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Library in La Ronge holds unveiling ceremony

The Alex Robertson Public Library in La Ronge hosted a special event on August 2, 2017 to unveil a treaty plaque, a tribute to Alex Robertson and a new logo for the library.

A framed replica of the Treaty 6 medal, as well as an image of the adhesion to the treaty signed in 1889, will now hang in the library. Elder Bella Sanderson of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band offered a blessing on the occasion.

“This is a community space, and so we thought it was important to have a visual reminder that we are all in a treaty relationship,” said Interim Library Administrator Linda Mikolayenko. “This acknowledgement is a small gesture, but one we hope will spark interest in patrons learning more. We can help direct them to relevant resources.”

The La Ronge Public Library was renamed the Alex Robertson Public Library last year.

“We thought it was important for patrons, and especially newcomers and visitors, to know a bit about Alex and his contribution to the community,” said Interim Board Chair Michelle Gale.

Library users can now see a photo of Robertson, read a short biography, listen to Robertson himself on CD speaking about his role as a fur buyer (thanks to CBC Radio Archives), and touch the fur of a cross fox (courtesy Robertson Trading Ltd.).

A new name calls for a new logo, and the board and staff are pleased that local artist Roger Jerome designed a logo that captures the spirit of the library so well.

At first glance, the logo appears to reflect the geographical location of the Alex Robertson Public Library – the boreal forest and the water of Lac La Ronge. However, a closer look reveals the tree in the centre, symbolizing knowledge and growth, is made up of stylized open books, as are the waves. These reflect the dynamic future of the library, with traditional books, but also embracing new technologies. The rounded shape of the oval represents the inclusive nature of the wide variety of library services that are available to all its patrons.

The Alex Robertson Public Library serves residents of the Town of La Ronge, the Village of Air Ronge, the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, and surrounding communities.