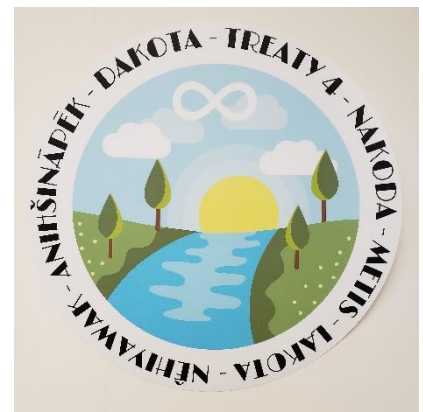


Chinook
Regional Library

Report of the Director of Chinook Regional Library
Reporting Period: **December 18, 2021 to January 26 2022**
Submitted by **Kathryn Foley** with input from **Staff**



Highlights of the CRL

We acknowledge that that we live on Treaty 4 Lands. Thank you to Taneshea Francis for the wonderful pictorial representation.

Thank you to the chair of the **Policy Committee**, Teresa Richards for reaching out to the Provincial Library and Literacy Office for support to update our policies; and to prepare to write an up-to-date strategic plan. Chinook Regional Libraries continue to support local communities with **rapid test kits**! Swift Current has been giving away close to 100 kits per day. Other areas are also showing how important this service is. Thank you to those who have agreed to sit on the **Hiring Committee** to find our next two managers.

Staffing & Professional Development:

- Ashley, with support from headquarters staff successfully trained new staff at Shaunavon and Hodgeville, mainly over Zoom following up with in-person visits.
- All our branches are still able to offer services although some have gone to Curbside where staff shortage is temporarily being experienced.
- Swift Current Branch Manager position has attracted several Canadian applicants after being put on Partnership Jobs, a librarian job board. The Rural Manager position has a few applicants.

Programming and Advocacy:

- So far in-person programs have had to be cancelled including Babysteps + toddler siblings’ program.
- Tekeyla is working on updating the Literacy STEM Bins using the Dorothy Saunderson fund, money from Kids First and a donation by Pioneer Coop. Those who have found them on our website or been introduced by staff are enjoying them.
- Mo STEM newsletter is up on the website. <https://chinooklibrary.ca/mostem>
- Tekeyla supported the South West Literacy Hub Family Literacy Day offering with activities, however, the virtual reading for grade three was cancelled this year due to COVID we hope to reschedule the author later.
- 8 Chinook Regional Branches are taking part in plasticine programs following the Barbra Reid plasticine demonstration program Thursday Jan 27th. However, some may still be postponed.
- Daphie Pooyak is the Indigenous Storyteller for Aboriginal Storytelling month in February. She is offering a virtual program to the Chinook School Division grades 3 – 5; telling stories on creation and other Cree tales.

The Southwest Literacy Committee will celebrate Family Literacy Day on **January, 25th 2022**
A week-long celebration with different activities is planned from **January 23 to 31** and more.

Books Featured This Year!

When the Trees Crackle with Cold
Written by Denise Johnson-Lewis and illustrated by Miriam Geras

Free Live Stream
Jan. 27 @ 10 am CST
To register visit:
www.saskliteracy.ca/crackle
or call 1-888-511-2121

Mega Bat
Written by Anna Murphy and illustrated by Kass Reich

Virtual Reading
Jan. 25 @ 9:15 am
(closed event)
Grade 3 students of Chinook School Division and Holy Trinity School

Let us all work together to make learning fun for children. This will lay the foundation for strong literacy skills which will lead to strong communities and a strong nation.

- Freedom to Read, Feb. 20 – 26 we have invited Carla Harris who is a Saskatchewan poet and performer who represents herself as disabled queer. Monday Feb. 21, 2022 at 2 pm. Participants can call Tekeyla.
- Picture is of children enjoying a Literacy bin over Christmas holidays and the other is the puzzle they made.



Support/Services:

Ashley:

- Has been very supportive of our rural staff and they will really miss her.
- Ashley has completed staff training, reached out to SILS for a replacement for one of the committees she sat on and has been writing a leaving report to support the Director and the new Rural Branch Manager.

Kathryn:

- Supervised Faith Rousseaux our Intern who completed her contract January 25, 2022. Faith was unable to take on the second position from January 26 to March 31, with no further applications the contract was cancelled with Young Canada Works.
- Worked with Donna Thiessen at Swift Current until her departure January 14, 2022. Donna completed many tasks and left the branch with many guidelines to follow and a collection that has had a refresh in most area. She left a useful leaving report. Down Stark has been elevated in position to support the branch and the director until a Branch Manager is hired.
- Meetings and reports and back in direct communication with many staff.
- A promise to staff is for a “Staff Memo” at least every Friday to keep them informed.
- Completing 2021 projects and planning for 2022, including the 50th CRL Anniversary.
- Wrote three grant applications for summer students!
- Received a cheque from Craig Menses a Kiwanis Rep. for the Feb. 10 Medicine bag program at Swift Current

