

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Monetary Donations Policy

At the June Board meeting, the Board adopted a new *Charitable Gifts Receipting Policy*. The new policy supersedes the Library's *Monetary Donations Policy* but the old policy was not specifically rescinded. A Board motion is required to rescind the former policy.

SaskTel Easement

A part of the Province's announcement a year ago about SILS and CommunityNet included the upgrade of CommunityNet lines to every branch library in the province. RPL's branches have for some years been connected to Central Library through leased data lines but are now in transition to CommunityNet. Installation of fibre at Glen Elm required the addition of a green box and an easement of 9 m² near the alley on the east side of the property. While it is a minor alteration to Library property, a Board motion to approve the easement would be appropriate.

SILS Update

The Saskatchewan Information and Library Services (SILS) Consortium has made a great deal of progress over the summer. Once policy approvals were received from the library systems around the province, other committees and individuals began work with Innovative Interfaces, Inc. (III) to initiate the implementation process. Over the past several weeks, all library systems have provided bibliographic, holdings, patron, circulation, and acquisitions data to III for loading on the server in preparation for training. Bibliographic data has also been provided to an external vendor for de-duping – that is, taking the bibliographic records of all the public library systems and merging duplicate records. RPL will be one of the sites where provincial training will take place for project leaders and staff.

The initial implementation schedule was changed and RPL's migration to the new system will take place in January 2010 instead of the latter part of 2010. The earlier date poses some challenges but the new system will better enable the Library to meet the objectives of the Service Plan so an earlier migration seemed prudent.

The costs of the implementation are becoming clearer and RPL's contribution for 2009 will be just under \$90,000. The Library has already paid \$50,000 and a further allocation of \$40,000 (maximum) is needed through Board motion.

CNIB

The CNIB has been working in recent months to change its business model which has the potential to significantly impact services to those with vision loss or those whose physical challenges make holding a book difficult. They have been meeting with the federal government and provincial governments across the country to secure support for their ongoing programs. I have included in the package a form letter that the CNIB uses to invite Libraries to support the CNIB's efforts with government.

Prince of Wales

The Prince of Wales Branch project RFP was issued over the summer and four responses were received from architects. Julie McKenna and Janet Brown headed a Selection Committee that included the branch head, the manager responsible for the branch, and a representative from the City of Regina. The Selection Committee has a recommendation that will be presented to the Committee of the Whole. A Library design team from RPG, the same firm that is working on the Central Library project, has also been hired to work with the architect on the Prince of Wales project.

Public Accounts

The 2008 Public Accounts are included in your package for review and, if possible, approval.