



Cataloguing Technician Report – Office – submitted by Joanna Dueck

I started off the month by taking vacation time from June 5-9. For the remainder of the month, I was working my way through cataloguing the remainder of the winter order items. Winkler and most of Miami's new summer orders have been submitted. Altona and Morden already added their spring/summer selections to their previous carts in winter. Manitou's orders will be submitted as soon as they've finished selecting their summer titles.

I also ordered another batch of DVDs including any requests that were available through our vendors.

Programmer Report – submitted by Raina Teigrob

Summer reading programmers have been hired- welcome to all new and old faces joining us for the summer! Orientation took place June 26th, and the program begins July 4th. This year seems like it will flow much smoother than last year, without Readsquared to complicate kids/parents (and programmers). I look forward to working with all the programmers this year and hearing how the summer goes for each branch. This year will finally feel more like pre-covid years, and I'll be keeping notes on a few things we'd really like to nail down this year in terms of rules and the way we run the program.

Altona Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Rachael Friesen

As we gear up for our summer program, it's hard to believe that we were not in this location yet last year, we are feeling very at home here and are very excited to run the program from this space. We have had many class tours during the month of June, the children are getting very excited for summer and the Bookland Explorers Club. Having our prizes displayed during their tours really motivates them to come back and sign up!

We had a visit from the Altona Community Foundation to take some promotional pictures for all the great work they do, we appreciate the grants we have received from them to help make the library a better place.

We had staff attend an Altona Chamber social media learning session, they said it was very well done and extremely informative. We are lucky to have access to such great resources through our local chamber board.

For July we will be focusing on Bookland Explorers present Space and having activities, crafts and story times running throughout the summer. We also have been very lucky to have many local businesses donate funds towards our program this year so that we can do an amazing book bag craft with the children and have a fantastic wind up at the end of our program.

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Manitou Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Angela Lovell

It was nice to get back to normal in June and we were pleased by the large number of people coming in just to check out our new look.

Welcome to Kieran Reid who rejoins us this year as our summer programmer and to our new casual clerk, Kristin O'Hearn. Kieran started registration for the summer program on June 29 and already had 20 kids signed by the end of the month.

Staff were busy in June catching up with decorating for the Bookland Explorers Club and appreciate the help of the Manitou Elementary School students who all sent space-themed drawings for us to use on our walls.

Throughout June we also hosted the K to Grade 6 classes from MES who were excited to hear about this year's program and see the prizes.

Manitou Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Angela Lovell – continued

We have also been running a 50/50 draw towards Fun Day throughout June and plan to draw it the Manitou Ag Fair weekend (July 8). We are having a Book and Bake Sale on July 7 and 8 at the library. Planning is already underway for Fun Day which is August 9.

Book Club met on June 23 with three members attending.

Miami Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Raina Teigrob

In Miami we were lucky to have the grade 1-5 classes come and visit us for library tours to promote summer reading. We had 100+ kids join us, and compared to the zero we had last year we'd say it was successful! The kids were stoked about the space theme and loved to see the grand prizes and store prizes. We heard from teachers afterwards that many planned to come sign up or come and/or create a library account.

Miami hosted their book club meeting for Verity by Colleen Hoover. Their next book will be The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo for July.

Morden Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Gail Hildebrand

June has been full of stars, planets, and class tours ... lots of class tours! We had 32 classes through the library, with an average class size of 25, making a rough total of 800 children that we read to and then gave them a tour and a brief explanation of how Bookland Explorers will work this year. Their excitement is contagious and we're all looking forward to the next 2 months! We are also looking forward to getting to know Abby and Annabelle, our summer programmers. They're already off to a great start!

Winkler Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Jess Martens

We accomplished quite a bit in June. We finished decorating for Bookland Explorers and are quite happy with how the decorations turned out. The kids are excited for the program and are eager to start counting minutes. We had several visits to local schools and had 9 classes visit the library to learn about how the library works and the summer program. We also had several classes that started visiting the library on a regular basis once the weather warmed up and they are hoping to start again in fall. Some of my time in June was spent working on the reading garden, we are happy with its progress and the plants are doing well. People have been using the garden and are enjoying the space. The garden is now accessible from the library, and we are looking forward to using the space for summer programming.

In July the focus will be the Bookland Explorers program. We have hired our two summer programmers, Mikaela our programmer from last year will be returning and we've added Joshua who has been participating in the program for many years. They are looking forward to starting and have a lot of great ideas for how to make the program a success. We also want to have programming available for teens and adults as well. Our book club will continue throughout the summer, and we are hoping to be able to add a few events for teens as well. On July 12th we'll be at Concerts in the Park as part of the Community Star program and the Manitoba Underground Opera will be hosting an event here on July 29th. We are also hoping to have a local author, Nikki Kroetsch Bergstresser, visit the library to read her new children's book. July is shaping up to be a busy month.