



Cataloguing Technician Report – Office – submitted by Joanna Dueck

We started off the month with our big SCRL book sale on May 2-4. I helped with setup on Thursday and worked Friday morning during the sale. I thought the event ran well and it was very busy with shoppers while I was there.

Raina and I have been working on updating our book club kits. We moved the kits into new tote bags, relabeled the books so they would all have individual barcodes now for circulation, and printed out new book cover cards to hang on the bag handles. We are redoing some of the discussion guides so that they all match before we redistribute the kits back to the branches. We also worked with Daniel to finally create a book club kit processing procedure.

Spring/summer Whitehots orders have all been submitted so those books should start arriving soon!

Program Coordinator Report – submitted by Raina Teigrob

So far for the month of May we've been able to hire a summer programmer in our Manitou, Miami, Morden, and Winkler branches. All that's left is one more programmer for Winkler and one for Altona. With Winkler programmer Mikaela's help, the two of us are cracking down on getting our teen program all sorted and ready to go and are focusing on sourcing prizes from all the communities. We are super excited to be offering this program for young adults across all branches this summer. Weekly prizes, grand prizes, and store prizes have all been sent out to their corresponding branches. Social media posts for official promotion of our programs are currently on my to-do list and will be finalized in the early days of June.

In May I was also able to assist with days 1 + 2 of the SCRL book sale. Both days were busy! I'm glad to have had the opportunity to help as I missed it last year.

Altona Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Rachael Friesen

We started out May with another Nerf Battles evening, it was well attended, and we will have to do one more before summer reading starts. The patrons really seem to enjoy this event!

We have spent a good amount of May planning and getting ready for our summer reading club, decorations are just going up now and we are really looking forward to this year. It's our second year running the club in this location, and we finally have found our groove. We have the perfect workspace set up for our coordinator and we can't wait for the kids to see everything.

We had another silent book club this month, with the weather being so nice we have less attendance, but patrons still seem to enjoy that time. Somebody always finds a new read so it is doing exactly what is intended.

We had some staff changes in May, one of our clerks has moved to a casual position and we hired a new clerk to replace her.

In June we will be hiring a coordinator for the summer program and getting ready for school tours. We will also be saying goodbye to one of our pages and our casual page has accepted that position to start in July. Our last nerf battles before the summer takes place and one more silent book club before we break till fall.



Manitou Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Angela Lovell

It is with regret that we said goodbye to our clerk, Clare but we wish her well in her new position.

We have hired Cherri for the position of summer programmer this year. She will start on June 17 and will be with us until August 23. Staff have been busy decorating the library in preparation for the school visits in mid-June and we are grateful to Charlize and Naomi (Miami Branch) who came and helped us with the decorating.

We hosted arborist, Jane Seniw for what was supposed to be a pruning workshop and community walkabout, but due to the rainy conditions, we held the event inside. Eight attendees brought all kinds of questions related to growing trees, fruits and shrubs in Manitoba and found Jane to be a wealth of information about a variety of topics.

Our Astronomy Evening was cancelled due to rainy conditions but will reschedule it for later this summer.

Rounding out our programming was the Book Club meeting and a story time with a big thank you to Liam for being our guest reader. The children attending had a great time.

Several staff volunteered at the SCRL Book Sale in Morden at the beginning of May and the library also participated in the Town wide garage sale event at the end of the month.

Miami Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Raina Teigrob

Following our Crochet-a Thon in May, we had a few sessions of assembling all the squares crocheted and donated over the last month- we had a TON. Thanks to everyone who helped out with this process, who came in, or took them home to work on. We'll have more than a few blankets to donate to Genesis House.

Miami has been keeping busy with regular tasks and has taken on some covering for the Manitou branch as they catch up on other things. Along with decorating for summer and our regular programs of book club, LEGO club, and our game night, we have also been preparing for our June booksale at the Miami Showcase event happening on June 14th.

We are happy to welcome Savana to our team for the summer. We look forward to getting to know her and working alongside her this summer. 😊

Morden Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Gail Hildebrand

May started off with a bang and a book sale, thank you to everyone who showed up to help! This was my first BIG sale, so it was a learning experience to be on the other side of the table, so to speak.

We were very happy with the sales (\$17,700 before expenses) and the public was very happy to see us "back". Between Cathy and I, we have come up with a list of things to work on for next year which includes more people helping throughout the sale, better signage in adult nonfiction and having an off-limits area so that people aren't digging through unopened boxes. It got dangerous with the books strewn everywhere as people looked through them.

We are still waiting to hear from North Star Fiber to decide if it's worth sorting out softcover books for them to recycle into insulation next year. I have had an organization from Portage (Hope's Journey Home) reach out to discuss taking some of our leftover books next year for their own fundraiser.

We hosted a book club meeting again this month. We have settled into a consistent group of attendees. Spanish Club has also continued but with no one willing/able to take a leadership role it is winding down.



Morden Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Gail Hildebrand – Continued

Overall, May was a quieter month due to the nice spring weather. Puzzles are still moving well on rainy days, but everyone seems to be busy with yard work and just enjoying being out and about. Our gardening display has been very popular!

With the rainy days, we have noticed the active leaks starting up again. There are at least 5 of concern right now. Our facilities Manager has been in to look at the roof and hopes to do some sealing this week. The front door lock was starting to stick, the City replaced it. Hopefully we will be able to resolve our back door issues for next winter. A little while back we had a patron in a mobility scooter get stuck trying to come out of the washroom. I have also spoken to the facilities manager about that, and we are looking at push button access and wider doors for the washrooms.

We have started planning our decorating for Bookland Explorers and will start to put things up this week so we can be ready for class tours in June. We have had a lot of great applicants for the summer programmer positions. It looks like it will be a fun summer!

Winkler Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Jess Martens

Much of May has been spent preparing for the summer reading program. Quite a few of our decorations are up and patrons are starting to get excited for it. We have had a few classes in both for tours and to check out books and seeing the schools make more use of the library has been great.

In May we cut back on our programming to just the programs we do monthly so we could focus on summer reading. Lego club, Nerf battle and Books & Brew are all doing well. We will be pausing the book club over the summer, but the other two programs will be continuing in July and August. We will be changing Nerf Battle to the second Wednesday of the month as Nerf Battle and Lego club tend to fall on the same day. Changing the dates gives them the option to attend both. Astro Club has also started again and is going well so far. Genesis House set up in our front entrance for a day to promote their resources and it went well. It was great to see people stopping by their booth and asking questions. The reading garden is open, and patrons have been using it. It's great to see the flowers blooming again.

Janine, one of our clerks whose been with SCRL for 6 years, has a job with a school division and we wish her all the best.

In June our focus will be school tours, as we currently have 13 school visits scheduled. We will also be setting up a table at the Teddy Bear Picnic to promote the library and summer reading club. Thankfully we have hired our first summer programmer already so they will be doing many of the tours and helping promote Bookland Explorers. We will be hiring a second summer programmer and they'll be starting at the end of June. Having a summer programmer hired a month before the program starts has been helpful as it takes a lot of the stress off the staff so we can focus on keeping up with the increase in patrons. It also gives the programmer a chance to properly prep for the program rather than starting a day or two before registration and having very little time to figure out how everything works. Aside from having to hire and train a new clerk this has been the least stressful start to the summer program that Winkler has had in years.
