



Canadian Red Cross Announces Funding for Interim Library in Slave Lake

For immediate release

February 15, 2012 (Slave Lake): The Canadian Red Cross and the Town of Slave Lake are proud to announce funding for the interim Slave Lake Regional Library.

Mayor Karina Pillay-Kinnee said this project “means so much to the residents of Slave Lake and the surrounding communities. Before the wildfire, our library was a focal point for our community, people of all ages and backgrounds enjoyed the facility and the services it provided. Keeping library services available to the residents of northern Alberta represents another step in the recovery of our community.”

This project, which will see close to \$400,000 provided for rent and renovation of the interim library location, will commence immediately and will provide funding until December 2013.

“The people of Slave Lake, the municipal district and the surrounding communities have come to rely on the library for information and entertainment; for some, the library provides their only access to a computer and to the internet. Funding the temporary space for the library fits with the commitment of the Red Cross to assist people in the community who have been affected by the fire. The library provides access and reduces stress for people needing to connect with resources and it also builds the economic and emotional capacity of those using the library’s services.” Said Sue Phillips, Western Zone Director General.

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