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

Chairman's Report – March 2012

MLTA held its Annual General Meeting in the Portage-la-Prairie Library on Saturday, February 11, 2011. A number of new board members were elected: Ted Klassen - Altona, David Walker – Parkland, David Chung – Winnipeg and Marlene Gouge – Oakbank.

We noted that one of our major challenges in achieving our goals in assisting library boards is financing. We receive assistance from PLS, an annual grant from the province, and membership fees from library boards of Manitoba. We did so by carefully adjusting membership fees and applying for an opportunity to work a bingo with Manitoba Lotteries.

This increase of budget will allow us to serve the needs of Manitoba Public libraries. The major emphasis this year will be developing a website that will have information and links useful for libraries and be interactive. The website will help us meet the challenge of training trustees to maximize their input within the public library system.

With the continued support of the Manitoba Public Library Service, the next few years looked very promising.

The most exciting thing however, for me personally, going into next year, is that we have a number of new members on the board for this coming year. This will allow us the luxury of representation from a larger area and more ideas on how we can improve our service to our library boards across the province. And more hands to do the job.

Finally, I want to thank the outgoing members who have been an immeasurable asset to MLTA: Conrad Artibise, Dr. Douglas McEwan and Ms. Rita Burgess. Your energy, your passion, your ideas have been greatly appreciated.



2012 MLTA Executive

ANNUAL REPORTS AS TOOLS FOR FUNDRAISING

by J. Fudge and M. Plett.

The MLTA held its AGM in Portage on February 11, 2012. One of the discussion points was funding and budgeting. It was suggested that a good tool to aid in this is to place your Library Board annual Budget and Report onto your website for public access. The MLTA encourages all Library Boards to do this.

The reports will help promote the work of the library board and clearly demonstrate what the board has achieved as well as point in the direction it wishes to move. When Boards apply for grants from either the private or the public sector the annual report should be included with each grant application.

Having annual reports on the Library website provides anyone who is interested an "easy access point" to the document. ***** Annual Reports As Tools For Fund Raising by J. Fudge At the 2012 MLTA AGM discussion was held about the relevance of placing a Library Board's annual report each year onto their websites for public access. MLTA encourages all Library Boards to do this. If transparency and promotion of the work of the Board are worthy goals it is necessary to make use

of the annual report as a clear demonstration of what the Board has achieved from year to year. When Boards apply for either grants from the private or the public sector the annual report should be included with each grant application. Having annual reports on the Library website provides any who are interested an "e"asy access point of the document.

Hauling Food for Hungry Minds® Winnipeg

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Hauling food for hungry minds
Bookmobile makes rounds in Parkland

RORKETON - "True story love stuff." That's the kind of book Elsie Vich likes, she tells bookmobile driver Chris Woods.

Like most people clambering into the bookmobile this day - one of the coldest days, with a wind chill near -40 Celsius, in this otherwise amazingly temperate so-called winter - Vich doesn't bother to remove her toque.

No one does.

Despite the weather, traffic is brisk inside the bookmobile - a converted school bus lined with five bookshelves down each side where children would normally sit, swinging their legs back and forth. A diesel generator keeps it toasty warm inside, in addition to powering the fluorescent lights and computer.

Woods helps Vich. A Princess Diana biography maybe? A little Oprah for a change of pace? Yes and yes, says Vich.

The Parkland Bookmobile. It's like the Pony Express of books. Neither rain, nor hail, nor sleet, nor snow, nor heat of day, nor dark of night shall keep this bookmobile from spreading literacy into the nooks and crannies of rural Manitoba.

Of course, there are e-books today, and one customer, Marlene Murray, allows she already has an e-reader (but still takes out half a dozen books per month from the bookmobile). Jean-Louis Guillas, director of the Parkland Regional Library, recently held a public seminar on use of e-readers. E-books, he said, allow rural people a broader selection of books like a cyber bookmobile-and seniors can increase font size.

On the other hand, to paraphrase Guillas, how can you knock technology that hasn't changed since the Gutenberg Bible? Try opening a document today on Word Perfect 5.0.

Parkland is the third-largest library network in Manitoba, after Winnipeg and Brandon. Its total circulation was 218,000 books, DVDs, CDs and magazines in 2010. Just 5,300 of those were e-books. The equivalent of an aisle in a library but 14,000 books were taken out of the bookmobile.

Or "the rolling library," as Guillas calls it. It's based in Dauphin. One of its stops is Rorketon, northeast of Dauphin and about 30 kilometres straight north of Ste. Rose du Lac.

Woods navigates the bookmobile from Gypsumville, about 250 kilometres north of Winnipeg, to Mafeking, 550 km northwest of Winnipeg, down the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border to Miniota and 20 other stops in between. The bookmobile operates on a four-week rotation, which makes it impractical to loan out magazines, DVDs or CDs.

Woods makes two overnight trips per four weeks, including one on his Gypsumville run.

It's in its 41st year. There is no other bookmobile on its scale in Manitoba. Participating RMs pay into it on a per-capita basis and the province matches the total.



Bill Redekop /Winnipeg Free Press
Bookmobile driver Chris Woods helps customer find her true story love stuff in the Parkland Bookmobile.

Users love their bookmobile. "For readers, when they enter it's like opening a box at Christmas" said Guillas.

"There's quite a large following of people come here," said Karen Paraadis, a clerk in the RM of Lawrence office in Rorketon. "I usually take four or five books (mysteries). Others take bags full." Some people take out 30 books at a time, the maximum allowed. Woods gets a feeling for what customers want at each stop and refreshes his stock accordingly. People also pre-order books by phone or the Internet.

Young kids are asking for werewolf and vampire books. At the Oak River Hutterite Colony, the boys all take out fantasy fiction, while adult women like romantic fiction produced by a company called Love Inspired, a Christian line of Harlequin books.

"I know someone in Makinak will take out 20 to 30 westerns at a time. So I have to throw in new ones every trip," Woods said.

Out of the top 500 items loaned from the Parkland Regional Library, 100 were westerns. "If someone is starting out being a writer today, they should write westerns. There is not enough of them" Said Guillas.

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This article can be viewed in its original format at: <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/hauling-food-for-hungry-minds-138766464.html>

Library News from Around the Province

1. Springfield Public Library

These past months at SPL have seen many changes. From new growth in our membership (2,597 is our conservative guess.) Initially, we provided family memberships, which does not allow for accurate statistics. Our patron count only captures number of membership cards issued. As accounts expire, we are issuing cards to each member of the family, from school age up.

Our collection is growing in leaps and bounds. From 13,202 titles catalogued to 17,183 in December, the few staff members we have who take care of cataloguing have been kept busy. We have a great method of adding to our collection: we simply ask our patrons what they would like to read, via our "Wish List Binder." Additionally, I manage to survey the non-fiction collection, and am making every effort to fill in the blanks in our low spots. Admittedly, we do have quite a job ahead of us in terms of rounding our collection. All in good time.

Our programs are also taking on new life. Having two very committed facilitators for our "Storytime" program, which addressed the needs of some of our youngest members, aged 2-5 years allows us to offer this program from fall through to late spring. We run three 8 week sessions, which are attended by upwards of 18 children, with moms and younger siblings along for company.

A new program developed this fall, is "Mind & Body." Understanding the anxiety faced by 4 & 5 year olds as they prepare to attend kindergarten, I was fortunate to find an energetic team to host this new program. Limited to 8 "students" to ensure a fair ratio, the program met with such success, we have a 16 person waiting list right from the start!

The "Mind" portion of the program focuses on literacy concepts; letter and number recognition, through stories, songs and rhymes, for the first hour. Each child has a work book to practice printing and colouring, and the development from week one through eight was astonishing. After a healthy, light snack, the children exercise their bodies, similar to what they will face in upcoming gym classes at school.

For the Body part of the program we have a partnership with a local dance academy, we have an instructor lead the last 45 minutes of the program with creative dance, movement and other activities to encourage balance, coordination and strength. Our first session has ended, with our winter session beginning in January, 2012.

For the next age group, we have "Cooking with Jasmin," for children ages 8+. Who would have guessed Springfield has so many budding culinary artists? Again, a major waiting list has spurred us to limit classes to four per child. Each class has a maximum of eight, and after the 4 classes, we rotate to the next group. I am currently seeking another qualified "Chef" to offer a second set of classes.

We have increasing success in various one day workshops; such as drop in craft sessions, to jewelry workshops, artist and author visits and demos. There is no limit to possible topics for future sessions. Finding a facilitator is my biggest hurdle. As the library gains popularity, having members attend our programs is almost assured. The Board and Management of SPL have made it our mission to not only provide for the literacy and informational needs, but to make the library the centre of the community. We have created a most welcoming environment; a cold cup of water or a

hot drink machine with latte, hot chocolate, and espresso, to our cozy corner around the fireplace.

There is a spot for all. Our children's area doubles as a play centre with a variety of toys and play equipment. Crayons and paper are on hand, as well as comfortable chairs and couches for Mom and Dad, or grandparents to settle into with a book to read aloud.

As our board works to finalize the current update of our policies, we are set to begin the next phase of providing exemplary service to our community. Having just hired a new full time employee, to fill the position of "Technical & Library Services Coordinator," we look forward to assisting our members further with their requests for assistance and guidance with their computer needs, as well as providing more support for staff and management. May, 2012 will mark our 3rd anniversary. From 2009 to 2012....how we have grown!

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2. Winnipeg Public- Library Board

The WPLB has been working with the WPL to present the 2nd "Books2Eat" event for Saturday, March 31st at the Millennium Library. This celebration of books and food will include an edible food competition, expert "foodie" speakers and a children's activity. All Library Advisory Committee members have been invited to participate as volunteers to help make the event a success. We are hopeful for another successful event. Stay tuned for a report in the next issue of @ The Library!

As part of the Board's advocacy in support of the Winnipeg Public Library, Board Chair Jacqueline St. Hill appeared before Standing Policy Committee for Protection and Community Services in March to seek additional resources for the WPL's materials budget. The need for more formats, especially expensive electronic resources, have meant a strain on the existing budget. The Board's request was for consideration of an increase of five to ten per cent of the current materials budget. While that Committee passed a motion for a recommendation for a \$135,000 increase, Executive Policy Committee added a condition-precedent to such funding. The Mayor was made aware at a prior meeting with the Board Chair and Vice-Chair last year that the province would also be approached for consideration of an increase in

support to WPL. The condition attached to the City's funding commitment was the removal of the current provincial funding cap. This means that the Board's work is far from over. The Board hopes to confirm a meeting with the Minister this Spring to discuss an increase in provincial support.

The deadline for this year's Language and Literacy grants applications is March 23, 2012. These applications will be considered by the Board's Community Outreach Committee. The grants encourage community groups, schools and others to partner with their local library branch in a literacy effort. The submissions will be reviewed and winners announced at the end of April/beginning of May.

Eryn
Secretary WPLB

3. Dauphin Public Library

The attached clipping (next page) from the Dauphin Herald describes activities of the Riding Mountain

National Park (RMNP) and its exhibit at the Dauphin Library to celebrate the uniqueness of this National Park,

4. Parkland Regional Library System

News From Parkland On January 25, 2012, the Director of the Parkland Regional library, Jean-louis Guilas, led a workshop attended by more than 50 people which was titled "Introduction to the eReader". He offered information about eLibraries Manitoba and how to download materials from www.parklandlib.mb.ca.

5. North-West Regional Library Has a lot of Fans

Recently Kathy Sterma, Head Librarian for the North-West Regional Library, reports that she has had as many as 16 fans going over 4 days to try to dry out the library due to flooding. They will be making an insurance claim. They had to move part of their archives to a drier space and then remove carpet, lino; and drywall.

HERALD

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

Little slice of RMNP coming to Dauphin Public Library

By M. A. Nyquist
Herald Staff

Jean-Louis Guillas is measuring the doors of the Dauphin Public Library, to make way for a life-sized moose.

While some may think he needs a holiday, the director of Parkland Regional Library explained Parks Canada will be on display in Dauphin during March and April and the exhibit includes a moose.

"Wildlife, fire monitoring and more," he said, adding the exhibit will have images and information on Parks Canada, highlighting its cultural and natural treasures.

The display includes three public information sessions, as well with The Songs of Riding Mountain presented March 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Geared to the younger

set, Dauphinites are invited to listen and sing along with Riding Mountain National Park (RMNP) troubadour Patrick McDermott while learning about animals and ecosystems.

From North Africa to the North Woods: Prisoners in the Park will be presented March 7 at 6:30 p.m.

History buffs are invited to delve into the past of RMNP's Second World War prisoner-of-war camp with Michael O'Hagan of the Friends of Riding Mountain.

On March 16 at 6:30 p.m. The Wolves of RMNP will be offered by park biologist and wolf researcher Tim Sallows, as he sheds some light on one of the most misunderstood creatures of the wild.

"Of course all of those things are free at the library and, there's a

life-sized moose," Guillas laughed, reminding Dauphinites to bring their camera for photos.

Pleased with the opportunity to host the exhibit, Guillas pointed out RMNP is in Dauphin's back yard and the display was previously at the Millennium Library in Winnipeg.

While it may seem odd to have a life-sized ungulate and Parks Canada displays in the library, Guillas said it is part of the library's mandate to share information.

"I think the library should be the place where conversation happens," he said, adding he wants the community to continue to use the library for those conversations.

For more information contact RMNP at 848-7275 or Dauphin Public Library at 638-6410.

MLTA 2012 Approved Budget

	Budgeted 2011	Actual 2011	Budgeted 2012
INCOME			
Memberships	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00	\$5,720.00
PLS Grant	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
PLS teleconferences	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Lotteries bingo	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$4,450.00	\$4,450.00	\$7,720.00
EXPENSES			
Postage	\$350.00	\$118.73	\$350.00
copying	\$450.00	\$405.36	\$450.00
teleconference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meetings/ Conferences	\$2,000.00	\$817.53	\$1,955.00
PLS Speaker/Conference	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$965.00
Auditor	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Professional Services	\$350.00	\$336.00	\$350.00
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$372.81	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$4,450.00	\$2,400.43	\$7,720.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$0.00	\$2,049.57	\$0.00