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RPL and RDBID to host discussion about how to make downtown a safe and welcoming place

Four local experts will discuss the challenges and opportunities they face in creating safe and welcoming spaces downtown. They'll share what they've learned and brainstorm new ideas to make downtown a welcoming space for everyone during an event at Central Library.

Each speaker represents an organization that is working towards community wellbeing and a healthy downtown. Panelists include **Dave Slater**, Manager of Community Wellbeing at the City of Regina; **Sgt. Laurie Alexander**, Alternative Response Coordinator for the Regina Police Service; **Katie Dockham**, General Manager of the Cornwall Centre; and **Jason Knudsen**, Outreach Program Manager of the Regina Street Team. They'll talk about the strategies they've implemented and share ideas about how to make downtown Regina a safe and welcoming destination.

"This is a great group of people to talk about how we can make downtown a safer and more inclusive place for everyone," said Amber Christensen, Executive Director, Central Library, Regina Public Library. "It's an opportunity to hear from them about what has worked and what else can be done to create a downtown we can all enjoy."

Stories about safety issues in the downtown area are common on social media and in the news. These panelists will talk about how their organizations have been responding and generate new ideas to make downtown Regina a better place to be.

"This panel is an opportunity to address challenges and share initiatives with our community," said Judith Veresuk, Executive Director, Regina Downtown Business Improvement District. "We're happy to partner with Regina Public Library and other stakeholders on these discussions that can help shape our downtown and create positive change."

[Downtown Safety and Community Wellbeing Panel Discussion](#)

Thursday, August 28 at 7pm

Presented by Regina Public Library (RPL) and Regina Downtown Business Improvement District, this event takes place in Central Library's Film Theatre (2311—12th Ave). Refreshments provided.



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Find out more at reginalibrary.ca/downtown-safety-and-wellbeing.

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