# Marigold Newsletter
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Marigold News

Summer Programming
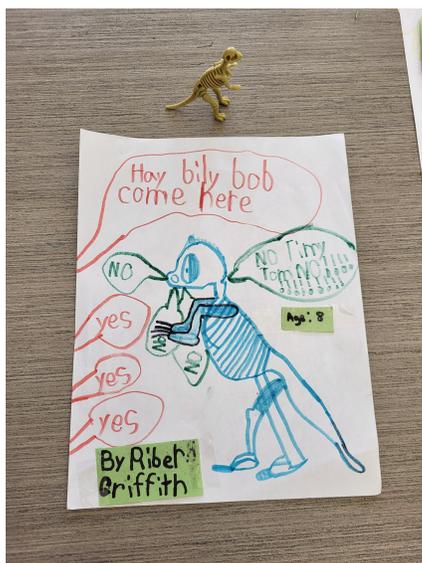
Portrait of a Pachycephalosaurus from Berry Creek.

Submitted by
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Seems hard to believe that the summer is already more than halfway over!

In July I visited 19 libraries and delivered in-person programs to 193 children! I have done ten Fossil visits, six Star visits, and three Bug visits so far. I still have 22 visits ahead of me this August.

For the Teen Summer Reading Challenge, we have 68 teens registered, and already 136 reviews.

The first volume of the TeenZine has been printed and physical copies will be sent to any interested library who contacts me or whose teens have made submissions. There are eight teens registered and five of them have submitted photos, art, poems, short stories, comics and even a script proposal.

I have had a lot of fun visiting all your libraries so far, and continue to look forward to upcoming visits.

A photo from Beiseker where we created some butterflies, and even a dragon and stingray!

Kids playing in the sand in Carseland after our dino-dig.

Fall Kit

Gather up the kids, and let's get them into the swing of fall! The kit contains three crafts where kids can make cute ghosts and string them up in the trees, create their own hand tree, or construct a field of poppies.

Book the Kit

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Relais

Relais Maintenance Shutdown

Relais and Discovery will be down on **Saturday, August 12th at 4:00am to Sunday August 13 at 4:00 am**. No Relais material will be requestable at this time.

Relais D2D Portal 3.12 Release

Relais D2D Portal 3.12 has been released, so you may notice some changes in the Relais portal. The changes are:

- Change request queue button

- Patron type field in patron record

- Constant request info copy button

- Request info tab copy button

- Staff search-update routing list button

- Auto advance button

- Additional notes button

Full release notes can be found here which provide screenshots and an explanation about each change but any changes mentioned in the release notes not listed above are not displayed in your Relais pages.

Please let Nancy know if you have any questions.

Preparing to Respond to Materials Challenges

News of book challenges and attempts at censorship has been hitting the headlines with an alarming frequency, especially from corners of the United States like Florida, Louisiana, and Texas. Like so many things going on in the world, it's easy for us Canadians - and Albertans - to think "it couldn't happen here." Unfortunately, that's just not the case. Libraries in Alberta, including Marigold libraries, have been similarly forced to deal with an increase in materials challenges.

So, what should you do to prepare for or respond to a materials challenge from a member of the community? First and foremost, work with your library board to ensure that your library's Collection Management Policy is current, robust, and provides your

library with the means and procedures to review and respond to challenged materials. It's also useful to include a reference to the Canadian Federation of Library Association's (CFLA) "Statement on Intellectual Freedom and Libraries," as well as a "Request for Reconsideration of Library Material" form. A strong policy will lay out selection criteria for materials and the process for handling a challenge, removing opportunities for misunderstandings and conjecture.

There are several resources available online to assist in responding to materials challenges. If your library receives specific or formal challenges to materials, the Canadian Centre for Free Expression Library Challenges Database exists to assist with a response. This resource provides access to a database of challenges libraries have faced to items in their collections, displays, programs, room usage, and computer access. For each challenge in the database, you can see the challenge, a record of the review undertaken by the library, and the response/action from the library board.

The Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA) has a Toolkit with links to additional resources to assist with challenges to intellectual freedom. The CLFA Statement on Intellectual Freedom and Libraries points to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It makes a powerful statement that can be shared with your community about the library's responsibilities to safeguard and protect intellectual freedom - including the freedom to read – and to resist calls for censorship.

Making sure that your library's Collection Management Policy is up to date and that you are familiar with the resources available will ensure that you are ready to respond when a materials challenge comes your way. Preparation is the key to a confident, timely, and decisive response.

Libraries across the world, and here at home, champion library values such as those reflected in the CFLA statement. Libraries are doing important work to defend intellectual freedom, and this work has not gone unnoticed. Former US President Barack Obama wrote a letter last month thanking librarians for everything they are doing to protect the freedom to read. He states "your [librarian's] dedication and professional expertise allow us to freely read and consider information and ideas, and decide for ourselves which ones we agree with."

Submitted by Jessie Bach
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Professional Development

Library Services for Patrons with Print Disabilities
August 17 @ 1:30pm

Find out what services are available for patrons with print disabilities. We will include an overview of available services, training for library staff, and additional accessibility features available for patrons.

Something specific you want to know? Submit your question ahead of time in the "Questions?" field on the registration form.

This session will be approximately 30 minutes. Can't attend? No worries! A recording will be made available and shared after the session.

If you have questions or would like more information about this session, contact **jenn@marigold.ab.ca**

Register!

eResources

What is BiblioBoard?

Not quite sure how to promote BiblioBoard to your patrons? There's a lot to know, but we've summed it up so you can easily explain BiblioBoard to them.

BiblioBoard is an eBook platform, where library patrons can read the latest eBooks by local and Indie authors. View the latest Indie Author Project winners, discover books from local authors, read the top Indie eBooks, and explore all the content that BiblioBoard has to offer. Patrons can access BiblioBoard on their computer or read on the go with the BiblioBoard mobile app.

In addition to BiblioBoard, library patrons also have access to Pressbooks and the Indie Author Project.

Pressbooks is a self-publishing tool, where patrons can upload their own work, or create something directly in Pressbooks. Pressbooks gives you options for formatting and design. All you have to do is pick what you want, and it will format your eBook for you! Library patrons can use the same credentials to

log into Pressbooks as they do for BiblioBoard.

The **Indie Author Project** (IAP) is a publishing community that includes public libraries, authors, curators, and readers working together to connect library patrons with indie-published books. Authors and library patrons can submit their own work to the Indie Author Project to be added to the Marigold Library System BiblioBoard collection which will be accessible for all patrons in Marigold! Additionally, all submissions will be vetted by industry professionals for a chance to be added to all participating library BiblioBoards across the U.S. and Canada.

So, what is BiblioBoard? It's an eBook platform where your patrons can discover new eBooks from indie authors. There's no holds, no waiting, just instant access! Check out an eBook on BiblioBoard today.

Submitted by Jenn Laskosky
Digital Experience Consultant
Marigold Library System

CREATE YOUR BOOK

SHARE WITH YOUR LIBRARY

DISCOVER LOCAL INDIE READS

To get started, visit:
library.biblioboard.com

eResources Challenge: Cypress Resume

This month, learn all about Cypress Resume!

Take this challenge now and you'll be entered into a draw for a $50.00 gift card at the end of August!

For more information or to view past challenge answers, visit the **Marigold website**.

Cypress RESUME

Take the Challenge!

eResource Authentication Change
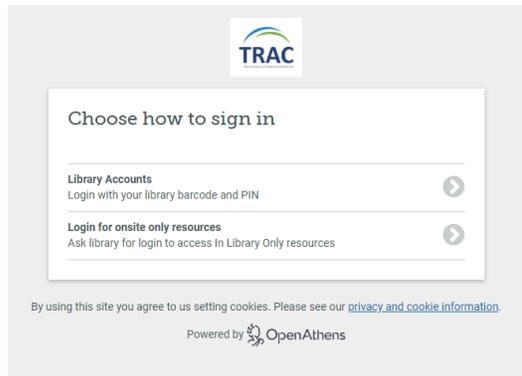
The new authentication method for our eResources is now live! Patrons will see a login screen with two options.

1. Library Accounts

2. Login for onsite only resources

For most resources, patrons will need to select the first option, "Library Accounts,"

and will then be asked to enter their barcode and PIN for authentication before being redirected to the resource.

For In-Library only resources, such as Ancestry and Grant Connect, users will select the second login option and need to enter a username and password.

If you have any questions, create an IT Support Ticket.

OverDrive Together We Read

A Scotiabank Giller Prize Nominee and a CBC Canada Reads Nominee, *Hotline* is a vivid love letter to the 1980s and one woman's fight to overcome the challenges of immigration. Dimitri Nasrallah writes a deeply endearing portrait of struggle, perseverance, and bonding, creating a story that needs to be shared now more than ever.

Borrow the ebook or audiobook with no waitlist from Libby

Join the conversation
www.togetherweread.com

Libby.
The library reading app

Manga is now on hoopla!

With titles ranging from action-packed adventures to heartwarming slice-of-life stories and everything in between, manga offers something for everyone to enjoy. The constantly growing collection on hoopla means both seasoned fans and those new to the format can always find something fresh and exciting to read!

hoopla Bonus Borrows

Bonus Borrows are back! From August 1 - 31, patrons can access select audiobooks, eBooks, comics, and videos from hoopla Digital without using their monthly borrows.

Let your patrons know with promotional material from the hoopla Resource Center.

hoopla Book Club Spotlight

This season's spotlight read is *The Lonely Hearts Book Club* by Lucy Gilmore.

This feel good novel follows a young librarian and an old curmudgeon that forge the unlikeliest of friendships to start a misfit book club that changes lives (and loves) along the way.

Available in eBook and eAudiobook formats from July 1 - September 30!

Check it Out

Dog Days of Summer
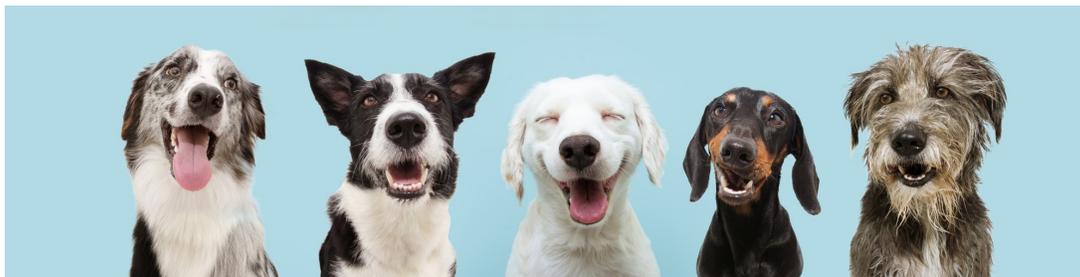
Did you know that August is National Dog Month?
Click on the book cover for a full synopsis and to place a hold today!
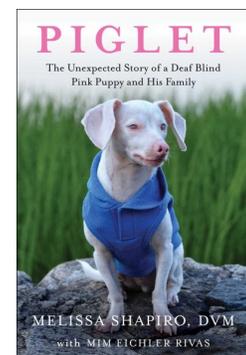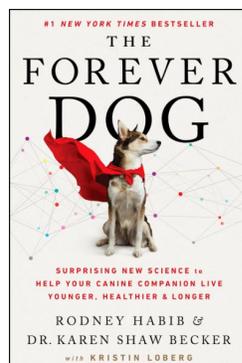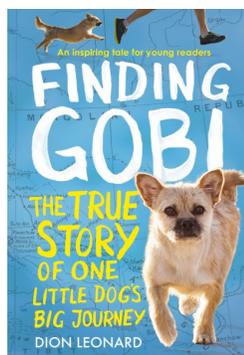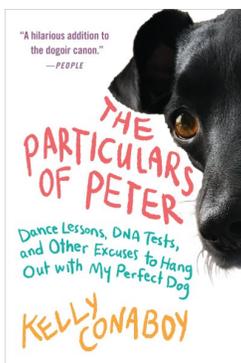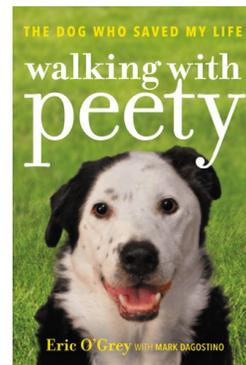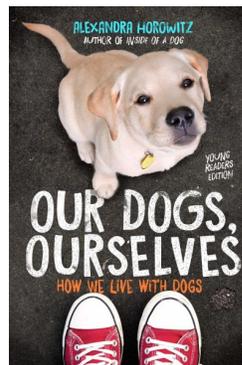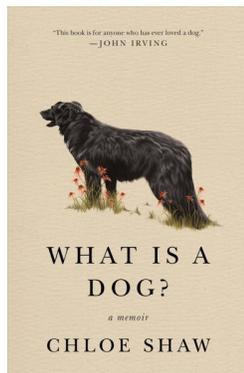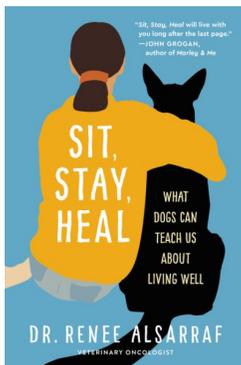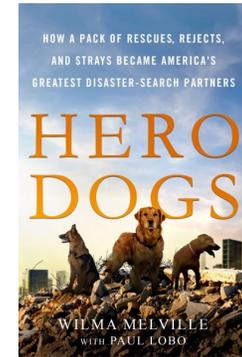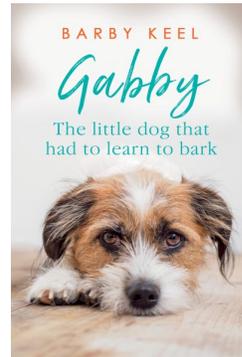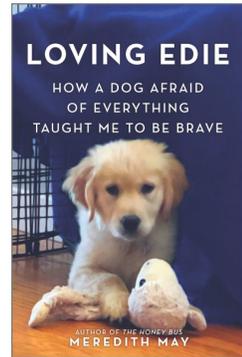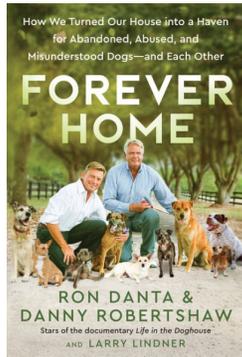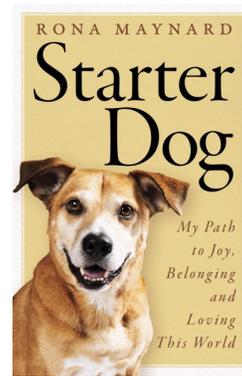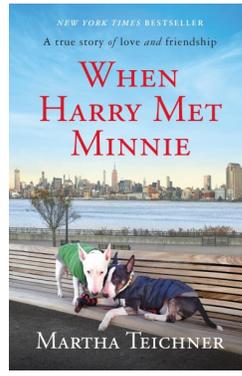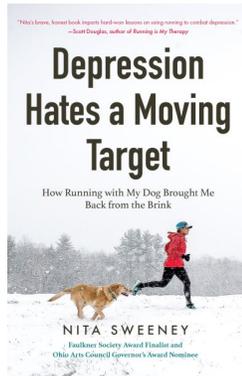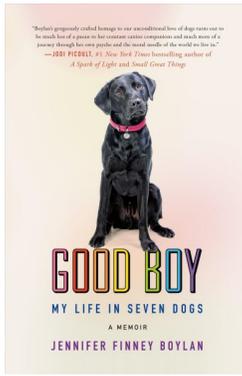
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What's happening in your library? We'd love to hear from you!

- News or updates about your library

- Programs or events you'd like to share

- Pictures of your library or events at your library

Email your Consultant with any newsletter submissions you'd like to share with the Marigold Community.

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