



Jake Epp Library Annual Report

2015

Play At The Library

While the library has always been a place of learning, study, and a hub of knowledge, the last few decades have seen it evolve into much more. We believe that the community aspect is just as important as the learning aspect, and that play and creativity are an integral part of learning. This year we noticed an emphasis on playing at the library, and it's been a fantastic year. We have Lego Duplo sets that we've lent out in record numbers. We've seen children sit and create in a space made just for them. We hosted a play near Christmas of a classic, [A Christmas Carol](#) by Charles Dickens, and were delighted to see adults enjoy their play as much as children. We've seen the library continue to evolve, and while it will always be a place of learning and a hub of knowledge, we're excited to see what else it can be too.



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Daryl Braun, Library Board Chair

Library Board

The Library board is comprised of six city residents appointed by Steinbach City Council. Board Chair is elected by members of the board. A city council member is appointed by the Mayor.

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| Daryl Braun (Chair) | Albert Maier |
| Cindy Blatz | Alexandra Nikkel |
| Anne Friesen | Susan Penner (City Council Representative) |
| Barb Guenther | Phyllis Toews |

Board Chair Report

2015 was a year of big changes at the library. Those changes came about suddenly when former Head Librarian Loraine Trudeau won the St. Boniface Hospital Lottery, allowing her to take an early retirement. The board proceeded to put out a call for applications. Assistant Head Librarian Carolyn Graham was among the applicants and interviews demonstrated she was far and away the best candidate. Carolyn was hired and is everything the board hoped for. She then filled her

previous position by hiring Aubrey Walker as Assistant Head Librarian. Carolyn and Aubrey had both been groomed by Loraine to move into these positions and this demonstrates the importance of such mentoring.

Board member Phyllis Toews completed her term in 2015. Thanks to Phyllis for your years of service and many contributions at the board table. We welcomed Cindy Blatz to the

board and she is already a valued contributor to board discussions.

The library's service to the community remains the top priority of the board and is the primary objective in all board decisions. To that end, the board approved making the Program Director position more prominent in order to continue nurturing a passion for literacy in the community. The library had a balanced

budget again in 2015. The board is committed to living within its means.

Going forward, the library is well positioned to serve Steinbach and area in 2016 and beyond. Carolyn has a dedicated staff that is committed to meeting clients' needs.

- Daryl Braun (Chair)

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.



Library Staff

Loraine Trudeau (**Head Librarian**)

Carolyn Graham (**Head Librarian**)

Aubrey Walker (**Assistant Librarian**)

Madison Friesen (**Programs Coordinator**)

Holly Reimer (**Preschool Programs**)

Violet Brown

Marty Dyck

Janet Friesen

Elsie Hiebert

Norma Klassen

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Hannah Morris

Lynn Neufeld

Robyn Oberik

Amanda Peters

Mildred Reimer

Pam Toews

Sharon Trudeau

Maria Unrau

Librarian's Report

In many ways 2015 was not an unusual year. We provided service to our patrons, we purchased books that we thought our patrons would enjoy and that would provide good information. Programs were presented for fun, learning and family literacy. Summer Reading Club was a big hit, the summer months were extremely busy and we loved it!

What made it unusual was the retirement of Loraine Trudeau, our Head Librarian since July 2001. During her 14 years, Loraine became well-recognized in the community. She brought great new ideas and began a steady increase in programs offered. One of her biggest tasks was the expansion of the Library in 2012. The City of Steinbach was in charge of the construction

and provided us with much - needed additional space and a revamping of the current space. Loraine was in charge of planning the interior of the space and packing up an entire library and moving it into storage. She found temporary office space so essential business needs could carry on. Then she planned for everything to be moved back into the new space.

Loraine also brought to the library enthusiasm, positive attitude and openness to new ideas. While she was most definitely our leader, she was also part of a team, with the whole staff working towards providing the best possible

service to our patrons and also to the community as a whole. The entire staff was sad to see her go, but we all wished her a most happy retirement.

In November the library carried through an idea that was begun by Loraine, and something we had never done before. We brought in Canadian performer, John Huston, for his one-man show *A Charles Dickens Christmas Carol*. It was such a delightful evening and such a success that we hope to bring him back for 2017.

I was delighted and honoured when the Library Board offered me the position of Head Librarian in

August 2015. The Library Board has provided support and encouragement. One of my first decisions was to hire Aubrey Walker to take the position of Assistant Librarian. As we have both stepped into new roles at the same time it has been a very interesting and stretching year for both of us, but we have enjoyed the challenges and we work very well together.

Thank you to all of our patrons who come to the library and use our services. You are our *raison d'être*, and our goal continues to be providing the services our community wants and needs.

Respectfully submitted



Publications and Social Media

This year we focused on our monthly publication of What's New On the Shelf, a small publication that states the newest additions to our library for our adult level materials. It often doubles as a way to promote our events as well.

In addition, the library has been expanding its social media presence, focusing on reaching new people through our Facebook page, and keeping interested patrons apprised with the events happening at the library. On our Facebook page

(www.facebook.com/jakeeplibrary) we saw our audience grow from 208 likes to 294 likes over the course of 2015. While still a relatively small base, we find the steady growth of our online patrons' interest to be encouraging. With our webpage (www.jakeeplibrary.com), hosting posters and a small calendar of events for every month, as well as our postings on our local news site for events, we continue to branch out and reach new sets of people.

Quick Facts and Figures

- The number of people who like our FB page grew by 41%
- 70 book packs were received through a donation
- Lego sets were checked out 358 times, up from 247 last year
- Most popular movie shown was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory with 79 people in attendance.

New Resource : Newspaper Archives

Thanks to a generous donation from Derksen Printers in Steinbach, the library was able to offer access to a new resource this year. In the past, the only newspaper archives available had been old editions of the Steinbach newspaper, the Carillon, available both in microfilm, and for later years in large bound books. With this dona-

tion we're able to offer access to the 7,430 (and counting) newspapers currently searchable through the website <http://newspaperarchive.com/>. A search computer was repurposed to allow access to this site through our subscription. People can now come and, instead of

scrolling through years of microfilm or unwieldy large books, use a computer to search by newspaper, keyword, date, and more to find exactly what they're looking for. Newspaper archives has articles as old as 1607, as current as today, and covers

newspapers from 22 different countries. We're grateful to be able to offer this new research tool to the public.



New Collection : Playaway Bookpacks

We were very excited when an anonymous donor allowed us to add a new collection to our shelves. Playaway Bookpacks are a combination of a Playaway (all in one audio player of a book), and a physical book. These ranged from easy to young adult levels. While there are many uses for Playaway Bookpacks they do strongly appeal to struggling or reluctant readers, allowing them to listen and read at the same time to books at

their interest level. Not only was the collection donated, but so was the shelving needed to house them. With some clever shuffling, room was made for them at the end of the Juvenile Fiction, where you could hardly ever find them on the shelves during the summer as they were frequently checked out.



Year In Review : Programs and Events

If the library's focus this year was on play at the library, the programs offered were the heart and soul of that endeavor. People came to the library to learn and grow and enjoy doing something different. These are a few of the programs that were offered this year, and how they went.

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 creative minds behind some of those books. Our community and surrounding areas are filled with storytellers and throughout the year we hosted many authors in a variety of genres.

In May, we welcomed J.F. Cicci, a Minnesotan children's author, and Beverly Robb, local author, to read to classes from local elementary schools. Cicci's book, *Truffle's Sad Song*, is about a lonely pika named Truffle who makes a friend and how that friend helps end Truffle's loneliness. Robb's book, *The Legends of Big Creek* are a historical-fantasy about a little boy who travels back in time and experiences the lives and cultures of the First Nations people that once

lived on the land that his family now occupies. In November, we welcomed Violet Moore to her fourth annual author reading. Reading from the third book in her "Charlotte Series", *Charlotte's Nemesis*, Violet allowed us a glimpse into the back story of her most unlikable character: Marcus. In this Christian drama, we are taken to understand how the background of a person's life can have great impact on their choices for the rest of their life.

Our Authors

- *Serendipity* by Moira Neufeld
- *Essence of Evil* by Barbara Ann Derksen
- *The Case of the Missing Halo* by David Goldenstein (Children's Author)
- *Reimagined & Nothing Everything Nothing* by Casia Schreyer
- *Truffle's Sad Song* by J.F. Cicci (Children's Author)
- *Legends of Big Creek* by Beverly Robb (Children's Author)
- *Bibby's Journey* by David Bibby
- *Maggie Days* by Brenda Sciberras (Poet)
- *What Lies Behind* by Luann Hiebert (Poet)
- *Armin's Shorts* by Armin Wiebe
- *Charlotte's Nemesis* by Violet Moore
- *Sons of Earth* by GERALYN WICHERS
- *Wicked Disregard* by Barbara Ann Derksen

Jake Epp Library proudly presents...

Poetry Night

Featuring Luann Hiebert

Tuesday April 28th, 2015 at 7:00pm
In the Multi-Purpose Room



Luann Hiebert was born in Winnipeg and lives in Steinbach, Manitoba. A former choral director, Luann is an adjunct professor at Providence University College and is currently pursuing her PhD in English Literature at the University of Manitoba. Her work has previously appeared in *Rhubarb* magazine and the *Society*. *What Lies Behind* is her first collection of poetry.

What Lies Behind, Luann Hiebert's debut collection of poetry, explodes the notion of the common and everyday. The seductive songs of motherhood and love and springtime on the prairies are confronted with illness, death, and the coldness of time marching on without us. With the weight of history behind her, Hiebert arrests the patterns of daily life and in their place leaves a beautiful truth that is more awesome and delightful than memory could serve.



With Special Guest
Brenda Sciberras



Brenda Sciberras is a Winnipeg writer whose poetry has appeared in several Canadian literary magazines and anthologies. She holds a BA from the University of Manitoba and divides her time between working fulltime in a library, singing in the Spirit's Call Choir, writing, and her family. *Maggie Days* is her first book.



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Poster Advertising our Poetry Night Event.



Armin Wiebe at the library, posing with his book, *Armin's Shorts*



Book cover of J.F. Cicci's "Truffle's Sad Song"

Playing With Magic—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 but literacy as a family. The theme for 2015 was Playing with

Magic—The Magic of Reading. Our Head Librarian, Lorraine Trudeau and Program Coordinator, Madison Friesen read and performed a story called *The Magic Hat* by Mem Fox, with the assistance of puppets. Radio Host Corny Rempel from Mix 96.7FM also

brought loads of laughs with his silly reading of *The Book with No Pictures*. 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 night, prizes

were given away and a night snack of cookies and milk was served. We are thankful to our sponsor, Sobey's, for donating the milk and cookies for the snack.

Below: Ryan Price's Magic Show



Left: Program Coordinator and Head Librarian, with many kids at Family Literacy Day. Photo courtesy of steinbachonline.com



Right: A prize to be given away in keeping with the magic theme



Now Playing...Page To Film Night

Page to Film Night is the library's monthly movie night. Catering to mostly young families in movie selection, there have been a variety of films shown, the majority, if not all of them, being based on books. We are pleased to say that admission is, as always, free and every-

one in attendance can enjoy a nice treat of popcorn, popped fresh in our movie theatre popcorn machine. After all, what is a movie without the popcorn? The movies that we have shown this year are as follows.

- Happy Feet
- Happy Feet Two
- Garfield
- Garfield: Tail of Two Kitties
- Because of Winn-Dixie
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Horton Hears a Who
- Arthur and the Invisibles
- How to Train a Dragon
- Journey to the Center of the Earth
- The Princess Bride
- Nancy Drew
- Happily N'ever After
- Igor
- Megamind
- Racing Stripes
- Robots
- Night at the Museum
- Night at the Museum 2
- The Polar Express

Game Day/Night



Game Day and Game Night are events where anyone and everyone can get together, converse and play tabletop games at the library. Started in summer 2014, Game Day and Game Night are hosted and supervised by our volunteer, Chris Desrochers. Game Day takes place on the first Saturday of every month and runs from 12-5pm. Game Night takes place on the third Wednes-

day of every month and runs from 6-8:30pm (often till 9pm). Both events are held in the classroom or multi-purpose room. Attendance has varied from 2-17 people since records started on December 17, 2014 with an average attendance of 6 people per event. The library provides many games, including chess, Settlers of Catan, cards, Scrabble and dominos. Attendees have donated a

couple of games (e.g. Rack-O) and supplies (e.g. rotating game board for Scrabble) as well. Sometimes attendees bring snacks to share or items to swap/giveaway (e.g. collectible cards, movies and books). Attendees play a variety of games, but Magic: The Gathering, a collectible card game, is by far the most popular game played. Events are advertised at

the library, on the radio, in local papers and in the 'Board Games – Jake Epp Library' and the 'MTG Steinbach' Facebook groups. Overall, Game Day and Game Night are events where patrons can play games, relax, have fun and meet others in their community.

Word Play—NaNoWriMo 2015



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'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 dur-

ing 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 12 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 an author reading by two local self-published authors, whose books happened to be created during past NaNoWriMos. The event was a great success with more than 40 people in attendance. Interested authors stayed after the author reading to participate in a get to know each other event, where a

beach ball was thrown around with introductory prompts, such as "tell us about your writing idea for this month", or "tell us what your favourite genre is."



Geraldyn Wichers and Violet Moore at the NaNoWriMo Kick off / Author Reading

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 other authors. This year we added writing prompts to the mix, a new one every time, to help

them if they were stuck. This included a spin board, a large 20 sided dice with different outcomes, an M&M game, and more.

When all's 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 word quota. 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.

NaNoWriMo comes to Steinbach library

by Adriana Mingo

NATIONAL Novel Writing Month—or NaNoWriMo—kicks off on Oct. 27 at the Jake Epp Library.

NaNoWriMo is a non-profit organization that encourages writers to write 50,000 words—1,667 per day—during the month of November. Jake Epp Library is a regional host for the program.

To promote the month, the library is doing a series of events to encourage participation.

The library's kickoff event features a book launch and reading segment from two NaNoWriMo authors, Violet Moore and Geraldyn Wichers, and writing and ice breaker games. Events begin at 7 p.m.

During the month, the library

will also host a write-in for participants each Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

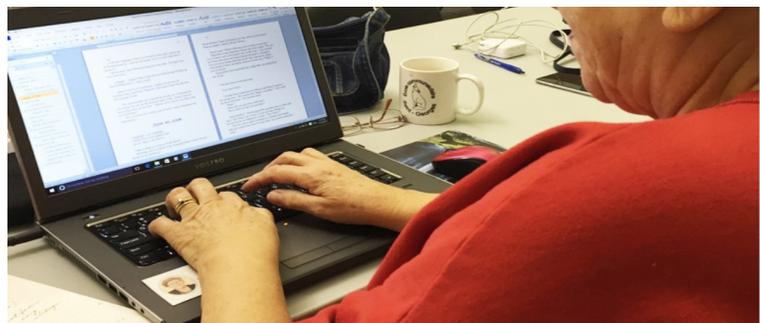
Madison Friesen, program coordinator, says this is an opportunity for participants to sit and write in a different space and bounce ideas off each other.

There will be refreshments and a prompt station with games for participants with writer's block.

The event is geared towards people 14 and up, Friesen says.

The library is also hosting a wrap-up event on Dec. 1, where participants are encouraged to dress up as one of the characters from their writing.

NaNoWriMo is celebrated internationally. Other Manitoba regions who participate include Brandon, Winkler, and Winnipeg.



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National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo, ended yesterday. The challenge was for participants to write 50,000 words in one month's time.

NaNoWriMo Municipal Liaison Celesta Thiessen says she has participated in NaNoWriMo for the last six years and has published 20 books. Thiessen notes although 50,000 words sounds like an impossible feat, everyone can write a novel.

"If you really want to write a novel, you actually can," notes Thiessen. "There's some kind of psychological barrier that says I could never, I would always want to, but I could never and you actually can. If you participate in NaNoWriMo with other people who have the same goal, you can encourage each other and keep track of how you're doing on the NaNoWriMo website."

Thiessen says she has wanted to be a writer since she was 16-years-old but when she got older felt she had to be responsible and get a 'real job.' She notes after she had her second daughter she decided to go back to writing, but found it hard. Thiessen says she found out about NaNoWriMo and was encouraged by the support she received from other writers and was able to complete the 50,000 words, something she thought she would never be able to accomplish.

12-year-old Katie is the youngest NaNoWriMo participant at the Jake Epp Library this year. Katie says she didn't accomplish the 50,000 word goal, but had fun participating for the first time.

Summer Play! - Summer Reading Club 2015



Craft Class—Fantasy Week with Dragon Masks

Once again the Library staff banded together to tackle the wonderfully enormous task of summer activities and the expectation of a circulation increase during 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 **Play!** It was all about using books as a source of inspiration for imagination and play. We delved into this concept by fleshing out the theme into 7 theme weeks based on genres or

themes of books. 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 to Wednesday Afternoons.

There were also two *Crafts & Laughs* Family Nights planned for evenings when parents could come with their children to spend time together. These evenings allowed families to

create book vaults and recycled tin can pets.

For the summer months, we offered a weekly Thursday evening movie. These were chosen so children would enjoy them and it could also be a family evening. A bag of popcorn was always included.

Reading was done at home and for each Reading log completed (150 minutes) a stamp was given on the child's reward card and could be spent at our "Reading Rewards Store". There were small things like pencils, stickers etc. that could be purchased for one stamp, or they could save their stamps and buy a larger item for example a small Lego set, or a board game. 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 "Surf n Slide" and a "Space Scooter".

Weekly Themes

- Week 1: *Mystery Week***—Invisible Ink Mystery messages, Scavenger hunts, Laser obstacle course, fingerprint balloons.
- Week 2: *SPORTS WEEK***—Bouncy Balls, Baseball caps, Finger soccer players, outdoor games.
- Week 3: *Rock Star Week***—Kazoos, CD ornaments, Musical Chairs.
- Week 4: *SCIENCE - NON - FICTION WEEK***—Rain clouds in a Jar, Rainbow in a Jar, Rainbow Paper, Mentos and Coke Experiment.
- Week 5: *Science Fiction Week***—Moon Rocks, Galaxy Dough, Nebula in a Bottle, Rocket Target-Shooting.
- Week 6: *Fantasy Week***—Dragon Masks/Wings, Sport Combat Swords, Knights Helmets, Charades
- Week 7: *GRAPHIC NOVEL/ SUPERHERO WEEK***—DIY Superheroes, Masks, Power cuffs, Charades.



Reading Circle—a drop in weekly activity time. During this one they traced themselves and then created superhero personas.

Summer Play! - Summer Reading Club 2015...continued

We had a total of 648 children who signed up, 44 more children than the previous summer. During the seven weeks of the reading program a weekly average of 4069 children's books were checked out for a total of 28,234. 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 Earl's Meat Market and cooked by the Lion's Club.



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Since the start of the Summer Reading Program on June 29, a total of 43,592 books were signed out of the Jake Epp Library in Steinbach over the last seven weeks. 1,858 books were signed out on the first day alone.

Over 250 people came out for the wind up to enjoy a magician and a hot dog BBQ lunch after the prizes were awarded.

Program Director Madison Friesen said 649 students enrolled in the summer reading program, reading over seventeen and a half hours each in order to qualify for a prize. "A total of 78,937 books were handled by library staff. That's like handling all of the books in the library, and checking them each in and out."

A total of 537,600 minutes were read, and of that 190,200 minutes were read over and above the number of minutes required for students to qualify for the prize draws.

Assistant Program Coordinator Loralee Friesen says a students reading slumps quite a bit if they don't read over the summer, it's called a summer slide. A reading level can go down up to three or four levels. "We've seen through our program that if they do read throughout the summer, they're literacy levels can not only remain consistent with what they finished with last year, but increase from when they finished school to next September."



Above: Staff and Volunteers preparing food for the Wind Up Party.

Below: The wind up Magic Show with Ryan Price



SRC Movies

- Nancy Drew
- Racing Stripes
- Alvin and the Chipmunks
- Igor
- The Princess Bride
- Journey to the Center of the Earth
- Megamind
- How to Train Your Dragon
- Happily N'ever After

Thanks!

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

- Earl's Meat Market
- Janzen's Paint and Decorating LTD.
- McDonald's
- Good n Natural Health Food Store
- Valeant
- United Library Services
- Scholastic Books
- Canadian Tire
- RBC Steinbach

Crafting at the Library

There are always options throughout the year during in-service days, or events celebrating holidays, where children can come and craft at the library! It's great to watch them be creative and to see what they come up with, and of course it's always paired with books and reading. This year there was an Egg-Stravaganza for Easter, Pots of Gold for Saint Patrick's Day, and more!



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Written by Kenton Dyck

"Jake Epp Library Egg-stravaganza was held on Wednesday and had 31 kids attend. The day was split into two groups with 16 kids coming to the morning and another 15 kids in the afternoon group. Library Programs Coordinator Madison Friesen says Wednesdays Extravaganza was all about Easter Eggs. 'We decorated Easter eggs with two different types of material, water and vinegar and food colouring for one, and then we used shaving cream and food colouring for another one.' She also notes they took advantage of the warm weather and played some outdoor games. 'So we did that and then we went outside and played some relay games, we did the bunny hop relay, and we did the egg balancing spoon relay, and then we had cookies and it was fun.'" Friesen says hosting fun themed events for kids is a really fun way to get them familiar with the library. "When we have activities like this the parents bring their kids and it gives good exposure for the library, and it allows us to interact with the parents and they see we have activities for kids. It also gives them a chance to explore the children's area if they haven't already, or if they haven't in a while they can get books and take those out. The kids often will stay and just hang out and stay in the children's area."

Brothers find pot of gold



Blayze and Kadez Penner of Steinbach feel the luck of the Irish as they enjoy special crafts, stories and snacks at the Jake Epp Library in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Children participated on Friday in special activities that involved rainbows and "pots of gold".

Playing With Our Local Radio Station

We had a few visits from one of our local radio stations, Mix 96 this year. Once they came with their "Mix Fun and Games" program, prepared with trivia type games and prizes. Another time they stopped by to feature the library in their video, "Get Reading," for I Love To Read Month. Our Programs Coordinator made a cameo appearance.



Mix 96 Fun and Games. Photo from steinbachonline.com



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Written by : Corny Rempel

Video Link: <http://www.steinbachonline.com/mix-96-7-fm/gotta-get-reading-video>

It's "I Love To Read Month"! Corny and Michelle, Golden West Radio, took over the Jake Epp Library to dance to this fun song about reading. Check it out and share it with your friends.

“The play’s the thing...” A Dramatic Retelling of A Christmas Carol

November was a busy month at the Library. To cap off the month and ring in the Christmas season, the Library played host for a first-time event—a dramatic re-telling of Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” told by John D. Huston. Huston is a Toronto-based actor who, for the last 22 years, has packed his trunk and toured city to city, recreating tours and performances of Victorian author Charles Dickens. The Library hosted two performances, a

matinée and an evening performance. The Library hosted 90 students and staff from the Steinbach Regional Secondary School. During this performance, Huston not only told the story but added interjections of discussion to explain context of the story as well as differences in culture of the time period, to allow the students a better understanding of the story that they were being told.

The evening performance was open to the public. In this performance, Huston introduced himself as Dickens, recreating the performance of Dickens as we understand it to have been performed. With great enthusiasm, Huston whisked his audience to the world of Victorian England and the misery of Ebenezer Scrooge.

A Christmas Carol Done Differently

By Matt Falk

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A Christmas Carol may very well be one of the most popular holiday stories of all time. What many don’t know is that the author, Charles Dickens himself, wrote and performed a one-man play of his beloved novella for many years. It was a thrilling and funny show in which he played all the characters and provided the

narration.

In that same tradition, Canadian actor John D. Huston has been mesmerizing audiences for nearly 23 years with his rendition. Huston’s show is developed from Charles Dickens’ own script and working notes.

The good news for us? This enchanting Christmas show is coming to southeastern Manitoba.

The Jake Epp Library will

host the unforgettable performance on November 27 at 7:00 p.m. The library will be decking their halls with some unique décor, helping you visualize the time period of the play.

The library has never hosted live theatre before, so this is a new experience. Head librarian Carolyn Graham says, “We are excited to bring a classic Christmas story to life in a different way.”

The National Post described

the show as “powerful one man theatre,” and said of John D. Huston that he is “a master storyteller.”

Drama students from Manitoba schools will be invited to attend a private matinee preview before the general public gets to see it. Tickets are only \$10, but there is limited seating.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.jakeeplibrary.com

Is That.....Matthew McConaughey?!?!?

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Nope. Made you look though!

Matt McConaughey is on the left in the photo below. On the right is Canadian actor John Huston (in character) in his one-man production of Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol”. Huston performs his version of the Dickens classic this Friday night at Jake Epp Library. Tickets are just \$10 and are limited (and going fast) - so don't be disappointed and get yours soon! Medi Friesen from Jake Epp Library tells us that this show is in such demand that they actually had to book it a year and a half ago!

"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach!"

— Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*



Matthew McConaughey at the Jake Epp Librar-hey!!!

Canadian actor John Huston's (right) uncanny resemblance to fellow actor Matt McConaughey

JAKE EPP LIBRARY PROUDLY PRESENTS...

Solo Performance Adaptation
Directed & Performed by
John D. Huston

Tickets Available at:
Jake Epp Library
255 Elm Dale Street, Steinbach
Phone: 1.204.326.6841

Friday, November 27th 2015
Show starts at 7:00 pm, Doors open at 6:30 pm
Ticket Cost: \$10, Limited Tickets

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.

This year we were very fortunate to receive a grant from the Healthy Child Coalition for new board books and resources to keep the programs running and current. On top of that we received a grant for Shake Rattle and Read classes which will be offered to preschool aged children as well. Check back in in 2016 to see more. Thank you Healthy Child Coalition!



Partnerships

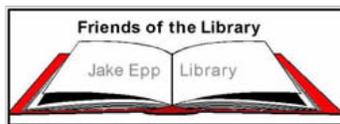
Friends of the Library

"Friends of the Library" is an independent group which contributes to the direction of our library by supporting programs and volunteering resources. We welcome all input from interested parties and share a belief that maintaining and supporting good library services benefits everyone. If you are interested in joining, please call the library for more information.

2015 included the following involvements:

- Funded additional shelving in the children's area
- Funded "Read to Me Calendars" for Preschool Programs
- Agreed to fund the balance of the Story Sacks display case

Our corporate aim and goal is to serve as a fund-raising arm supporting the Jake Epp Library, as well as, advocacy for literacy programs.



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.

Carillon Toastmasters Club



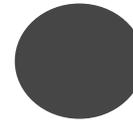
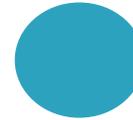
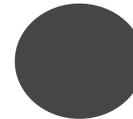
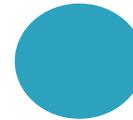
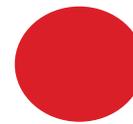
South Eastman English & Literacy Services



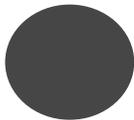
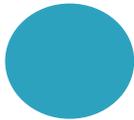
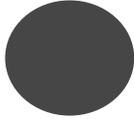
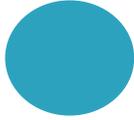
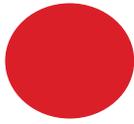
We have partnered with *South Eastman English and Literacy Services* for many years. They provide an important service in our community and we value our ongoing relationship. Adult Literacy is provided both in assisting adults in increasing literacy skills and helping immigrants learn English so they can function in their new homeland. Because our goals are so similar we support them in their endeavors. Adult Literacy classes are held in our classroom, and English as an Additional Language classes are held at Grace Church. We are pleased to supply resources for both types of learners.

Circulation Statistics

	2015	2014
Print Materials		
Adult Fiction	54,503	58,382
Adult Non-fiction	16,019	17,256
Magazines (Adult & Children)	10,484	11,458
Literacy Materials	157	70
Young Adult Fiction	12,262	14,688
Young Adult Non-fiction	971	1,239
Juvenile Fiction	40,243	52,970
Juvenile Non-fiction	8,944	8,722
Early Years	49,831	38,753
Miscellaneous	6	0
German	439	432
Large Print	3,641	3,744
Non-Print Materials		
Audio Books	8,210	7,884
Digital Viewing Devices	3,432	4,000
Railia (Story Sacks)	75	87
eLibraries Manitoba (Digital Books)	13,314	11,187
Total Circulation	222,531	230,785
Inter-Library Loans		
Borrowed Books	572	649
Books Lent	734	913
Total	1,306	1,562
Cardholders		
Steinbach Adult	9,816	9,505
Steinbach Juvenile	1,376	1,330
RM of Hanover	2,525	2,461
Non-Resident	2,391	2,371
Total	16,108	15,667



Library Holdings



	2015	2014
Print Materials		
Adult Fiction	24,327	26,438
Adult Non-fiction	15,341	15,093
Magazines subscriptions	119	145
Literacy Materials	343	176
Young Adult Fiction	4,696	4,511
Young Adult Non-fiction	1,444	1,391
Juvenile Fiction	10,101	11,157
Juvenile Non-fiction	3,461	3,357
Early Years	9,363	7,578
German	509	512
Large Print	1,746	1,591
Reference (non-circulating)	441	570
Subtotal	71,891	72,519
Non-Print Materials		
Audio Books	2,664	2,402
Digital Viewing Devices	1,312	1,209
Railia (Story Sacks)	61	44
Miscellaneous	62	85
	4,099	3,740
Total Holdings	75,990	76,259

Top 10 Adult Fiction Books Checked Out In 2015

Title	Author	Check Outs
Cold Cold Heart	Tami Hoag	25
The Escape	David Baldacci	25
Personal	Lee child	25
Twelve Days	Alex Berenson	24
Leaving Time	Jodi Picoult	24
The Nightingale	Kristin Hannah	24
The Assassin	Clive Cussler	24
Prodigal Son	Danielle Steel	23
The Burning Room	Michael Connelly	23
The Silent Sister	Diane Chamberlain	23

Financial Report

Income	2015
Province of Manitoba	120,454.00
Tourism Capital	1,429.00
Provincial Technology Grant	4,305.28
City of Steinbach	327,315.00
RM of Hanover	3,400.00
Federal Government: Canada Summer Jobs	5,855.00
Young Canada Works Grant	8,000.00
Interest Income	1,317.35
Non-Budgeted Revenue	10,122.40
Fines	20,478.59
DVD Rental	3,587.90
Miscellaneous Income	996.95
Copier & Printer Fees	5,564.13
Book Sales	270.35
Lost & Damaged Fees	1,638.35
Program Fees	873.00
Donations	416.05
Room Rentals	4,362.92
Disc Repair	42.00
Other	21.80
Internet Fees	6,302.00
Non-Resident Membership Fees	43,272.00
Total Revenue	570,024.07

Expenses	2015
Acquisitions	51,068.1
Advertising & Promotion	893.94
Amortization	38,922.00
Furniture	171.07
Computer Hardware & Software	2,031.75
Contract Maintenance	12,237.60
Education & Conferences	223.15
Internet Expense	1,139.82
Janitorial	18,989.40
Library Supplies	17,383.26
Miscellaneous	5,463.81
Programs	13,759.73
Rent	140,000.00
Travel	731.50
Telephone	3,632.35
Yard & Building Maintenance	2,750.00
Cash Register Discrepancy	-70.47
Bank Fees	1,257.95
Wages & Benefits	294,053.90
Total Expenditures	604,638.77
Net Revenue	-34,614.70



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Thank you!

We thrive because of our supportive community, who continuously show their appreciation of what we do by helping us with their donations or assistance. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to us this year. We are truly surrounded by a great community of people. Together we'll continue to encourage literacy and be a safe community space of learning and growth for a long time to come.

Thank you to the many local corporate sponsors that assist us year after year. We are thankful for each business that was involved. We have had many volunteers who have regularly come and provided

their time to help us put books back on our shelves, keep the books tidy and in their proper places, and helped us with programs. "Thank you" for your time and enthusiasm.

Thank you to the City of Steinbach, the Province of Manitoba and the RM of Hanover. The library would not exist without the grants we receive every year.

Thank you to Public Library Services Manitoba, for all of your assistance and guidance.

To all of our Patrons who come and check out books, bring their children to our programs and attend our events - we say thank

you. We love to see you here and hear from you.

For publicity we are grateful to The Carillon, Steinbach Online, Mix 96, AM 1250, the Dawson Dispatch and the Niverville Citizen. We appreciate the time and the space you have given us to promote our programs and services to the public.

We are fortunate that we are part of such a giving and sharing community.

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