

# **Annual Report 2018**

**Prepared by Lac du Bonnet Library Staff  
2019 March**

## **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.***

## **Board Members**

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RM of Lac du Bonnet  
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Interlibrary Loans (fill)

Summer Reading Club

eLibraries Manitoba, EBSCOhost,

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and Global Road Warrior Travel Database Access

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\* NNELS – National Network for Equitable Library Service.

\*\* RBDigital – eMagazines and eAudiobooks

## 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

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## Training and Development...

- May 30, 31 and June 1 Vickie and Georgia participated in the Manitoba Library Association Convention in Winnipeg.
- The Eastman Library Group continue 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.

## 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>



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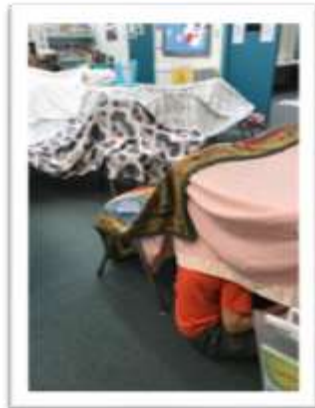
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## Special Events...

To celebrate Family Literacy Day and inspire families to read the Library introduced a new event called **Family Fort Night**. Held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 15 participants along with parents and grandparents built reading forts using blankets and the Library shelves. Volunteers Georgia Valentonis and Marina Milne helped with the reading, games and freeze tag and Events Coordinator; Sandy Nitzsche distributed the S'mores as the children gathered around the pretend campfire.



*The evening was a great success with the families building spectacular reading forts!*



February was "**I Love to Read Month**" and 202 patrons and visitors entered to win one of nine book draws. Congratulations to our book draw winners: Shawna Johnson, Cathie Austen, Debi Mozel, Janice Halliday, Crystal Larocque, Bonnie Warszycki, Holly Szmerski, Gwen Campbell and Mason Champagne.

**Spring into the Library** was held from March 27<sup>th</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup>, 41 children participated in the Spring Break program with crafts, stories and more! The Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society volunteered with Skylor Mitchell demonstrating wool carding and Brigitte Schneider celebrated the German culture and decorated Easter eggs. The children also made bird houses to proudly display for Spring!



**Thank you to our volunteers, Janice Halliday, Melissa Miler and Norma Hladki.**

The Library hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Celebrating Stories** on April 19<sup>th</sup>, featuring **Stories** with Brenda McKenzie as she showed her illustrations from the book “Teddy’n’Me” and discussed the novel she wrote “Loving You” about caring for someone with dementia. **Music** was celebrated with Hannah Leigh Strachan and her talented students from VIVO HARMONICS MUSIC entertained the crowd with a variety of music and songs.



***Thank you to volunteers Peggy Dyck for helping at the event and Janice Halliday, Teresa Usackis and Janice Walker for providing the dainties!***



The Library showed our heartfelt appreciation to all our Library friends at the **Annual Spring Tea**. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, twenty-five volunteers, patrons and friends joined Library Board Members and Staff for a most enjoyable afternoon.



Author and former Lac du Bonnet resident **Ardelle Holden** was on hand at the Library on June 30<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the release of her first full length novel, "A Person of Interest". A number of Ardelle's close friends stopped by for a visit and to purchase her book! Feel free to check out her website at <https://ardelleholden.com>

The "Under the Sea" **Summer Reading Club** ran from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>. The Summer Reading Club Coordinator, Payden Schwab did an amazing job as she directed a record breaking attendance of 203 participants in stories, crafts, games, snacks and scavenger hunts in the park!





This year we had a special balloon workshop on July 26<sup>th</sup> with special guest Dee Dee Hartmier, children sculpted balloons into mice, dogs and balance sticks!







The Summer Reading Club room was decorated with fish and more fish as the children completed all the reading logs and received fish! During the seven-week program we had an amazing average of 29 participants per day. Congratulations to all the daily reading log prize winners and to our grand prize “Whale” winner Brody Kurtz.



We concluded the Summer Reading Club with the Star Dome wind-up on August 16<sup>th</sup>, as children heard Sky Stories in the travelling mobile planetarium at the Senior School gymnasium. That was followed with refreshments at the Library. Thank you to The Winnipeg River Recreation District for initiating this cost shared event. We had a great crowd both at the event and at the Library afterwards.

We are extraordinarily fortunate to have Library friends and local business sponsors that continue to support magazine subscriptions for patron enjoyment. These generous sponsors are proudly displayed on each magazine cover.



The 30<sup>th</sup> **Annual Fall Supper** was held on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Legion Hall. Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 generously donated the Hall and our Legion comrades and the Ladies Auxiliary prepared the meal. Supplies for the meals were again donated by our Library patrons, who also helped with the serving and cleanup. The Fall Supper had another sellout crowd with three hundred and eighty meals served, and proceeds were the highest we have had ever made with an amazing **\$6,177.18**.



**A huge thank you to the community for making our  
major fundraiser a success!**

Our annual **Pyjama Night** was held on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Children wore pyjamas and brought their favorite stuffies to the Library. After completing the Library Scavenger Hunt the children made amazing dream catchers. Micah Schwab guessed the closest number of “Cookies in the Cookie Jar” and took home the cookies and Zane Osis won the Library Scavenger Hunt and received a book as his prize!



**Thank you to our Larissa Shabaga and our volunteers Cathie and Rick Brereton, Melayni Schwab, Janice Halliday and to Gran's Bake Shop for providing cookies!**

A **Retirement Tea** was held for Janice Hoffman on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> who retired after nearly 13 years of dedicated service with the Library. We wish you the very best Janice!



**Thank you to everyone that attended this very special occasion and for the delicious dainty donations!**

## Fundraising Report

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

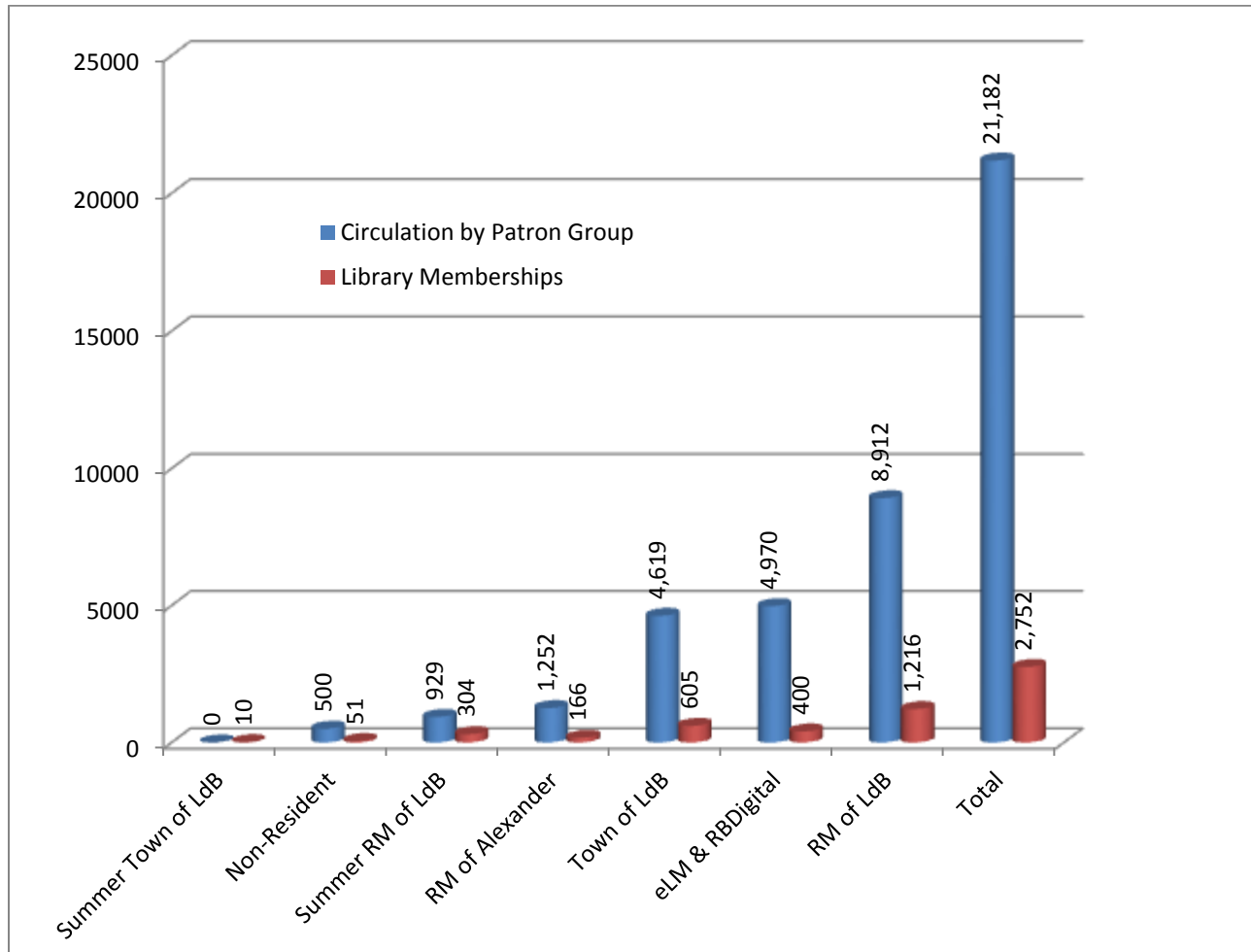
Fall Supper	\$6,177.18
Book Sales	2,078.00
Mrs. Lucci's	500.00
Penny Jar	276.15
Patron Services	365.50
Projector Rental	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,446.83</b>

The Fall Supper continued to be our major fundraiser in 2018 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

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Adult Fiction	12,594	11,036	9,533
Adult Non-Fiction	1,576	1,773	1,191
Young Adult Fiction	530	365	256
Junior Fiction	1,232	1,083	789
Junior Non-Fiction	596	430	401
Children's	2,523	1,754	1,591
Magazines	1,972	1,642	1,371
Vertical File	11	5	13
ILL Incoming	614	451	388
ILL Outgoing	577	382	275
Sound Recordings	156	210	151
PLS Large Print	297	299	308
MLDB Large Print	340	484	345
Videos/DVDs	2,619	2,414	2,093
eLM (eBooks/eAudiobooks)	4,272	4,344	4,970
RBDigital (eMagazines/eAudiobooks)	-	79	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,909</b>	<b>26,830</b>	<b>23,675</b>

## Membership and Circulation Statistics (January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018)



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

*Rural Municipality of Alexander = Bird River area only*



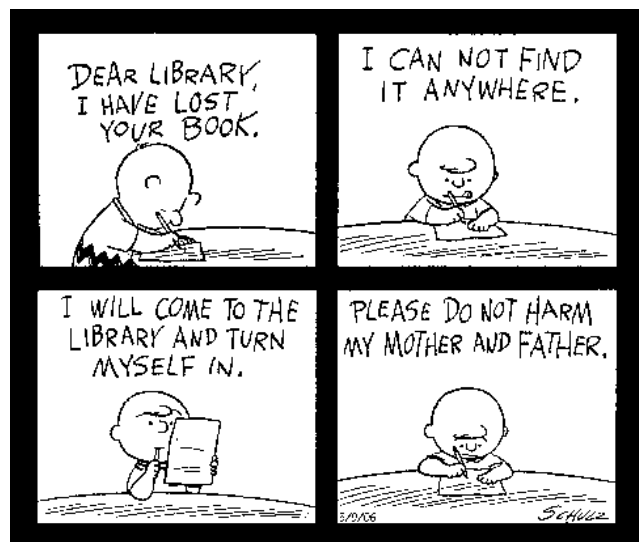
## 2018 Library Statistics

### Volumes and Resources Held

Books	18,107
Videos	173
DVDs	1,008
Magazine Subscriptions	45
Back-Issue Magazine Categories	16
Sound Recordings	253
Vertical File	11
New Acquisitions	560
(Approximately 216 of these were donated items)	

We hold 933 copies in our magazine collection and 214 copies in our Back-Issue magazine collection. Approximately 1,371 items were withdrawn in 2018.

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 2018 was 624 (WiFi users not included). The Early Literacy Station remains very popular with the young children. The Library website received 2,189 visits in 2018. ***Point of Interest:*** Despite all efforts made by staff over the years to collect, as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, this Library is owed **\$5,793.95** in unpaid fines.



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# **APPENDIX**

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

2018

## Family Fort Night at the Lac du Bonnet Library

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Library welcomed 15 participants to their Family Fort Night on Jan. 25 in conjunction with Family Literacy Day.

The special evening was organized by Library events coordinator Sandy Nitzsche, with activity assistance from Georgina and Marina Milne.

The theme of the evening was 'outdoor adventure' with a focus on story time. Children and their guardians gathered around a mock campfire for smores and a story, then broke into smaller groups to build reading forts in the main library using chairs and blankets.

"Each group chose five story books to read in their forts," explained Nitzsche. "We are celebrating Family Literacy Day and decided to add some flavour to the event this year."

The participants played flashlight games including limbo and charades in the darkness of the library and finished off the evening with

an award presentation to the winner who guessed the correct number of pretzels inside a glass container.

Nitzsche reported that everyone had fun and that all of the children went home with prizes.

She encourages the pastime of reading and hopes that everyone comes back to the library on a regular basis to sign out books.

Nitzsche is a resident of Barrier Bay and commenced her duties as event coordinator at the Library this past June. Family Fort Night was the third event she has organized since that time. She is looking forward to I Love to Read month in February.

"All through the month we will be taking entries for book draws, and visitors can enter each time they visit the library and sign out books," she said.

The winning names will be drawn at the end of February.

Nitzsche invites everyone to drop by the Library and enter the draw and to stay tuned for future event announcements.



Sandy Nitzsche prepare to hand out smores as Piper Reynolds (left), Mary, Sydney and Isabelle MacKay, Conner Wold and Bella Thomas gather around a campfire.

Photo submitted

28 April 12, 2018

The Clipper

## Spring Break at Lac du Bonnet Library

Interactive demonstrations, Easter egg painting a hit

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library welcomed families to their facility during Spring Break from March 26 to 30 to enjoy some fun during several Spring Into The Library events.

Sandy Nitzsche, events coordinator, was pleased to organize two of the three offered programs with volunteers from the Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society.

On March 27, Skyler Mitchell facilitated interactive demonstrations of two techniques that pioneers used to card wool. Mitchell used a table carder and hand carder and explained the steps of shearing the sheep and how the wool is processed into a skein. Children took turns trying out the carding techniques then created crafts using wool.

On March 28, Brigitte Schneider hosted a German Osterreier Bemalen (Easter egg painting) session. Schneider explained the German culture and how they celebrate their Easter season, and helped the 21 children in attendance paint special Easter eggs and make paper baskets.

On March 29, the Library staff and volunteers led a morning of fun with crafts and stories.

Nitzsche extends her gratitude to the Lac du Bonnet Historical Society and to all of the volunteers that came out to help with events during the week.



Meadow (left) and Prairie Chibarak from Rivers, Man. joined local children at a Lac du Bonnet Library event while spending Spring Break with their aunt Penny Ovis.

Photo by Arlene Davidson



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## Celebrating Stories at the Lac du Bonnet Library

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Library hosted their annual Celebrating Stories event on April 19 with music from Hannah Lassier and students of Viva Harmonics Music and Pinawa artist and author Brenda McKenzie.

The evening of entertainment was organized and hosted by Sandy Nietzsche, Library Events Coordinator who welcomed the audience and introduced the guests.

Lassier took a seat at her keyboard and told the audience that she comes from a musical family and high-lyghted career accomplishments of both her parents and grand parents.

"Music came naturally to me, and I learned how to read notes before I learned how to read words," she explained.

She said that during her childhood and teenage years, she was more interested in soccer and had made the provincial team. At the age of 15, a back injury changed the course of her life and ended her athletic aspirations.

"Music was my therapy during that part of my life," said Lassier.

Playing a wide variety of musical instruments, she returned to her family roots and taught music in Winnipeg.

Lassier established Viva Harmonics Music six years ago in Lac du Bonnet after the birth of her daughter.

Lassier talked about the many different genres of music, demonstrating samples of each as she spoke. Lassier said that as a teacher, she takes her cues from her students and works with them to enhance their strengths and interests by developing lessons based on the types of music they feel most comfortable with.

She said her lessons are all individualized because some students just want to learn to chord and sing, whereas others want to

write their own music.

"Children learn to love music and are inspired in their own way," she said.

Lassier finished her presentation with a musical piece written by one of her former students. She invited five of her current students to join her at the event. Auriene and Olan Zirk, Saffiya Rosnow, Damarah Juba and McKenna Tyles delighted the audience with musical and vocal performances.

McKenzie is an accomplished artist and the author of a touching book based on her personal experience of being a caregiver to a family matriarch living with dementia. McKenzie chose to talk about her art and shared how she came up with the photo cover of her novel, *Living You*.

"The book has no illustrations because I was too busy writing," said McKenzie.

She explained the cover depicts a distorted image of Christmas lights that she felt was appropriate because of the impaired electrical signals experienced by people suffering from dementia.

McKenzie said the audience that she was asked by her dear friend Peggy Halstead if she would create some illustrations for a

book she was writing, and the artist did not hesitate. Halstead's book *Teddy's He* contains her recollections of living in London during the Second World War and tells the stories as seen through the eyes of a young child.

McKenzie showed the audience photographs of the neighborhood Halstead grew up in, noting that the area was a frequent target of enemy bombs.

"Peggy's neighborhood was bombed every night for four years," explained McKenzie, who then circulated a photo of the same neighborhood post war that captured the complete destruction of the area.

McKenzie brought her sketch book with her and showed the progression of work from rough drawings into final illustrations that were used in the book, and related the stories that they accompanied.

McKenzie is currently working with Karen Munn of Pinawa, designing a cover for her new cookbook that they hope will be ready for release by Christmas.

Guests and presenters visited over refreshments during the intermission and the evening concluded with more musical performances by the Viva Harmonics students.



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Staff members and special guests delivered an evening of entertainment on April 19 at the Lac du Bonnet Library. Back row left to right: Vickie Short, Hannah Lassier, Brenda McKenzie and Sandy Nietzsche. Front row left to right: Auriene Zirk, Saffiya Rosnow, Damarah Juba and Olan Zirk.

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## Library Thanks Volunteers

Staff and board members of the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library hosted their annual Spring Tea on May 4 to show their appreciation to the many community volunteers who generously give their time to support programs and events. Pictured left to right: Beverly Richmond, Dianne Bauwman, Cathie Brecken, Sandy Nietzsche and Ellen Mayer-Masse.

Photo submitted





Janet McCaldar (left) enjoys a visit with long time friend and debut novelist Arlene Davidson at her book signing event at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library.

## Holden brings book to Lac du Bonnet

By Arlene Davidson

Former Lac du Bonnet resident Arlene Holden paid a visit to the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library on June 30 to celebrate the release of her first full length novel, *A Person of Interest*, with a book signing hosted by head librarian Vickie Short.

Holden is an award-winning writer and artist. *A Person of Interest*, is her debut novel and was a three and a half year project. The book is a romance mystery set in Vancouver that promises to thrill and excite the reader with suspense and danger.

"I re-wrote it 14 times over the years and it was truly a labour of love," said Holden.

*A Person of Interest* was published on June 14 by Friesen Press and is already receiving good reviews. Holden's writing style is being appreciated for the ad-

venture and romantic story lines peppered with subtle humour throughout. Readers who anticipate a few lazy hours of light entertainment are surprised to feel their hearts racing with the main character within the first two pages of the book.

Ardelle's husband Pat Holden was born and raised in Lac du Bonnet until the age of 13 when his family moved to Winnipeg. Pat and Arlene met in the city, and shortly after their marriage in 1974, they settled in Lac du Bonnet until 1985 when they relocated to Victoria, B.C.

In 2000, the couple returned to Lac du Bonnet until 2008 when they returned, sold their businesses and returned to B.C. to be close to their adult children.

During their years in Lac du Bonnet the Holdens established and operated several businesses including Holden Wild Rice, Country Mouse Scrap Books, Cen-

tral Geophysics Ltd. and Central Northern Industries. Pat is a licensed pilot and provided airborne survey work for the mining and agricultural sectors.

Ardelle said that Pat surprised her with a special gift to celebrate her debut novel by converting a corporate seal from their business into a stamp embossed with her name and credentials as an author and artist. She brought the stamp with her to Lac du Bonnet and after signing each book she stamped the front page with her personalized seal.

During the three-hour event, both Arlene and Pat renewed their acquaintance with many former friends from Lac du Bonnet, including Janet McCaldar.

"We're old friends for three generations. Our fathers were friends, we became friends and our children maintain the connection," said Arlene.

McCaldar purchased three copies of *A Person of Interest* and was delighted to watch as Arlene embossed each with her new corporate seal.

The Holdens currently reside in Nanaimo and spend their winters in Ajijic, Mexico where Arlene continues to pursue her diverse artistic passions.

For more information about Arlene Holden and her accomplishments, visit [ardelleholden.com](http://ardelleholden.com)

## Drug trafficking charges laid

RCMP have arrested and charged four people connected to an alleged drug trafficking ring in the North Eastman region.

As of June 25, 2018, Lac du Bonnet and Powerview RCMP arrested and charged two individuals from Fort Alexander, one person from Powerview-Pine Falls and a fourth from Winnipeg following a seven-month investigation.

In November 2017, RCMP began investigating an alleged network of individuals distributing cocaine and methamphetamines in Winnipeg and an area around the RM of Lac du Bonnet and Sagkeeng First Nation. The investigation determined there were four people allegedly planning and organizing drug trafficking in the area through various modes of communication.

The RCMP has charged Jason Letander, 35, of Fort Alexander with conspiracy to commit trafficking in both cocaine and methamphetamine, obstruction of justice and 10 counts

of uttering threats. Letander was in custody on another matter and remains in custody.

Three women have also been charged. Jacqueline Courchene, 42, of Fort Alexander and Amanda McKay, 37, Winnipeg have both been charged with conspiracy to commit trafficking in both cocaine and methamphetamine and Kristen Dube, 35, of Powerview-Pine Falls is charged with conspiracy to commit trafficking methamphetamine.

None of the allegations have been proven in court. The individuals charged are presumed innocent.

"Those who produce and traffic illicit drugs destroy lives, homes, and communities," RCMP Media Relations Officer Tara Seel stated in an email. "The RCMP remains fully committed to enforcing laws against illicit drugs to their fullest extent."

The investigation is continuing.

— Staff

## LdB Library Corner

### SUMMER READING CLUB

Under the Sea is underway. Join the club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for free activities, reading, snacks, games and more. The club is open to all children five to 12 years of age. Visitors to the area are most welcome. This is a drop-in program, so please join us whenever you are able. If you have any questions, please either stop by the library or give us a call at 204-345-2653. Mark your calendars! Special balloon workshop is Thursday, July 26, and the space dome wind-up is Aug. 16.

### WHAT'S NEW?

The Canadian Centre for Child Protection is a national charity dedicated to the personal safety of all children, whose goal is to reduce child victimization by providing programs and services to Canadians. The centre, with funds from a generous grant from the Winnipeg Goldeyes Field of

Dreams Foundation, has donated six story-books to this library. These books include:

• *Hooty Knows*: reinforces adult supervision to promote safety and replaces the outdated language of "stranger danger";

• *Como Trusts His Instincts*: teaches children to recognize the body's responses to danger;

• *Baxter Bunny Brings His Buddies*: children learn to increase their safety by using the buddy system;

• *Teetree's Keep and Speak Secrets and Makoon's Keep and Speak Secrets*: teach children the difference between safe and unsafe secrets;

• *Twelve Means Business*: helps teach children about assertiveness and personal boundaries.

Enjoy these books and many more new children's books ready just in time for Reading Club.

Junior readers will enjoy a new series *The Map to Everywhere* by Carrie Ryan and John Parke Davis.

To master thief Fin, an orphan from the murky pirate world of Khaznot Qony, the Map is the key to finding his mother. To Arizona schoolgirl Merrill, it's her only way home after getting stranded on the Pirate Stream, the magical waterway that connects all of creation. With the

help of a bumbling wizard and his crew, they must hunt through unforgivable worlds to gather the pieces of the Map before a sinister figure can use it to destroy everything they hold dear.

*Bowling Alley Bandit* is a 'Who Donut' mystery and the first book in *The Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut*. Geronimo Stilton is back in *Cyber-Thief Showdown*, and from Marvel, based on the movie we have *Spider-Man Homecoming* - *The Junior Novel*.

For adult reading enjoyment, Anna Freeman presents *The Fair Fight*. In late 18th Century England, two very different women, Ruth, who fights bare-knuckled in the prize rings of Bristol, and Charlotte, a wealthy aristocrat have a life-changing encounter that helps them to discover the power of their own strength. Robyn Carr takes us back to Sullivan's Crossing with *The Family Gathering*.

*The Cottage Bible* is a must-have book for any cottage, cabin or country home owner, or anyone planning to become one. Canadian author Laura Reeves gives us her *Guide to Useful Plants: From Ascorus to Zoonitids*.

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# Summer Reading Club in LdB

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library launched their annual Summer Reading Club on July 3 and welcomed 14 children to the opening event.

The program is free to the public and is designed to engage children five to 12 years of age. The morning sessions will run every Tuesday and Thursday until Aug. 16. The theme for this summer is Under the Sea. Summer student Payden Schwab has been hired as the Summer Reading Coordinator, and will facilitate the sessions with the assistance of library staff and volunteers.

"We will be handing out logs to encourage the children to read, and will be awarding prizes for completing time blocks throughout the summer," said Sandy Nitzsche, Library events coordinator.

She added the child who records the most time reading will win an inflatable shark that currently serves as part of the theme décor at the facility.

Schwab has planned an exciting variety of events which feature group story reading as well as indoor and outdoor activities. The children will be served nutritious snacks at break



Photo by Arlene Davidson

**Payden Schwab reads to children at the first session of the Summer Reading Club at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library.**

time during each session, and will enjoy presentations from several guests who have been invited to facilitate special activities.

"On July 24 we will be having a Balloon Workshop and the Star Dome will be on site for our season wind-up on Aug. 16," said Nitzsche.

This summer the Library is supporting the TD Reading Program to run in conjunction with their

summer reading activities and will be handing out TD log books and stickers to the participants.

"The children will earn fish for their participation and will hang them on the ocean display on the wall in the reading corner," said Nitzsche.

Nitzsche and Schwab invite local and visiting children to drop by and join in on the fun. This important program helps

children maintain their reading skills during the summer months and also provides an opportunity for parents and caregivers to take a break and keep their youngsters busy with some fun and educational social time.

For more information about the Summer Reading Club, please call the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library at 204-345-2653 or email [mldb@mymts.net](mailto:mldb@mymts.net).

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## Balloon fun at Summer Reading Club

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Library Summer Reading Club presented a Balloon Workshop on July 26 facilitated by special guest Dee Hartmier.

Working in partnership with the SPACE and Laughter without Borders out of Winnipeg, Hartmier facilitates with the summer outreach program delivering workshops in rural communities.

"We were delighted to have Dee Dee at the Reading Club," said Sandy

Nitzsche, events coordinator.

Nitzsche said 20 children enjoyed the two-hour session where they sculpted balloons into mice, dogs and balance sticks.

The Summer Reading Club runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. until Thursday, and will wind up the season on Aug. 16 with a travelling Planetarium exhibit called the Star Dome.

There is no cost to participate in the Summer Reading program and Nitzsche invites everyone

to drop by and see what they have to offer.

Children are encouraged to track the time they spend reading this summer and receive rewards for their efforts.

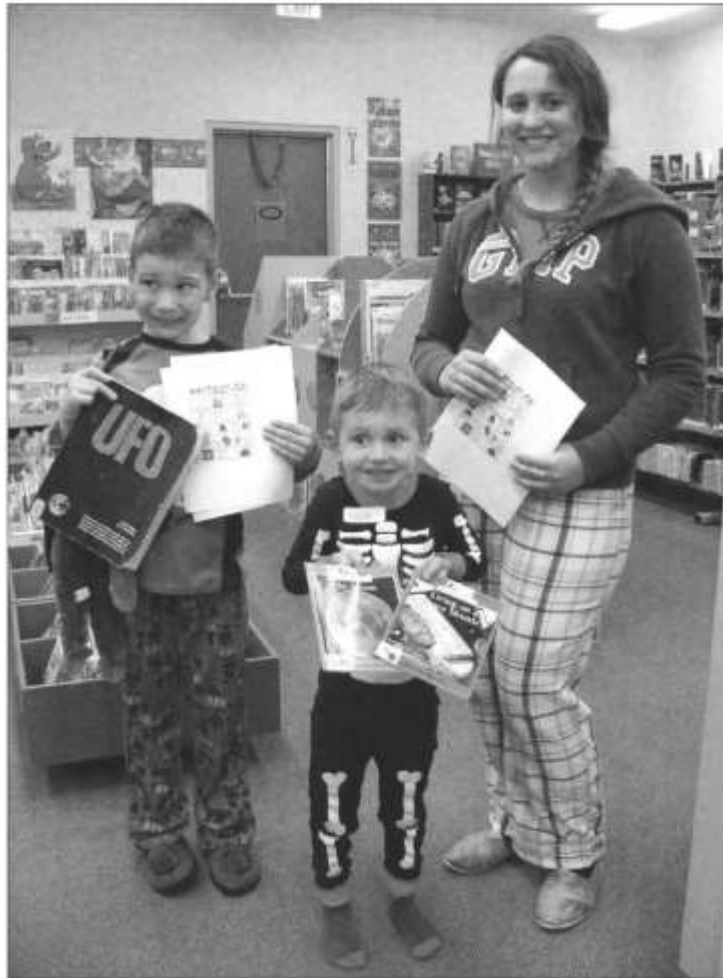
"We have lots of readers this year with the grand prize for one lucky reader of an inflatable whale," said Nitzsche.

Space is limited, so check the activity schedule and register at the Lac du Bonnet Library check out desk.



Photo by Arlene Davidson

**Children at the Lac du Bonnet Library Summer Reading Club release balloon mice into the air with workshop facilitator Dee Dee Hartmier (right).**



*Photo by Arlene Davidson*

*Micah Schwab (left) and Zane Otis find books on science during a scavenger hunt with some help from library staff member Larissa Shabaga.*

## Pyjama Night at Lac du Bonnet Library

*By Arlene Davidson*

The Lac du Bonnet Library hosted their annual Pyjama Night on Nov. 15.

Stuffed animals were welcome companions as several community volunteers facilitated activities for local children, all of whom were in their PJs.

Events coordinator Sandy Nitzsche planned

a fast paced evening that included a scavenger hunt, story time, games and craft activities squeezed tightly into the 75-minute event.

The children completed tasks and earned entries for book draws and other assorted prizes handed out throughout the evening.

Nitzsche extended a warm thank you to event facilitators Larissa Shabaga,

Rick and Cathie Brereton, Melayni Schwab and Janice Halliday, and to Angie Arthur at Gran's Bake Shop for providing a jar of cookies, which was given as a prize to the child who came closest to guessing the number of cookies it contained.





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*Laurie Kjartenson (left) and Vickie Short bid farewell to Janice Hoffman at a retirement tea at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library on Dec. 14.*

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# LdB Library bids farewell to Hoffman

*By Arlene Davidson*

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library hosted a come and go tea on Dec. 14 to celebrate the retirement of long time staff member Janice Hoffman.

Head librarian Vickie Short stated Hoffman started work at the library in the spring of 2006 when she was hired as a library clerk.

Within only a year of service she was offered a position as the public service coordinator.

"She has been my right hand man and over the years we set lots of new policies and updated our technology with computers and establishing access to a virtual library," Short said.

Hoffman will be replaced by Laurie Kjartenson who is looking forward to assuming her new duties with the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library.