

Annual Report 2016

HEAD LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Recently I read a short article about the benefits of reading. The author stated the following:

“reading about something is the same as experiencing it, at least neurologically-speaking. The same regions of the brain stimulated by the real thing are also stimulated by words....A story with a beginning, middle, and end is food for the brain because it makes us think in sequence and links cause and effect. Neuroscientists actually encourage parents to read to their children because it extends attention spans while the brain is growing”.¹

One of our goals is **“to promote individual life-long learning”**. Reading factual books is not the only way to feed your brain. The act of reading will stimulate your brain as it visualizes the words it scans. Read more – feed your brain!

2016 was an excellent year for Jake Epp Library. Our reading statistics, which had taken a small drop in 2015, climbed back up and exceeded the previous year. These statistics make a librarian very happy because it affirms that our library is relevant and that our acquisitions are what our patrons want to read.

We have experimented with several new ideas for adult programs this year and some are successful and still ongoing. It is exciting to see our patrons meeting new people and establishing connections for enjoyment and encouragement.

Thank you for your support and many kind comments. Each one is ray of sunshine.

Respectfully submitted

Carolyn Graham

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¹Blog post. Vearsa. N.p., 09 Sept. 2015. Web. <<https://www.vearsa.com/why-do-we-read-and-what-are-the-benefits/>>.



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

2016 was another solid year for the Jake Epp Public Library. Under the leadership of Head Librarian Carolyn Graham, the library continues to provide a wonderful service to the city. Our focus is to provide services and materials to improve the literacy and knowledge of residents which, in turn, helps raise the bar for the city.

We continue to see a fairly constant use of the library in terms of the number of books and materials being checked out, even in this digital age. There has been a decline in people coming to the library to access the internet which, we believe, is due to more people having personal computers, tablets or cell phones. The library has become a very popular place for non-profit groups to hold their meetings, another important service we provide.

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BOARD MEMBERS

Board Chair: Daryl Braun

City Council Representative:

Susan Penner

Cindy Blatz

Anne Friesen

Barb Guenther

Albert Maier

Alexandra Nikkel

Dennis Giesbrecht

Anne Friesen completed six years of service on the board. We greatly appreciate her valued contributions and wish her well. Dennis Giesbrecht has been appointed to succeed Anne and is a very welcome addition to the board.

Financially, we continue to live within our means although this is a struggle as our grant level stays the same while costs for things like books and technology services continue to rise. The two main variables at our disposal to stay within budget are the book acquisition budget and wages. Staff resources are being managed very carefully by Carolyn and there is little room to cut back there. So, unfortunately, the acquisition budget for books is the one that tends to suffer. Carolyn is working around this situation by making greater use of inter-library loans to access titles that are less in demand but still sought after.

Thanks to a population increase in the latest census, our provincial grant will increase by about \$20,000 per year starting in 2018. That's an increase of 3.5% in today's dollars. We, as a board, will manage that increase carefully in the realization that it will likely be the only increase in funding for the next five years. Priorities will be acquisition of more books and making sure staff is taken care of.

In the future, we see the need to offer more digital services such as e-books and also to enhance services to seniors such as large print books and audio books etc. We will continue to live within our means and will enhance these services as we are able.

Daryl Braun



JAKE EPP LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the Jake Epp Library is to make a wide variety of print, audio, and visual materials available to as many community residents as possible to promote individual life-long learning. Within the limits of its budget and the criteria contained in the selection policy, the library will do its best to meet the educational, entertainment, and informational needs of its patrons and to provide convenient hours and appropriate library services for all community residents.

The freedom to read is essential to a democratic society. The Jake Epp Library acts as a guardian of this freedom. As such, it will resist efforts by individuals or groups, no matter how well meaning, who seek to impose their own standards and tastes on the selection of materials for its collection. The fact that children have access to all library resources will not in any way restrict the selection process. Responsibility for what children read rests with their parents and guardians.

The Jake Epp Library also has a responsibility to protect and enhance intellectual freedom. It will do this by making it possible for readers to choose from materials which represent the widest diversity of thought and expression, including ideas which may be considered unpopular or unorthodox. It should be clearly understood that the library does not necessarily endorse the points of view taken by all the material it makes available to the public.

JAKE EPP LIBRARY

STAFF

Head Librarian: Carolyn Graham

Assistant Librarian: Aubrey Walker

Programs Coordinator: Madison Friesen

Preschool Programs Coordinator: Holly Reimer

Library Assistants:

Vi Brown

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PUBLICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Every month we publish our What's New On the Shelf displaying the newest additions to our library, focused on adult materials. This is offered both online and at the library. Our Facebook audience is showing steady growth (www.facebook.com/jakeepplibrary), with our page likes climbing from 294 to 350, an increase of 19%. We post anything from posters of our own upcoming events, book or author news, or pictures from around our library, and find that people are most responsive to the pictures of our library. People love to see what happens behind the scenes! We revived our blog presence on a community website, (<https://www.steinbachonline.com/community-blogs/at-your-library>) posting about various programs, collections we wanted to highlight, and interesting facts about readers or reading. Our website hosts our publications, brochures, posters and event listings to keep people up to date with what is going on at the library.

FACTS AND FIGURES

56 new Facebook page likes

108 Facebook Posts

Storysack circulations in 2015: 75

Storysack circulations in 2016: 136

That's an 81% increase in circulation! Visibility is key.

NEW SHELVING

With a generous donation from Friends of the Library, along with an equally generous anonymous donation, we were able to purchase a new set of shelving for our story sacks. This wonderful resource encourages parent/child interaction for flourishing family literacy. We love offering this resource, but due to lack of shelving they had been kept in a non-visible area, which made it very hard to browse. The new shelves are



highly visible, but keep these intricate resources safe behind glass. Our circulation has noticed an 81% increase since the story sacks have been featured this way.

LOWER FINES

In early 2016, the board decided to lower fines on all our items. The decision was also made to make children and young adult fines lower than adult fines. We want everyone to be able to enjoy the library, and we want to encourage family literacy as much as possible. Not only were our patrons very happy with our decision, we noticed an increase in circulation this year as opposed to the slight dip we'd seen last year. Especially visible was the increase in the children's materials.

Programs & Events



Carillon News covers author reading by Barbara Ann Derksen

AUTHORS AND BOOKS HOSTED IN 2016:

- *Laura Reeves' Guide to Useful Plants* by Laura Reeves
- *Windows and Pencil Sharpeners* by Miranda Ward
- *Squirrels Are People Too* by Barbara Ann Derksen (Children's Author)
- *Timothy and the Seven Teachings* by Mia Teller
- *Tales of the Bonded* by Julia O'Brien
- *Asylum* by Chantelle J.Z. Storm
- *Holding on to Mamie* by Elizabeth Murray
- *Unleash Your Inner Crazy to Win* by Vicki Olatundun
- *Be Still the Water* by Karen Emilson
- *Cursed Seed* by GERALYN WICHERS

AUTHOR READINGS

What would a library be without all the books to fill the shelves? Books are portals to other worlds, allowing us to assume the persona of someone else and whisk us away to use our imagination as would a child. At Jake Epp Library, we enjoy hosting the some of the creative minds behind some of those books. Our community and surrounding areas are filled with storytellers and throughout the year, we hosted many authors of a variety of genres.

In April, we welcomed and hosted two up and coming young adult authors that are local to our area, **Julia O'Brien** and **Chantelle J.Z. Storm**. O'Brien presented to us the creation of a new fantasy world called Thais and the corruption and rebellion that ensue throughout the first in-

stallment of her series: *Tales of the Bonded*. Storm dazzled us with her creation of an entirely different fantasy realm, one that exists when a person gets sucked into a book.

In November, we were fortunate to host **Karen Emilson** and **Geralyn Wichers**. Emilson, who is known for writing biographies, presented to us her long awaited debut fiction novel. Set in Manitoba in 1906, *Be Still the Water*, focused on an Icelandic immigrant family and their struggles with their daughter's disappearance. Wichers brought a different type of fiction, her science fiction novel, *The Cursed Seed*, the first of her new trilogy. *Cursed Seed* focuses on the journey through immortality of her protagonist, Jack.



Julia O'Brien and Chantelle J.Z. Storm at their book table after their readings.

FAMILY LITERACY DAY

Family Literacy...The second largest event of the year at the library. Family Literacy Day is the celebration of literacy in our community, a day where families come to the library to embrace not only reading by literacy as a family. The theme for 2016 was "The Magic of Reading". Our Head Librarian, Carolyn Graham, Assistant Librarian Aubrey Walker and Program Coordinator, Madison Friesen read and performed a story called *Double Trouble in Walla Walla* by Andrew Clements, in a reader's theatre style. Our headliner for the evening was none other than magician, Ryan Price who brought forward a show that was specifically focused on books and reading. To finish off the evening, a night snack of cookies and milk was served. We are thankful to our sponsor, Sobeys, for donating the milk and cookies for the snack.

Family Literacy Day Celebrated With A Magic Show



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The Jake Epp Library Celebrated Family Literacy Day on Wednesday with a reading themed magic show.

Madison Friesen is the Program Coordinator at the Jake Epp Library. She says they had a smaller turn out this year because of the poor weather conditions but notes it was still a fun time. She says she read a book with the head librarian and assistant librarian to kick off the evening.

"Carolyn, Aubrey, and I did read a book together beforehand called 'Double Trouble in Walla Walla' and it is a really crazy book with lots of words that don't make any sense, and you have to say them really really quickly. We had the magic show and then we had cookies and milk after, so that was also really good."

Portion of a news article from Steinbach Online regarding our Family Literacy Day event

MOVIE NIGHTS

On a monthly basis the Jake Epp Library hosts a movie night. While we had previously focused on children's movies, this year we began alternating between classic movies and family movies, allowing for different types of people to enjoy these movie events. We are pleased to say that admission is as always free and everyone in attendance can enjoy a nice treat of popcorn, popped fresh in our movie theatre popcorn machine. Because what is a movie without the popcorn?

GAMES DAY/NIGHT

Game Day and Game Night are events where anyone 14 and up can get together, converse and play tabletop games at the library. Those under 14 are welcome if accompanied by a parent or if permission is granted by our host, Christopher Desrochers. Started in the summer 2014, Game Day takes place on the first Saturday of every month and runs from 12-5pm, while Game Night takes place on the third Wednesday of every month and runs from 6-8:30pm (often till 9pm). Attendance has varied from 2-17 since records started on December 17, 2014 with an average attendance of 6 from June 15, 2016 to March 4, 2017. Attendance tends to be highest in winter, average in spring and fall, and lowest in summer. The library provides many games, attendees have donated some games, and often bring their own just for the day. Sometimes attendees bring snacks to share or items to swap/giveaway (e.g. collectible cards, movies and books). Attendees play a variety of games with Magic: The Gathering, chess and Settlers of Catan the most popular. Overall, Game Day and Game Night are events where patrons can play games, relax, have fun and meet others in their community.

MOVIES PLAYED AT MOVIE NIGHTS:

- Paddington
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2: Roderick Rules
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid 3: Dog Days
- Star Wars: The Clone Wars
- Where the Wild Things Are
- Dolphin Tale
- Rio
- Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron
- Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa
- Kung Fu Panda 2
- Arctic Tale
- Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'hoole
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel
- Arsenic and Old Lace
- The Peanuts Movie
- Home Alone

NANOWRIMO



Our authors hard at work at a write-in

NaNoWriMo is a month long event that keeps the Library busy every November. National Novel Writing Month has adopted the month of November to challenge all authors and would-be authors to write 50 000 words in a month. The Library provides multiple types of events to inspire and help authors write as much as they can. We're excited to be a place authors can meet and share ideas and encouragement.

We've been hosting "Come Write In" events for the past four years and have seen it grow in popularity every year. Our authors often publish the books they began during the NaNoWriMo event, and are often welcomed back for author readings when they do. This year we were able to see our author base grow, as a few younger authors joined in the challenge. Our youngest author was twelve years old, and had a great time interacting with fellow authors throughout the month.

For this event, we host a kick-off to get people excited and inspired. This year we had a small get together at the Library. Refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed the company of fellow authors. A few games were played including a story telling game called "Consequences" which had the entire group laughing hysterically.

After the kick-off we host multiple write-ins where authors can come find a quiet space to sit and write, as well as a space to connect with their fel-

low authors. This year we added writing prompts to the mix, a new one every time, so that if they were stuck they could come participate in a little writing prompt game to get them going again. This included a spin board, a large 20 sided dice to roll with different outcomes, an M&M game, and more.

After all is said and done our authors are invited to

our 'Thank the Writing Gods It's Over Party, whether or not they made the 50,000 words. Participating is success in itself, and we celebrate it well, with pizza. Authors can read a bit of what they wrote, and encourage one another. We love to see this creativity happen in our library, and will encourage people to come back for this event in years to come. We would like to send out a special thank you to our sponsor for this event, Deals for Dollars, who so generously donated goody bag stuffers, to be handed out to participants at the kick-off.

Portion of a local news article from Steinbachonline.com

Write 50,000 Words In 30 Days ... Goal Accomplished!

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NaNoWriMo, or National Novel Writing Month, wraps up at 11:59 Wednesday evening.

Jake Epp Library Assistant Librarian Aubrey Walker says the goal during NaNoWriMo is to write 50,000 words in 30-days, a goal she, once again, accomplished. Walker notes she has been participating in NaNoWriMo on and off since 2007 and has only fallen short of the goal once.

She says she's not much of a planner when it comes to novel writing, she prefers to wait for inspiration. However, during NaNoWriMo she notes there's no time to wait for inspiration when the average amount of written words needed each day is 1,667.

Walker notes she wrote a pre-murder-mystery book this year entitled 'Filing For Death'.



WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: Desert Week—

Sand Play Dough, Desert Sunset Collage, Painted Rock Cactus, Library Tour

Week 2: Under the Sea

Week—Koi Fish Kites, Jellyfish, Charades

Week 3: Jungle Week—

Coffee Filter Sun catchers, Paper plate snakes, Bat Silhouettes, Musical Chairs

Week 4: Forest Week—Fox

Masks, Felt Raccoon Finger Puppets, Library Scavenger Hunt

Week 5: Serengeti Week—

Foam Giraffes, No Sew Lion Pillows, Game: Giants, Wizards & Elves

Week 6: Mountains

Week—Goat Marionettes, Games: Pencil, Fruit Salad

Week 7: Arctic Week—Ice

Cream in a Bag, Sock Seal Pups, Northern Lights Art, Games: Guess Who, Fruit Salad

DAYCAMP ACTIVITIES

Week 1: Story Time; Li-

brary Tour; Playing outside

Week 2: Story Time; Cha-

rades; Soccer

Week 3: Story Time; Musi-

cal Chairs

Week 4: Story Time; Li-

brary Scavenger Hunt

Week 5: Story Time; Gi-

ants, Wizards & Elves

Week 6: Story Time; Pen-

cil; Fruit Salad

Week 7: Story Time; Guess

Who; Fruit Salad

SUMMER READING CLUB—WILD

Once again the Library staff banded together to tackle the wonderfully enormous task of summer activities and the expectation of a circulation increase during the summer months.

This year once again proved that Summer Reading Club is traditionally a huge event for us and one of our favourite things we do every year. The theme was **Wild!** And it was all about using books as a source of inspiration for imagination, being care-free and wild. We fleshed out this concept by dividing the themes into 7 diverse weeks based on different ecosystems and animals. An optional part of the reading club were craft classes. Crafts highlighted the weekly theme and in order to involve as many children as possible, sessions for kindergarten to grade 3 were held weekly Monday to Thursday Mornings and Grades 4-8 Classes were held weekly Monday and Tuesday Afternoons.

There were also two *Crafts & Laughs* Family Nights planned for evening when parents could come with their children to spend time together. These evenings allowed families to create Hand Sewn Sock Monkeys and No Sew T-shirt Book Bags.

We attempted something new this year, a children's Book Club called Reading Circle. Every week on Wednesday afternoons, children would come and colour while we read to them. By the



Kids getting wild in craft class

end of the summer we read through the entire book, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis. To end the summer as a reward, we watched the movie adaptation, and ate candy and popcorn.

Every year, we partner with another local organization, Steinbach Arts Council, and host a weekly field trip for their daycampers. There was an average of 30 children per weekly session. This year, we focused on two things: story time and group games. We also had the opportunity to teach the daycampers about our different collection types and how to use our library. Daycamp Field Trips are a connection point for our community. Not only are we building relationships with children that would not necessarily come to the library, we are also strengthening a relationship with our local Arts Council in working together to help shape the next generation. It is important for our library to be known in the community and have a presence that is not just associated with the books that are on our shelves. We are a pillar in the community.

Magical ending

Members of the Summer Reading Club at Jake Epp Library enjoy a magic show from Ryan Price at the club's wind-up celebration Tuesday morning. 598 children were registered in this year's summer reading club, checking out 44,397 books over the seven week program. Club members read 428,680 minutes in total this summer.

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Photo/article from the Carillon, covering our Summer Reading Club Wind Up

SUMMER READING CLUB, CONTINUED

We are a place of relationships and connections and a place to have fun. For the summer months, we offered a weekly Thursday evening movie.

Reading was done at home and for each Reading log completed (150 minutes) a stamp was given on the child's reward card and then the child would be entered into a weekly draw to win a prize. There were a variety of weekly prizes given away such as Slip 'n' Slides, Movie Prize Packs, Lego, books, etc. Every child that signed up for the Reading Club and participated in reading for all seven weeks had their names included in the draw for several prizes. The Grand Prize was an iPad mini, and there were several other prizes to be won such as a "Hockey Prize Pack" and a "Scooter".

We had a total of 598 children who signed up. During the seven weeks of the reading program a weekly average of 4129 children's books were checked out for a total of 28 902. It is very encouraging to the library to realize that the children in our community spent time reading and using their imaginations during the summer months.

The Wind-up Party was held the week after the reading was completed and a return visit from magician Ryan Price was the highlight of the day. Ryan always makes sure that his presentation includes the importance of reading. His show is always a hit with children and parents alike. Following the magic show and prizes everyone was welcome to a hot dog lunch sponsored by Unger Meats and cooked by the Lion's Club.

We want to send a huge thank you to all of the local businesses that helped make this year's Summer Reading Club Possible!

FAVOURITE BOOKS READ

Bob's Hungry Ghost by Genevieve Cote

The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch

The Day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywalt

Ribbon Rescue by Robert Munsch

The Princess and the Pony by Kate Beaton

Mortimer by Robert Munsch

The Fox in the Library by Lorenz Pauli

THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER READING CLUB SPONSORS!

Unger Meats

Valeant Pharmaceuticals

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United Library Services



SPRING BREAK

Spring Break is always a busy week at Jake Epp Library, particularly because the children are out of school. We are always sure to plan a few events for families and kids to enjoy. We hosted a Wii Day during the day on Tuesday, allowing children a fun and safe environment away from home to play E-rated video games. It was a blast to play Mario Party, Mario vs Sonic at the Olympics, and have a dance party with Just Dance.

On Wednesday, we hosted a young adult movie marathon featuring the first three movies of the Hunger Games franchise: *The Hunger Games*, *Catching Fire*, and *Mockingjay Part 1*. We are thrilled to say that there were a total of 13 young people who attended and enjoyed the event. There was a \$3.00 charge if the teens wanted to partake in the pizza lunch that was offered, though popcorn, drinks, and candy were free with the event. All in all, it was a successful event that will be repeated.

Jake Epp Library can't run Spring Break Events without hosting a craft day for kids. Our spring theme this year was ladybugs. We read *The Bad-Tempered Ladybird* by Eric Carle, painted ladybug rocks and talked about the usefulness of ladybugs in our ecosystem. There were 26 children who attended one of two craft classes. There were lots of laughs and lots of mess but a fun and great event.

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CRAFTING

We have a lot of children's programs at the library, we love to craft with them and read to them, we love to watch their imaginations go wild as they make something unique with their own hands.

Often we do seasonally themed crafts, or have a craft day during in-service days to give them something to do on their days off. They are always a big hit, and it's fun to see what they come up with.

Picture from the Carillon News of the library's Halloween event



ADULT CRAFTS

We offer several adult programs, including the occasional crafting evening. This year we held a class that had been popular in the past, and it was a hit again. We love to offer a craft around Christmas time, so this year we taught the art of hand stitching cards. Everyone involved had a lot of fun.



CREATIVI-TEA TIME

Creativi-Tea Time is a program that began at Jake Epp Library in February of 2016. It is our adult colouring group that gets together once per month on the second Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm. The group gets together to colour pictures, relax, listen to instrumental music, drink tea and visit with one another. We are excited to say that we have had a consistent attendance of our core group consisting of mostly women. This program began due to the rising trend of adult colouring book and the goal of bringing people of different ages and walks of life together.

KNIT-WITS

Knit-Wits Fiber Club was started in October of 2016. It runs every fourth Monday of every month from 6:00 -9:00pm. Knit-Wits is a group of ladies (so far) that come to the library with their latest fiber project (whether it be crochet, knitting, embroidery, cross-stitch, etc.) and we sit and visit and work on our projects. It is not a class to teach, although many of the gifted ladies have been able to help others out who are struggling to learn a new stitch or pattern. It is great fun to discuss many different things such as gardening, books, and classic movies while spending time working on a project and interacting with people who would not otherwise associate with one another. Knit-wits is full of people from all ages and life experiences with a consistent attendance of a minimum of 12 people. We are looking forward to the next year of growth and connections.

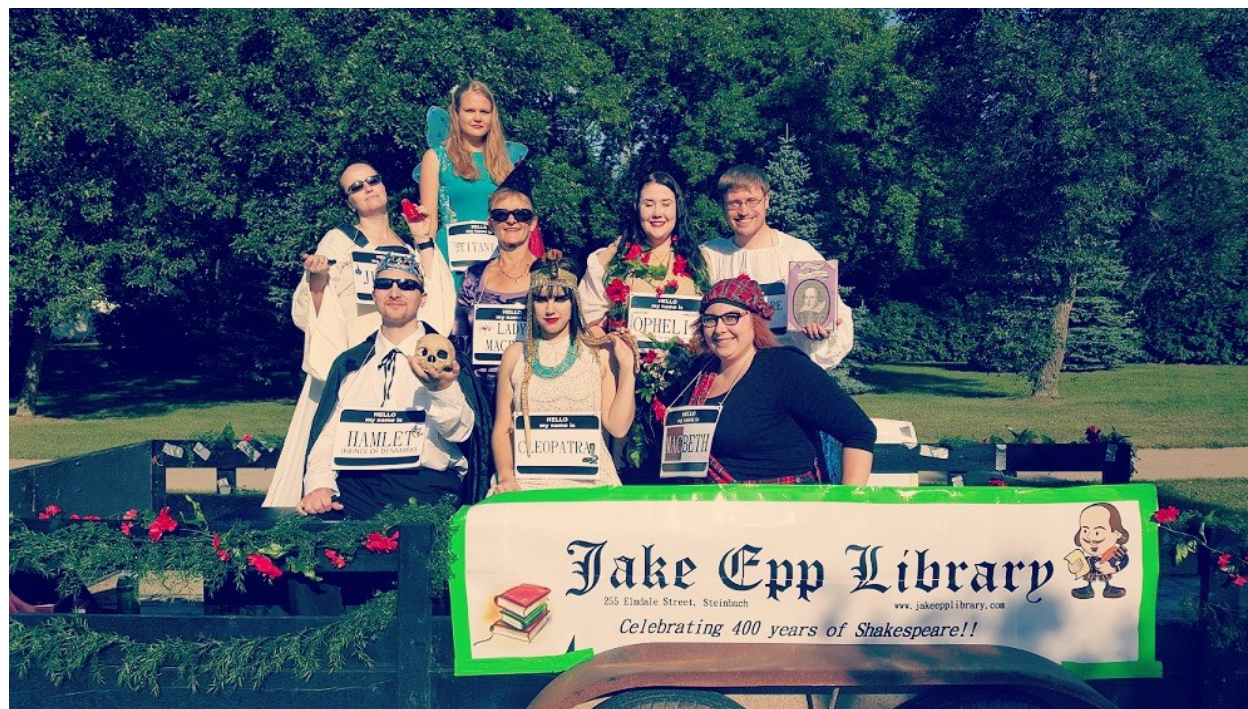
BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

We introduced a new program for I Love To Read Month/Valentines day. For all of February we put wrapped books on display, with only a keyword or two to tell you what it was about. We called it Blind Date with a Book and challenged patrons to take a chance on an unknown book. It was a success with the young adult and adult books we offered, with 179 books checked out over the course of the month, and parents requested that next time we include Juvenile and Easy books in the mix.



PARADE

Pioneer Days is always a fun time in our community, and is celebrated with a large community parade. We love to participate. This year, we celebrated Shakespeare's 400th deathiversary by making our float in the parade Shakespeare themed. Our staff dressed up in costumes with nametags, for those who couldn't guess right off the bat. We handed out brochures and quoted Shakespeare lines to the crowd.



Jake Epp Library Staff and Parade Float

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Jake Epp Library offers three preschool programs. Each program has three sessions. The Fall session is 10 weeks from September to November. The Winter session is 10 weeks from January to March. A shorter 5-week Spring session is from April to May. No fees are charged but class sizes are limited to fit the space.

Baby & Me is for a parent, and child aged 0-12 months. This class provides songs and rhymes and discussions about parenting and tips for literacy at home.

Toddler & Me is for parent, and child aged 1 to 3 years. This class provides songs, rhymes, fingerplays, simple crafts, a snack and literacy tips.

Story Hour is for children aged 3-5 years. Children enjoy stories, rhymes, fingerplays, crafts and snacks. Parents are required to stay in the library during the class. Some parental assistance is needed during craft and snack time.



Grants & Partnerships

GRANTS

We received not one but two grants from the Healthy Child Coalition, making it possible for us to implement a new program and enhance our current preschool programs with new resources. The new program is called "Shake Rattle & Read" for toddlers and parents, and it helps to encourage both movement and literacy. We also



Head Librarian Carolyn Graham and Healthy Child Coalition Director Andrea Klassen

received a federal grant from the Canada Summer Jobs program which allowed us to hire an intern for our Summer Reading Club. This enabled us to run a great program reaching as many kids as possible.

TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters is an International organization that is dedicated to helping people learn better listening, thinking and speaking skills, which will build confidence and assist in any communication.

The Carillon Toastmasters Club has been meeting in our Multi-Purpose Room for many years. Their goals strongly line up with library goals so we believe this is also a partnership that benefits both parties, and also the community in general.

SEELS

We have partnered with *South Eastman English and Literacy Services* for many years. They provide an important service in our community and we value our ongoing relationship. Adult Literacy is provided both in assisting adults in increasing literacy skills and helping immigrants learn English so they can function in their new homeland. Because our goals are so similar we support them in their endeavors.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization made up of a group of people who love the Library and believe in the value it holds in the community. They often serve as the fundraising arm of the library, with the ability to provide tax deductible receipts for donations directed to them. This year they assisted in the purchasing of shelves for our story sack collection, and donated funds towards the enhancement of our Large Print collection. They also did a fundraising raffle for Young Adult shelving, where they gathered prizes from around the community. We were so grateful with the wonderful response from our ever supportive community! They raffled off tickets to win one of 11 graciously donated prizes, and raised over \$2,000 in the process. We'd like to say a special thank you to the business and people who donated the prizes: Sunshine Greenhouse, Gold-N-Memories, Prairie Oils & Vinegars, Colleen Watchorn Art, R Bistro, Bill Bergen, Raylene Snow, A&G Custom Designs, and everyone on the Friends of the Library who donated prizes themselves. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets as well, it would not have been a success without you!



Steinbach Online news article about the raffle

Shelves At The Jake Epp Library Are "Bursting At The Seams"

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Written by Tammy Plett, steinbachonline.com

The Jake Epp Public Library in Steinbach is in need of more shelving. Friends of the Library Board Member Lorraine Trudeau says it's still the most used public library in all of Manitoba.

"We were approached by Head Librarian Carolyn Graham at one of our monthly meetings as Friends of the Library, and she requested us to help fund the need for new shelving, and we are jumping at the chance."

Trudeau says the area of the library with the greatest need is the young adult section, which she says is bursting at the seams. She says, to help raise money for the purchase of new shelving, raffle tickets are being sold at the library for \$2 each, and starting November 24 will also be available at Clearspring Centre.

"We are very fortunate to have such a supportive community who has donated such great prizes. It's just in time for Christmas, so if you win they make nice gifts, or it's a nice gift to yourself."

Head Librarian Carolyn Graham says they have a major plan for three good sized shelving units to be added in the young adult section of the library, for a total cost of about \$15,000. "It's going to impact about 4 different collections, providing extra space. It will complete and bring our young adult section totally together in one spot. It will also provide growing space for our large print, DVD's, and our reference."

The prizes are on display at the Jake Epp Library, the draw date is scheduled for December 19.

Statistics & Finances

CIRCULATION STATISTICS

	2015	2016
Print Materials		
Adult Fiction	54,503	56,333
Adult Non-fiction	16,019	15,666
Magazines (Adult & Children)	10,484	10,874
Literacy Materials	157	102
Young Adult Fiction	12,262	13,286
Young Adult Non-fiction	971	1,417
Juvenile Fiction	40,243	42,085
Juvenile Non-fiction	8,944	9,668
Early Years	49,831	54,250
Miscellaneous	6	15
German	439	360
Large Print	3,641	4,156
Non-Print Materials		
Audio Books	8,210	9,064
Digital Viewing Devices	3,432	3,453
Railia (Story Sacks)	75	136
eLibraries Manitoba (Digital Books)	13,314	17,074
Total Circulation	222,531	237,933
Inter-Library Loans		
Borrowed Books	572	662
Books Lent	734	1,044
Total	1,306	1,706
Cardholders		
Steinbach Adult	9,816	10,195
Steinbach Juvenile	1,376	1,398
RM of Hanover	2,525	2,599
Non-Resident	2,391	2,286
Total	16,108	16,478

ITEMS CHECKED IN AND OUT PER MONTH:

January: 15,426

February: 16,966

March: 17,839

April: 16,445

May: 16,517

June: 18,752

July: 27,701

August: 24,685

September: 17,431

October: 17,004

November: 17,319

December: 14,842

Ebooks Total: 17,074

TOP 12 ADULT FICTION
BOOKS CHECKED OUT IN
2016

- Blue—Danielle Steel (28 times)
- Rogue Lawyer—John Grisham (27)
- The Solomon Curse—Clive Cussler (27)
- Last to Know—Elizabeth Adler Owen (25)
- Orphan X—Gregg Andrew Hurwitz (25)
- The Guilty—David Baldacci (24)
- Make Me—Lee Child (23)
- The Bitter Season—Tami Hoag (23)
- The Crossing—Michael Connelly (23)
- A Girl's Guide to Moving On—Debbie Macomber (23)
- Scandalous Behaviour—Stuart Woods (23)
- Secrets to the Grave—Tami Hoag (23)

MOST CIRCULATED
BOOK

- Garfield : Survival of the Fattest (45)

LIBRARY HOLDINGS



	2015	2016
Print Materials		
Adult Fiction	24,327	24,801
Adult Non-fiction	15,341	15,394
Magazines subscriptions	119	114
Literacy Materials	343	342
Young Adult Fiction	4,696	4,732
Young Adult Non-fiction	1,444	1,059
Juvenile Fiction	10,101	10,351
Juvenile Non-fiction	3,461	3,495
Early Years	9,363	9,458
German	509	511
Large Print	1,746	1,866
Reference (non-circulating)	441	441
Subtotal	71,891	72,564
Non-Print Materials		
Audio Books	2,664	2,727
Digital Viewing Devices	1,312	1,372
Railia (Story Sacks)	61	61
Miscellaneous	62	62
	4,099	4,222
Total Holdings	75,990	76,762

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Income	2016
Province of Manitoba	120,454.00
Tourism Capital	1,429.00
Provincial Technology Grant	4,313.73
City of Steinbach	327,315.00
RM of Hanover	3,400.00
Federal Government: Canada Summer Jobs	3,716.00
Interest Income	675.98
Non-Budgeted Revenue	15,520.20
Fines	10,417.00
DVD Rental	3,255.90
Miscellaneous Income	709.70
Copier & Printer Fees	4,573.66
Book Sales	190.94
Lost & Damaged Fees	1,016.65
Program Fees	216.20
Donations	227.90
Room Rentals	1,275.00
Disc Repair	50.00
Other	0.00
Internet Fees	5,389.80
Non-Resident Membership Fees	42,927.00
Total Revenue	547,073.66

Expenses	2016
Acquisitions	32,857.07
Advertising & Promotion	547.00
Furniture	0.00
Computer Hardware & Software	100.62
Contract Maintenance	11,169.92
Education & Conferences	784.71
Internet Expense	1,369.64
Janitorial	18,957.30
Library Supplies	12,612.77
Miscellaneous	4,315.44
Programs	11,820.53
Rent	140,000.00
Travel	700.96
Telephone	3,166.63
Yard & Building Maintenance	2,890.00
Cash Register Discrepancy	102.16
Bank Fees	1454.36
Wages & Benefits	299,491.78
Total Expenditures	542,340.89
Net Revenue	4732.77



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We can't thank our community enough! We have an incredibly supportive community, with local businesses always willing to donate and help out and a huge reading based community that keeps our library busy.

The City of Steinbach is wonderfully supportive of their library, and for that we thank them. The grants the library receives from them, the province of Manitoba, and the RM of Hanover keep the library functioning year after year. Thank you to Public Library Services for all the support and assistance that you give.

We have a never ending supply of volunteers that we can tell love to be here, and we love to have them. Thank you for those of you who volunteer your time for us.

For all the news outlets that help get word of our programs and resources out there, thank you for what you do, especially the continued support of The Carillon, Steinbach Online, Mix 96, AM 1250, the Dawson Dispatch and the Niverville Citizen.

Thank you to everyone who checks out books, comes to our programs, and uses our facilities, you are the reason we are here.