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Quebec's small town libraries are bigger than it seems

By Gordon Lambie

Joelle Thivierge, the Executive Director of the Biblio Network in the Eastern Townships says that her organization is one of the province's best guarded secrets, even though it works with thousands of people across Quebec every day.

"As soon as a municipality becomes a member of our network, the members of that library have free access to our services," Thivierge explained.

According to the Executive Director, the Biblio Network often flies under peoples' radar because they tend to provide support to the libraries themselves.

Carole Chassé is the head librarian at the Waterville Library, which serves just over 2,000 people, and also the President of the Eastern Townships Biblio network.

"Being a part of the network means that we have a great variety of good books available that a small town library wouldn't otherwise be able to afford," the Librarian said.

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Missisquoi North Youth Centre Talent Show another big success



MABLE HASTINGS

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre held a youth talent show at the Mansonville Elementary school on June 4 with youth ages 5 to 16 participating.

By Mable Hastings

On Saturday evening, June 4, youth from the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) youth programs held a youth talent show at the Mansonville Elementary School.

The gymnasium where the show was

held was decorated with a photo display of enlargements of photos taken of the youth throughout the year. The vernissage of photos was made possible through funding from Desourdy Funeral Homes in support of youth, families and the arts.

This type of show would not be possible without the volunteer work of a multitude of people. The sound, lighting, refreshments, set-up, take down and a hundred things in between were all thanks to some pretty terrific people. The Youth Centre staff sends out a big

thank you to all who contributed to making the show happen. An especially big round of applause goes out to the youth who took part.

Many commented, at show's end in regards to how talented, proud and joyful the youth were. The purpose of the evening was not perfection but rather, to have a great time. That being said, the youth really enjoyed being onstage and performing for their family and friends.

For more information about the Missisquoi North Youth programs visit www.cabmn.org or call the Youth Centre at 450-292-4886.

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