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Saskatoon Public Library Outlines Bold Directions with New Strategic Plan

SASKATOON – Saskatoon Public Library (SPL) released their five-year strategic plan today. The plan re-envisioned SPL as a vibrant community builder that meets the 21st century needs of Saskatonians and outlines a path for modernization and growth. SPL will provide access to services, collections, programs, technology and spaces that respond to the needs of our diverse and growing city.

The plan outlines four goals based on SPL's vision of changing lives through community connections, engagement and inclusivity:

1. Inspiring learning, discovery and creation for all Saskatonians through access to information, tools, technology and support services designed to help people develop literacies.
2. Honouring Indigenous perspectives and advocating for reconciliation with sustained, strategic and deliberate actions to promote healing and understanding in the community.
3. Connecting with our community by engaging in conversations and collaborative initiatives that create opportunities for growth, learning and enjoyment.
4. Modernizing to become a more dynamic, agile and responsive organization where our future directions are informed by community consultations.

"Libraries are no longer simply book repositories—they are people places and technological hubs that contribute to building more literate, inclusive and connected communities," says Carol Cooley, SPL's CEO and Director of Libraries. "In this plan we've charted out bold new directions, many of which will ultimately be shaped through consultations with our citizens. We intend to become a library system that more proactively listens to the communities we operate in and is agile enough to adjust in serving those communities to meet their unique needs."

A printed version of SPL's strategic plan can be picked up at any SPL location. You can also download electronic version of the plan and view the promotional video at: www.saskatoonlibrary.ca/vision.

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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