

# **RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

## **ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**Monday, October 24th, 2005**

### **Statistical Highlights for 2004**

- 147,884 active library cardholders
- 3,582,503 books, magazines, videos and CDs borrowed
- 1,791,753 visits to Richmond library branches
- 189,266 research questions answered
- 93,381 children and adults attended 2,879 library programs

### **How We Compare to Other Canadian Libraries**

When compared to 37 other Canadian libraries serving large urban populations, Richmond Public Library (RPL) ranks:

RPL RANKING (OUT OF 37)	CATEGORY	RPL AMOUNT	CANADIAN AVERAGE
<b>#1</b>	Active cardholders as % of Population	85%	54%
<b>#1</b>	Circulation Per Capita	20.57	10.74

While our service levels rank #1, our Expenditure Per Capita ranks significantly lower:

RPL RANKING (OUT OF 37)	CATEGORY	RPL AMOUNT	CANADIAN AVERAGE
<b>#12</b>	Expenditures Per Capita	\$41.45	\$38.71