

Annual Report 2019



**Prepared by Lac du Bonnet Library Staff
2020 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.

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

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| Town of Lac du Bonnet | RM of Lac du Bonnet |
| Population: 1089 | Population: 3121 |
| (Population based on 2016 Revised Census) | |

Your Information Services Headquarters....

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| Fiction and Non-Fiction for all ages | Reference Material |
| Magazines | Videos/DVDs |
| Public Access Computers/Early Literacy Station | Internet and Wireless Access |
| Large Print Books | Audio Books |
| Photocopying/Faxes | Interlibrary Loans (fill) |
| Good as New Book Sales | Summer Reading Club |
| 2 nd Hand Sales (Books, Magazines, and Movies) | eLibraries Manitoba, EBSCOhost, |
| Special events | NNELS*, RBDigital** |
| Compact disc Cleaning/Repair | and Global Road Warrior Travel Database Access |
| Playaway Pre-loaded Digital Audio Books | |
| 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 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
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.*

Training and Development...

- February 28, March 5 and March 14 Vickie, Sandy and Laurie took part in a LibPress training webinar.
- June 10 Bonnie and Laurie took part in Destiny training in Selkirk.
- July 10 Laurie took part in a Libby training webinar.
- The Eastman 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.

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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Special Events

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in literacy activities as a family. To celebrate Family Literacy Day and inspire families to read together, we held our 2nd annual **Family Fort Night!** on January 24th, thirty-two children joined us along with their parents and grandparents. The children took over the library and had a great time reading books in the blanket forts they built with their family and friends.

The children enjoyed s'mores, stories and games around the "campfire" and the reading forts were OUTSTANDING! The evening was a huge success.





February was “**I Love to Read Month**” and 214 patrons and visitors entered to win one of nine book draws. Congratulations to our book draw winners: Lorraine Green, Marilyn Ferchuk, Liz Schinkel, Gwen Campbell, Cathie Austin, Colby Meyers, Jen Smithson, Jerald Veroneau, and Renae Simkiw.

Spring into the Library was held from March 26th to March 28th. We had 32 children participate in the Spring Break program at the Library. The children made crafts, played games and enjoyed books read to them by our volunteers. The children made flowers, kites and fire fighter hats. Fun was had by all!



Thank you to our volunteers, Janice Halliday, Stella McAuley, Payden Schwab and Bonnie Swayze.

The Library hosted the 7th annual **Celebrating Stories and Music** on April 4th, featuring stories with Gordon Goldsborough and music with Paul McIntosh. Gordon Goldsborough shared his adventures across our province. We were entertained by our local talented musician Paul McIntosh, who regaled us with his marvelous performance.



Thank you to Janice Halliday for providing the dainties. Thank you to Rick and Cathie Brereton for the special Librarian carving presented to Vickie, our Head Librarian.

The Library showed our heartfelt appreciation to all our Library volunteers and friends at the **Annual Spring Tea**. On May 3rd, thirty volunteers, patrons and friends joined the Library Board Members and Staff for a most enjoyable afternoon, with coffee, tea, dainties and wonderful conversations.



Children ‘Explored the Wonders of Nature’ at the Library for our **Summer Reading Club** from July 2nd to August 15th. The Summer Reading Club Coordinator, Payden Schwab did an amazing job as she directed a record-breaking attendance of 245 participants in stories, crafts, games, and scavenger hunts in the park! Every child participating in the program kept track of their reading. For every hour a child read, they were given a leaf to write their name on and place it on our Reading Tree. Our Reading Tree was beautiful and full of leaves! The children had a blast this summer and we are so proud of how well they kept up their reading throughout the program.



We had a special guest, Allan Stewart, who volunteered his time and presented the **Hug-A-Tree and Survive** program at the Library on July 9th, during our Summer Reading Program. Hug-A-Tree and Survive is an **AdventureSmart** program that helps lost children survive in the woods. Allan taught us how not to become lost in the woods, and what to do if we did get lost. We all had a great time and learned a lot!



The **Lac du Bonnet Fire Department** came to visit the Library on July 23rd. We were so fortunate to have volunteer Fire Fighter, Allan Stewart, visit us during the Summer Reading Program. We learned all about being a Fire Fighter, the Fire Truck, and all the firefighting equipment. The children were able to sit in the Fire Truck and sound the siren and then try on all the firefighting gear.



We explored the **Science of Nature** on July 25th, during our Summer Reading Program. Daniel Whynot, a chemist from Tanco, joined us at the Library and taught us a lot about chemistry through hands-on experiments. We extracted and separated pigments in spinach using paper chromatography, used red cabbage to determine the pH of different liquids and then watched the craziest elephant toothpaste demonstration ever. We made a mess and had a whole lot of fun!



A huge thank you to Daniel Whynot for bringing Science to the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers; Alyssa Whynot, Ron Swayze, Cheri Saramaga and Alex for helping out with the 31 kids and their science experiments.

Artist, Colter Zirk, joined us on August 1st for a special event during our Summer Reading Program, **Painting with Nature**. The children painted beautiful nature masterpieces on canvas using paintbrushes, sticks and leaves. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers; Alyssa Whynot, Brenda Bailey and Cheri Saramaga for helping out with the 25 kids!



The children enjoyed painting so much that we did some **Rock Painting** on August 8th:



We were so fortunate to have Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre join us on August 15th for our **Summer Reading Club Wind-Up**. We had a great crowd, with 34 children joining us, plus some parents stayed to join the fun.

Simone Davidson, Education Coordinator of the Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, brought four wildlife educational ambassadors out to Lac du Bonnet for her 'Reading with Raptors and Friends' presentation.



The presentation was very exciting and we all learned a lot of interesting facts about Owls and Rabbits. Simone even made sure that all the children had the opportunity to pet both rabbits, Lulu and Dodger. Thank you to The Winnipeg River Recreation District and the Lac du Bonnet Children's Centre for joining us in this cost shared event. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers; Alyssa Whynot, Ashton King, and Colter Zirk for helping us with our wind-up.

A special thank you to Payden Schwab, the 2019 Summer Reading Club Coordinator, for all your hard work this summer and ensuring all the kids had a wonderful time exploring nature with the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library.

The 32nd **Annual Fall Supper** was held on September 14th at the Legion Hall. Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 generously donated the use of the Hall. Our Legion comrades and the Ladies Auxiliary prepared the delicious meal and graciously laboured throughout the evening in the kitchen. Supplies for the meals were again donated by our wonderful Library patrons, who also helped throughout the evening with the serving and cleanup. The Fall Supper had another sellout crowd with three hundred and eighty meals served, and proceeds of \$5842.92.



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

Our annual **Pyjama Night** was held on November 15th. We had an amazing time, with an incredible turnout. We had 36 children, along with their parents and grandparents who joined in the fun! Children wore their pyjamas and brought their favorite stuffed animals to the Library. The children completed a Library Treasure Hunt, enjoyed some stories read by Janice, Melayni and Colter, and made star constellation viewers.



Thank you to our volunteers Janice Halliday, Melayni Schwab and Colter Zirk.
Thank you to Gran's Bake Shop for generously providing cookies for the children to enjoy!



A photograph of a library bookshelf filled with various magazines. The shelves are organized into four rows. The top row includes titles like 'PAPER', 'MONEY', 'Inquirer', and 'Maclean's'. The second row features 'PAPER', 'MONEY', 'Inquirer', and 'Maclean's'. The third row includes 'PAPER', 'MONEY', 'Inquirer', and 'Maclean's'. The bottom row features 'PAPER', 'MONEY', 'Inquirer', and 'Maclean's'. The magazines are displayed in a grid-like fashion, with their covers facing forward. The covers show a variety of images, including people, landscapes, and abstract designs. The text on the covers is in different fonts and colors, making them easily distinguishable. The overall appearance is that of a well-maintained library collection.

Fundraising Report

Fundraising is a joint effort by the Board, Staff and Volunteers. A breakdown of these efforts follows:

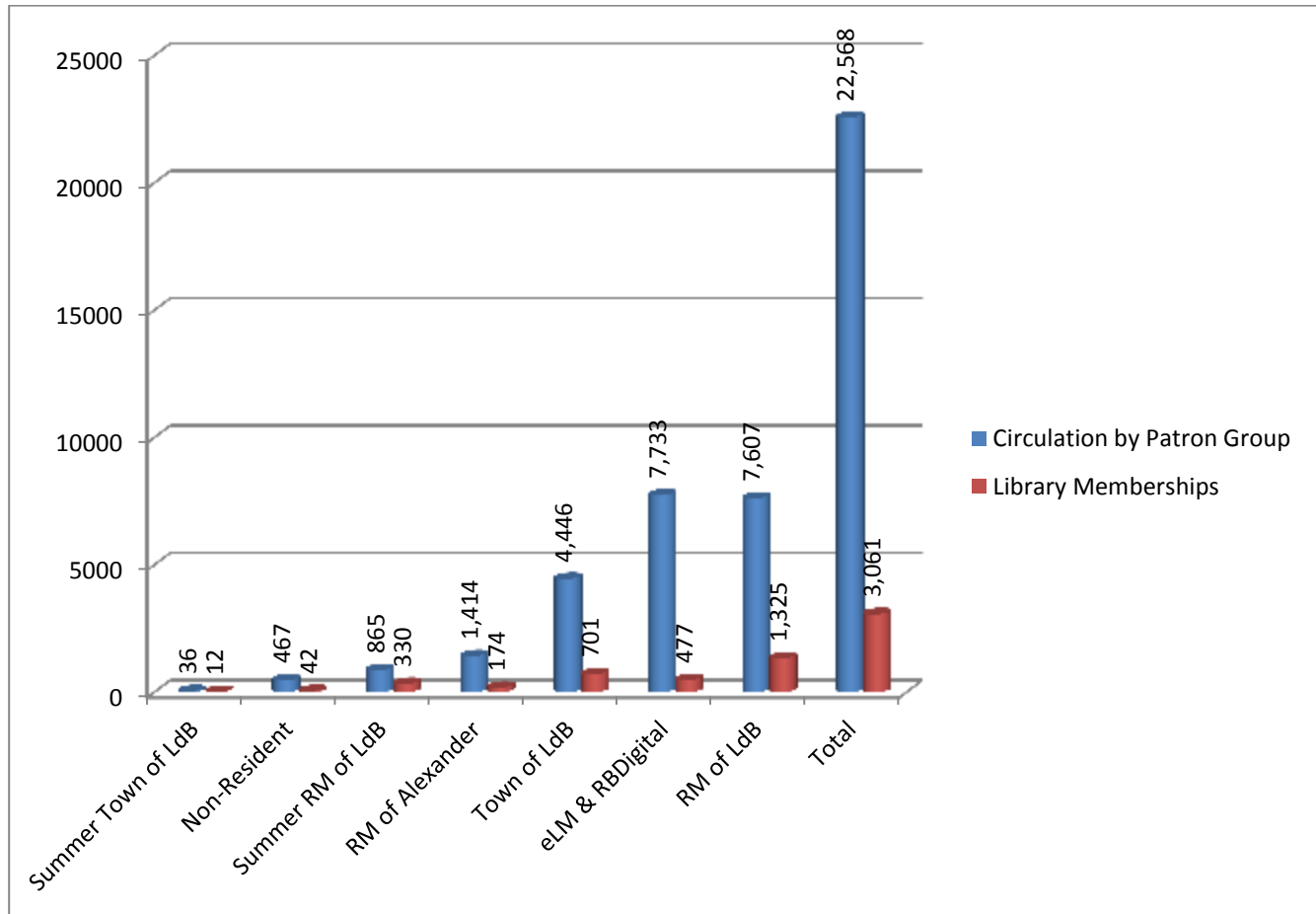
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| Fall Supper | \$5,863 |
| Book Sales | 1,901 |
| Mrs. Lucci's | 500 |
| Penny Jar | 384 |
| Patron Services | 484 |
| Projector Rental | 50 |
| Total | 9,182 |

The Fall Supper continued to be our major fundraising effort in 2019 with a sell-out crowd. We extend a special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary of 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

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Adult Fiction | 11,036 | 9,533 | 8,080 |
| Adult Non-Fiction | 1,773 | 1,191 | 1,107 |
| Young Adult Fiction | 365 | 256 | 318 |
| Junior Fiction | 1,083 | 789 | 1,057 |
| Junior Non-Fiction | 430 | 401 | 404 |
| Children's | 1,754 | 1,591 | 1,461 |
| Magazines | 1,642 | 1,371 | 1,211 |
| Vertical File | 5 | 13 | 2 |
| ILL Incoming | 451 | 388 | 454 |
| ILL Outgoing | 382 | 275 | 305 |
| Sound Recordings | 210 | 151 | 173 |
| PLS Large Print | 299 | 308 | 277 |
| MLDB Large Print | 484 | 345 | 299 |
| Videos/DVDs | 2,414 | 2,093 | 1,735 |
| eLM (eBooks/eAudiobooks) | 4,344 | 4,970 | 7,435 |
| RBDigital (eMagazines/eAudiobooks) | 79 | 112 | 298 |
| Total | 26,830 | 23,675 | 24,616 |

Membership and Circulation Statistics (January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019)



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

Rural Municipality of Alexander = Bird River area only

2019 Library Statistics

Volumes and Resources Held

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| Books | 18,178 |
| Videos | 101 |
| DVDs | 1,080 |
| Magazine Subscriptions | 41 |
| Back-Issue Magazine Categories | 16 |
| Sound Recordings | 283 |
| Vertical File | 15 |
| New Acquisitions | 490 |
| (Approximately 216 of these were donated items) | |

We hold 637 copies in our magazine collection and 242 copies in our Back-Issue magazine collection. Approximately 880 items were withdrawn in 2019.

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 2019 was 569 (WiFi users not included). The Early Literacy Station remains very popular with the young children. The Library website received 2,858 visits in 2019. ***Point of Interest:*** Despite all efforts made by staff over the years to collect, as of December 31st, 2019, this Library is owed **\$5,919.26** in unpaid fines.



"The library book you checked out
on improving your memory is 12 weeks overdue."

APPENDIX

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

2019

Record turnout for Fort Night



Blake and Kayla Swayze prepare to do some quiet reading at Fort Night. (above)

Children gather around a simulated campfire during one of many activities offered at the Lac du Bonnet Library on Jan. 24. (right)

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Library took the idea of tucking yourself in with a good book to a new level last week.

Over 30 children filled the library on Jan. 24 for their annual Fort Night, which offered a variety of fun activities with a focus on literacy.

"This has been the most well attended event we have hosted in years," said head librarian Vickie Short, who was delighted to see the number of families that came out to join them that night.

Fort Night was organized by Sandy Nitzsche, event coordinator who co-hosted

the event with Larissa Shabaga, library clerk. Nitzsche who was pleased to see the children arrive in pyjama's, and noted that many of them brought their own quilts to build their reading forts.

"We had a fantastic turnout, especially on this cold night," said Nitzsche. "They took over the library!"

The 90-minute event was fast moving and kept the children engaged with stories around a campfire, a snack, a game of I Spy and reading activities to promote family literacy.

The children were given many opportunities to enter draws and win books by participating in activities.



I Love to Read celebrated in Lac du Bonnet

By Arlene Davidson

Schools and libraries throughout the province continue to celebrate literacy during the month of February by offering incentives and activities to encourage people of all ages to pick up a book and read.

The Lac du Bonnet Library participated in I Love to Read month by inviting visitors to enter a book draw each time they signed out a book in February. The winners will receive books as gifts when the draws are made at the end of the month.

Students from Centennial School also enjoyed a variety of literacy related activities during the month of February and constructed a bulletin board in the hallway outside of the school library where every student from Kindergarten to Grade 6 wrote their name on a heart and placed it on the wall.

The Province of Manitoba proclaimed February as I Love to Read month in 2016 to encourage reading, writing and sharing in the joy of literacy. The proclamation was made by Ian Wishart, former Minister of Education and Training who said that this initia-

tive is not only an investment in Manitoba's children and youth, but in the future of the province.

The Manitoba government has developed a comprehensive long-term literacy and numeracy strategy to focus on building stronger foundations in the early years that will continue into adulthood.

"Reading opens the door to opportunities not only in the workplace but in all aspects of life," said Wishart. "We are focused on working together with our partners in Manitoba's education system to improve student achievement, particularly in literacy and numeracy, to advance our goal of making Manitoba the most improved province in all of Canada."

The Province believes that the ability to read, write and communicate is empowering and provides a connection to who we are and how we live together and interact with the world.

In the proclamation Wishart said students who are literate are able to read for many purposes and participate in society by interacting with various forms of communication. Through reading, students expand their horizons and connect to diverse cultures, experiences and perspectives.



Photos by Arlene Davidson
Above: Jesse Atkinson (left) and Mia Carriere with an I Love to Read display at Centennial School in Lac du Bonnet.



Right: Vickie Short (left) and Laurie Kjaranson invite visitors to enter a book draw during I Love to Read month at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library.

Brisk business at local libraries

By Arlene Davidson

Visits to libraries and the borrowing of books continues to be a brisk business at facilities along the Winnipeg River corridor.

Over the years, libraries in the region have taken steps to ensure their services are moving ahead with the times by adding computers and internet services to augment their traditional offerings. E-books and audiobooks have also become quite popular with their readers.

A review of statistics provided by libraries in Lac du Bonnet, Pinawa and St-Georges however show that despite increased public access to online reading materials, attendance and activity at libraries has seen an increase from 2017 to 2018.

Vickie Short, head librarian at the Lac du Bonnet Library reported an increase of 282 patrons over that time period with 2,334 more books being signed out.

The library added 2,334 new books, 626 new e-books and 71 audio DVDs to their inventory in 2018. Although hard copy loan numbers were up, statistics indicate that 69 fewer visitors accessed the available internet service. Inter Library loans also saw a decrease of both incoming and outgoing loans last year at the Lac du Bonnet Library.

"We also make available to our patrons access to electronic services such as downloadable magazines

and audiobooks," said Short.

Pinawa Public Library head librarian Lois Bernardin reported patron numbers increased by 107 in 2018 as compared to 2017 adding an additional 538 hard copy sign outs to their annual total. Internet user numbers more than doubled in the same period from 322 to 685 and subsequently increased their inventory of e-books by approximately 500 titles.

Kelly Murray, head librarian at Library Allard, reported statistics from their two locations in St-Georges and Victoria Beach show a 23 per cent decrease in hard copy sign outs in the last year, but alternately there is an increase of 23 per cent of patrons accessing e-books and magazines.

The use of e-books by patrons of Library Allard in Victoria Beach remained relatively stable, but the St-Georges location indicated a 24 per cent increase from

2,251 to 2,951. Website activity combined for both Library Allard locations saw an increase of 44 per cent with 1,833 users in 2017 to 2,665 in 2018.

The review of statistics from Lac du Bonnet, Pinawa, St-Georges and Victoria Beach indicate that libraries in the region have not seen any negative impacts as a result of easy access to technology. The numbers show that libraries have continued to grow and move into the future by embracing technology and adding them to the existing services.

These libraries not only offer a quiet place to sit and read, to borrow from and to access internet services, they also continue to offer their facilities as community meeting places for a variety of events including book launches, presentations, special displays and interactive learning and literacy activities.



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Georgia Valentis said patron traffic and book sign outs continue to keep her busy at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library.

Renos keep RM meetings moving

By Arlene Davidson

Water damage to the RM of Lac du Bonnet office continues to keep municipal meetings on the move.

The RM last week announced their regular council meetings scheduled for March 12 and March 26 have been relocated to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 164 Lac du Bonnet located at 45 McArthur Ave.

The Public Works meetings begin at 2 p.m. followed by the regular meeting of council at 2:45 p.m.

The RM office has been off limits to municipal gatherings since Dec. 30 when the building

sustained considerable damage as a result of a water tank failure, which flooded the facility.

Reeve Loren Schinkel reported that clean up has been completed and renovations will begin in the very near future.

"We have been dealing with the insurance company and went through the RFP tender process. It had to be posted for a period and that moved the process back," said Schinkel. "The contract was just awarded by council at the end of February, so things are getting started next week."

During the clean up, the RM has been temporarily conducting limited business out of the Public Works office.

"I don't anticipate us being back into the building until the end of April or beginning of May," said Schinkel, who extended his appreciation to ratepayers for their patience and understanding as the RM moves this unanticipated process forward.

Schinkel said the damage was extensive as over two inches of water was discovered in council chambers and predominantly throughout the south end of the building due to a water tank failure in the utility room.

The administrative offices will continue to operate from the Public Works building where ratepayers can attend if they have any questions or inquiries.

Celebrating Music and Stories at LdB Library

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library hosted their seventh annual Celebrating Stories and Music on April 4 with special guests Gordon Goldsborough and Paul McIntosh.

Sandy Nitzsche, events coordinator, welcomed close to 40 people to the event and introduced Goldsborough, who delivered a presentation and slide show of photos that capture and preserve the history of Manitoba in his books *Abandoned Manitoba: From Residential Schools to Bank Vaults to Grain Elevators and More Abandoned Manitoba: River, Rails and Ruins*.

Goldsborough delighted the audience with stories about the buildings and structures he captured on film prior to their demolition, identifying himself as a volunteer and passionate member of the Manitoba Historical Society.

He showed a map of Manitoba that indicated the sites of the many historic structures he photographed noting that as of last week over 7,000 locations have been added to the map.

He also spoke about the history of the one room school house, noting that at one point there were 400 existing in Manitoba.

"There used to be over 700 grain elevators here as well, and now there are under 130 left standing," added Goldsborough.

He invited the audience to hear more about his historic journey through Manitoba by tuning into CBC Radio 1 where his stories are featured every Sunday morning.

Following Goldsborough's presentation, head librarian Vickie Short introduced McIntosh. A singer-songwriter with deep roots in Lac du Bonnet, Paul was the musical performer for the evening.

"From agriculture to politics, his stories bring to life the beauty, romance and tribulations of life on the family farm," Short stated. "With his eye to the personal and to the heart of a story, his music will draw you in and make you part of his world."

After a delightful set of original music, audience members had an opportunity to visit with the guests and enjoy refreshments until the event officially concluded at 9 p.m.

Nitzsche and Short thanked everyone for attending and invited them to join them on May 3 when the library will be celebrating their annual Spring Tea to acknowledge their valuable volunteers.



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Paul McIntosh (left) and Gordon Goldsborough were the guests of honour at the Lac du Bonnet Library event last Thursday.

Spring into Library in Lac du Bonnet

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library hosted their annual Spring into Library event during spring break to provide children with some structured activities.

On March 26 and 28, the activities were planned by Sandy Nitzsche, events coordinator who facilitated the fun with library volunteers.

The theme of the day on March 28 celebrated fire fighters and the attending children heard stories and made crafts designed for the topic.



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Janice Halliday (back left), Sandy Nitzsche and Bonnie Swayze with children in fireman hats made during a Spring into Library event in Lac du Bonnet.

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AGASSIZ GARDEN CLUB



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Staff and board members of the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library honoured their volunteers at a tea on May 3.

Library tea honours volunteers

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library hosted their annual Spring Tea on May 3 to honour the many community volunteers that support and facilitate activities and library events.

"It's something we do every year, but never devalues in importance," said Vickie Short, head librarian.

During the two-hour event, afternoon guests dropped

in to enjoy some social time and refreshments with library staff and board members.

"Volunteers are a rare commodity these days, and in a small town they get stretched to the limit. It's important to show how much we appreciate them whenever we can," said Short.

The event also provided a wonderful opportunity to welcome Bonnie Swayze as the new library events coordinator following the retirement of Sandy Nitzche in April.

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Explore nature at Summer Reading Program

By Arlene Davidson

The Summer Reading Program is up and running at the Lac du Bonnet Library and events coordinator Bonnie Swayze reports participant numbers have been good this year.

"The summer reading program occurs every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. throughout July until the end of August. The main activities will start at 11 a.m. and this gives the kids a chance to sign in and get settled first," said Swayze.

This library activity is free and Swayze reminds the public everyone is welcome whether they live in town, elsewhere in the RM or are visiting the area during the summer.

The theme of this year's program is Explore the Wonders of Nature, and Swayze has planned a host of fun and educational sessions that engage children in activities relating to the theme.

On July 9, Allan Stewart, a local volunteer with the Search and Rescue Volunteer Association of Canada (SARVAC), delivered a special presentation called Hug A Tree and Survive where he teaches kids how not to get lost in the woods... and what to do if

it happens.

Stewart explained this presentation, especially designed for children, is part of the national Adventure Smart program that encourages kids to get outside and play, but to do it safely. He has been delivering the presentation for the past three years but noted that the program itself has been around for a while.

"My work with Search and Rescue Manitoba is strictly volunteer, and educating the public on important issues is part of our community service," explained Stewart. "People give up their days and weekends to give back to the community."

He added several presentations are also available for adults focusing on topics such as outdoor survival and safe behaviours for canoe and kayak enthusiasts.

Children will enjoy additional special events over the next several weeks including a visit to the Lac du Bonnet Fire Department on July 23, science demonstrations and hands-on experiments with chemists from Tanco on July 25 and Painting with Nature on Aug. 1.

The Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre will be featured in the Summer Reading Program Wind-Up



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Search and Rescue volunteer Allan Stewart delivered a special presentation to members of the Lac du Bonnet Library Summer Reading Program on July 9.

on Aug. 15 with a presentation called Reading with Raptors and Friends.

"PWRC will be bringing

an owl and a bunny along for the presentation. We will learn all about the animals and the rehabilitation cen-

tre. The kids will also get to pet and feed the bunny," said Swayze.

For more information

about the Summer Reading Program please contact the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library at mlids@mynts.net



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Tanco chemist Daniel Whynot conducts science experiments during the Summer Reading Program at the Lac du Bonnet Library on July 25.

Science at Summer Reading Program

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library welcomed Tanco chemist Daniel Whynot to their Summer Reading Program on July 25 to facilitate a session called Science of Nature.

During the presentation, Whynot supervised 31

children as they extracted and separated the pigments in fresh spinach leaves using paper chromatography and used the juice of a red cabbage to determine the pH of different liquids. They ended the day with a Fantastic Foamy Fountain demonstration outdoors.

The children were en-

gaged in science for the morning and were amazed to see the results of their experiments.

Bonnie Swayze, library events coordinator, reported the Summer Reading Program has been well attended this year, and reminds the public the free sessions are held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The grand finale on Aug. 15 will feature some very special guests.

"The Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre will be joining us for our Summer Reading Program Wind-Up. The session will consist of exciting demonstrations with the help of their ambassadors (Owl and Bunny) and hands-on activities," said Swayze.

Little Day Buddies

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in Lac du Bonnet

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Rock painting in LdB

By Arlene Davidson

Participants of the Summer Reading Program gathered at the Lac du Bonnet Library Aug. 8 and were engaged in a rock painting session.

Facilitated by Payden Schwab and events coordinator Bonnie Swayze, the children were presented with a basket of rocks and selected one to paint in whatever pattern and colour they decided. The creativity was flowing as the children applied their own personal touch to their artwork.

The Library Summer Reading Program has

been running during the school break, delivering sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Swayze reported strong participation this year. As of press time 35 children were registered for the Aug. 15 summer wind-up session featuring a visit from Prairie Wildlife Rehab, which will bring a few furry and feathered friends to add to the fun.

Registration for the final session can be made by calling the Lac du Bonnet Library at 204-345-2653.



Photos by Arlene Davidson

*clockwise from top right:
Kayla Swayze and Lexie King have some fun.*

Hannah Stewart was delighted to see how paint flowed downward and changed the look of her design.

Matteo Jeffery paints a rock at the Summer Reading Program.



Prairie Wildlife at summer wind-up

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Library Summer Reading Program held its final session of the season Aug. 15 with special guests from the Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre in Winnipeg joining in the fun.

Bonnie Swayze, event coordinator, explained Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre is a non-profit organization whose main goal is to treat injured and orphaned wildlife and to successfully release them back into their natural habitat.

She noted they were appropriate guests for the final session, as the theme for this year's program was Exploring Nature.

Simone Davidson, education coordinator of the Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, treated the children to a presentation called Reading with Raptors and Friends. She brought along wildlife ambassadors Yahzi the Northern Saw-whet Owl, Biji the Barn Owl and domestic rabbits Dodger and Lulu.

"The children all enjoyed her stories and learned a lot of interesting facts about owls and rabbits. She even made sure



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Biji the Barn Owl surprises everyone at the Library Reading Club wind-up when he takes flight after being removed from his cage by Simone Davidson.

that all 35 children had the opportunity to pet both Lulu and Dodger," said Swayze. "I feel very fortunate to be a part of the Library and the Summer Reading Program. The program had an amazing turnout this year and all the children seemed to really enjoy the activities and special events."

Swayze was delighted summer day camp staff and participants joined them for their special wind-up session at the Lac du Bonnet Senior School gymnasium. She expressed gratitude to all the children who participated and to the parents, grandparents and guardians for bringing them to the

library.

"A special thank you to Payden Schwab for all her hard work ensuring all the kids had a blast, and to the amazing library board, staff and volunteers for all their help and guidance throughout the summer in making the program a huge success," said Swayze.

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Library's Fall Supper receives hot reception

By Arlene Davidson

Staff and board members of the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library were delighted with the community support they received for their annual Fall Supper on Sept. 14 at the Lac du Bonnet Legion.

Bonnie Swayze, library event coordinator, reported tickets were sold out the Wednesday prior to the Saturday event and many people reserved full tables. The first group of 190 people were served at 5 p.m. followed by a second group of diners who arrived for a 6:30 p.m. meal.

Swayze said she was amazed at the amount of community support the library

receives in order to host this annual event.

"Our board members, staff and volunteers made the pies for dessert and the Legion Auxiliary and community volunteers joined in to help prepare the turkeys and side dishes. It's amazing how people came together," said Swayze.

Prior to turning things over to Swayze, head librarian Vickie Short welcomed the diners and thanked everyone for coming out to support this important fundraising event for the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library. She introduced Swayze and library student helpers Colter Zirk and Lily Hodgson who worked the floor selling tickets for a 50/50 draw.



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Vickie Short (left) and Bonnie Swayze welcome diners to the annual Fall Supper fundraiser hosted by the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library.



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Halle Lavoie was one of 380 people who enjoyed a fall supper buffet at the Lac du Bonnet Legion on Sept. 14.

Lions prep for annual Food Drive

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Lions Club is currently coordinating their fall food drive for Oct. 8.

The Lions ask the public to help them fill the food bank's shelves with items contributing to nutritious lunches for area schoolchildren.

Lion Rolly Simard organizes the spring and fall food drives every year, and said the donations of non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated by the board, volunteers and patrons of the Lac du Bonnet and Area Food Bank.

The food bank generally purchases the basic and necessary staples such as milk, bread, fresh meat, vegetables, fruit and eggs. Non-perishable items such as cereal, juice, canned vegetables, fruits, pasta and meat are always appreciated and provide a variety of nutritious options for area families in need.

"While all of these items are very much appreciated as donations, any extras, such as infant formulas or baby to school type food items, are particularly appreciated by mothers who are clients of the food bank," said Simard. "If these items are received, they are appreciated and used."

Unwrapped foods with broken seals and stale and outdated foods cannot be used by food banks.

Volunteers should gather at the Lac du Bonnet Arena at 5 p.m. to register for a canvass route before venturing into the community.

They can then reconvene at the arena for refreshments prepared and served by the Lac du Bonnet Lions Club members.

Volunteers will be equipped with reflective vests, boxes to collect the donated food and envelopes for any cash donations received. Simard invites individuals, families or community groups to come out and join them for this important initiative.



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Melayni Schwab and Bonnie Swayze collect completed treasure hunt sheets from Hope and Gaven Novakowski at Pyjama Storytime at the Lac du Bonnet Library.

Pyjama Storytime at the Library

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library hosted their annual Pyjama Storytime evening Nov. 14.

Storytime coordinator Bonnie Swayze reported a record number of attendees at this year's event with 36 children attending. She also thanked volunteers Junice Halliday,

Melayni Schwab and Colter Zirk for their help.

Swayze said the children were divided into two age groups for the story reading with Halliday attending to the older children aged six years and up. Zirk looked after the age five and under group.

The children, library staff and volunteers were appropriately clad

in comfortable attire of pyjamas and slippers as they participated in the activities and shared an evening of fun.

After a mid-evening snack the children learned about star constellations.

"The craft was a star constellation viewer that they can use to view the seven constellations that were sent home with them," said Swayze.

WRAC puts art paddles on display



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Angie Salamacha of Cape Coppermine admires the WRAC paddles on display at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library until July 2.

By Arlene Davidson

Earlier this year, the Winnipeg River Arts Council (WRAC) put out a call to member artists inviting their participation in a fundraising competition to support art related activities in the region.

The WRAC purchased a number of unfinished 24-inch wooden paddles that were presented to participants who then painted them with their selected art entries. These magnificent works of art are currently on display until July 2 at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library.

The winning paintings and their artists include The Aurora Path by Brenda McKenzie, The Blue Heron by Erika Uustalu-Nicholson, Dipping Water by Pamela Habing, Our Region by Bernice Phillips and I See You by Roberta Laliberte.

When asked how their painting was chosen for the paddle, McKenzie said she loves the Northern Lights and has done many paintings featuring the Aurora phenomenon.

"The shape of the paddle seemed to lend itself to showing the height of the sky and then the landscape below. The winter setting reminds us that we live in a northern country," said McKenzie.

Habing is relatively new to the Winnipeg

River arts scene and was delighted to be one of the WRAC artists selected to participate in this fundraising event.

"As soon as I found out about it I had a vision of the piece I wanted to create... a paddle that looked as if it had just emerged from the lake and was still dripping with water," said Habing. "In all, this was a very rewarding experience and I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

The paddles will travel over the summer months and be displayed in communities across the region. The next stop will be the Summer Town Market on July 21 as part of the Pinawa birthday weekend, Library Allard in St-Georges from July 24 to 31, Lac du Bonnet's Fire and Water Festival Aug. 2 to 4 and will complete their rounds at the Lac du Bonnet Night Market on Aug. 22, an event co-hosted by WRAC and the Winnipeg River Recreation District.

The WRAC will be hosting an online auction from Aug. 1 to 29 and bids can be placed online at www.winnipegriverarts.com or by contacting Jennifer Hudson-Stewart at 204-340-0889 or winnipegriverarts@gmail.com. Contributing artists will receive 30 per cent of the sale price and the remaining funds will be invested into future WRAC programs and initiatives.