



**Report of the Director of Chinook Regional Library**  
**Reporting Period: February 22, 2022 to March 21, 2022**  
 Submitted by **Kathryn Foley** with input from **Staff**  
**We acknowledge that that we live on Treaty 4 Lands.**



**Highlights of the CRL**

Thank you to the hiring committee for their support and ongoing dedication. The **Swift Current Branch Manager** position has a candidate investigating the position. The recruitment of valuable team members for management has been the director's main focus. The preparations for the Annual General Meeting are progressing. We need to discuss moving it to later than April 2 for 2023.



**Staffing & Professional Development:**

- Staff from Hodgeville and Shaunavon are still being finalized with very supportive solutions. One on temporary contract is extending her time through to August; with fewer hours each week. She is also available to another library as a casual.
- Staff at HQ are finding and suggesting books for the children's acquisitions collection as they were formally chosen by the Rural Branch Manager.
- A SILS (Saskatchewan Interlibrary Loan System) staff member continues to purchase for CRL on Overdrive. Previously this task was undertaken by the SC Branch Manager and has been done by SILS for over a year.

**Programming and Advocacy:**

- **In-person programming** is attracting more attendance. The March Saturday programs on Metis culture and traditions have been enjoyed by a loyal groups who return each week. Pictures portray the highlights at Swift Current and Maple Creek.
- We have been offered support for the **beaded bracelet program** from South West District for Culture, Recreation & Sport.
- Swift Current's evening STEM program is building a clientele.
- We are working with **Service Canada** to provide support to seniors through information on **Guaranteed Income and How to apply**.
- Consul invited our programmers to partake in their **school convention** where the children choose from the programs run by different groups and individuals. We are again offering exploration with our mini robots.



Beading and Pouch making workshops with Tekeyla Friday

## Support/Services:

Kathryn:

- The present management staffing level for Chinook Regional Library has resulted in several temporary changes:
  - Staff at HQ more involved in acquisitions, choosing new items, and in the weeding of items no longer circulating.
  - Meetings usually attended by management are being very successfully attended by headquarters staff who pass on useful notes on subjects covered.
- Staffing complications necessitated time taken to correspond with those on leave of absence due to COVID vaccination or testing choices and those hired to take their place. There remains some paperwork to do.
- I frequently drop in for a chat at Swift Current and am available most hours for consultation. The staff are working well together. Two part-time people have found other jobs offering more hours; an ongoing problem with part-time positions.
- There is no definite start date for the Rural Manager, however April 1<sup>st</sup> should see her taking over so that Kathryn can attend SUMA and go on vacation.
- **50<sup>th</sup> CRL Anniversary** planning temporarily on hold due to other commitments.
- For the cost of shipping, we received 22 used children's picture book shelves to update the Swift Current Library. The replaced shelving will be recycled and offered to other libraries.

The picture is of a family enjoying the S.T.E.M. program with the new sloping topped shelves behind.



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