



### Director's Report – submitted by Cathy Ching – No Report for June

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#### Cataloguing Technician Report – Office – submitted by Joanna Dueck

I was able to attend the virtual MLA-SLA Joint Conference (run by Manitoba Library Association and Saskatchewan Library Association) on Jun. 14-16. It was great to be able to view sessions with other staff in the Winkler meeting room instead of having to travel to Winnipeg for multiple days. The theme this year was “Libraries: Better Together” and I learned about a wide variety of topics such as adapting library services during COVID-19, prison libraries, Indigenous issues and the impact of colonialism, lending unique library collections (such as birding backpacks, museum passes, and tents), writing book reviews, table-top gaming in libraries, and much more.

For the rest of the month I was receiving and cataloguing new releases as usual and also ordered additional books for the summer program weekly draws.

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#### Programmer Report – submitted by Recreation Program Leaders 2021

##### Altona:

Hi! My name is Cynthia and I am a Summer Reading Programmer from Altona. I just finished my first year at U of M where I am studying computer science. I look forward to working with all of you and hope we all have a great summer!

Hello! My name is Nya and I am a Summer Reading Programmer from Altona. This fall I will be going into 11th grade at WC Miller Collegiate in Altona. I am looking forward to sharing ideas and learning from the other programmers as we work together to have a great Summer Reading Club this year!

##### Manitou:

My name is Arlee and I am in grade 12. I also like to paint! This is my first year working at a library.

My name is Aidan and I am in grade 12, I like to make glass art! This is my first year working at the library.

##### Miami:

Hey everyone! My name is Tayah and I am the Summer Reading Programmer at the Miami Branch. This is my fourth year working at the library and I am so excited for another summer. I'm currently a student at the U of M studying English and Theatre, with hopes of becoming a teacher someday. I live on a farm outside of Miami with my family, and my dogs, cats, chickens, ducks, and geese. I love sports, spending time with friends, and reading. My goal this summer is to read the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, as well as the Heroes of Olympus series, to revisit my fourth-grade Greek Mythology obsession. A fun fact about me is that my favourite fruit is kiwi and like to eat them like apples, skin and all!

##### Morden:

Hi, my name is Sara and I am helping run the Summer Reading Program in Morden this year! This year will be my last year of high school. I love to read, rollerblade and spend time with my cat Tinker! A fun fact about me is that I have a monthly sock subscription...they're fun socks!

Hello! My name is Eryn, and I am one of the Summer Reading Programmer's at the Morden Branch! I am currently a student at BU studying History, Anthropology and Education. I love reading all the classics, my favorite being The Great Gatsby! A fun fact about me is that I love to wear different coloured socks, mismatched is the way to go!



### Winkler:

Hi! My name is Lea and I am 16 years old. I live in Winkler and am going into Grade 12 at Northlands Parkway Collegiate. I work at the Winkler library as a Library Page and this summer I will also be working as the Winkler Summer Reading Club Programmer. During my spare time I enjoy spending time at the beach!

Hi! My name is Mikaela and I am 19 years old. I am from the Winkler area and currently am a student at the University of Manitoba (leaning towards Architecture). I'm looking forward to the rest of the summer at the Winkler Library in the Summer Reading Club program, and when I'm not at work, I like to spend time outside.

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### **Altona Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Rachael Friesen**

June has been busy with summer reading club preparations. We hired two programmers and they have been very busy getting everything ready. They are hopeful we get to open sometime in July so they can do in house programming along with online programming.

In June we were able to attend the MLA conference online, it was very informative and I really enjoyed the different sessions I took part in, I hope they keep a hybrid model for next year, it is quite handy to be able to attend virtually.

We had a long time staff member announce their retirement in June, we wish her all the best in future but know we will miss her dearly. Thankfully we have her for one more month before we say goodbye.

For July we are eagerly awaiting the announcement that we are allowed to open our doors, we hope this happens sooner rather than later. Until then we will happily continue serving our patrons with contactless pickups.

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### **Manitou Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Angela Lovell**

Manitou branch welcomed Aidan and Arlee as our Summer Reading Programmers and they have been busy getting familiar with the summer program and brainstorming ideas for online crafts, activities and stories around our theme which is London, England. They helped decorate the branch, including finishing our London Bus reading club station. They also started producing and editing weekly videos for the YouTube channel, and promoting Summer Reading Club sign up via social media. Manitou Branch had 24 kids sign up the first week.

The Manitou admin participated in a discussion panel at the online Manitoba Library Association conference about the value of library mergers, and also attended a number of the online sessions, which were informative and provided some great ideas in terms of programs and food for thought about how to make libraries more diverse and inclusive.

Folding Adirondack chairs were purchased for the garden, and staff have also finished weatherproofing the garden murals and have started preparing the holes for posts to mound them. They will be removable for winter.

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### **Miami Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Raina Teigrob**

June has been pretty busy with getting ready for the summer reading program! We are excited to welcome Tayah back as our summer programmer, and our page Alyssa will be helping out as well! Though we're still closed to the public we're optimistic about outdoor activities and take-home kits to get children involved in the program this summer. Patrons have been consistently asking about whether or not we're open, so we anticipate a busy summer once we're able to re-open. Cathy and I rearranged the flow of the junior non-fiction, and I've spent a bit of time reorganizing the office and getting adjusted to a new library. Things are going well!

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### **Morden Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Gail Hildebrand**

Being closed for the month, we've teetered back and forth between crazy busy and having a bit of time to do extra projects, which are never hard to find.

We were happy to add Eryn & Sara to our staff for the summer, they're doing a great job and I look forward to seeing what else they'll come up with over the summer!

Our patrons have been very disappointed that we have not been able to reopen yet, but have been very appreciative of everything we do for them. Hopefully things will change soon with provincial restrictions and we can open our doors to the public again!

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### **Winkler Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Jess Martens**

June has flown by and we are once again starting our annual Summer Reading Club program. The SCRL wide theme this year is Ticket to Read based on the popular game Ticket to Ride. We decided to be the Australia station and have decorated accordingly. It has been great having some decorations up and preparing for the program, it now feels like Summer Reading Club again. We currently have our all of our Summer Reading prizes and book draws set up in the glass doors so kids can still see everything. We also have the Summer Reading desk set up in the doorway so that kids who don't have access to the internet can still register and log their minutes. We have also added a few new staff members in June, Lea one of our Library Pages has been hired as one of the Summer Reading Club Recreation Program Leader, Mikaela who has not work for us previously has been hired as the other Recreation Program Leader. Both girls have been doing an excellent job so far and have had some great ideas for the program. We have also hired new staff to replace clerks and cover shifts and they are working out well.

Unfortunately we were not included in the June 25th round of openings. Everyone was quite disappointed, we were all looking forward to having kids in during the summer again, and however we will make the best of it.

In July we are going to continue running the Summer Reading program in whichever way we can. The Recreation Program Leaders are working on videos and activity kit ideas so we can still have activities for the kids that they can do from home. We are of course still doing contactless hold pickup and continue to be very busy working on that.

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