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New Trustees reflect diversity of Library landscape

EDMONTON, AB, December 20, 2012 – A member of the Thunderchild First Nation in Saskatchewan, a man who emigrated from Uganda and another born and raised in Edmonton have been appointed to the Edmonton Public Library (EPL) Board of Trustees.

- **Miranda Jimmy** recently completed a four-year term as a volunteer with EPL's Aboriginal Advisory Group and currently works as the Northern Region Manager for the Arthritis Society, Alberta and Northwest Territories Division. She has worked with several non-profit organizations focused on community development and is an active volunteer mentor.
- **Nazir Mulji** came to Canada from Uganda in 1974 and currently works as a Manager of Finance, Administration and Operations with Alberta Justice and Solicitor General. He has volunteered extensively with local schools, the United Way and the Ismaili Volunteer Corps.
- **Jay Ball** is the CEO of the Northern Alberta Region for Junior Achievement, an organization that inspires Grade 3-12 youth through entrepreneurship, workforce readiness and financial literacy programs. He has volunteered with numerous sports and community groups in the past. Jay currently serves on both the local and national Board of Directors for Kids Up Front and also coaches his son's minor hockey team.

"We are pleased to welcome Jay, Miranda and Nazir to our Board," said Brent McDonough, Edmonton Public Library Board Chair. "The diversity of our new Trustees echoes our customer base, rich collections and array of programs and services. Their appointments are a good fit with our community-led service philosophy, which guides our decisions based on customer and community needs."

The Library celebrates its centennial next year and to set the course for its second century, EPL is focused on accessibility – making sure all Edmontonians have convenient access to library services and resources by exploring flexible service delivery models and expanding partnerships.

"The new Trustees all have extensive experience with community groups and that is tremendously important to the direction we are heading," said Linda Cook, EPL CEO. "We look forward to their contributions as we continue to break new ground in developing responsive services for the people of Edmonton."

Current Trustees reappointed by City Council are Ellen Calabrese-Amrhein, Michael Janz and Sherrill Johnson. Departing members are Brent McDonough, Carol Suddards and Kiann McNeill. 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.

The new Trustees begin their terms in January 2013.



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.

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