

# The Reader



*January 2023*

**G** GAYNOR FAMILY  
REGIONAL **LIBRARY**

# Library News

## *A wonderful opportunity!*

The library has an opportunity to expand into the former Planning Board office space.

This additional space would allow for the library to create a wonderful new Children's area, as well as expand shelving by 25% or an additional 15,000 items.

Our library has the highest turnover rate in the province, which means the items we have are borrowed more often than any other library. The high turnover results from two main factors, the materials we have are newer and in high demand, but our collection is smaller than what is expected for a Library serving 34,500 people in our region.

Even with the expansion by 6,000 sq feet we would still be below the recommended size of the collection and building. However, with continued investment in electronic resources and this potential increase in library space we could close in on the recommended requirements and therefore improve our service to the community.

The cost of taking on the new space is far lower than building an addition and adding new parking, but would still have a significant acquisition and operating cost that is beyond existing funding levels.

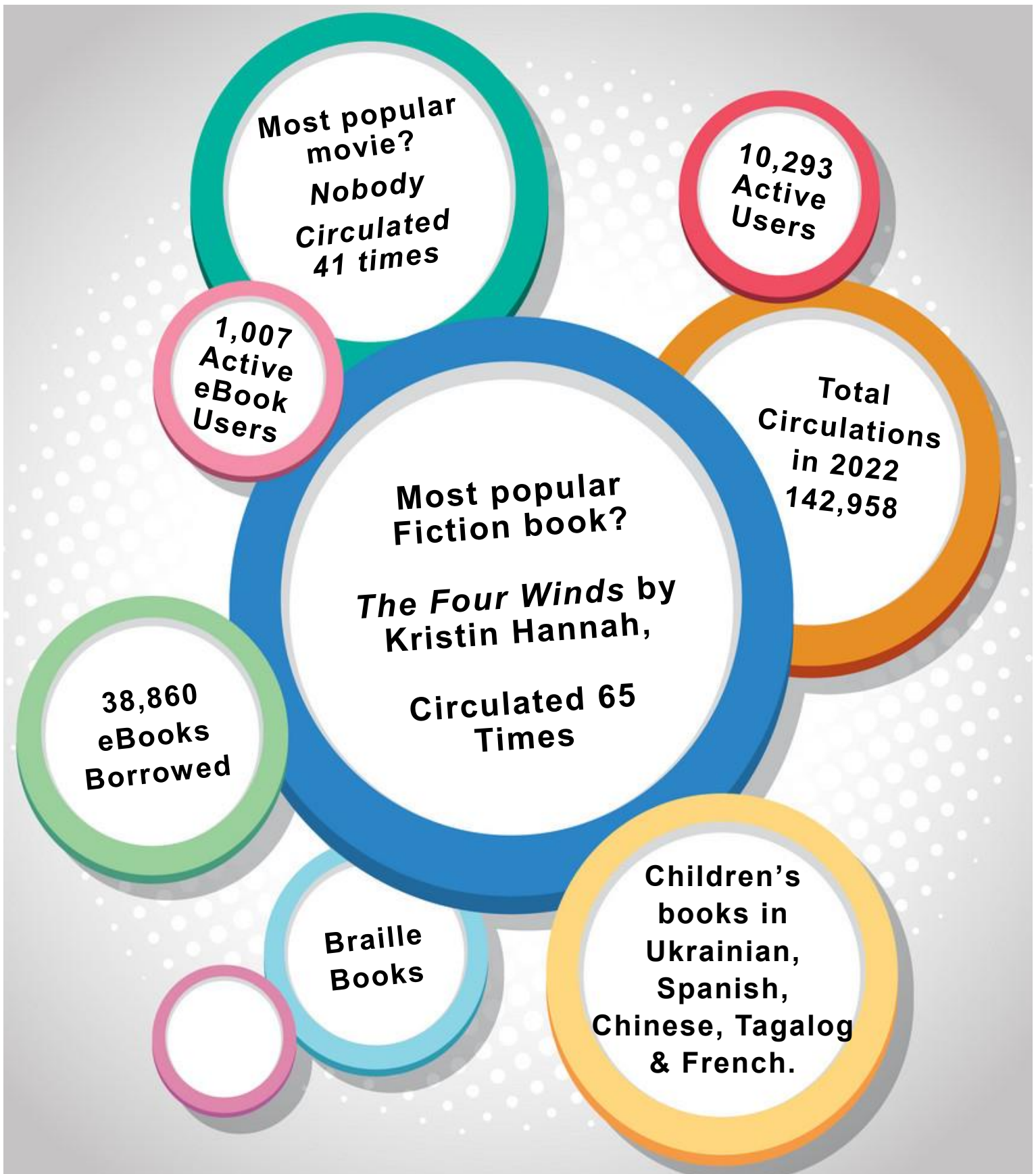
The Selkirk and District Community Foundation approved a grant to explore the design and costs of adding that space to the library. The Municipal Partners will be critical to make this effort a reality as the operating grants to the Library region will need to increase closer to the provincial average/per capita funding for Libraries.



Our library has a wonderful opportunity to improve our services to the region and we are excited to see if it is feasible to do so. If the Library can gain assurances around the operating costs, then a Capital Campaign could begin to raise the necessary funding to expand into the additional 6,000 sq feet. We have a wonderful shared facility that is extremely well used, and with the additional parking and indoor space we can do wonders.

If you have any questions, or wish to assist please contact Ken Kuryliw ([kkuryliw@gfrl.org](mailto:kkuryliw@gfrl.org)), Director Library Services.

# Library by the Numbers 2022





# Thursday Nights @theLibrary

## Thursday Evenings in the Theatre at 7:00pm

Join us for a fun evening of discussions and visit with some really interesting people.  
Visit our website ( [www.gfrl.org](http://www.gfrl.org) ) to read the bio's of these amazing folks.

**January 12th**— Wayne Wazny, Musician

**January 19th**— Mary Chown, Story-teller, Performer and Teacher

**January 26th**— Art Evening



## Circle of Friends

Join our **Circle of Friends** programming every Friday in the Theatre from 1-3pm.  
Visit our website ( [www.gfrl.org](http://www.gfrl.org) ) to read the bio's of these wonderful speakers.

**January 6th**— TBA

**January 13th** — Donna Besel, Writer

**January 20th**— Maxine Pich, Metaphysical Counsellor

**January 27th**— Irene Way, Nurse, Counsellor & Arctic Traveler