

Press Coverage of the Friends of Regina Public Library 2008 Fundraiser with Speaker Alexandre (Sacha) Trudeau

Sacha Trudeau Guest at Regina Library Fundraiser

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Children focus of Trudeau talk

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Regina, Sask. (map) - Alexandre (Sacha) Trudeau, the son of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, will be speaking in Regina on Wednesday.

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Trudeau will be speaking at the Conexus Arts Centre on Wednesday. Tickets are \$35 each or \$250 for a table of eight. Contact 787-9039 for more information.

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