

Library and Information Services – Regina Branch Operational Highlights 2010-2011

The Gabriel Dumont Institute Library supports the information and research needs of Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) and Dumont Technical Institute programs with three branches located in Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert. Its unique collection focuses on Métis and First Nations communities, culture, and history. Library staff actively seek to work in partnership with other library and information service



providers to provide free and unrestricted access to information for all library patrons. The library also works to develop the information literacy skills (research, critical thinking, and computer skills) of its patrons, which is an important step towards ensuring Aboriginal people have full access to library services in Saskatchewan. Students, staff, and library patrons can access the GDI library catalogue at the following web address: <http://gdi.voyager.uregina.ca>



As part of the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling month (February), the GDI Regina hosted storyteller Joe Welsh who spoke to SUNTEP students & staff. Beginning with his introduction, he paid

tribute to Métis storytellers who are no longer with us. Joe's stories focused on his long time friend Leonard (now deceased).



Judging from the smiles on the face of the audience Leonard, Zayoon, Tumbleweed, and Two-Door Sedan won't soon be forgotten. "Our stories tell us who we are," said Joe. We are incredibly lucky to have storytellers like Joe around to remind us of this. The group concluded with sharing some delicious bannock prepared by Norma Welsh.

Other initiatives in 2010-2011 include the development of a webpage for the GDI Regina Library. The IT department and the GDI Regina Library worked together on this project.

<http://www.gdins.org/reglib.htm>

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the website www.gdins.org/reglib-about.htm. The page features a header banner with a portrait of Gabriel Dumont and the text "GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE of Native Studies and Applied Research". Below the banner is a search bar and a navigation menu. The main content area is titled "About the Regina Library" and includes a description of the library's mandate, a search link, and a section titled "What you can find in the library" which lists several collections: REFERENCE, RESERVE, DEWEY, JUVENILE, EASY, and CURRICULUM. A left sidebar contains a navigation menu with links to various GDI services and programs.

About the Regina Library

The Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) Library in Regina functions within the mandate of the Gabriel Dumont Institute to support the information and research needs of students and staff in GDI and Dumont Technical Institute (DTI) programs, as well as the research needs of the wider Métis and non-Métis public. Its unique collection focuses on Métis history and culture and on issues of concern to Métis and First Nations communities.

What you can find in the library

(Search the online catalogue here: <http://gdi.voyager.uregina.ca/>)

The REFERENCE Collection includes encyclopedias, dictionaries, bibliographies, atlases, and other materials, many of which are useful in conducting genealogical research. Items may be used in the library.

The RESERVE Collection includes materials that instructors have chosen for use by students in a particular course. Loan periods are set by the instructor.

The DEWEY Collection includes fiction (literature) and non-fiction materials on a wide range of subjects. Items may be borrowed for one month.

The JUVENILE Collection includes fiction and non-fiction books suitable for use by children at the elementary and middle levels. Items may be borrowed for one month.

The EASY Collection includes picture books suitable for use by young children. Items may be borrowed for one month.

The CURRICULUM Collection includes textbooks, teacher's guides, and other teaching materials which are suitable for use in schools. Items may be borrowed for one month.