

## **LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### ***Logotopia***

The next exhibition at the Central Gallery of the DAG has a very strong library link and I have been asked to invite a Board member to bring greetings at the opening reception on March 20, 2009, at 7:30 pm. A brief description of the exhibition is included below:

#### ***Logotopia: The Library in Architecture, Art and the Imagination***

Logotopia (from the Ancient Greek logos, meaning 'word' and topos, meaning 'place') presents a range of stunning library projects, Canadian and International, contemporary and historical, real and imaginary. The exhibition explores the library in its various typologies the Universal Library, the National Library, the Community Library, and the Private Library, plus a section on Technology and the Future of Libraries. The exhibition takes readers to places and times as diverse as ancient Alexandria, contemporary Montreal, small-town Ontario, war-torn Baghdad and cyberspace.

Featured projects include Biblioteca Alexandria in Egypt by Snøhetta Architects, the Grande Bibliotheque in Montreal by Patkau Architects, the Hespeler Library in Cambridge by Alar Kongats Architects and Library of a Poet in Japan by Shigeru Ban Architects. In addition, *Logotopia* presents thematically related objects of art, literature, new media and pop culture.

### ***North Central Shared Facility***

The North Central Shared Facility project is winding down the current stage of development. Facility design drawings should be available soon and will be sent to Board members. Overall, the project is looking very good and the role of Albert Branch as a key service for the community will be enhanced by this partnership.

### ***Marketing Communications Plan***

Following through with recommendations from the Communications Audit and the Capacity Assessment, and a clearly recognized need of the Library, an RFP invitation was sent out early in the year and a contract for the development of a Marketing Communications Plan and a refresh of the Library's branding and logo has been awarded to Brown Communications. The reports are due in mid-March.

## ***Expressions of Interest Update***

The invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI) on presentation of options and design for a new or expanded and renovated Central Library was issued earlier this month with a deadline of February 27, 2009, at 2:00 pm. The EOI documents are available online and we cannot be sure how many firms have picked them up but a number of them have called the Director's Office. Some follow-up questions have come in from firms and the questions, with answers, were posted to the EOI webpage. A copy of the Q&A items to date is included in the Board package for information.