

Statistics

	Altona	Morden	Winkler	Total	2007
1. CIRCULATION					
Foreign language books	127	299	1,009	1,435	501
Adult Fiction	20,354	27,544	38,695	86,695	84,674
Adult Non-fiction	7,675	9,552	13,164	30,391	30,251
Children's Fiction	19,869	26,258	45,340	91,467	97,933
Young Adult Fiction	2,801	2,571	4,538	9,910	
Children's Non-Fiction	3,104	4,111	8,002	15,217	15,505
Magazines	5,924	6,717	10,218	22,859	20,951
Large print	583	636	1,241	2,460	2,521
Audio	1,445	1,679	7,615	10,739	9,583
Videos	1,192	1,063	3,108	5,363	4,990
Interlibrary loans Received	555	1,104	811	2,470	N/A
SUB-TOTALS	63,629	81,534	133,741	278,904	
Circulation - PLS Items					
Video blocks	107	478	349	934	328
Large print blocks	176	162	135	473	317
Audio blocks	40	69	41	150	119
Foreign lang. Blocks	170	334	183	687	547
Talking books	16	35	8	59	162
SUB-TOTALS	509	1,078	716	2,303	1,473
TOTALS	64,138	82,612	134,457	281,207	268,382
2. OTHER					
I.L.L.'s lent to other libraries	356	731	620	1,707	1,240
I.L.L.'s requested by SCRL	511	1,193	711	2,415	2,796
Gate count	32,835	40,804	64,212	137,851	143,392
Internet users	5,727	6,338	8,602	20,667	

Memberships

	Morden	Winkler	Altona	Stanley	Gretna	Plum Coulee	Rhineland	Montcalm	Non-Res	Totals 2008
Adult	3,775	4,529	2,032	2,215	278	276	1,238	9	162	14,514
Junior	742	1,031	456	556	101	69	369		32	3,356
Total	4,517	5,560	2,488	2,771	379	345	1,607	9	194	17,870

Holdings	Held 2007	Added 2008	Withdrawn 2008	Total 2008
Adult	49,410	6,525	1,844	54,091
Children's	36,210	4,019	1,187	39,042
Reference	525	-	6	519
Foreign Lang.	409	580	9	980
Audio Materials	1,744	328	149	1,923
Large Print	1,337	145	1	1,481
Video Materials	2,230	308	82	2,456
Focal Collections	3,010	207	121	3,096
Total	94,875	12,112	3,399	103,588

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Statement of Operations for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

REVENUE	2008	2007
Grants		
Province of Manitoba		
Operating	\$ 251,657	\$ 226,046
Collection Development	16,500	16,500
Focal Collection	1,720	3,872
Postal Subsidy	-	604
Technology Subsidy	547	-
City of Winkler	100,803	87,373
Town of Morden	72,741	67,562
Town of Altona	41,059	37,774
Town of Gretna	4,213	4,093
Town of Plum Coulee	5,652	5,271
Rural Municipality of Stanley	46,734	37,361
Rural Municipality of Rhineland	30,278	30,410
Connectivity Grant	2,340	2,340
Morden Area Foundation Inc.—tote bag grant	1,231	-
Self-generated revenue	39,348	40,824
Amortization of deferred contributions	14,408	11,082
Total Revenue	629,231	571,112

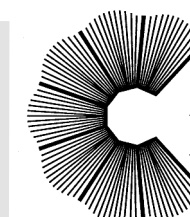
EXPENDITURES	2008	2007
Amortization	27,433	29,827
Audit	5,487	4,694
Automation supplies	8,646	3,850
Bank charges and interest	11	-
Board development	-	221
Book sale expenses	1,503	1,869
Building maintenance and caretaking	1,758	1,542
Car allowance	7,658	7,192
Equipment maintenance and rental	4,538	6,215
Insurance	1,480	1,391
Memberships and Licenses	925	585
Miscellaneous	619	155
Office administration	1,946	1,875
Office supplies	4,491	5,030
On-line charge	2,218	2,141
Postal and technology subsidy expenses	455	604
Public relations	3,511	3,452
Rent	34,924	31,691
Staff development	4,145	4,777
Tote bag expenses	1,240	-
Telephone	5,940	5,908
Wages and benefits	382,545	353,450
Write down of library materials	25,735	19,506
Total operating expenditures	527,208	485,975
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	102,023	85,137
ACQUISITIONS		
Library Materials	95,122	91,517
Collection Development Grant (Materials)	16,500	16,500
On-line charges	2,218	2,141
Audio Visual Focal Collections	2,698	3,872
Total acquisitions	116,538	114,030

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Winkler
Altona
Gretna
Plum Coulee
RM of Stanley
RM of Rhineland



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Board Chairman's Report

2008 was another good year for the Library. Our membership numbers have increased once again, with 1,579 new patrons bringing our numbers to 17,870 as of December 2008—a strong indication that SCRL is providing the necessary reading services to our community and surrounding areas.

The SCRL had to increase the per capita contribution from communities in the 2009 budget in order to preserve and maintain the libraries' mandate of utilizing 20% of its revenue for acquisitions of new reading materials. The board felt that this nominal increase would allow the branches to keep up to date in providing the quality of service to the public in the best way possible.

The name and reputation of SCRL is being recognized and appreciated more often in the Public Library Sector, thanks to the strong determination and motivation of our head librarian, Mary Toma. A number of new programmes and initiatives have been pursued by her and some we have seen materialize in 2008. Our library tote bags was just one example. Our thanks to the Morden Foundation for their support.

In June, a new multilingual collections programme was introduced through Manitoba Opportunities Fund. Through this programme the library received \$5,000 worth of German books, \$2,000 worth of Russian books and \$2,000 worth of Ukrainian books.

The three major branches hosted a media kick-off that included a special invitation to members of the community, with guest speakers from the Public Library Services and Settlement Services, along with the Mayors of each community. Russian and Ukrainian books will be housed in Morden, German books in Winkler.

There are still a number of projects that could come to fruition in 2009. All in all, this is certainly creating awareness of SCRL in areas outside the South Central Region.

It is usual in the Chair's report to express thanks and gratitude to numerous individuals and I would be remiss if I did not single out our Head Librarian for her tireless efforts and relentless pursuit of making this region's Library one of the best in the Province.

Having said that, one must also consider the strength and professionalism of our branch librarians. Cathy Ching, Liz Forrester, and Elaine Dyck must be recognized for their support to the head librarian. In addition, their leadership and organization of the staff is commendable in providing the delivery of service to the public.

And to our many volunteers, thank you for the hours you so graciously and willingly donate on behalf of SCRL for the benefit of the residents of your communities; you truly are special people.

In addition, we express our gratitude and thanks to Friesen's Corporation of Altona for their annual grant to the library. Thanks to the Town of Morden for providing storage facilities for the books at our annual book sale. It is indeed a pleasure to serve as Chairman of this Board, and a delight to work with such a dedicated and motivated group of individuals that make up the board from their respective communities. Your conscientious demonstration of fulfilling the mandate of the SCRL Mission Statement is admirable. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice Butler
Board Chairman

Librarian's Report

The South Central Regional Library has continued to expand and improve library service to the residents of the city of Winkler, the towns of Morden, Altona, Plum Coulee, and Gretna, as well as the RMs of Stanley and Rhineland.

In the early spring of 2008 the province of Manitoba announced the Rural Library Technological Sustainability Grant, as was recommended by the Public Library Review in 2006. This is a permanent grant that provides our libraries with \$14,000 annually for technological expenses and upgrades.

In May we announced our participation in a pilot program, sponsored by Manitoba Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport, to house multilingual collections written in German, Ukrainian and Russian. Block loans of these materials are available to other libraries in the province, upon request.

This fall we were the recipient of a grant from the Morden Area Foundation that provided funds for us to purchase environmentally friendly library tote bags that are for sale in all of the libraries.

The Winkler Centennial Library was the recipient of a grant from the Heartland Credit Union, which will allow us to add finishing touches to the facility.

This year the library partnered with the RM of Thompson in a "Library in the Works" pilot project, whereby blocks of materials were temporarily loaned to a volunteer library in Miami. The project has proven to be successful and discussions are taking place to set up a branch in Miami.

Library programs, as always, continued to be well attended. 1,145 children registered in our annual summer reading club, Laugh Out Loud. Every year this program is sponsored by the TD Bank Financial Group, who works in association with Library and Archives Canada and the Toronto Public Library. Pre-school story time continued through the year, with many little ones participating. Additional library programs included author visits, Family Literacy Day, and many, many school visits.

This year, the branch librarians have been recording weekly book reviews for the radio feature "Off the Shelf". This has been very well received, with patrons asking for the title they heard reviewed on the radio. These reviews are also posted to a blog on our web page.

Late in the year, our available online data bases were increased to include Small Engine Repair, Home Improvement and World Book Discover. All of these data bases are available to our patrons from their home computers.

Many, many people work together to provide excellent library service to our residents. They are: our participating municipalities—Morden, Winkler, Altona, Gretna, Plum Coulee, and the RMs of Stanley and Rhineland; our board members; our volunteers; the staff at PLS, along with the support from the province of Manitoba; and our staff, who continually work hard and are constantly on a learning curve with the many improvements that happen every year.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Toma
Head Librarian

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Library Staff

Head Office	Mary Toma, Head Librarian	Esther Penner, Technical Services		
BRANCH	Branch Supervisor	Library Clerks	Students	Volunteers
Altona	Liz Forrester	Julie Janz Martha Toews Wendi Friesen	Sara Krahn Kelsey Friesen	Anne Schellenberg Eva Schroeder
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