

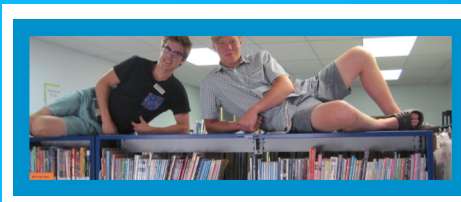
## BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

The South Central Regional Library had an unprecedented year. We started the year with another new municipal partner and another branch. With five branches we now offer our citizens a great variety of materials and borrowing options. Every member is able to borrow materials from any branch and return to any branch. We recognize and appreciate our municipal and provincial funding partners as well as other organizations and individuals who partner with us to help bring exceptional programming to our branches. As a result of the fall municipal elections, our board is excited to welcome a number of new faces. Finally, I am honoured to recognize and thank all our staff people for the friendly, efficient and caring interactions with all library users.

~ Marvin Plett, Chair

**12,402** REFERENCE  
QUESTIONS ANSWERED

**9** ONGOING  
PROGRAMS



**170,136** PEOPLE WALKED  
THROUGH OUR DOORS



**South Central**  
REGIONAL LIBRARY  
Altona, Manitou, Miami, Morden & Winkler

## ANNUAL REPORT 2018

**15,480** COMPUTER  
SESSIONS

**45,416** ONLINE  
SERVICE USES

**18,851** SOCIAL  
MEDIA ACCESSES

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2018 was an exciting year as we welcomed a new Branch to SCRL. Manitou Library joined us and we gained some excellent staff who brought a fresh new perspective along with them. We did some renovations in our Altona Branch, received funding to purchase STEM technology and held awesome summer reading programs. Each of the Branches are busier than ever with patron services and programming. The old adage that libraries will become obsolete is not evident with our ever-increasing circulation and visibility in our communities. Thank you to the Board of South Central who support us and to the staff who are there every day to provide a real connection to the citizens and the patrons we serve.

~ Cathy Ching, Director of Library Services.



## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide access to resources to meet the educational, cultural, informational, and leisure-time needs of citizens of all ages and background. The library strives to foster a life-long interest in reading and learning.

**5**  
BRANCHES  
**27,151**  
MEMBERS

**INTER-LIBRARY LOANS**  
**5,526**

ITEMS BORROWED FROM OTHER  
MANITOBA AND CANADIAN LIBRARIES

**11,583**

ITEMS LOANED TO OTHER LIBRARIES

**148** NON-RESIDENT  
MEMBERS

**7,921**  
EVENT ATTENDEES

**357,543\***  
PHYSICAL ITEM  
CHECKOUTS

**42,968**  
EBOOK  
CHECKOUTS

**\*205,521** WERE  
CHILDREN'S ITEMS

## 6 SUPPORTING BODIES

City of Winkler \* City of Morden  
Town of Altona \* RM of Stanley  
RM of Thompson  
Rhineland Municipality  
Municipality of Pembina

**5,496**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS



*Manitou* hosted a presentation by Judy Cook, author of Dinosaur Dance, at Manitou Elementary School in October. This year's Community Fun Day wrapped up the Summer Reading program with games and activities for everyone.



**SCRL HIGHLIGHT**

We were able to hire a programming intern this summer through a Young Canada Works grant. This gave us the opportunity to experiment with ways of co-ordinating and improving the programs we offer.

**SCRL HIGHLIGHT**

Six authors visited our branches: Vicki VanSickle, Gordon Goldborough, Judy Cook, Jon Klassen, Carmel Stoesz, and Gerald Kuehl.

**FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

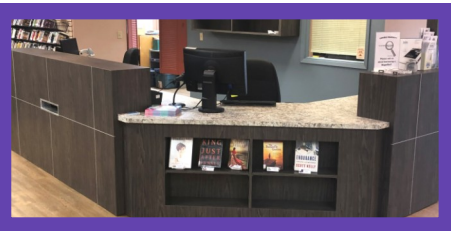
<b>Revenue</b>	
Province of Manitoba	\$ 425,147.00
Supporting bodies	494,702.00
Library-generated	42,096.00
Book Sale Income	18,606.00
Special Project Income	45,884.00
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Salaries and benefits	653,665.00
Supplies and Services	154,099.00
Acquisitions and Resources	183,530.00
Book Sale Expense	4,434.00

**DONORS, PROJECTS, AND GRANTS**

- Private Donations
  - ◆ T. Phau
  - ◆ Hendersons
- Morden & Area Foundation – SCRL Morden Branch Endowment Fund
- MaPLE Labs - Rural Library Cooperative Technology Grant
- Morden Community Thrift Shop Inc.
- Friends of the Miami Library
- Manitou Thrift Store
- SCRL Booksale
  - ◆ RBC Benevity Grant
  - ◆ Coffee Culture
  - ◆ Morden/Winkler Co-op
- Altona Desk Project
  - ◆ Altona Community Foundation
  - ◆ Access Credit Union
  - ◆ Manitoba Community Services Council
  - ◆ Enbridge Pipelines
  - ◆ Altona Farm Supply Ltd.
  - ◆ Bunge Altona
  - ◆ IPC Investment Corp.
  - ◆ Pembina Valley Pharmacy
- Summer Reading Students & Programming Internship
  - ◆ Young Canada Works
  - ◆ Canada Summer Jobs

**TD SUMMER READING**

- **1533 PARTICIPANTS**
  - **121 PROGRAM EVENTS**
  - **84 CLASSROOM VISITS**
- TO PROMOTE THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM & OUR LIBRARIES**



*Altona* hosted a mystery party in October. *Murder in Manhattan* invited party-goers to discover who among the glittering social scene had killed, and why. In summer, renovations updated the formerly cramped front desk quarters into beautiful and useful space.

**STAFF & VOLUNTEERS**

Administrative office: Cathy Ching, Director; Debra Petersen, Administrative Services; Joanna Dueck, Cataloging.  
Altona: Rachael Friesen, Branch Librarian; 8 clerks and pages, & 12 volunteers  
Manitou: Angela Lovell, Branch Librarian & 3 clerks and 2 casual staff  
Miami: Cheri Debreuil, Branch Supervisor & 8 volunteers  
Morden: Kim van Vliet, Branch Librarian; 8 clerks, assistants, and pages, 10 volunteers, & the SCRL booksale committee  
Winkler: Randall Klassen, Branch Librarian; 10 clerks, assistants and pages, & 6 volunteers



In spring, *Winkler* rearranged the junior shelving to create more places to sit and read. October was Dinosaur Month, with a month of dino-related activities, including a dinosaur dig, a presentation by the Fossil Discovery Center, and a showing of Jurassic Park.

**SCRL HIGHLIGHT**

Manitou Branch joined the SCRL system as of January 1, 2018.



The highlight of *Miami's* summer was the energy and hard work our summer program assistant Tayah brought to the job, allowing us to provide more programs and activities than any other year. In November, the local history Remembrance wall was expanded yet again with new exhibits.

**SCRL HIGHLIGHT**

We received a grant to start up MaPLE labs together with Boyne Regional. These are kits for exploring science and technology, and are available for use in the library.



A hit at *Morden* was a virtual visit by author and illustrator Jon Klassen as a part of a Young Authors and Illustrators' Night. In February, we hosted a Newcomer Welcome night, where we were able to highlight available library services and get to know some new neighbors.