

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**ROWENA LUNN RETIRES AS DIRECTOR
OF THE MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Tuesday, July 14, 2009: Marigold Library System has announced the retirement of Rowena Lunn as Director, effective July 31st, 2009. During her twenty-eight years in Marigold, Lunn has had a positive influence on library service in Alberta and beyond. She is highly respected by her colleagues (many of whom she mentored) in Marigold, Canada and the Pacific Northwest states. She led Marigold into a new model of cooperation and resource sharing with TRAC (The Regional Automation Consortium), RISE (Rural Information Sustainability Initiative) and TAL (The Alberta Library). She served on the executive boards of many library organizations across the province and the country.

At her retirement luncheon on June 20, Lunn commented that: "When one works in a regional library system, one meets the most dedicated people – especially those Board members who are willing to work Saturdays and many evenings, travel in snowstorms and in minus 29 weather to come to a meeting. I have been, continue to be, and will always be in awe of those dedicated volunteers who made work in regional library systems and small rural libraries so rewarding. I have also been very fortunate to work with and for some amazing people. The staff at headquarters, the member libraries and other libraries in the province have made my career something to be envied. The cooperation and collaboration has ensured that I have been able to succeed in my career and that Marigold has been able to grow and thrive over the past 28 years."

In making the announcement, Marigold Board Chair Lynda Lyster noted that "Rowena's voice has always been one of professionalism, vision and cooperation. She has a strong belief that libraries change lives for the better. Marigold has experienced enormous growth since its inception in 1981. Rowena has been there through it all. We wish her all the best in her retirement."

Marigold serves the information and reading needs of 220,254 residents of south central Alberta and enhances the services offered by 35 member libraries, 15 paperback deposits, and a paperbacks-by-mail service through partnerships and consortia with other libraries in Alberta.

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