

## **Library Director's Report**

### **Mascot name**

Our new Library Lion, Booker, made his first official appearance at the Canadian Citizenship ceremonies held in the RPL Film Theatre in January. Booker was well received by the children and adults in the crowd.

Booker will be the mascot around town representing RPL in a variety of promotional events in Regina. Watch for him at the Library Lottery show home. Booker is also a member in good standing with the Regina Mascots.

To have Booker attend your special event, contact Tony in Marketing and Communications.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**

Plans and arrangements are in progress for the 2012 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. National Volunteer Week runs from April 15-22, and our luncheon will take place on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The venue will be the Conexus Arts Centre (Theatre Lobby) and this year's Key Note Speaker will be John Findura, Councillor of Ward 5 with the City of Regina. The R.S.V.P. deadline was March 23, but replies continue to come in. Details are still being finalized, although plans are on track for a successful event.

### **2012 Lottery**

The 2012 Library Home Lottery was launched on February 1<sup>st</sup> and a number of media events have already taken place with more to come. Ticket sales are steady and the new 50/50 draw is doing very well. This is also the lottery's first time selling tickets online. Winner of the Previous Purchaser Draw on March 8<sup>th</sup> for \$10,000 was Devin Ashley.

### **Regent Place Branch**

Arrangements for the temporary relocation of the Regent Place Branch were completed in the last days of January and the branch re-opened its doors on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The temporary location includes a wide array of collections for all age groups and continues to hold many children's programs on-site. Some programming is also being delivered in partnership with other community organizations off-site.

The final design for the permanent Regent Place Branch is almost complete as P3 Architecture works with the Library and the landlord to ensure the best possible use of space. There should be a set of completed designs soon. There is also an ongoing display within the temporary branch that will be updated throughout the process with information and photos of the new branch project.

## **North Central Shared Facility (NCSF)**

NCSF partners continue their work with the architect (P3 Architecture) and functional program specialists (RPG) to develop the design for the new facility and work through the integration potential of programs and services. As a completely new concept in cooperation and integration, the groundbreaking work continues to broaden its consultation base. Of course, the numerous community consultations of past years formed the initial concept design that is now being reviewed. Most recently, the partners, their senior leadership teams, and some front-line staff joined with elders from the North Central community to continue the discussion on community needs and how to use the facility to meet their needs. Partnership governance and facility ownership are also under discussion but briefly on hold until these earlier referenced conversations are further along.