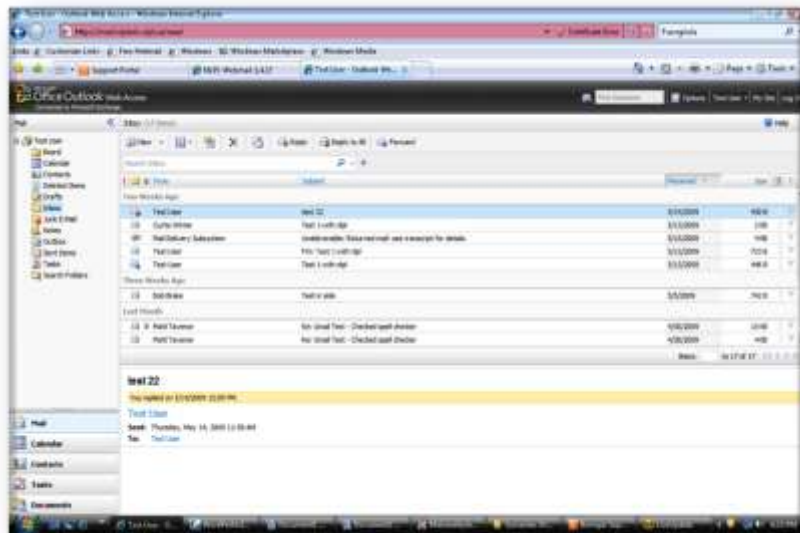


New Email for PILRB

Updating to Microsoft Exchange

On June 16th, 2009, the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries launched its new corporate email system which runs on the Microsoft Exchange Server 2007 platform. Staff access is provided through the Microsoft Outlook Web Access Client. This replaces the current email system which has served the organization for the past seven years.

The new email system provides improved security and reliability as well as additional functionality. The email function is fully integrated with a suite of productivity applications including a scheduling calendar, contacts, tasks management application and an integrated documents folder. The user interface is also very appealing with improved capability.



Implementation was accomplished over a two month period with much of the effort focused on ensuring that staff were well positioned for an effective transfer to the new service. In accordance with established policies, staff addressed any organizational issues with their existing emails to help facilitate the transfer of existing data to the new mail system. A training tutorial has been provided to all staff and follow-up support continues to ensure the success of the project.

The NLPL Early Literacy Initiative

The overall purpose of the Early Literacy Initiative undertaken by the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries 2008-2009 was to research and develop early literacy initiatives for preschoolers suitable for implementation in public libraries in the province. The intended outcomes of the initiative included:

- researching and developing an early literacy program which could be adapted for use in all public libraries in the province
- raising awareness of the role public libraries play in early literacy development

In March 2008, Myrtis Guy was contracted as the Early Literacy Consultant to develop a resource to support library staff in their Storytime sessions with 3-5 year olds. At present the resource which includes a bank of twenty-one Storytime Plans has been developed and is currently being edited, refined, and formatted. When the program is officially launched the Plans will reside on the NLPL Intranet for access by library staff. Many of the Plans underwent trial runs during last fall and winter as many librarians volunteered to test them and provide feedback to the Early Literacy Consultant. Feedback to the Plans has been overwhelmingly positive.

A training package entitled “Early Literacy and Storytime at the Public Library” has also been developed for use with library staff. To date training sessions have been completed in the Central and Eastern Divisions with further training sessions to take place with PRL staff and Western Division in late spring and early fall. Feedback during the training sessions has likewise been positive.

The program is scheduled to be launched in the fall of 2009. The implementation of the program to all sites in the province may take a few months in order to address space, registration, and scheduling details.



Operational Review of the Provincial Resource Division

In June 2008, Mr. Sandy Cameron was hired to carry out an operational review of the Provincial Resource Division which includes the St. John’s Public Libraries and the Provincial Resource Library all located in the City of St. John’s. Since starting work Mr. Cameron has completed a series of interviews with staff, evaluated library operations and the existing facilities, met with a number of key informants, conducted focus groups and a public meeting, carried out a client and public survey and worked with Community Accounts regarding library siting criteria. He has completed a draft report which was presented to the Provincial Board at the annual meeting in June. It is anticipated that the report will be approved by the Board and an implementation plan established sometime in the fall. Once that is done, presentations will be made to the St. John’s Library Board and staff of the Provincial Resource Division regarding the results of the review and the implementation plan.

Money Matters

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has approved a grant of \$10, 610, 500 for the PILRB’s 2009 – 2010 fiscal year. This is an increase of \$723, 200 over the 2008 – 2009 fiscal year. The additional funds will be applied to the following areas:

- \$445, 900 - Collective Bargaining Increases
- \$227, 300 – Rent for the Corner Brook Public Library
- \$ 50, 000 – PILRB 75th Anniversary Promotion

Repairs to the Stephenville Public Library are winding down. Repairs were conducted to replace the leaking roof, windows and doors. A new circulation desk as well as flooring and shelving were installed, and the library is now awaiting a new coat of paint, and furniture. The project was funded through three different sources; the PILRB contributed \$100, 000, which was matched by the provincial government, and the local board contributed \$10, 000.

The tender for the repairs to the roof, windows, brickwork, doors and foundation of the Grand Bank Public Library has been called, and work is anticipated to commence over the summer. Our next major repair project will be the Deer Lake Public Library which is

scheduled for 2010 – 2011.

In January 2009 the Board received \$260, 000 in additional one time funding from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to finish the following projects:

- \$100, 000 to modernize the Stephenville Public Library
- \$125, 000 for new modern shelving in the A.C. Hunter, Botwood, Deer Lake and Stephenville Crossing Public Libraries
- \$35, 000 for children’s area upgrades in our school/public libraries.



*Most new books are forgotten
within a year,
especially by those who borrow them.
Evan Esar (1899-1995)*

Operations

Provincial Resource Library

Craft Sessions at A.C. Hunter Library

Crocheted Beaded Bookmarks: Five women braved a cool December evening to try their hand at a crocheted, beaded bookmark. Most of them left with one nearly completed and enough materials to make a few more for stocking stuffers.

Flock of Felted Birds: On Tuesday, Feb 10th, birds were seen in the library as a group of women were searching for that illusive, felted bird. Many colourful creations were fashioned from felt, buttons, beads, metallic trims and other bits of glitter.

Valentine Hearts: On February 5th, an afterschool program had girls making valentine hearts from felt, sequins, buttons, threads and other glitzy trims.

Easter Eggs: On April 8th, 15 people joined Jennifer Budden and Rita Roberts to create beautiful Easter Eggs. Using styrofoam eggs, glue and embroidery floss, the participants went home with enough eggs to impress the Easter Bunny.

March Musical Madness saw 9 children in grades 2 and up learn about and make their own unique musical instruments. Running for 4 weeks, the program involved the opportunity to try strange (and not-so-strange) instruments from around the world, followed by the crafting of a new instrument each week. The participants made copper pipe xylophones, garden hose pan pipes, poster Tube rainsticks and shoe box banjos. The program was a big hit and we hope to run it again next fall.



The Easter Break Week brought two kitemaking workshops. Children aged 5 to 7 had fun with a simple sled kite made from a Tyvek-like material, while older children made a more elaborate model using old plastic tablecloths and dowelling. Both kite designs were great fliers.

The winter and spring Storytime sessions had record numbers of registrants. Programs currently run are Family Time, Tots Time and Preschool Storytime. Each program is offered twice a week in half hour sessions over a seven week cycle. All are full to capacity. They are delighted that these programs are becoming more and more popular and are always welcoming new families to them.

NL Author Reading Series at A.C. Hunter Library

On Wednesday, January 21, 2009 the A.C. Hunter Library was honoured with a reading by NL author Judy Ricketts. Judy's novel, **The Badger Riot**, with 11,000 plus copies sold, has become a bestseller. While reading excerpts from the book, Judy related instances of how readers contacted her to share their experiences. One example of this was her description of the shoreline & a particular hilltop which prompted one reader to travel to Badger & walk through the community in search of these landmarks. What amazed many was the peaceful setting of Badger had been the scene of such violence. Former residents of Badger & area present at the reading related their memories of the IWA strike and events leading up to that fateful day. With 37 in the audience, this has been the largest gathering for the NL author reading series to date.

On February 25, 2009, the A.C. Hunter Adult Library hosted the monthly NL author reading series with guest Don McKay, award winning poet. At the reading Don also launched his latest book, **The Muskwa Assemblage**, the title of which was derived from his time spent in the Muskwa region of British Columbia at an artists' retreat. Artists of different mediums had been invited to the Muskwa region which resulted in various artistic responses to conservation. The area boasts some of the oldest rocks of the Rocky Mountains; an artistic assemblage within a rock assemblage. **The Muskwa Assemblage** contains poetry, prose, & short essays which is in itself an assemblage of different types of writing. A large audience thoroughly enjoyed the evening during which Don's book was available for purchase.

On Wednesday, March 18, Janice Wells was the guest for the NL author reading series held at the A.C. Hunter Library. Ms. Wells, author of **Frank Moores: The Time of his Life**, also writes a lifestyle column for The Telegram entitled "Definitely not Martha Stewart". Reviews of **Frank Moores: The Time of his Life** include "One of the best of the genre" & "Important reference for political science students", yet has been dismissed as a joke by the television program "The Fifth Estate". Janice opened the evening with an account of the funeral of Frank Moores. His three wives were present. Were there other women there with fond memories? Frank Moores was pursued almost as much as being the pursuer. Moores' only account of the Airbus affair was given to the author. Ms. Wells believes this version of events to be more accurate than any other. Karlheinz Schreiber refused to speak to Janice, she believes due to the fact that dead men can't testify (Moores died in 2005). On speaking of her visits to Frank Moores, Janice says he was proud to be premier of Newfoundland, his one strength being that he enjoyed & respected people. He had no great ambition for a legacy, he wanted to be remembered as a decent guy who had done his best, and that he had returned democracy to Newfoundland by defeating Joseph Smallwood. Much discussion followed the reading of several sections of the book.



Living NL Show

Erin Sulley and her crew from CBC's Living NL spent a day in the library. They taped on December 8, 2008 starting with storytime in the children's library. By the time they finished in early afternoon, they had been on every floor and into every corner. It was intriguing to watch as they taped the little segments for the show. The show aired in January and again in April.

Renovations at A.C. Hunter

The adult fiction floor got a facelift in March and April months as we took advantage of the new “shelving” money. In a series of prioritizing, weeding and moves, almost the whole floor was re-arranged.

The circulation desk was flipped from one side to the other and all the staff workstations were re-located to two smaller offices behind the new desk location. This allows staff who are not serving on the desk the ability to work without being constantly in the view of the patrons. Flipping the circulation desk has the added advantages of opening up the space, the first thing you see when you enter the library is one of the staff, ready to serve you.

The audiobooks and DVDs were moved closer to the desk which increases their prominence for the public but allows staff to keep an eye on these materials, hopefully preventing some of the theft that has been occurring.



New Displays at A.C. Hunter

The paperbacks were moved onto new shelving which has tipped shelves, making it easier to see the titles. This move puts the Newfoundland fiction, the paperbacks and hardcover fiction – all in the same area so that patrons can move from one format to another much more easily.

The music CDs are on new shelving which is much easier to reach, both for patrons and staff.

Slatwell panels were purchased as well as some clear acrylic sign holders and shelves – this allows display for books, bookmarks and other flyers right on the end of the shelving units.

Thanks to all the staff who worked so hard during all the weeding and moving phase as well as during the four days we were closed for the putting up the shelves and moving major parts of the collection.

Police Week Launch at A.C. Hunter Library

In May, the A.C. Hunter library was invaded by two large groups of budding detectives. Children from St. Andrews Elementary and Rennie’s River Elementary were invited to the library by the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary.

Once there, they were asked to help solve a library crime - some jewels belonging to Lady Helena – had been stolen from our vault. The classes were broken into small groups and had an adult, either a teacher or an RNC officer, help them with the clues which were spread around the library. With their list of clues and a map of the library, they had to discover the evidence, record their findings and find the final clue which had a coded message revealing the hiding place of the jewels.

The first team to find the jewels won prizes donated by the RNC. Aliant provided other prizes as well as juice boxes and granola bars. The library gave everyone special Library Sheriffs shields. They hope to run another version of this for the summer program. The staff and RNC officers had as much fun as the kids.



Scavenger Hunt at A.C. Hunter

Japan – Canada Celebration

In March, a Japanese-Canadian celebration was held at the Inco Centre on MUN Campus. It was a time to recognize the 9th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Canada, arranged and sponsored by Compsult Ltd and Ohara Consulting. The public library system was given a donation of 32 highly-regarded Japanese movies. One of the movies was shown that evening. The collection of Japanese movies, subtitled in English, are in the DVD collection at the A.C. Hunter Library and are available for ILL throughout the province. We also donated some NL DVDs to be brought to a library in Japan. To obtain a listing of the Japanese titles, contact jcousens@nlpl.ca.

Chilton Library Online – The Newest Free Database

The Chiltons database provides you with exclusive photographs, diagnostics designed by instructors, step-by-step repair procedures, Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) maintenance schedules, wiring diagrams, recalls and Technical Service Bulletins (TSBs) for automobiles and light trucks in one easy-to-use web site. Since the library system subscribes to Chilton Library, you are now equipped with decades of data to maintain your vehicle.



Chiltons is easy to use. Once you are logged on, you simply select your vehicle by clicking on - Select a Year followed by Select a Make followed by Select a Model. The earliest vehicle listed is a 1929 Cadillac 341B and the latest is a 2009 Infiniti FX35. After selecting your vehicle, the following types of data may appear - Maintenance; Repairs; Bulletins and Recalls.

The maintenance information will tell you when certain routine checks should be performed. You can print out charts to help you track those mileage indicators of when parts should be inspected, replaced, lubricated or adjusted.

The Bulletins/recalls will list all the warnings, recalls and revised maintenance instructions that the car manufacturers send to the car dealers. This could include major recalls as well as little things which have become a common occurrence but do not seriously affect the safety of the operation of the vehicle (an example is a rattle in the steering column of certain LandRovers).

Information found in the repairs section is what most people are looking for. The information includes step-by-step instructions with lots of diagrams, animations and videos. You'll see plenty of tips, cautions and potential problems so that you don't injure yourself while doing the work.



Bookclub-to-Go

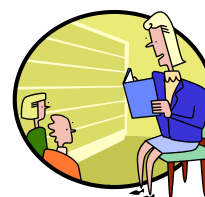
The St. John's Libraries started circulating *Bookclub-To-Go Kits* this year. They were met with enthusiasm and were an immediate success.



These kits can be (and have already been) borrowed on ILL. The kit contains 5-10 copies of the book, something about the author and a series of questions to help lead the discussion. For a list of authors and titles available, please contact jcousens@nlpl.ca.

Family Literacy Day

To celebrate *Family Literacy Day 2009* the St. John's libraries hosted four events with celebrity readers. Mayor Dennis O'Keefe and Debbie Hanlon read at City Hall. John Ottenheimer, Ed Buckingham, Sheila Osborne, Kevin Foley from the RNC and Don Byrne from the St. John's Fire Department and others read at A. C. Hunter Library. Marilyn Walbourne was the guest reader at Michael Donovan Branch. All the events were a huge hit with the children, their parents and the celebrity readers.



Although the world record wasn't broken, more than 119,000 Canadians were documented in the world record attempt to break the Guinness World Record for "Most Children Reading with an Adult - Multiple Locations." Congratulations to Tricon Elementary School in Bay de Verde for winning one of six \$1,000 prizes to buy books for their school.

Jazz at the Library

In May, another successful *Jazz at the Library* event was hosted in the A.C. Hunter Library by local board Vice-Chair Augusta Ford and board member Joan Tripp. Also participating were members of *Wreckhouse Jazz and Blues*: Kirk Newhook, Executive/Artistic Director; Bryan Power, Logistics Coordinator; and Liz Dunbar, Marketing and Operations Manager.

This year the audience was treated to the *Jazz and Blues Duo*, Brad Jefford on guitar and Josh Ward on bass. Brad plays with the *Brad Jefford Trio* and Josh with *Hey Rosetta*. Both are well known Newfoundland musicians, and they charmed the audience with their marvelous performance.



Kirk Newhook, Joan Tripp, Augusta Ford, Bryan Power

During the evening, Kirk Newhook, on behalf of *Wreckhouse Jazz and Blues*, presented the library with over one hundred jazz and blues CD's. This annual donation of CD's greatly enhances the library's music collection, and allows for a very wide selection of jazz and blues recordings for our ever-increasing library music patrons.

This popular event continues to attract patrons and members of the general public who enjoy listening to fine jazz and blues music. Refreshments were provided by the board.



Glenda Quinn Retires

On the evening of May 1, 2009 the staff of the St. John's Libraries gathered for the retirement party of Glenda Quinn, one of our long serving staff members.



Glenda Quinn

Glenda began working with the Newfoundland Public Library Service in 1977 at the Conception Bay South branch. In 1983 she took a position as supervisor with the A.C. Hunter Children's Library. While working there she earned a reputation as a creatively gifted and dedicated staff member. Her story time programs, displays and famous haunted chamber are still talked about and the children's library thrived under her direction.

When the Marjorie Mews Library moved to its present location on Highland Drive, Glenda moved to take up duties as branch head. For the next 17 years Glenda happily toiled promoting library services. She was a source of invaluable advice and guidance to all library patrons, seasoned or novice readers alike. After 30 years we say goodbye...Glenda, we'll miss you.

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.

Charles W. Eliot

Eastern Division

Family Literacy Day

In January, **Burin Memorial Library** took part in the ABC Canada Family Literacy Day World Record Attempt. The World Record Attempt was for *MOST CHILDREN READING WITH ADULTS - MULTIPLE LOCATIONS*.

Forty-five children, along with their parents, invited guests and members of our local library board attended. Four adults read five *Robert Munsche* stories for a total of thirty minutes. The children thoroughly enjoyed the stories.



Matthew Peddle reading Robert Munsche

NTV News was also in attendance and filmed the event which was broadcast on the NTV Sunday Evening Newshour on January 25, 2009. The children in attendance were thrilled to be filmed for the News and couldn't wait to see themselves on TV.

After the readings were completed, the children, parents and guests were treated to pizza, cookies and drinks. A great time was had by all who attended. Everyone thought it was a lovely way to celebrate Family Literacy Day.



Firemen Invited to CBS Story Time

In November, the **Conception Bay South Public Library** story time children received a special treat with the arrival of the Conception Bay South Firemen. They brought along a special talking fire truck called Pumper. Pumper was used to do demonstrations with the children. It was manned by a Dalmatian named Patches who moved around the room asking the children questions and telling them fire safety rules. The preschoolers were totally amazed as they really believed that the dog was talking to them. One of the firemen was discreetly hiding in a corner and talking for the dog. The children went outside and spent some time viewing the talking Pumper truck and the Emergency Response Vehicle which contained life saving equipment. At the end of the session each child was given a plastic fireman's hat. It was an enjoyable occasion for everyone.

Southern Harbour Celebrates Long Serving Librarian

The **Southern Harbour Public Library** has honored their long serving librarian, Bride Whiffen. Many fond memories of thirty-three years were shared when John White, manager of the Eastern Division, presented Ms. Whiffen with plaques of service commemorating her thirty-three years with the public library.

She recalled how the children would line-up at the library, and those who had to catch the bus home would be served first. At the time, the library was inside a classroom, but is now part of Southern Harbour's community centre. The library has grown in size, and now has close to seven thousand books and six computers that are open to the public. Compared to the number of children that used to line-up to get a book, she says she now sees more adults come in to the library than she did years ago. While she still has her 'usuals', the use of the library has changed over time.

She shies away from saying how old she was when she first started work there, but she hasn't any plans to leave the library any time soon.



Placentia Local Board Member is also an Artist

Olive Power, a member of the local board in Placentia is also a very talented artist who was selected to have one of her paintings displayed at the *2009 Arts and Letters Exhibition* of visual art, held at The Rooms in St. John's in May.



On the Trap Line

The selection is an oil on canvas painting of an Innu woman, titled “*On the Trap Line*”. Ms. Power says, “About 20 years ago, a friend, who was teaching at Davis Inlet, sent us a photograph of an Innu woman and I always thought it would be a good subject to paint. I liked the photo because the woman was so well put together, her clothes were coordinated and she was looking away shyly or anxiously waiting for someone. The painting depicts elements of their lifestyle and reflects the combination of old ways and new ways. The moccasins and snowshoes are next to a five-gallon white plastic beef bucket, and green plastic garbage bags, with her gun resting on the tent. As well, the picture shows their transient nature, with the axe thrown haphazardly on the snow, the boiler outside the tent and yet clothes are hung on the line as if she is rooted to that place.”

Still with Placentia, another local craftsperson, Mr. Jim Pretty, generously donated to the **Placentia Public Library** beautiful bird feeders and ornamental bird houses made from driftwood and collected from the beaches of Placentia. They have proven to be quite popular with tourists and locals alike.



**Ornamental Bird Houses and Feeders
in the Placentia Public Library**

Garnish Girls Group

The Garnish Girls Group visited the **Greta Hollett Memorial Library** in February for a *Book Night*. Thirteen girls ranging from 3 to 12 meet weekly for various activities. They asked for a *Book Night* with librarian Linda Nolan who was happy to oblige, reading and sharing books with the girls.



Holyrood Hosts Newfoundland Talent

Ed Kavanagh, writer/musician/teacher and editor visited the **Holyrood Public Library** in April, and entertained patrons with glorious music on the celtic harp. Having just released a new CD, *One Star Awake*, he played many selections from the recording. He also read from his new book, and signed copies of the CD, and shared information about harps, and his upcoming ventures.



**Ed Kavanagh and Danielle Bauer,
one of his biggest fans**

The Holyrood Public Library also hosted writer, playwright, /actor and teacher Paul Rowe, who read from his novel, **The Silent Time**. A lively discussion ensued led for the most part by members of our book club, who had just finished reviewing the book. Mr. Rowe spoke about his involvement in various upcoming projects, and signed copies of his book.



Paul Rowe with Trudy Hurle and Dorothy Moore (visitors from BC), and Margaret Swinimer and Liz Hawco of Holyrood

Snapshots in Mount Pearl

The **Ross King Memorial Library** in Mount Pearl held a variety of activities over the last few months.



Local Author J.A. Ricketts at the Ross King Memorial Library in Mount Pearl

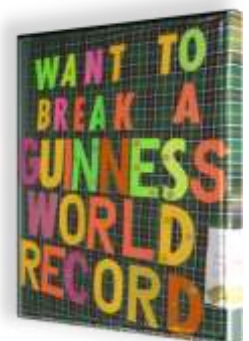


Kevin Blackmore, (aka) Buddy Wasiname reading at the Ross King Memorial Library



Board Chair Pat Walsh as Santa

In January, the library in Mount Pearl assisted in the attempt to break the Guinness World Record for number of children being read to consecutively at one time.



Central Division

Centreville

Thirty eight years ago, in 1971, a group of people from the Centreville area recognized the need for a library and they worked very hard to get it. The founding members were made up of six men and one woman. They were very pleased when our first library was opened in the Centreville Town Hall in 1972. These people were members of the local library board for many years. But there is one member of the original board that is still on our local library board today and that woman is Sarah White. Sarah has been a dedicated member for 37 years. That is a very long time to be devoted to the one organization. Sarah loves to read and that is why she is so passionate about the library. On November 28, 2008 Veronica Rogers, public librarian of **Intertown Public Library**, presented Sarah with a beautiful plaque from the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board for her outstanding dedication of 36 years. Sarah was honored and surprised to receive her plaque.



Librarian Veronica Rogers and Sarah White

*I can't believe it!
Reading and writing
actually paid off!*

Matt Groening (1954-) The Simpsons

Lots of fun in Harry's Harbour

On Tuesday nights at the **Harry's Harbour Public Library** they hold a *Game Night*, just for the grown-ups. Patrons drop in for a game of Scrabble, Phase 10, Skip-Boo, Trivial Pursuit or Bingo. It's a great social time and exercise for the brain too!



Game night in Harry's Harbour Public Library

The library also hosts a *Ladies Craft Night* and local ladies bring along their current projects. They exchange patterns, browse the Internet for new ones and explore the large selection of craft books available at the library.



Ladies Craft Night

Still with Harry's Harbour, there was a senior's New Years party with readings, skits, songs, lunch and even a visit from some mummers, and they were 'llowed in'. Fun was had by all.



Mummers visiting the library

Grand-Falls Windsor

The **Harmsworth Public Library** is quite busy reaching out to its community. Over the past year the library held a variety of events which were met with great success. The regular story-time program for pre-school children is very popular and is held one morning a week, September through May.

A *Christmas Seniors Day* celebration is always enjoyed by our senior patrons, especially the live entertainment by Ed Power and friends. Refreshments are served.

Visiting Authors

Author Rukhsana Khan visited the library for a reading, providing an outstanding presentation. Newfoundland author Judy Ricketts also visited to do a reading from her new and very popular book, *The Badger Riot*.



Rukhsana Khan

French-Immersion

The Canadian Parents for French offer a French-Immersion storytime at the library. The facility also provides them with space for tutoring French to primary school students.



French-Immersion Storytime

Lewisporte Memorial Public Library

The library held its second annual spelling bee in February as part of the local winter carnival. In spite of the snowy weather there was still a good turnout. Winners received McDonald's gift certificates and each child received a bookmark and a pen. Pizza was supplied by the local board.



Muriel Jenkins and Sandra Mitchell

Through the CAP program, youth intern Sandra Mitchell worked at the library, helping patrons with any computer concerns and also taught children's computer classes. Muriel Jenkins, one of her students, was so pleased and impressed with Sandra's teaching she even walked to the library through all kinds of weather and never missed a class.

Bishop's Falls

Central Division manager Pat Parsons presented librarian Cora Stanley with a plaque for twenty-five years of service. Cora has served the patrons of the **Bishop's Falls Public Library** with dedication, and it is an honor to recognize her.



Cora Stanley and Pat Parsons

Western Division

Labrador South Public Library

Author Marthe Jocelyn visited the **Labrador South Public Library** in L'Anse au Loup. She held four sessions in the region, two in the library and two at the high school in nearby Forteau. Librarian Pauline O'Dell accompanied Ms. Jocelyn on her tour.

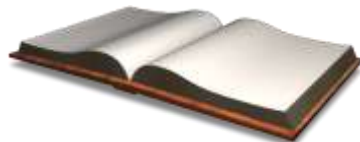


Author Marthe Jocelyn

The library partnered with the local elementary school for the *Art Smarts Program* in March, welcoming Jim Payne and Fergus O'Byrne. The school transferred their classes to the library where the guests provided enthralling storytelling sessions. Everyone had a great time. There was also a visit from Ken Murphy from the Arts Council of Newfoundland and Labrador.



Ken Murphy



Mother Goose dropped by the library to tell stories to the children. Throughout the year there were activities for the little ones, including storytime, bingo, crafts and an open house in library month.



Stephenville

The local board of the Kindale Public Library in Stephenville purchased the books **The War Against Women** and **Life With Billy**. The author, Brian Vallee signed the copies at a brunch held at the Women's Centre in Stephenville while on a cross Newfoundland book tour heralding Violence Prevention Month.



Brian Vallee, Lorraine Sheheen ,Women's Centre Manager, and Monica White, Library Manager/Supervisor



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