

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 15, 1984

Present: Chairman - Murray Smith
Vice Chairman - Del Baird
Secretary - Joyce Henderson
Members - Shirley Boyce
Bunny Burke
Val Hedman
Dick Lyons
Joe Sattleburger

Minutes: Minutes of the last two meetings were read
Moved by Del Baird, Seconded by Shirley Boyce
That the minutes be adopted as read. Carried

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the books for 1983 were audited.

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general fund be approved by the Board. Carried

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Board that the City will probably pass our proposed
budget.

Motion: By Joe Sattleburger, Seconded by Bunny Burke
That we accept the Financial Statement as read for the
year 1983. Carried

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at Christmas time versus Bud's Book Store. This is to be
kept in mind for year end.

Part Time Staff Eighteen applications were received for the position of
one part time employee. Joan Reich was the preferred
applicant.

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That the Board hire Joan Reich as a part time employee.
Carried

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That the Board hire Joan for a probabtionary period of
three months at \$5.45 per hour. Carried

Job Descriptions: Discussion took place re salaries and job descriptions.
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them to the Board.

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on our population of 8261.

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hired as a summer student - from Province of Manitoba.

Labatt's People in Action Grant - for 3 people (students)
for research on crafts by people in the area.

MLTA
Motion: Letter received from MLTA re annual membership fee.
By Shirley Boyce, Seconded by Del Baird
That we renew our membership in the MLTA for \$40.00.
Carried

Literacy
Council:

Marilyn Penfound, representative of the Literacy Council, gave a presentation on the needs of the Council.

The Literacy Council tutors student in English as a second language and those who are unable to read or write. The Council requires a place to store books and supplies and a place to hold meetings. Some students prefer to be tutored in secret as they do not want others to know they can not read or write.

The Council would prefer to be located in the Library as it is not attached to any church or organization - it is neutral ground.

Approximately 25 persons have been tutored in a year. A work shop will be held in the near future to train more tutors.

Motion:

By Bunny Burke, Seconded by Shirley Boyce
That space to store books and tutors students would be made available in the Library. Carried

Gretta Redahl to arrange space for books and supplies.

Motion:

By Shirley Boyce, Seconded by Joyce Henderson
That we authorize the purchase of new books for the spring buying and \$120.00 for supplies (book bags, etc.) Carried

Northern
Conference:

Tracy Nilsen (Library Employee) has been invited to make a presentation of 20 minutes on Archives at the Northern Conference to be held in The Pas March 2 and 3.

Joyce Henderson will also attend.

Microfilm

Joyce Henderson will enquire into the cost of the price of a microfilm reader and copies of the daily papers of Flin Flon already on microfilm.

Dorothy
Bridges
Reading
Room

The unveiling of the Dorothy Bridges' Reading Room plaque (cost \$190.00 approx.) to be held Wednesday, February 22, 1984 at 7:00 in the Library.

Coffee, tea and loaves and cheese will be served. Flin Flon and Creighton Councils to be invited as well as other guests.

Thanks:

A vote of thanks to Murray Smith from the Board and staff for the party re Dorothy's retirement.

Annual reports for 1983 were distributed to members.

Moved by Del Baird that we adjourn at 9:42 p.m.

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Honoured on retirement

Dorothy Bridges, long time resident and employee of the Flin Flon Public Library, was honoured last night on her retirement when she was presented with an honorary citizenship by Mayor Nazir Ahmad.

In making the presentation, Mayor Ahmad stated that honorary citizenships were not presented lightly and he was pleased to make the presentation of

the city's highest award to Mrs. Bridges for her outstanding and dedicated service. He stated that her contribution was such that the Library had been recognized on a provincial level, and he thanked her for bringing this honour to the city.

Murray Smith, Chairman of the Board of Directors, of the Library, also honoured Mrs. Bridges by naming the rea-

ding room at the Library, "The Dorothy Bridges Reading Room" and a suitable gift from the Board of Directors, past and present employees, was presented.

In his speech Mr. Smith highlighted Mrs. Bridges fourteen years at the Library. The new programs she has initiated, he stated, have made the library a showcase for local authors, artists and crafts people. The Library he said, has become more than a place to borrow books, it has become a focal point for young and old in the community through her efforts.

In her reply, Mrs. Bridges told the gathering that she had been determined that Flin Flon's Library would not be a dusty and formal library of her childhood, but the best rural library in the province.

She said "It is no less than the people of this town deserve."

Room named to honour retiring librarian

Retired Librarian Dorothy Bridges who spent 14 years of her life with the Flin Flon Public Library was honoured last night by the library board when a room was named in her honour.

The room, with large windows fronting the Main Street and live poplars potted at each end, will henceforth be known as the Dorothy Bridges Reading Room.

Daughters, Bev, Jaimie and Tammy were on hand when Murray Smith, chairman of the library board, said it had been a pleasure for most gathered together last night to have had the opportunity to work with the librarian who had "lived the library night and day" for the past 14 years.

As a result, "Our library was known as one of the best in the province of Manitoba." Through the devotion of the librarian and her unique ideas of what a library should reflect in the community, Creighton and Flin Flon residents received the best there is, he said, Mayor Nazir Ahmad to-

ld the group that about three to four weeks ago he had had the privilege of presenting Dorothy Bridges with an Honorary Citizenship based on the criteria that Mrs. Bridges had always gone beyond the call of duty in her work.

The way the library was used, and the progress were indications that she had done more than just required by the job.

But last night, he said he was pleased to bestow another honour, this time from the group of people with which the librarian had worked, as board members, or co-workers: "the kind of recommendations we all wish we could have," he said, "a true honour".

February 23, 1984



Dorothy Bridges, longtime resident and librarian at the Flin Flon Public Library for many years, received the city's highest award, the Honorary Citizenship Certificate at a ceremony held at the library recently. Mrs. Bridges who retired on the 31st of January spent 14 years as a staff member of the local library implementing many varied and creative programs for local readers.

local library was "different".

Many libraries only house the usual books, said the mayor, however, the local library was more than that. Many innovative programs were developed, such as the loan of books to seniors' residences, a supportive environment for local artists where they could display their art works; a place to display Jubilee Year souvenirs and the Flin Flon Visual History book, among other initiatives.

Many other programs were begun during the time of the former librarian.

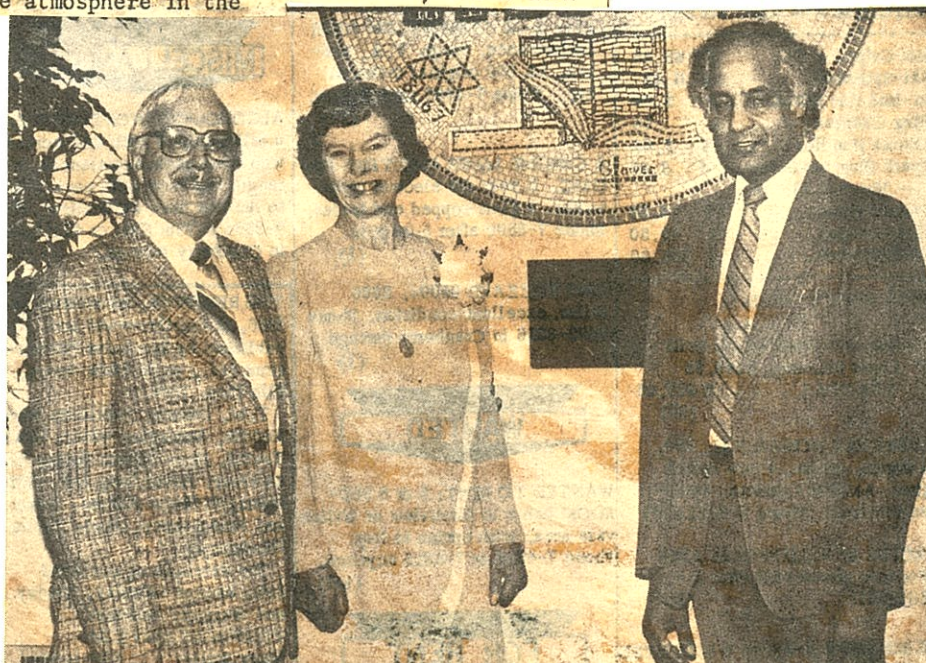
Mayor Ahmad, along with Murray Smith then

unveiled the copper inscribed plaque which will remain permanently in the library.

Dorothy Bridges addressed the group, noting that throughout the years she had never thought of her job as

work, but enjoyed working with the others, whom she said were all just her "friends". She said she had enjoyed taking advantage of different ideas and making them work.

Murray Smith, in conclusion, said the library board now had a duty and honour to uphold the work begun by the former librarian. It will be a challenge to keep up the good standard, he said.



Murray Smith (left), chairman of the library board, is pictured here upon the recent dedication of a room in the library to former Librarian Dorothy Bridges (centre). The room will now be known as the Dorothy Bridges Reading Room. Mayor Nazir Ahmad, right, participated in the ceremonies.

February 24, 1984

Reminder photo by Gloria Taylor