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Saskatoon Public Library creates space for Reconciliation at Frances Morrison Central Library

SASKATOON, SK – Today, Saskatoon Public Library (SPL) held a ceremonial smudge and prayer for the opening of their Read for Reconciliation space in Frances Morrison Central Library.

“Today we fulfill a promise we made to residential school survivor and community leader, Eugene Arcand, to create a space dedicated to reconciliation in the library” says Carol Cooley, CEO and Director of Libraries for Saskatoon Public Library. “As an active member of Reconciliation Saskatoon, SPL has firmly committed to answering many of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action. Our work in is intended to bring all members of our community together as we acknowledge the past and move forward toward reconciliation to promote healing and ultimately make our city, province and country stronger.”

Arcand represented survivors on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Residential Survivor Committee. He is also a highly respected community leader and advocate for reconciliation, public education and understanding. Saskatoon Public Library was honoured to receive, as a gift, a complete set of TRC books from Arcand earlier this year. The collection is currently on display at Frances Morrison Central Library.

The Read for Reconciliation space holds SPL’s growing collection of Indigenous literature and will host programming focused on healing, truth and reconciliation in Saskatoon. SPL’s Read for Reconciliation booklist is available at www.saskatoonlibrary.ca/reconciliation.

Saskatoon Public Library is an essential, accessible and innovative community service for people of all ages and backgrounds, enhancing our quality of life and affirming our sense of community and our spirit of optimism and discovery. The Saskatoon Public Library system consists of a downtown central library and eight branches. It is home to more than one million items including books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, magazines and newspapers. Library card holders have access to digital media including eBooks, databases, free music downloads, and much more. SPL also offers a wide range of free educational and entertaining programs for all ages, free Wi-Fi, and Internet access.

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