

First Nations Public Library Week 2009

Knowledge Keepers: Speak Up for First Nations Public Libraries!

WHEREAS, public libraries provide knowledge of important research about health, economics, housing, the environment and countless other areas to support better living conditions and to help people lead longer, more purposeful lives;

WHEREAS, public libraries support a workforce with programs, computers and other resources to help communities learn to find, share and use information they need for their jobs, health, education and other needs;

WHEREAS, many public libraries offer pre-school storytimes, reading programs and homework help to encourage children to begin a tradition of reading and learning that will serve on their path in life;

WHEREAS, we recognize that our public library is an important resource to our community development;

WHEREAS, these public libraries continue to be a central source of knowledge of First Nation communities;

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing need to continually advocate on behalf of First Nation Public Libraries in order to facilitate lifelong learning experiences and support and promote literacy in First Nation communities;

AND WHEREAS, the theme for 2009 First Nations Public Library Week titled, "*Knowledge Keepers: Speak Up for First Nations Public Libraries!*" will increase critical support for ongoing development of existing public libraries and promote the establishment of public libraries in First Nation communities currently without public libraries;

THEREFORE, let it be known that **(name of First Nation)** Public Library provides a vital service to our community and supports the "*Knowledge Keepers: Speak Up for First Nations Public Libraries!*" through endorsing this theme as part of the 2009 First Nations Public Library Week;

FURTHER, that I **(name)**, Chief of the **(name of First Nation)** First Nation proclaim

February 9th to 14th, 2009

Be

First Nations Public Library Week

And I invite everyone in our community to join the celebration this week and use our public library throughout the year.

Authorized Signature

