

Chapter One: Staff and Volunteers

- The following initiatives would not have been possible without the generous contributions of our volunteers: Book Clubs, Book Sales, Author Events, Adult and Youth Programming, Local Advisory Councils, Homebound Delivery services, and of course the Regional Board of Directors
- Carson Rogers joined our team as the new Branch Supervisor in Carberry/North Cypress
- Administrative staff attended the Ontario Library Association SuperConference in Toronto, gaining new knowledge about library services, and networking with other professionals
- Administrative staff attended the Manitoba Library Conference in Winnipeg; Danielle Hubbard presented in two sessions
- Danielle Hubbard served a 6-month term as the Advocacy Director for the Manitoba Library Association



Chapter Two: Technology

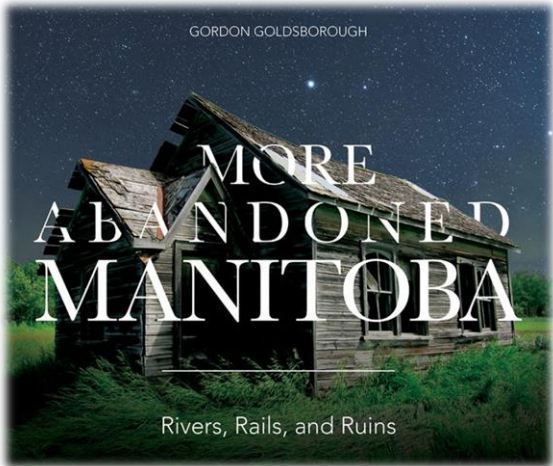
- The WMRL continues to offer a wide array of online resources, including Flipster, E-Libraries Manitoba, Mango Languages, hoopla, CELA, Ebscohost, and Tumblebooks
- Library staff assist patrons with eDevices and eResources
- The WMRL enjoys a healthy social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

Chapter Three: Financial Sustainability

- Monetary donations from our patrons to “Buy A Book” funds and donations of gently used books helped us to expand our collections and raise funds through book sales
- Funds for summer programming support were provided by the Canada Summer Jobs program
- Grants from the Brandon Area Community Foundation’s Nowatzki Family Fund helped us build funds for a future development of an early literacy centre in the Brandon branch

Chapter Four: Community

- The WMRL has expanded its role in each of our communities. Some of our community partners include:
 - Seton Centre in Carberry
 - Gaiety Theatre in Glenboro
 - Arts West Travelling Gallery in Hartney
 - Neepawa Rotary, Margaret Laurence Home, and Salvation Army in Neepawa
 - Brandon University, the AGSM, Let’s Talk Science, Westman Immigrant Services, and Brandon Pride
 - Schools, Town/City Councils, and media outlets in each community
- Our regional contests this year have included Short Story and Bookmark Design Contests for adults and youth
- Library staff invigilate exams for distance education students, assist patrons with research and word processing, and respond to purchase requests to give us a varied collection of resources
- Seasonal displays have included *I Love to Read Month* and *Freedom to Read Week*



Chapter Five: Programs

- We connected with our communities through programs including:
 - The TD Summer Reading Club
 - STEM programs such as Science Saturdays and CoderDojo
 - Author visits including Gordon Goldsborough, David Alexander Robertson, and Lenora Buffi
 - EAL Conversation Group for Canadian newcomers
 - Story Times, Book Clubs, Tours, Outreach visits, Art displays, Creative Writing workshops, Poetry readings, Stitchery Group, Scrabble Club, Magic Shows with Ryan Price, and Quilting Workshops
 - Homebound Delivery programs to seniors

Contributors

- Shelley Mortensen, Chief Librarian
- Danielle Hubbard, Assistant Librarian
- Donna Jardine, Administrative Assistant
- Debbie Unger, Branch Supervisor Neepawa
- Carson Rogers, Branch Supervisor Carberry/North Cypress
- Shannon MacGregor, Branch Supervisor Glenboro/South Cypress
- Helen Weitman, Branch Supervisor Hartney
- All the wonderful staff and volunteers of the library

Acknowledgements

- 🌸 Library patrons who are the reason we’re here!
- 🌸 Our staff members who contribute their talents, time, and energies to the library and our communities
- 🌸 Our community volunteers who make it possible for the library to go that extra mile
- 🌸 Thank you also to Public Library Services, the provincial library community, and the support teams at SirsiDynix, hoopla, CELA, and Info-Metrics for their assistance throughout 2018

Circulation						
	Brandon	Carberry	Neepawa	Glenboro	Hartney	TOTAL
Adult Materials:						
Print formats	66,221	6,834	10,499	4,739	2,389	90,682
Non-print formats	8,221	237	206	140	41	8,845
Teen Materials:						
Print formats	8,103	173	699	143	89	9,207
Non-print formats	39	7	2	0	0	48
Children’s Materials:						
Print formats	55,782	5,248	9,116	3,606	1,179	74,931
Non-print formats	5,722	402	217	269	15	6,625
E-Resources	31,152					31,152
TOTAL 2018	175,240	12,901	20,739	8,897	3,713	221,490

Membership						
	Brandon	Carberry	Neepawa	Glenboro	Hartney	TOTAL
Adult	7,081	584	863	328	196	9,052
Children	1,729	141	121	42	67	2,100
Non-Resident	97	2	30	4	0	133
TOTAL 2018	8,907	727	1,014	374	263	11,285

Holdings						
	Brandon	Carberry	Neepawa	Glenboro	Hartney	TOTAL
Adult Books	40,310	6,977	10,788	4,477	4,827	67,379
Teen Books	4,430	513	604	422	183	6,152
Children’s Books	24,652	3,843	4,775	3,611	1,893	38,774
Government Documents	2,986	0	0	0	0	2,986
Magazines/Newspapers	114	32	32	21	15	214
Audio Books	1,192	126	97	22	9	1,446
DVDs	1,559	634	353	278	142	2,966
Microforms	840	0	0	0	0	840
Miscellaneous	772	47	23	3	18	863
TOTAL 2018	76,855	12,172	16,672	8,834	7,087	121,620

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

Revenue	2018
City of Brandon	651,244
Municipality of Glenboro South Cypress	16,902
Municipality of Grassland	16,859
Municipality of North Cypress-Langford	29,646
Town of Carberry	18,770
Town of Neepawa	49,777
Province of Manitoba:	
Operating grant	519,154
Collection development grant	27,500
Technology grant	24,341
Memberships and fines	28,177
Interest	4,854
Federal Government - Canada Summer Jobs	10,987
Amortization of deferred contributions	5,778
TOTAL	\$1,403,989



Expenditures

Advertising	8,154
Amortization	14,566
Bank charges	109
Books	166,006
Building maintenance	30,481
Collection development	27,500
Computerization and IT services	42,827
Convention and travel	13,299
Employee benefits	87,649
Equipment	3,271
Insurance	3,932
Miscellaneous	991
Postage	6,518
Professional fees	14,803
Rent	249,837
Salaries	657,353
Service contracts	36,963
Staff training	709
Stationery and supplies	21,997
Sundry	7,289
Telephone	10,813
TOTAL	\$ 1,405,067

Chairperson's Report: 2018 Year in Review

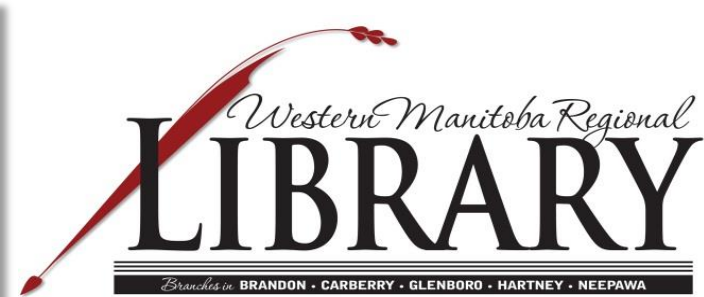
The Western Manitoba Regional Library had a busy 2018, developing new programs for the communities of Westman. From engaging youth in the age of technology to welcoming back patrons who had not used the library in years, 2018 has been a fruitful year. Some of the year’s initiatives include:

- Programs like *Blind Date with a Book* and *The Golden Ticket* that tempt young and old to borrow books once forgotten
- Technology programs like *CoderDojo* that introduce children to the new languages of computer coding
- *Science Saturdays* at the Brandon Library that, in partnership with Brandon University’s *Let’s Talk Science* team, introduce children to different areas of science with hands-on activities
- Arts programs including painting, knitting and crafts that showcase the hidden artist in all of us
- Educational programs such as Genealogy Day at the Brandon Library that brought people through the library doors to learn together

The WMRL is working to evolve with the needs of our communities. Our communities have responded with a 3.2% total increase in circulation and a 21% increase in electronic borrowing compared with 2017. On behalf of the Board, I commend all the staff on their hard work and success.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Hamilton, Chairperson,
WMRL Board of Trustees

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MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Western Manitoba Regional Library is to enrich lives and strengthen communities by providing universal access to broad and diverse collections of resources relevant and responsive to community needs.

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SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF

City of Brandon	pop.	48,859
Town of Carberry	pop.	1,738
M. of North Cypress-Langford	pop.	2,745
Town of Neepawa	pop.	4,609
M. of Glenboro South Cypress	pop.	1,565
M. of Grassland	pop.	1,561