

Books galore for North Memorial

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PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE — North Memorial School students are set for a literary shopping spree thanks to grant money from the literacy foundation of a national book store chain. The Indigo Love of Reading Foundation, set up by Indigo Books and Music Inc., which owns Chapters and Coles book stores, has chosen North Memorial, and 19 other schools across the country, to receive the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation grant. The school will receive \$36,000 over the next three years from the foundation for literacy resources and programs. As a way of celebrating, principal Joanne Bell said the school plans to take the 125 students on a shopping trip to the Chapters store near Polo Park in Winnipeg so each of them can purchase a book for him or herself.



Jonnette Kitson, a resource teacher at North Memorial School, is flanked by students Brandon Pelletier, left, and Annette Paul-Chartrand as they read together in the school's library.
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The school's administrators and staff will ponder how to best use the rest of the money, which will come in three instalments of \$12,000. It could be spent on more books, but also on educational toys, games and software.

"We are going to do some homework," Bell said, "before we go out and spend."