

4.0 Library Director's Report

New Board Member

Each year, about half of the RPL Board position appointments expire and re-appointments or new appointments are made by City Council. The term for citizen appointments to the RPL Board is two years and the appointments for 2014-15 have all been finalized. This year, three positions were available and Renu Kapoor and Jerven Weekes will continue as RPL Board members. Joining the RPL Board for the first time is Sean Quinlan.

Mr. Quinlan is a former broadcaster and journalist. Currently, he is the President of Ryer Management Ltd., a marketing and communications management firm which has served a variety of private and public clients over 25 years. He has served as Executive Director of the Regina Chamber of Commerce, Director of Marketing and Organization for the Saskatchewan Roughrider Football Club, and Director of Communications for the Government of Saskatchewan. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region and has served as Chairperson of the Employment Insurance Board of Referees for Saskatchewan 2008-2013.

The Regina Public Library bids a fond farewell to Elaine Kivisto who has served on the Board for the past twelve years. Elaine has been a strong advocate for public library services and her service on behalf of the citizens of Regina is deeply appreciated.

Glen Elm Branch

The Glen Elm Branch will celebrate its 35th Anniversary in March and will also transition to a new floor plan and shelving. To accommodate the changes being made within the Branch, it will be closed on Tuesday, 18 March. Changes to the Branch will begin over the weekend of the Branch's anniversary, so in celebration of its anniversary the Branch will host a come-and-go coffee break at the Branch on Friday, 14 March in the afternoon.

A proper celebration will be incorporated into the Community Connections event on Sunday, 16 March at the Glencairn Neighbourhood Recreation Centre. The Community Connections event is a community-wide celebration that was initiated and led by the Glen Elm Branch and is a fitting venue for the celebration. Incorporating what RPL has learned from its experience with Prince of Wales Branch and Regent Place Branch, the re-designed Glen Elm Branch will be refreshed as a more welcoming space that is better able to meet the needs of its users. The Branch will re-open at its regularly scheduled time on Wednesday, 19 March at 1:00 p.m., and Board members should feel free to stop in to see the new look.

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Aboriginal Library Services Report Summary

Included in the Board package for information is a summary report for the 2013 provincial grant for Aboriginal Library Services. While it is important to note that the activities outlined in the report and carried out by RPL in this area exceed the value of the grant provided, it is also worth noting that it is not a comprehensive report on all activities undertaken in support of library services to Aboriginal peoples. A key example is the work done for the replacement of the Albert Branch through development of the North Central Shared Facility project. Recognizing the significant Aboriginal population in the area and involving community stakeholders and elders has been its strength.

2014 Mill Rate Request

When the RPL Board presented its 2014 mill rate request to City Council Executive Committee on 15 January, the schedule called for a Council decision on 24 February. A report on the result from the Monday City Council meeting will be given verbally at the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday.