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

I was out of the office for half of the month while I was away on vacation Aug. 5-9 and Aug.16-26, so most of the days in between were spent catching up on unboxing and receiving orders as well as cataloguing holds. The YA audio order has now been submitted and has started arriving.

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

No report.

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

August was busy for the summer reading program. We had lots of children inside the library doing various crafts and activities. During the last week of the program, we had a pool party sponsored by the Altona Elks #447. We had almost 100 attendees and hope to be able to have this be a regular fun day event for Altona's Bookland Explorers program.

Our programmer was able to spend a bit of extra time here after the program was done, which allowed her to finish up any reports, clean up the summer reading space and say goodbye to kids. Some of them came on her last day and dropped off cards for her. We hope to see her again next year.

Manitoba Underground Opera was able to reschedule their July performance and visit us instead at the end of August. We had a great turnout and always enjoy their visit. We hope they can visit us again next year.

September is going to be a slower month for us, we will have a visit from AARFC and their Let's Tour Altona program, but otherwise we will just have passive programming. We will restart clubs in October when people have a bit more time to attend.

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

Our Summer Programmer, Cherri had another busy month with programming and organizing our Fun Day that was held on August 14. 53 children attended programs throughout the month and 115 (of which around 77 were children) came to enjoy Fun Day. A huge thank you to the many volunteers who came to assist us on the day and to the local businesses that supported us with donations. The kids enrolled in the summer program read a total of 1,860 hours over the summer.

It was a hugely successful summer, and Cherri has provided some valuable feedback about the program and things that perhaps might work better in our branch. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best for her Grade 12 school year.

The Book Club also met on August 23 with 5 members attending. We are now taking a breather before thinking about programs for the fall, which will include the repeat of our popular pre-school Acorns to Oaks program.

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

No report.

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

August continued to be a busy month with the summer program. Circulation was way up; it was nice to see some gaps on the shelves in the kid's section.

For a special summer event, the Morden Elks sponsored a night at the Stardust drive-in. We had between 50 and 60 cars show up, we were very happy with the turnout to watch Shark Tale.

We will be taking September to catch up on shelving and getting the library back in shape. We will also be preparing for a large shuffle of the different areas in October to make more room for almost each area, with adult nonfiction shrinking to accommodate the busier sections.

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

The Bookland Explorers program was one of the most successful we've ever had. We had 663 participants, and they read 20,202 hours this summer. We had 728 participants for our workshops and windup and the kids enjoyed the carnival windup. This was also our second year doing the teen summer program and we had 70 teens in the program. We had one workshop every week specifically for teens and it went very well, and we found having snacks and drinks available during the workshop really helped bring teens in. We will be doing teen workshops again next year. I would like to also recognize the contributions of our summer volunteers; we had 12 volunteers who worked 254 hours in July and August, and we would not be able to run the programs without their help. All in all, it was a very busy summer but it's fantastic seeing so many people in the library.

September will be a quieter month than August, but we will be busy preparing to move three quarters of the collection. We will still be holding our regular programs such as Nerf Battle, Books & Brew etc. but we aren't adding any additional programs until after the move. We will be closed September 21st, 24th and 25th to move books and shelves. Beginning in October, we will be adding additional open hours on Wednesday evenings. We have been busy enough that more evening hours will be a welcome addition to our patrons. While we anticipate it will take a while for patrons to realize visiting the library on Wednesday evenings is now an option, we are hoping that holding a few evening programs in addition to advertising will help get people accustomed to the new hours. Also, according to a letter sent to the Winkler Heritage Society in October of 2022 the Heritage Society's lease on the room in the library will be up soon. According to the initial agreement, a minimum 2-year notification was required to terminate this agreement. We haven't heard anything from them about moving plans, but we are putting together plans for turning the space into a teen/multipurpose room and two small offices. The space will be a welcome addition as we are finding the busier we are the more we need multifunctional spaces in the library.

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