

Board Chair's Report

Once again, I am pleased to submit the board Chair's report for a very successful year. In 2016, we continue to be in a healthy financial position, enabling us to meet all financial commitments as well as meet the Board policy of acquisitions being at least 20% of our budget. This is important to the board and remains well above the provincial average.

This year, as in other years, our dedicated staff again offered numerous programs for members. Our Summer Reading Program, for example, continued to be very successful. Our book sale continues to be a great fund raiser. I am very proud of staff and volunteers, who sort, organize and price books as they come in throughout the year and again work long hours during the popular and successful three day sale in May. I am also very grateful for the many people, including children, who come from near and far to support our sale. There are books for every age and interest level. What a great and inexpensive way to stock up home libraries, cabin libraries or to take on summer driving vacations.

The Spruce Library system has allowed our great staff people to offer additional services to our members, including displaying the cost of books on the receipt each time members check out. This allows members to see the immediate value of the library to them. Another feature is the ability to see which days of the week are busier, and so be able to better meet the needs of members.

I continue to be amazed at how much value members get other than physically checking out of materials or enjoying reading in the comfortable and quiet settings of each branch. There are many online services including encyclopaedias, EBooks, language learning programs, how-to resources that can be accessed from anywhere simply by using their membership card.

Members living in our western region continue to enjoy the benefits of the beautiful new branch in Miami.

All the fantastic benefits our members receive are due to the very well trained and professional people helping them. Thank you! I am thankful for our whole team. Books get checked out and shelved. Visitors are helped with countless questions every day, all this with our cheerful team members. Thank you!

We have seen some changes in leadership in this year. With Director of Library Services Mary Toma's retirement after many years of great leadership, the board needed to find a replacement. We were very fortunate to find her replacement in Cathy Ching from within our team. Ms. Ching has taken up the challenge and is continuing to build on our successful history. With her moving into the Director's position, a few other changes were made. These have been very positive as well. Ms. Debra Peterson is replacing Ms. Ching, and Ms. Mikaela MacDonald is the new Winkler Branch Librarian. Both are bringing new ideas and excitement to our libraries.

A big Thank you also to all board members, Council representatives as well as citizen representatives, for working together for this great cause. Your wisdom and support were greatly appreciated.

Finally, Congratulations to retiring Director of Library Services, Mary Toma. It has been a pleasure working with her. Mary's knowledge of all areas including technology, as well as her dedication and leadership were the driving force of our successful and progressive SCRL. She has left a great legacy to build on.

Marvin Plett, Board Chair



Library Board

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Library Staff

Head Office	Director of Library Services Mary Toma (to July) Cathy Ching (from July)	Technical Services Cathy Ching (to July) Debra Petersen (from July)	
BRANCH	Branch Supervisor	Library Clerks	Shelvers
Altona	Rachael Friesen	Julie Janz Martha Toews Wendi Friesen	Janin Kombeiz Emma Unger Haley Chartrand
Morden	Kim Van Vliet	Dorothy Martens Barb Dyck Kara Bergman (on leave) Bonnah Rachul	Tracy Berg Alesha Unrau Tyra Fehr
Miami	Cherie Debreuil		
Winkler	Debra Petersen (to July) Mikaela MacDonald (from July)	Shirley Wolfe Linda Funk Jessica Martens Mikaela MacDonald Nicole Heinrichs	Anna Pfaffenrot Mackenzie Berg Susi Friesen Tina Rempel

Library Volunteers

ALTONA	MORDEN	MIAMI	WINKLER
Eva Schroeder Ann Schellenberg Debbie Friesen 4 teams of junior volunteers	Book Sale Committee Chair: Elaine Ivey Grace Fehr Pat Hamm Stephanie Scapinello Sean Powell Jeff Funk Susanne Sigurdson Kathy Ritchie Tristan Dudgeon Gulnara Koshekova Iryna Omelchenko	Gloria Charette Peggy Lesniewski Barb Murray Joan Driedger Tina Friesen Joyce Debreuil Tanya Friesen Jennifer Hill Donna Cooper Kayla Stokes	Charlotte Dyck Adeline Braun Gladys Schaak Ruth Penner Sue Driedger Shelby Suderman Phil Penner Sharon White Anna Peters





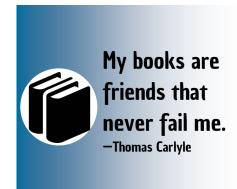
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	ALTONA	MORDEN	WINKLER	MIAMI	SCRL 2016	2015
CIRCULATION						
Multilingual books	178	1,091	1,376		2,645	2,988
English as an add. Language	26	106	212	-	344	451
Adult Fiction	7,603	14,958	14,405	2,864	39,830	40,185
Christian Fiction	7,945	8,820	20,841	1,326	38,932	40,296
Adult Non-fiction	4,795	8,174	10,856	1,310	25,135	25,374
Children's Fiction	24,544	37,786	63,041	5,865	131,236	127,215
Children's non-fiction	4,761	6,452	14,083	1,952	27,248	25,731
Young Adult Fiction	2,045	3,295	8,341	384	14,065	13,323
Young Adult Non-fiction	229	222	312	50	813	645
Magazines	4,479	5,978	7,257	429	18,143	18,931
Large print	1,046	920	1,479	388	3,833	3,549
Audio	1,775	2,291	5,572	480	10,118	10,304
DVDs	2,883	5,048	11,602	900	20,433	22,330
Interlibrary loans Borrowed	481	1,118	910	437	2,946	2,716
Large print blocks	3	-	1	202	206	288
Multilingual Blocks	71	227	59	-	357	10
Spruce Libraries ILL (borrowing)					2,539	n/a
Spruce Libraries ILL (lending)					4,305	n/a
Overdrive					32,169	
TOTALS	62,864	96,486	160,347	16,587		

OTHER	ALTONA	MORDEN	WINKLER	MIAMI	SCRL 2016	2015
Reference questions	103	247	216	20	586	830
Gate count	41,906	45,518	71,433	17,348	176,205	171,919
Meeting room use	26	280	269	-	575	485
Event attendance count	941	2,353	1,612	592	5,498	5,587
Proctor sessions		6	19		25	n/a
Electronic resources						•
Internet users	2,204	3,729	6,824	451	13,208	15,041
Web site count					35,939	34,220
Mango Languages					3972/1179 hrs	1,079
TumbleBks/ Tumble Cloud					29,951	4,696
Facebook/Twitter/Blog count					7,990	n/a

HOLDINGS	2016
Adult	61,741
Audio	3,705
Children	51,542
Large Print	2,422
Magazines	1,073
Multilingual	3,250
Videos	3,070
Young Adult	6,955
Total	133,758



MEMBERSHIPS

ALTONA	MONTCALM	MORDEN	NON- RESIDENT	RHINELAND	STANLEY	THOMPSON	WINKLER	TOTAL
2,831	42	6,093	240	2,805	4,268	671	7,848	24,789



For the year ended December 31	2016	2015)
OPERATING			
Local Government			
City of Winkler	\$	129,584\$	129,854
Town of Altona		49.751	49,751
City of Morden		95,072	95,072
Rural Municipality of Rhineland		49,062	49,062
Rural Municipality of Stanley		73,115	71,026
Rural Municipality of Thompson		20,301	17,001
Provincial Government			
General		323,808	323,808
Collection development		22,000	22,000
Rural library technological sustainability		19,412	19,374
Federal Government			
Canada Summer Jobs grant		5,137	2,172
Library generated revenue			
Book sales		20,428	19,971
Fines		19,953	19,877
Internet user fees		674	542
Lost/damaged books		2,622	2,783
Non-resident fees		2,545	2,215
Photocopies		6,790	6,932
Rental Income		2,555	2,075
Miscellaneous revenue			
Interest		748	1,016
Other		1,588	2,430
Donations		10,252	17,546
Total revenue	\$	855,667\$	854,507

South Central Regional Library Statement of Expense

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Personnel			
Salaries	\$	535,720 \$	510,304
Professional development		8,078	3,220
Travel allowance		14,479	13,535
Building			
Rent		42,612	42,498
Repairs and maintenance		1,487	1,165
Other Costs			
Insurance		2,437	2,366
Office & library supplies		11,267	10,992
Telephone		6,364	6,941
Association memberships or subscriptions		775	955
Professional fees		7,776	12,633
Bank charges		133	62
Equipment maintenance and rental		7,277	7,702
Miscellaneous		10,643	12,359
Minor furniture and equipment		9,213	7,167
Capital Equipment			
Furniture		36,297	1,040
Materials			
Books		108,404	111,319
Audio and/or visual formats		18,047	22,847
Magazines/periodicals		11,660	10,834
Digital/electronic		33,931	13,304
Technology			
Automation support & supplies		20,678	11,137
Computer purchases		648	1,322
otal expenditures	\$	887,926 \$	803,702

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Director's Report

2016 has been an eventful year with many changes and new beginnings. In January, Mary Toma submitted her resignation as Director for South Central Regional Library. To make a long story short, I was hired to take her place as Director, Debra Petersen was hired to take over my position as Technical Services, and Mikaela MacDonald, also from the Winkler Branch, was hired as the new Winkler Branch Librarian, replacing Debra. There was a lot of shuffling and on-the-job training but by the end of the year, I think we all found our feet.

We had another successful TD Summer Reading program, with 1410 children registered in all four of our Branches. The theme for 2016 was 'Wild,' with the Branches decorating according to how they interpreted it. It was very interesting to see how everything pulled together. The wind-up was held at each of the locations with local entertainers Claire Goertzen and Maurice Butler, former Board Chair, doing their version of "The Paper Bag Princess" by Robert Munsch. The children and parents who attended thought it was very

This year, we celebrated "October is Library Month" by having our patrons fill out a survey with questions about our library facilities, and the programs and services we provide. We offered incentives for patrons to fill out the surveys by giving out a draw ticket for different prize options. We had an excellent response, with many positive recommendations for what we can do to make our libraries better. We have moved forward on some of the suggestions with others being long-term goals for improvement in many areas.

The four branches of South Central Regional Library system are extremely fortunate to live in such a supportive area. The community comes to us regularly for help in putting on events like the Genesis House Power of the PJs program, Fines for Food, Christmas Cheer, and the Rhineland Empty Stocking Fund, just to name a few. We feel we are the hub of the community, and we would like to continue in our endeavors to create new connections and provide unique services to our patrons and residents alike. For those who do not use the library, we would like to welcome you to drop in and see what we have to offer. For our regular patrons, we would like to say thank you for your support.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank the Board of SCRL, Public Library Services and SITKA staff for their support. We could not do this without any of you. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Mary Toma, who, although retired, was willing to drop by and assist me with reports and projects that cannot be explained in writing. Her help was invaluable and we wish her well in her retirement from SCRL.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Ching, Director of Library Services