

BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

After a long time, it was wonderful to see people finally back in our branches. Under the leadership of Director of library Services, Cathy Ching, and a very involved Board of Directors, we have collaborated as we looked for more ways to support our readers! Our patrons have been well served with options of in library or pickup options. Our multi-purpose rooms are again used by community groups.

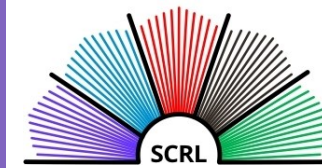
In my final report as Board Chair, I want to thank all the awesome people who have walked together to make SCRL a library system that is innovative in meeting our citizens' needs. This was very obvious in how they found ways to get books to our readers when COVID forced closures to public. We have grown to 5 branches, supported by 7 municipalities and our provincial government. Thank you all!

—Marvin Plett, SCRL Board Chair

**796 REFERENCE
QUESTIONS ANSWERED**



**96,875 PEOPLE VISITED OUR
LIBRARIES**



South Central
REGIONAL LIBRARY

located in
Altona, Manitou, Miami, Morden, and Winkler

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**7,717 COMPUTER
SESSIONS
80,390 ONLINE
SERVICE USES
31,200 SOCIAL
MEDIA ACCESSES**



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2022 was an exciting and eventful year for SCRL. Our biggest project was moving the Altona Library to a beautiful new location in the Altona Mall. Special thanks to the Town of Altona and the community for making this happen. All the groundwork was completed for the Winkler Reading Garden, which will be an outdoor reading and programming space. The new 'Shedquarters' behind the Morden Branch now stores boxes of priced books, ready for the next book sale. Thanks to local supporters, MAF and other donors for all your support. Miami and Manitou Branches will continue to fund-raise to update the current spaces and enhance the patrons' library experience.

Thanks to the staff, administration, and Board of SCRL for your support and hard work throughout this past year. Your dedication shows how important our libraries are to each of our communities and how valued our services are to our patrons. I look forward to seeing the amazing new programs and possibilities for the year ahead.

—Cathy Ching, Director

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
30,966
MEMBERS**

**271,441*
PHYSICAL ITEM
CHECKOUTS
65,160
EBOOK
CHECKOUTS**

***152,531 WERE
CHILDREN'S ITEMS**

7 SUPPORTING BODIES

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

*Once
you
learn
to
read,
you
will be
forever
free.*

*Frederick
Douglass*

INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

**ITEMS BORROWED FROM OTHER
MANITOBA AND CANADIAN
LIBRARIES**

2,946

**ITEMS LOANED TO OTHER LIBRARIES
3,237**

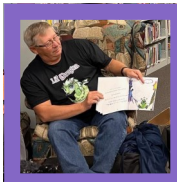
**214 NON-RESIDENT
MEMBERS**

**5,228
EVENT ATTENDEES**

**2056
VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

SCRL HIGHLIGHT

Author visits were well-received by all ages across SCRL, as we welcomed writers like local author Stan



Hildebrand, pictured here reading from his book *Lil' Dragon*.



In fall, *Manitou Branch* ran their first session of Acorns to Oaks, a combination of story time, crafts, activities, snacks, and Show and Tells, all aimed at helping kids get ready for kindergarten.

Pictured: Branch Admin Angela Lovell with the Manitou Acorns to Oaks graduates.

SCRL HIGHLIGHT

Special project fundraisers—the highlight was not the money raised, but the energy and creativity of the staff and the support of the community for the library.

(Pictured: Altona staff Julie Janz)



TD SUMMER READING

- 1,135 PARTICIPANTS
- 1,692,466 MINUTES READ
- 10 SUMMER PROGRAMMERS
- 183 VIEWS OF 5 SUMMER READING VIDEOS



Altona Branch relocated to a bigger and better space in the Altona Mall! This was only possible with support from the Town of Altona, businesses, and the wider community. Pictured: Jordan Siemens, Town of Altona, Daniel Dyck, Alvina Stoesz, Julie Janz, Kinzie Friesen, Michelle McLaughlin, Wendi Friesen, Rachael Friesen, library staff; Josh Guenther, Borderland MLA; and Laverne Siemens, SCRL Board .

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Administrative office: Cathy Ching, Director; Debra Petersen, Financial Officer; Joanna Dueck, Cataloging Technician

Altona: Rachael Friesen, Branch Administrator; 7 employees and ca. 50* volunteers

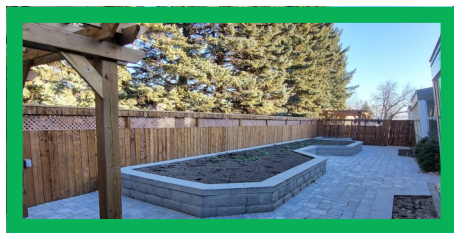
Manitou: Angela Lovell, Branch Administrator; 6 employees and 6 volunteers

Miami: Raina Teigrob, Branch Administrator; 2 employees and 3 volunteers

Morden: Gail Hildebrand, Branch Administrator; 7 employees and 6 volunteers

Winkler: Jess Martens, Branch Administrator; 12 employees & 6 volunteers

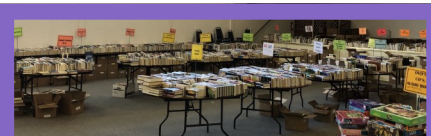
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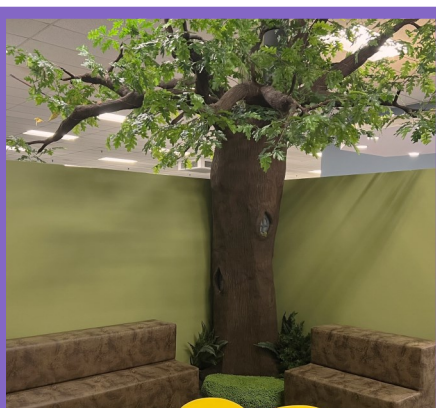
This year saw the creation of *Winkler Branch's* Reading Garden. Thanks in large part to the Martin Harder family, as well as other donors, the garden structures were built in 2022, and everyone is looking forward to adding plants and watching the garden flourish in the coming years.

SCRL HIGHLIGHT

Book sales are always popular, no matter where they happen, and this year, patrons could also purchase bake-sale items or a soup & sandwich lunch.



Miami Branch ran a well-received Booksale, Bakesale, and Tie-Dyeing booth at the Miami community showcase this year—a great way to connect with the community and raise a little money and have some fun doing it.



After a year of fundraising, and true community support, *Morden Branch* was able to purchase and install a storage building, fondly known as the new Booksale Shedquarters!



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Revenue

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Province of Manitoba | \$488,182 |
| Supporting Bodies | 607,915 |
| Library-Generated | 36,674 |
| Book Sale Income | 10,794 |
| Special Project Income | 123,522 |
| Summer Reading Grant | 31,682 |

Expenditures

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Salaries and Benefits | 756,507 |
| Supplies and Services | 166,611 |
| Acquisitions and Resources | 165,538 |
| Other Expenses | 133,995 |

DONORS, PROJECTS, AND GRANTS

Altona Library Expansion – \$400,000

- Town of Altona
- Access Credit Union
- Altona Community Foundation
- Enbridge
- Thomas Sill Foundation
- Local Business & Private Donors - Altona

Morden Shed Fundraiser – \$10,000

- Winkler Consumers Co-op
- Morden Area Foundation
- Enbridge
- Private Donors - Morden

Manitou Refresh Fundraiser – \$3200

- RBC Benevity Grant -
- Private Donors - Manitou

Miami Fundraiser – \$600

- Private Donors - Miami

Winkler Reading Garden – \$70,000

- Winkler Community Foundation
- Canada Healthy Communities (Endow MB)
- Martin Harder
- Private Donors

\$30,000+ raised through SCRL raffles, booksale & bakesales for all projects in 2022