



SOUTH INTERLAKE
REGIONAL LIBRARY

South Interlake Regional Library

*Annual report
for 2022*



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

2022 was a productive year for the South Interlake Regional Library Board. It was great to welcome people back to in-person library services. We appreciated the smooth professional transition between outgoing Director Raquel Dumas and incoming Director Clint Curle in February.

The Board was pleased to work this year with the Library's senior staff to create a Strategic Plan to guide the Library's decisions for the next four years. We are thankful for the expert facilitation of Tammy Dziadek from Community Futures East Interlake. The strategic planning process not only produced a good four-year plan but it also brought the Library's senior staff and board together to listen and learn from each other. We intend to continue in this good direction.

With a strategic plan in place and such an excellent team of staff, we are looking forward with confidence to 2023 and continuing to deliver top-quality library services to our communities.



MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

In September 2022 the Board and senior staff of the Library gathered to draft a strategic plan. We put our heads together to create a vision statement - one sentence that communicates who we are. After two days of discussing the Library's past successes and current strengths we came up with this: "We are the welcoming heart of our communities where patrons of all generations are included, educated, informed and inspired."

From their inception, all our branches have blended together two powerful forces: literacy and community. They are places to read where nobody is left out. And not only places to read but also places to be read to, to escape or to engage, to knit with friends or think by yourself, places to warm up in winter and cool off in summer, to learn "free-range" whatever you want and at your own pace.

This past year the Library said goodbye to outgoing Director Raquel Dumas and said hello to me as incoming Director. We also thanked Board Chair Angela Green and Board Member Tracey Berg for their years of service, and welcomed Michael Hepples and Brenda Martinussen as new Board members, with Curtis McClintock taking the role of Chair in November 2022.

I am pleased to say that all our branches have bounced back from the pandemic and are operating at pre-pandemic levels. This is entirely due to our supremely talented and committed staff who make our Regional Library all that it is.

Thanks is also due to our municipal partners, the RM of Rockwood, the RM of Rosser, the Town of Stonewall and the Town of Teulon who not only provide essential funding for the Library but also ensure that the Library Board is staffed with top-notch Trustees. It has been a joy working with the Board in 2022.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Opening in-person to Patrons

Our team worked hard to provide safe library services during the pandemic, but we were delighted to return to providing in-person library services in Stonewall and Teulon branches in February 2022. The Bookmobile began welcoming patrons onboard in September 2022, including one curious cat!



Red River Mutual Spruce up your Story Grant

Teulon Library was honoured to win a generous grant from Red River Mutual to make improvements to the library's outdoor programming space and add energy-efficient lights inside. We look forward to the project's completion in 2023.



Summer Reading

The children in our communities were reading superstars this summer! Through our Summer Reading programs, Teulon Library set an institutional all-time-best record with 902 hours of reading logged by their children in the summer of 2022. Stonewall Library nailed it with a whopping 4,270 hours of reading logged by their kids.



MORE 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Story Walks

Our Stonewall and Teulon libraries set up Story Walk routes in the summer of 2022. Pages of a children's book were set up along an outdoor walking path and participants read as they walked. We estimate that thousands of people enjoyed them over the summer. In Stonewall we included a comment book at the end of the routes. A typical comment: "I enjoyed the stroll and cannot wait for the next routes! Thank you for all you do, SIRL. This town is so fortunate!"



Conversation Circles

In September 2022 the Stonewall Library launched English Language Conversation Circles to help newcomers to our area practice their English. Thanks to our fabulous volunteers who led the discussions and cared for the children, a number of different newcomer families from Ukraine were able to gather every Saturday morning to practice speaking English, connect with each other and meet new people.



Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library is a group of volunteers who are committed to advocacy and fundraising for South Interlake Regional Library. We are grateful for the support of the Friends, who raised over \$3,500 for the library in 2022. We were able to purchase a beautiful Library-branded outdoor programming shelter with the funds the Friends raised.



2022 IN NUMBERS

Library users 3 796

Collection size, physical 64 788

Collection size, digital 54 604

Total circulation 122 719

Inter-Library loans lent 3 795

Inter-Library loans borrowed 2 871

New library materials added 2 645

Public programs per week 24

Monthly program attendance 1 187

Hours of program videos watched 174

Monthly visitors 4 377

Reference questions monthly 87

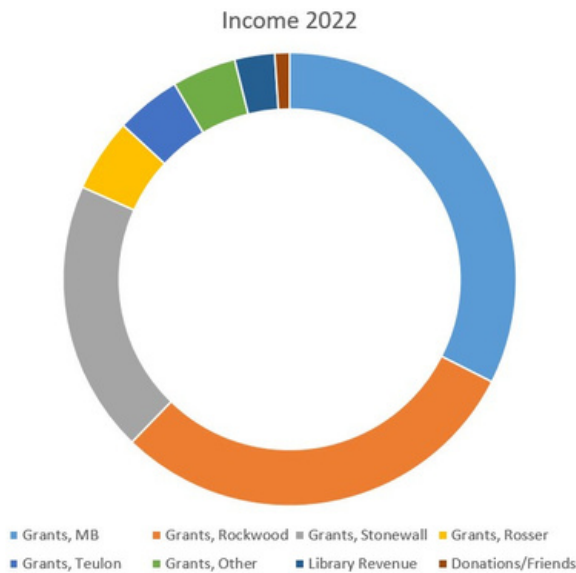
Bookmobile stops 33

Website visits 13 100

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

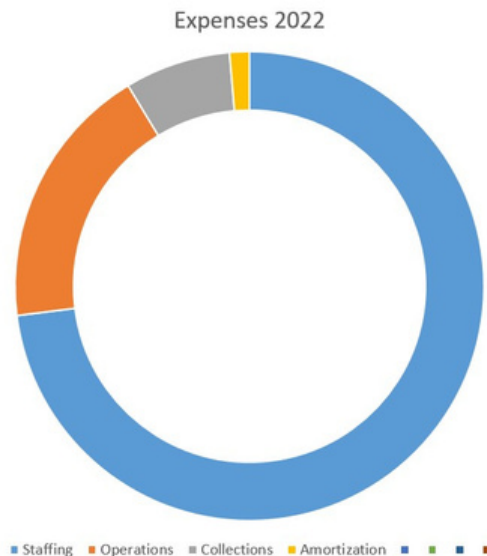
INCOME 2022 \$563,223

Grants, Province of MB	182,904
Grants, RM of Rockwood	167,647
Grants, Town of Stonewall	109,420
Grants, RM of Rosser	29,402
Grants, Town of Teulon	26,123
Grants, Other	25,760
Library Revenue	16,067
Donations/Friends of Library	5,900



EXPENSES 2022 \$561,293

Staffing	409,733
Operations	102,930
Collections	40,974
Amortization	7,656



THANK YOU

The South Interlake Regional Library would like to express our gratitude for the generous support we have received from the following external granting agencies in 2022. Thank you for partnering with us to enhance our communities through literacy!

Canada-Manitoba Job Grant

- Staff Training \$1,721
- Staff Training \$1,334

Government of Canada

Youth Summer Jobs \$4,876

Interlake Community Foundation

- Stonewall branch \$1,100
- Teulon Branch \$530
- Jennifer Jensen Memorial \$285

Interlake Early Childhood Development Coalition

- Baby Chipmunk Storytime Teulon \$600
- Pre-School Storytime Stonewall \$550

Interlake Regional Health Authority-Healthy Together Now

- Stonewall Story Walk \$946
- Teulon Leave your Cares Behind & Come to Unwind \$810

Lions Club, Stonewall & District

- Conversation Circles, \$250

Province of Manitoba, Dept of Sport, Culture & Heritage

- Per Capita grant \$129,243
- Operating grant \$21,743
- Collection Development \$16,500
- Technology Sustainability \$10,774

Red River Mutual

- Teulon branch renovations \$17,800

South West District Palliative Care

- Donation of books for Teulon branch

Teulon & District Metis Association

- Donation of books for Teulon branch

Winnipeg Foundation Literacy for Life

- Ready for Kindergarten program \$1,500

OUR 2022 TEAM

LIBRARY BOARD

R.M. of Rockwood

- Council representative – Curtis McClintock – Chair
- Citizen representative – Brenda Martinussen – Vice Chair

R.M. of Rosser

- Council representative – Kelvin Stewart
- Citizen representative – Deanna Johnson

Town of Stonewall

- Council representative – Peter Bullivant
- Citizen representative – Desiree Gillespie

Town of Teulon

- Council representative - Angela Green (Jan-Aug)
- Council representative – Michael Hepples (Nov-Dec)
- Citizen representative - Julie Leduchowski

LIBRARY STAFF

- Clint Curle, Library Director (Mar-Dec)
- Catherine Desmarais, Book Processor/Library Clerk
- Kelsey Dingwall, Library Clerk/Bookmobile Assistant
- Raquel Dumas, Library Director (Jan-Feb)
- Tara Glaspey, Library Clerk
- Melanie Keppler, Technical Services Librarian/Library Clerk
- June Makowski, Teulon Branch Librarian
- Stella McAuley, Library Page/Summer Student
- Leigh Nesbitt, Library Clerk/Bookmobile Assistant
- Pam Palcat, Bookmobile Librarian
- Joan Ransom, Stonewall Branch Librarian
- Samantha Schultz-Clarke, Library Clerk
- Greyson Thomas, Summer Student
- Sherry Wood-Weaver, Library Clerk

VOLUNTEERS

Robin Allan, Brent Anderson, Michael Block & ISD's Infinity Program, Lindsay Conrad, Tim Curle, Izzy Desmarais, Phil Desmarais, Tyson Gill, Archeena Hogg, Vicky Islifson, Terry & Gail Kennedy, Samantha Martinussen, Maureen Mitchell, Leslie Oakley, Irene Pawlow, Pam Pollack, Dan Rouleau, Wendy Rutherford, Denise Saj, Mia Smart, Scott and Arlene Smith, Cathy Van Roon, Bev Wait, Hannah Walton, Eileen Wood, Jill Young

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- President - Joie Van Dongen
- Vice President - Maddy Turbett
- Past President - Jen Beirnes
- Secretary - Christy Persoage
- Treasurer - Ronda Conrad
- Directors at Large
 - Jacquie Derewianchuk, Maria Glanfield, Aimee Nagy, Julie Penelton



OUR STRATEGY 2023-2026

Our vision

We are the welcoming heart of our communities where patrons of all generations are included, educated, informed and inspired.

Our Mission

Every day we enhance South Interlake communities through literacy by providing innovative, accessible and dynamic library services and programs.

Our Values

- **C**ommunity
- **R**espect
- **E**xcellence
- **A**ccountability
- **T**eamwork
- **E**nergy

Our Strategic Priorities

- Core Library Operations
- Bookmobile Renewal & Program Expansion
- Children's Programming
- Sustainability
- Communications Plan / Digital Engagement
- Technology Plan / Cyber Security

