

Aboriginal Library Services Summary 2008



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Round Dance

White Buffalo Youth Lodge Youth Council and the Saskatoon Public Library hosted the first annual Round Dance, held to honour the special relationship developing between the public libraries in the province and the Aboriginal communities.

Stories in the Park

Over 500 children enjoyed meeting Orilla and other puppets during *Stories in the Park*. In addition to weekly programs at 10 parks and playgrounds, the Library took *Stories in the Park* to the Central Urban Métis Federation, Inc. (CUMFI) pancake breakfast in Friendship Park on Exhibition Parade morning.

Aboriginal Student Page Summer Internship

For the third consecutive summer, Aboriginal students were hired for a six-week internship program. The students worked in several areas of the Frances Morrison Library and in Technical Services at the Alice Turner Branch. Library staff introduced the students to different types of jobs in the Library.

Michif Conversation

There was an enthusiastic response to the Michif conversation classes led by Harriet Oaks and Dorothy Aubichon and hosted by Central Urban Métis Federation, Inc (CUMFI).

Family Cree Conversation

Family Cree conversation provided an opportunity for families to learn and practice Cree under the guidance of Noella Chief and Paula Howe.

Aboriginal Issues

The Alice Turner Branch hosted John Lagimodiere, journalist and publisher, who spoke on the misconceptions about Aboriginal people and their rights in Canada. Dianne Lafond, of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) Primary Health Care, spoke at Mayfair Branch on health care coverage and health issues for Aboriginal people.

Literacy Outreach

Members of the Library's Literacy Committee are continuing to visit community agencies and schools to promote the Library's free programs and services.

Stories of Our People/ *Lii zistwayr di la naasyoon di Michif:* A Métis Graphic Novel Anthology



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The Gabriel Dumont Institute launched its publication, *Stories of Our People*, in October at the Carlyle King Branch. The launch featured stories by elder Gilbert Pelletier and fiddle music by Brendon Chief and Scott Duffy.

Aboriginal Storytelling

This year's storytelling took place at several branches and included "Strings and Stories" with Cort Dogniez, Onion Lake Storytellers Paul and Rose Chief, and a Métis Cultural Afternoon with the Fiddler-Boyer Family.