

Marigold News

Summer Programming



Summer Program Assistant Emily showed kids how to draw and create their own books using recycled materials in August.

Submitted by
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The summer is nearly over, and what a wonderful summer it's been!

In July, I ran 21 programs with a total of 205 participants. Libraries were able to choose from six program options. The three most popular choices were Ozobots, Roarsome Dinosaur Dig, and Hanging Solar Systems. To date, I have had 350 participants and I still have eight more programs to go.

Teens participating in the Teen Summer Reading Challenge have read a collective 147 books this summer - we still have more than a week to go! That is an average of 18 books per week!

Staff have also enjoyed some summer programming here at HQ. They have played bingo, searched for treasure, and walked the plank.

Thank you to everyone who registered for programs, it's been amazing!

Summer Program Assistant



The Ozobot program filled up quickly in Chestermere! Kids used different coloured pens and patterns to make their robots move in various ways.



Participants in Standard made their own hanging Solar System and learned about the planets in our solar system.

New Kits & Games

Marigold has added five new kits to the Kits & Games Collection! Requesting a kit is easy, just fill out the [Kits & Games Booking Request form](#).

We've also revamped the [Kits & Games webpage](#)! You'll now find a list of the entire collection including pictures, descriptions, and even links to programming resources and ideas.

Binocular Kit



This kit includes five binoculars with cases and stands, two Alberta Invasive Plant Identification Guides, a set of notebooks, and three copies of each Alberta Nature Booklet: "Trees & Wildflowers", "Birds", and "Wildlife." This kit is great for bird watching, outdoor education, species identification, and more!

Also included is a pamphlet of common Alberta plant names in the Blackfoot language. For Blackfoot names of more plants, check out the [Nitsitapiisini Plant Index](#). For Blackfoot wildlife names, check out these [Galt Museum](#) and [Helen Schuler Nature Centre](#) resources. Resources in the Nakoda language will be included as well once completed.

Microscope Kit

This kit contains 16 handheld microscopes and 60 prepared slides. Use the provided slides, or have participants find their own specimens to observe. The microscopes are portable and battery powered, making them flexible for indoor and outdoor programming. This kit is perfect for programming for all ages!



Mobile Podcast and Photo Booth



This kit contains a pop-up greenscreen, ring light, and four microphones that connect directly to your phone, tablet, or computer. Use it to record audio or video, take marketing photos, set up a themed photo booth, record oral histories, make Tik Toks, and more! The kit also includes

easy instructions to get you started right out of the box.

Animation Kit

Explore a new hobby with this Animation Kit! It includes five light up tracing boards, sketch pencils, tracing paper, artist gloves, and a set of animation guide books.



Werewolf



Werewolf is an easy to learn role-playing card game designed for large groups, from seven to 35 people. The manufacturer recommends this game for ages 12 and up.

Guess What's Coming this Fall!

How much fun is this fall kit going to be... any guesses as to the crafts? If you can't stand the suspense, then you should book this kit now!



[Book the Kit](#)

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Young Reader's Choice Awards - 2025 Nominees



Check out these new YRCA titles on our website under Projects & Events, and [book](#) now to have these on display in your library. All the information about what YRCA is, voting rules and direct access to the YRCA website is located here as well. (Please note that there is now only one copy of each title).

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Building a Better Website Menu

August 20 @ 12 pm

The team at Mugo is offering a free webinar on creating more user-friendly website menus for our member libraries' websites. The webinar will cover different types of menus, menu accessibility, and understanding the effectiveness of your current menu.

Register below for the live experience and a chance to ask questions about website menus. If you cannot attend the live event, the webinar will be recorded and available on-demand.

Register

Submissions & Proposals



TD Summer Reading Club 2024 CELA Accessibility Award

Tell us how you made your TD Summer Reading Club program welcoming to kids with disabilities by applying for the 2024 [CELA Accessibility Award](#)!

The award criteria are based on how libraries took an inclusive approach to their programs by featuring alternate format books, as well as integrating accessibility into programming, staff training and community outreach.

Who is eligible to apply for the award?

To apply, you must be a public library (or a public library branch) that

- participated in the TD Summer Reading Club during the year of application
- offered the TD Summer Reading Club program for at least six weeks that summer
- completed the TD Summer Reading Club Statistics and Evaluation Form before September 30 using the link that will be provided when the survey is sent out
- clearly identified the TD Summer Reading Club in all promotional and programming materials, as outlined in the detailed [brand guidelines](#)
- is prepared to promote your TD Summer Reading Club program and share your strategies

Winners will not be eligible for prizes the following year. Participating libraries may submit one application per year.

Applications may be submitted in English or French. Libraries may apply for both the [Library Awards](#) and the CELA Accessibility Award.

How to apply

Complete the TD Summer Reading Club Accessibility Award [Application form](#) by **September 23, 2024**.

Optional: send supporting documentation to members@celalibrary.ca. This could include videos, photographs, letters, statistics, news articles, website pages, newsletters, promotional materials or other appropriate materials that effectively describe your program.



Evaluation criteria for the CELA Accessibility Award

Applicants will be evaluated according to all the following criteria. Please describe how you made accessibility a priority at your library by addressing these points:

1. Created inclusion in your Club by making your spaces, programming, communications and other activities accessible.
2. Made staff, volunteers and summer students aware of accessible resources to offer equitable library services.
3. Promoted and gave children access to accessible materials (e.g., audiobooks, e-books, braille) of various genres, formats and reading levels that were geared to their interests, abilities and experiences.
4. Developed innovative outreach strategies to include the disabled community and engaged with various groups of children or community groups (Learning Disability Associations, CNIB, etc.) in your targeted age groups.

If you have questions about the Accessibility Award, please contact members@celalibrary.ca.

SALC 2025 Call for Proposals



The Southern Alberta Library Conference (SALC) Planning Committee is seeking proposals for their 16th annual conference in Lethbridge on April 11, 2025.

The target audience is library managers, staff, and volunteers. Preferred topics include:

- Current Library Issues & Trends
- Core Library Services and Sustainability
- Leadership
- Programming
- Advocacy
- Customer Service
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Library Technology
- Collection Development

We encourage all proposals to consider how the subject matter can be applied to rural libraries. Concurrent sessions are 60 minutes in length.

Deadline for proposal submission is October 4, 2024. All successful applicants will receive free conference registration. Mileage and accommodation for out-of-town presenters may also be available in select cases and will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

Submit proposals [here](#).

Professional Development



Upcoming Training: Reducing Barriers for Voters

Inspire Democracy and Elections Canada are providing free professional development workshops that focus on reducing barriers to voting and the active roles libraries can take in fostering our democracy.

If you require accommodations to participate in any of these sessions, please contact jessica.burylo@elections.ca

Alberta Library Workshops:

Event 1 - Libraries and Barrier Reduction to the Electoral Process

August 21, 2024 - 10:00am to 11:00am MST

In the first of a series of four sessions, our goal is to present how libraries can help reduce barriers to electoral participation for Canadian communities. To this end, we will explore the program's mission, strategies, information tools and the place of libraries in all of this. This foundational discussion will prepare you for more in-depth workshops in the coming months regarding barrier reduction in voting, working at the polls, and running in the general federal elections.

[Register!](#)

Event 2 - Toolkit 3: Reducing Barriers to Voting in General Federal Elections

September 11, 2024 - 10:00am to 11:00am MST

In the second of a series of four sessions, our goal is to overview the programs and tools in place to reduce barriers to registering and voting in general federal elections. By the end of this session we hope you will feel confident speaking to members of your community about registering and voting, and even host an Elections Canada workshop for your communities. Attendance of previous sessions is not required.

[Register!](#)

Event 3 - Toolkit 2: Reducing Barriers to Working at the Polls in General Federal Elections

October 9, 2024 - 10:00am to 11:00am MST

In the third of a series of four sessions, our goal is to overview the programs and tools in place to reduce barriers to working at a general federal election. By the end of this session we hope you will feel confident speaking to members of your community about working during an election, and even host a workshop for your communities. Attendance of previous sessions are not required.

[Register!](#)

Event 4 - Toolkit 1: Reducing Barriers to Running in General Federal Elections

November 13, 2024 - 10:00am to 11:00am MST

The goal of this last session is to overview the programs and tools in place to reduce barriers to running in a general federal election. By the end of this session we hope you will feel confident speaking to members of your community about being a candidate, and invite you to host a workshop for your communities. Attendance of previous sessions are not required.

[Register!](#)



Civic Literacy in Public Libraries: What, Why, and How

August 28 @ 12pm

Civic literacy is one of IMLS's 21st Century Skills and is correlated with civic engagement. As a branch of information literacy, civic literacy could help increase critical thinking skills and combat mis/disinformation. But what, exactly, is civic literacy and how can public libraries develop engaging programming around this topic? In this webinar, Laura Saunders will define civic literacy and explore some of the research on the topic before diving into specific ideas and examples for public library programming.

If you're interested but not able to attend the live webinar, go ahead and register. We'll send a recording to all registrants after the fact.

Register!



Building Strong Libraries: The Role of Data in Leadership

August 28 @ 12pm

Join us for an insightful webinar on the importance of strong leadership in libraries, where we will explore how effective leaders use data to drive impactful strategies. This session is designed for library professionals who are looking to enhance their leadership skills and harness the power of data to improve library services and community engagement.

You Will Learn How To:

- Dig deep into data and build strategies to increase engagement
- Examine data effectively to ensure meaningful insights

- Create an environment that allows staff autonomy in achieving goals. Set measurable goals, communicate clearly, and foster accountability

Who Should Attend:

- Library directors, managers, department leads, and aspiring leaders who want to enhance their strategic planning skills
- Library staff interested in data analysis and its application to improve library services

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to build a stronger library through data-driven strategies.

[Register!](#)

eResources



Get Ready for Back-to-School with Marigold's eResources

It feels like only a minute since I wrote to you about Summer Reading, and now here I am with a round-up of resources for Back-to-School. See below if you're looking for printable posters, program ideas, or social media graphics to help promote eResources this fall.

Creativebug



The folks at the Creativebug Blog have rounded up a collection of [back-to-school craft projects for all ages](#)! The projects include making a DIY day planner, sewing a backpack, making a pencil case, and more. Share these tutorials on social media this fall or use them to host a back-to-school “making” program.

Kanopy

Video streaming service Kanopy has created [a kit of “Back to School” promotional materials](#), including images for use on social media, general announcements, and a handy programming guide.



Novelist



Novelist has published [Back to School 2024: Your Guide to Success](#) to help make your work easier this season. This guide contains tips for connecting with teachers and students and search tips to help you find back-to-school-themed content templates. They are also hosting a 30-minute webinar on August 20th to help you find the perfect template and quickly create everything you need for back-to-school in LibraryAware.

OverDrive

OverDrive has created a “**Back to School**” promotional kit with social media, website, and printable graphics that are ready to go! I recommend perusing their full list of promotional materials, which features other timely themes like the Olympics, Labor Day, Autumn, Hispanic Heritage Month, and more.



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The Atlantic is now on Flipster!

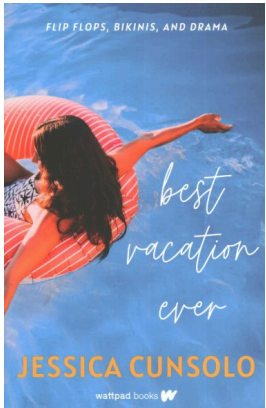
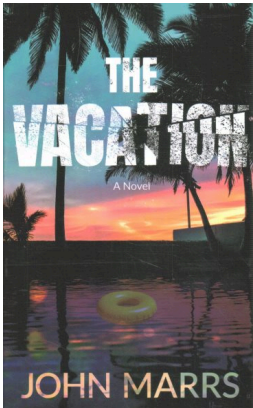
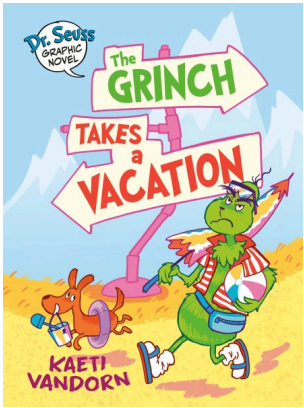
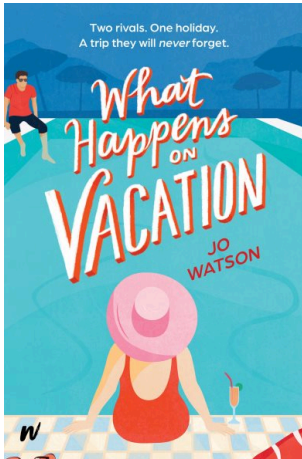
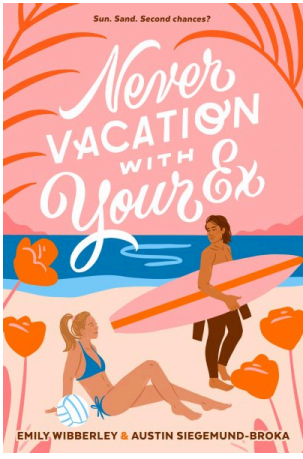
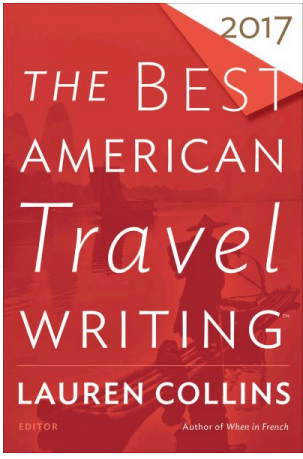
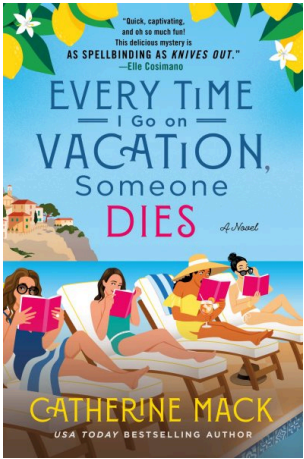


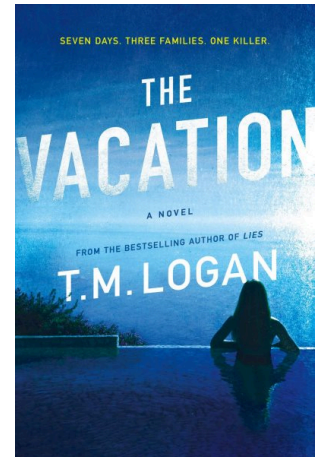
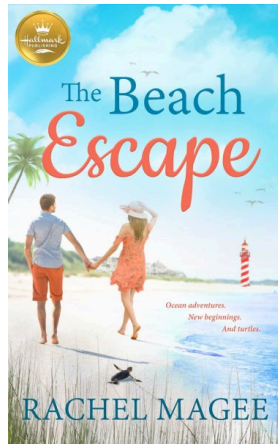
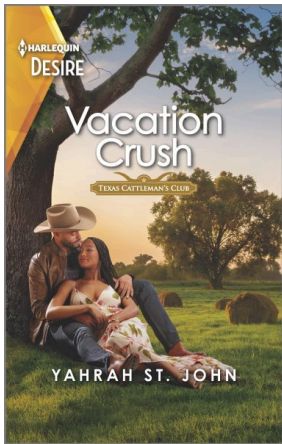
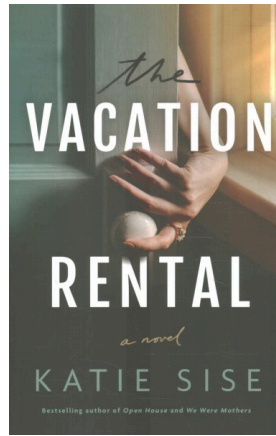
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