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EPL Signs Partnership Agreement With Francophone School District

EDMONTON, AB, November 17, 2010 – The Edmonton Public Library and the Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord (Greater North Central Francophone Education Region No.2) will sign a new partnership agreement that promotes French and English literacy for children and youth.

The Memorandum of Understanding formalizes a collaboration and relationship that is already in place between EPL and the francophone school board, and rounds out the partnerships the library has with all of the Edmonton-based school boards. This final partnership agreement ensures EPL has a greater opportunity to serve all Edmonton students.

“We have a significant amount of French language resources within our library collection, offer a number of French programs and have a French-speaking Community Librarian,” says Linda Cook, Chief Executive Officer, Edmonton Public Library. “Being able to extend our services through the francophone schools is a wonderful opportunity for us.”

The partnership agreement enables EPL to reach out to approximately 1,800 francophone students across seven schools in the city. One of the first programs the Library will share with the schools is the School Library Card Program where students can receive a free EPL library card.

“As a francophone school authority, we are very pleased to work in partnership with the Edmonton Public Library to encourage our students to acquire, renew and use EPL cards,” says Henri Lemire, Superintendent of Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord. “It will be a very practical and positive way to promote literacy in all our Edmonton-area schools at all levels.”

Note to editor/ news director: Media are invited to attend the official signing scheduled for 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 18.

Event Details:

When:	Thursday, November 18, 2010
Time:	
11 a.m.	Community Librarian Melanie St-Onge
11:03 a.m.	CSCN President Paul Dumont
11:08 a.m.	EPL Board Chair Joan Welch
11:13 a.m.	CSCN Superintendent Henri Lemire

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- 11:15 a.m. Signing performed by CSCN Superintendent Henri Lemire
and EPL Chief Executive Officer Linda Cook
- 11:18 a.m. Library tour

Where: Idylwylde Branch (8310-88 Avenue)

About Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord (www.en.centrenord.ab.ca)

Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord (Greater North Central Francophone Education Region No.2) is the largest francophone school district in Alberta with 2,500 students attending our 14 francophone – catholic or public – schools in Edmonton, Fort McMurray, Jasper, Legal, Red Deer, St. Albert and Wainwright. Fully funded by the Alberta Government, our schools offer academic programs from kindergarten to grade 12 in accordance with the curriculum set out by Alberta Education

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