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Sean Quinlan
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Dear Mr. Quinlan,

The Friends of the Regina Public Library (FRPL) would like to discuss the points noted below at the Regina Public Library (RPL) Board meeting at 4:30 PM on Tuesday September 26, 2017.

1. We appreciate the opportunity to attend the Board meeting in Albert Library in its new location in the māmawêyatîtan centre. Many long hours and work by many people have gone into the creation of this centre and it has a bright future.
2. What is the progress on the sale of the old Albert Library building?
3. Would it be possible to obtain a copy of the report reviewing the collection and possible digitization of materials in the Prairie History Room (PHR)? Feedback we hear is that digitization of materials makes it easier to share them via the Internet, but it is vitally important to keep the actual print materials, many of which are one of a kind. Electronic formats may change over time, but the print books will always be readable. We are interested to know what kind of programming is planned around the PHR. With regard to the physical space – are the computers and other resources being used appropriately for historical research purposes – we have heard that use by other patrons may be discouraging the use of the PHR by genealogists and other researchers. And a new idea – have resources on the RPL's history readily available in the PHR and create a permanent display with photos and other materials which would include a copy of the newly released book *Biblio Files: A History of the Regina Public Library*.

Congratulations are due to the editors of *Biblio Files*, Susan Birley, Jeannie Mah and Anne Campbell, to all the researchers and contributors and to the U of R Press. Thanks are due to the several grant organizations and especially the funding, staff support and historical materials shared by the RPL for this project!

4. We look forward to next spring when the Saskatchewan Library Association and other library organizations will be holding meetings in Regina. What has been confirmed for the dates and themes of these events?

There may be an opportunity working with the U of R Press and the book editors to profile the RPL history book and reflect on the process for caring for our history.

5. We appreciate having the opportunity to read the RPL's new Strategic Plan 2016-2021.
6. How has the usage been of the newly renovated George Bothwell Library?
7. There have been a few mentions to us about concerns around security and health and safety of patrons and staff at Central Branch. What are the plans for dealing with these kinds of concerns?
8. What are the next new developments anticipated for Central Library and library development planning?

Thank you for the opportunity to present these comments and questions to the Board.

Sincerely,

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