

During 2007, Regina Public Library delivered a high standard of programs and services to the citizens it serves, while also advancing its Strategic Plan, *Setting the Course: Looking Ahead to 2010*. The ambitious Plan targets six areas for further development and renewal of the Library during the 2006 to 2010 period. In 2007, Regina Public Library focused on four areas in particular.

Building a Strong Capital Campaign

Throughout 2007, campaign consultants worked within the public and private sectors as part of the groundwork for the campaign. A Development Co-ordinator was hired to support the campaign, and a consulting firm has been engaged for a 2008 study.

The Library Home Lottery continued in 2007, and is now established as part of RPL's long-term fundraising strategy.

Considering the Future of Central Library

The Library Board received an architectural and engineering assessment of the current building in 2007. Over the next ten years plans call for repair and replacement of the building's systems and structural components, at a cost of approximately \$4.1 million, in 2007 dollars.

As a first step, the chiller at Central Library was replaced at a cost of \$500,000. The new unit is much more energy-efficient, and operates at a lower cost than the original one it replaced.

Creating a Welcoming Environment

The 2007 Budget included renovations at a number of Branches to create a more welcoming environment for the public. In addition, three significant agreements between the Library and its CUPE Union were concluded in 2007.

Meeting Community Needs

At the request of the Library Board, in 2007 Regina Public Library began a review of programs and services as an initiative to advance the Strategic Plan. The review is being led by the Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Library staff under the guidance of an experienced consultant.

More than 50 staff members have contributed to the Programs & Services Review, with much of the work being done through committees examining the following areas: Circulation and delivery; Reference and information; Programming; Collections; Facilities; Technology; and, Dunlop Art Gallery.

When the Programs & Services Review is completed the information gathered will be used to develop a Service Plan in the fall of 2008, an operational reflection of the stated needs of the community.

The Strategic Plan also clearly identifies that restoring the inner-city Branches is a top priority, beginning with the Prince of Wales Branch. In 2007, the Library began discussions with the City regarding the option of co-locating Prince of Wales Branch at the Core-Ritchie Centre. Once the City's study of recreational facilities is complete the Library expects to advance its plan for renewal of the Branch.

The Library is also participating on the North Central Shared Facility Steering Committee, which is exploring options for a shared facility anchored by Scott Collegiate. Should the project

proceed, RPL anticipates relocating the Albert Branch to that facility within the next five years.

Along with the initiatives undertaken as part of the Strategic Plan, RPL continued to deliver traditional services such as circulation of books, public programming, and reference services. Demand for these services remains strong, but our customers expect to be served by an expanding menu of technology-based services. These expectations are clearly identified in the Programs & Services Review, and the provision of new technology-based services will be a major thrust of the Service Plan.

The major initiatives of 2007 have laid the groundwork for an exciting second century of service for Regina Public Library and the citizens it serves. A decade ago there were predictions that public libraries would eventually disappear, but recently we have witnessed a fundamental shift in thinking about libraries. While many new services offered by libraries will be in electronic format, public libraries continue to be recognized and valued as a significant public good, and as a cornerstone of downtown and neighbourhood social and economic development. As Regina Public Library continues to implement its five-year Strategic Plan, the Library Board is confident of a bright future serving the people of Regina.

– Darlene Hincks, Chair
Regina Public Library Board

– Jeff Barber
Library Director



Central Library, a cornerstone for development of Regina's downtown, will receive many developments over the next ten years.

YEAR END STATISTICS

for December 31, 2007

Items in collection	682,108
Items added in 2007	83,822
Clients served	1,350,426
Circulation	2,639,971
Reference Questions	183,642
Automated telephone renewals	278,272
Number of public access computers	124
Internet use – total minutes	3,503,926
Internet use – total sessions	165,110
Number of programs provided	4,605
Program attendance	153,563
Items loaned to other libraries	7,531
Items borrowed from other libraries	7,265
Active Library cards (residents)	85,841
Active Library cards (non-residents)	4,560

Audited Financial Statements and Strategic Plan details are available at www.reginalibrary.ca. Click on "About Us", or ask for a copy at your local Library.

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