



Cataloguing Technician Report – Office – submitted by Joanna Dueck

Shipments from our Fall Whitehots order have been slowing down so I was able to catch up on cataloguing puzzles, which included 2 large orders of brand new puzzles as well as a batch of donated puzzles. I was also focused on getting any Christmas or winter-themed items catalogued and out to the branches in time for the holiday season. At the end of the month Raina and I took a day to go shopping for board games for our collection and prizes for Bookland Explorers, I Love to Read Month, Library Month, etc. We had a very successful haul so there will be a wide variety of new board games in each branch within the next couple of months!

Office Manager – submitted by Raina Teigrob

Joanna and I were happy to do some end of year spending in the city on Black Friday. We were able to find some awesome deals and start preparing for 'I Love to Read' month prizes as well as get a head start on Bookland Explorer prizes. We will be doing a little more shopping to use up the remaining funds before the end of year.

Program Coordinator Report – submitted by Britany Morgan

November went well. Every week I have been uploading a new book review. I have also worked on some changes for the new year to present to my team. November is 'Domestic Abuse Awareness' month and we teamed up with Genesis House (as we do yearly) for Power of PJs. We have a very large pile of donations for them! All of the branches also participated in some sort of fundraising for our community. Many of our branches did "Fines for Food", a weeklong program where a patron will pay their late fees, and SCRL will donate their fee to a local food cupboard, or other organization.

Altona Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Rachael Friesen

We started out the month with collecting items for Genesis House and their Power of the PJs campaign, it went very well, and we were able to send a nice amount of donations to Winkler.

During November we had another Coffee & Chat event, our guest, Sandy Hutchinson from Health Canada came to speak and give us information on Radon. Our turnout was smaller for this event, but we hope to have a larger group for the next one in December.

Nerf Battles was another hit, we have a dedicated group that really enjoys coming out to battle. We will take a break for December and resume our battles in the New Year.

Our first Deck the Halls event happened in November, we had a great turn out and the Altona & Area Resource Centre put on a fantastic craft. Afterwards we had story time, and we are really looking forward to the remaining sessions in December.

On November 29th we had a patron appreciation day. We thought it would be nice to offer hot apple cider and candy canes during the day and especially in the evening during the town's night of lights festival. We had over 500 people visit the library during the day and evening!

In December we have more sessions of Deck the Halls, Silent Book Club and our Coffee & Chat, we will also be having a holiday ornament craft session. During the 3rd week of December, we plan on running food for fines and will be collecting for the Rhineland & Area food bank.



Manitou Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Angela Lovell

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to clerk, Susan, who is retiring at the end of December. We (and our patrons) will greatly miss her friendly nature, her zany humour and her musical talent.

Cherri has agreed to take over as our branch's Health & Safety representative as of January 1.

Our Acorns to Oaks program wound up on November 15 with a 'graduation' for the four children that participated. Feedback from parents was again very positive and it's good to know that this program is valued by the community. We have been asked to keep offering it.

After a busy October of programs, we took a break from programming, but our Book Club met on November 1 with five members attending. With the postal strike and no interlibrary loans coming from other libraries, we have taken the time to decorate the library for Christmas, catch up with some weeding and shelf re-arranging, and plan more programming for December.

Throughout November we also collected items for Genesis House through the Power of PJs program and held a week of Fines for Food, collecting \$118.25 in fines & donations which will be donated to our local Christmas Cheer Board.

We were asked if we would be willing to be a pick-up location for the local newspaper, the Hometown View for Manitou and area subscribers for the duration of the postal strike. This has been of great value for our branch as it has brought in people who have never been inside the library before and given us an opportunity to interact and show them what we offer. When one of my clerks started to apologize for not getting done what she had hoped because she had been chatting to so many people coming in for their newspaper, I reminded her that community engagement and service is what we are all about!

Miami Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Raina Teigrob

We held our regular events of book club, Crafters & Co., and LEGO club. Our board game nights are on pause for the next while, as they haven't really picked up since we started. We may aim to do more themed nights in the future or have staff lead them on early dismissal days. Along with those, all month was Power of PJ's. Our patrons did a great job and filled our bin. This is one of our more successful years of collecting for Genesis house. With the end of year approaching, there was some money left in Miami's acquisitions that was able to be spent on filling some gaps in the collection and adding more seasonal books just in time for the holidays.

In December staff will be hosting an ornament decorating event for younger children after school on the 10th. We'll be doing our patron appreciation day on Dec 17th and will be offering apple cider and cookies/small treats. Deck the Paws is a new program we're trying- a fundraising drive to support Pembina Valley Humane Society. To promote the drive, we have an adoptable dog coming out to do a meet and greet on Dec 3rd. We'll be running this program in place of Fines for Food or collecting for Christmas cheer.

Morden Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Gail Hildebrand

Along with November and some snow, the puzzlers arrived this month. While we have seen steady circulation on them throughout the fall, it's definitely the season again!

This month's highlights include an author visit, book club, Lego club, a radon information night that had to be rescheduled due to the weather and a craft/story time we collaborated together with Morden Christmas Cheer.

We had one quiet storm day that staff used to decorate the library for Christmas/winter and get started on some take-home and in-house programming prep work.



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

We have finally figured out that our roof leaks are not leaks at all. It is condensation running out from between the original roof and the replacement roof. The only fix is to insulate and vapor-barrier things (last quote was several years ago and over \$8,000) and install more ventilation fans for air to circulate in and out. We will continue to replace stained ceiling tiles as needed to keep the building looking as good as possible. Thanks to the Facilities Manager, Tim, for looking after this. We also had to have some electrical wiring around to accommodate the new floor plan and replace some lighting. We continue to get compliments from the public on the changes out on the floor.

Winkler Branch Administrator's Report – submitted by Jess Martens

November flew by. This month we collected pajamas, toiletries etc. for Genesis House's Power of Pj's program and we had a record amount of donations. People were very generous. We also did Fines for Food where all the fines paid for a week go to people in need. We collected \$249 between fines paid and patron donations. During the last week of November, we had Ten Thousand Villages rent the meeting room for their pop-up Christmas store. By all accounts it went quite well, and they sold a fair amount. Having them in for a week seemed to work a bit better than the two and a half months they've rented the room for in the past. People seemed make it a bit more of a priority for their holiday shopping. Also, with the amount of programming we are doing, working around the meeting room being unavailable for a week is fine but we can't stop programming for two and a half months. If they are interested in renting the room again next year for a week, we would be open to it. Our regular programming did well, and people are enjoying the Monday Nerf battles since it doesn't conflict with the youth groups and other programs that usually take place on Wednesdays. We also held a woven Christmas ornament workshop which was very popular.

In December we have a few Christmas programs planned. We are holding an ugly Christmas sweater workshop, a Christmas Cookie decorating night and a Christmas story time evening. Our Cookbook Club theme for the month is also Christmas treats, so it will be a very festive month. Our book club is taking a break for the month since most people will be busy with holiday events and the usual meeting day falls on Boxing Day. On December 10th we are holding our patron appreciation day with apple cider and cookies will be available all day. It's going to be a fun month and hopefully the weather stays nice.
