

Selkirk & District Community Foundation supports loving to read all year long, but especially during I Love to Read month



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February is the month of love.

We celebrate that on the 14th with Valentine's for the ones we love and, all month long, we celebrate our love for reading during I Love to Read month.

The SDCF has funds that support literacy all year round, but in February we love to read and let books unlock our imaginations!

"There are so many things I love about reading," says Selkirk & District Community Foundation board chair Shauna Curtin.

"You can do it anywhere, it can be social if you share the experience in a book club and books help unlock our imaginations and when that happens, the possibilities are endless!"

The SDCF has four funds that support literacy – Amma's Bookshelf, the Libri Fund, the John Mytz Memorial Fund and the Mooring-Griffioen Family Fund – and each does so in a unique way.

Amma's Bookshelf was established in memory of Eleanor Johnson, who was a parent, grandparent, Amma and teacher. Johnson believed that children should be read to right from birth and the melody and magic of language will last a lifetime. The fund provides a copy of the Margaret Wise Brown classic *Goodnight Moon*, free of charge, to all babies born at the Selkirk Hospital.

The Mooring-Griffioen Family Fund supports the Gaynor Family Regional Library, with grants to assist interlibrary loan services costs and/or the purchase of books. The Libri Fund, created by Duane Nicol and Erin Nosal, along with the John Mytz Memorial Fund, supports the operation of the Gaynor Family Regional Library.

Ken Kuryliw, Gaynor's Director of Library Services, says he's thankful for funds that support the library and he always loves to read, regardless of the time of year.

"It's great that February shines a light on reading and gets everyone, young and old, excited about books. At the library, we see that excitement of reading all year long, and we're looking forward to in person programming returning," Kuryliw said.

“The Selkirk & District Community Foundation partnership has been critical to the success of the Gaynor Family Regional Library, and this February, and every month of the year, we encourage reading and literacy and the development of life-long learners.”

The Selkirk and District Community Foundation is a charitable organization that provides financial support to charitable causes and agencies in the region, which includes Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements. Gifts from donors enable the Foundation to support countless groups and individuals in our community. The Foundation has given in excess of \$3.4 million to more than 125 local charities and community organizations during its 25 years. For more details contact SDCF Executive Director Bev Clegg at 204.785.9755.