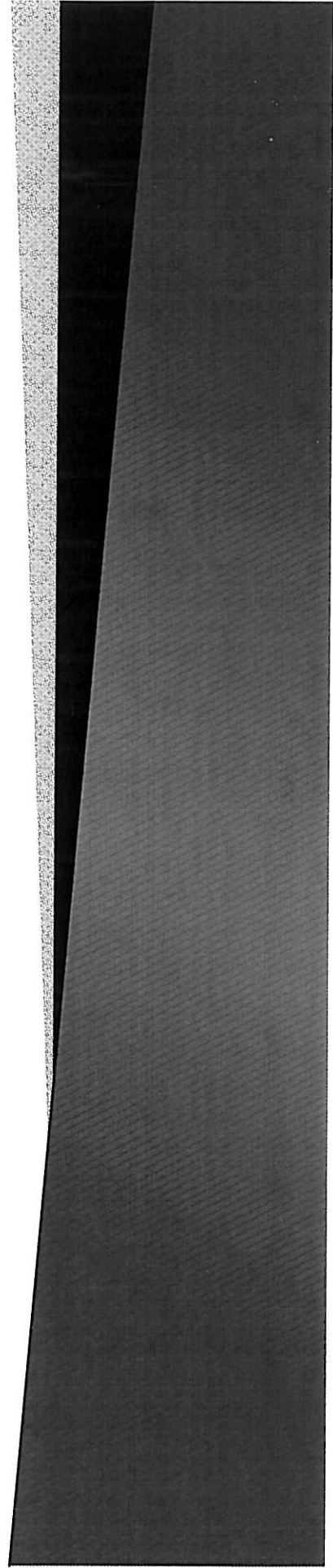


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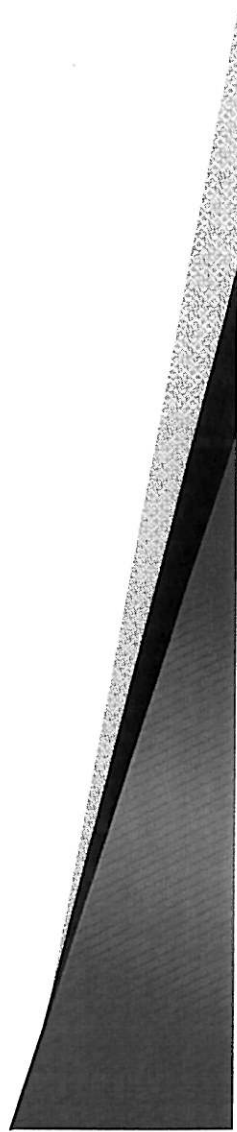
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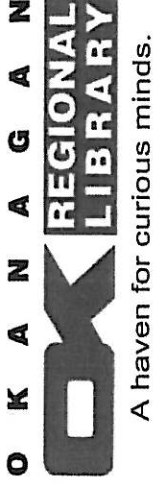
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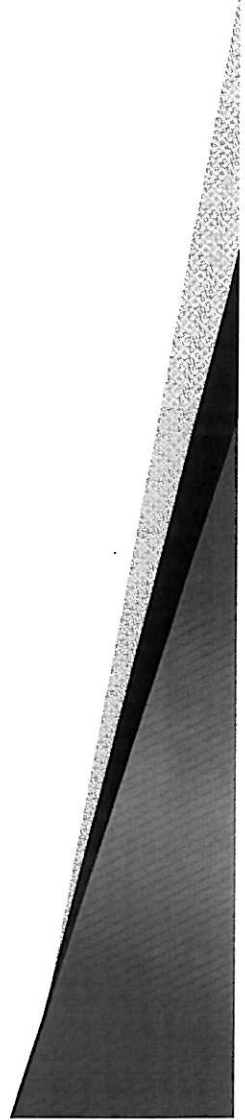


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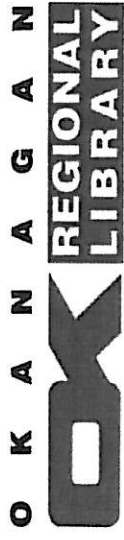
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2008–2009



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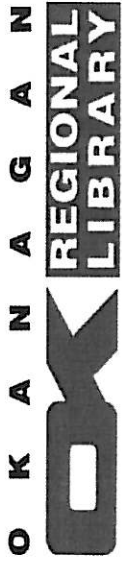
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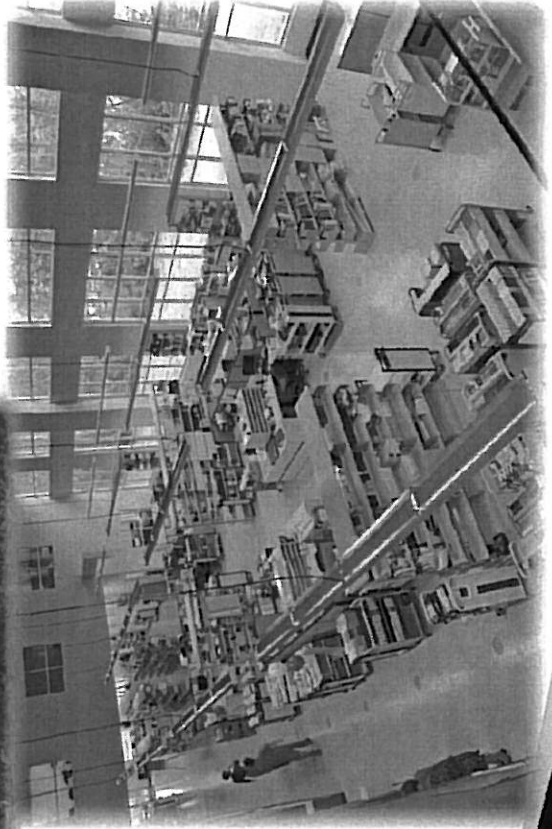
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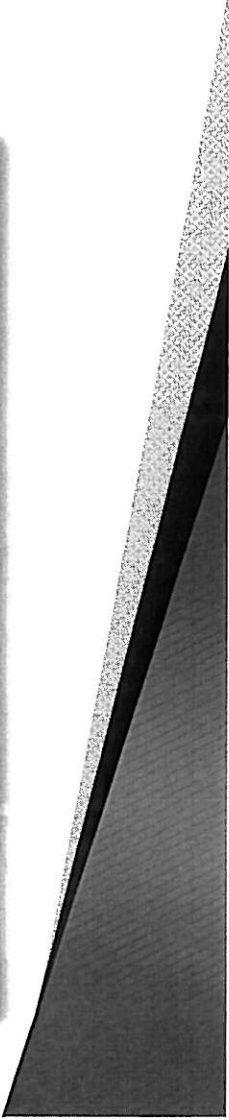


Salmon Arm expanded reading section

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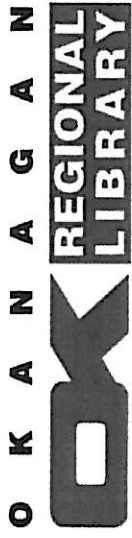
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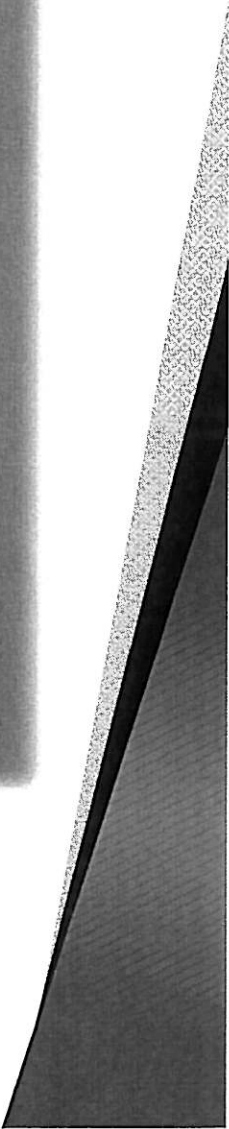
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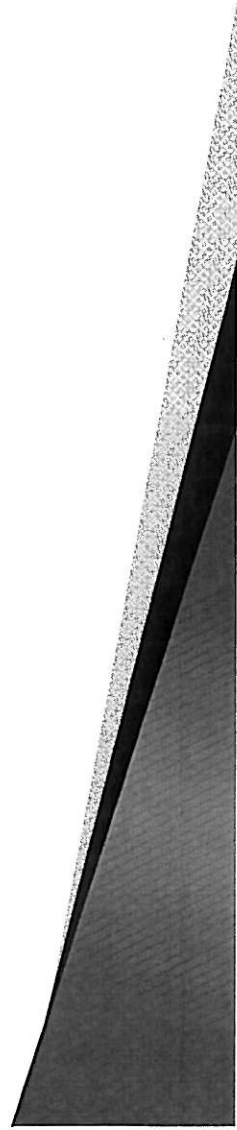
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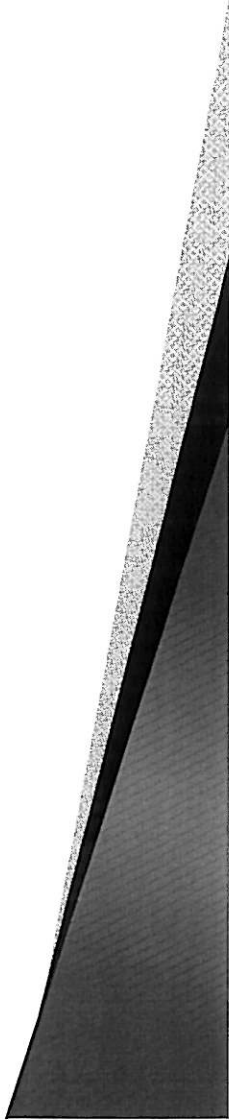
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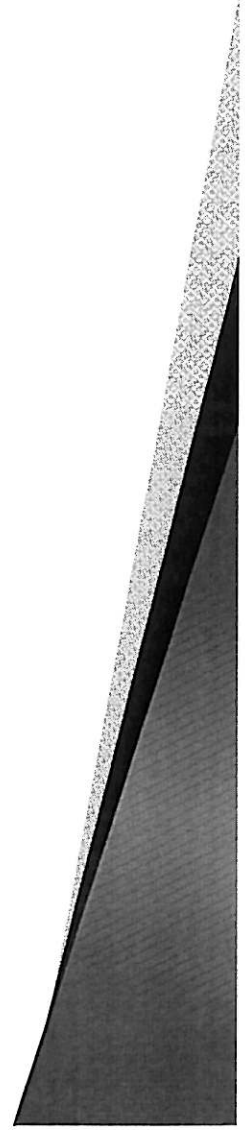
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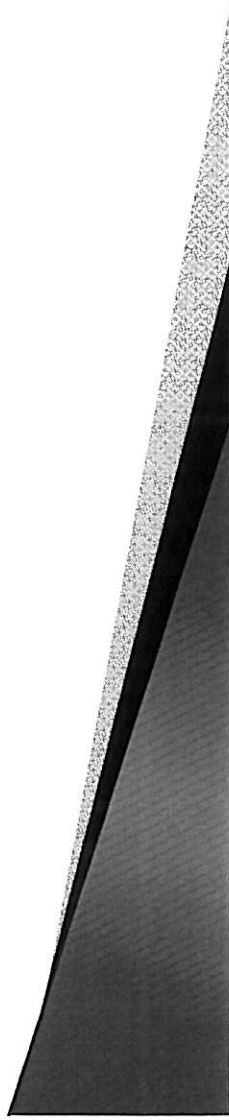
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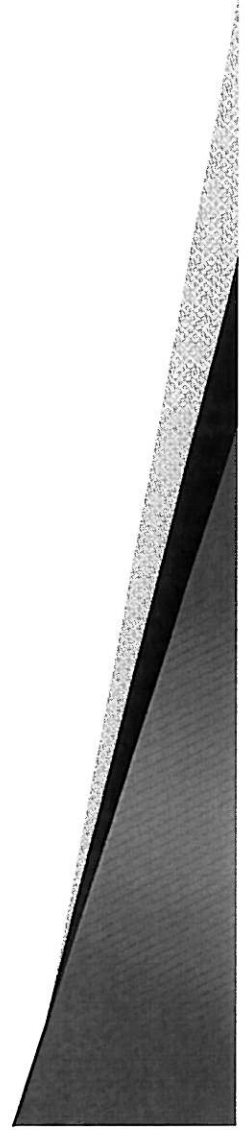


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- A Reminder

- ▶ Municipal and regional district boards are responsible for providing furnishings for our public branches - you will be receiving your request letters for needs this fall
- ▶ These requests greatly improve the functionality, safety, and attractiveness of your branches

Thank you in advance for considering this request



In Summary...

The coming year will be challenging, but the Okanagan Regional Library is stronger by working together with all our communities.

We value partnerships and strive to serve our communities, big and small, in the most cost-efficient, effective way possible. By working together, we can provide more public resources than we could independently.



Further information:

- ▶ Check out: www.orl.bc.ca/aboutus
- ▶ New website to go live January 2010

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