

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2007 Audited Financial Statements

In the Board's package this month is a draft of the Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year 2007. The Auditor will bring a final draft to the meeting and, if accepted, it will be finalized and posted to the Library's website within a couple of days. I do not expect significant changes from the draft Statements in your package. Colleen Schommer, Head of Finance & Administration, will provide an overview at the meeting and the Auditor will review key items and take questions.

Albert Community Library Committee

The Albert Community Library Committee has submitted a document proposing changes to the agreement between the ACLC and the RPL Board. It is included in the package for Board review.

Consortium with Saskatoon

Further to earlier discussions with the Board, I have begun to discuss with Saskatoon Public Library the possibility of forming a consortium for the purchase of a shared Integrated Library System (ILS). Once the Province declined to support the purchase of a province-wide system in the SILS proposal, the Public Library Directors participated in a conference call with the Provincial Library to address the question of how to move forward. Most library systems are interested in exploring a consortium model either as initial partners or as add-on partners after an initial hardware cycle (normally about 3-4 years). I have a meeting with Saskatoon Public Library Director, Zenon Zuzak, the morning of the Board meeting and will be able to brief the Board at the meeting on progress from the call.

Regina Plan for Downtown & the Library

Deputy Director, Julie McKenna and I met with a few representatives from the City Planning Department to discuss the City's process and some possibilities for the Library as the plan progresses. There are no immediate plans but the City seemed interested to know that the Library was participating in the process and interested in the potential outcomes as they relate to the Central Library. I assured them that the Library was participating in the process, enthusiastically, and that the Library was very open to the possibilities it presents. Julie McKenna has also been participating this week in the second round of the City process.

Literacy Learner Recognized

One of the Library's literacy learners, Mr. Elijah Ngor, recently learned that he is the recipient of the Cameco Learner Literacy Award, which is one of the Saskatchewan Literacy Awards of Merit presented by the Saskatchewan Literacy Network.