

Marigold News

Our New Kits Are Ready for Borrowing!

Marigold staff have added three new kits to the Kits & Games Collection that are now available for borrowing! To request a kit, please fill out the [Kits & Games Booking Request form](#).

More information on these and all our kits can be found on the [Kits & Games webpage](#).

Ozobots



These adorable robots are programmed through colour, making them a great tool for teaching coding concepts to people of all ages, no coding experience required! Sign up for a free [Ozobot Classroom](#) account for access to hundreds of lesson and activity plans.

This kit includes 18 bots, markers, a quick start guide, rulers, and color code charts. Also included is a magnet board and 36 colour code magnets, designed to assist younger participants or those who need assistance with drawing thick, straight lines.

GamerSpaces



Marigold staff have created two mobile GamerSpaces. These video game kits are designed for local multiplayer gaming. Each kit comes equipped with all the cords and adaptors needed to connect the system to a library-provided monitor, TV, or projector, as well as step by step set-up instructions.

Both systems come already equipped with a downloaded library of digital games from a variety of genres. Please note that games with various ratings are included. We want to hear your suggestions for games! If you have a video game you love, or patron requests, send them to Savannah or your consultant for future consideration.

Nintendo Switch GamerSpace

This GamerSpace features a Nintendo Switch and can accommodate up to 6 players at a time. Included are 4 extra joy cons and optional grips. Players can choose from a library of digital multiplayer games including Mario Kart, Just Dance, Switch Sports, Overcooked, and much more!

Host a teen Kart tournament, get seniors moving with Sports, or plan a Just Dance party!



Steam Deck GamerSpace



This GamerSpace features a Steam Deck, the mobile version of the Steam PC gaming platform. This system can accommodate up to 4 players. Players can choose from a curated digital library of multiplayer games including SpeedRunners, Stardew Valley, Plate Up, Castle Crashers and more!

Please note that Steam Decks are recommended for ages 13 and up.

Marigold Community Celebrates Canadian Library Month

First celebrated in 2006, Canadian Library Month takes place every year in October and provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in the lives of people who live in Canada. Marigold member libraries are at the centre of their communities. They are places that promote cultural awareness, provide educational programs, support freedom of expression, and so much more.

Celebrating Canadian Library Month is a great way to increase awareness and build connections between your library and the community through special events or programs, a fundraiser, a library card sign-up drive, or a promotional campaign.

This year, the theme for Canadian Library Month is “Libraries for Life.” To help libraries promote the event, there are digital resources like website banners, posters, and social media templates available to download for free on the [Ontario Library Association website, accessola.com](https://www.accessola.com).



Marigold has also created a Campaign Toolkit to help your library get the word out. It contains an outline for planning your campaign, useful resources, ideas for how to promote Canadian Library Month, a linked list of available social media and website graphics, and sample copy and content ideas for social media, newsletters, and

websites. **The Campaign Toolkit can be found on the Marigold Shared Drive under *Marketing & Promotion-Content Bank-Canadian Library Month.***

There is more to celebrate this year. October 18th has been proclaimed “Canadian Library Workers Day,” – a day for Canadians to recognize the valuable contributions made by all those who work in and for the public, academic, school, government, corporate and private libraries that are integral to our communities. As well, First Nations’ Public Library Week 2024 will take place from October 1-4. It is an opportunity to promote public library services and to celebrate cultural uniqueness through creative library programming.

All in all, this October will be a great time to encourage people in your community to visit their local library to show support for the amazing work that they do and discover a world of great resources!

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Professional Development



Brainfuse's HelpNow: Online homework help and virtual learning services for your patrons

Take part in an informative free webinar presentation on September 25 that will cover all aspects of Brainfuse’s HelpNow Virtual Learning System: An award-winning online tutoring and study suite which is backed by an industry-leading academic team and over 4,000 Brainfuse-certified tutors nationwide.

The webinar will cover new CollegeNow services to help navigate the college application process and new partnerships with Barron’s e-study guides and Pronunciator language learning suite. Highlighting the easy-to-use online classroom, there will be a demonstration on how HelpNow offers patrons of all ages state-aligned

one-to-one tutoring, intensive writing assistance, targeted skills building, test preparation, and a full line of collaborative learning and self-study tools.

Feel free email us at info@brainfuse.com if you would like to learn more about Brainfuse HelpNow or would like to discuss our CollegeNow, JobNow, VetNow services and/or our partnership services with Barron's and Pronunciator. Earn discounts for subscribing to two or more services.

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“Come Together”: Exploring How Social Connection and Inclusion Will Shape the Future of Public Libraries

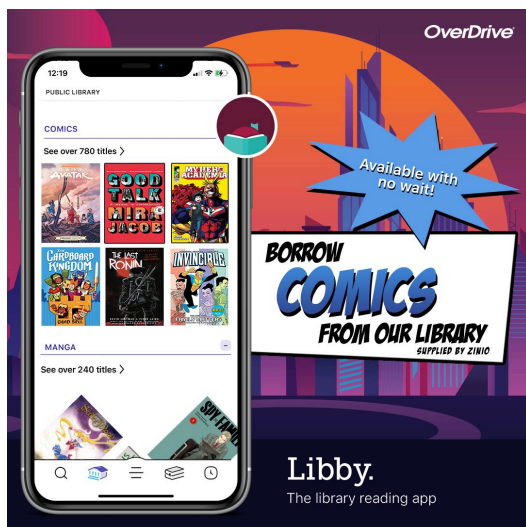
Public libraries occupy an increasingly visible role in how individuals and communities learn, interact, connect, and share with one another. This talk will explore the broader knowledge landscape regarding public library practices, spaces and activities that collectively create and reinforce social connections in an increasingly “asocial” society.

This Library Futures Speaker Series event, on October 9, will look at innovative work happening in this area, including how older adults connect with their public library and a collaborative social work project at Hamilton Public Library.

Register

eResources

All Access Comics is Now Available!



On September 1, All Access Comics became available to Marigold member library patrons. All Access Comics is a collection of over 4,000 comics, graphics, novels, and manga within the Libby app. This includes DC Comics, Marvel Entertainment, Image Comics, IDW, VIZ Media, and many more. All items in the collection are available with **UNLIMITED BORROWING!** and **ZERO WAIT TIMES!** on the Libby app.

The eResource Challenge is Back!

Each month we will be posting a challenge in the staff Niche Academy to help you familiarize, or re-familiarize, yourself with the eResources that are available to you and your patrons. Keep an eye on your email for the link sent out at the beginning of the month, or login to the staff Niche Academy and click on the “eResource Challenge” folder. Complete the challenge by the end of the month to be entered into our monthly prize draw.

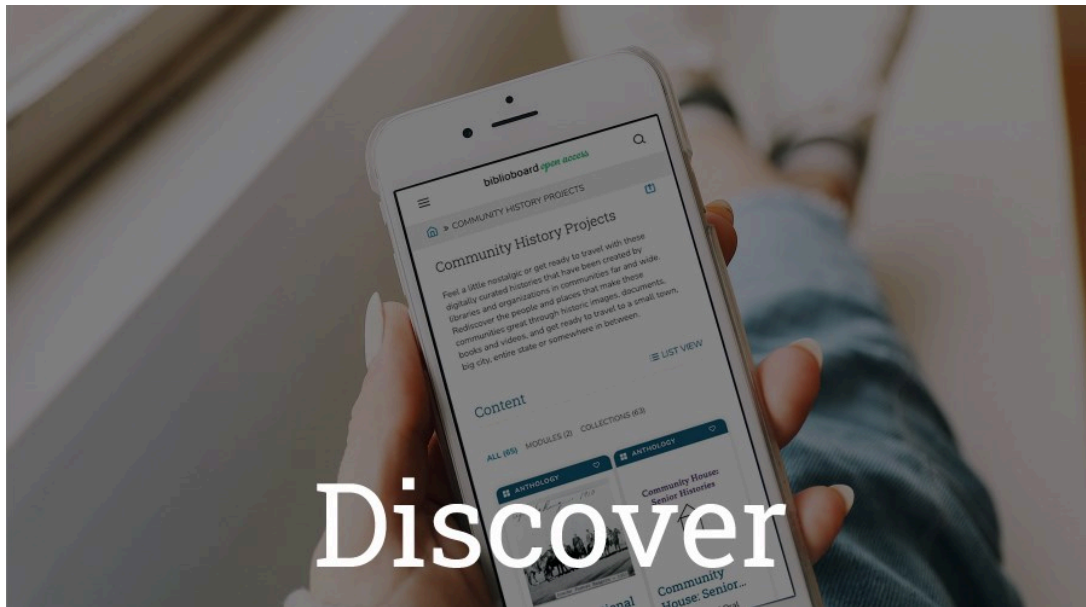


A secret code can also be found on a Facebook post about each month's eResource.

So make sure you're following us on our [Facebook page!](#)

We will be announcing the winners in the newsletter monthly, so be sure to keep an eye out for that as well!

*Please note, this challenge is for **member library staff only!**



BiblioBoard: Create, Share, and Discover Local Content with Community Engagement Tools

Easily **create** multimedia collections—from local histories to poetry contests and beyond—and professional-quality ebooks by and for your community to help showcase unique, local content.

Use Custom Submission Pages to invite patrons to **share** content with your library's Community Collections. Encourage your local writing community to share their ebooks with the [Indie Author Project](#) to gain new readership and exposure through the library.

Your patrons can then seamlessly **discover** all this (and more!) in an unlimited, simultaneous-use environment on [BiblioBoard Library](#).

To learn more, visit createsharediscover.com.

Crash Course in Horror



There's a horror book for every reader. Whether your readers love a **creature feature** or **real-life monsters**, join NoveList and LibraryReads on October 1, as we give you the latest and greatest the genre has to offer — from **small town horror** to **vampire menace**. If you find yourself scared of working with horror or just want to stay up to date, this webinar is for you.

Join Yaika Sabat, Suzanne Temple, and Rebecca Vnuk to learn about popular subgenres and themes, authors, how to help readers of horror, and other helpful resources for this genre.

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From the Library Community

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News and Tips from Alberta Law Libraries

Do you have patrons with family law questions? Two new comprehensive websites, both focusing on Alberta law and procedure, can help you and your patrons:

- CPLEA [Family Law in Alberta](#) is a comprehensive look at all aspects of the law as it relates to family. A very good place to start for anyone looking for factual,

plain language information.

- The [Alberta Family Resolution Hub](#) explores different avenues to resolve family law disputes, and guides users through the legal process. After following the path of questions, the Hub produces a tailored checklist of steps to take and documents to prepare.

Don't hesitate to contact [Alberta Law Libraries](#) with other legal questions or to access our [resources](#)!

Content Bank



#MemberLibrarySocial in LibraryAware

Make sure to log into your LibraryAware account and search **#Memberlibrarysocial** to find the latest content created by your Marigold staff. Add your logo, personalize it, or just post as is!

Find the above content, along with many other images and ready-to-go social posts, on the **Marigold Shared Drive under Marketing & Promotion - Content Bank**.

Tired of Waiting for your digital copies? Marigold just added **"A Quick Guide to Instant Access eContent."** So while your patrons are waiting for their holds, check out which of our eResources have content they can read, watch, or listen to right away!

YRCA Nominees are in!

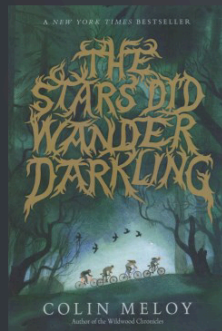
Fall Reads

Experience thrilling tales, nostalgic horror, and murder mysteries with these YRCA nominees

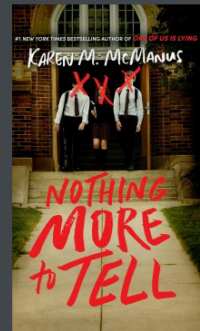
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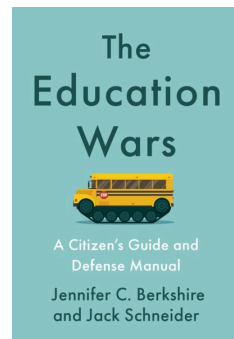
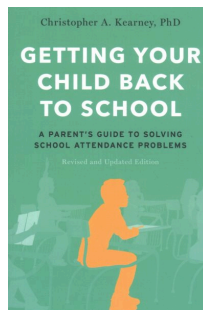
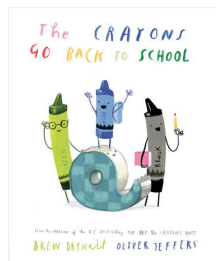
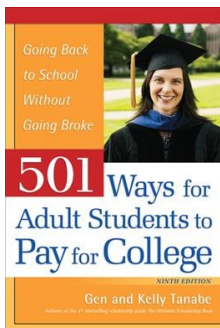
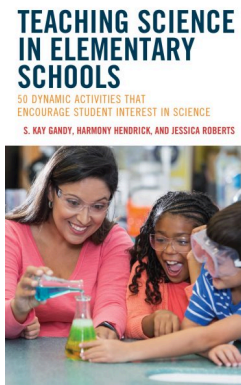
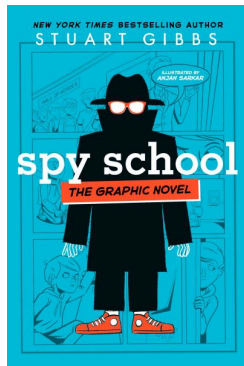
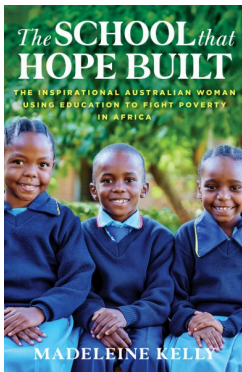
Vote for your favourite YRCA nominee from March 15-April 15, 2025

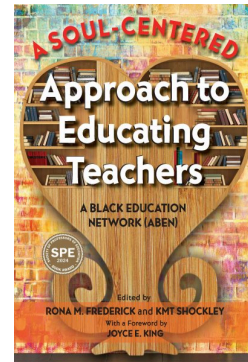
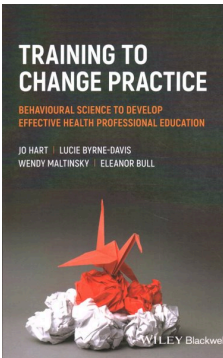
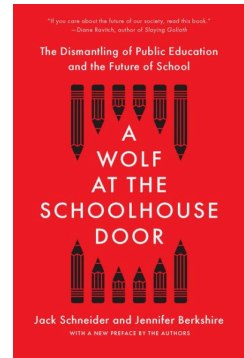
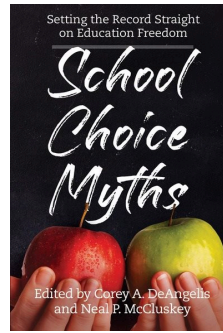
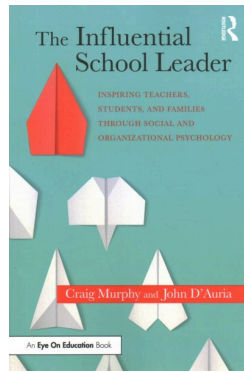
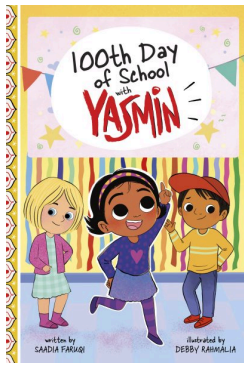
The Young Reader's Choice Awards (YRCA) nominees have been announced. To make things easier for you, Marigold has created social media posts available in the content bank now! Find posts, including this one, promoting the various nominees for each month from October 2024 - April 2025.

Back to School!



It's that time of year again! Class is back in session!
Click on the book cover for a full synopsis and to place a hold today!





Share with Us!

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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