



## Teen Summer Reading Club!

The Palliser Regional Library is pleased to announce its 2nd Annual Teen Summer Reading Club! The Club is for Teens ages 13 - 18 (or for those who will be in Grade 8 and up in Fall 2009). To join, visit the [Teen RC Website](http://www.teenrc.ca) ([www.teenrc.ca](http://www.teenrc.ca)) and create an account. Choose Palliser Regional Library as your library and then select your home branch. Any information you give to us while signing up will remain completely confidential. Then once you've signed up, get ready to read! You can participate in book discussion forums, live chats, and post book reviews. We will also be giving out our famous **brimming bags as prizes** again. To enter to win a brimming bag, simply **post a book review!**

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The Palliser Regional Library will once again be having our annual **Summer Reading Club!** The theme this year is **Agent 009**, celebrating secret agents, spies, detectives, and all things mysterious! There will be lots of activities going on in the region throughout the summer. Keep your eye on your local branch's webpage for more information on local programs and to find out how you can participate! Visit the [Kids Agent 009 Website](http://www.palliserlibrary.ca/kids-agent-009) for cool games and more!

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### General News:

#### 1. **Library Book Rate:** We need you to write/contact your local Member of Parliament

The Canada Post Corporation's Strategic Review (CPCSR) that was released to the public on April 30th, 2009. In the review Canada Post took the position that "public policy objectives" such as the "Library Book Rate" are not part of its "Universal Service Obligation" and therefore it should not be required to subsidize or otherwise pay for them. The Advisory Panel concurred.

The US Postal Service, on the other hand, has reaffirmed their support of the library book rate and has even gone one step further by creating a category called Media Mail, that allows for "a cost efficient way to mail books, sound recordings, recorded video tapes, printed music, and recorded computer-readable media (such as CDs, DVDs, and diskettes). This mail is not restricted to libraries and provides a cost effective way for libraries and businesses (eg: Netflix) to operate.

The majority of the materials obtained through interlibrary loan are older, scholarly materials used in the creation of business plans, theses, etc, and are not for recreation. Although the interlibrary loan of materials represents less than 1.5% of our total circulation (in our case 8,643 in 2008), the 14-fold increase to the cost of sending a small book would mean the discontinuation of the service as we cannot pass the cost on to the user due to legislative restrictions (Saskatchewan Public Libraries Act 1996).

The Palliser Regional Library System and all other libraries of Canada need your assistance to ensure that this valuable service is not only maintained but extended. Please write your local MP.

2. **CAP 2008-09** has been completed and new computers have been installed in the 14 CAP Branches. **The CAP 2009-2010** is under negotiations between the Provincial Government and Industry Canada.



3. **Willow Bunch Branch Library moved** to the old RM of Willow Bunch Office in May and had their official opening on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The new building (built in 1988) looks great and the Board, the volunteers and branch librarian Cindy Philippon did a great job of redecorating. The board, with the assistance of the local Co-op, threw the town a Thank You Barbecue on June 12 and it was well received. Colleen Christopherson Cote (Chair) and Jan Smith (director) brought greetings from the Palliser Regional Library.

4. **Palliser Regional Library System withheld its 2008 and 2009 Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association regional dues.** We are still waiting for the association to come and talk to the board re: our concerns.

## 5. **SILS – Saskatchewan’s Information and Library Service**

- **Work is progressing rapidly on the project.** Saskatoon Public is scheduled to go up on November 15<sup>th</sup> with **Palliser** and Southeast Regional Library Systems **to go up the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.** The remainder of the library systems and Provincial Library will be operational by the late fall of 2010.
- **We would like to thank everyone for their patience with us as we work through the incredible workload** – many things that we had hoped to accomplish have had to be placed on the back-burner.
- Many thanks to the work being done by **Anne Warriner** of Moose Jaw Public for her work on the **Policy Committee** and to **Karon Selzer** and **Jan Smith** for their work on the **Implementation Committee.**
- Thanks are also in order for the work being done by **Carolyn Graham** and **Mel Frank.** They have been working very hard to get **the training lab set up** and to start the preparations for the data moves and preparing for **staff training.**

## 6. **2009 PRLS Annual General Meeting**

The AGM was held in Moose Jaw on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2009. It was attended by 23 regional representatives and 9 guests including Warren Michelson, MLA Moose Jaw North. Colleen Christopherson Cote was elected Chair for a second term. Michael Klein of Wood Mountain and Terry Gabel (Moose Jaw) were elected to the Executive Committee for a first term. Colleen Christopherson-Cote (Coronach) and Brenda Heaslip (Craik) were returned for a second term on the Board.

## 7. **Branch of the Year**

**Branch of the Year was won by Bethune** for their creative programming, board involvement, increase in circulation and as an acknowledgement of 2 decades worth of work when they finally were able to claim the outer vestibule for the library instead of sharing it with the Community Centre. **Coronach Branch was a very strong Honourable Mention** for the board’s work, drive, initiatives and programs.

## 8. **Staff News:**

- Carolyn Graham will be retiring on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We wish her well and will sorely miss her.