

Cataloguing Technician Report – Office – submitted by Joanna Dueck

October was a very busy month with many new shipments of books arriving weekly, so it has felt a bit chaotic in the office! There were also a high volume of patron holds on my list every Tuesday. I have been working on the last large DVD and junior/YA audio orders which will be purchased soon.

Program Coordinator Report – submitted by Raina Teigrob

Programming in October was our Library month checkout contest, and prepping for Power of PJ's which starts Nov 1st. Gordon Goldsborough is confirmed to visit each of our branches and will sell copies of his latest book before they go to market.

Altona Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Rachael Friesen

October was Library Month and we celebrated with a host of different things, including having contests for patrons to gain tickets for small prizes.

We had drop in Lego club running for October, the kids always enjoy being able to come in and build and we enjoy having them.

We had a couple of school tours and a tour with Regional Connections, we always appreciate them bringing in new residents to sign up and see the library.

For Halloween the staff dressed up to celebrate and hand out candy to the kids that came in to see us. It was a great way to end off the month.

For November we will be busy with author visits, book club and helping the town celebrate the night of lights. We will be open late that evening to take part in the festivities!

Manitou Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Angela Lovell

October kicked off with a Lego Club on the 3rd and an Open House to show off the library's renovations on October 10th. The Open House may be repeated later.

Kenton from Winkler was kind enough to offer to come and host an Astronomy Evening that unfortunately had to be cancelled twice because of rain and clouds but was well attended when it finally took place on October 16. The people attending were enthusiastic and keen to repeat the evening, with some expressing interest in some kind of regular astronomy club.

The highlight of the month though was our Halloween party on October 24 which brought in about 38 children and 12 adults. They had a blast with some slimy, gross sensory bins, glow bowling, a Halloween treasure hunt and candy filled balloons that they got to burst. A special thanks to Susan Pharaoh for coming in costume to read spooky stories and sing songs to the kids.

Our final event was the book club on October 27 to round off a busy month.

We were also happy to finally receive the outside book drop, which has been partially installed and the inside housing should be completed early November so our patrons can start to use this long-awaited resource.

For November Manitou will be hosting Gordon Goldsborough on November 4th as well as hosting the coffee house at the Opera House on November 11th.

Miami Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Raina Teigrob

In October, Joanna and I spent some time building new bookcases for the office, removing the old shelving, and rearranging her books. This was a good start to our slow revamp of the office. In October we will trial our first go at ordering replacements and requests carts from Whitehots, monthly. We hope to fine-tune this procedure before the new year.

We welcomed Nyomi as our new Page. Nyomi has volunteered in the past and was currently a volunteer upon hiring. Welcome Nyomi, we're glad to have you!

October was our first Crafters & Co. night. Attendance was low, but we hope numbers will increase as the word gets out. We also applied for a grant from the Miami and Area Foundation. Our goal is to acquire our own projector and to ceiling mount it, so that author visits and movie events are easier to set up. Currently it's a lot of work and a very awkward arrangement when we have guests that require a projector.

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Morden Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Gail Hildebrand

This month we had a few new collaborations with the first being a monthly visit from one of our local senior apartments. We have about 6 ladies that will be regularly visiting us. They have been thoroughly enjoying our large print section! The other group we are now working together with is Morden Family Resource Centre. They came to the library as a family field trip. We started with a library tour and then we had 3 craft stations, a quick snack, and a story time with 17 children plus parents in attendance. The parents and kids enjoyed themselves, so we have decided to try and have an event every 2 or 3 months hosted by the library.

We had our first book club book assigned last month with a meeting planned for the end of October. There were 27 people signed up, but we had the meeting on the day that winter arrived so only 15 made it to the meeting. We will have our next meeting at the beginning of December.

For Library Month, we had a few things going on. There were a couple of baskets that were raffled off to patrons. They could earn a ticket by coming in and signing something out, playing book bingo and getting a line or finding a word on the huge word search. The last week before Halloween we also had a scavenger hunt where kids could find 12 Halloween/fall pictures in the children's section and get a ticket to try and win a candy basket.

Winkler Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Jess Martens

We were kept busy in October. Our story time went very well, and the kids enjoyed Britany dressing up as a different character every week. Our Huck Weaving workshop was a success and we have quite a few people interested in a second workshop if we can get the materials to run it again.

This month we also had several classes visit the library to sign up for cards and we have a few classes that come on a regular basis when the weather allows. It's great to see schools making time to come to the library.

We had a new people counter installed and so far, it is working much better than the old one.

Our Nerf battles, Lego club and book club are all still well attended, and we've had a few requests from parents to add a Lego club one Saturday a month, but we don't currently have the staff time available to run it.



Winkler Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Jess Martens – continued

Astro Club is still very popular, and the current plan is to continue observation days in winter but they will be impromptu and when the weather allows. Dead Horse Cider has also generously allowed us to use their property for dark night observation nights and since they have a fire pit it should make it more appealing for people to attend in the winter months. We will continue to have observation days at Emerado School as well.

In November we have three author visits coming up, Kristina Falk a local children's author, Gordon Goldsborough, author of Abandoned Manitoba, and Mitchell Toews author of Pinching Zwieback. We already have quite a bit of interest in Gordon Goldsborough and his last visit here was very well attended.

In November we have the first workshop of our crochet series. We are starting with a beginner's scarf in November, a granny square workshop at the beginning of January culminating in a crochet marathon in at the end of January to make lap blankets for Eden Mental Health Centre. We also have a chain maille workshop in November that we are looking forward to. We also have all our regular programming of course and it's quite a busy month.
