

## 2009 By the Numbers

- ◆ **174,998:** items borrowed from the Library's collections
- ◆ **108,760:** people visited the Library
- ◆ **38,078:** visits to the Library's website and online catalogue
- ◆ **21,310:** number of hours the Library's free public access computers were used
- ◆ **4,152:** items added to the Library's collections, for a total of 52,472 items at year end
- ◆ **6,883:** number of children, teens, adults and seniors that attended free public programs
- ◆ **164:** hours of free, individual computer training provided



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## 2009 Annual Report

### Fort Saskatchewan Public Library



### Access • Outreach • Growth



## Message from the Chair of the Library Board

It is my pleasure to report the accomplishments of the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library for 2009 and provide a preview of 2010 and the coming years. Throughout 2009 the Board and Staff focused on delivering the vision of our 2009-2013 Plan of Service. Our vision can be described in three words: Access, Outreach, Growth.

**Access.** In 2009, initiatives were undertaken to reduce physical, financial, and social barriers to library use. The City of Fort Saskatchewan resurfaced the ramp and steps to improve safety for people coming into the library facility. Library cards were provided to temporary foreign workers to encourage new comers to use the library as a resource for information and a way to connect to home. In 2010, we introduced Press Display, a digital newspaper resource offering more than 1000 newspapers in 40 languages. We remain committed to ensuring that the library facility is open and accessible to all of our patrons.

**Outreach.** In 2009, presentations were made to community groups to tell them about the programs and services that the library offers. In 2010, mini-libraries-to-go will provide children's materials in a convenient form for playschools, daycares, and day homes. The Library Board remains committed to advocating for the Public Library throughout the community so that everyone knows where the library is and what services it offers.

**Growth.** Growth remains our largest challenge and our largest opportunity. 108,760 library users came to the library in 2009, an 8.5% increase over 2008. There continues to be an ever increasing demand on our resources: Fort Saskatchewan Public Library's 27 public workstations were used for 21,300 hours, an increase

of 79.6%. In 2009, the library added an additional 500 sq.ft of quiet study space. New programs, such as an adult summer reading program, were added. In 2010, the library will create an Oasis of Calm to provide patrons with a relaxing space to enjoy in the library. Throughout 2009 and into 2010 the library has been working with city administration and various citizens' advisory committees to plan for the library's need for additional space to provide enhanced collections and new programs. These needs were included in the City Centre Square project, and in 2010, the Library Board and staff will begin planning for a 6400 sq.ft. expansion. We look forward to this next exciting phase in our history.

The Fort Saskatchewan Public Library Board is grateful to our supporters and our donors. The City of Fort Saskatchewan, the Province of Alberta, and various corporations, businesses and individuals generously invest in the operation and enhancement of the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library.

If you have comments or questions about the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library, I encourage you to contact us.

Matthew Fellows, Library Board Chair

#### 2009 Board of Trustees:

Matthew Fellows, Darren Dahlseide, Dick Easton, Gerry Lamarche, John Mather, Cherie McKeever, Diane Murray, Bill Santo, Debbie Saranchuk, Councillor Don Westman

#### New Trustees in 2010:

Marge Lamontagne and Sandi Williamson

# 2009 Highlights



## Planning for Future Space Needs:

The Library Board presented the Library's space needs assessment to City Council and the Civic Precinct and Civic Building Advisory Committee. As a result of these presentations and other advocacy work, an expansion to the Library is being included in City Centre Square.

## Facility Improvements:

- ◆ The Library was renovated and an additional 500 sq. ft. of additional quiet study space was created by moving half of the staff work area to the lower level.
- ◆ The Library's exterior ramp and steps were resurfaced to make them more accessible to people using wheelchairs, walkers and strollers.
- ◆ New carpet was installed.
- ◆ New overhead lights that are brighter and more energy efficient were installed.



## Library Services and Programs:

- ◆ The Library's new "Catalogue Plus" interface allows for a more user-friendly browsing experience, as well as the creation of personal lists of items by individual patrons. Users can also tag items with their own subject tags, write reviews and rate items.
- ◆ The Library began providing free library cards to temporary foreign workers, and provided meeting room space for counsellors from the Mennonite Newcomer's Centre to meet with clients.
- ◆ Children had an opportunity to read to a therapy dog as part of the "Paws for a Story" program.
- ◆ A Summer Reading Program for Adults was held for the first time at FSPL. Look for this popular program to return in 2010.

## Thank you to our Donors

Fort Saskatchewan Public Library would like to acknowledge all donations and grant support from organizations, businesses and foundations in 2009, as well as on-going operating funding from the City of Fort Saskatchewan and the Province of Alberta. We appreciate our donors at every level of support.

## Statement of Financial Position

	Year Ended December 31, 2009	
	2009	2008
		Restated
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$40,845	\$1,626
Investments	150,000	160,000
Trade and Other Receivables	509	2,844
Due from Other Governments	5,711	4,134
	<b>197,065</b>	<b>168,604</b>
<b>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	36,333	33,211
Accrued Liabilities	4,650	4,481
Deferred Revenue	21,500	1,192
	<b>62,483</b>	<b>38,884</b>
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>134,582</b>	<b>129,720</b>
<b>NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Tangible Capital Assets	291,296	238,175
Prepaid Expenses	1,266	1,681
	<b>292,562</b>	<b>239,856</b>
<b>ACCUMUATED SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$427,144</b>	<b>\$369,576</b>

## Statement of Operations & Accumulated Surplus

	Year Ended December 31, 2009	
	2009	2008
	Unaudited	Restated
<b>REVENUE</b>		
City of Fort Saskatchewan	\$512,322	\$471,500
Government Transfers	99,755	77,383
Fines, Memberships, Fees	44,561	44,228
Donations & Fundraising	1,708	2,951
Interest	2,742	7,887
Other	2,919	3,396
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>664,007</b>	<b>607,345</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and Benefits	439,476	409,248
Library Board Expenses	4,904	3,657
General Contracted Services	21,242	19,992
Operations	47,762	61,693
Amortization	93,055	83,682
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>606,439</b>	<b>578,272</b>
Annual Surplus	57,568	29,073
Opening Accumulated Surplus	369,576	340,503
<b>CLOSING ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$427,144</b>	<b>\$369,576</b>

