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# Annual Report 2010

## Mission Statement

To provide and promote library services to meet the needs of every member of our community.

## Vision

To become a recognized leader in the delivery of quality information and programming for our community within the next five years.

## Core Values

- The library reaches out to everyone
- The library is a safe and welcoming place
- We are flexible and dedicated to meeting the changing needs of our community. We are willing to take risks to meet those needs.
- We are committed to collaborating with others in our community
- Our staff is dedicated to excellence and the protection of intellectual freedom

## 2010 Financials

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2009 Actual
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Grant—City of Prince Albert	215,545	215,550	225,520
Payroll Surplus-Wapiti	-	536,052	-
R.M. of Prince Albert	3,000	3,000	3,000
Donations	500	150	-
Equipment Fees	600	702	942
Fax Fees	1,700	2,401	2,031
Interest Earned	3,000	492	1,205
Miscellaneous	1,300	12,220	10,941
Overdue Fines	20,000	22,459	18,490
Public Internet Supplies	3,400	4,165	3,274
Photocopying	6,500	4,780	5,620
Room Fees	6,000	5,071	4,720
	261,545	807,042	275,743
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
	325,683	552,856	253,378
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES</b>			
	(64,138)	254,186	22,365

## INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2010	2009
Capital Projects	224,186	-
Carpet	9,841	9,841
Computers	40,870	40,870
Conferences and Workshops	19,000	19,000
Equipment	8,543	8,543
Furnishings	25,988	25,988
Gallery Reserve	12,365	12,365
Maintenance	23,681	23,681
Security System	20,000	20,000
Telephone System	30,000	30,000
Website	3,610	3,610
	418,084	163,898

## What's Going on at the Library

The biggest story of the year for the Library is our migration to a new one province, one card library system. In June, we migrated to new software to manage our collection, and with this migration came many changes – to policy, fines, placing holds, and pretty much everything else. We're still waiting for the dust to settle, but are excited to be part of this cooperative project with all other public libraries in the province. In less than a year, every public library system went "live" with the new software and worked together to develop common policies and practices. We are now part of one of the largest consortia in North America – the Saskatchewan Information and Library Services Consortium (SILS).

Some of the benefits of the new system include:

- Materials from all 305 branches at your fingertips through the online catalogue
- Placing holds on items online from any library, and picking them up at your local branch
- Place holds on items on the shelf, saving time when you come to pick them up
- Notification 2 days before the due date by email – saves late fees!
- Ability to opt-in and keep a reading history of everything checked out on your library card
- Downloading eBooks and AudioBooks
- One library card for all public libraries in the province

Locally, we also started offering "self-serve holds," allowing patrons to pick up their own items and take them to our self-check machine or to our friendly staff to check them out. This service offers more privacy for our patrons, and we're excited to see how popular it has been. 2010 also saw us increase the security presence in the building, and since we've had guards available during every open hour, incidents have gone down, and the Library has become a safer place to work and visit.

## Message from the Chairman

2010 was my first year as Chair of the Board, and it was very exciting to be a part of this year of transition at the library. One event that stands out is the development of a new Strategic Plan for JMCPL. This plan came out of two days of meetings between Board Members and Management. Together we developed a mission, vision, and core values that are already changing library service for Prince Albert.

Detailed strategic priorities were also developed. Some of these priorities result from efforts to take advantage of an aging building that remains sturdy and useable. Particular emphasis was placed on programming and outreach. Program Services has had a very successful year delivering programs, and continued emphasis on programming going forward.

It's been a privilege to work with our new director, Alex Juorio. He has already brought a great deal of life and excitement to the library in his first year as Director. Under his leadership, the library is developing new policies, programs, and providing enhanced services to the citizens of Prince Albert. Alex's new ideas and enthusiasm to meet the evolving needs of the city will ensure library becomes a vibrant destination choice.

I would like to thank the board for their support, the staff for their dedication to excellence and Councillor Atkinson (previous board chair) for his years of service to the JMCPL.

I'm looking forward to an exciting 2011!  
See you at your library!

Ted Zurakowski  
Board Chair



## Message from the Director

2010 was a remarkable year at John M. Cuelenaere Public Library in many ways. The Library saw many changes and new things this year – the biggest of all was our transition to a one province, one card library system, but for more on that, see page \_\_\_. I wouldn't want to spoil the surprise. Aside from technological change, we also moved some things around in the building, changing the way we organize our paperback books and putting them on new, easier to navigate shelving for adults, and integrating them with hardcover books for children. The website was redesigned in July, with a more contemporary design that integrated our new logo and added a search box for our new online catalogue right from the homepage.

This was my first year as Director, so I spent a lot of time familiarizing myself with this new position and planning for the future of the Library. After many discussions with Board members, staff, and the public, we developed a new mission and vision for the Library. After a year spent planning for the future, I'm looking forward to implementing many of these plans in 2011.

I also want to thank the staff for their dedication and hard work this year. A director is only as good as the staff he serves and supports.

Alex Juorio  
Director



## Circulation

In 2010, JMCPL joined a provincial consortium of public libraries, and by September, all 305 public library branches in Saskatchewan were using one shared online catalogue. As part of this transition, we are still working on how to gather statistics about the collection. We know that it's been busier in the branch, and that our patrons are requesting more books and other items than ever before. We're hoping to have some statistics to report for 2011, but for now, we're just celebrating this unprecedented level of cooperation in Saskatchewan public libraries!

One thing we do know is that out of 305 public library branches, JMCPL was the 9<sup>th</sup> busiest one in 2010, making up an average of 3.9% of the things checked out in Saskatchewan public libraries. This library was also the busiest branch outside of Regina and Saskatoon, and even busier than some of the branches in those cities. Also, out of a provincial total of 510,855 registered patrons, 14,887 use JMCPL as their home branch (2.9%). Our most popular collections this year were DVDs, magazines, and young adult books.

## JMCPL by the Numbers

### Program Attendance

	2009	2010
Bring Your Babies	109	210
Time for Twos	177	246
Preschool Story Time	568	653
Four O'clock Fun	<u>156</u>	<u>201</u>
Total:	1,010	1,310

### Attendance at Special Programs

	#	Attendance
Special Programs	203	6,600
Tours	18	385
Story Times	173	1,310
Out of Library Events	<u>29</u>	<u>3,796</u>
Total:	423	12,091

Grand Total: 13,401 people attended programs at the Library in 2010.

### Collection

Books	
Adult	63,051
Young Adult	4,471
Juvenile	33,987
Magazines	4,292
Audio-Visual	
DVD/VCR	4,204
CD	3,947
Audiobooks	2,600
Reference & Government Documents	3,854
Misc	716
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>121,122</b>

## The Grace Campbell Gallery

The Gallery hosts exhibitions of local artists free of charge every year. It's always exciting to see what local artists have put together, and to see members of the public enjoy access to these works of art. In 2010, we featured ten different shows:

- January: Virginia Stack, photography
- February: Ken Dalgarno, photographs and paintings, *The Crooked Trees of Alticane: A Saskatchewan Wonder*
- March: Carla Olsen, photography
- April: Mendel Art Gallery Touring Exhibition, *Inuit Art: Tradition and Innovation*
- May: Willow Group, watercolours, *For the Love of Watercolours*
- June: Christina Thoen's art students, paintings and drawings using different media
- July – September: Janusz Bizewski, portraits, *Faces of Inspiration*
- October: Patricia Koivisto, watercolours
- November: The Prince Albert Embroiderer's Guild "Sharp Needles," needlework
- December: Studio 1010, watercolours

Approximately one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight people visited the Grace Campbell Gallery in 2010 with three hundred and two people attending six openings.

Thanks to the Mendel Art Gallery for the loan of their exhibition and to all the local artists whose works were featured in the Grace Campbell Gallery during 2010.

## Programming at your Library

Programs at John M. Cuelenaere Public Library in 2010 included an interesting mix of old and new. Attendance at all the regular story time programs increased from 2009, as children and their parents enjoyed weekly stories, rhymes, crafts, and other activities. Other programs which stand the test of time include the popular Easter Egg Decorating in spring and Gingerbread Man Decorating in December. The Christmas Puppet Shows held in early December for local schools, daycares, and preschools entertained more than 1500 children. Read with the Raiders continues to be a popular program, thanks to the enthusiasm of the hockey players who come to read stories, colour pictures, play games, and spend time with their young fans. For teens, we also ran the Anime Club twice a month from October to May for a variety of activities.

Some of the new programs we offered this year included our very popular weekly story times with crafts for the TD Summer Reading Club, *Destination Jungle*. These were so well-attended that we frequently had to rearrange the furniture and make more crafts to accommodate all the children. Tween and Teen Crafts, a monthly program suitable for ages nine to fifteen also kept us busy. In July, we hosted the first Sage Hill Teen Writing Experience ever held in Prince Albert. Local teens participated in an intensive five-day writing workshop which ended with a public reading.

Authors who visited the library for readings or book launches are Amy Jo Ehman, Leah Dorion, Darcy Blahut, Michael and Kathleen Pitt, Chris Clinton, Tracy Hamon, Loretta Mohl, Katherine Bird, Valerie Knudsen, Patti Koivisto, Mary-Ann Kirkby, the Prince Albert Writers Group, and Mireille Chester. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the SK Writers Guild for Bruce Rice, Bernadette Wagner, Glen Sorestad, Louise Halfe, and Jacqueline Moore's readings. Storyteller Kevin MacKenzie shared his talents at a workshop in April. A large and appreciative audience viewed the film, *Jim Settee: The Way Home*, produced and directed by Jeanne Corrigan.

One City One Book launched during SK Library Week. This new venture is cosponsored with Mayor Scarrow and the Prince Albert Literacy Network. The purpose of One City One Book is to promote literacy and build community by encouraging everyone to read and discuss the same book. Gail Bowen's novel, *The Brutal Heart*, is the book everyone is reading this winter.

Thank-you to all the authors and speakers who have visited the library and also to the many community groups and organizations who have partnered with us this past year to offer informative and entertaining programming.