

# 2016 Annual Report



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The mission of the Glenwood & Souris Regional Library is to provide materials and services to help community residents of all ages meet their educational, cultural, and recreational needs. The library seeks to encourage reading and the use of current technology for life-long learning and enrichment of a citizen's quality of life.



## Chairperson's Report

The year that was 2016 has quickly passed us by and that means it is time once again for me to provide you with our annual report. As in the past it has been another busy year. Services provided by the library include print material, access to electronic books, internet access, and various literacy programs to name a few.

Programs provided over this past year included the following:

Local Art Club – every month different artists displayed their art

TD Summer Reading Program

Drop – In Computer Assistance for Seniors

Feel free to drop into the library and discuss programs offered with our staff (and share ideas on potential future programming) or learn how to access a service such as electronic books. The following staff and volunteer would be happy to assist you:

Connie Bradshaw – Head Librarian

Debra Wright – Assistant Librarian

Cassie Quadrelli – Children's Program

Noelle Adams

Judy Suttie

Elsie Kurtenback – Caretaker

Terrie Stelmack – Volunteer

I would like to thank our staff for their efforts in making our library a valuable community asset.

This past year saw a considerable donation from donors through Donor's Choice in addition to funds received from the Souris-Glenwood Foundation. As I did last year, I encourage all to consider donating to organizations such as the library and the Souris-Glenwood Foundation. These organizations make our community stronger and a better place to live. While on the subject of money I would like to thank the municipality of Souris-Glenwood and the Province of Manitoba for their substantial grants without which, the library would not exist.

2017 will be another year of serving the community by providing library services. The interests of the community are represented by the following board members:

Gayle O'Greysik  
Gloria Turner  
Mae Hart  
Robin Enns  
Mark Gillis

We look forward to 2017 and our continued focus on providing the community with the library services that you deserve.

**Mark Gillis**



## **Librarian's Report**

Our job at the library is to help grow and build a strong community. We do this by allowing free access to technology, offering free information and education, and lending free entertainment in various formats.

Although the borrowing formats are changing and service requests are more technologically related, we show a strong holding trend from 2015. Glenwood and Souris Regional Library remains an important community hub for the residents.

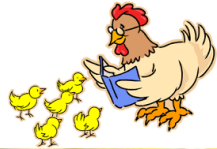
I love my job because I am surrounded by people who love the library – staff, volunteers and patrons! We have dedicated Library Board members who value the importance of a public library and are always encouraging and supportive of myself and our staff.

Thank you to our greatest supporters - the Municipality of Souris-Glenwood and the Province of Manitoba. Special thanks to our local Donor's Choice, Souris-Glenwood Foundation, and private supporters for their ongoing commitment to the library. To the staff at Public Library Services Branch, I give you a big smile for continuously providing us with innovative information and essential support.

**Connie Bradshaw**

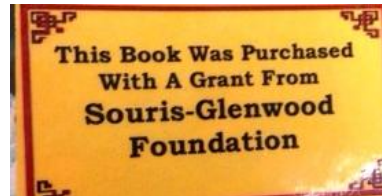
## Highlights:

### Story Time at the Library





## Grant Donation



The Library was able to purchase additional large print books and magazines with funds received from **Souris Glenwood Foundation**.

## Library Conference 2016



Connie (second from right)

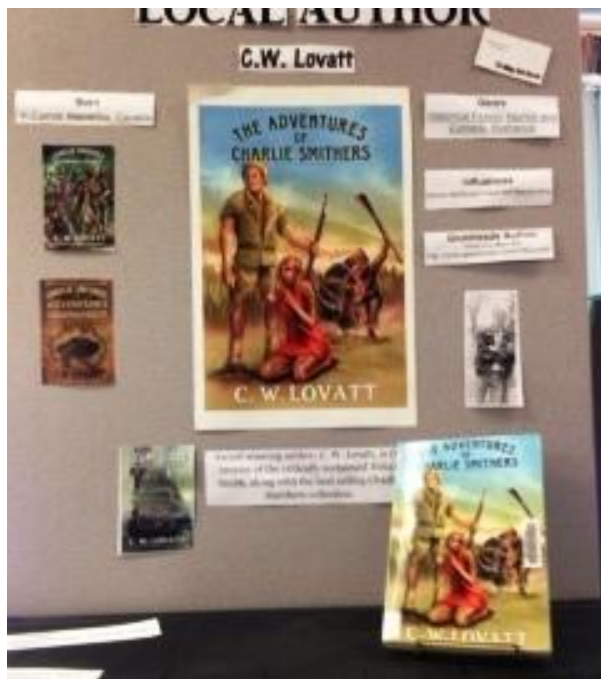
Glenwood & Souris Regional Library partnered with South Interlake Regional Library to secure a grant through Public Library Services Branch to purchase a Braille embosser for the Visually Impaired Resource Network (VIRN). All public libraries in Manitoba now have access to this format of printing.

## Gardening



Gardening books are always popular in the spring.

## Local Author



We are always proud of our local authors!

*The Adventures of Charlie Smithers* by C. W. Lovatt.

Check out his website at  
[wildwolfpublishing.com/publications/c-w-lovatt](http://wildwolfpublishing.com/publications/c-w-lovatt)

## Book Club



The book club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month (except July and August).

## Baby Shower at the Library



Library patrons and friends honoured staff member Debra Wright (French) with a baby shower. Her son Conor was born February 11, 2016.



## A Surprise Donation!



The St. Paul's United Church Sunday School donated \$100 to the library from the funds they earned at their book sale.

Danielle and Cheyenne present the cheque.



## Summer Days at the Library



Construction of Crescent Manor (where the library rents space) was ongoing through 2016.

We are hoping that in 2017 our space will see some updating!







Public Money, Private Deal Helps New Hotel in Souris (<https://southwestpost.ca/2016/11/21/public-money-private-deal-helps-new-hotel-in-souris/>)

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Head librarian Connie Bradshaw says new technology is changing the role of the Glenwood and Souris Regional Library (photo Glen Kirby)

## Souris Library Welcomes Province-Wide Review of Services

November 23, 2016 (<https://southwestpost.ca/2016/11/23/souris-library-welcomes-province-wide-review-of-services/>)    Glen Kirby (<https://southwestpost.ca/author/gk/>)

The head librarian at the Glenwood and Souris Regional Library is optimistic that a review of the province's library services announced this week by the Manitoba government will mean positive growth, including greater access to digital media.

"Libraries have changed," says Connie Bradshaw. "Fewer people are reading hard copy books. More and more get their media from other sources so we can't remain the same."

In announcing the review, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Rochelle Squires noted that provincial policies regarding libraries have changed little over the past 30 years. The government plans to gather information from stakeholders to develop "high-quality service at a reasonable cost".

Glenwood and Souris Regional Library is primarily funded by taxpayers: the province and the Municipality of Souris-Glenwood each contribute about \$30,000 per year to an \$80,000 operating budget for core staff and volunteers.

Bradshaw is hoping the review leads to better technological resources. "We need more computer literacy for seniors," she says. "We also need more access to materials in digital format."

<https://southwestpost.ca/2016/11/23/souris-library-welcomes-province-wide-review-of-services/>

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## Souris Library Welcomes Province-Wide Review of Services – SOUTHWEST POST

A Souris library card gives the user access to online books through eLibraries Manitoba and magazines via Zinio, a program billed as the "world's largest newsstand" with digital versions of dozens of best-selling periodicals.



"I use the e-library," says Heather Hiebert, a voracious reader who can finish a novel in a day. "It's very convenient." Juggling an armful of books, the Carroll-area resident says she still visits the library weekly, selecting material for herself and the five of her seven children still living at home.

Despite a growing appetite for online materials, attendance at the Souris library has remained relatively steady. In 2015, the library recorded over 6,800 visits by patrons, up slightly from both 2013 and 2014.

"I'm here three or four times a week," says Andrew Forsythe, sitting at one of the library's five computers. "This is a sanctuary, a cultural hub," he says.

"I'd be upset if it wasn't here," says former library board member Betty Somersall, sounding a cautionary note regarding the government review. "I don't know what I would do if I couldn't go to the library for a book. Everybody can't be online."

Bradshaw believes a better sharing of resources among libraries could add to the user's experience. For instance, she would like to see a standardized library card allowing patrons to check out and return materials at any location in the province. She says the Souris library could also benefit from more physical space; a room for meetings, programming or classes.

"We also need more awareness about how important libraries are to communities," she says. "A library does so much."

The province has promised more information in the coming weeks on how library service providers can contribute to the review.

"We want to ensure the support we provide and the services that are offered are delivered as efficiently and effectively as possible," Squires stated in Tuesday's press release.

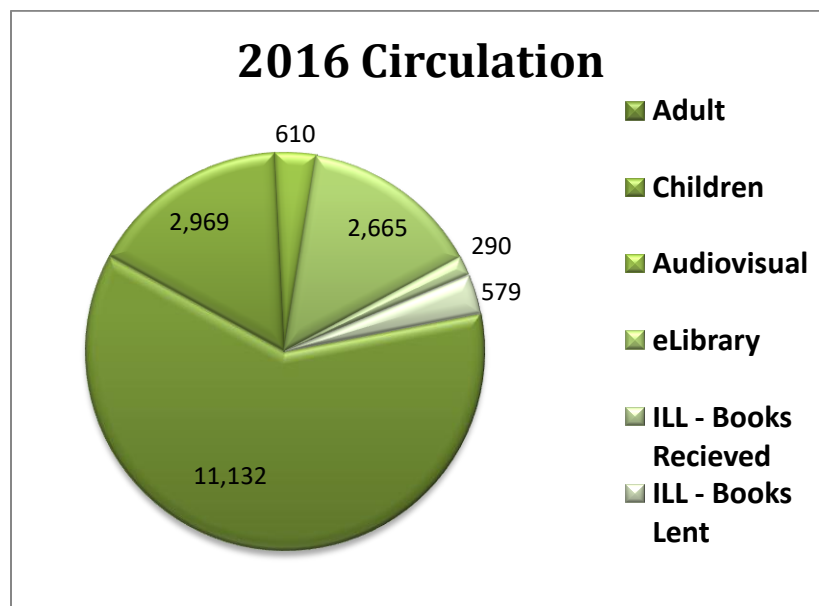
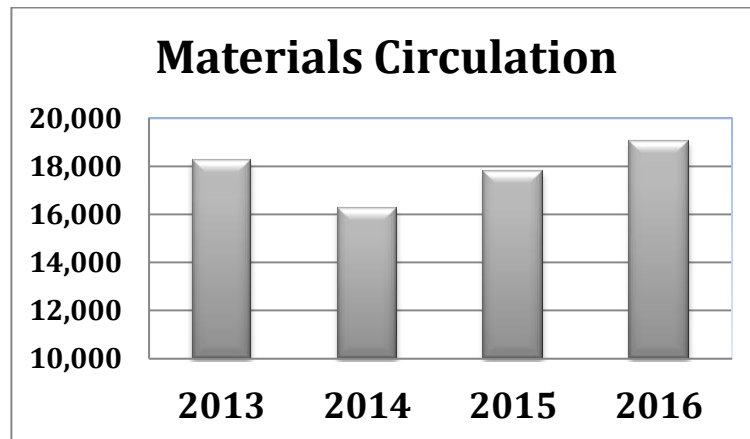
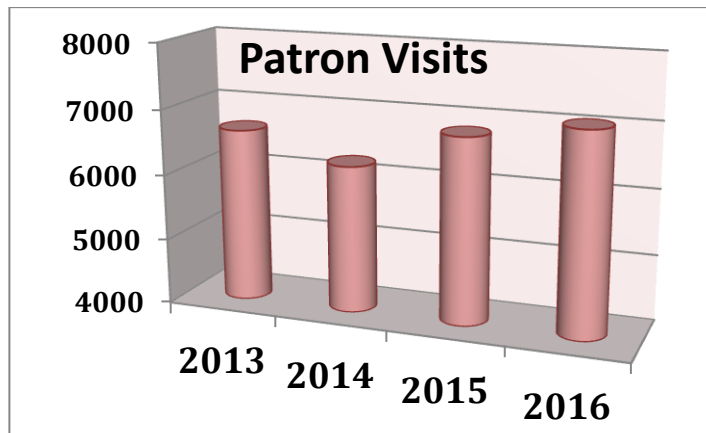
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# Statistics



**GLENWOOD & SOURIS REGIONAL LIBRARY**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
 For the year ended December 31, 2016

	2016 Budget (Note 10)	2016 Actual	2015 Actual
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Grants - Municipality of Souris-Glenwood	\$ 31,347	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
- Province of Manitoba	26,231	28,388	29,287
- Rural Library Cooperative Technology	3,050	7,434	9,864
- Other	500	500	869
Donor's Choice	1,593	1,776	1,593
Printing/copying	500	531	553
Membership fees	200	435	200
Interest		382	396
Donations	200	328	891
Fundraising			40
Miscellaneous	250		
	<b>63,871</b>	<b>69,774</b>	<b>73,693</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Books and subscriptions	10,815	10,553	11,093
Cooperative Tech Project		6,000	
Donation of braille embosser			9,864
Insurance	1,650	1,623	1,564
Miscellaneous	300	217	286
Office	2,565	2,490	2,346
Postage	600	671	598
Professional development	600	601	144
Professional fees	1,350	2,167	1,350
Rent	9,000	9,000	9,000
Repairs and maintenance	1,300	1,175	1,413
Salaries and benefits	32,991	32,158	28,722
Supplies	1,200	1,056	1,599
Technology upgrade	800	1,570	533
Telephone	700	621	747
	<b>63,871</b>	<b>69,902</b>	<b>69,259</b>
<b>ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(128)</b>	<b>4,434</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>		<b>40,040</b>	<b>35,606</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>39,912</b>	<b>\$ 40,040</b>



