

The Library's agenda for 2005 continued the theme, established in 2004, of evaluation, planning, and progress toward a sustainable library system. The guiding document, *A New Direction*, was released early in 2005 and presented to the citizens of Regina and the national library community as the framework for Regina Public Library's (RPL) future.

The document confirmed the Library's commitment to a system of services offered through the Central Library and eight branches. The Dunlop Art Gallery and the Prairie History Room were continued as integral parts of public library service in Regina as the Board investigated options for partnerships and governance. New at RPL was a significant fundraising campaign and an orientation toward the promotion of partnerships to achieve common goals.

Development of the vision expressed in the *New Direction* document progressed quickly. An



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awareness luncheon with Her Excellency Adrienne Clarkson, the Governor General of Canada brought success in partnerships and in numbers as over 400 people purchased tickets. Her Excellency's theme *Libraries: A Love Story* was continued through RPL's own Love Story campaign – an open invitation to library users to tell us why they love their public library.

Fall was a very busy time of year for RPL as many of the processes begun early in the year were flowing naturally to the point of decision-making. After consultation and discussion on governance and financial issues, the RPL Board announced in the fall that the Dunlop Art Gallery would remain as part of the Library under the auspices of the RPL Board. A sense of stability and optimism for the future was further restored as most positions vacated as a result of the proposed closures in 2004 were filled. The Library Board and CUPE 1594 tentatively settled their contract and the Board was in discussion with Jeff Barber to make his appointment to the Library Director's position permanent.



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A fundraising dinner in the fall built on the idea of partnership as the India Canada Association (ICA) hosted its annual fundraising dinner with RPL as beneficiary of the \$16,000 raised. Amid the success of the ICA dinner, the RPL Board considered and accepted a proposal for the first RPL Home Lottery. Scheduled for the spring of 2006, the lottery will present a prize package that includes a home in Windsor Park, a Sea-Doo boat, and a plethora of consumer electronics. A sell-out of the lottery would add about \$350,000 to the Library's capital fund in support of branch restorations.

The process of fundraising for capital needs includes as a key component working with all levels of government. The Regina Public Library shares, with Saskatoon Public Library (SPL), a legislative framework, a need for capital development, and a significant role as resource centres for the

province. RPL and SPL met jointly with the Minister of Learning, the Hon. Andrew Thomson, to make the case for public libraries. The meeting was encouraging and RPL will continue to work with SPL to establish a link to provincial funding.

The RPL Board followed through on its commitment to develop a Strategic Plan from the groundwork laid in the *New Directions* document. Building evaluations, conducted by an architect over the summer, were presented to the Board and feedback from community groups reinforced the direction taken through the planning process. At year end, RPL's new Strategic Plan was being polished for release in early 2006.

Going into 2006, RPL is clearly headed in a new direction. Support from the community has given the Library an opportunity to re-invest in Regina. The participation of



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Her Excellency Adrienne Clarkson (second from left) meets with members of the Library Board at an awareness luncheon for RPL.

citizens and stakeholders from the public and private sectors is set to become fundamental to the provision of public library programs and services and is key to our future success. The Strategic Plan, to be released in 2006, will build the framework for re-development of RPL and the opportunity to create sustainable excellence.

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## YEAR END STATISTICS

for December 31, 2005

Items in collection .....	607,112
Items added in 2005 .....	87,917
Clients served .....	1,506,635
Circulation .....	2,718,400
Reference Questions .....	199,393
Automated telephone renewals .....	72,767
Number of public access computers .....	120
Internet use – total minutes .....	3,625,432
Internet use – total sessions .....	289,647
Number of programs provided .....	4,419
Program attendance .....	131,985
Items loaned to other libraries .....	7,854
Items borrowed from other libraries .....	7,321
Active Library cards (residents) .....	90,604
Active Library cards (non-residents) .....	5,042

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