



Annual Report 2017

**Prepared by Lac du Bonnet Library Staff
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Mission Statement

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library is the focal point in our community for formal and informal association with information and ideas. Resources that inform, educate, develop, and enrich the lives of all are provided through services, programs, and access to information technology.

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Fully-automated library services are offered to all residents of:

Town of Lac du Bonnet
Population: 1089

RM of Lac du Bonnet
Population: 3121

(Population based on 2016 Revised Census).

Your Information Services Headquarters....

Fiction and Non-Fiction for all ages!
Magazines
Public Access Computers/Early Literacy Station
Large Print Books
Photocopying/Faxes
Good as New Book Sales
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Special Events
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Audio Books
Interlibrary Loans (fill)
Summer Reading Program
eLibraries Manitoba, EBSCOhost,
NNELS*, RBDigital** and Global
Road Warrior Travel Database
Access

Library Catalogue Home Access for Catalogue searches, reserves and circulation renewals (as well as special features such as recommendations and wish list).

* NNELS – National Network for Equitable Library Service.

** RBDigital – eMagazines and e-Audiobooks

LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday and Monday – Closed

Tuesday: 10:30 am – 8:00 pm
Wednesday: 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Thursday: 10:30 am – 8:00 pm
Friday: 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Interlibrary Loans – *Can't find a book you are looking for? We can often find it at another library. This service is free within Manitoba and occasionally we are charged a small fee by some out-of-province libraries. This charge is passed on to the patron. We also have many requests from other libraries for interlibrary loans.*

2017 in Review...

We had a few staff changes during the year. Michelle Grimmelt held the Events Coordinator position until May. In June, Sandy Nitzsche was hired for that position. Ashley Dufault filled the Library Clerk position until March when she started her post-secondary education. Georgia Milne then joined us as Library Clerk. Becky Habing was hired to fill the vacant Assistant Clerk position from January to June. Emily Massingham was hired as Summer Reading Program Coordinator for July and August, and Arianna Neyedli joined Marina as Assistant Library Clerk in September.

Joan Einarson joined our Library Board this year as the Rural Municipality Member-at-Large and assumed the Vice-Chairperson duties. All other Board representation remained the same for the year.



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Arianna Neyedli



Emily Massingham
Summer Reading
Program Coordinator

Family Literacy Day is celebrated across Canada annually on January 27th. January 26th, our Library hosted “Family Literacy Night” (see Special Events).

A staff luncheon on February 24th was followed by a “Come and Go” farewell tea for Ashley Dufault. Ashley worked as our Summer Student and Assistant Library Clerk for over four years. She was accepted to the Criti Care EMS Paramedic Academy; and we are proud to say, has since graduated.

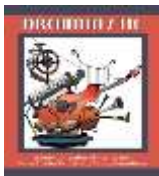
February was “**I Love to Read Month**,” and each visit to the Library entitled patrons and visitors to an entry for one of our book draws. Lucky winners were: Ivy Pluchinsky, Keith Gladstone, Stephanie Golka, Gudrun Eibisch, Jennifer Pinto, Isabelle Fontaine, Janice Halliday and Jack Halliday.

Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Rochelle Squires launched a program and policy review of public library service in February 2017. Libraries across Manitoba received a consultation package, consisting of an Environmental Scan and a Comprehensive Survey. Seven Policy and Program Review Forums were held at various Manitoba locations; with Cathie Brereton (Board Secretary) and Vickie Short (Head Librarian) attending the forum hosted by the Jake Epp Library in Steinbach.

The Library hosted “**Spring into the Library**” during Spring Break. Local and visiting children joined us for “Puppet Fun,” “Wool Carding” and “All about Easter” as well as stories, crafts and refreshments (see Appendix).

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library and the Winnipeg River Arts Council co-hosted our 5th Annual “**Celebrating Stories**” on April 20th. Our special guests for that evening were Artist/Storyteller Mary Louise Chown; Singer/Songwriter Shawn Keith; and representing the Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society, Karen David (see Special Events and Appendix).

Our **Annual Spring Tea** for Volunteers and Library Friends was held May 5th. We hope the 27 guests enjoyed the event as much as we enjoyed showing our heartfelt appreciation for all they do for us. Volunteers, patrons and friends joined Library Board Members and Staff for an enjoyable afternoon (see Appendix).



Local student and library patron Lily Hodgson was awarded second-prize for her entry in the 2016 Polar Expressions Publishing writing contest for Canadians. Winning entries (ages 5 to 15) were published in ***Dreamtastic: A New Collection of Poetry and Short Stories Written by Young Canadians.*** Lily kindly donated a copy to our Library (see Appendix).

In June, our volunteers “came to the rescue” once again by working at Mrs. Lucci’s, earning the Library \$500.00. In addition, we received \$1,000.00 from Lucci’s Too – a very timely and welcome donation to offset the cost of a combination printer/scanner/copier to replace the printer and the copier that could no longer be repaired. Cathie Brereton and Vickie Short accepted the donation on behalf of the Library (see Appendix).

The Interlake Eastern Suicide Prevention Committee’s mission is to support initiatives that are designed to prevent the occurrence of suicide by promoting mental well-being and encouraging help-seeking behaviours through awareness and education activities/resources. This Committee graciously donated several books to our Library.

The **Summer Reading Program** ran from July 4th to August 17th. This year the program theme was “Celebrating Canada’s 150th.” Emily Massingham was hired as the Summer Reading Program Coordinator (see Special Events).

Our **Annual Fall Supper** was held on September 16th at the Legion Hall. Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 generously donated the Hall and our Legion comrades and the Ladies Auxiliary prepared the meal for almost 400 guests (see Special Events).

September 17th was designated Manitoba Open Farm Day. Free bookmarks and brochures, complete with maps and information on participating farms were made available at the Library.

Lac du Bonnet Library hosted “Pyjama Storytime” on November 16th (see Special Events and Appendix).

It was another successful year for the magazine sponsorship program. Library friends and local business sponsors are responsible for the existence of at least half our magazine collection.

The Library Boardroom continued to be used on a regular basis throughout the year. Local groups such as: the Lac du Bonnet Food Bank; Winnipeg River Arts Council; Winnipeg River Recreation Commission; and various students writing exams that require a Proctor.

Our appreciation is once again extended to the Town and RM of Lac du Bonnet for their continued support. The RM of Alexander continued to compensate the Library for services provided to their residents residing in the Bird River area. Total 2017 funding from the RM of Alexander was \$2,915.00.

Funding received from the Province, the RM and the Town amounted to \$96,478.25, for 2017. In addition, we received \$3,716.51 as our share of a Rural Library Technological Sustainability Grant; and from the Federal Government, a Canada Summer Jobs Student Grant of \$2,640.00 that assisted in funding the Summer Reading Program Coordinator position.

Training and Development...

- March 16th, Vickie and Janice participated in the RBDigital OneClick Audiobook training offered via webinar.
- Vickie, Janice, and Michelle received in-house training from a Bridgeport representative on the operation and maintenance of the newly-acquired printer/scanner/copier.
- The Eastman and Interlake Library Group continues to meet three times a year. Participating libraries take turns hosting the meetings. The libraries include: Lac du Bonnet, Pinawa, Beausejour, Allard, Selkirk, Stonewall, Springfield and Steinbach.

Special Events...

On January 26th, the Library hosted **Family Literacy Night** with puppets, stories, jokes and games! Sixteen children, parents, staff and volunteers had lots of fun with the puppet show led by volunteer Larissa Shabaga. Along with Larissa, we'd like to thank Janice Halliday, Melissa Miler, and Cathie and Rick Brereton for all their help throughout the evening. Lucky winners of the attendance draws were Saffiya R. and Bella T.



The evening was a success with the puppets teaching the value of reading!

From March 28th to March 30th, the Library hosted “**Spring into the Library.**” Local and visiting children participated in the 3-day program with crafts, stories and more! The highlight of the program included the Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society representative Skylor Mitchell demonstrating wool carding and helping the children make a “God’s Eye”.





Huge thank you to our volunteers, Janice Halliday, Melissa Miler, Norma Hladki, Skylor Mitchell, Emily Massingham and Marina Milne.

The Library hosted the 5th Annual **Celebrating Stories** on April 20th, featuring Mary-Louise Chown, a story-teller in Australia, Great Britain and Canada. Mary-Louise brought her shamanic training and spoke vividly about Dr. Charlotte Ross. On behalf of the Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society, Karen David told the story of her family emigration to Canada from Latvia. Local song writer Shawn Keith entertained the group with his original music and explained how he came to write the piece.



Guests Karen David, Shawn Keith and Mary-Louise Chown entertain at Celebrating Stories. Thank you to volunteers Teresa Usackis, Janice Walker, Irene Sveinson, and Christine Argyle who generously donated dainties, and to Logan Milne and Jaden Maki who helped with the clean up!

Since 2017 was Canada's 150th birthday, the **Summer Reading Program** featured Canada-themed stories, games and snacks!

During the six-week program 40 children attended with an average of 14 per week. During the course of the program, 907 Children's and Junior books were checked out. Daily reading log prizes were awarded and hung on the Maple tree; and prizes were given out for monthly attendance.



The Summer Reading Club members enjoyed stories with Emily, along with games, crafts, puppet fun, and snacks! Thank you to Emily Massingham who was hired as the Summer Reading Program Coordinator. Job well done Emily!



We concluded the Summer Program with a windup held at the Community Centre. Approximately 100 people attended the Prairie Exotics exhibit, with refreshments served at the Library after the event. A partnership between The Lac du Bonnet Library, The Lac du Bonnet Children's Centre, and The Winnipeg River Recreation District provided the funding for the windup.



The 30th **Annual Fall Supper** was another success. Supplies for the meals were again donated by our Library patrons, who also helped with serving and cleanup. There was a sellout crowd with three hundred and eighty meals served, and proceeds were approximately \$5,701.00.

Head Librarian Vickie Short presented the beautiful handcrafted quilt to a delighted Saiji Parthenais. The quilt was created and donated by Cathie Brereton, our Library Board Secretary. Lucky 50/50 raffle winners were Dorothy Gresham, winning \$275.00 at the first sitting and Diane Giesbrecht was the winner of \$220.50 at the second sitting.



Huge thank you to the community for making our major fundraiser a success!

The annual **Pyjama Night** was held on November 16th. Nineteen children, parents and grandparents wore pyjamas and brought their favorite stuffed animal to the Library. Volunteers, Cathie Brereton, and Melayni Schwab were the evening's official story-tellers and Marina Milne led Simon Says and several versions of "Freeze-Dance."

After completing the Library Scavenger Hunt and Pyjama Party Game, there were four lucky winners, Levi, Marley, Nikolas and Thomas. Thomas was also delighted to take home the pail of popcorn as he guessed the closest number of pieces!



All children went home with a Library Goodie Bag. Special thank you to Gran's Bake Shop for the delicious cookies! Sandy Nitzsche, our new Program Coordinator did a wonderful job organizing events for us this year. Thanks Sandy!

Links Available from the Lac du Bonnet Library Website...



Library patrons have access to search the Manitoba Public Libraries Network – fILL – a federated Search system of libraries in Manitoba. URL is: <https://fill.mb.libraries.coop/>.



Audio and electronic books can be downloaded by library patrons with online access (login with your username and password provided by the Library) from the eLibraries Manitoba (eLM) website at <http://elm.lib.overdrive.com>.



Ebscohost is an online research database which can search thousands of e-journals. Visit the auto repair, small engine repair, home improvement reference centres, Novelist (for like-type authors and genre), or one of several student research sites (login with your username and password provided by the Library).



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Fundraising Report

This is a joint effort by Board, Staff and Volunteers! A breakdown of these receipts is as follows:

Fall Supper	\$5,701.00
Book Sales	2,126.00
Mrs. Lucci's	500.00
Penny Jar	276.00
Patron Services	621.00
Projector Rental	100.00
Raffles	475.00
Total	9,799.54

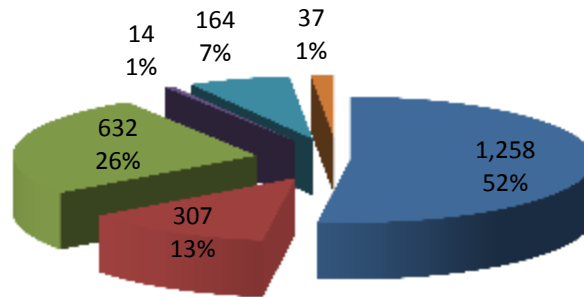
The Fall Supper continued to be our major fundraiser in 2017 with a sell-out crowd! We extend a special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164, as well as the Branch and its members, many volunteers and our very generous community. We could not do it without you!

Circulation Statistics

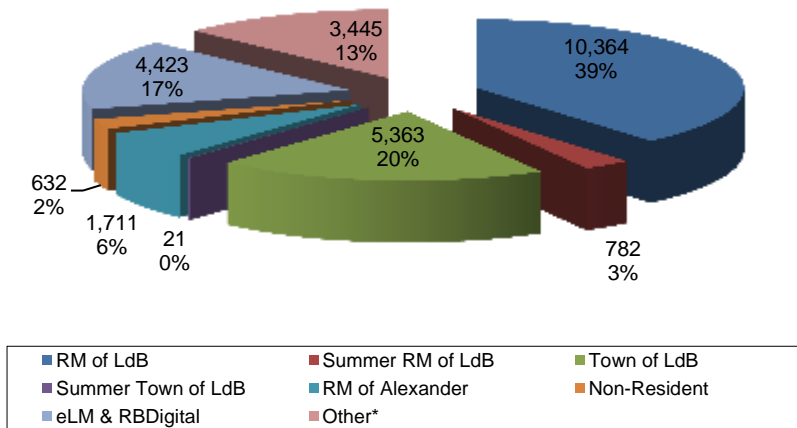
	2015	2016	2017
Adult Fiction	10,961	12,594	11,036
Adult Non-Fiction	1,566	1,576	1,773
Young Adult Fiction	543	530	365
Junior Fiction	1,006	1,232	1,083
Junior Non-Fiction	540	596	430
Children's	2,737	2,523	1,754
Magazines	2,083	1,972	1,642
Vertical File	6	11	5
ILL Incoming	718	614	451
ILL Outgoing	407	577	382
Sound Recordings	230	156	210
PLS Large Print	186	297	299
MLDB Large Print	382	340	484
Videos/DVDs	2,352	2,619	2,414
eLM (eBooks/Audiobooks)	3,817	4,272	4,344
RBDigital (eBooks/eAudiobooks)	-	-	79
Total	27,534	29,909	26,751

Membership and Circulation Statistics (Jan. 1, 2017 – Dec. 31, 2017)

Library Memberships (Total = 2,412)



Circulation by Patron Group (Total = 26,751)



* *Other includes: Library Use, Block Loans, InterLibrary Loans and Temporary Checkouts for all municipalities combined.*

eLM = eLibraries Manitoba and RBDigital are electronic resources for all patron groups.

2017 Library Statistics

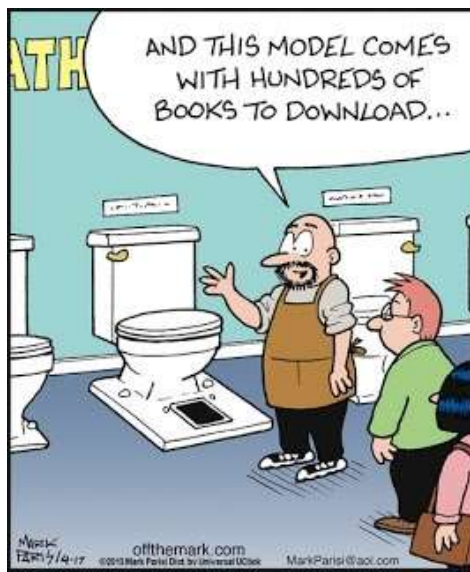
Volumes and Resources Held

Books	18,100
Videos	203
DVDs	904
Magazine Subscriptions	48
Back-Issue Magazine Categories	32
Sound Recordings	247
Vertical File	15
New Acquisitions	667
(Approx. 203 of these were donated items)	

We hold 830 copies in our magazine collection and 349 copies in our Back-Issue magazine collection. Approximately 1,770 items were withdrawn in 2017.

A visit to the Library does not always result in a check-out of material – some patrons come to browse or read magazines, and others find the information they need in our reference section or on the Internet. This is not reflected in our circulation statistics. Total sign-ins for the Public Access Computers for 2017 was 693 (WiFi users not included). The Early Literacy Station remains very popular with the young children. The Library website received 2,177 visits in 2017.

Point of Interest: Despite all efforts made by staff over the years to collect, as of December 31st, 2017, this Library is owed **\$5,633.44** in unpaid fines.



Cartoon courtesy of offthemark.com

Notes

APPENDIX

Library-Related Newspaper Articles
Published in the Lac du Bonnet Clipper

2017

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LdB Library Corner

CELEBRATING STORIES

The Lac du Bonnet Library, with the Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society, will be hosting our fifth annual Celebrating Stories on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Library. Mary Louise Chown has been a storyteller in Australia, Great Britain, and Canada, and is also a trained artist who works in all mediums.

As part of the RM of Lac du Bonnet's 100th Birthday Celebration, she will be sharing the historical tale of Dr. Charlotte Ross, who lived in the Eastman area in the 1800s and was the first female doctor in Manitoba.

Our featured singer-songwriter Shawn Keith was born in Niagara Falls, Ont. not that long ago and is now living in Lac du Bonnet. Shawn started playing piano and cello at an early age, leading him eventually to guitar and song writing. He has recorded some of his original music, as well as electric blues covers with The Whining Dogs. Shawn has played with numerous local musicians in clubs and festivals around southeastern Manitoba and is currently a member of the multi-talented Dog Pound.

Representing the historical society will be Karen David, who will share the story of how her great-grandparents all found refuge in Canada after fleeing the Baltic states during the Russian revolution. In the early 1900s, the Drawson, Dancy and Arro families traveled across Europe, the Atlantic and much of Canada to find their promised land – the shores of the Bird River.

As the pleasure of your company is all the payment required, admission is free. We hope to see you all here.

VIMY RIDGE 100 YEARS, APRIL 9, 1917-2017

In recognition of, and in appreciation to our veterans for their service over the past 100 years, we present *Vimy – The Battle and The Legend* by Canadian author Tim Cook; and for our young readers, *The Vimy Oaks – A Journey to Peace*, by another Canadian author Linda Granfield.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our volunteers, Janice Halliday, Melissa Miler, Norma Hladki, Skylor Mitchell, Emily Massingham, and Marina Milne; as well as another big thanks to all of our young Library patrons who came out to participate, lending their creativity to the crafts and games and making our 2017 Spring into the Library event a wonderful and fun time!

On behalf of the Lac du Bonnet Library board and staff, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter!



Photos by Arlene Davidson

Back row left to right: Dancy, Nathan and Skylor Mitchell, Willow Inglis and Parker Thomas. Front row left to right: Sienna Chapman, Saffiya Roshov and Bella Thomas.

Right: Skylor Mitchell removes a bat of wool from a wool carding machine at a demonstration at the Lac du Bonnet Library, and explains how the processed wool can be used as stuffing for a quilt.

Lac du Bonnet Library hosts spring break fun

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Public Library hosted some special events during spring break last week, providing respite for parents and guardians while entertaining children with story time themes from March 24 to 26.

The events were organized and hosted by Library events coordinator Michelle Gummelt, who noted that each event included a story time, interactive activities

and a nutritious snack.

"The Tuesday theme was puppets, and following story time the kids had a great time putting on their own puppet show," said Gummelt.

The Wednesday event was a wool carding demonstration and discussion of the processing of wool, made possible through a partnership with the Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society.

The presentation was delivered by museum vol-



unteer Skylor Mitchell who greeted the children in pioneer costume with wool carding equipment, samples of raw wool and an informative photo display.

Following the demonstration, Mitchell taught the children to make a craft called a God's Eye, using popsicle sticks and wool.

The Wednesday event was made possible through a partnership with the Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society.

"This year being the RM's 100th and Canada

150th, the library wanted to add history to their annual programming," said historical society rep Marlene Tottle. "The society is pleased to help share the area history through demonstrations and stories."

The two organizations will be partnering again in April when Karen David tells the Dancy family history at a Celebrating Stories event at the library.

The Thursday session featured an Easter theme and the activity was a playful game of Pin the Egg on the Easter Bunny.



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PLEASE NOTE: GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ONLY ONCE PER YEAR!

Application Deadline:





Photo by Arlene Davidson

Karen David (left), Shawn Keith and Mary Louise Chown were featured at a special Celebrating Stories event at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library.

Celebrating Stories

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library has once again partnered with the Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society to present a very special Celebrating Stories event in recognition of the RM Centennial that is taking place in 2017.

The event, which was held the evening of April 20 at the Library, marked the fifth year for this annual celebration that combines written and verbal works with music.

The guests this year included River Hills artist/author Mary Louise Chown,

who delivered an entertaining and historic tale about Charlotte Ross, who resided in the region in the late 1800s and practised as Manitoba's first female doctor.

Karen David spoke about how her great grandparents fled the Baltic States during the Russian Revolution in the early 1900s and made their home in Bird River. Local descendants of the original settlers include the Dancyt, Drawson and Arro families.

Shawn Keith of Lac du Bonnet delighted the audience with a selection of original music. This multi-talented recording artist is currently lead man of the band Dog Pound.

LdB Library honours volunteers

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library hosted their annual Spring Tea on May 5 to pay tribute to the many community volunteers who donate their time and resources to help provide services and programs at the facility.

Staff and board members past and present welcomed the volunteers and treated them to a social afternoon with pleasant conversation and a variety of snacks and dainties.



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Back row left to right: Keith Gladstone, Cathie and Rick Brereton and Janice Hoffman. Seated left to right: Mavis Gladstone, Marjorie Seel, Janice Halliday, Beverley Richmond and Estella Donolovitch.

District

Young writer achieves national acclaim

Lac du Bonnet's Lily Hodgson second in Polar Expressions Publishing Contest

By Arlene Davidson

Lily Hodgson of Lac du Bonnet received some unexpected news recently after submitting a poem she wrote to the 9th annual Polar Expressions Publishing Contest for Young Writers.

The local 12-year-old won second place in the poetry division of the national competition and her work has been published in a new book titled *Dreamscape*, a collection of poems and short stories written by young Canadians.

"My mom got the e-mail and I was so surprised," said Lily. "I looked at the honourable mentions first and didn't see my name, then checked for third place, and I wasn't there either."

The winning poem is called *Something to Wait For*, and Lily said that it was inspired by her family, her memories and basically everything in her life.

Every summer, Lily looks forward to gathering with her extended family in Riding Mountain National Park, an annual reunion that has become a treasured family tradition. Lily's relatives travel from Saskatchewan, Ontario and communities in Manitoba every year to spend this special time together.

"My family is really important to me; they help me move along with everything," said Lily. "I'm so glad we have this time every year because they're awesome!"

Lily was completing Grade 6 at Centennial School in Lac du Bonnet last year when she started working on the poem during a class with her teacher Dave Ogren.

"My mom really liked it and said I should submit it for a contest she heard about at the library," she added.

Lily said Ogren also encouraged her to pursue her writing and acted as her teacher/mentor as part of the submission requirement. Throughout Grades 5 and 6, Ogren's role was to give her opportunities to write in a variety of forms and genres.

"Coming into my Grade 5 class, Lily was an extremely mature writer and someone who identified herself as a reader and a writer," Ogren said. "However, even without me, I'm sure she would have experimented with various ways of writing on her own."

Ogren said that Lily has always had a strong voice in her written pieces and she has an excellent

understanding of how to effectively structure her work for a wide variety of purposes and audiences.

"I want to say that's just an instinct of hers, but I suspect the truth is that she's an avid reader with an appreciation for the written word, so she's spent time consciously paying attention to what she reads in order to apply it to what she writes... and, she writes a lot," said Ogren.

Two years ago, Lily wrote a story on why adults should encourage kids to fish, and submitted it to the *Winnipeg Free Press*. The article was published, and Lily earned her name as a writer at the tender age of 10.

"It did not surprise me even a little bit when she had an article published in the *Winnipeg Free Press* and it did not surprise me even a little bit when she told me that she had won a poetry contest and her poem had been selected to be published," said Ogren. "When her first book is published one day, I won't be surprised. My overwhelming feelings are pride and a happiness that I got to play a small part in her life."

"Having my story in the *Free Press* was exciting, but this is the first big one that really stands out. My name is on the cover," said Lily. The young lady admitted that she prefers writing stories, but she just happened to be working on poems in class when the contest was launched last year.

After completing grade 6 last June, she spent time over the summer working on the poem. When she was satisfied with the result, she submitted it to *Polar Expressions* for consideration.

In addition to the national accolades, Lily received a cash prize of \$100 for her second place win.

"Lily gave me a copy of the book that her poem was published in when it first came out and signed it for me," said Ogren. "That was an amazing gift. I'm so proud of her."

Lily, a polite, quiet and modest young lady said that the only people she told about the contest, were her family and her close friends. Staff members and fellow students at the Lac du Bonnet Senior School, where she now attends, knew little of her writing ability and her most recent literary accomplishment.

A copy of *Dreamscape*, in which Lily's poem is published, is available for loan at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library.

SOMETHING TO WAIT FOR

By Lily Hodgson

The path is littered with roots and dry leaves, yet I run.
I am careful not to trip and hurt myself.
But I am careless, and I fall. And I don't care.
I shiver with anticipation, turn the corner, and see the lake.
The water crashes over the smooth, hard stones.
I wonder if the stones might ache
from being slapped so many times;
I giggle at the thought.
I stop and stand there,
with the forest behind and the beach in front.
I am alone. I am alone but not afraid.
The high Clear Lake air brushes my hair
and washes my arms and legs.
My family is way back on the path.
They have probably barely left the car yet.
But I had run ahead, because this is the moment I crave -
At home, at school, everywhere... hopelessly -
This perfect moment, once a year.
I pull off my cover-up and toss it over my shoulder.
It rests on the bench. I can wait.
I walk until I reach the creaky, wooden dock.
It is too cold to swim, but I don't care.
Minnows swirl in their schools and paint the water silver.
Seagulls scream at me.
I don't care that it's foolish or that the water is freezing.
I throw out my arms and run.
I run down the dock and the wind
whistles its song in my ears.
I am not sad or angry or happy.
I just believe,
And I jump.
And for a moment, I do fly.
I don't feel the water, and then I do.
There isn't ice, but there might as well be.
It is cold - cold as flames.
It takes my breath away, but I can still breathe.
The only thought in my head is, I can't soar like a seagull.
But it doesn't matter, because I can swim like a minnow.
So I'll just stick to swimming for now,
Right here in Deep Bay.
And perhaps, just perhaps,
One day I will fly.
But for now, I'll just wait....
And enjoy having something to wait for.



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Lily Hodgson of Lac du Bonnet was surprised to hear that her poem *Something to Wait For* was selected for publication in a book of poems and short stories written by young Canadians.

The Children's Place Daycare will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the F.W. Gilbert School Age Room. Photos

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2017 AGM & AWARDS

You are invited to attend our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & AWARDS DINNER

Monday, June 12, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.
Pioneer Club, 32 Park Avenue
Lac du Bonnet

Congratulations to this year's award recipients:

Community Initiative: Beausejour Brokenhead Development Corporation (BBDC)
Business of the Year: We all Have Cravings Etc. (Cassandra McConnell)
Self-Employment Award: Silver Falls Lawn and Yard Care (Derek Kasprak)
Volunteer of the Year: Ray Schirle

Dinner Tickets are \$25.00 each.
Meal prepared by Bostrom Catering.
To reserve your tickets call Kandace @ 345-2514 or email nagy@cfwr.mb.ca before June 9, 2017.



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Representatives of Lucci's Too gather for a group photo following a ceremony where guests and community organizations were presented with donations to their various programs.

Lucci's Too donates \$10,000 to local organizations

By Arlene Davidson

On June 2, staff and program participants of Lucci's Family Resource Centre said Thank You to the people of Lac du Bonnet for their generous support by donating \$10,000 back to community organizations.

Karen Kost executive director welcomed everyone to a short ceremony hosted at Lucci's Too, a second location that is celebrating their second anniversary this year.

"Mrs. Lucci's Resource Centre is once again pleased to have the opportunity to provide funds to some very deserving community organizations and activities," said Kost. "Without the constant support of the citizens of Lac du Bonnet and the surrounding area, Mrs. Lucci's would not be able to support as many groups and causes as we do."

Kost explained that as a nonprofit organization, Lucci's has a mandate to give back as much financial support as possible to the people of Lac du Bonnet. They are proud to say that over the past 15-plus years, donations of well

over \$200,000 have been donated back to the community.

Donations of gently used clothing and furniture help support the Adult Services Supported Living Program in Lac du Bonnet, which provides employment training and networking opportunities to some very deserving people.

"They work very hard to make sure that both of our stores are well organized and presentable," said Kost. "At the same time they are gaining valuable interpersonal skills and cooperative support."

Representatives from nine community organizations received donations ranging from \$500 to \$2,000. Recipients of the funding included the Lions Senior Supper, Lac

du Bonnet Library, Centennial School Breakfast Program, Lac du Bonnet Senior School Breakfast Program, Addictions Treatment and Support, Lac du Bonnet Youth Centre, Pinawa Cancer Care and Lac du Bonnet PCH.

Donations to these organizations totalled \$9,000, and an additional \$1,000 has been allocated for vouchers that can be redeemed as a \$10 discount off registration cost for fall programming offered through the Winnipeg River Recreation Commission. These vouchers can be picked up at either of Lucci's locations and are available to individuals who might not otherwise be able to participate in organized recreation due to financial restrictions.

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Pyjama Night at LdB Library

By Arlene Davidson

Sandy Nitzsche, the new events coordinator at the Lac du Bonnet Library, hosted a Pyjama Night on Nov. 16 and was delighted to report that 19 guests attended the event.

This annual gathering celebrates literacy with reading, story telling and games for local children who enjoy the opportunity to wear their pyjamas in public and bring their favorite stuffed toy on an outing.

"Children, parents and grandparents wore pyjamas and brought their favourite stuffies to the Library," said Nitzsche. "We welcomed everything from dinosaurs, monkeys, cats and teddy bears!"

Cathie Brereton and Melayni Schwab were the guest readers for the evening and Marina Milne led a game of Simon Says and several versions of Freeze Dance. The children enjoyed a Library Scavenger



Photo submitted

Hailey and Ainsley settle in with a book at Pyjama Night at the Lac du Bonnet Library

Hunt, a Pyjama Party Game and home made cookies from Gran's Bake Shop.

"After getting the Li-

brary treat bags the children were hurried home to bed already in their pyjamas," said Nitzsche.

The next Pyjama Night at the Lac du Bonnet Library will take place in the New Year on Jan. 25.