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The Edmonton Public Library and MacEwan University Library partner to bring a lending machine to campus

Edmonton—MacEwan University Library and the Edmonton Public Library (EPL) are pleased to launch a new EPL lending machine at the MacEwan City Centre Campus. The new lending machine allows MacEwan students, faculty and staff members to borrow over 1,100 materials from EPL’s collections, including books, CDs, DVDs and video games.

“We are incredibly excited to bring this innovative library service to MacEwan with the help of our partners at MacEwan University Library,” said Pilar Martinez, deputy CEO of EPL. “One of EPL’s goals is to find new ways to provide library services to a greater number of Edmontonians who may not be able to visit one of our physical branches. This new lending machine is one of the innovative ways we are helping meet this need.”

Customers can borrow, renew or return materials at the lending machine. Returned items are available immediately for the next customer to borrow.

In conjunction with the lending machine, MacEwan University and EPL have collaborated to introduce the Library Pass (L-Pass) program which enables all MacEwan students and staff to register online at the MacEwan Library website for a free EPL membership. Those who register can use their MacEwan library card to access all services and resources at EPL. To date 1570 MacEwan students, faculty and staff have registered for the L-Pass.

“The MacEwan University Library is committed to being the campus hub for our students’ information needs both online and ‘on-shelf,’” said Jane Duffy, dean of Libraries. “This partnership opportunity with EPL supplements MacEwan University’s library collection and services, making available recreational materials such as popular fiction and non-fiction, DVD’s, CD’s, and videogames. MacEwan University Library is very grateful to the MacEwan University Student Technology Fund for making this initiative possible.”

The MacEwan University lending machine is EPL’s second library lending machine. In 2010, EPL launched Canada’s first lending machine located outside a library at the Century Park LRT station. Over 16,800 items were borrowed from the Century Park Lending Machine in 2012.

This initiative was made possible with funding from the MacEwan University Student Technology Fund and the Edmonton Public Library. The lending machine will be maintained by EPL staff.

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About the Edmonton Public Library

In 2013 the Edmonton Public Library (EPL) celebrates 100 years of service to our great city. We’ve come a long way since 1913 when books were all you could find on our shelves... and we’re just getting started! Today EPL 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. The second most visited place in Edmonton, 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. EPL is a registered charity and relies on donations to enhance services. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over $20. Spread the words. www.epl.ca/donate.

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