



### What's New at Palliser?



*Operation Porch Light has been expanded to include all branches. This "green" project hands out one of the new energy efficient light bulbs to each household. **SaskPower** was so thrilled to be able to have rural distribution agency for their October push that they revamped their distribution lists. More details to follow.*

1. **Lana Quark of Mossbank has resigned from the Palliser Regional Library Executive Committee.** If you are interested in joining us to chart the course of your library system, please contact Carolyn Graham at 639-3669 ([cgraham@palliser.lib.sk.ca](mailto:cgraham@palliser.lib.sk.ca)) for more information.
2. **The Palliser Regional Library Fall General Meeting** will be held at Moose Jaw Public Library on **Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 – 4:00 P.M.** The main topics of conversation will be the proposed 2009 Library System Budget, and the Proposed Rural Library Levy. The 2009 budget is being driven by two imperatives: the need to maintain rural branch hours and the need to change our library automation systems.
  - In order to maintain current hours in light of the negotiated 3% pay increase to the union staff members we are proposing a **4.52%** increase to the rural library levy or \$0.43 to the base levy. In short, the **proposed** new rural library levy rates are:
    - **\$9.94** per person the regional library base levy.
    - **\$14.91** per person for towns and villages with a library branch
    - **\$19.88** per person for Assiniboia.
    - Moose Jaw will set its own rate next year.
  - Regardless of whether or not we receive government funding for the Single Integrated Library System (SILS) Project, we must still move forward with the planning. As we are anticipated to be the first regional library to go live by mid-year 2009, the whole budget is aimed at the training needs that will be imposed by the SILS project. Due to the SILS project I will be running a negative budget for this year only (-\$26,422 projected) as I need to be able to keep Tiffany Olsen on at 30 hours per week as our 3rd trainer. I am looking at Mel Frank to assist Karon Selzer with training at Moose Jaw Public Library. The rural branches will be handled by the team of Carolyn Graham, Tiffany Olsen and Mel Frank. I am looking at carrying forward our interest income and Kennel Club monies from 2008 plus the same income sources for 2009 to cover the deficit.
  - **Advocacy and the Single Integrated Library System (SILS):**  
The idea behind the SILS infrastructure project is "One Card, One Online Access Point" whereby anyone living in Saskatchewan can access most of the collections and the information in any of the public libraries.

We regret to announce that there was no funding assigned for the Single Integrated Library System (SILS) project in the 2008 Provincial budget. We have, however, been reassured, that, given political will, it may still be possible to obtain the infrastructure funding to expand the project from the 5 library systems (Regional Public, Saskatoon Public, Lakeland, Palliser and Southeast Regional Libraries) to all public library systems within the province plus reimburse the founding consortium. As a result, a new advocacy campaign has started. In Phase One, fliers have been sent out to each branch

encouraging them to talk to their patrons and to get them to go online to the SaskParty website and recommend SILS as a good infrastructure project as well as to contact their local MLAs over the summer. The other regions have picked up on this campaign and the postcard campaign.

In September we launched Phase Two which requested that all towns, villages, cities and RMs send letters expressing their support for the project. After a brief council presentation by Moose Jaw Public Library Chair and Palliser Vice-chair, Eddy Moore, The City of Moose Jaw passed a motion in Council supporting the SILS infrastructure project and has volunteered to take our case to SUMA. The Village of Elbow has done the same. We hope that more boards will go and talk to their Councils and that more Councils will follow their example over the next month. This is a critical time in the budgeting process as August – October is when the preliminary budget is prepared by the government departments for 2009-2010. Should anyone like more information, please call Jan Smith at 693-3669 or e-mail her at [jsmith@palliser.lib.sk.ca](mailto:jsmith@palliser.lib.sk.ca)

### **Proposed Copyright Legislation:**

Although this bill “disappeared” with the dismissal of Parliament, we need your voice now to make sure that it does not return to the order table with the new Parliament. “There are many troubling aspects to this proposed legislation,” says Canadian Library Association (CLA) President Ken Roberts, “and unless there are many substantial changes, this should not become law. ...

“Turning Canadians into criminals because they break a digital lock so they can legally use a music, video or document file is Catch-22,” says Mr. Roberts. ... For a teenager, the criminal risk involved in shoplifting a CD would be safer rather than circumventing digital rights management (DRM) software on a CD they purchased to put on their iPod.

Some aspects of the legislation are unenforceable and will simply be ignored, and others miss opportunities to improve access to information. ...

Another example is loaning of digital content by libraries... Bill C-61 requires libraries to lock up interlibrary loans with DRM tools, something that most libraries would not have the resources to accomplish... “On loaning of digital content, C-61 attempts to move Canada back to the 20th Century,” says Mr. Roberts. “This is clearly not workable.” [www.cla.ca](http://www.cla.ca) news release June 18, 2008.

## **Project Reports**



### **Final report: Reading Revival: Encouraging reluctant readers through graphic novels**

Thanks to the Government of Saskatchewan and the Ministry of Education opportunity afforded to us by the project, we can conclude that overall the project was a success for both Prairie South School Division and the Palliser Regional Library System. The book format was a big hit with the 10-18 year olds, with the largest age group being from 10-14 years old.

What was perhaps our biggest surprise was around the demographics of the participants. In the case of the school division, 60% of the readership was male and 40% were female. In the case of the library system, 49% of the readership was male and 51% were female. Given the literature, we had expected that the demographics would be more heavily skewed towards the young male adult.

For the complete report, go to the Palliser website at [www.palliserlibrary.ca](http://www.palliserlibrary.ca) and click on the Palliser Publications bullet and select Special Reports – Graphic Novels



Congratulations! **Thanks to the 115 teens who participated!**  
 And remember, even though the club is done for the summer,  
 the website continues to operate year round. So keep reading  
 and reviewing at [www.teensrc.ca](http://www.teensrc.ca)

➤ This year's **Grand Prize Winners** for the Teen Summer Reading Club are:

1st Prize (Nintendo Wii)	<b>Moose Jaw</b> Lucas Thom	<b>Palliser - Rural</b> Garret Pifko of Coronach
2nd Prize (Digital Camera)	Victoria Artiga	Sandra Crum of Tugaske
3rd Prize (MP3 Player)	Jessica Fellwock	Kyla Saver of Assiniboia

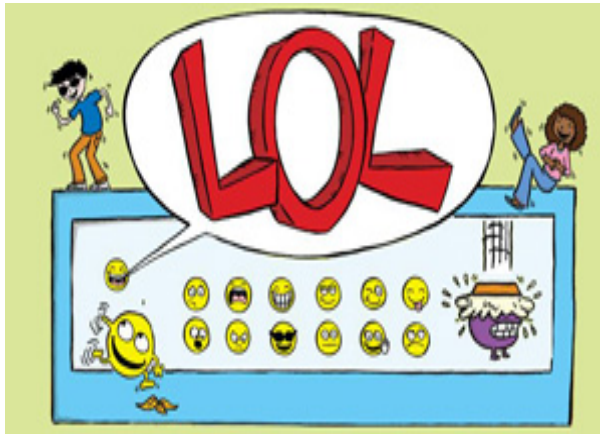


## How Green is My Saskatchewan:

The joint Prairie South School Division and Palliser Regional Library project was a hit. An interactive WebQuest and a Jeopardy game were used in conjunction with a lesson plan to teach all students to do research using the Internet and the online databases and how to critically evaluate their findings. The game questions were based on the science/health curricula related to environmental studies for grades 5, 8 and 11.

- **1,088 students in 21 schools participated in the program**
- Over the progress of the sessions there was discovered a need for special time to teach the students how to properly cite the works obtained from the Internet and how to use **Citation Machine**
- Public information sessions at all rural libraries with mixed success as 97 patrons participated at 27 branch libraries. Time of the year may have been a factor.

For the complete report, go to the Palliser website at [www.palliserlibrary.ca](http://www.palliserlibrary.ca) and click on the Palliser Publications bullet and select Special Reports – How Green is My Saskatchewan



## Laugh Out Loud TD Summer Reading Program

Another great summer of laughs was had at all 20 branches where:

- 1,157 children were registered in the program.
- 14 branches had a performer who played to audiences totaling 369 children, teens and adults.
- 190 programs were held in the branch libraries.
- 1,895 youth participated in the programs

Three cheers for the staff members, local boards and volunteers who helped organize these great events.

**The Governor General's Literary Awards** is sponsoring our November bookmarks.

Palliser Regional Library System is engaging the Canada Helps service as an online alternative in donating. Donations can be made online via Mastercard or VISA by clicking on the Donation button



on the Palliser home page at [www.palliserlibrary.ca](http://www.palliserlibrary.ca) . These donations can be made directly to a project or to a branch and the tax receipt will be issued to the donor within minutes of the donation. We hope that this will help address the bequests/in memoriam requests.

## REGIONAL NEWS

- Avonlea Branch Library will be going on the provincially funded CNET high-speed telecommunications network in October 2008.
- The Co-op Grocery Store in Coronach has announced expansion plans which include the section of their building currently occupied by Coronach Branch Library. The library must be out of their current facility by December 31, 2008.

## STAFF NEWS

### Moose Jaw news:

- **Marina Fauchon**, who had been with us several years as a part time clerk one left and was originally replaced by **Collette Ducharme** who has also moved on. She was replaced by **Jody Arnold**.
- **Donna Manship** departed and **Helen Wattam** has replaced her as a page.
- **Anne Warriner**, Head Librarian, has been asked by the Provincial Librarian to sit on the planning committee for the **June 8-9 2009 Libraries and Government Summit**.
- **Karon Selzer**, Assistant Head Librarian, has been sitting on the SILS selection Committee with Jan Smith from Headquarters.

### Palliser Headquarter News:

- **Tiffany Olsen's** contract has been extended until December 31st, 2008.
- **Melissa Frank** is now scheduled to return from maternity leave at the beginning of January 2009.
- **Carolyn Graham**, Rural Branch Supervisor has return to work full time as of July 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Palliser Headquarters received a Young Canada Works grant to hire a student, **Allison Heights**, for 8 weeks to help with processing and Archives. Wendy Robbins was thrilled with the results – as of August 31<sup>st</sup> the backlog to video and DVD processing was caught up, at least for the day ☺

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PALLISER REGION

October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Branch Librarian's Workshop
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Mitchell's Cowboy Poetry – Eyebrow Hall for Tugaske Library*
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Steak Supper and Ken Mitchell's Cowboy Poetry – Cousin's Bar and Grill for the Rockglen Library*
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Moose Jaw Friends of the Library Book Sale
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Diane Armstrong's reading from "You're going Where?!" Moose Jaw Public Library
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Regional Board Meeting
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rouleau Library Christmas and Trade Show
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Moose Jaw Friends Puzzle Sale

\* The Ken Mitchell readings are sponsored by the Canada Council.