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PUBLIC LIBRARY WORKERS TO HOLD NOON-HOUR RALLY TOMORROW

What: Saskatoon Public Library workers to hold information rally tomorrow
Where: Outside the Frances Morrison Library, 311 - 23rd Street East, Saskatoon
When: Wednesday, September 19, 2012
Time: 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Speakers: CUPE 2669 Vice-President Dolores Douglas
CUPE Staff Representative Rhonda Heisler

Saskatoon: CUPE public library workers are holding an information rally outside the Frances Morrison Library tomorrow, September 19, at 12:15 p.m., to encourage the library board to negotiate a fair contract settlement. The library board meets tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.

Library workers, members of CUPE 2669, are holding the information rally to show their frustration with the lack of progress at the negotiating table. The CUPE library workers have been without a new agreement since March 31, 2010.

“We want to see a significant wage offer from the library board to lift our members out of poverty,” says CUPE 2669 Vice-President Dolores Douglas. “It’s unacceptable that one in every three Saskatoon library workers makes about \$10.00 an hour and receives few, if any, benefits.”

The library management and board continue to insist CUPE members work more mandatory hours on weekends and evenings. Sick leave benefits also are at risk.

Douglas says the library board must drop its demands for concessions and negotiate a fair settlement.

“The message we want to deliver to the library board tomorrow is that a fair contract offer is overdue,” says Douglas.

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