



Cataloguing Technician Report – Office – submitted by Joanna Dueck

New books from our spring/summer orders have been arriving weekly but I've managed to keep up with cataloguing so it's not as chaotic in the office as it sometimes has been in the past. I'm still working on processing the book club kits, I just need to finish redoing the discussion guides for about half of the kits but they should be done soon. I also ordered another batch of DVDs so hopefully those will be ready for summer.

Program Coordinator Report – submitted by Raina Teigrob

In June, we completed hiring all our summer students. Orientation was held on June 24th and went well. This gave students one more week of setup before starting the program officially on July 2nd. Orientation booklets have also been shared with all branches and each staff member should have had a chance to read up on it.

Most of my time in the last week went towards the teen program, as we still needed to smooth out some kinks. For a new program, things seem to be simple and straight forward. I look forward to seeing how it pans out over the summer.

Most branches were prepared and ready for the program by the time the long weekend came around. Good luck to everyone for the month of July!

Altona Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Rachael Friesen

Most of June was spent preparing for the summer reading club, we had many school tours, and we hired a coordinator for the summer program, we are very happy to have Camryn join our team. Camryn has lots of great activities planned for the summer and the branch looks amazing with all the decorations from the staff.

We had one last Nerf Battles evening before summer started and the participants really seem to enjoy this event! We will be doing it again come fall.

Our last silent book club was a bust, it was far too nice outside for people to be cooped up inside, I think we could have ended in May, we will start again in the fall when the weather gets a bit colder, and people are ready to cozy up with a book inside!

We will be very busy for the rest of the summer, already there is many activities planned and we look forward to seeing the kids participate, we were very fortunate in having Rendezvous Fitness Centre sponsor our colour your own book bag activity which made it free for any participants, we also had the Altona Elks #447 sponsor our fun day in August, which we are looking forward too. Thank you to both sponsors for your generous donation and also to the businesses that donated prizes to our teen program.

Manitou Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Angela Lovell

June was a busy month as our Summer Programmer, Cherri, and staff hosted 142 kids and their teachers from Grades K through to 6 from Manitou Elementary School to tell them about our Bookland Explorers Club. A big thank you to Charlize and Naomi from Miami Branch who came to assist us with decorating the library and created an awesome treasure chest for us. Cherri also worked hard to get organized and ready for registration. Again, thanks to Mikaela from the Winkler Branch for spending time with Cherri to explain the program and help her get set up.

We had no attendance at our Lego Club on the evening of June 18, and four members attended the Book Club on June 21. We have had three children sign up for Laurie's book club this July. The library raised \$61 by participating in the Townwide Garage Sale May 31 and June 1.



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

Staff have also sorted books in the basement for the book sale and are grateful for the assistance of student, John who volunteered to bring them upstairs and has also been helping assemble new shelving and other furniture items for us.

Miami Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Raina Teigrob

June was busy preparing for BEC. All our last-minute decorations, a minute map and summer desk were set up. Sevana started her position in Miami and began planning for the summer. On June 20th we had the Miami school classes from kindergarten to grade 6 come by, and we got to share our program with approximately 105 students.

We had a book sale table setup at the Miami Showcase event that took place June 14th. Our programmer was also able to join us and put on her first event for kids and kickstarted the summer with some bubble painting. The event was not as busy as I had expected, but we made \$188 total.

Our book club continues throughout the summer months and our list of participants continues to grow as well. LEGO club remains steady, however our game night isn't taking off as hoped. We may have more luck this summer with kid based game events but may consider giving up the game nights for a while. We were also finally able to bring in 10 completed Afghans to Genesis House.

Morden Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Gail Hildebrand

The beginning of June was spent finishing up decorating for our summer program. This year's theme, Under the Sea, was a lot of fun and we had more ideas than time or space! From turning our front service desk into a pirate ship (complete with mermaids!) to making waves and coral reefs where the giant jelly fish could swim, it was amazing to see how creative the staff was. Kids and parents have been getting excited about this summer along with us!

We toured approximately 600 students through the library and promoted the summer reading program during those tours. We also had several specialty classes come in to see what the library offers to our patrons which resulted in quite a few new accounts being opened.

For our Bookland Explorer program, we are happy to welcome back Abby from last year, as well as a new programmer, Natalie. It looks like they are going to have a busy but fun program for the summer months. They have been busy setting up the store, prize displays and getting their event calendars ready for the sign-up rush. We're as ready as we can be, so ready, set, go!

Winkler Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Jess Martens

We stayed busy in June with 18 classes visiting the library. We also went to Southwood School at the beginning of the month where we explained the summer program and read to the entire school. The kids have been super excited about the summer program and are looking forward to entering for the prizes. On June 8th we attended the Teddy Bear picnic and while there are some things we would change for next year it was a good experience. We were awarded an \$800 grant by the Winkler Community Foundation for a dishwasher to be installed in the staff room. While it sounds like a fairly minor thing, it will allow us to host more diverse programs such as a "Level up your Ramen" workshop for teens. It is also a great start to the coffee corner we would like to add to the front entrance as it means we can use more environmentally friendly and cost-effective mugs rather than disposable cups.



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

The Bookland Explorers program will keep us busy in July, so we don't have anything planned for adult programming. We will be doing 3 workshops every Tuesday and Thursday as well as two story time sessions and an additional workshop on Wednesday's. On Saturdays we will be doing Lego stop motion workshops and bead workshops. Nerf Battle will be moving to the second Wednesday of the month, and we'll be continuing it through the summer. At the end of July, we have the Manitoba Underground Opera putting on a performance, we had great turnout last year so hopefully people are interested this year as well. It's going to be a busy summer.
