

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.

Program Coordinator Report – submitted by Britany Morgan

Hello, my name is Britany, my pronouns are they/them and I've been a librarian at the Winkler Library for almost 2 years now! I live in Morden with my partner and two children.

In September, I began my new role as the South Central Regional Library's programmer and have worked on a few things! I have put together activities for each library to do for "Library Month", introduced a new display called "Kid Librarian of the Week", and organized the promotional materials for the Karen Emilson Author Visit for a few of our branches. Angela was kind enough to schedule the event with Karen as I was learning my new role.

My next task is to organize "Power of PJs". This is when the library accepts donations for "Genesis House", a home for abused women and children. I also will continue learning the ins and outs of our website and blog.

Going forward, I plan on introducing plenty of new programming ideas to keep the library a safe, and inclusive space to be!

Altona Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Rachael Friesen

September was a slower month for us, we spent most of our time planning and scheduling programming for October.

AARFC came for a visit with their "Let's Tour Altona" program, it was wonderful and we were very glad to be included in it. We will be partnering with them in November and December to offer some additional programming that will be run at the library!

October is going to be very busy with October Library Month activities, plus a host of great programs running throughout the month. We are starting with a visit from the Pembina Valley Astro Club, then a new program called Coffee & Chat that will have different topics each month. This month it will be 'Organization' and we are very excited to start that. We will restart our Nerf Battles in October and our Silent Book Club. We are trying out a new paint night activity that looks to be a lot of fun.

Manitou Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Angela Lovell

September was a catch our breath month for Manitou branch after a busy summer, with only one program – a Lego battle – scheduled on September 24 for which attendance was a little disappointing. Book Club also met on September 27 with three members attending.

We have purchased four chairs for the children's area thanks to the generous support of Dianne Burkitt, who donated the proceeds from sales of her handmade bookmarks throughout the past year. Many thanks to Dianne.

Staff took the opportunity to begin planning activities for Library Month in October and have been promoting and preparing for another session of the Acorns to Oaks Pre-K program that will run October/November.

They have also been busy weeding and rearranging the children's area to create more space for the junior fiction area.

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

Staffing hours have been rearranged after the summer and we are happy to welcome back Cherri as our new part-time clerk, who will be working one day a week from October 1.

Miami Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Raina Teigrob

September in Miami was mostly focused on getting things cleaned up after Bookland Explorers and working on regular tasks. All clerks and branch admin took holidays this month, so we didn't have too much time for projects. We have started up some regular programming again, like LEGO club and our board game nights.

We were also very happy to host Kenton Dyck again for Astro Club that took place at Miami Alexander Ridge Park. Patrons requested we do a bonfire and brought their own lawn chairs to spend the evening. Our turn out was great with 20 patrons showing up, which was very successful for a Miami event (especially one that involves "leaving" town). Our book club continues into fall, and we have books planned well into the new year as our core group of members remains steady. We have opted out of running a fall story time as we find in such a rural community folks are too busy to enroll children during the back to school and harvest season.

In September, our bulletin display focused on National Truth & Reconciliation, and books written by indigenous authors. Our Page was also tasked with shuffling our junior fiction collection and junior puzzles to create more room. In October, we will be celebrating 'October is Library Month', restarting our Crafter & Co. events, and trying out an RPG Miniatures Paint Night.

Morden Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Gail Hildebrand

September has definitely been quiet compared to the last 2 months with families getting ready and starting a new school year. We have taken this month to catch up on shelf reading and getting the library back into shape.

We have also started moving books around to create more room for most of the areas and will continue to weed, shift books and finalize plans for the day that we will be close to move some of our shelving.

This month has been very wet which gave us a chance to see how the patching that was done in spring would hold up. Most of the previous leaks are still there, in addition to a few new ones. We had a ceiling tile become so saturated that it fell. Fortunately, it was in the meeting room, and no one was in the room when it happened.

I am hoping to start the bathroom accessibility upgrades sometime this fall/early winter.

Programming has started again with our first Lego club and a parent/tot story and craft morning. We're looking forward to trying some new ideas this winter, like Winkler and Altona's popular Nerf battles, as well as restarting our book club and kid's story time.

Winkler Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Jess Martens

The big project for September was moving the shelving in the library. It was a big job, but it went well and we are all glad its done. Rearranging the shelving gave us some much needed room in several sections and the new layout allowed us to add more shelving to sections. The new collections we have added in the last few years like puzzles and games used to be in the back corner of the library, but now they are more visible and accessible to patrons. Our German and large print collections have also moved to the front of the adult section, making them much easier to find for seniors and new residents. The Heritage Society was also able to take advantage of the time we were closed and move out of the room. Now that the room is available, we are starting the process of turning it into a teen room, two offices and a closet. The first step will be making sure the plans meet City approval and then applying for grants. We are looking forward to having the space accessible for library use.



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

October is Library Month, so we'll have a scavenger hunt and a few other activities for patrons to enter for prizes. We are starting a cookbook club where we meet once a month, and patrons cook something from a recipe book they have checked out that fits the theme of the month. Our first theme is fall baking and we already have 10 people signed up so we're hoping it goes well. The cookbook club will be taking place on the second Wednesday of every month to help promote our new Wednesday evening hours. Our fall story time sessions are also starting up again. Our theme is "Around the World" and we'll also be using the same theme for our monthly book club. The book club picks won't necessarily be about travel but will instead take place in different parts of the world. To fit with that same theme, we will also be doing an evening story time for Culture Days. In October we are also starting our workshops again with the first one being an embroidered bookmark workshop. Karen Emilson will be coming for an author visit on the 24th and we are holding a puzzle competition on the 26th that has had a lot of interest so far. To close out the month we have a special Halloween story time planned and we're encouraging kids to come dressed in their costumes. In October, I will also be spending a bit of time weeding and integrating some of our sections, like reference, that have become obsolete and will be better utilized as part of the regular nonfiction. October is going to be a busy month, but it'll be nice to get back to our regularly scheduled programming after the break we took in September.
