

## **LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### ***Mayor's Mega-Minute Reading Challenge***

The Mayor's Mega-Minute Reading Challenge ran through the month of May. Regina's kids read for over 7,000,000 minutes during the month. Overall, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the minutes were read in school and  $\frac{1}{4}$  submitted from individual log books. The total is down from last year for a few reasons, but the main challenge is in finding the right time of the year. Once the feedback is in from teachers, we will work with the School Divisions to pick the month that can reach the most kids.

### ***RPL Staff Leadership***

The spring of each year is typically the setting for the various conferences and AGMs of library associations and organizations. For 2009-10, RPL staff members have been elected or are continuing in elected positions that place the Library in a leadership role provincially and nationally. André Gagnon, soon-to-be Manager of Programming, is completing his second year as President of the Canadian Association of Public Libraries. Barb Kelly, Branch Head at Connaught, is beginning her term as President of the Saskatchewan Library Association. Claire Isaac, Children's Collections Librarian, is now Past-President of the Saskatchewan Young Readers' Choice Awards (Willow Awards). And, finally, I continue as Chair of the Canadian Urban Libraries Council. There are also a number of other staff who serve on provincial committees and task groups as appointees of RPL.

### ***Vacations in the Director's Office***

It has been challenging to set vacation times this summer while trying to ensure that either Julie or I are at the Library and that the various projects keep moving. The way it is looking at the moment, I will be away from 29 June to 3 July and at some point at the end of the summer; Julie will be away from 18 July to 17 August; and Angie will be away at different points throughout the summer.

### ***DAG Exhibition***

In case Board members happen to see scaffolding outside the Lorne Avenue entrance in mid-July, it is not a building problem but a part of the art exhibition that runs from July through to early October. There is an artist working for one week on the windows – drawing images based on conversations with passersby and library patrons.

***Prince of Wales Project***

The recommendation from the City's Planning Commission to approve the Discretionary Use Application for the Prince of Wales Branch at the Core Ritchie Neighbourhood Centre will go to City Council on Monday, 22 June. I will be able to report on City Council's decision at the Board meeting on Tuesday.