

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

Our 2023 fall book orders have all been submitted and are beginning to arrive! I've been busy cataloguing to catch up with previous orders and make room for the new shipments.

I was able to attend the Library Connections event that Manitoba Library Association hosted at Portage Regional Library on Sept. 25. It was a great opportunity to talk to staff from other rural libraries and share ideas and concerns.

I also assisted Raina with preparing prizes for Library Month in October.

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### **Program Coordinator Report – submitted by Raina Teigrob**

In October, office staff and branch admins were able to attend a networking event in Portage La Prairie. I personally really enjoyed this and hope we have more opportunities like this on a regular basis. It was great to hear from other libraries and to share ideas.

In September I reached out to Gordon Goldsborough regarding author visits for his newest book. Gordon has agreed to visit all of our branches in early November and will even be selling copies at the events before the official release date!

Joanna and I went shopping for some October is Library month draw prizes and found some great local items. We look forward to seeing the prize packs and displays in branches, and that patrons enjoy them too. I anticipate connecting with Genesis House to start prepping for Power of PJs, as well as planning and preparing some ideas in October for the upcoming Christmas season.

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

September has been a quieter month, which has allowed us to catch up on behind the desk tasks.

We had 2 proctoring sessions this month and I anticipate us having many more in the future as our library is now the only available place in Altona to have this service. All the clerks are registered as proctors, so we have more availability for patrons needing supervision at any time during library hours.

Our first classes of the year have started coming in and we are doing a re-orientation as a reminder to the students on how to use the library.

In September the branch admins and office staff attended a conference held by the MLA in Portage Regional Library. It was very informative and was a great way to gather ideas from other librarians on programming, accessibility, fundraising and more. I hope they do more of these in the future.

Altona has been slowly working on the branch signage. We now have signs up on the ends of the stacks letting people know where to find things. The bigger signage is still being worked on and we hope to have it in place soon.

For October we will be celebrating October is Library Month and will have a host of things happening inside the branch. Our community book club will be starting up again and drop in Lego is also happening for October.

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

September was a 'catch our breath' month for the Manitou branch after a busy summer.

We were sad to say goodbye to clerk Kristin O'Hearn (although she will stay on as a Saturday/casual clerk) but welcomed our new clerk, Clare Ashdown.

Staff have been busy planning for Library Month and are lining up a number of events for October and November.

We also received and assembled our new bookshelves which now house our paperback and puzzle collections. A little rearranging has given us an additional work and dedicated book processing area that makes the circulation space less congested and tidier. The much-anticipated outdoor book drop has finally arrived, and the contractor should install it in early October.

Book Club met on September 29th.

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

The end of August/beginning of September was spent working on our fall book orders. Once that was submitted and out of the way, the rest of September was used for program planning and small projects around the branch.

We are still in the process of using up our grant and have been working towards moving our printer and electrical to create more clerk space. We look forward to doing some painting in the later months to use up the remaining money.

As for programs, our story time was cancelled due to no signups, but we'll be retrying in the spring on a different day/time of the week to see if we can bring in more parents and kids. We are currently running a monthly book club, and Lego club. Our first Crafters & Co. will take place in October, along with some other fun things to celebrate October is Library Month.

Our latest project is creating an adult graphic novel section. We'd like to see how well the collection goes out when it's not mixed into regular adult fiction.

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

Summer reading is over, school is back in session and our gate count is showing it. It was a busy start this month with patrons returning their end-of-summer reading piles of books and then the last half of the month was quiet.

With fewer people in the building, it has given us some much-needed time to tidy up the building in general and several of our regular volunteers have reappeared to help us with shelf reading.

We have been promoting the kickoff for our new book club. We currently have 24 people signed up so it will be interesting to see how our first meeting goes!

We have been busy getting quotes together for our desk area renovation, the desk is designed and ready to build once we give the nod, we're just waiting for a couple quotes to hand off to the City of Morden for the flooring and electrical part of the renovation. We will be starting to plan another liquor raffle to help with those expenses.



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

The Manitoba Library Conference in Portage was a great opportunity to talk about everything from book challenges to programming ideas. Days like these really do help us to keep growing and adding to what we do for our communities.

I had the privilege of sitting on a panel with Cathy and others, hosted by the University of Winnipeg, about building trans solidarity and how we need to continue to serve as many people in our communities as possible. As always, there is so much more support than the small groups against inclusivity and intellectual freedom. It's good to attend events like this to reaffirm that South Central Regional Library is doing the right thing for our communities despite the very few loud complaints.

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

September was a quieter month after the chaos of summer. We are starting our regular programming again as well as adding a few programs. Our Lego club has started again and it just as popular with the kids as last school year. On the 3rd Wednesday of every month, we are also holding Nerf Battles after hours. The first two have been very popular and both parents and kids are enjoying it. We have two astronomy events planned for October, new moon on the 13th will allow for excellent observation and we will have another observation day later in the month when the weather allows. Astro club has been going great with an average of 50 or more people attending each event. We have also started our fall story time session and we have some fun crafts and stories planned for the kids.

In October we have a series of 'Huck Weaving' workshops planned. One of our patrons was kind enough to donate supplies for 10 blankets, we have 10 people registered for the workshop and another 12 on the waiting list if anyone can't attend. We are looking into the possibility of holding another workshop, however we would need to charge for the cost of supplies. In October I will be working on planning for the Book & Art sale we'll be holding with the Winkler Arts & Culture Centre at the beginning of December. It's a great opportunity to promote both the library and the gallery and our patrons have been asking when the next book sale will be so we should have a good turnout. I'll also be working on researching and setting up an online store for library branded merchandise for SCRL. Our book bags in spring and summer and the library positive shirts sold by Frank and Olive have been quite popular. We're looking forward to an additional way for people to support the library and purchase merchandise for themselves, family, and friends.

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