

Marigold News

Summer Programming

It's hard to believe half of the summer is gone! Here at Marigold, we have already had some fantastic summer programs and are excited for all that we've got coming up.

Teen Summer Reading Challenge

Throughout the summer, teens have been participating in reading challenges, submitting reviews for all their reads, and completing activity challenges to earn entries for the grand prize draws. Until **August 21st**, teens can submit reading reviews for **2 entries per book**. They also have the opportunity to earn more entries by completing the fourth and final activity challenge by August 21st. **Prizes in the draw include a Nintendo Switch, Instax Mini Instant Film Camera, and a Spikeball game set.**



Book Survivor

The final round of YRCA Book Survivor is running from August 9th to August 21st. Patrons can vote for which book will be crowned this year's Book Survivor and get the chance to **win one of the books**. Anyone can vote in Book Survivor and participation does not require having read the books (judging the book by its cover is allowed - and even encouraged!).

STEM Activities

For those who are interested in trying out some neat science experiments and STEM activities, we have provided everything you need to know on www.marigoldprograms.ca. The activities include how to make rock candy and a solar oven.

More information on the Teen Summer Reading Challenge, Book Survivor, and STEM

Activities can be found at www.marigoldprograms.ca.

2022 In-Person Programming

I have also been visiting libraries this summer to deliver in-person summer programs for children, and what a success it has been so far, with more than 200 kids joining me in making dragons fly and getting their hands messy with slime! I have had the pleasure of visiting 16 member libraries for 20 programs, and I look forward to the 13 upcoming programs and visiting 5 more libraries. Many thanks to all those who have helped with organizing the programs!

Submitted by Danielle Lefebvre
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Library Coffee Chats

Join Marigold for a library coffee chat! Connect with other libraries in the Marigold region to discuss new resources, library programs, and other library related topics. Coffee chats are aimed at library managers, however, if a manager is unable to attend, another staff member is welcome to join.

Our first Library Coffee Chat will be held **Thursday September 8th at 1:30pm**.

Join the Chat!

Save the above link in your calendar to join us!

Marigold Resources

Marigold Training



Marigold is providing one-on-one training sessions for library managers and group training sessions for all library staff. Topics include eResources, website editing, LibraryAware, Polaris/ Leap, social media, and more! Fill out our [survey](#) now to book

eResources Troubleshooting Feedback



Have eResources questions got you stumped? Marigold is seeking your feedback on eResources questions you've had to troubleshoot in your library.

a session.
Questions? Contact
jenn@marigold.ab.ca

Fill out this [survey](#) and share your
thoughts, questions, and comments!

eResources Challenge: NoveList K-8 & NoveList Plus

It's time for another challenge! This month's eResources Challenge is **NoveList K-8 & NoveList Plus**. Complete the eResources Challenge this month and earn another entry into our grand prize draw at the end of August!



August marks the end of our first round of the eResources Challenge!

- For every challenge you completed from May-August you earned one entry into our grand prize draw.
- There was one bonus entry opportunity each month on social media (keep your eye on our social media this month for the August bonus entry!).

The winner of the first cycle of the eResources Challenge will be drawn at the beginning of September, so complete this month's challenge to enter!

Take the Challenge

Fundraising for Your Library

Is your library Friends Group looking for new, exciting ideas for fundraisers? While annual book sales are great, there are numerous options that you can try to increase fundraising and maybe get some new patrons into the library. Try out some of these ideas in addition to or alongside your book sale!

1. Board Game Tournaments

Add a little competition to the fundraiser. Board games, card games, any games you can think of! This is a great way to get people of all ages involved. Set an entry fee for tournament participants and provide some incentive with a prize for the winner(s).

2. Silent Auctions

This is another great option for partnering with local businesses. Silent auctions can be held during an event or throughout a specified time period in your library. Silent auctions are a great option if you are looking for a smaller commitment time.

3. Library Calendars

Creating your own library calendars can be a great way to feature your library, community, staff, and services. Partner with local photographers to create your calendar around whatever theme best fits your library. Sell the calendars at the library or other library events to help raise funds.

4. Casino Night

If you want to try something new in your library that requires more of a time commitment, try

5. 50/50 Raffle

Whether it's a large library event or a separate fundraiser all on its own, raffles give you the

6. Food/ Beverage Tasting

Not into big events? Have a simple food and beverage tasting by partnering with local

a casino night! These have become increasingly popular and usually draw a good crowd. You can also partner with local restaurants or suppliers to provide food and beverages. Be sure to look into the requirements for hosting a casino night and what you can use the funds raised for.

freedom to provide numerous prize options. Have a popular book with some goodies or reach out to community members for a quilt raffle. Partner with other local businesses in your community and get creative with your prizes.

businesses. This is a great way to bring the community together, but also keep the fundraising simple. Whether you have an entry fee, donations, etc. this can help keep your fundraising event small.

7. Art Show

Art shows are a great way to get the community involved and welcome people into the library. Feature local artist's works and make an event out of it. Provide beverages and snacks and have a live or silent auction to purchase the artwork. Invite patrons to be the artists. For a donation, you can provide basic materials to your patrons such as a canvas, a paintbrush, and a few small paint colours. Then feature patron's artwork at a library art show and invite the community.

8. Large Gala events

Want a little bit of everything? Work with your library board to put together a larger gala event at the library. Include catering, silent auctions, a live auction, raffles, activities for kids, and more. This is a great way to get everyone involved and provide fundraising options that appeal to a larger group.

Submitted by Jenn Laskosky
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Marigold Library Manager Feature



Pam, Airdrie Public Library

How long have you been the manager/ director?

I started as the Director of the Airdrie Public Library in September 2015.

What are you currently reading?

The Quiet in Me, Patrick Lane's posthumous book of poetry released in spring 2022.

How did you get started working in libraries?

I set-up a small largely digital library in my early 20s when I was working for an ad agency as a

What do you enjoy most about working in the library?

I've loved my career in libraries because every day brings a new

What is your favourite library memory?

Oh, there are so many, but I have a great photo of players from the Bulldogs Junior B hockey team

graphic artist. My first real library job was an MLIS summer student placement at Toronto City Hall, cataloguing the collection of the Chief Administrative Officer.

challenge. I prefer working in public libraries because of the difference they make to their communities and the people that live there.

reading to kids in the library I managed in Port Alberni, B.C. (part of the Vancouver Island Regional Library).

We want to hear from you! If you are a Marigold library director/manager and would like to be featured in our newsletter, please fill out a [short survey](#) here.

Indigenous Information

Powwow Culture

Powwows are important cultural events and probably the easiest way to begin a relationship with Indigenous communities. After a two-year break powwows are back. The photo attached to this article is of the Labour Day Classic Powwow in Mini Thni (Morley, AB) in 2019.

I am thrilled to say that the Labour Day Classic will take place again this year! It is an amazing event and everyone is welcome to attend. I thought I would share a few pointers.



There is no cost to enter the Powwow but there is a parking fee. In 2019 it was \$10.00. There will be food trucks and craft booths as well.

There will be events for two days, beginning with the grand entry, which I consider a must see, followed by a dance competition in all age categories from tiny tots to elders. There will be cultural context for the dances by the announcers.

The music and regalia (not costumes) are exciting to us but are sacred items to the participants. They take hundreds of hours to make and are often family heirlooms. It is natural to want to take pictures and that is generally allowed during the competitions, but it is important to ask permission before taking pictures off the dance floor. Should you see a piece of regalia on the floor do not pick it up yourself, there are protocols that must be followed.

I am not going to speak to the significance of the spiritual aspects of dancing other than to say that while some are there purely for competition's sake, most consider dancing and drumming to be a form of prayer. For this reason it is best not to approach someone who is preparing themselves for a dance.

Chairs near the dance floor are set aside for elders and any chair that has a blanket over the back has already been claimed.

Powwows are joyful events and you will be most welcome.

Submitted by Rose Reid
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Register

National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation (NCTR) Archives Training

Join us for a session with the NCTR Archives Data Coordinator as they share how to access, use, and navigate their archives database, AtoM. In this session, you will learn how the database is structured, the types of records available in the database, and how to search and navigate the software.

Visit the [Marigold website](#) for more information and to register!

Cultural Conversation with Lyndon Linklater OTC

August 22nd @ 9:00am

As part of Truth and Reconciliation, this talk will be an opportunity to learn more about the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the importance of the International Day of the Worlds Indigenous Peoples. Click [here](#) for more information.

Register

eResources



hoopla Bonus Borrows

August Bonus Borrows are here!

From August 1st - 31st you can borrow an extra item from new themed hoopla collections.

Browse hundreds of Bonus Borrow titles this month.

Visit [hoopla](#) now!

Freegal Music

OverDrive



In early 2023, the OverDrive app will be discontinued. **Upgrade to Libby today.**

In Libby, you'll find the same great titles from your library, in a beautiful, modern, easy-to-use app.

Your loans, holds, and wish list items will be waiting for you in Libby. [Learn more about this change.](#)



Check out the latest soundtrack available on Freegal music, from the popular Netflix series *Stranger Things*.

Library patrons still using the OverDrive app will now receive the above message when opening the OverDrive app.

[Listen Now!](#)

[Learn More](#)

Flipster Desktop Accessibility Update

During the week of August 22nd - 26th, EBSCO will adopt a new Flipster desktop viewer that will enhance the digital magazine reading experience for visually impaired users.

This change will be seamless and will not cause any service interruptions.



[Learn More](#)

Libby Updates

- **Updates to Manage Loan and Manage Holds view:** Both views now better highlight the main actions you can take (like returning early). In addition, users can more easily see their estimated reading time, download titles for offline use, and more.
- **Tag Shelf Update:** For each title in a tag on the Tags shelf, users will now see the shortest wait time across all their saved libraries.
- **Weeded titles now appear on the Holds Shelf:** Users can see weeded titles that they've placed on hold on their Holds Shelf. (Previously, weeded titles didn't appear anywhere on the app.) The hold will show a message explaining the title isn't currently available through the user's library. Libby also displays this message for expired titles that a user has on hold.



Professional Development

From Diversity to Inclusion: How to Audit Your Collection & Why

August 24th @ 12:00pm

Join Kymberlee Powe to learn how to perform a diversity audit on your library collection. Learn what a diversity audit is, why we should audit our collections, why the structure of the publishing industry may make it difficult to cultivate inclusivity, and most importantly, why it's important to build collections that are diverse AND inclusive.

Register

Getting Started with Libby

August 25th @ 9:00am

Learn how easy it is to get your patrons started with Libby! This session will demonstrate:

- How to browse and borrow eBooks and audiobooks
- Tips for customizing the experience
- Answers to frequently asked questions from end-users
- Where to find Libby marketing and help resources



Register

Identify Your Strengths with Patricia Morgan

August 29th @ 12:00pm

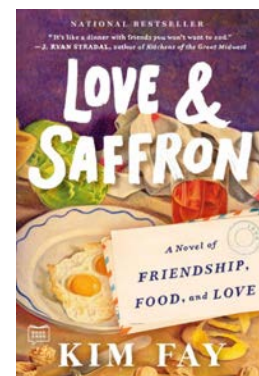
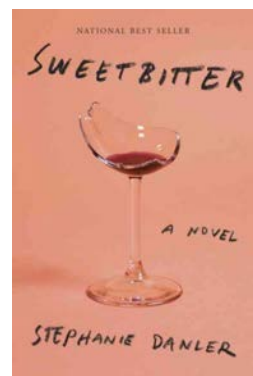
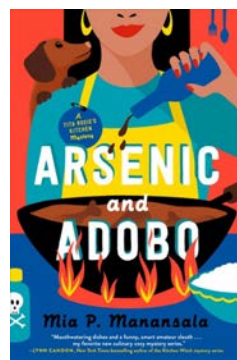
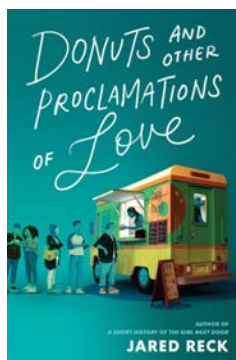
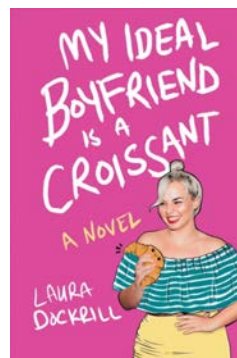
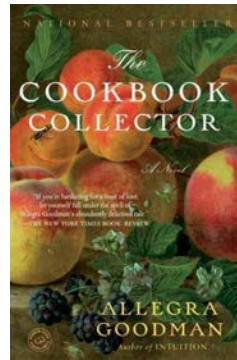
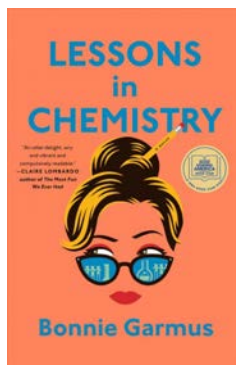
Working together productively does not come naturally to everyone. Discover what motivates your behaviour, how to minimize misunderstanding and conflict, and how your weaknesses are your strengths overdone.

Registration & Information

Fiction for Food Lovers

Satisfy your cravings for books and food with these delicious reads!

Click on the book cover for a full synopsis.



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- News or updates about your library

- Programs or events you'd like to share
- Pictures of your library or events at your library

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