

Staff Members

Library Clerks

Ruth Bell	James Mostowy
Leanne Henry	Kristin Roels
Lorraine Jonasson	Vicky Roels
Judy Jones	Lauraine Twilley
Wendy Krahn	Debbie Young
Brian Mercer	Robin Watson

Director, Library Services Ken Kuryliw

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Administrative Assistant Jacqueline Kendall

Storytime Director Leesa Furgale

Youth Coordinator Mary-Kate McDonald

Senior Coordinator Donna Sutherland

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Library Board

City of Selkirk Representatives

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Colleen Sklar (Chair)

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Rod Cameron, Ken Avery, Doug Chorney



2009 Annual Report



Manager Message

The Library is your new community square, gone are the days of library staff “shhning” its visitors. All kinds of different individuals regardless of age or background gather to enjoy a conversation, have a coffee, surf the net, participate in a library program or read a book.

Thank you for making 2009 our best year as 101,500 people visited the library and borrowed 184,000 items.

One of our most successful events this past year was the children’s Halloween party with over 200 people attending. Children come to enjoy the ghoulish crafts and treats, as they kept the staff and their parents hopping.

Use of the library by teens has more than doubled in the last three years. Increased spending on graphic novels, DVDs, and Young Adult literature has proven to be the key.

During the summer we ran a student pilot position for a new Youth Coordinator to meet the programming demands for the teens. It was a great success and as a result we now have a permanent part-time coordinator. We are very grateful to the Municipal councils and the province who have made the funding available for this new posting.

We welcome local author Mary-Kate McDonald as our new Youth Coordinator. She has started a teen book club, a writers group and a card dueling club for teens on Friday nights. Her programming has been very successful and many sessions are full.

In 2009, we also said good bye to employees Leanne Henry and Judy Jones and we wish them the best in their future endeavors.

We also welcome local writer and historian Donna Sutherland as the new Senior Coordinator, making the second professional author on staff.

We are excited about 2010, as we continue to strengthen our role in our communities lifelong learning and being Selkirk’s place to be.

Ken Kuryliw

Appreciations

We want to thank the following for their energy, expertise, and dedication: members of the Red River North Regional Library Board, members of the Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements Library Foundation, and our volunteers. Special thanks to our Christmas Adopt-a-Book campaign, sponsors and the local business sponsors for magazines.

Thank you for continued support and financial assistance of our funding bodies: Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Tourism, Public Library Services, the City of Selkirk, the R.M. of St. Andrews and the R.M. of St. Clements. Student employment programs are also very important to us, as we received funding from Service Canada, Canadian Library Association, Options, LSSD and Achievers in 2009.

The Selkirk foundation provided funding to purchase a Automated external defibrillator (AED) for the library.

A special thank you to the staff of the library who continue to provide quality library service, a helping hand and a warm welcome to our patrons. A final thanks to our many wonderful library patrons who provide an encouraging word, or a recommended book, a funny story, and remind us of why we love library service so much!

Event Pictures



Spring party music lead by Karen.

Board Message

Last year was a fantastic year at the library, the busiest on record with over 100,000 visits. It has become clear that usage has continued to grow and our library has become the place to be. On any given day you will find the public internet computers being used by all ages, groups of people reading and relaxing in the magazine area, preschoolers on the children's computers and a lineup of people not only borrowing from our incredible selection of books but also DVDs, Playaways/talking books and magazines.

Our library is on the leading edge of collection development and technology in Manitoba and has made many alliances with other rural libraries to support and help develop similar services for other rural residents.

Last year not only marked 100 years of library service in Selkirk but was a milestone as our membership has grown and has now exceeded 10,000 registered users from residents of Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements. Relevant and progressive library services are invaluable for communities who recognize the benefits of Life Long Learning to cohesive community and regional development.

Clearly the biggest issue facing our library is a lack of space to meet the collection and programming needs of residents. In 2009 the three municipal partners stepped forward to support the building of a new library for our community this was greatly anticipated and appreciated. Unfortunately the Province and Federal government no longer have funding available to match the municipal contributions, and without core funding from the three levels of government even a scaled down building project is not possible at this time, but we remain hopeful.

As a board we are very pleased with the support we receive from the three councils that fund the library and Selkirk's long history of support for the library has been our backbone. With the addition of St. Andrews and St. Clements our budget has been able to meet the public's increasing demands and has allowed us to expand our resources further than most rural libraries and develop a collection that is second to none. We are looking forward to 2010, and remain hopeful that a new library will become a reality very soon. Please come join us and see what your community has to offer!

Colleen Sklar

Colleen Sklar, Chair

2009 Financial Report

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Province of Manitoba	214,220	Amortization	12,550
Employment grants	12,115	Audio visual Materials	11,697
City of Selkirk	145,000	Audit and accounting	3,122
RM of St. Andrews	68,500	Board expenses	1,570
RM of St. Clements	51,000	Books	73,999
Interest	4,918	Computer Software	3,468
Donations	4,282	Custodial	14,447
Miscellaneous	26,800	Dues and memberships	3,610
TOTAL INCOME	526,835	Furniture and equipment	1,086
		Insurance	1,245
		Internet	2,388
		Maintenance of building and equipment	6,602
		Periodicals	5,099
		Photocopier lease	3,993
		Storage	1,394
		Programming expenses	6,995
		Publicity	2,308
		Salaries and fringe benefits	320,743
		Shipping and postage	3,840
		Staff development	5,065
		Staff and volunteer recognition	1,775
		Stationery and supplies	13,725
		Telephone	5,796
		Utilities	8,660
		Miscellaneous	263
		TOTAL EXPENSES	515,431
		NET INCOME FOR 2009	11,404



Children's Market vendors - the cookies were delicious



Talking and meeting some friends @ the Library

Our Numbers

Material	Number
Collection Size	44,321
Items borrowed	184,516
Computer Bookings	16,676
Serial subscriptions	125
Inter-Library loans	3,306
Visitors	101,567
Members	10,528
Materials added	9,625
Materials removed	6,814

Look at our 2009 Percentages!

9% increase in library visitors

15% increase in items loaned

9% increase in membership

Visits

