LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

RPL @ CLA

I have received word that RPL's submission for a session at the 2011 Canadian Library Association conference has been accepted. The session's title is, tentatively, "Regina Public Library – to the Edge and Back". Broadly speaking, the session's objective is stated as:

> Use this high-profile example of a public library's past crisis to highlight the challenges that can lead to crisis and the political, governance, managerial, and community strategies used to recover and rebuild a public library system. The session will be presented by the Board Chair and CEO. Open discussion/question period will follow. The session will cover the importance of complementary trustee and management roles and the broad spectrum of strategic actions that can be used to strengthen a public library's position. Public libraries, whether in crisis or not, have a number of tools at their disposal to encourage and create community, political and staff engagement. Building engagement generates interest and support, reinforces the public library's relevance to the community, and ensures the resources to provide excellent public services.

The Board Chair and CEO are scheduled to present the session at 1:00 pm on Friday, May 27th. I will be working with Tony over the next few days to fine-tune the description and title of the presentation before it goes up on the CLA website.

The SILS project proposal was also accepted and will be presented the next day.

SILS @ RPL

The SILS consortium has decided to establish its administrative office in Regina. They will be hosted at Regina Public Library for a few weeks as they await occupancy of their Smith St. office.

New Branch

The new branch building is proceeding on schedule. There have been a few change orders to deal with water lines, the fire panel, shelving nook finishes, and a few other minor issues that have arisen. RPL has also recently welcomed the new Branch Head for Prince of Wales Branch, Amber Christensen, and she will be leading the implementation of the new service model at the new branch once it opens.