

The Library Public Library Board is very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Todd Gniissios to the position of Director & CEO of the Lethbridge Public Library, effective February 01, 2010.

Todd's is a familiar face at the Library, having served as Associate Director, Branches and Outreach from 2007-2009 and Director & CEO (Acting) since July 20, 2009. His steady and professional leadership during this period of significant internal transformation has been impressive. Todd has successfully and collaboratively led our expansion of facilities and services to West Lethbridge, overseeing all matters related to the highly anticipated new The Crossings Branch Library, a community branch co-located with two new high schools.

As Acting Director, Todd has effectively rebuilt a strong new management team after several senior retirements. Todd's tenure has seen the Lethbridge Public Library embark on an innovative marketing awareness campaign coupled with our Branching Out Campaign, an ambitious fundraising initiative. Under Todd's leadership and with the dedicated work of all staff, our Plan of Service is moving the Library into innovative digital directions while always maintaining our commitment to personal service and community gathering space.

Besides Todd's proven leadership at Lethbridge Public, he brings over 22 years of experience in progressively broader roles and 11 years of senior supervisory responsibility within the Vancouver Public Library system, the third largest library system in the country. Concurrent with his responsibilities at Vancouver Public, Todd assisted in the management of his family's small business and was heavily involved in community organizations.

The Library Board has every confidence that our new Director and CEO will continue to develop and maintain collaborative and productive relationships within our Library, the City, the Region, the Province, and beyond.

Caryl Nelson-Fitzpatrick, Chair
Lethbridge Public Library Board