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*"One must maintain a little bit of summer,
even in the middle of winter."*

- Henry David Thoreau -

11th ANNUAL SOUTHERN ALBERTA LIBRARY CONFERENCE



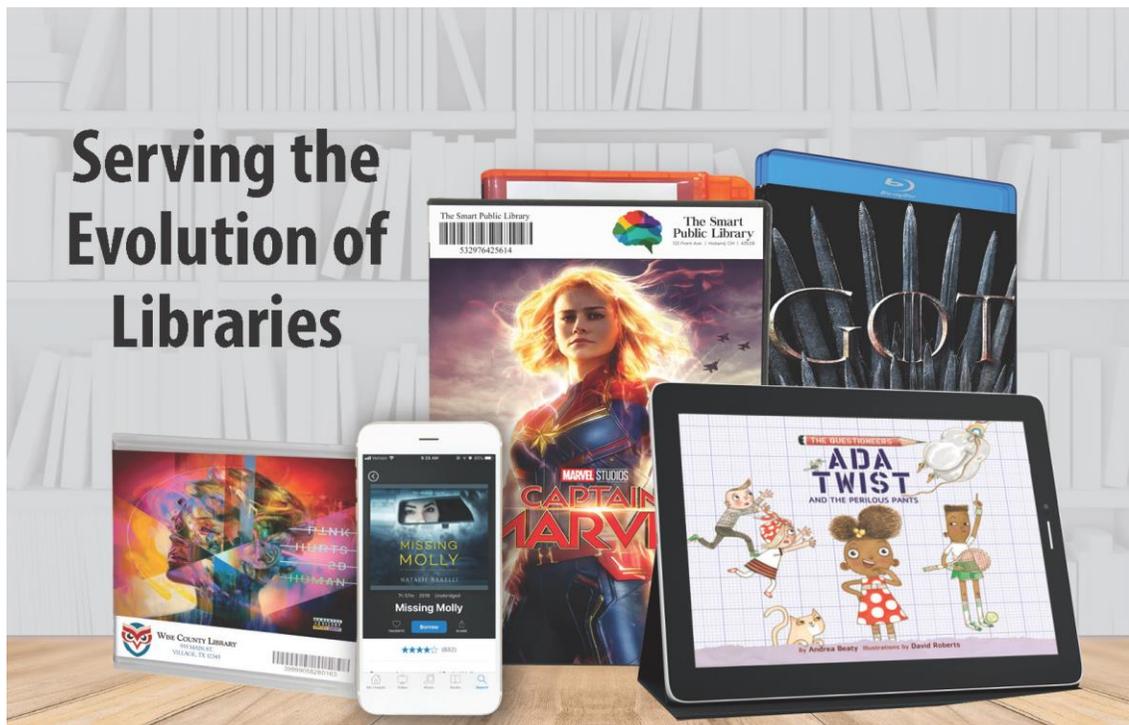
CALL FOR PROPOSALS NOW OPEN

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Date	Location	Time
June 22 – Dragon Boats	Henderson Lake Park	10-4
July 1 – Canada Day	Henderson Lake Park	12-8
July 3	Magrath Library	2:00 pm
July 8	Taber Public Library	2:00 pm
July 15	Coaldale Public Library	10:00 am
July 16	Lethbridge Public Library	1:00 pm
July 18	Raymond Public Library	2:00 pm
July 18 Farmer's Market	Fort Macleod Library	6:00 pm
July 22	Taber Public Library	2:00 pm
July 23	Lethbridge Public Library	1:00 pm
July 24	Stirling Public Library	9:30 am
July 25	Crossings Public Library	12:30 pm
July 29	Kainai Public Library	10:00 am
July 30	Lethbridge Public Library	1:00 pm
August 1	Crossings Public Library	12:30 pm
August 7	Stirling Public Library	9:30 am
August 8	Raymond Public Library	2:00 pm
August 12	Taber Public Library	2:00 pm
August 13	Carmangary Public Library	2:00 pm
August 15	Coaldale Public Library	2:00 pm
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August 16	Coaldale Public Library	10:00 am
August 22	Raymond Public Library	2:00 pm

LETHBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAIN BRANCH



Lethbridge Public Library Celebrates 100 Years

On August 14, 1919, after nine years of work building community support, the Lethbridge Public Library opened its doors to the residents of our city. Originally located in two rooms at the YMCA, located on the northeast corner of 10th St. and 4th Ave. South, the library served our community from that location until January 23, 1922, when it relocated to 3rd Ave. South, where the Southern Alberta Art Gallery (SAAG) now stands. The renovated Carnegie Library still makes up the west wing of the building and houses SAAG's Upper Gallery.

The building was home to a children's library, an adult library, and a lecture room. It was constructed at a cost of \$26,996. However, increased patronage and a growing population began to exhibit a need for a larger library space, and in 1974 the Library opened at its current downtown location on 5th Ave. and 9th St. South, with a 20,000 sq. ft. extension added in 1992. Bookmobile services were added in 1985, and The

Crossings Branch opened in West Lethbridge in 2010.

This year as we celebrate 100 years of serving our community, we invite you to join us for our celebration activities that are occurring throughout the year, including our 100th anniversary celebrations on August 17. There are a ton of activities and performances planned at both the Main and The Crossings Branches as well as barbecues. We look forward to seeing you there!

Need a Library card? Get a Library card!

Throughout 2019 the Lethbridge Public Library is excited to offer Library memberships at no fee.

Pick yours up today, and start exploring your Lethbridge Public Library!



No Fee for Lethbridge Public Library Memberships in 2019

The Lethbridge Public Library is excited to announce that as part of our 100th Anniversary celebrations we are offering Library memberships at no fee throughout 2019. Lethbridge City Council approved the one-time funding request to cover the cost of memberships, for one year, as part of its 2019 – 2022 Operating Budget.

SUMMER TEEN PROGRAMS

- Broadcast Bootcamp, a partnership with CKXU, teaches teens about community radio, and has them go live in the booth on campus
- Teen Summer Writing Camp gives teen writers a chance to hone their skills with help from a writing instructor
- D&D for Teens pairs sends teens on imaginative quests with the help of volunteer Dungeon Masters
- Teen Summer Challenge has a pile of fun challenges; the more teens complete, the more entries for the grand prize they earn

Full info can be found at lethlib.ca/teen. All programs are free and open to anyone in grades 7-12.

Mark the Date for The Word On The Street



LETHBRIDGE BOOK & MAGAZINE FESTIVAL

Join us at the Lethbridge Public Library Main Branch for The Word On The Street, September 21. This year will mark the festival's ninth year, and promises another great lineup of authors, panel discussions, demonstrations and workshops, live music, activities, a marketplace, and food trucks. The festival runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on this year's festival visit thewordonthestreet.ca/lethbridge.

TABER PUBLIC LIBRARY

It feels like time has been whizzing by at Taber Public Library since the last newsletter!

Fun Programs

Once our carpet squares were glued back in place, and the building was open for business once again, we jumped into high-partnership-gear offering a number of partnered programs: low-cost High Fitness (aerobics), Pound (aerobics), tween yoga and Martial Arts; a cat café with In from the Cold Cat Rescue; presentations on gut health and hormones by local professionals. We were surprised as to how popular the gut health and hormone presentations were.

We also put a number of one-off programs on in the last few months, including an Earth Day clothing swap, in which 80% of the items brought in found new homes! Those items which did *not* find new homes at our swap were sent over to a rummage sale at the local United Church. Our recently re-started Teen Advisory Group has been hard at work planning programs for their teens, including a nature walk and a Nerf night. Our most popular recent program was a mother/daughter tea in which over 15 mums and their kids registered to drink tea, eat tiny sandwiches and fashion some fascinators.

Our SRP Coordinators started on May 13, and we are so excited to have Meghan and Soley with us. They are already hard at work planning their daily programs as well as the reading challenges!



Outrageous Outreach

Part of our current plan of service is to make people aware of the services that are available in town – including Library services! With that in mind, we have started attending more outreach opportunities including the local Easter Egg Hunt held on April 20, and the first ever Taber community BBQ competition on May 25. We will be heading out to the local Farmer’s Market on Thursday evenings, as well as Stories in the Park, in which our Drop In Story Times will be held at parks throughout town during July and August: we will let you know how that works out!

Nice Surprises

Over the last few months we have received a few nice surprises – IE, money. First, we received a \$2600 Community Priorities grant through the Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Community Foundation to go towards our program room A/V

update. Second, we received notification from the Taber Police Association that our teen space revamp will be the recipient of the fundraising the TPA does at their Police Ball.

Last but not least, we received funding from the Taber Kinsmen and Kiwanis Club of Taber towards our READ-award-winning initiative “Snacks in the Stacks,” in which the library provides nutritious treats to our young patrons during the summer months. Once again, we will be working with the Taber Food Bank Society to offer a wide array of snacks.

VULCAN MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

**Our library always seems to have something going on,
and this past month was no exception!**

May 10 We hosted our 3rd Steppin’ Into Art Night. Our numbers increased again! New people and new art ideas.

June 3 Celebrate Senior’s Week. Rainbow Literacy and Adult Learning joined forces on this one. We hosted a lunch, comedian and door prizes at the Senior Centre. Approximately 70 attended.

June 8 Local Author Lorraine Andrews set up at our library for a book signing during Spock Days.

June 16 Father’s Day Craft Fun.

June 21 Vulcan Library hosted a luncheon with Clairvoyant Kim Dennis, Q&A on her experiences and her book “What’s Above.”

June 26 Vulcan Library asked to come back to Vulcan Prairieview Elementary

School for their last day fun day. We brought the Physical Literacy Kits and set up stations.

Starting in April we have been choosing a "Patron of the Month."

In March we started an indoor gardening program with a Volunteer Club from our elementary school here in Vulcan. We raised many vegetable and flowers from seeds. From there we turned it into a Mother's Day project. You came in and picked a pot. Either painted or modge podge it and then selected one of the plants we grew to put inside it.

CHINOOK ARCH

LET'S MOVE IN LIBRARIES



With all the wonderful physical literacy and active living supports Chinook Arch member libraries are providing to their communities, Lisa Weekes (Manager of Partnerships & Community Development) is proud to sit on the [international advisory board for Let's Move in Libraries](#). As one of 2 Canadian librarians, with many more American counterparts, Lisa gets to showcase what Chinook Arch libraries have been doing for programming and collection development from the Canadian

perspective.

The website features excellent programming ideas and resources including examples of liability forms. [Please check it out!](#)

REGIONAL RECONCILIATION

BY KERBY ELFRING

REGIONAL RECONCILIATION LIAISON AND CONFERENCE COORDINATOR



In conversations about reconciliation, the word ally comes up when referring to non-Indigenous people. But what does that mean? Robyn Ward, a settler Canadian of Ukrainian and other European ancestry, has given her take in the article [Building Trust Before Truth: How Non-Indigenous Canadians become Allies](#). While it is often said that there can be no reconciliation without truth, Ward argues that even before

truth, there must be trust. She utilizes Brene Brown's Anatomy of Trust to discuss the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples in Canada. According to the Anatomy of Trust, trust is built by:

- Respecting Boundaries
- Being reliable
- Being accountable
- Respecting the "Trust Vault"
- Showing integrity
- Demonstrating non-judgement
- Being generous with your assumptions

She notes that there are no shortcuts to building trust. To be a true ally, one must see the value in relationship building by authentically gaining, building, and maintaining trust. To read the full article, please visit:

<https://www.animikii.com/news/building-trust-before-truth-how-non-indigenous-canadians-become-allies>

A recent toolkit developed by the Montreal Urban Aboriginal Community Strategy has also attempted to break allyship down into three steps:

1. Be critical of any motivations.
2. Start learning.
3. Act accordingly.

Dakota Swiftwolfe, who helped develop, research, and contribute to the toolkit, said allies definitely need to be aware of their motivations and be "self-critical of their actions and why they do what they do." The toolkit provides an overview on terminology, dos and don'ts, with examples of why certain terms, phrases, and questions are problematic. The toolkit can be accessed at

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/86d28ccd43d4be0cfc11c71a1/files/102bf040-e221-4953-a9ef-9f0c5efc3458/Ally_email.pdf



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

LIBRARY MANAGERS



Dothlyn McFarlane

Coaldale Public Library

Years working at the library: Head Librarian for 1 year and 9 months

What was your first job?: I had just finished high school and like most high school graduates I had no idea what I wanted to do. I went to the National Training Agency and got a placement at the Jamaica Theological Seminary in Kingston, Jamaica as a Library Clerk. And as they say “the rest is history” I’ve been in the library profession since then.

What was the first thing you bought with your own money?: Either a month of groceries or a pair of shoes (maybe both).



Holly Ottewell

Claresholm Public Library

Years working at the library: 4 months!

What was your first job?: I was a host/busser at East Side Mario’s.

What was the first thing you bought with your own money?: Oh probably books, YA novels most likely.

Are you reading anything right

now?: Physical book I’m currently reading: *Tales of Ordinary Madness* by Charles Bukowski (who happens to be my all-time favourite poet/author).
Current Audiobook: *The Last Anniversary* by Liane Moriarty.

What is your all-time favourite book?:

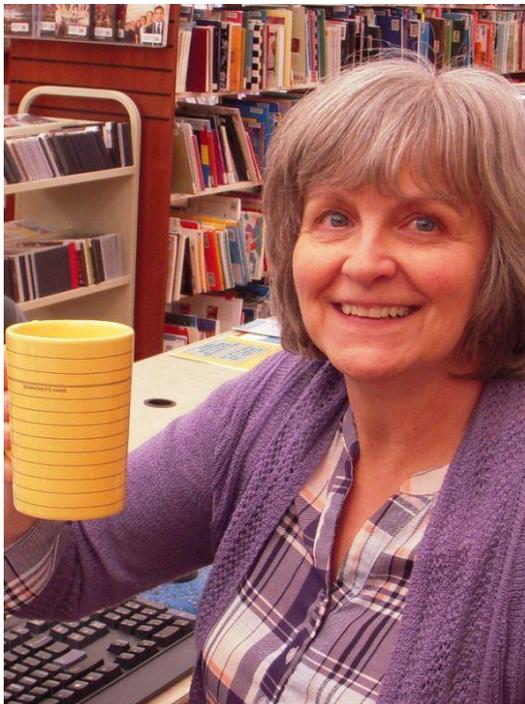
During the planning of my wedding I read, HELP Me I'm married! by Joyce Meyer. It was very helpful in preparing me for marriage.

If you could pick up any new skill in an instant, what would you choose?: Dancing, in an instant.

Do you collect anything?: No.

Best advice you ever heard?: I'm not sure who I got this from, but one of the best advice I try to always remember is simple "Be yourself!"

Have you seen anything lately that made you smile?: This is easy, one week vacation to binge watch "The BIG Bang Theory" More than smile, hours of laughter.



Joanne Monner

Milo Library

Years working at the library: Milo Library Manager for 17 years this month. How can that possibly be? I've seen quite a few changes in Chinook Arch and the Libraries over this time.

What was your first job?: Other than babysitting, I worked as a hair dresser.

What was the first thing you bought with your own money?: Figure skates specifically made

If you could pick up any new skill in an instant, what would you choose?: I would love to be good at mental math.

Do you collect anything?: Magnets. My partner and I try to grab one each time we visit a new place.

Best advice you ever heard?: My Dad told me two sayings when I started working in customer service: "Kill 'em with kindness" and "Under promise, over deliver." I still try to live by them.

Have you seen anything lately that made you smile?: The beauty of Alberta! The big sky, the mountains! I missed it while I was away.



Stephanie Humphreys

Magrath Public Library

Years working at the library: I've been manager in Magrath since June 2018. I also worked for the Magrath library a few years ago while one of our librarians was on a leave-of-absence.

What was your first job?: Like many teenagers, my first job was babysitting. I guess having five younger brothers and sisters made me a natural.

for my feet from money made as a skating teacher, so I guess that would be my first paying job.

Are you reading anything right now? OR

What is your all-time favourite book?: This winter I read *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate and really enjoyed it, but there are so many good books out there that it's hard to settle on one.

If you could pick up any new skill in an instant, what would you choose?: Playing the piano. I took lessons as a kid, but could never get both my hands to work together.

Do you collect anything?: Fridge magnets and bookmarks from our travels.

Best advice you ever heard?: Whenever you fly, go first class. If you don't, your kids will! (However, I've yet to fly first class.)

Have you seen anything lately that made you smile?: A big truck with a very large rock in it and the caption stating: Busy here at Stonehenge moving the rocks ahead 1 hour.

What was the first thing you bought with your own money?: The first thing I remember buying with my own money was a journal and the Narnia series when I was eight years old. I think it was birthday money from my Great-Grandmother.

Are you reading anything right now? OR

What is your all-time favourite book?: I just started *Shatter the Suns* by Caitlin Sangster. One of my all time favorite books is *The Angels of Morgan Hill* by Donna vanLiere because it always makes me wonder what I would have done in similar circumstances, and the story shows how one person can change a community.

If you could pick up any skill in an instant, what would you choose?: Painting or drawing.

Do you collect anything?: Yes. My garage is filled with fabric, sewing equipment, embroidery supplies, patterns, and lots of good intentions. And of course I collect books. I have a very tolerant husband.

Best advice you ever heard?: "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and more loved than you know." Christopher Robin to Winnie the Pooh.

Have you seen anything lately that made you smile?: Plus temperatures on the thermometer and snow melting from my roof.

CHINOOK ARCH STAFF



Jane Edmundson

Librarian, Member Support

Years at Chinook Arch: I've been at Chinook Arch for 3 years.

What was your first job?: Probably dead-heading carnations at my Dad's flower shop, when I was 7 or 8.

What was the first thing you bought with your own money?: Stickers for my Little Mermaid sticker book, from the corner convenience store.

Are you reading anything right now?: All-time favourite book is too hard to pick, but I just finished reading *Who Killed Tom Thomson* (<https://vulcan.bibliocommons.com/item/show/2607116040>) which is an investigative deep dive into the mystery around the Canadian painter's untimely death in 1917. I love non-fiction and true crime/mysteries.

If you could pick up any new skill in an instant, what would you choose?: Hmmm. Is this akin to the "what superpower would you want" question? The answer to both is probably flying.

Do you collect anything?: Too many things. Art, records, and oddities of all kinds: taxidermy, bones,



Lisa Weekes

Manager of Partnerships & Community Development

Years at Chinook Arch: Manager of Partnerships & Community Development – been with Chinook Arch 2 years (started March 2017).

What was your first job?: Waitress/kitchen helper @ Marvellous Muffins.

What was the first thing you bought with your own money?: Garfield books.

What is your all-time favourite book?: Such a big question with so many answers! My favourite author is Eden Robinson, but I'm currently simultaneously reading a set of mystery & murder series: Jo Nesbo's "Harry Hole" series; Louise Penny's Armand Gamache; and George Mercer's "Dyed in the Green".

If you could pick up any new skill in an instant, what would you choose?: How to fly an airplane.

Do you collect anything?: Glass containers and house plants to grow in them.

Best advice you ever heard?: Please take responsibility for the energy you bring into this

historical sideshow and circus memorabilia, Victorian jewelry, cameras, Lethbridge-related ephemera, and on and on and on.

Best advice you ever heard?: “Talk less, listen more.”

Still working on it.

Have you seen anything lately that made you

smile?: I’m pretty much always smiling at my cats, except when they are climbing the curtains or trying to eat my plants (which is often).

space.

Have you seen anything lately that made you

smile?: My boys’ smiles every morning.



Trevor Haugen

IT Manager

Years at Chinook Arch: I’ve been at Chinook Arch nearly 13 years. I started mid-September 2006 as Computer Technician there was a couple of title changes throughout the years but I am now IT Manager.

What was your first job?: The title on my record of employment was “Chicken Fryer”. I worked at KFC to put myself through college. Before that I did have a very casual job sorting sports cards at one of the sports cards during high school but I don’t really count that as work.

What was the first thing you bought with your own money?: It was probably a slurpee, but for bigger ticket items, I bought a stereo from Consumers Distributing. I had been eyeing that thing for a long time. I don’t have a stereo anymore and I haven’t bought a slurpee in over 6 years!

Are you reading anything right now? OR What is your all-time favourite book?: I’m about to read Scoundrels by Timothy Zahn. Scoundrels is a Star Wars novel based in the Legends timeline (formerly canon with the Star Wars movies until Disney bought Star Wars and wanted to tell their own). Scoundrels is about Han Solo, Chewbacca and Lando Calrissian pulling off an Ocean’s 11 style heist.

If you could pick up any new skill in an instant, what would you choose?: A new skill in an instant?

Patience!

Do you collect anything?: I used to collect many things but somehow I seem to have stalled on most of my collections. Pretty much anything I collect is hockey or Star Wars related. For hockey I have hockey pucks with NHL team logos and if a team changed their logo I'd get the new puck. I was once a big hockey card collector as a kid but once Sportcard collecting became a huge thing in the early 90s it became too over priced for me to see any value in continuing with that. I have a couple of Star Wars centered collections, books and comics mostly, but I have several ForceFX Lightsabers but I boxed them up so my kids wouldn't be tempted to play with and damage them.

Best advice you ever heard?: Whether you think you can or you think you can't. You're right.

Have you seen anything lately that made you smile?: The weather forecast when I saw that the deep freeze was ending! Also the NHL standings, more specifically seeing the Flames sit top 5 in the entire league for most of the year!



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