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Central Branch

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LOCAL HISTORY

REGINA PUBLIC LIBRARY

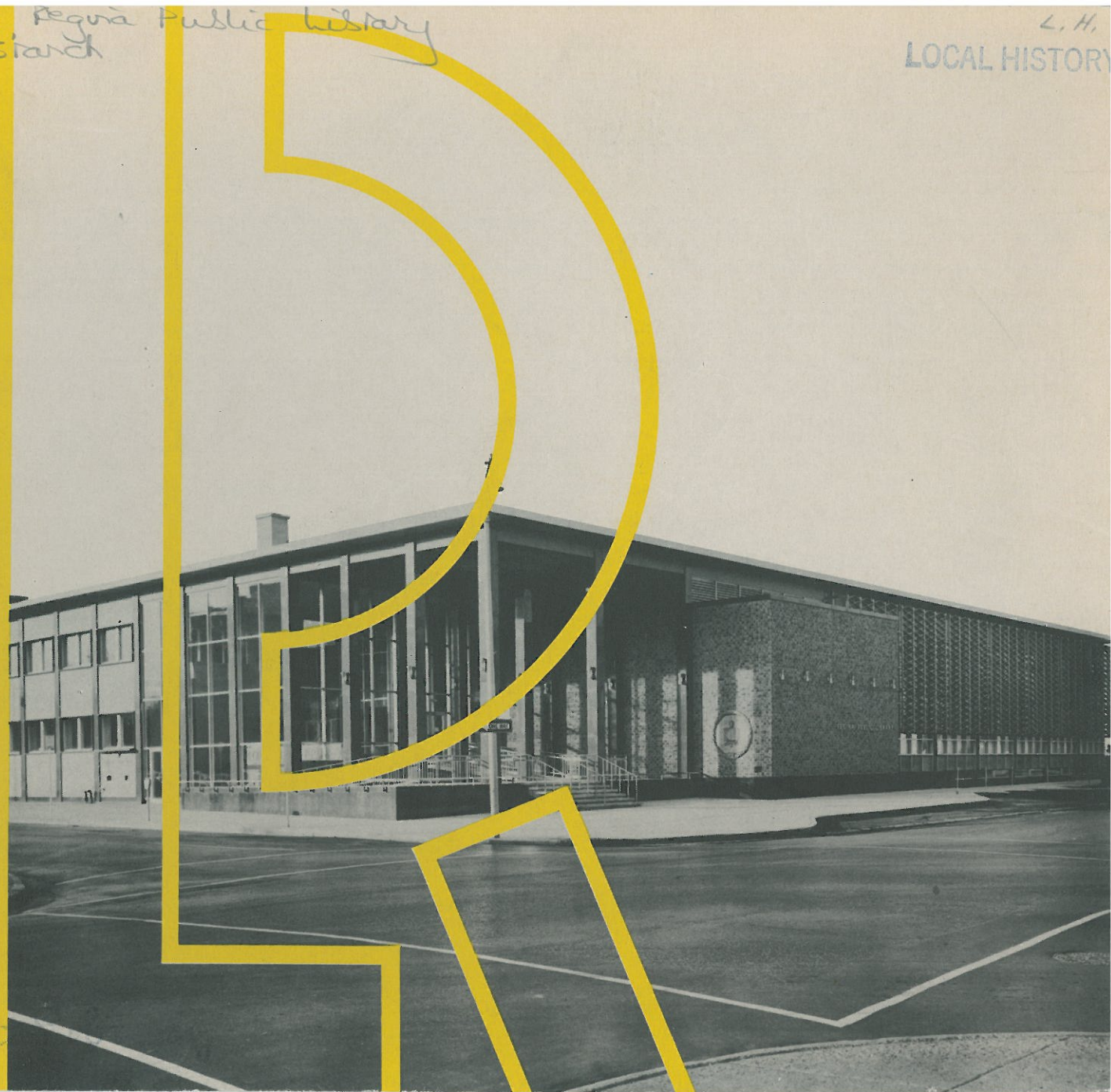
OFFICIAL OPENING

NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY

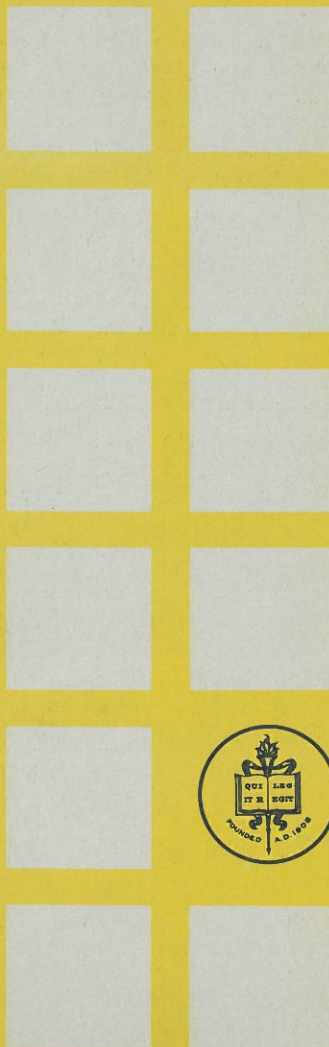
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2.30 p.m., WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 5, 1962

Regina Public



PROGRAMME



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Invocation—Rabbi H. A. Wachsman

Chairman's Remarks—Mr. J. R. A. Pollard, Chairman of the Regina Public Library Board

Greetings from the Provincial Government—
The Honourable W. S. Lloyd, Premier of Saskatchewan

Address—Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, National Librarian
and Dominion Archivist, Ottawa

Laying of the Cornerstone—Mr. F. B. Bagshaw, O.B.E.

Dedication—The Venerable Archdeacon B. S. Prockter,
President of the Regina Ministerial Association

Presentation of the Key—Mr. G. W. C. Johns, President
of Smith Brothers and Wilson, Contractors
Mr. K. Izumi, Izumi, Arnott and Sugiyama, Architects
Mr. A. T. Little, Chairman of the Building Committee
Miss Marjorie R. Dunlop, Chief Librarian

Cutting of the Ribbon—His Worship Mayor H. H. P. Baker

Benediction—The Right Reverend F. Gerein, Vicar General
of the Archdiocese of Regina

God Save the Queen

Musical Selections—Orchestra from the Regina Collegiates
under the direction of Mr. Lloyd Blackman

Following the opening ceremonies, guests are invited to tour the library. Coffee will be served in meeting rooms on the second floor.

CENTRAL LIBRARY BUILDING

In January, 1909, occupying three rooms in the City Hall, the Regina Public Library first opened its doors. A gift of \$50,000 from Andrew Carnegie enabled it to open its own building on Lorne Street on May 11, 1912. By 1944, aware that the building had become inadequate, the Library Board had the City purchase adjoining land. This and later Boards continued to study the needs and to plan for an extension or a new building. In 1956, Mr. Horace S. Moses of Topeka, Kansas, after careful study, made a valuable report recommending a new Central building. Representations were made to Council both then and later, but not until June, 1960 did Council agree to submit a money bylaw to the burgesses.

At this point a "Citizens' Committee for a New Library", was initiated by Mr. Gordon Campbell, who became Chairman. Other members were: Mrs. A. E. Chapman, Miss Jean Downey, Mr. C. H. Gosse, Mr. J. G. Joynt, Miss Ruth S. McGill, Miss Alice A. Parent, Mr. G. A. Stewart. With this inspired leadership and the support of dozens of organizations and of hundreds of citizens, the burgesses became informed of the need for a new building. They approved the bylaw by a large majority in November, 1960. Detailed plans were completed, the old building was demolished in June, 1961, and the new building as we see it today was completed in the fall of 1962.

J. R. A. POLLARD, Chairman,
Regina Public Library Board.

Building costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,045,730.00
Additional for the booklift	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 5,475.00
Architect's fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%
Cost of furniture and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 70,000.00
Furniture from the original building has been used in some of the work and all the closed stack areas.										(est.)
Cost of shelving	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 27,559.00
Paving and landscaping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 4,248.00
Floor area including 2,115 sq. ft. of sunken garden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,300 sq. ft.
Present book capacity in public areas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,000 volumes
Population of the city	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118,000
Building materials: Cleavage cut pink heather granite with accents of polished charcoal granite, mosaic granite tiles and glass.										

The building is designed for a future mezzanine floor over the centre third of the large adult service area. A multiple storied wing can be added on the remaining 6,500 square feet of the site. The building is air-conditioned except for refrigeration which can be added as funds are available.

Izumi, Arnott and Sugiyama, Architects.

Smith Brothers and Wilson, General Contractors.

REGINA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

J. R. A. POLLARD, Chairman

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G. R. BOTHWELL, Chairman, Book Committee
Chairman, Committee on Library
Legislation and Grants

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR H. H. P. BAKER
(*Ex-Officio*)

Many participated with the Librarian
in the planning of the new building

Mrs. E. N. Davis
Horace S. Moses, Library Consultant
Florence Pettingell, Adrienne Llewellyn
Mary Young, Eva Webb
Margaret Hammond, Gwen Ellis
R. E. Johnson, Dorothy Martin
Bertha Lere, Andrew Jasper

