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## **Regina Public Library and University of Regina team up to discuss connection between literacy and lifelong learning**

The development of literacy skills and support of lifelong learning can help give Regina residents the freedom and skills they need to thrive. This will be the topic of conversation in the mezzanine at Central Library on Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 pm.

“Literacy is at the core of what we do at RPL, and International Literacy Day is a great opportunity for us to take stock of how we can continue to support the development of literacy skills in our community,” said Jeff Barber, Library Director and CEO.

Dr. Jerome Cranston, Dean of Education at the University of Regina, will join Barber to discuss the roles of libraries and educators in supporting literacy skills development, how lifelong learning can influence employment opportunities, and current trends in education and libraries.

“By committing to support the development of literacy skills, we offer people the ability to write, read and interpret the world through words. This allows for freedom to flourish both figuratively and literally,” said Cranston.

Hosted by Edward Willett, author and former RPL Writer in Residence, the discussion will be followed by a reading, a performance by local musician Ava Wild, and a reception where guests can mingle and enjoy refreshments. Registration is not required to attend.

International Literacy Day takes place annually on September 8. It was introduced by UNESCO in 1966 to promote literacy and its importance in empowering all people, no matter their background, to fulfill their potential to the fullest. RPL works every day toward this goal, by providing access to artistic and literary resources, as well as new technologies and opportunities for continuous growth and learning, to everyone in our community.

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