Together At Last: An Academic and Public Library Leisure Reading Partnership

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Every time a book changes hands, every time someone runs his eyes down its pages, its spirit grows and strengthens. ~Carlos Ruiz Zafón

History of Leisure Collections

- University of Saskatchewan
- University of British Columbia
- University of Northern Colorado
- Princeton University
- Thompson River University
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Thomas Jefferson University
- Penn State
- Newcastle University
- Helsinki University
- Lancaster University
- CalTech

To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark. — Victor Hugo

The Benefits of Leisure Reading Collection

- Getting people in the door
- Collections not browser-friendly
- Patrons will choose the activity that is most convenient
- Promotion of lifelong learning
- Academic achievement
- Health and Well-Being

"The things I want to know are in books. My best friend is the man who'll get me a book I haven't read." – Abraham Lincoln

Models for Leisure Reading

- Reorganization of current collections
- Book leasing
- Purchasing collections
- Partnerships with public libraries

"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." - Groucho Marx

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1. Formation of partnership
2. Documentation & Legal Agreements
3. Funding

"Picking five favorite books is like picking the five body parts you'd most like not to lose." — Neil Gaiman

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4. Cataloguing and MARC records
5. Policies and Procedures
6. Promotion and Display
7. Staff Training

Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home.
~Anna Quindlen

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8. And finally….naming the collection!

Relax ‘n Read

Leisure Reading Collection

Also known as….

RnR

Winnipeg Public Library Experience

Winnipeg Public LIBRARY

- Benefits of partnership
- Selecting and Ordering
- Processing
- Marketing & Promotion
- Final ownership of books

"When I get a little money, I buy books. If any is left, I buy food and clothes." — Erasmus









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Next Steps

- New book suggestions
- Evaluation of collection

Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world.
- Napoleon Bonaparte

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