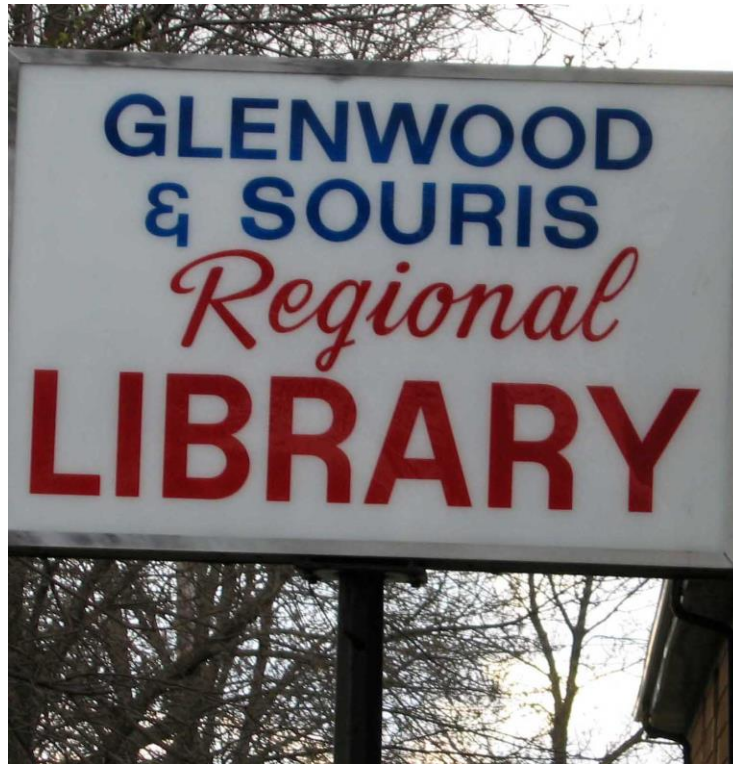


2019 Annual Report



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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.

LIBRARY BOARD
 Robin Enns **Chairperson**
 Todd Walker (Council Rep.)
 Gayle O'Greysik **Vice-Chairperson**
 Mae Hart
 Florence Phillips



Sitting: Connie Bradshaw, Head Librarian; Gayle O'Greysik, Vice-Chairperson; and Florence Phillips
Standing: Todd Walker, Councillor; Robin Enns (Chairperson); and Mae Hart

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Connie Bradshaw – Head Librarian
 Debra Wright – Assistant Librarian
 Mark Cranwell – Assistant Librarian
 & Computer Tech
 Judy Suttie – Casual Librarian
 Elsie Kurtenback – Caretaker
 Rae Laval - Volunteer
 Terrie Stelmack – Volunteer
 Joseph Logeot - Volunteer



Chairperson's Report

The Glenwood and Souris Regional Library experienced a busy year in 2019. Over the past twelve months, our staff and volunteers made every effort to provide patrons with high quality community service.

Staff members who should be recognized for their efforts are Connie Bradshaw, Debra Wright, Mark Cranwell, Judy Suttie, and our caretaker Elsie Kurtenback. Thank you to our valuable volunteers: Rae Laval, Terrie Stelmack, and Joseph Logeot. Board members are also an important element of insuring strong delivery of library services to our community. Our board members for 2019 are Gayle O'Greysik, Mae Hart, Florence Phillips, Todd Walker and Robin Enns.

I thank our staff, volunteers and board members for the work they do to provide a positive library experience within our community.

Twenty nineteen brought a challenge for the Library and its patrons. The town of Souris redesigned, rebuilt and repaved its main east-west 'downtown', the Crescent Avenue West. Throughout the summer and into the fall, this involved blocking access to many of the Crescent Avenue West businesses including the Library. Fortunately, the Library had an alternative access point via Second Street South, through the Manor entrance and down the interior stairs. Furthermore, to begin with, even with good signage, locating the Library was a bit of a mystery.

The Western Manitoba Juried Arts Council winners' work was on display again this year and was appreciated by Library patrons. A popular service at the library is the Drop-In Computer Access and Help. This program is designed to provide community members with technology access and education.

As is the case every year, the Library could not exist without the following major funding partners — the Province of Manitoba and the Municipality of Souris-Glenwood, as well as several smaller organizations, foundations and private donors, all of which make our library possible.

Twenty-twenty has arrived and I am sure we will have another successful year. We look forward to the opportunities to come.

Robin Enns



Librarian's Report

As our costs continue to increase and our operating grants remain constant, I am so grateful that we have a wonderful community who appreciates a public library. Whether by generously volunteering time to help with our daily operations or by donating funds to help keep us current, I am indebted and thankful to so many in 2019.

- We were able to affordably replace our staff and public computers through the program Computers for Schools.
- Grants from Souris Glenwood Foundation and Souris Legion Ladies Auxiliary allowed us to greatly increase our collection of audio books on compact disc for those patrons who have not embraced the digital format.
- Monetary support from our community through the Souris District Donor's Choice was essential to keeping our operating budget balanced.
- Our reciprocal borrowing agreement with Western Manitoba Regional Library allows residents of the Municipality of Grasslands to choose to be members at our library, giving us some extra income through membership fees.
- Being part of three times a year rotation of large print books supplied by the Public Library Services Branch of Manitoba is important to our library. Large print books are usually sold at a higher cost than standard print; thus, this service is a real benefit for us and our large print readers.

And lastly, I am very grateful to our supportive Library Board, dedicated staff, and hardworking volunteers who all make Glenwood & Souris Regional Library a continuing part of our community.

Connie Bradshaw

2019 at the Library



Canada Reads

The great Canadian debate!

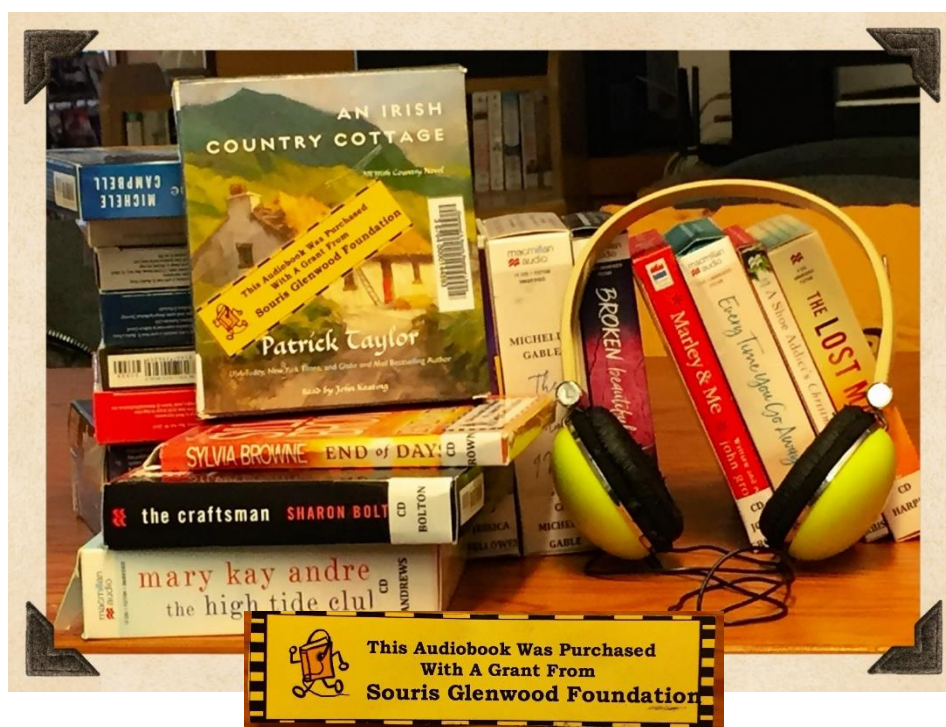
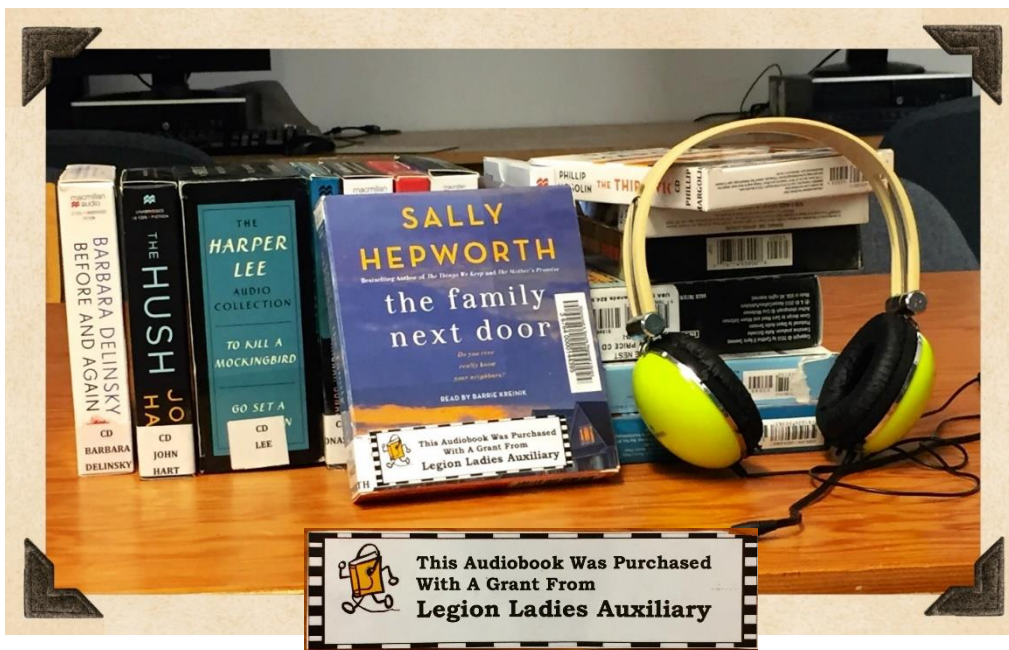
Travelling Art Show

Arts West Council 40th Travelling Gallery was at the library for two weeks in June.



Audio Books

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Author Visit

Jean Phillips Diehl launched her book ***And the Valley Goes On*** in April. She tells the story of the Pelican Lake valley, including over 450 pictures, a section on the Manitoba Sanitorium, and stories from some founding families of the Ninette area.



Construction

Summer construction of the road in front of the library's main door made visiting our library a challenge for our patrons.



Paint Me a Story

The library joined with **Fun Time Pottery** to offer a Christmas story and paint program for preschool and school age children.

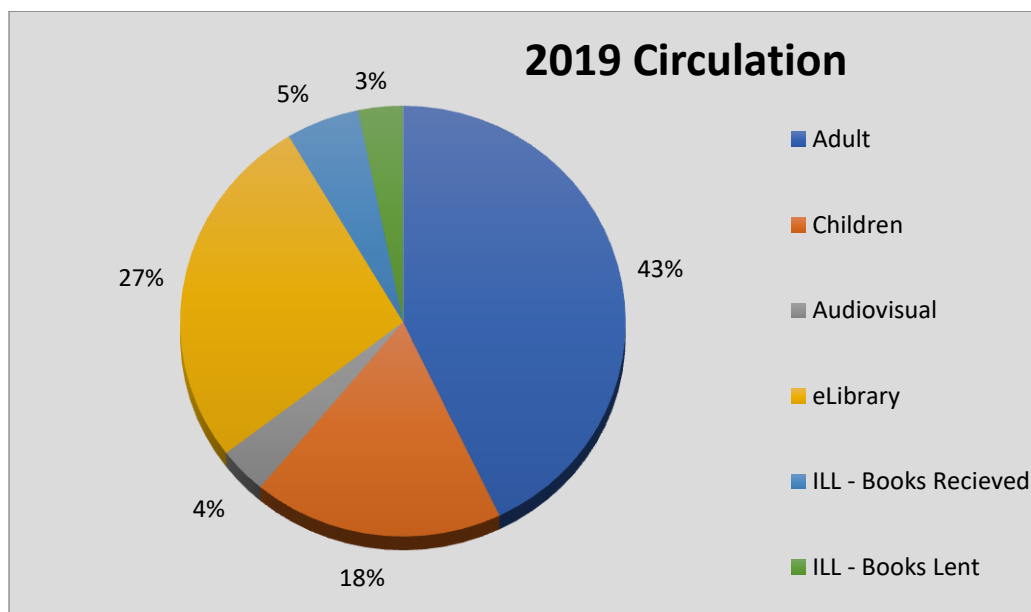


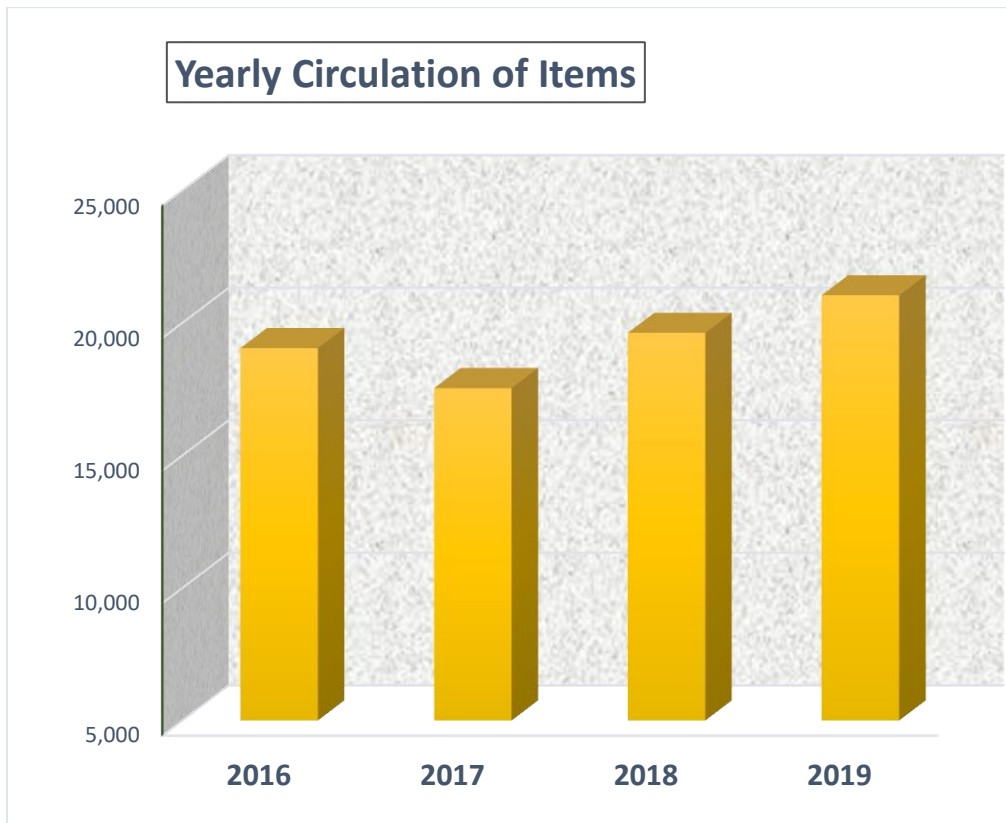
Visitors

All visitors are welcome at our library!



Statistics





GLENWOOD & SOURIS REGIONAL LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
 For the year ended December 31, 2019

	2019 Budget Unaudited (Note 9)	2019 Actual	2018 Actual
REVENUE			
Grants - Municipality of Souris-Glenwood	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
- Province of Manitoba	29,349	29,333	29,349
- Promise Years			60
Donor's Choice	3,260	3,457	2,110
Membership fees	500	901	687
Interest	300	650	575
Printing/copying	500	496	483
Souris Glenwood Foundation	400	400	800
Donations		217	210
Miscellaneous	250		55
	64,559	65,454	64,329
EXPENSES			
60th anniversary	\$	\$	\$ 228
Books and subscriptions	10,815	12,099	11,306
Insurance	1,705	1,675	1,200
Miscellaneous	300	253	228
Office	3,265	2,807	2,744
Postage	650	580	571
Professional development	600		672
Professional fees	2,155	2,788	2,155
Rent	9,000	9,000	9,000
Repairs and maintenance	1,000	1,288	932
Salaries and benefits	36,025	35,112	32,773
Supplies	1,100	1,249	1,042
Technology upgrade	700	485	640
Telephone	600	588	529
	67,915	67,924	64,020
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (3,356)	(2,470)	309
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		45,125	44,816
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR		\$ 42,655	\$ 45,125

