

# Annual Report 2020



**Prepared by Lac du Bonnet Library Staff  
2021 April**

## 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Sales (Books, Magazines, and Movies)

Special events

Compact disc Cleaning/Repair

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).

Reference Material

Videos/DVDs

Internet and Wireless Access

Audio Books

Interlibrary Loans (fILL)

Summer Reading Club

eLibraries Manitoba, EBSCOhost,

NNELS\*

and Global Road Warrior Travel Database Access

\* NNELS – National Network for Equitable Library Service.

### ***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...**

- 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. January's meeting was held in Springfield and both May and September were hosted on Zoom.
- The Board and Head Librarian learned how to use Zoom for their meetings!

## 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>



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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 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Family Fort Night!** On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, twenty-six 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 snacks, stories and shadow puppet fun in the dark. The reading forts were **OUTSTANDING!** The evening was a huge success.

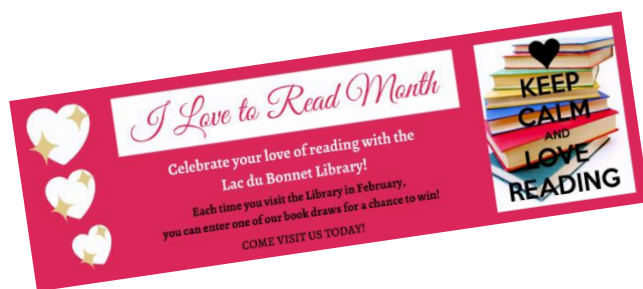






Storytime with volunteer Janice Halliday at Fort Night. It's a full house!





February rolled in and the Library celebrated “I Love to Read” month. Visitors entered their name in the draws for their choice of these wonderful books. We pulled 10 winners from our 170 entries.



## *40 Years and still going strong....*

There should have been a party March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to celebrate the establishment of the municipal public library in Lac du Bonnet. The R.M. Reeve, Leo Drabek, and Town's Mayor Frank Ehinger, and councils approved an agreement to initiate the startup of the Library in Lac du Bonnet in March of 1980. In order to receive provincial funding, the important step of an agreement between the Province and the Lac du Bonnet councils needed to happen. The volunteer library's citizens began the process of raising funds to build a new library.

Excerpts from minutes taken February 13, 1978

**“In attendance were Terry Usackis, Art Van Steelant, Joyce Hanton, Eleanor Lewko, Nick Ostash, Phyllis Robin, Roz Burt, Connie Safronetz and Aline Preston.”**

“The following Items were discussed:

“Asking Glen Butchart, Librarian and co-ordinator of Parkland Regional Library, to talk to us re starting library”

“An ad hoc committee was set up. Chairman – Nick Ostash, Vice-Chairman – Eleanor Lewko and Secretary-Treasurer – Aline Preston.”

“A. Preston to get a library account set up. Starting money to come from proceeds of Christmas Concert in the amount of \$245.87, money from defunct Art Society in the amount of \$150.00 and \$500.00 from the Home & School Association.”

On cold wintery day January 25, 1990, the exodus from the Park Street where the Library was housed in August Kulikowski's apartment block began. Many volunteers moved the boxed collection to 84 Third Street and the shelves were filled and soon the doors were open!

*...And then there was Covid!*



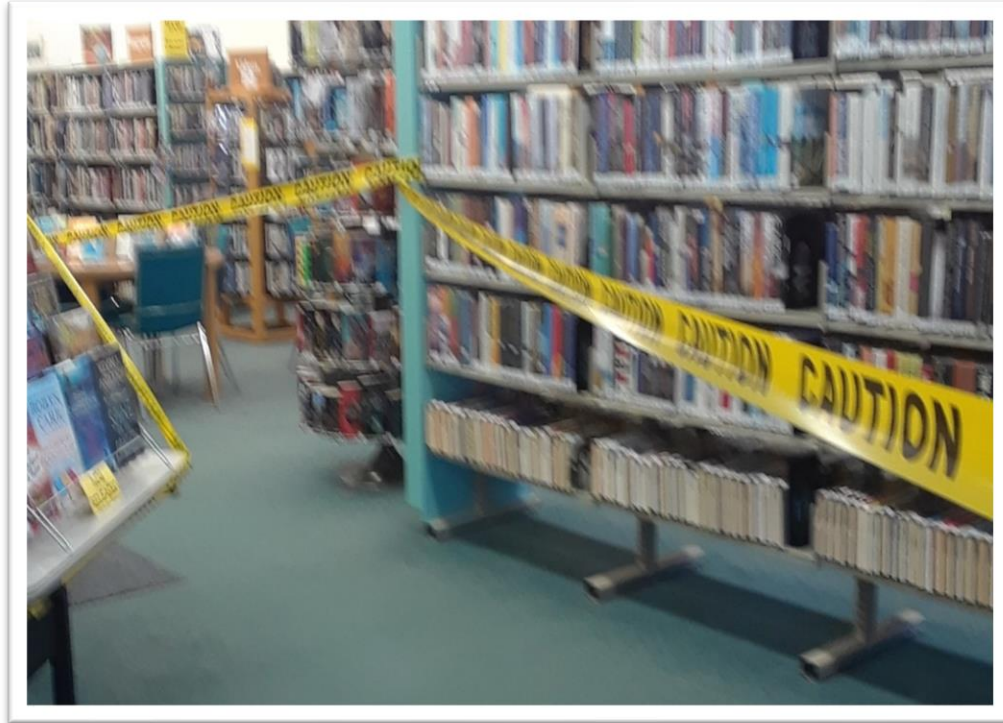
On March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. the Library closed its doors to follow Covid-19 government protocols. Code Red blanketed the province and Library services shut down. Staff hours were reduced and some staff were laid off.



The Board and Head Librarian set up policies to work towards offering curbside service. Plans were set up for staff to work part time behind the scenes doing inventory and other projects. Curbside started May 5<sup>th</sup> much to the delight of our patrons!



On May 19<sup>th</sup> the Library computer access appointments started, and the Library took on a whole new look in decorating.



Another month of patiently waiting for the Covid case number to decrease, and finally word came down from the government that libraries could open again. It was time to put all of our Covid related policies to work. June 16<sup>th</sup> the doors were open and the “maze running” started.



During Curbside service books were quarantined for seven days. Piles of books could be found around the Library.

When the Library opened for service again in June, books continued to be quarantined for Staff and Patron safety.

Many events were cancelled: Spring into the Library, Spring Tea, and Celebrating Stories.



*The Library is now open*  
**PLEASE RESPECT SOCIAL  
DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS**

*Curbside service is still available*

Our patrons were so appreciative to have their Library services accessible. A heightened awareness of the crucial necessity of the Library in the community was never more apparent!

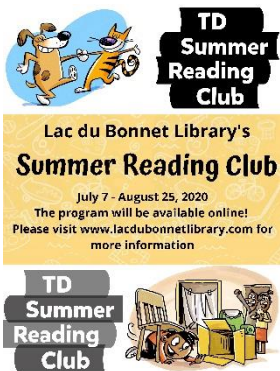


The Library were fortunate recipients of a joint grant of \$2,300.00 from the Lac du Bonnet and District Foundation and the Lac du Bonnet Senior School Youth in Philanthropy students. Extensive upgrades to our networking system was taken on by Interfusion Media.



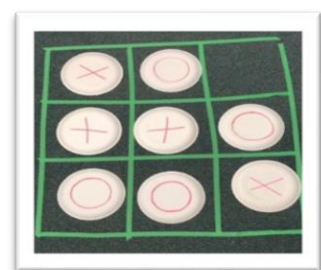
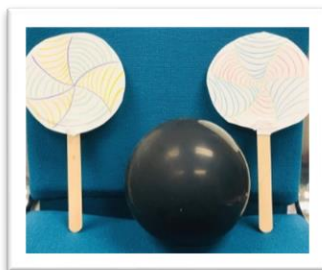
**Magazine Sponsorship program** - We are remarkably fortunate to have Library friends and local business sponsors that continue to support magazine subscriptions for patron enjoyment. These generous sponsors are proudly displayed on each magazine cover. Four new sponsors joined our program in 2020. Lac du Bonnet Dental Clinic, Mr. Christie's Septic Cleaning, Daley Pharmacy Ltd., and Jack & Janice Halliday.





Children participated in ‘Let’s Play’ at the Library for our **Online Summer Reading Club 2020** from July 8<sup>th</sup> to August 25<sup>th</sup>. The Summer Reading Club Coordinator, Colter, did a great job organizing a successful program considering the restrictions due to COVID 19. We had 20 children registered. This year, we offered 2 crafts/activities each week for the kids to participate in from home. At the beginning of each week they picked up the supplies they needed to accomplish both crafts/activities. The kids had access to their reading logs on our website. Every child participating in our Summer Reading Club kept track of their reading with ease. They simply filled in a weekly reading log each week. We had 3 weekly reading prizes and 1 grand prize. When the kids sent in their weekly reading logs, they had to choose which prize they wanted their names put into. Children who handed their logs every week, 7 logs total by the end of the summer, had their names put into the grand prize draw. We drew the prizes on the last day of the program and posted them on our YouTube channel, Facebook & our website. Each child received a new book for their reading efforts.

We started a segment called “**Story time with Colter**” over the summer on our YouTube channel, and have been sharing it on social media and on our website to keep the children engaged and entertained. We’ve had great feedback from parents and community members in general.



Colter put together the crafts so when the kids came to pick up their supplies they knew what it was supposed to look like. Detailed instructions were provided for the Moms and Dads so they could help!

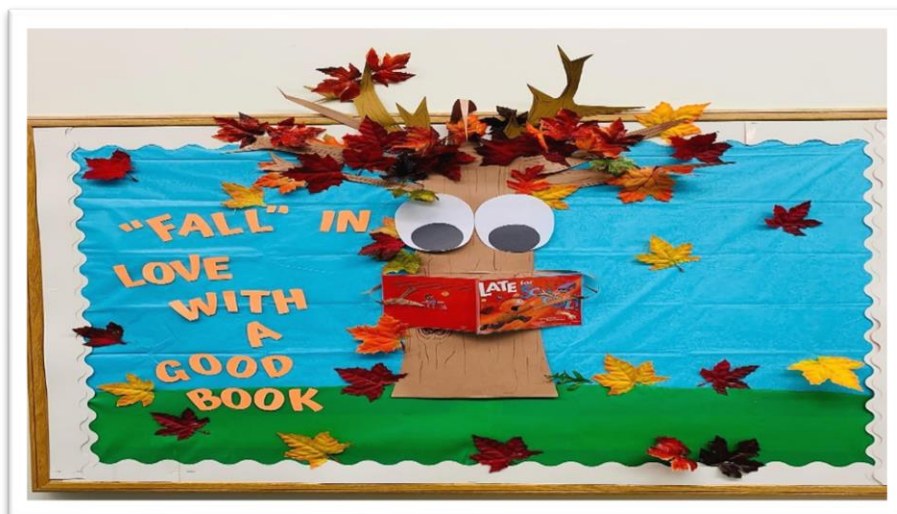
Check out the Lac du Bonnet Library **Facebook** page for our Giant Bubble making videos with Colter and our summer library clerk, Lily! We had fun making sure our Bubble solution would work. ☺

Colter and Lily had to practice the water balloon craft to make sure the balloons would break. A field trip to the boss' house was planned as we didn't want water inside the Library. A change of clothes was packed, but to the dismay of the Head Librarian they weren't needed.



Colter and Lily also put on a hilarious puppet show to wrap up the program! The virtual puppet show can be found on our website under "News & Events" "Summer Reading Club".

### Heading into Fall...





New this year, **Halloween Spooktacular Colouring Contest** was held during the month of October for children in 3 age categories... 3-5-year old, 6-8-year old, and 9-12-year old. They had the option to pick up the coloring pages at the library or print them off from the comfort of their home. They could drop them off any time before October 28th! We chose one winner for each age group. We had 14 kids participate. All participants received a Halloween treat! Winners received a free book and goldfish crackers. Colter and Jen decorated the library with fun, spooky Halloween decorations.



Colter's extra spooky decorations!



## Community Halloween Pumpkin Hunt...

Terri Weiss from the Lac du Bonnet Children's Centre contacted the Library to see if we would join in the community wide safe Halloween for the kids. Pumpkins were placed in the window of businesses so the trick or treaters could find the Halloween goodies! We were so happy to oblige as we had so few youngsters visiting the Library this year. It seemed strange dropping candy with tongs into their bags from behind the safety of screen, but everyone was so happy to be doing something "normal" again. Fifty kids and their parents braved the windy cold elements to fill their bags!



**Sign Making "Take & Make" Fundraiser** with Wood n' Knots! Due to Covid 19 restrictions, and uncertainty, we added a new fundraising event this year. Participants simply chose their sign, their stain colour, and their font colors. On Thursday, December 10th they were able to pick up their packages between 6:00 – 7:00 pm at the library. We had owner, Kaitlyn Boyer, on hand to assist first time participants with more detailed instructions when they arrived curbside.

## And the doors closed again....

November 12<sup>th</sup> the Province of Manitoba returned to Critical Level (Red). Chief Provincial Public Health Officer, Brent Roussin's health directive deemed that Libraries must close again. Our patrons and staff, now well versed in curbside service, moved on without a hitch. The Library in 2020 was closed for 25% of the year and during this time we had 335 curbside appointments!

## Fundraising Report

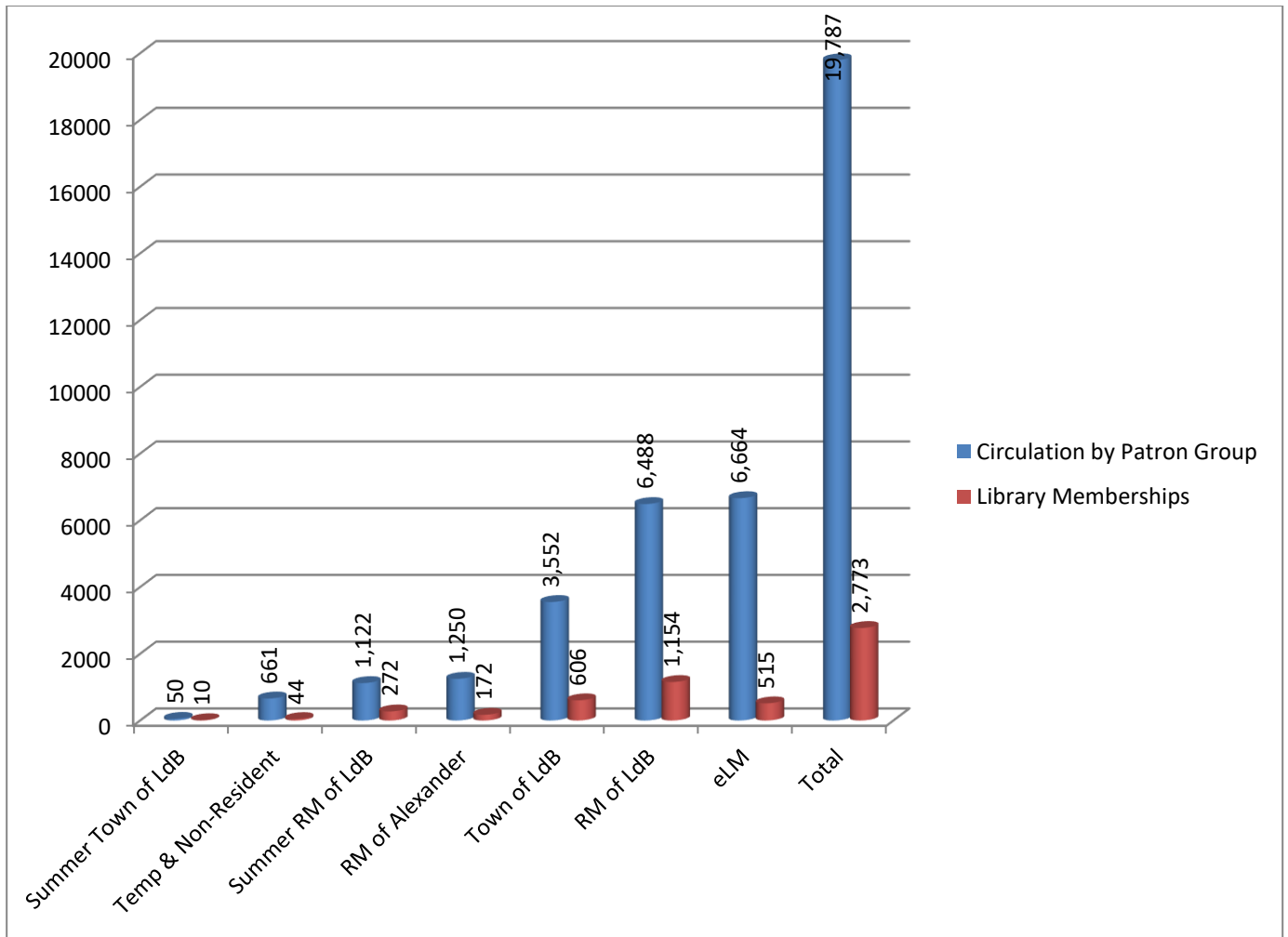
Book Sales	\$ 1,399
Sign Making fundraiser	140
Penny Jar	249
Patron Services	132
LdB Fish Derby CVO hrs	54
Misc. sales	159
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,133</b>

Our Annual Fall Supper fundraiser had to be cancelled this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. In lieu of the supper, the Library approached the Lac du Bonnet Clipper Weekly to include an appeal for donations article in their paper. The response from patrons, and community members was overwhelming. \$7,262.00 was received in donations. Thank you to all who so generously supported the Library. Visit our website at [lacdubonnetlibrary.ca](http://lacdubonnetlibrary.ca) for detailed Financial Audit.

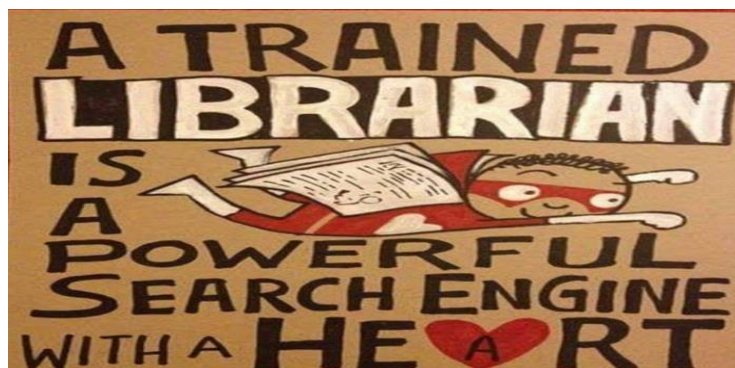
## Circulation Statistics

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Adult Fiction	9,533	8,080	7,573
Adult Non-Fiction	1,191	1,107	1,199
Young Adult Fiction	256	318	276
Junior Fiction	789	1,057	1,087
Junior Non-Fiction	401	404	297
Children's	1,591	1,461	1,015
Magazines	1,371	1,211	939
Vertical File	13	2	0
ILL Incoming	388	454	249
ILL Outgoing	275	305	179
Sound Recordings	151	173	145
PLS Large Print	308	277	168
MLDB Large Print	345	299	269
Videos/DVDs	2,093	1,735	1,356
eLM (eBooks/eAudiobooks)	4,970	7,435	6,664
RBDigital (eMagazines/eAudiobooks)	112	298	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,675</b>	<b>24,616</b>	<b>21,416</b>

## Membership and Circulation Statistics (January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020)



*eLM = eLibraries Manitoba is an electronic resource for all patron groups.  
Rural Municipality of Alexander = Bird River area only*





## Volumes and Resources Held

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 2020 was 326 (WiFi users not included). The Library website received 4,116 visits in 2020. ***Point of Interest:*** Despite all efforts made by staff over the years to collect, as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, this Library is owed **\$6,591.86** in unpaid fines.



# **APPENDIX**

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

2020

# Lac du Bonnet Library turning 40

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library has been serving the public since 1980 and this year they will be recognizing a milestone anniversary.

"Our library is excited to be celebrating its 40th anniversary as an established Manitoba library and we are in the early stages of planning a celebration to mark this special event," said Vickie Short, head librarian.

The library began taking shape in 1956 when Mrs. Helen P. Smith established what she referred to as a travelling library from her home to offer free literary and other donated reading material to the area residents of Lac du Bonnet.

Smith provided the service from her home for 15 years until the early 1970s when the library was moved into the Northern Store where it operated for the next seven years.

Then a group of library volunteers presented surveys and organized petitions to lobby and secure space, and they were able to acquire a room in the Lac du Bonnet Senior School.

In 1980 the Manitoba government recognized the Lac du Bonnet Library and began funding the operation.

On April 1, 1981 the library moved from the school to 1-70 Park Ave. then quickly took a second suite to



Photo by Arlene Davidson

***Staff, directors, volunteers and patrons will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library in 2020.***

accommodate the growing collection of donated reading material.

In October 1989 the library board decided to build a custom designed, 3,800-square-foot facility and began fundraising for the estimated cost of \$285,000.

In January 1991, construction was completed on 3rd Street on property provided by the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

Short said she is currently enjoying her 20th year as an employee of Lac

du Bonnet Library.

"We, the board and staff, have worked diligently these past 40 years to provide our patrons with up-to-date collections and technology. When it became apparent that our community needed a full-time library, our patrons stepped up to organize this brainchild," said Short. "Our patrons have always assisted us with our fundraising and programming from day one, and we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our community and visitors."



*Photo by Arlene Davidson*

**Kallen Tetrault (left) and Lexie King were two of 26 children at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library Jan. 23 to participate in their annual Family Fort Night.**

## Family Fort Night at LdB Library

*By Arlene Davidson*

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library hosted their annual Family Fort Night Jan. 23 to celebrate Family Literacy Night.

Event coordinator Bonnie Swayze reported 26 children attended with their blankets and flashlights to make reading forts with their parents and grandparents.

"They took over the library and had a great time," said Swayze.

This popular event provides an evening of family fun with literary-based activities to engage young minds and their imagination.

"The evening started with building the reading forts, then Colter Zirk and Lily Hodgson put on a shadow puppet show for the children and led them in other games using shadows and flashlights," said Swayze.

She added Janice Halliday finished up the evening by reading stories to the children.



# Turning pages at different speeds

## North Eastman libraries using cautious approach to re-opening facilities

By Tony Zerucha and  
Arlene Davidson

While they may have received the official go-ahead from the provincial government, libraries in North Eastman are taking a more cautious route to resuming service.

Beginning May 4, libraries were among the first group of facilities allowed to resume service in the first phase of Manitoba's re-opening strategy. They join museums, galleries, retail businesses, patio and walk-up restaurant services, therapeutic and medical services and non-urgent

surgery and diagnostic procedures. Business are limited to 50 per cent of normal levels or one person per 10 square metres, whichever is less.

While good news, don't expect your local library to be business as usual this week. The Springfield Public Library will remain closed, library manager Cherie Denorer stated.

"While businesses may be opening, there is still a cap of 10 people in a public gathering and with current lack of appropriate equipment available to keep our patrons and staff safe in the building, Springfield Public

Library will remain closed to the public until further notice."

Denorer said the library's collection cannot be currently accessed, due to the uncertainty of how long the COVID-19 virus can remain on surfaces such as paper and plastic.

"Until we can significantly reduce the risks to the public and staff for circulating (signing out and returning) library materials, the library collection will remain inaccessible for the time being," Denorer wrote. "We will make an announcement when we are able to safely re-open the library to the public once again."

The library's return slot is open. People wishing to renew books can contact the library.

As of May 5, the Pinawa Public Library allowed people to reserve items online. Borrowers can pick up and return items on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the back door of the Pinawa Community Centre. Book a pick-up time and either call when you arrive or ring the bell (staff will sanitize the bell between uses). Due dates are suspended, meaning borrowers can keep items until the library re-opens.

In a statement, the library said the service is experimental and may be discontinued or expanded at any time. Check the website

for updates.

The Lac du Bonnet Library invites patrons to register online so they can borrow materials. Items can be checked out by email, over the phone and through curbside pickup. Those wishing to use curbside pickup will be contacted to arrange a pickup time. Call the library upon arrival so your items can be brought out to you. Patrons are limited to 20 items each and three weeks' use.

When returning items, borrowers are asked to place the items in plastic bags. All returned items are quarantined for one week before recirculation. Pickup hours are Tuesdays-Fridays between 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

There is no clear time line for when the library will return to normal service.

"The library is in the process of establishing the guidelines and physical safety precautions that need to be put in place to provide a safe environment for both staff and patron," the library said in a statement. "Until such time as the library board and staff have these measures in place the library will not be open to the public. As our work environment contains many high-touch displays, these precautions will be of a very strict nature."

In Beausejour, Brokenhead River Regional Library director of library services Debbie Winnicki said they don't have an opening date set at this time. She did say they are currently looking at what some of the other larger libraries are doing in regards to safety measures, training staff, preparing the library with proper materials and



File photo

Debbie Winnicki said the Brokenhead River Regional Library is not looking to rush into opening prematurely or unprepared.

equipment to keep staff and the public as safe as possible.

"We are not looking to rush into opening prematurely or unprepared. Safety is our top priority," Winnicki said. "When we do re-open, service will definitely be different than what the public was originally used to. We look forward to opening and serving our customers once again. We just need the time to prepare to do it right."

As of May 13, Bibliothèque Allard Library in St-Georges will open to the public for 'pickup'

only. Patrons may check the online catalogue and place a hold on books. Email or call Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to request books. Individuals will be notified when choices are ready for pickup. Contact the library for a user name and password to place a hold on a book.

Moving forward, the library will have their programs and events online. Patrons are encouraged to contact Bibliothèque Allard Library if they have trouble finding what they're looking for.

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## LdB Library computer network receives upgrade

By Arlene Davidson

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library's computer services recently received \$2,300 in support from the Lac du Bonnet Foundation and its affiliate student group Youth in Philanthropy (YIP). In early May, the two groups each awarded grants of \$1,150.

"Besides their office computers, the library provides multiple public workstations for access to the Internet as well as printing capabilities for patrons and visitors," said Janice Leroux, communications officer for the LdB Foundation.

"Head librarian Vickie Short noted in recent years the library has experienced many stoppages for internet access and extremely slow download and upload speeds," Leroux said. "It has been frustrating for staff and patrons alike. The upgrades to the library's internet hardware system will bring its capabilities up to today's standards, enabling more consistent service and ensuring quality service in the future."

Short said the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library's computer networking upgrade project will replace their current wireless access point with a Dual-Band N-system.

"This also includes a major upgrade to an eight-port, one-gigabit switch which will support the backbone of our office and guest computers. The upgrades to the library's internet hardware system will bring its capabilities up to today's standards, enabling more consistent service and ensuring quality service in the future," said Short.

The library computer wiring hardware was installed in 1995 and Short said the infrastructure

has weakened over the past few years.

"The patron access computers are currently giving the staff recurring problems," Short observed. "This area will lose its internet access for no apparent reason, while the workstations in the rear of the library continue to function. The patron printer goes offline and patrons have problems accessing their printing requests."

"Many low-income families use the library's internet access computers on a daily basis, and also community members who have printer problems at home invariably end up at the library to quickly print off their time sensitive documents. The frustrations of not being able to provide consistent, reliable service is not (in line) with our library's mission statement."

She noted one of the library's main mission statements is to provide access to information technology and as public access point to the Internet in Lac du Bonnet, this service is more vital than ever.

"The library is truly grateful for the local support of the Lac du Bonnet Foundation and LdBSS YIP committee. Together we can make our community better," said Short.

The foundation thanked this year's YIP committee and teacher Tabitha Shiplock-McMurchy for a most successful year.

"Awarding the grant to the LdB Library was the last official business of this year's group of young leaders, as most are graduating from LdBSS in June. The foundation looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with the high school and a new group of students on Youth in Philanthropy initiatives in the fall," said Leroux.



Photo submitted

Head librarian Vickie Short accepts a \$2,300 donation from the Lac du Bonnet Foundation and the Youth in Philanthropy committee from Lac du Bonnet Senior School.

## IERHA COVID-19 cases on hold

With the numbers of new cases of COVID-19 identified in Manitoba flattening, the numbers of those infected in the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Association (IERHA) are also on hold.

As of Tuesday, June 2, the total number of lab-confirmed positive cases and probable positive cases in the province was 297. Of those numbers, 20 cases of the virus have been identified in the IERHA with 18 confirmed positive and two listed as probable positive.

When asked for more information regarding those infected being from the Interlake or North Eastman regions as the IERHA covers a massive area, a health authority spokesperson said further information will not be provided amid claims that could result in the release of personal health information. In areas with smaller populations, there is a greater opportunity for the identification of an individual, they said.

No individuals are in hospital or intensive care and that 12 active cases and 278 individuals have recovered. The number of deaths remains at seven.

As of June 2, an additional 406 laboratory tests were performed. This brings the total number of tests performed since early February to 45,099.

Public health officials say it is important for people who meet the criteria and are showing even mild symptoms of COVID-19, including a cough, a runny nose, a sore throat and a fever, to be tested.

Manitobans are reminded that if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19 and meet testing criteria, they can call Health Links-Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or (toll-free) at 1-888-315-9257 for more information.

A comprehensive list of Manitoba government COVID-19 measures can be found on the Province of Manitoba website.



# Fall supper off, donations needed

*By Arlene Davidson*

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library has cancelled their annual fall supper for 2020 due to uncertainty of the public health regulations in September.

"This has been a hard decision for the library to make as it is our only fundraiser, but these times have dictated that it is the necessary choice," said Vickie Short, head librarian.

Short said the annual operating costs for the library are \$127,000 and that funding comes from fundraising and provincial and municipal governments.

"The annual fall supper is the library's greatest fundraising event, raising almost \$5,900 in 2019," Short said. "This community event has attracted local residents and visitors for over 30 years. This year we are reaching out to you, our library community, to ask if you would be willing to donate your costs of fall supper tickets in lieu of attending the event."

Every year community members and businesses donate food, supplies and time.

"These donations go a long way in assisting us in reaching a profit. We can only hope that your past donations could become monetary donations in place of the dona-

tions. Any donations will be used to help us continue to operate in these difficult times," said Short, who said the library issues charitable donation receipts. "Donations can be made in person, (or) by cash, cheque or debit. We also accept e-transfers over the phone or by email."

The Lac du Bonnet Library is a critical part of the regional community and is used by more than 2,800 people every year. Its services include children's programs, computers with internet access, free Wifi and used books for sale.

"The library is proud to continue to offer these services to our community and those non-residents who enjoy our amenities. We thank all of you for your loyal support," said Short.

The library employs seven people, including summer students in full-time and part time positions.

Short hopes everything soon returns to normal.

"It is our hope that 2021 will see the return of our fall supper, with all the delicious smells of roast turkey, stuffing and all the fixings," said Short.

Those wanting to donate to the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library can email [mldb@mymts.net](mailto:mldb@mymts.net) or call 204-345-2653.

## LdB Library needs your help

The Lac du Bonnet Library is a very critical part of our regional community and is used by more than 2,800 members (single and families).

It supplies patrons with a variety of media and children's programs, computers with internet access, free Wi-Fi and used books for sale. Part-time employment is provided to seven local residents, including students.

The annual operating cost is \$127,000. Funding comes from provincial and municipal governments.

Fundraising is critical in keeping the services modern and the library open, but the Lac du Bonnet Library Board has made the hard decision to cancel the annual Fall Supper for 2020. The deciding factor was the uncertainty of the public health regulations in September due to COVID-19.

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Library's greatest fundraising event, raising almost \$5,900 in 2019. This community event has attracted local residents and visitors for more than 30 years. This year we are reaching out to you, our library community, to see if you are willing to donate your costs of fall supper tickets in lieu of attending the event.

Community members and businesses generously donate tremendous amounts of food and supplies as well as their time. These donations go a long way in assisting us in reaching a profit. We can only hope your past donations could become monetary donations at this time. All funds will be used to help us continue to operate during these difficult times.

Did you know the Lac du Bonnet Library issues charitable donation receipts? If you provide the library with a monetary donation, you will receive a donation receipt to claim

on your 2020 income tax. Donations can be made in person and by cash, cheque or debit. We also accept e-transfers over the phone or by email.

This is a very different year for everyone. It has been challenging to accommodate new restrictions, implement new regulations and keep our staff and patrons safe. The library is proud to continue to offer these services to our community and those non-residents who enjoy our amenities. We thank all of you for your loyalty and continued support.

It is our hope 2021 will see the return of our Fall Supper, with all the delicious smells of roast turkey, stuffing and all the fixings.

Our contact information is 204-345-2653, [mldb@mymts.net](mailto:mldb@mymts.net) or Box 216 Lac du Bonnet, MB R0E 1A0.

Catalogue and events details are available at [www.lacdubonnetlibrary.ca](http://www.lacdubonnetlibrary.ca)

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## THANK YOU

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The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library Board and Staff extend their heartfelt thanks to our patrons and friends of the Library for their generous donations this past year. Closures, curbside service, quarantining returns, masks and social distancing became our new normal. We thank you for your patience and your words of support. We feel fortunate to be a part of this wonderful community. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

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*Mere words cannot express the gratitude of the Board and Staff.*

