MARIGOLD REPORT

Notes to Councils and Special Areas
November 2008

Calling libraries "absolutely critical", deputy Reeve Hopeton Lauden, Rocky View M.D., welcomed thirty-five Board members, guests and staff to the Marigold Board meeting on November 22nd.

The Board approved revisions to the Contingency Plan for Finance, Provision of Services policy and Board Meetings policy, which now includes the manner in which a special meeting is called and conducted. In approving Committee reports, the Board accepted policies which committees had reviewed without making substantive revisions – Advocacy policy, Records Management policy, Public Admittance to the Library bylaw, Continuing Education for Board Members policy and plan. The Board approved, in principle, the Expansion Plan and schedules for the Collection Management and Transfer Payments policies, pending release by Municipal Affairs of the most recent population figures. Under the Marigold Agreement, population figures released by Municipal Affairs in 2008 are used by Marigold and Marigold's committees for determining service levels and grant totals in the following year (2009).

Having discussed amendments at the meeting in August, the Board approved the revised Constitution and Procedural Bylaws. The Board discussed the draft of a new policy, Participation in Marigold, which will be presented by the Governance Committee for approval at the Board meeting in January. The Board also accepted the Review of Current Services report, which will be used by the Standards & Services Committee in making decisions about Marigold services and how they are offered.

The First Draft Budget 2009 was discussed and accepted. The Final Budget 2009 will be presented at the January Board meeting. It will reflect more accurate figures, based on actual current population numbers.

The Board accepted the RISE (Rural Information Service initiativE) financial statement and heard a report from Art Knight, Consultant/RISE. The project team selected MTS Allstream as the vendor and anticipate that the 18 pilot libraries and 3 headquarters will be providing videoconferencing services by March or April. In Marigold the pilot libraries are Airdrie, Okotoks, Drumheller, Hanna, Trochu and Rockyford. It is anticipated that all Marigold member libraries will be part of the RISE network by the summer of 2010. Visit the RISE wiki at: http://wikirise.pbwiki.com.

Chair Lynda Lyster declared February 22-28, 2009 Freedom to Read week in Marigold, stating that freedom to read, print on paper or on-line, is the essence of free inquiry and essential to democratic decision making. More information at: www.freedomtoread.ca

In pairs and squares (groups of two and then four), Board members discussed the question "what does universal mean in Marigold?" The question arises from Marigold's Belief Statement which begins with: *We believe that access to library services should be equal and universal.* The Governance Committee will keep Board members' views—basic human rights, barrier free, no request denied—in mind on future policy development.

Sheila Macklin, Lynda Lyster, Frank VanderKley

Sheila Macklin, Foothills M.D. and Frank VanderKley, Town of Trochu retired from the Board and were presented with life-time TRAC/TAL cards. Both have served in many capacities, including Board Chair, Advocacy Committee and Executive.

The next Marigold Board meeting will be a video conference connecting Airdrie, Strathmore and Hanna on January 31, 2009.

MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEM BELIEF STATEMENT

We believe that: access to library services should be equal and universal.

We believe that: sharing and cooperation provides efficient use of community resources.

We believe that: a regional library system is the most effective means of sharing resources.

We believe that: library services should be provided at a reasonable cost through a not-for-profit organization made up of member municipalities.

We believe that: a federated library system of equal and autonomous members is more effective than an integrated system.

We believe that: by using the energy, input, and support from the local level, each member has an active role in the running of the system.

We believe that: the public library, as an information provider, is an integral part of the cultural community.

We believe that: library services are best provided to the community through public library boards.

We believe that: library boards can further enhance services by cooperation and sharing with other information providers.

We believe that: the principles embodied in the Canadian Library Association's Statement on Intellectual Freedom should be upheld in the provision of library service.

Municipalities Represented, November 22 , 2008

Lynda Lyster	Bighorn M.D. (Chair)
Maxine Booker	Acadia M.D.
Marjorie Olafson	Town of Acme
Judy Dufort	City of Airdrie
Diane Osberg	Black Diamond/Turner Valley
Elaine Michaels	Village of Cereal
Marilyn King	Town of Chestermere
Barb Archer	Town of Cochrane
Lisa Myers-Sortland	Town of Consort
Donna Isaac	Village of Delia
Ingrid Thornton	Town of Drumheller
Christine Boyd	Summer Village of Ghost Lake
Kristen Anderson	Village of Hussar
Lisa Constantini	Town of Irricana
Glen Keiver	Kneehill County
Leslie Duchak	Town of Okotoks
Lois Bedwell	Town of Oyen
Mary Marshman	Village of Rockyford (Alternate)
Debbie Habberfield	Rocky View M.D.
Helen Veno	Special Area #2
Lil Morrison	Starland County
Frank VanderKley	Town of Trochu
Sandra Barker	Summer Village of Waiparous
Henry Jackson	Village of Youngstown

Guests:

Sheila Macklin	Foothills M.D.
Ian Morgan	ALTA Representative

Staff:

Rowena Lunn	Director
Karen Labuik	Assistant Director
Steven Pattison	Consultant/Automation & Network Services
Laura Taylor	Consultant/Library Services
Shona Gourlay	Consultant/Member Services
Art Knight	Consultant/RISE
Kelly Blaney	Administrative Assistant (recorder)
Carlee Pilikowski	Communications Officer
Sandy Watson	Acquisitions/System Support

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Board and Committee Meeting Dates

December 10	Executive Conference Call
December 24	Headquarters closed
December 30	Dynix ILS shuts down—no access to TRACpac or e-resources
January 5	Headquarters re-opens
January 8	New ILS (Polaris) is live, TRACpac back online
January 31	Marigold Board meeting by videoconference
February 7	Governance Committee, headquarters

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