

## BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

First, I would like to thank the Board for the vote of confidence in electing me to the Board Chair position. I look forward to continuing our collaborative approach to understand and offer what our patrons are looking for.

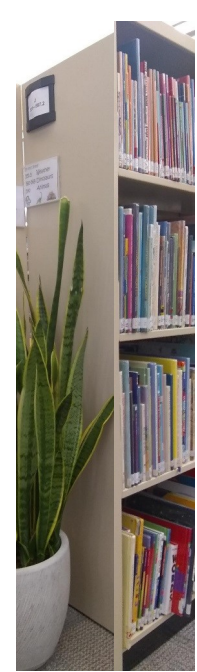
Next, I want to acknowledge all our new and faithful existing patrons. Over the last couple years it has been exciting to watch our libraries fill up again and our stats reflect this. Without our readers, we would not exist, and we are excited to grow with them.

We cannot exist without our staff. Their dedication to their positions does not go unnoticed. They are the smiling faces that greet and help anyone that enters the libraries, and keep everything flowing behind the scenes. Without them, the board would not be able to offer such great services.

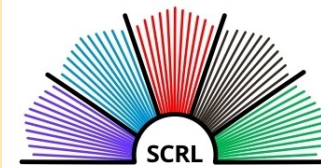
Last, I would like to acknowledge our supporting municipal partners. We cover a very wide spectrum in our diverse communities. Our municipal and public appointees work hard to bring forward a cooperative approach to make sure that everyone's needs are brought forward, and that we as a board move to offer the best services we can. Your continued support will help us continue to be an important part of our community's growth and prosperity.

We have had some exciting renovations in our libraries over the last few years, and it is great to see our patrons explore and enjoy these new spaces. We hope to continue to offer new and exciting programs and services to keep our communities engaged, strong, and growing into the future.

—Chad Collins, SCRL Board Chair



**110,342 PEOPLE VISITED  
OUR LIBRARIES**



**South Central**  
REGIONAL LIBRARY

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

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

**10,568 COMPUTER  
SESSIONS**  
**93,410 SERVICE  
USES**  
**173,746 SOCIAL  
MEDIA ACCESSES**

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

If you have visited any of our branches during the past year, you will have seen many changes in the look of the libraries, some new friendly staff, and many new and exciting programs and activities. The Manitou and Miami Branches underwent some changes to give them a fresh new look and improve the patron experience. The Altona Branch had a very successful first year in their new location, and the Winkler Reading Garden was in full bloom during the summer. Morden Branch's 'Shedquarters', which houses the donated books, was bursting with boxes waiting to go to branch book sales. For those who think libraries are only about books, we have puzzles and games ready to loan, and run Nerf battles and Astronomy nights, just to name a few.

It has been a year of challenges and success stories, and we appreciate the support and patience of our patrons throughout it all. Thank you to the staff and Board for supporting our libraries and showing how committed you are to keeping our libraries the very best they can be.

—Cathy Ching, Director

**2962 REFERENCE  
QUESTIONS  
ANSWERED**

## 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**  
**32,060  
MEMBERS**

**277,713\***  
**PHYSICAL ITEM  
CHECKOUTS**  
**76,596  
EBOOK  
CHECKOUTS**

**\*151,957 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

***A word  
after a  
word  
after a  
word is  
power.***

***Margaret  
Atwood***

## INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

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

**3,189**

**ITEMS LOANED TO OTHER LIBRARIES**  
**2,904**

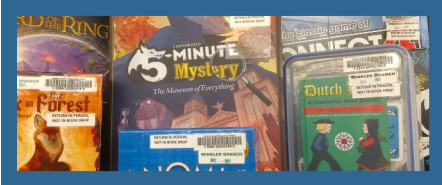
**211 NON-RESIDENT  
MEMBERS**

**9,106  
EVENT ATTENDEES**

**1218  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS**

## SCRL HIGHLIGHT

Our first board games started circulating this year, and they have been one of our fastest-moving collections ever since.



**Morden Branch** hosted almost 40 class tours to promote this year's Summer Reading club, and wrapped up an amazing summer in style with a party for all the Explorers at Sharpooth Adventures.

## TD SUMMER READING

- **1337 PARTICIPANTS**
- **26,505 HOURS READ**
- **9 SUMMER PROGRAMMERS**
- **1459 PROGRAM ATTENDEES**



**Altona Branch** hosted a gala at the beginning of the year to celebrate the grand opening of their new location, and rounded off the year with an author visit by Gordon Goldsborough, featuring his latest book on Abandoned Manitoba.

## SCRL HIGHLIGHT

We added a few inflatable dinosaur costumes to our program resources, which have been surprisingly useful.



## STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

**Administrative office:** Cathy Ching, Director; Raina Teigrob, Office Manager; Joanna Dueck, Cataloging Technician

**Altona:** Rachael Friesen, Branch Administrator; 6 employees and 9 volunteers

**Manitou:** Angela Lovell, Branch Administrator; 6 employees and 3 volunteers

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

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

**Winkler:** Jess Martens, Branch Administrator; 12 employees and 5 volunteers

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### Revenue

Province of Manitoba	\$	512,975
Supporting Bodies		695,035
Library-Generated		59,125
Book Sale Income		4,720
Special Project Income		48,955
Summer Reading Grant		12,000

### Expenditures

Salaries and Benefits		798,575
Supplies and Services		166,610
Acquisitions and Resources		192,515
Other Expenses		175,100



**Winkler Branch** always had something going on, what with afternoon Lego clubs, after-hours Nerf battles, and workshops and programs of all kinds. One popular workshop this year was making chain maille bracelets.



**Miami Branch** has especially appreciated this year's landscaping updates around the back door—the fence is shelter from the wind and the new sidewalk means no more muddy feet.



## SCRL HIGHLIGHT

The new Summer Reading-themed book bags were a big hit with our Bookland Explorer kids.



**Manitou Branch** renovated their reading corner for an added cozy factor... and then celebrated Hallowe'en by reading spooky stories together.



## DONORS & GRANTS

### Altona Branch – \$19,900

- Thomas Sill Foundation
- Local Business & Private Donors—Altona

### Morden Branch – \$2,700

- Morden Area Foundation
- Private Donors—Morden

### Manitou Branch – \$12,600

- Project Support Pembina Municipality
- RBC Benevity Grant
- Manitou Thrift Store
- Private Donors—Manitou

### Miami Branch – \$1,400

- Miami Area Foundation
- Private Donors—Miami

### Winkler Branch – \$6,200

- Tire Stewardship MB
- Private Donors—Winkler

### General—\$19,000

- Segue Career Options
- Green Team (Province of Manitoba)
- Private Donors

**Consider donating to South Central Regional Library to support our programs and improvements to facilities.**

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