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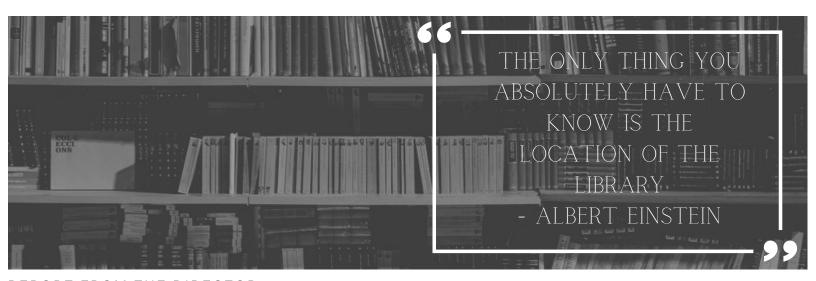
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REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

2021 was another year filled with wild adventures for the South Interlake Regional Library. The previous director, Darlene Dallman, retired in March, which then allowed myself to join the wonderful team here at SIRL. It was an interesting start to the year, with the province requiring libraries to shut down multiple times, therefore I was able to see just how adaptable the staff are with the constant changes and requirements. Programs have had to become flexible in the last year with staff learning how to create virtual programs with various soft ware and tools. While virtual programming is not the same as in-person, we have had many patrons continue to sign up for them and enjoy being able to 'attend' them on their own time and in the comfort of their home. Most of our virtual programming still consists of take home kits that provide the families with a bundle of books and fun activities to do together. Our Teulon branch was able to set up a Storywalk in the town during the summer months, so families can get outside and be active, while still enjoying literacy activities!

We have been gaining progress on the Bookmobile project, despite a couple setbacks due to the pandemic. Unfortunately, the project had to be started from scratch in the spring of 2021 due to inflated costs and lengthy arrival times of equipment. We have had to become creative in ideas and should be able to start working with a supplier in 2022.

The staff at South Interlake Regional Library has been exceptional in establishing creative solutions to ensure that patrons are still able to get access to programming, books and materials during all the restriction changes in 2021. They are incredible at creating relationships within the community and coming up with fun program ideas for all and making sure the library is a welcoming place.

Unfortunately, I had to resign from the Library Director position in November 2021 due to personal reasons however we are very excited to be welcoming Clint Curle, from the Museum of Human Rights, to be the new director in March 2022.

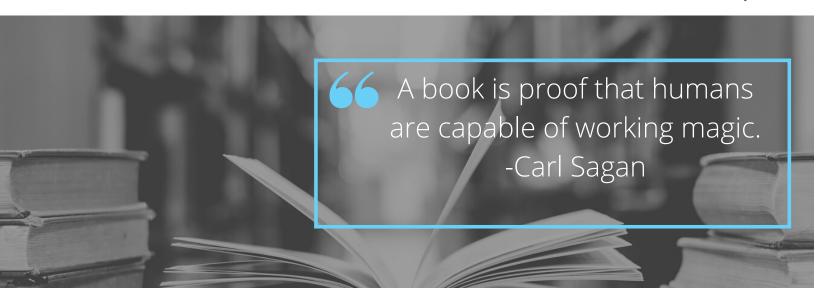
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Report from the Chair

While 2021 was a challenging year, our staff continues to adapt to provide services to our patrons and communities. Virtual programming and Storytime videos were produced and are available on the South Interlake Library YouTube channel. Patrons can continue to order books from the SIRL website and items will be waiting for you to pick up. The Libby application can be used by SIRL patrons to access a large selection of ebooks and audiobooks on their devices. Some in person programming was resumed and we hope that this will be ramped up as the pandemic subsides. We are looking forward to welcoming patrons back! On behalf of the Board, I thank our dedicated and creative staff who continue to service our communities by connecting both in person and virtually.

On behalf of the Board, we would like to thank Raquel Dumas for her hard work as Library Director for the past year and we wish her success in her future endeavors. The Board also welcomes Clint Curle as he takes on the role of Library Director.

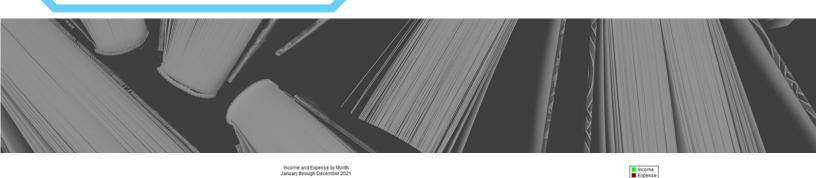
Cheers to a successful 2022! Angela Green

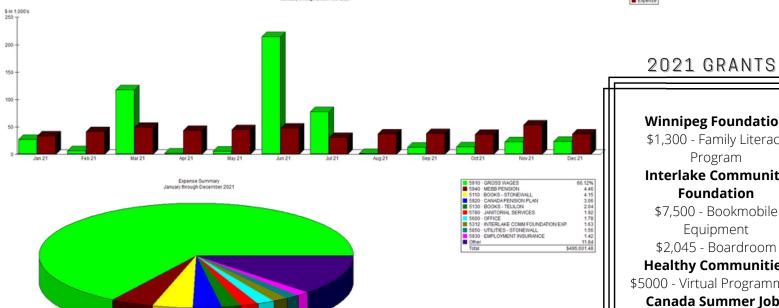
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The Mission of the South Interlake Regional Library is to enhance the vitality of our communities by providing accessible, responsive and innovative library services.





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Thank you to everyone who donated time, funds or books to all our projects this year! You made a difference!

THANK YOU!

2021 GRANTS

Winnipeg Foundation

\$1,300 - Family Literacy Program

Interlake Community Foundation

Equipment

\$2,045 - Boardroom

Healthy Communities

\$5000 - Virtual Programming

Canada Summer Jobs \$5.712

Province of Manitoba

\$15,000 - Bridge Grant

Statistics

Current Active Memberships - 4,109 Items in Collection - 61,832 **Program Attendance - 1,298** Items Borrowed - 85, 787

*Due to the Bookmobile not running normally, student memberships were not renewed, therefore approx. 500 patrons are not listed as 'active'.