

ALBERTA LIBRARY CONFERENCE, 2010

May 1, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

LET'S PAT OURSELVES ON THE BACK! BUT WHAT'S NEXT?

PRESENTERS

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FRIENDS OF ALBERTA LIBRARIES

AGENDA

*ALTA. FRIENDS REVIEW

*WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

- A Profile of Friends

*WHAT'S NEXT?

- Possible Actions

*BEFORE REVITALIZING

LET'S SELF- EVALUATE
WHERE HAVE WE BEEN??

ALBERTA FRIENDS AROUND THE PROVINCE

Strathcona County Public Library – 1993 x

Stony Plain Public Library - 1991

Grand Prairie Public Library 1997

Canmore Public Library

Calgary Public Library Foundation 2000*???

Camrose Public Library*

Edmonton Public Library 1993

Innisfail Public Library

Lacombe Public Library 2005

Lethbridge Public Library

Leduc Public Library* 1984

Olds Municipal Library

St. Albert Public Library 1988

Red Deer Public Library 1995

Medicine Hat Public Library 1961/1995

Okotoks Public Library 2007

Banff Public Library*

Jasper Public Library 1991

Lethbridge Public Library 1992
Forestburg Public Library 2002
Strathcona County Public Library 1993

*no existing Friends group

PROFILE OF FRIENDS

- Mission Statements Support Services
- Focus - Fundraising & Advocacy
- Friends Are Independent/ Semi-Independent
- Friends Have Community Connections
- Friends Take On Eclectic Mix of Projects
- Friends Are Creative & Industrious
- Staff Usually Operate At Arm's Length
- Friends Are A 90's Conception

WHAT FRIENDS HAVE DONE

- Friends fundraise
- Friends as advocates
- Friends as partners
- Friends as an alternate voice
- friends as an independent community group
- Friends delivering literacy events

STRATEGIC PLANNING - WHERE CAN WE GO?

- Visibility/visibility/visibility!
- Establish closer liaison w/staff/trustees
- Get staff support - casinos, et al.
- Community connections w/partnerships
- Recognizing literary landmarks
- Documenting users personal stories
- Documenting library archival history
- Tap community agencies support
- Form friends speakers bureau
- Networking - connecting with other friends
- Celebrate community days/events
- Reevaluate before revitalizing!!!

COMPETENCIES

Self-evaluation

Assess Competencies In Carrying Out Performance

Measures:

Where are we?

Where should we be going?

DEFINITION

- Actions for performing roles

- Elevate and realize results relevant to direction/vision

Ten Competencies

General knowledge

Board operation

Fundraising

Lobbying

Advocacy

Decision making

Policy making

Strategic planning

Finance

Professional

Development