

- Criminal Law: Your rights with the police
- Estate Administration: What happens when there is no will
- Child Protection: Online Sexual Abuse & Exploitation of Children
- Privacy Law: Your Guide to Personal Information Protection Under FIPPA and PHIA

I took a session last February on creating a will and found it to be very informative. We are promoting this excellent resource on our social media and hope that people will check it out.

We currently have 78 people registered for the free long term radon testing kits. This has kept us busy in the library recently. Things should slow down now, at least until the last week of February when the kits are scheduled to return to the library.

Sarah Hie, a local patron and instructor of Communication at Red River College Polytechnic has volunteered to do the presentation below for the PSS grade 11 and 12 students in the library on November 22. We are expecting approximately 35 students to attend this event.

Seeing is Believing? Think Again

This 1 (or 2) hour, interactive, group-based workshop will focus on what research and information looks like in the age of information and artificial intelligence? Students will explore strategies for determining whether information is credible, reliable and accurate. Using hands-on tools from the RRC Polytechnic Library resources, students will learn what the future holds for academic research in a post-secondary setting.

Ebscohost is a very seldom used online educational resource for patrons. We recently had a school teacher requesting to use it for his students. We had to re-familiarize ourselves with how to access it but now that it is set up, he is planning to encourage his colleagues to use it as well.

School Principal Kris Drohomereski has approached us again about the “books for sale” by the school door being a security risk as the teens are using them to prop the door open, thereby allowing public access into the school. At this point, we have not been able to reach a satisfactory solution.

7. Treasurer’s Report: B McCamis

- The Treasurer’s report was sent to the PPL board by e-mail on November 18, 2023.
- The Treasurer’s report is accepted as presented.
- 2024 Draft budget was emailed to Board on November 15, 2023.
- The Draft budget was reviewed and discussed in detail.
- We need to increase income in order to overcome our deficit.

8. Children’s Report: J Miller

The Children’s Librarian Report was submitted to the PPL Board by email on November 16, 2023

Literacy for Life Grant: Storytime has been going well, and we have been working on finding the best day and times that work for most families. We recently had a Thursday evening Storytime for Remembrance Day and had 13 attendees (7 kids, 6 adults). Linda Tait kindly volunteered to co-lead this event and did an excellent activity on “What does peace feel like?” We were able to purchase several books through the Literacy for Life Grant for the library. Approximately 30 picture books and 5 parenting books were chosen and purchased and are in the process of being catalogued.

Games/Educational Resources: In October, Dr. Papetti donated approximately 20 educational games to the library. We will slowly be cataloguing these and making them available to the teachers and families in the community by January. These games were chosen under the advisement of Mrs. Donnelly (grade 1 teacher and resource teacher at F.W. Gilbert).

Dolly Parton Imagination Library: Registration has been smooth, and we currently have 27 children registered. We had a “reading corner” at the Halloween Spooktacular event at F.W. Gilbert, and we were able to register several children and advertise the program and the library in general.

Christmas Fundraiser: Dr. Papetti donated 25 brand new Christmas books for a fundraising raffle to support the library. If we sell all the tickets we will raise as much as \$1000. The draw date is at the Pinawa Town Market, Saturday, December 2nd.

Looking Ahead: Sunday, November 26th will be our “Letters to Santa” event. We will be writing letters and “posting” them, reading stories, and having cookies and hot chocolate. We will be giving out free Christmas pencils, stickers and candy canes. There will also be a small photo booth area where parents/guardians can take pictures of their kids. Junior Kindergarten Visit: We will be hosting the JK’s for a class visit to the library

