Board Meeting Highlights
September 14, 2013

This summary is an awareness tool designed to keep you informed about Peace Library System activities and Board decisions. It is distributed to member councils, library boards and the Peace Library System Board of Directors after each Board meeting.

The Board approved participation in AAMDC's energy aggregation program for three years beginning January 1, 2014. It is estimated that the program could save Peace Library System almost $10,000 per year in energy costs and administration fees.

The Board discussed Peace Library System's roles and responsibilities as the Library Board of Record for eight municipalities. These municipalities have opted not to appoint their own municipal library boards and have an agreement with PLS to fill the role of library board. The Director reviewed the costs involved in providing library board services for these municipalities. The Board approved a small fee to these municipalities to offset the cost of providing library board services. The fee will take effect January 1, 2014.

The Director reviewed the detailed information sent to the Mackenzie County Library Board outlining the benefits of membership in Peace Library System. Mackenzie County, the Village of Girouxville, and the East Prairie, Gift Lake and Peavine Metis Settlements are the five remaining non-members in the region.

Revisions to the *Trustee Orientation Policy*, *Meeting Room Policy*, *School Services Policy*, and *Resource Sharing Policy* were approved. A new *Trustee Recognition Policy* was also approved.

A major change to the Peace Library System van delivery routes took effect in September. The routes were shifted to even up the days and align with other schedules. Twenty-two public libraries and 12 schools/school divisions are on the van delivery routes. Other libraries receive deliveries via Government Courier or Canada Post.

PLS coordinates the annual summer reading program for member libraries. Thirty-seven public libraries participated in the 2013 *"Go!"* Summer Reading Club. A total of 1,107 children read 19,430 books and 103,747 minutes (1,729 hours) throughout the summer.

PLS has received 69 boxes of books in 17 different languages from the now-defunct Alberta Multilingual Book Collection. These resources will be housed at Grande Prairie Public Library as the International Collection and will be loaned to member libraries upon request.

The Director shared the good news that Bill C-321 *[An Act to Amend the Canada Post Corporation Act (library materials)]* received Royal Assent on June 19. This will allow non-print materials to be mailed from library to library using the same special postage rate as books receive, and will save PLS thousands of dollars in postage reimbursement to libraries.

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