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Welcome to the Spring online issue of *The Medium*!

Spring, a time of rebirth and renewal, allows one to shed our layers and start fresh. It is this fresh breeze that energizes one to forge ahead and to breathe new life into our working environment. This issue, brimming with innovative ideas for your school library, will be like a breath of fresh air on a cool spring day.

This year, the goal for the editors of *The Medium* was to work towards a publication with more student-generated content. The intent was to generate interest and inspire/model for teacher-librarians and teachers what classroom projects could look like. Significant attention was made towards the idea that submissions were not relegated to written articles and that digital formats were also acceptable and highly encouraged! Submissions this year included lesson plans, book reviews, articles as well as multimedia student projects. We endeavoured to breathe life into our slogan: *If you can imagine it...we can post it...or link to it.*

The themes for the 2008-2009 issues of *The Medium* reflected initiatives undertaken by the Saskatchewan School Library Association this year. To support teacher-librarians new to the role, the September issue featured planning tools. The November issue highlighted Reading Comprehension Strategies which reflected the three online learning events facilitated by Sharon Grimes. This issue celebrates our achievements and the Association's monumental birthday; it is the *50th Anniversary Alumni Issue – The Past, The Present, and The Future of School Libraries.*

The Editors would like to thank all those who submitted items for publication. We extend an invitation to all members of the library and school communities to continue to provide book reviews, student projects, lesson and unit plans, teaching strategies and assessment practices to the readers of *The Medium*.

We hope this issue helped you to shed the “dark” layers and spring into action with a fresh look! Look for our freshened up version of *The Medium* to be unveiled in the next issue!

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