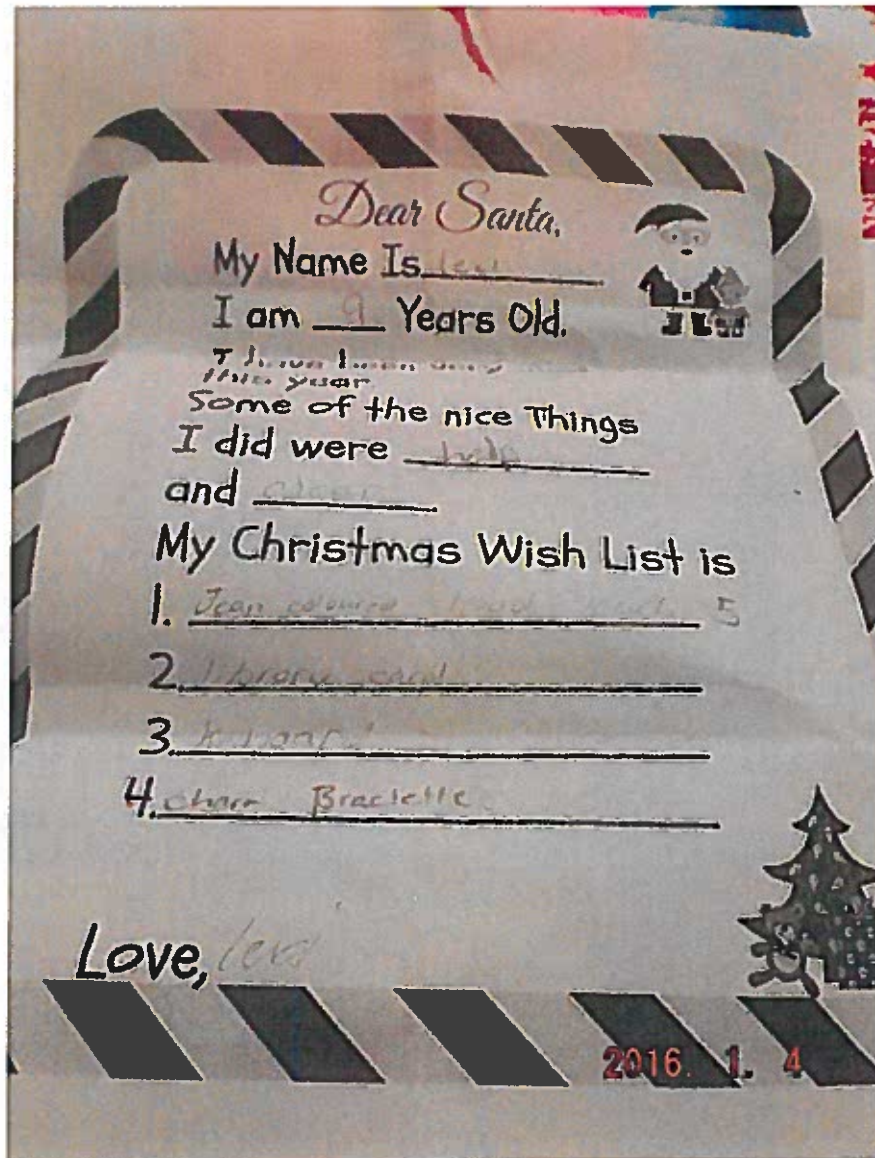
Honourable mentions went to Northern Rainbow's End, Community Futures

Greenstone, Flin Flon Station Museum and the Town of Creighton.

The contest replaced the chamber's previous Christmas contest, which handed out prizes for both residential and commercial displays.



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Chamber of Commerce**



One of our lovely letters letter to Santa. This little one wished for a Library card! Oh my goodness, it really doesn't get any sweeter than this!

Happy 2016 everyone!!

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUE/EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
REVENUE		
OPERATING GRANTS		
City of Flin Flon - Grant	\$ 95,500	\$ 95,000
Town of Creighton - Library Board Levy	18,421	15,739
Province of Manitoba - Operating Grant	54,389	54,032
Province of Manitoba - Technology Grant	4,305	3,492
Province of Saskatchewan Grant	18,421	18,239
RM of Kelsey	4,862	4,862
Village of Denare Beach	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>200,898</u>	<u>196,364</u>
DONATIONS	<u>967</u>	<u>1,419</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Overdue book fines	2,603	1,803
Parking stall rentals	1,596	1,281
Book sales	980	1,735
Interest	521	35
Material replacement	1,051	330
Non-resident fees	881	875
Other	<u>1,928</u>	<u>1,594</u>
	<u>9,560</u>	<u>7,653</u>
PATRON SERVICES		
Business		
Copying charges	2,778	2,692
Fax	1,648	1,674
Laminating	841	404
Rental	<u>8,044</u>	<u>6,826</u>
	<u>13,311</u>	<u>11,596</u>
InfoPod		
E-mail	2,702	2,631
Printer	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,125</u>
	<u>3,852</u>	<u>3,756</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	-	8
Public Computers	-	5,000
Winnipeg Foundation Literacy	4,000	-
Northern Neighbours Foundation	4,343	-
Service Canada Summer Student	<u>5,136</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>13,479</u>	<u>5,008</u>
REVENUE- LIBRARY OPERATIONS	<u>242,067</u>	<u>225,796</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES - EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	<u>242,624</u>	<u>226,889</u>
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(557)</u>	<u>(1,093)</u>
TRANSFER TO (FROM) SPECIAL RESERVE	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ (557)</u>	<u>\$ (1,093)</u>

See accompanying notes.

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
EXPENSES		
MATERIALS		
Books	\$ 30,114	\$ 25,144
Other	10	110
Magazines	982	785
Newspaper	630	710
Videos	824	612
Toys	<u>500</u>	<u>539</u>
	<u>33,060</u>	<u>27,900</u>
ADMINISTRATION		
Association Fees	335	270
Audit and professional fees	3,969	3,745
Bank Charges	900	799
Continuing Education	-	465
Copier Contract/Paper	3,491	2,677
Express/Delivery/Postage	1,485	986
Equipment/Furniture	1,757	528
Insurance	2,563	2,245
Promotion & Publicity	4,667	4,755
Laminating	606	514
Library Stationary	1,243	1,753
Maintenance	10,089	10,104
Miscellaneous	1,205	1,093
Programming	978	716
Utilities	18,895	17,994
Wages and Benefits	138,277	129,133
Travel & Conference	<u>1,218</u>	<u>1,530</u>
	<u>191,678</u>	<u>179,307</u>
TECHNOLOGY		
Service Contracts	140	520
Communications	3,423	3,984
Licences	1,057	1,286
Maintenance	1,042	1,287
Supplies	<u>1,921</u>	<u>3,471</u>
	<u>7,583</u>	<u>10,548</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Archives	50	10
Project 1: Library Net	119	135
Public Computers	1,228	4,626
Northern Neighbours Kinsmen Room	4,902	-
Server	-	4,363
Winnipeg Foundation Family Storytime	<u>4,004</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>10,303</u>	<u>9,134</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ <u>242,624</u>	\$ <u>226,889</u>

See accompanying notes.