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### **Kate Freeman Named to EPL Board of Trustees**

#### **Great-granddaughter of Alberta's first premier, Alexander Rutherford, continues legacy of learning**

**EDMONTON, AB, January 12, 2012** – Catherine 'Kate' Freeman has been appointed to the Edmonton Public Library's (EPL) Board of Trustees.

"I was raised in a family where giving back to the community was simply expected," said Freeman. "I'm interested in advancing the cause of EPL as a community resource, a vital tool in improving literacy and developing the knowledge economy, and a treasure for the imagination."

Born and raised in Edmonton, Freeman worked as a computer programmer and systems analyst before earning her MBA from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario in 1985. She left her career as a management consultant in 1994 to devote her time to community organizations, including Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific where she served as a Trustee and the University of Alberta (U of A) where she recently completed a seven-year term as a Senator. Currently, Freeman volunteers with the U of A Anglican Chaplaincy Board and Brentwood College Parent Committee.

"We are pleased to welcome Kate to our Board," said Brent McDonough, Chair of the Edmonton Public Library Board of Trustees. "Her expertise and personal dedication to volunteerism are tremendous assets that will continue to strengthen the governance of the Library Board."

Freeman's great-grandfather, Alexander Rutherford, was Alberta's first premier. Known for his strong support of public education, he was a founder of the University of Alberta and established a system of public libraries, a provincial library and archives. Rutherford later served as the Chancellor of the U of A. Rutherford House, the family home on the U of A campus in Edmonton, is a fully restored Edwardian mansion which has been designated a Provincial Historic Site.

"Kate's deep roots in our community and her extensive experience make her a great fit for EPL and the City of Edmonton," said Linda Cook, CEO of the Edmonton Public Library. "We look forward to her contributions as we continue to develop new and innovative services for the people of Edmonton."

The EPL Board consists of 10 trustees including one member of City Council. [Trustees](#) are appointed annually by City Council to a maximum of six years to support the operation of all public library services in Edmonton. In addition to governance, two of its primary functions are lobbying and advocacy to ensure that resources are available to fulfill EPL's mission and values. Their responsibilities include approving library policies of service, supervising expenditures and developing strategic planning documents.



**About the Edmonton Public Library (EPL)**

The Edmonton Public Library carries everything you care about. We are Edmonton's largest lender of all manner of information and entertainment. Our professionally trained staff take you beyond Google with the knowledge, discernment and desire to help you navigate a universe of information. Every year, we host over 14 million in-branch and online visits across our 17 branches and website. We deliver our incredible content to you everywhere - in the library, at home, or on your handheld device. Unmatched access and unrivalled value - that is today's EPL. Spread the words. [www.epl.ca](http://www.epl.ca).

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