

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2009 Lottery House

I have just received the contract for the 2009 Lottery House and it should be signed within the next few days. The house will be located at 8201 Wascana Gardens Point (as proposed in the documents distributed at the last meeting). The Library will save a bit on the reduced GST but with the addition of rear lawn and a small fence, the overall cost will be very close to the approved \$450,000 budget.

Fundraising Update

Work has begun on the Library's *Case for Support* document as the Library moves into the next phase of the campaign. A timeline of capital campaign milestones in 2008/09 is also being prepared and, while I do not expect it to be ready in time for the November Board Meeting, it will be ready for the December Board Meeting.

An in-library Buy-A-Book campaign will be run over the next six weeks. Cards available in all Branches will invite patrons to buy a book (or more) for the Library over the holiday season.

Meeting with the New Minister

Further to Board instruction at the last meeting, we have requested possible dates for the Library to meet with the new Minister responsible for public libraries. Saskatoon Public Library has indicated, tentatively, an interest in joining RPL again in this meeting. The Department of Learning has been re-named and is now the Department of Education and is under Minister Ken Krawetz.

100th Anniversary Activities

As a result of the Board's discussion at the October meeting, the Library's designated Anniversary projects will include the following system-wide initiatives:

- Kick-off Event
- Anniversary Library Cards
- Mayor's Mega Minute Reading Challenge. The launch of this challenge will likely also serve as the Kick-off event for the Anniversary
- 100 Book Release project
- Buffalo Days Float

- Legacy Project (including a travelling display and an anniversary publication)
- SLA Conference activities
- Victoria Park Art Project
- Closing Event

The temporary Anniversary Co-ordinator position will be posted internally on the 26th or 27th of November. The grant received that will provide support to the Mayor's Reading Challenge will only provide partial support as most of it is intended to support a similar project being undertaken with the Separate School Board. The budget previously set by the Board will still be adequate.