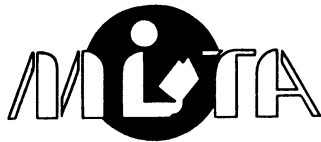


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The MLTA Newsletter is published irregularly throughout the year to assist and aid Library Trustees throughout the province of Manitoba in carrying out their trustee obligations.

MLTA Handbooks

MLTA will mail out copies at \$10.00 each available from the Treasurer upon request. The handbook is also available on the MLTA Website and can be printed free of charge.

<http://mla.mb.ca/mlta>

Chairman's Remarks – December 2011

It has been an exciting time to work for the libraries of Manitoba in the last while. Your board is working on new ways to meet the needs of Manitoba library boards and trustees.

We are presently looking at website options to carry information that can be used by boards and libraries to help boards improve effectiveness. And, as many of you are aware, we operate on a very limited budget so are looking at different ways to address this need as well.

As your Board chair I have also had the opportunity to address a few longstanding library issues. While at our annual conference of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) in Brandon During the week of November 20, 2011, I was very pleased to support a resolution asking AMM to lobby the provincial government to increase the provincial per capita rate. This rate has remained unchanged for many years. I presented an amendment that further requested that the province would review this rate on a regular basis. So we will now have AMM actively advocating on our behalf as well.

This week, November 28 –December 3, I am in Ottawa on Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) board meetings. Part of the November

meeting dates include meeting with as many MPs and Senators as possible to discuss issues of common concern and interests.

On Monday I was able to meet with and discuss the Library Book Rate with MP Merv Tweed who sponsored private members bills on this in the past. He assured me that he is working on a bill to address this in a permanent manner.

As I already stated earlier, MLTA is working on ways to better assist all Manitoba libraries. Please feel free to contact myself or other board members with any questions and concerns you have and we will endeavour to assist you in addressing your needs.

Finally, I wish each one a very happy holiday season. I hope the season will allow you times of renewing acquaintances, spending time with those you love, celebrating the good things, and rest.

Marvin Plett
Chair MLTA

Mark Your Calendars

Manitoba Libraries Association Annual General Meeting Saturday Feb 11, 2012 at Portage La Prairie Regional Library, 1PM to 4PM

(MLA) Conference
Mon. May 14 - Wed. May 16, 2012
Delta Hotel, Winnipeg

There will be sessions relevant for trustees - e.g. Factors of Board Effectiveness, Stakeholder Analysis for Library Planning, Copyright, Appropriate Library Services for People with Disabilities, Successful Programming, E-books, Virtual Author Visits, Challenged Materials, Community Outreach Programs.

Library Trustee Aids

Are your library trustees looking for help with understanding their role, strategic planning, policy development or staff management?

Check out the MLTA Trustees Handbook.

It is available on-line. Look for the link on the Manitoba Libraries Association website.

<http://mla.mb.ca/mlta/mlta-acbm-trustees-handbook-v3-0-march-31-2008/>

Trustee of Distinction 2011

The MLTA Board announces that no nominations were received from Boards for the MLTA Trustee of Distinction 2011.

Alberta Library Association offers new web-based advocacy training "

The Alberta Library Association is encouraging use of the Advocacy Training course provide through the American Library Association and the Gates Foundation. MLTA similarly encourages its Trustee Members to follow this link to learn more about advocacy.

<http://www.ala.org/pla/education/turningthepage>

.This is an offering of the American Library Association. Here is an excerpt from the home page

"Turning the Page 2.0 is a free public library advocacy training course developed and presented by the public Library Association (PLA) with generous support from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

In this six-week, facilitated online course, library staff and supporters will learn how to create and tell their library's story, deliver effective presentations, develop a compelling case for support, and build and sustain partnerships along the way.

Participants are encouraged to come with a specific, self-determined advocacy goal for their library. At the end of six weeks, you'll have a complete Advocacy Work Plan to guide your efforts."

University College of the North

More opportunities have been created for residents of Northern Manitoba. Please see page 8 for the excerpt from the Thompson Citizen for further detail about the new public library in Easterville

Book Rate Update

The Honorable Merv Tweed, Member of Parliament for Brandon-Souris, has assured MLTA that the Library book rate bill will be reintroduced this fall in the House of Commons.

The Book Rate Project is an incentive of the Federal Government to provide resident of the sparsely settle and Northern Communities with a means of access to library materials. This project has been continuing for a number of years and is the process of slowly wending its way through the many and various committees.

Winnipeg Foundation Offers Grant Opportunities

See page % for the details of this grant as publicised in the Winnipeg Free Press

Library Activity

1. PARKLANDS REGIONAL LIBRARY

Please note the attached item from The Dauphin Herald regarding revised Library Hours for the Dauphin library.

2. WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

On September 24th a retirement reception was hosted to honour Heather Graham, long time assistant to the Winnipeg Public Library Board. A large turnout welcomed news that the meeting room space in Henderson Library has been named in Heather's honour. It is also welcome news that Heather has recently become an individual member of MLTA.

The WPLB would like to congratulate Board Member Douglas McEwan on his recognition certificate from the Manitoba Council on Aging. The Manager of Library Services, Rick Walker's own words: "Douglas MacEwan is a valued member of the Winnipeg Public Library Board. His zest for life and

life-long learning makes Douglas a perfect library board member. His knowledge and interests are vast, and his enthusiasm and willingness to share is great. Whether sighting a recent library article or sharing his personal library experiences, Douglas contributes regularly to the success of the Library".

The Language and Literacy Grants deadline for 2012 will be March 2012. The objective of the grants is to assist community groups in Winnipeg in developing language and literacy projects in partnership with one or more Winnipeg Public Library branch. The Winnipeg Public Library Board's Community Outreach Committee has committed \$3,000 for 2012, and there will be a maximum of three grants of \$1,000 each.

Another coming event for in the New Year is the second annual Books2Eat event. After the success of last year's event, we are looking forward to the announcement of another Edible Books contest. Stay tuned for more information about this March 31st event.

Several Winnipeg library branches celebrated their 50th anniversaries in October. An event was held on Saturday, October 2nd, to commemerate River Heights, Westwood, Henderson, Transcona and Windsor Park libraries.

Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service (WFPS) announced the donation of 20 [Automated External Defibrillator](#), (AEDs) to WPLibrary locations throughout Winnipeg. This donation is possible because these devices were replaced by improved technology defibrillators now being used on City fire trucks.

3. BROKENHEAD RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY

The opening of the long awaited The Honorable Edward Schreyer Reading Room took place on November 1st, 2011.

Further details about this project are offered on article on Page 8.i

Library changes hours

By M. A. Nyquist
Herald Staff

Changes are afoot at the Dauphin Public Library.

"Probably the biggest change is the expansion of the public hours," said Jean-Louis Guillas, director, of the Parkland Regional Library.

The Dauphin Public Library is now open weekdays at 10:30 a.m.

"We used to open only at noon," he added, calculating an extra 7-1/2 hours have been added to the week.

Several goals were met by changing the hours, Guillas said, which was the result of shuffling jobs within the building.

The increase in hours will provide more access to the public.

"Also to extend our programming initiatives, particularly for seniors and/or pre-school," he noted.

Guillas feels programming in the morning may work well for seniors, listing computer training, discussion groups or an educational series as possible options.

"So we're working on what that might look like with the co-ordinator at the senior centre. Just seeing how our institution can work with their group," he said.

Another initiative Guillas is considering is assisting seniors to write family stories.

"How to write family stories or how to look up and use the resources of the library to supplement your own family story," he explained, noting the library has access to local newspapers going back to almost the beginning of the paper's history.

"And providing a place where that can happen, where that ongoing writing and support could happen."

The Dauphin library is also looking at pre-school age children and whether that group needs a structured program.

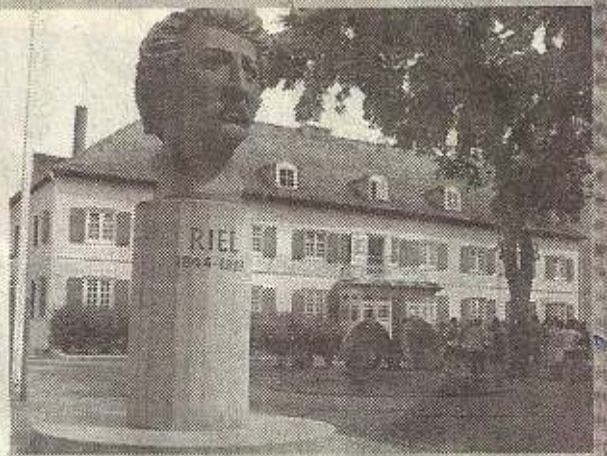
"It's a little hit and miss because, some of the bigger daycares, it doesn't work for them to come," Guillas said.

"But if there are home-based ones that want to work the library into their routines, the morning time might work better."

Recent changes to the Dauphin Public Library schedule and programming, Guillas said, have been made possible with the hiring of Library Sciences graduate, Meagan Richards, who will take a lead role in the development of the junior and young adult collection.

Sat. Sept. 17/2011

FOUNDATION FEATURE



St. Boniface Museum

EnviroGrants Continue

The Winnipeg Foundation is pleased to announce the extension of its EnviroGrants program. The program was started early last year to award grants of up to \$5,000 to charitable organizations taking concrete steps toward more sustainable operations.


So far, 29 EnviroGrants totalling \$114,628 have supported green projects such as energy-efficient refrigerators, dual-flush toilets, high-efficiency furnaces and much more.

The St. Boniface Museum is one organization that has recently benefited from an EnviroGrant. The Museum received \$5,000 to install motion-activated lights in its exhibition area. The lights turn off when visitors aren't present, preserving the artifacts and saving energy. To watch a video about the EnviroGrant project at St. Boniface Museum, visit the Foundation's Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/wpgfdn.

For more information, or to see examples of recent grants, visit www.wpgfdn.org and select 'EnviroGrants Program' under the 'Grants & Agency Services' menu option.

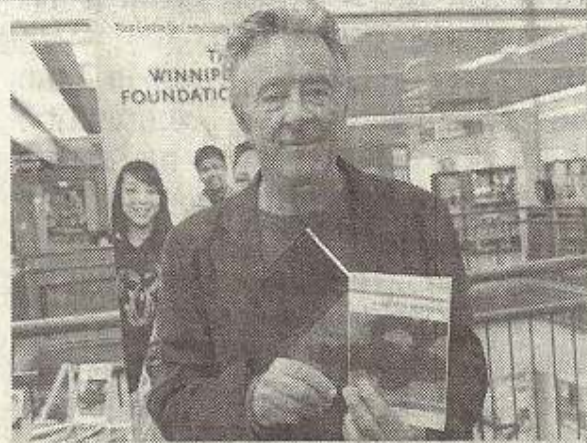
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J.R. Léveillé holding the French and English versions of his novel.

New Book Chosen For On The Same Page


Manitobans have chosen the next book to be featured in On The Same Page: *The Setting Lake Sun / Le soleil du lac qui se couche* by J. R. Léveillé. A project of The Winnipeg Foundation and Winnipeg Public Library, On The Same Page encourages all Manitobans to read and talk about the same book at the same time. The program includes book giveaways, author appearances and special events to take place early in 2012.

Four books by Manitoba authors were shortlisted and *The Setting Lake Sun* (English version) / *Le soleil du lac qui se couche* (French version) received the most public votes. It is the love story and spiritual journey of an aspiring Métis architect who meets an older Japanese poet and travels with him to Thompson.

On the Same Page was launched in 2008 and has featured *In Search of April Raintree* by Beatrice Mosionier, *Reading by Lightning* by Joan Thomas and *Juliana and the Medicine Fish* by Jake MacDonald. For more information visit www.onthesamepage.ca.

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other, sustainable, enthusiastic.

"I've kept it in my garage ever since," Newton said, "because of the weather."

some fan without any Mustang.

Newton has no plans to sell his new car despite several flattering offers.

University College of the North Partners with Chemawawin Cree Nation on Library Service

Submitted

The community of Chemawawin has a new public library thanks to a joint project between University College of the North (UCN) and Chemawawin Cree Nation. The official grand opening took place this week.

"UCN recognizes the importance of access to library services and educational materials for its students at the UCN Regional Centre in Chemawawin as well as for the community as a whole," said UCN Interim President & Vice-Chancellor Konrad Jonsson. "We are pleased to be able to take this opportunity to support northerners in their lifelong learning."

In addition to providing local UCN students with a place to get course materials, the public may borrow items and use the library for a number of community programs. This project follows the successful partnership between

University College of the North and Norway House Cree Nation. That public library opened in April 2009.

"The benefits of having a local public library are numerous," said Dr. Stan Gartner, UCN Dean of Library and Instructional Services. "We look forward to working with Chemawawin Cree Nation on this initiative, and hope to be able to assist other communities in this way, too."

The library is located at Chemawawin School. UCN is donating financial resources, staff training and performs administrative duties. Chemawawin Cree Nation provides the building space, security personnel and financial resources for staffing and maintenance. The library also received financial support from the Government of Manitoba.

For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact UCN External Relations (204) 627-3322.

University College of the North Offers First Maintenance Management Program in Manitoba

Submitted

University College of the North (UCN) is the first and only post-secondary institution in Manitoba to offer the Maintenance Management Professional (MMP) education and certification program. The first graduates from UCN have just earned their credentials.

The Plant Engineering and Maintenance Association of Canada (PEMAC) developed the curriculum. The program is geared towards people already employed as maintenance managers in industry and the service sector. The first intake took place at the UCN campus in Thompson.

The goal of the program is to give participants a broad ex. knowledge of issues they may face in their current employment as maintenance managers. Course content covers the management of physical assets, maintenance, human resources, and finances, with an emphasis on maintenance.

"It's about keeping people in the region, and improving their status at work. The curriculum is current, modern and relevant," said Adrian de Groot, the program facilitator.

Program participants attend classes two days per month for 13 months. In addition to in-class and online work, students complete a major project before completion. UCN

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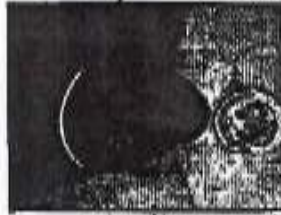
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& 23rd

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Mon., Sept 19.



Tensel, my name is Kerry Eignell. I am running for Chief at OCN Sept. 20/11, Election. There is still a lot of work to be done at OCN in order to continual maintain our progressive & independent community. Need a strong voice & united Chief & Council to get things in place & done. Need to be an effective sovereignty & governmcy. Need to ensure there are guidelines & regulations in place to conduct business in all levels of OCN Administration especially, Chief & Council. OCN needs to continually explore & initiate innovative business plans. Our community is running out of options & negotiations regarding land compensations. Let's start utilizing our land base now. It is vital to look towards other invested businesses & interests. These initiatives will create employment & self-sufficiency.

Let's conclude outstanding issues: take charge of our own Election Reform & have it implemented; push for meaningful local development services in the Big Eddy site of OCN; address issues with membership residing out of the community; work with the large membership in Cumberland House; & the understanding of paving OCN eastside (Umperville Road).

Community turns the page

Edward Schreyer Reading Room opens at Beausejour library

By Mark T. Buss

The Brokenhead River Regional Library began writing a new chapter in its existence last Tuesday as the latest addition to the facility, the Edward Schreyer Reading Room, was opened to the public.

With local and provincial dignitaries on hand Nov. 1, Schreyer was also in attendance to officially open the suite at the rear of the library displaying a host of documents, photos and mementos honouring the accomplishments of the former Governor General of Canada.

"One can't help but hope something like this works out when items are donated," said Schreyer. "But seeing what's been done, I have every confidence the right decisions have been made here and in the future."

Head librarian Debbie Winnicki said plans for the reading room have been in the works for six or seven years when it

was discovered Schreyer had a host of archived materials available from his political and private collections.

Working in conjunction with the BrokenBeau Historical Society, the two locations will share in displaying the 70 boxes of memorabilia and historical documents at the library and at Schreyer House, set up at the Pioneer Village Museum.

"Initially we had planned on doing a simple reading room where people can study and relax in solitude, but we quickly became aware the magnitude of the project was immense," Winnicki said. "What was eventually created was a comfortable place that is unique to what other libraries can offer."

Founded Nov. 21, 1981 by the Beausejour Women's Institute, the Brokenhead River Regional Library moved to its present location of 427 Park Avenue in 1984 after outgrowing its previous space as memberships and circulation of

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materials increased steadily. In late 1994, a major construction job was undertaken creating the spacious 5,000-square-foot facility viewed today.

In the summer of 1996, the library became a public access point to the Internet. Thanks to a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in 2000, they were able to expand the service offering high speed Internet and an additional five new computer terminals.

The Brokenhead River Regional Library also offers programs such as story time, summer reading, nursery school and day-care visits. Library tours and author visits are also ongoing activities.

The creation of the Edward Schreyer Reading Room came as the result of the increased activity at the library, the need for a private place for reflection and the opportunity to honour Beausejour's favourite son.

Town of Beausejour Coun. Jeff Goethals, a member of the library board and emcee at Tuesday's dedication, likened the new reading room to Schreyer himself noting how humble beginnings can produce great results.

"Ed Schreyer is this community's greatest gift to the province and the world," Goethals said. "No matter how gracious a beginning, it just shows you no dream is too small. He is a testament to higher education."

Born in Beausejour in 1935 and raised on the family farm in Brokenhead, Schreyer attended Cromwell Elementary School and Beausejour Collegiate Secondary School before taking further studies at United College and St. John's College at the University of Manitoba.

He was elected to the Manitoba Legis-

lature in 1958 at the age of 22. Considered too young by some, he was re-elected twice.

Schreyer continued his studies and received a Bachelor of Education in 1962, a Master of Arts in International Relations, and in 1963 a second Master of Arts in Economics.

Schreyer was later elected to the House of Commons for Selkirk (the riding was then known as Springfield) in 1965 and again in 1968.

Encouraged to switch back to provincial politics in 1969, he became the first NDP Premier of Manitoba – all before his 35th birthday – and held the position until his defeat in 1977.

After leaving politics, Schreyer maintained a number of posts. From 1979 to 1984, he was appointed by then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau as Governor General of Canada.

The following four years he served as Canada's high commissioner to Australia.

In 1979, the high school he attended and taught at in Beausejour was renamed Edward Schreyer School in his honour.

Viewing the number of displays within the Edward Schreyer Reading Room, Schreyer gave pause as he reflected on his public and private life, and remembered those in the photos – which included Trudeau, Queen Elizabeth, Pope John Paul II and others – several of whom are no longer with us.

"What can one say about a lifetime of trophies and awards. It's very nostalgic," Schreyer said. "I would like to express my appreciation to those that made this a possibility and hope those that enter here will find this collection more than a passing interest."