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Darlene Hincks Joehnck
Chair, Regina Public Library Board
Regina Public Library
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Dear Ms. Hincks Joehnck,

We are writing to request to appear before the Library Board at its September 25 meeting to make a presentation on behalf of the Friends of the Regina Public Library.

The presentation is attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

Joanne Havelock

Friends of the Regina Public Library

**PRESENTATION OF THE FRIENDS OF REGINA PUBLIC LIBRARY
TO THE REGINA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

We are pleased to be able to be here in the new Regent Place Branch, and wish the library patrons and staff many successful years ahead in this new location.

At the RPL Board meeting on June 26 FRPL raised some questions about the planning for the future of Central Library.

We understand that considerable research was done by P3 Architects and Harvard Developments in the initial planning for upgrading Central Library. While the initial concept is not going ahead, we trust that a good portion of the work done will still be applicable in future planning, thus the time and resources devoted to the work will still be of benefit. This would include an assessment of the condition of Central Library building, the space needs of staff and patrons in working in and using the library, and concepts around the potential ways to organize the space.

From our understanding, this kind of architectural planning information for a public facility should not be private and need not be confidential. Providing this information to the public at this time would help to create a greater understanding of the future needs for Central Library.

At the June 26 RPL Board meeting, FRPL requested this information. The RPL Board Chair asked the Library Director to provide the reports prepared by P3Architects and Harvard Developments directly to FRPL, and also to make them available to the public via the RPL website. We have not yet received any of this information. Could we expect to receive this information soon?