SAVE OUR SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARIES PETITION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PETITION COLLECTORS

- Everyone who signs needs to have read all of the petition wording.
- Make sure people fill out each of the columns, otherwise, their signature will not be counted.
- Make sure it is legible and written with a dark pen or pencil.
- Do not have people write on the back of the form. The signature must be on the front so it is clear they have seen the petition wording.
- Use multiple copies of the petition as needed.
- Do not collect signatures on a blank page.

We must have the <u>original signed petitions</u> to take to the Legislature. Save Our Saskatchewan Libraries Petitions in Regina can be dropped off at Carla Beck's constituency office. 2824 – 13th Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan S4T 1N5. Phone: 306.522.1333.

Elsewhere they can be dropped off or mailed to the office of any NDP MLA.

The Save Our Saskatchewan Libraries petition pages just need 3 eligible Saskatchewan voters' signatures per page to be submitted. Non-residents and non-voting residents can sign, at the maximum of 2 per page. (This is different from the VOTE Saskatchewan Libraries petition, calling for a referendum, which requires all people signing to be eligible Saskatchewan voters.)

Who qualifies as a Saskatchewan Voter to Sign the Petitions?

From ELECTIONS SASKATCHEWAN website, March 27, 2017 http://www.elections.sk.ca/voterregistration/special-eligibility/

"To qualify to be registered as a voter in a provincial election in Saskatchewan, the standard eligibility rules are:

- Canadian citizen;
- Minimum 18 years of age;
- Resident in the province for a minimum of six months; and
- Ordinarily reside at the current address of residence.

However, there are certain persons who are exempted from meeting all of these criteria. Exceptions exist for:

- Students;
- Canadian military personnel;
- British Subjects who resided in the province at a specific period of time; and
- Election candidates.

Special Rules for Students

Students who have moved from outside the province to study in Saskatchewan are immediately eligible to vote in provincial elections, provided they are Canadian citizens and at least 18 years of age. They are not required to have resided in the province for six months.

Students who have been living in Saskatchewan, but have moved to attend a school away from where they have been living, are permitted to register either at the:

- Residential address from which they moved; or at the
- Address of the location where they currently live while studying.

However, each student can only be registered at one address of residence — it is their own personal choice as to which address that should be.

Special Rules for Canadian Military Personnel

Any members of the regular, special or reserve force of the Canadian Forces, who leaves another province or territory to serve in Saskatchewan, immediately becomes eligible to register and vote in provincial elections, provided they are Canadian citizens and at least 18 years of age. They are not required to have resided in the province for six months.

Members of the Canadian Forces who are required to leave their residence in Saskatchewan to serve outside the province are permitted to remain registered as a provincial voter at the address where they resided before moving.

If a Canadian Forces member residing in one location in Saskatchewan is required to relocate and serve within the Forces at another location in the province, they made decide which location they wish to be registered at for the purposes of voting. However, each member of the Forces may only be registered as a provincial voter at one address of residence.

In each of the three cases above, if a spouse or the dependents of a Forces member moves with that member they are legally provided the same voter registration flexibility that applies to the Forces member.

Special Rules for British Subjects

A non-Canadian, who is a British Subject and who was qualified as a Saskatchewan provincial voter on June 23, 1971 (that is, they were born on or before June 23, 1953 and resided in the province since or before December 23, 1970) is permitted to register as a provincial voter. However, they must declare their non-Canadian British Subject status at the time of registration.

A British Subject is defined as a person who is a citizen of any other Commonwealth country. There are 53 member states in the Commonwealth of Nations.

Special Rules for Election Candidates

A candidate for a provincial election, or the spouse or dependents of that candidate, can choose to be registered:

- At the address in which ordinarily live, or
- In any polling division in the constituency in which the candidate is contesting the election.

Taking the option of registering in a particular polling division within a constituency in which the candidate is running can only be exercised once the candidate's nomination papers have been accepted by the Returning Officer. This does not happen until Nomination Day, which is a full ten days after the election period officially starts."