

Marigold Newsletter

March 2023



Marigold Library System Conference 2023

Early Bird Registration Now Open!

Join us on Wednesday, May 10 for the [Marigold Library System Conference](#)! This annual professional development day is an opportunity for Marigold member library staff and board members to attend professional development session, meet Marigold Headquarters staff, and network with fellow library staff and trustees.

[Register Now!](#)

Please note that early bird pricing ends on **April 5**, which is also the deadline for hotel room bookings. For full details on the conference, please see our [conference registration package](#).



Marigold News

New Marigold Staff

Angie Howkins - Collection Services Clerk

I am excited to be back in the workforce after many years of primarily being at home with my kids. I have three kids, all under 12 and this is the first year of them

all being in school full time.

I was born and raised in Calgary and moved to an acreage North of Strathmore eight years ago with the intention of homesteading/self-reliance. Last year, we completed our biggest project yet, getting our small farm on solar power. This is our biggest feat yet and we are still learning a ton about how to operate the system.

We raise our own animals, grow a bit of food, and have lots of interest in the area of small farming and permaculture.



At Marigold, I will be assisting primarily in Acquisitions and Processing, as well as providing back-up in Shipping and Receiving.

Marigold Virtual Summer Programming

Marigold Library System will once again be offering virtual summer programs! Keep an eye on our social media for announcements about upcoming summer programming.

To see our previous virtual programs, visit the [Marigold Programs website](#).

Marigold Resources

Spring Kit

Marigold is happy to provide craft kits for you to use in your library programming. Our feature craft kit this month is our **Spring Kit**.

Encompassing several months, this kit has crafty ideas for Easter cards, St. Patrick's Day pastel art, baking cup flowers, key chains, and golf stroke counters. Let the kids create to their hearts content.





The kit comes with all the supplies needed to make these great crafts.

To book your craft kit today, please fill out the request form on the Marigold website.

Book Your Kit



Submitted by:
Barb Froese, Library Services Assistant
Marigold Library System

Member Library News

Cochrane Public Library

The Cochrane Public Library was thrilled and grateful to receive Marigold funding to Provide Services to Indigenous Populations, to host Cree8 artist, [Chantal Chagnon](#) a Singer, Drummer, Storyteller, Actor, and Educator.

Over the course of two months, the library offered Saturday afternoon programming on Smudging and Medicine Wheel Teachings, Métis Fingerweaving, Storystones, and Drumming, Songs, & Storytelling. These programs were for all ages and 58 participants attended in total.

This was undoubtedly one of the most well-received programs that the library has hosted in many years. Rave reviews from participants across the board, including:

- "Absolutely beautiful ceremony. Loved every minute. The knowledge shared, the song, the smudge. Thank you."
- "This was a fantastic class. I think it is important to have events like this that promote the learning/teaching and sharing of culture."
- "This is my favourite program ever."

Participants particularly appreciated the facilitator, repeatedly noting that Chantal was incredibly knowledgeable and every session was highly interactive, with one participant responding, "The knowledge and generosity of the facilitator was incredible."

One story we would like to share - during the final session on Drumming, Songs, and Storytelling, Chantal encouraged library staff members to leave the Activity Room doors open to the main area of the library and let anyone interested come and participate in the program. As a result, participation grew organically from 13 to 20 participants - patrons who heard the drumming, were intrigued by the program, and joined in. It was an impactful experience for the participants and demonstrative of how library programming has the ability to create and facilitate connections between different people and cultures.

Cochrane Public Library would highly recommend Chantal Chagnon as a facilitator to other libraries. A huge thank you to Marigold for administering this grant!



Submitted by:
Cochrane Public Library

Indigenous Information

#IndigenousYouthRise Support Fund Grant

Do you have Indigenous youth in your community who are interested in purchasing or making their own regalia? Check out the [We Matter Regalia Grant](#). This is a one time \$700 grant for Indigenous youth to purchase or make their very own First Nations, Inuit, or Métis regalia.

Applications are open March 8 - 15.

Professional Development Resources

Webinars

- [Native Stories, Native Peoples: Opportunities for Library Engagement](#)
- [Truth before Reconciliation: How to Identify and Confront Residential School Denialism](#)

Article

- [Committing to a Long Journey: Indigenous Voices in Publishing](#)

eResources

eResources Challenge: FamilySearch

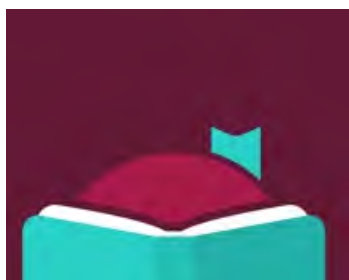
This month, we're featuring FamilySearch! Complete the eResources Challenge and earn an entry into our grand prize draw at the end of April!



For more information visit the [Marigold website](#).

Take the Challenge Now!

Libby Deep Search & Notify Me Tags



Launching **March 21, 2023**, Libby will offer a new feature that helps you find all the content you're looking for. Even if it's not yet in the digital collection.

This feature is called **deep search**.

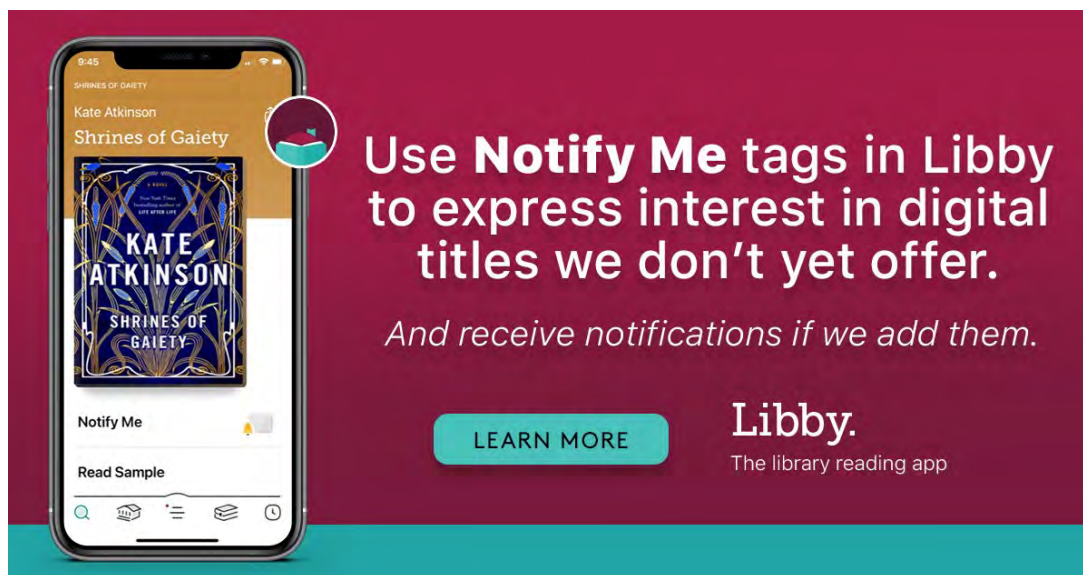
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Use Notify Me tags in Libby to express interest in digital titles we don't yet offer.

And receive notifications if we add them.

LEARN MORE

Libby.
The library reading app

More information and documentation will be provided on Deep Search and Notify Me in the coming weeks.

Recommend to Library & OverDrive App Discontinuing

As communicated early this year, at the end of **April 2023** the OverDrive app will be discontinued, including the Recommend to Library (RTL) feature.

Beginning **March 21**, messaging throughout the RTL user flow will inform users that they can use Libby to discover and express interest in titles that are not yet available in the digital collection.

Learn more about this change.' At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'. Below these buttons, it says 'Or, go to libbyapp.com in your browser'." data-bbox="525 615 826 858"/>

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Upgrade to Libby to continue using your library's digital collection.

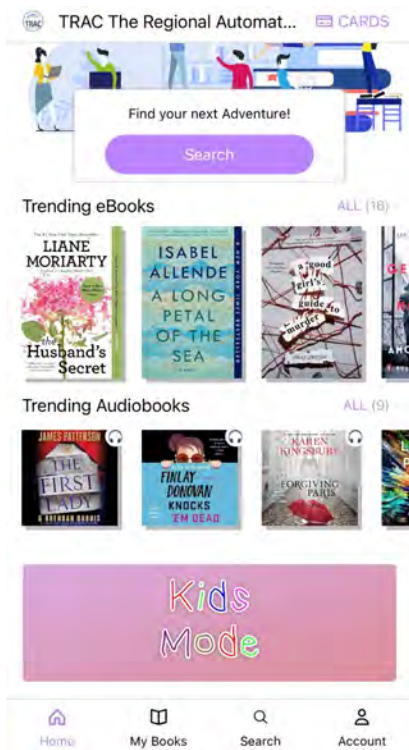
In Libby, you'll find the same great titles from your library, in a beautiful, modern, easy-to-use app. Your loans, holds, and wish list items will be waiting for you in Libby. [Learn more about this change.](#)

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Or, go to libbyapp.com in your browser

cloudLibrary App - Kids Mode Feature



The cloudLibrary mobile app now includes an interface designed specifically for kids!

To turn on **Kids Mode**, simply tap on the launchpad tile from the Home screen. This will take you to the Account menu, where a simple tap of the Owl's button will toggle it on and off.

Once in Kids Mode, simplified categories make finding content easy!

The Return button is **not** an option in Kids Mode to avoid a title accidentally being returned.

Professional Development

eResources! Webinar

March 15 @ 1:30pm

Join us for an overview of Marigold's new eResources: **BiblioBoard, DigitalLearn, and FamilySearch**. We will also have a Q&A session where participants can ask questions about any eResources.



Register now on [Teams](#) to reserve your spot! This session will be approximately 45 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 the session, contact jenn@marigold.ab.ca.

TRAC Bibliographic Services Group (BSG) Webinar

Do you wonder how decisions on cataloging standards for TRACpac get made? Have you heard "TRAC BSG" mentioned and wondered what that meant? Wonder no more! The Bibliographic Services Group (BSG) is excited to invite you to our first webinar on **March 23 @ 11:00am**.

In this webinar, we will introduce you to the members of this group, share information about our roles in our regions and within the BSG, present information about our mandate, and our projects. We hope you will join us!

This webinar is open to all managers, directors, and library staff. This session is the first in a series of webinars that will be presented by each of the TRAC working groups and the TRAC Directors in 2023.

[Register Now!](#)

Library Association of Alberta Virtual Speaker Series

The Library Association of Alberta (LAA) is pleased to present its second annual virtual speaker series. This year, the speaker series features sessions that focus on professional growth and development for library professionals from sectors and in all stages of career growth and development.

Registration for the speaker series is **free**, and open to all members of the Alberta Library Community, regardless of LAA membership status.

[Register](#)

Politics of Libraries V: Intellectual Freedom & Democracy Virtual Speaker Series

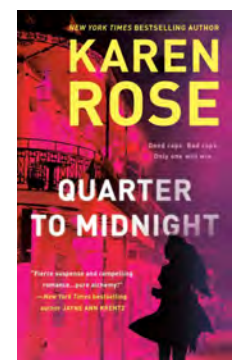
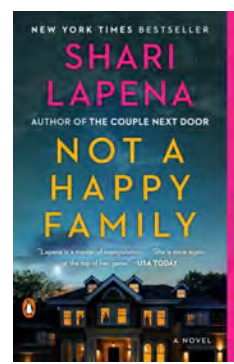
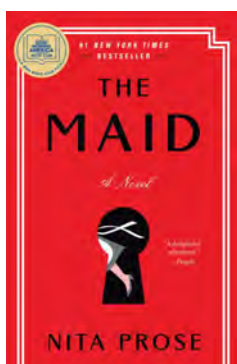
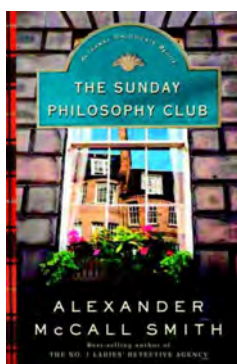
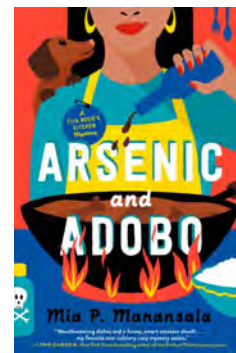
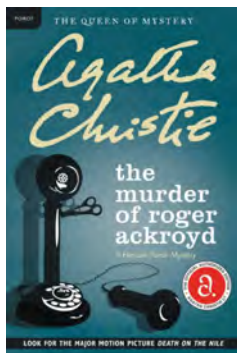
The upcoming Politics of Libraries V speaker series is now open for registration. This year, speakers will be sharing their experiences and research on topics related to Intellectual Freedom & Democracy.

For more information and to register, visit [Politics of Libraries](#).

Mysterious Mysteries Booklist

Check out these mysteries and solve the case before it's too late!

Click on the book cover for a full synopsis.



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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Registration is open until **April 28!** For full details on the conference please see our [conference registration package](#).

The theme of the 2023 Conference is **It Starts With Us** and our keynote speaker is **Timothy Caulfield** who will be presenting on **The Role of Social Media in the Spread of Misinformation**.

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Marigold News

New Marigold Staff

Emily George - Collection Services Consultant

I am excited to work at Marigold as the new Collection Services Consultant!

I was born and grew up in Northwest Calgary. I took a brief jaunt to London, ON to complete my MLIS at Western University, then headed back to Calgary where I currently live with my partner, Harry. I love animals and spend my Saturday afternoons volunteering as a Feline Friend at the Calgary Humane Society, where I feed and socialize the cats not yet available for adoption. I also have many years of formal dance training and like to drop-in to classes (especially ballet) when I can to keep up my skills.

At Marigold, I'll be covering for Nicole for the next year while she is away, including supervising the collection services department.



Marigold Resources

Candy Sushi



[Book Your Kit](#)

Our feature craft kit this month is our Candy Sushi kit. How sugared up can you get the kids? Well, book the Candy Sushi kit and see! Not only is this kit about making sushi with candy, but it's also learning about the history of sushi. Kids of all ages can enjoy this creative and yummy activity.

The kit comes with supplies for up to 50 participants. If you have more than that, you are required to top up the kit yourself.

To book the Candy Sushi kit, please fill out the request form on the Marigold website.

Submitted by Barb Froese
Library Services Assistant
Marigold Library System

Marigold Book Deposits

Did you know that Marigold has book deposits? Book deposits are in small hamlets and remote rural communities. Some are housed in community halls, firehalls and post offices. They are visited once a year by Marigold staff who meet the volunteers that manage their collections.

Marigold provides updated brochures, signage, summer reading material and catalogues to promote library service to these outlying communities. Gently used and new books are added to their collection, and the deposits also receive the Monthly Top 10 Popular Reads.

Residents do not require a library card to borrow from a deposit as they work on the honour system.

Mîni Thî Book Deposit recently became a book deposit which means Marigold now has 14 deposits! Click [here](#) for a full list of Marigold book deposits.

Submitted by Nancy Smith
Direct Services Clerk
Marigold Library System



Indigenous Information

Mètis Sash

One of the most recognizable symbols of the Métis people is the sash. Once an important tool used in a myriad of ways, today it is largely symbolic and worn on special occasions.

One can buy a sash, but it is most often received as a gift to signify an important event or accomplishment. Mine was given to me by my sister to celebrate the Indigenous content I create.

The voyageurs of the fur trade wore sashes that were used as belts, tow ropes, bandages, and even used as towels or washcloths. The sons and daughters of these men adopted the wearing of sashes, and the Indigenous craft of finger weaving became an integral part of the tradition. Different patterns and colours came to represent different families and often I suspect, pure creative joy.

The sashes feature long fringes, and those threads could be used for sewing tasks when Métis people were out on the land.

Traditionally the sashes were worn wrapped around the waist with the fringes hanging down in front. In modern tradition they are often worn over the shoulder and tied across the body at the waist.

My own sash is red with designs in green, gold, white, blue, and black. The red represents the shared blood and traditions of the Métis people, the green is for fertility and growth, the gold is for prosperity, blue and white represent the Métis flag, which is the first patriotic flag of Canada and predates the current Canadian flag by one hundred and fifty years, and the black represents the dark period of history when the Métis people were displaced and persecuted. This is the way it was said to me when I was given my sash.

Other interpretations of the colours include red representing Métis blood that was spilt. The blue can be seen to mean the depth of our spirits and the white to represent our connection to the creator. Many Métis have Nèhinaw (Cree) family and the presence of black, white, yellow and red in sashes can link, in those cases, to the medicine wheel.



You may see sashes with rainbow colours to represent the two-spirit community. There are beautiful purple sashes created by Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak. To learn more about their work you can visit www.metiswomen.org.

Submitted by Rose Reid
Indigenous Outreach Specialist
Marigold Library System

Literary Community

One eRead Canada

One eRead Canada; a cross-country reading experience has begun! From April 1-30, you can get free and unlimited eBook and eAudiobook access to *Tatouine / Ce qu'on respire sur Tatouine* by Jean-Christophe Réhel through [OverDrive/Libby](#) with simultaneous use. No holds, no waiting!

Readers from libraries across the country can take part in this year's digital book club, an initiative of the Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC). Join the discussion with other bookworms by visiting the [One eRead Canada Facebook group](#) or join one of their live virtual conversations with a Radio-Canada host and the writer Jean-Christophe Réhel on April 25 (in French) and with a CBC host and Katherine Hastings and Peter McCambridge, the translators on April 19

For more information and resources, visit [One eRead Canada](#)

Join us April 2023 to read
Tatouine
by Jean-Christophe Réhel

Rejoignez-nous en avril 2023 pour lire
Ce qu'on respire sur Tatouine
par Jean-Christophe Réhel

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Un livre!
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Indie Author Project Regional Contest

Through the Indie Author Project, libraries are helping local authors get the recognition they deserve for writing great books! The contest will be open for [submissions](#) from April 1 - May 31.

Winners in each category will receive **\$1,000** as well as:

- Honors at the 2023 Indie Author Day Reception
- Inclusion in a full-page spread in *Library Journal*
- Opportunities to earn royalties through the IAP Select collection (*ePUB format required for eligibility*)

Each book that is submitted to the contest must be:

- Independently-published
- In the category of adult or young adult fiction
- Available in either ePUB (***strongly encouraged***) or PDF format

Submission
Information

Be a Judge

View Past
Winners

Library Association of Alberta Awards

The Library Association of Alberta has a few awards that your library or library staff might be eligible for.

- **Pat Jobb Award:** recognizes early or mid-career library staff who have made a significant contribution to their community of the larger library community
- **Punch Jackson Award of Excellence in Library Service Award:** given in recognition of excellence in a service, program, or public relations/advocacy achievement in library service in Alberta.
- **President's Award:** recognizes the efforts of an individual or small group of individuals who have made a major impact on a province-wide basis in the library field in Alberta.

For more information and to apply, visit the [Library Association of Alberta website](#) by **April 29**.

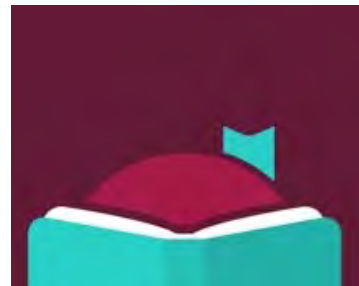
eResources

eResources Challenge: Libby

It's time to switch to Libby! With the OverDrive app retiring at the end of April, learn all about Libby.

[Take the Libby challenge](#) now and you'll be entered into a draw for a \$50.00 gift card at the end of this month!

For more information or to view past challenge answers, visit the [Marigold website](#).



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Challenge Now!

Hoopla BingePass



Hoopla has two new BingePasses for Kids and they are audio podcasts!

GoKidGo R. L Stine's Spine Chillers features kids mystery/scary series, including *R. L. Stine's Story Club*, *Ivy's Chilling Tales*, and *Juniper's Grave*. While **GoKidGo Universe BingePass** allows you to borrow 11 audio podcast series with one borrow.

Access marketing material [here!](#)

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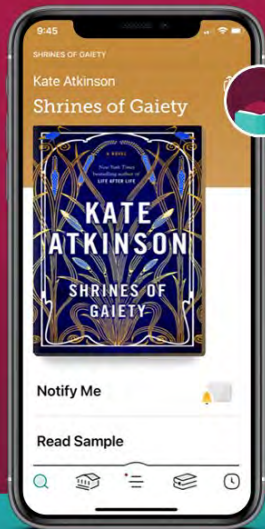
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Want to learn more? Join Digital Experience Consultant Jenn Laskosky for an overview of these new features on **April 18 at 1:30**.

[Register](#)





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And receive notifications if we add them.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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Big Library Read

May 3-17, 2023

A TIME and NPR Best Book of the Year in 2021

Part food memoir, part sociological investigation, *Tastes Like War* is a hybrid text about a daughter's search through intimate and global history for the roots of her mother's schizophrenia.

Libby.
The library reading app

The next Big Library Read kicks off in May! *Tastes Like War* will be available for patrons from May 3-17 in eBook and eAudiobook formats in OverDrive/Libby with no holds or waitlists.

[Marketing materials](#) and a press release template are available to promote Big Library Read to your community. Be sure to check out all the great things available to help get the word out. Readers can use **#biglibraryread** on social media for a chance to win a selection of book-ish prizes any reader is sure to love and Libby swag. [See official rules](#).

Hoopla Book Club

Did you know that hoopla has seasonal book club picks? Their spring pick is *In The Time of Our History* by Susanne Pari which is a multigenerational family saga that is inspired by the author's own Iranian American heritage.

For more information and book club resources including a discussion guide, and an author Q & A check out theclub.hoopladigital.com

Register today for the live, virtual author Q&A on May 10 with the author Susanne Pari.



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Programming Opportunity

Royal Botanical Gardens Programs



Did you know that the Royal Botanical Garden offers engaging, interactive nature-based distance learning programs for all ages through their [Virtual Field Trip program](#)?

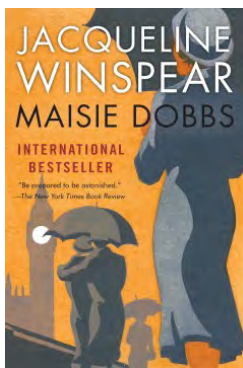
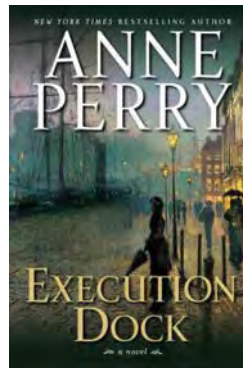
Check out the programs they offer [here](#) or contact [Karin Davidson-Taylor](#) for more information.

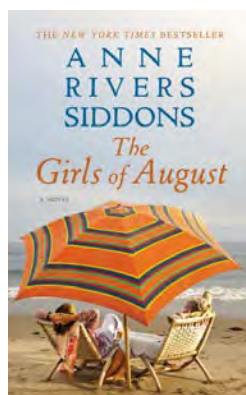
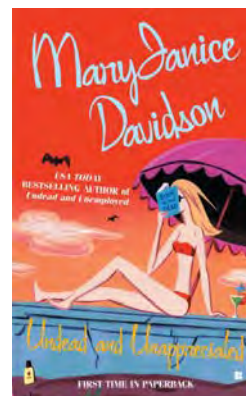
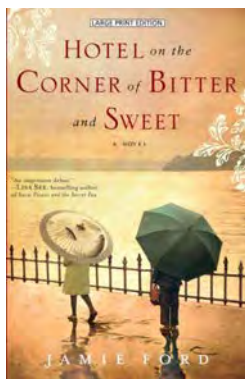
There is an \$150 cost for each program.



Rainy Day Reads

Click on the book cover with your favourite umbrella for a full synopsis.





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Thank you to everyone who took part in the Marigold Library System Conference on May 10th. We hope you enjoyed our keynote speaker Professor Timothy Caulfield, who presented on misinformation.

Be sure to fill out our conference evaluation survey and help us make next year's conference even better!

Conference Evaluation
Survey



Making a Difference Awards

This year, Marigold's Advocacy Committee received 17 entries for the 13th Annual Making a Difference Awards! Winners and honourable mentions were chosen from a small, medium, and large library. The winners received a commemorative plaque and a cheque for \$750 and the honourable mentions received a commemorative plaque and a cheque for \$250. We congratulate and thank everyone who submitted an application, and encourage all libraries (including past winners and libraries that submitted this year) to send in applications next year!

Below are the 2023 award recipients:

**Chestermere Public
Library**

Large Library Winner
for their
Test Drive a Hobby Kit



Okotoks Public Library
Large Library Honourable
Mention for their
Blackfoot Language Nature
Scavenger Hunt

Three Hills Municipal Library
Medium Library Winner
for their
E-Scooter Program



Irricana & Rural Municipal Library
Medium Library
Honourable Mention
for their
Know Your Community -
Newcomer's Package

Bighorn Library
Small Library Winner
for their
Exshaw Parent Play Drop-
In



Rockyford Library



Rockyford Library
Small Library Honourable
Mention for their
Magical World of Muggles
Event

Marigold News

Emily Manderville - Summer Program Assistant

Hello everyone!

I am Emily Manderville, this year's Summer Program Assistant. I will be completing my undergraduate degree in Anthropology with a double minor in Archaeology and Geography next year. In my personal time, I can be found reading, writing, and picking up new hobbies.

I look forward to meeting and working with everyone at their libraries this summer!

Email: programs@marigold.ab.ca

Phone: 403-934-5334 ext.259



Ready for summer programming now? Register your library today and watch for more summer programming information coming soon!

Register for Summer Programming

Marigold Resources

Summer Kit

Marigold is happy to provide craft kits for you to use in your library programming. This month, we feature our summer craft kit.



Kids will have fun making their own maracas, or a ribbon wind catcher. And if that's not enough for them, they can create their own cool way of writing their name. Be it graffiti, mirrored, or their own version. It could be their next great art piece. Each kit comes with all the supplies needed to make these crafts.

Book Your Kit



Submitted by Barb Froese
Library Services Assistant
Marigold Library System

Outdoorgames n Sports Vendor

Patricia Caldwell, from Outdoorgames n Sports, would like to share her contact information for those who were not able to receive her business card. Please see her information below if you wish to contact her.

Patricia Caldwell

www.outdoorgames-n-sports.ca

1-855-332-1259

info@lynxleisure.com

Indigenous Information

Can Librarians Save the World?

Someone asked me a question at the Marigold Library System Conference, did I really think libraries could change the world?

My short answer is yes, they have, they do, and they will.

As the question was asked in the context of reconciliation, in an Indigenous way I am going to answer the rest of the question with a story.

Around fifteen years ago, I was walking down the street in Canmore with my daughter. A friend from Mînî Thnî, one who visited me at Bighorn Library on a regular basis, came up and shook my hand then took both my daughter's hands in his and said, "I need to tell you that your mother saved my life." I told him I did no such thing, but he just shook his head at me and said to her again, "Your mother saved my life." Then he walked away.

He visited the library all the time; he had a card but never borrowed anything. He would often sit on the couch and read a book, even lay back and close his eyes for a few minutes. He talked with other library patrons and shared endless pots of mint tea with me while we had long chats about everything you can imagine.

Now the story jumps forward a decade and I am working for Marigold Library System, and I am on the reserve at a big community event giving away gently used picture books. My friend has a table on the other side of the room, selling traditional medicines. He came by to say hello and said, "My granddaughter is here." I asked him if she would like a book and he said she loved horses, so I chose a lovely horse picture book and gave it to him. He handed it back to me and said, "You have served our people with your heart for so many years and my granddaughter is not going to get her first book from my hands, but from yours." He left and a few minutes later a beautiful little child came over to claim her first book.

To return to the original question, I don't know if anyone can change the whole world, but we can change the world for one person.

That's a good enough reason for the work we do.

Submitted by Rose Reid
Indigenous Outreach Specialist
Marigold Library System

eResources

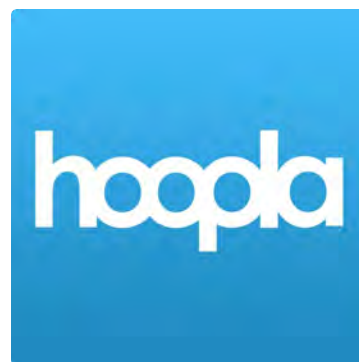
eResources Challenge: hoopla

This month, learn all about hoopla!

[Take the hoopla challenge](#) now and you'll be entered into a draw for a \$50.00 gift card at the end of August!

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Take the Challenge Now!



hoopla Bonus Borrows

hoopla bonus borrows are back from May 1-31!

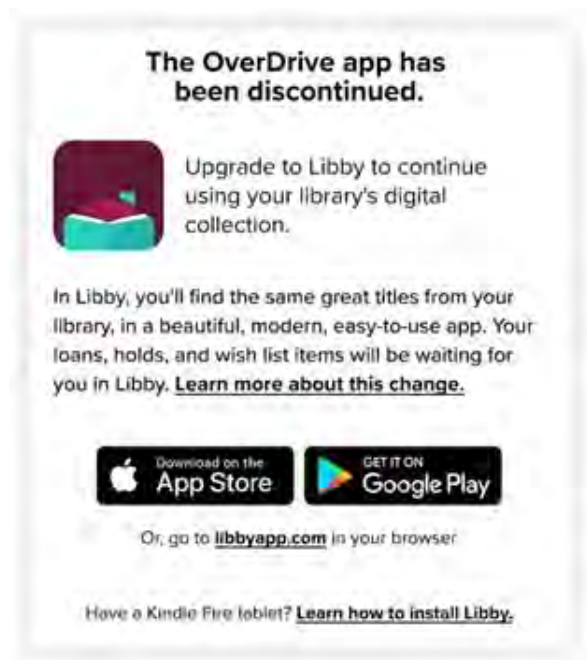
Library users can access select audiobooks, eBooks, comics, and videos from hoopla without using their monthly borrows.

Check out this month's [bonus borrows](#) now!



OverDrive App Discontinued

As of May 1, the OverDrive has been discontinued. All user's wanting to access the OverDrive collection can do so using their web browser or the Libby mobile app.



Library users who attempt to access the OverDrive will receive the message shown in the image.

For more information, training videos, marketing materials, and more visit the OverDrive Resource Center.

[Resource Center](#)

PressReader Text-to-Speech Option Now Available

With PressReader's built-in Text-to-Speech feature, patrons can listen to any article from any publication of their choice, with just a click.

Learn more about PressReader's new feature!

[Discover More](#)



May Creativebug Classes

Check out the new classes available on Creativebug this month!

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Professional Development

eResources for Kindle Fire

May 18 @ 2:00pm

Do you get questions about which eResources can be used on Kindle Fire tablets? Join Marigold for an overview of which eResources are available for Kindle Fire! We'll also go over which eResources require additional set up on Kindle Fire tablets. Participants are encouraged to submit questions ahead of time.

This session will be approximately 30 minutes and will be recorded.

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

Register

Alberta Library Trustees' Association Webinar Available

Alberta Library Trustees' Association (ALTA) empowers trustees to become strong leaders in their library communities and strives to ensure that all library trustees have access to the information, resources, communication, and training they need to be effective and strong leaders within their library communities.

Their newest webinar episode, "So You've Been Appointed to the Board," is now available for library boards to utilize for professional development.

Check out the webinar now and start learning!

Watch the Webinar

Government of Alberta - Community Development Webinars

Check out the great line up of free, live webinars on topics including board development, governance, grant writing, and more!

Learn More & Register

Alberta Non-Profit Learning Centre

Alberta's non-profit and voluntary sector will now be able to access enhanced online training and resources in English and French to support the success of their non-profit work. The Government of Alberta's Non-Profit Learning Centre is an online hub where Alberta's non-profit and voluntary sector can access timely services, materials, information, resources and self-directed learning about board governance and other specific and unique sector questions and challenges.

Learn More

Literary Community

Indie Author Project Regional Contest

Through the Indie Author Project, libraries are helping local authors get the recognition they deserve for writing great books! The contest will be open for **submissions** from April 1 - May 31.

Winners in each category will receive **\$1,000** as well as:

- Honors at the 2023 Indie Author Day Reception
- Inclusion in a full-page spread in *Library Journal*
- Opportunities to earn royalties through the IAP Select collection (*ePUB format required for eligibility*)

Each book that is submitted to the contest must be:

- Independently-published
- In the category of adult or young adult fiction
- Available in either ePUB (***strongly encouraged***) or PDF format

[Submission
Information](#)

[Be a Judge](#)

[View Past
Winners](#)

Provincial Election Advocacy Toolkit

As the provincial election approaches, TAL staff have prepared the Provincial Election Advocacy Toolkit. It is designed to help everyone associated with libraries craft the messages that they want to send to candidates in this election.

The materials are free to use, and are able to be edited to work for your specific situation.

[Access the Toolkit](#)

#NonprofitsVote Provincial Toolkit

The writ has dropped and the provincial election is May 29. The Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations (CCVO) has put together a 2023 #NonprofitsVote Provincial Toolkit and Advocacy Guide for nonprofits to participate in democracy.

[Check Out the Toolkit](#)

Crowdfunding Alberta News

Eligibility for match funding resets on April 1, 2023.

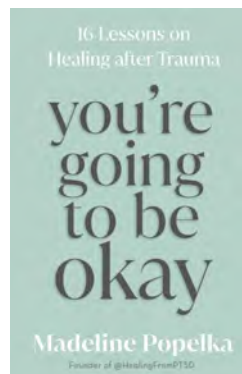
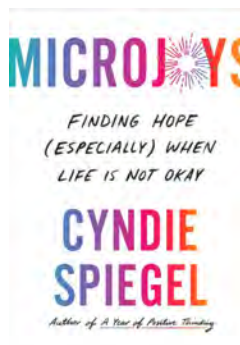
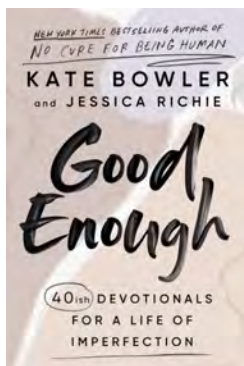
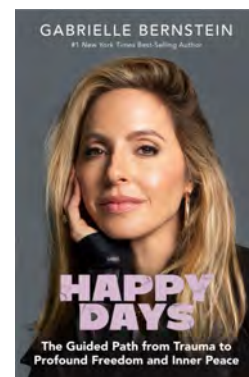
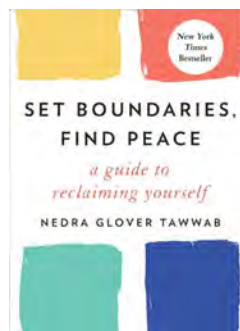
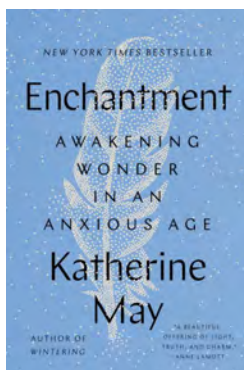
The Government of Alberta may provide match funding for one campaign per organization per fiscal year. The Government's next fiscal year began on April 1. All campaigns submitted in the new fiscal will once again be considered for match funding of up to \$15,000.

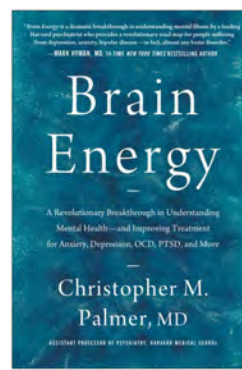
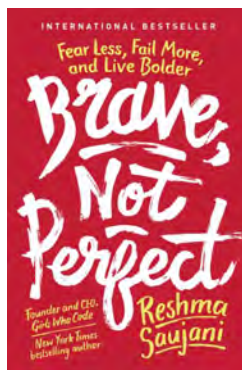
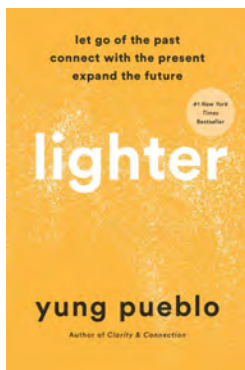
Visit the Alberta Government website for more information.

Alberta Government Website

Mental Health Awareness Month

Take some time for yourself this month. Click on the book cover for a full synopsis.





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Marigold Newsletter

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Summer Programming

Marigold Summer Program Sneak Peak

Programs for all ages can be found at marigoldprograms.ca including crafts to Kick-art the summer and new STEM activities for 2023.

Teen Summer Reading Challenge

Throughout the summer, teens will be encouraged to read books and complete challenges to earn points toward three prize draws which are:

1. Nintendo Switch, Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom edition (game included)
2. Hotec Karaoke boombox with two microphones
3. Mini Video Projector

Registration for the Teen Summer Reading Challenge opens June 27th.

Marigold Summer TeenZine

For the months of July and August teens will be able to submit their own creative pieces to our TeenZine which will be issued digitally to those registered, and physically if requested.

Registration for the Marigold Summer TeenZine will open June 28th.



In person programming

Following the TD Summer Reading Club theme of **Check This Out** I will be checking

out all interested libraries to deliver the following programs:

- Program A: **Check Out the Fossils** where your library will be hosting a Dino-dig where kids will get to name the fossil they discover!
- Program B: **Check Out the Clouds** where participants will be making their own cloud dough and decorating it.
- Program C: **Check Out the Bugs** where participants will be making their own butterflies with flapping wings and a microscope to check out bugs with.
- Program D: **Check Out the Stars** where participants will make their own telescopes and hanging planets to take home and adventure with.

I am looking forward to joining everyone at their libraries this summer!!

Submitted by Emily Manderville
Summer Program Assistant
Marigold Library System

TD Summer Reading Club



The TD Summer Reading Club has begun! Many of you have registered your libraries with the TD SRC site which will allow your patrons to access digital resources and activities offered by the TD SRC. These activities include:

- Create an online notebook
- Read ebooks
- Vote in the Battle of the Books
- Review books
- Participate in weekly trivia
- Write stories

- Read and write jokes
- Read an original web comic
- View author/illustrator readings and workshops
- Print colouring sheets



Children can access all of these activities on the [TD SRC Kid's site](#). To access promotional materials, activity sheets, programs, and more check out the [TD SRC Staff site](#).

View the [TD SRC Teaser video](#) now and share it with your library patrons on social media.

Additionally, take advantage of this **free** opportunity through the National Film Board of Canada and find films to screen at your library this summer. For more information, visit the [TD SRC Website](#).

Marigold Library News

Dog Man Party Disaster



The excitement about the upcoming Dog Man Book Launch Party in the Delia Library was really building. Students and even staff were talking about the Dog Man books and especially the newest one. Luckily, our library was a happy recipient of a Scholastic Dog Man Launch kit. We ran our Launch Party in conjunction with our Scholastic Book Fair which was selling the new Dog Man tale. Most students had touched the book. However, the lure of winning their very own copy brought many to the party.

As I was handing out prizes and congratulating them, I had one child come up to me and say, "I can't believe I didn't

win! I was sure my super fancy folding would influence the picker to pick my ballot." He was so sure he would now have the new Dog Man book in his hands and was devastated when another student won. I was quick to reassure him I had purchased the title for our library and he could check it out real soon. His face lit up and he said, "Tomorrow will it be there Mrs. Hunter?" Seeing his face change and that smile spread I quickly replied, "You bet! I promise it will be my first priority." He quickly placed his hold with me and he said something about my funny Dog Man name and we both giggled over our names. He went on to say "Mrs. Hunter today was fun even





though I didn't win and I can't wait to read the new Dog Man book!" I could feel my face light up with a big smile as he headed back to class.

I realized he didn't really care about the details of the party that I was so worried about planning, but reaffirmed why making a big deal about this book was important. Connecting kids with something they love to read is so important. I played a vital role in helping him feel a sense of connection. At the Marigold Library System Conference, I attended a session on graphic novels and when the speaker talked about finding connection and community with graphic

novel readers I thought of this situation. I hope I helped foster a sense of community for him also.

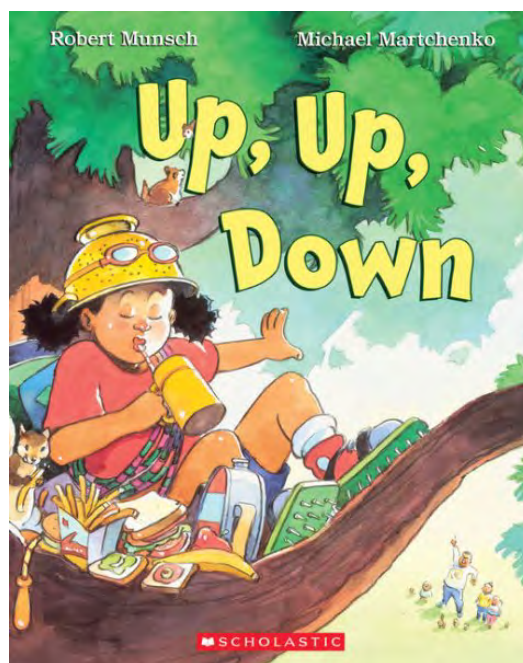
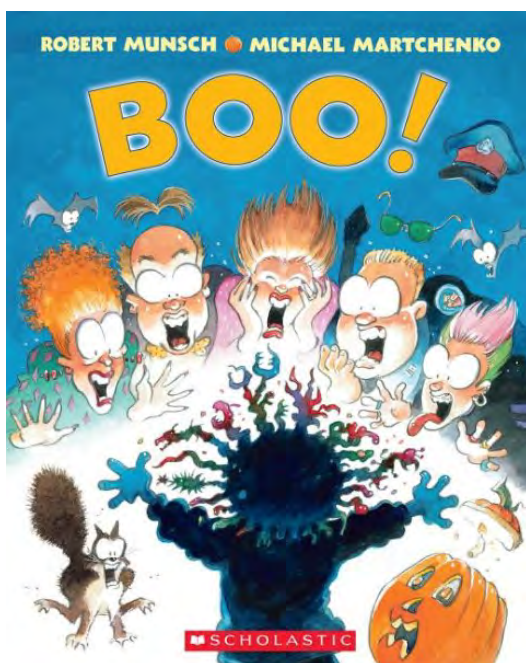
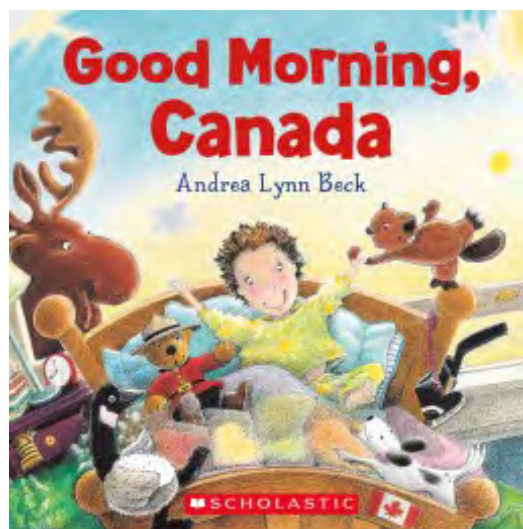
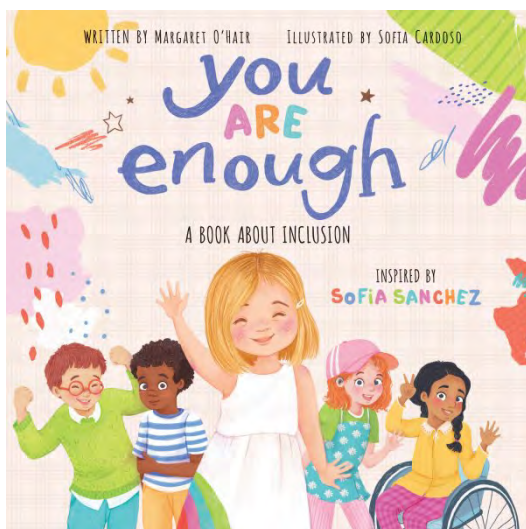
We all had a fun party and there were some winners pictured in this article. The door prize winner was so excited jumping up and down and telling me how fun sharing her win with her sister would be. However, my best memory of the party will be the disaster that occurred for a young boy and his favorite book series.

Submitted by Leah Hunter
Library Manager
Delia Municipal Library

Marigold News

Marigold StoryWalks

Marigold is pleased to announce the next round of StoryWalks for the period of July 1-October 31, 2023! Please complete the [request form](#) to book your next StoryWalk.



Story Robe, Tipi, and Turtle Island Kits

June is National Indigenous History month, and Marigold is pleased to provide three Indigenous craft kits for you to use in your library programming. Each kit comes with its own program plan, and all the supplies needed to make these crafts.

Story Robe

Learn how the Blackfoot culture tells stories.

Tipi Kit

Learn the history behind the Blackfoot tipi and make your own.

Turtle Island Kit

Elders tell how the turtle is part of the creation story, learn this story and make your own turtle craft.



To book your Indigenous craft kit today, please fill out the online [form](#).

Submitted by Barb Froese
Library Services Assistant
Marigold Library System

Indigenous Information

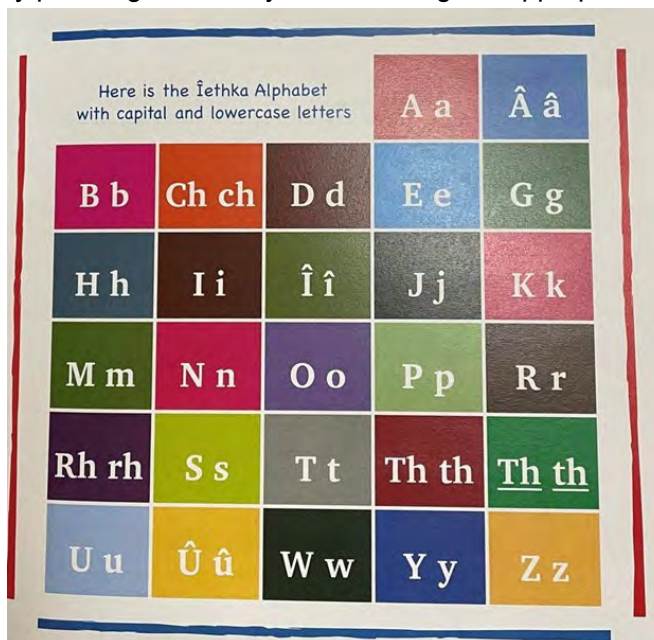
Circumplex Codes

A long overdue trend I am seeing is Indigenous library members returning to using their traditional family names. As an example, a person whose family was required to use the last name Rabbit is now saying Mâstîyâ. It is a simple act of reconciliation to support this change.

The Nakoda alphabet is 27 letters long and 8 of those are vowels. Three of these vowels are Â Î and Û and they do not use F, Q or V. If you are using an Apple device, you can find these unique vowels by pressing on the key and selecting the appropriate choice. If you are working on a PC you need to create these letters with circumplex codes.

- Â – alt 0194
- â – alt 0226
- Î – alt 0206
- î – alt 0238
- Û – alt 0219
- û – alt 0251

These codes work in Polaris and Polaris Leap.



Submitted by Rose Reid
Indigenous Outreach Specialist
Marigold Library System

Image from the “Îytheka Wîchoîe Aûptûbi Owabi” (Îethka Alphabet Colouring Book) created by the

Indigenous Book Reviews



Check out two new book reviews from Marigold's Indigenous Outreach Specialist, Rose Reid!

- [Episode 7: Indigenous Writes](#) by Chelsea Vowel
- [Episode 8: VenCo](#) by Cherie Dimaline

eResources

eResources Challenge: Auto Repair Source

This month, learn all about Auto Repair Source!

[Take the Auto Repair Source 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](#).



Take the
Challenge Now!

eResources Troubleshooting: Common Error Messages

What does this error message mean? What can we do about it? Join Marigold's Digital Experience Consultant, Jenn Laskosky, on **July 11 at 1:30** and find out! We will look at some of the common error messages library patrons run into when using eResources and what we can do about them.

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

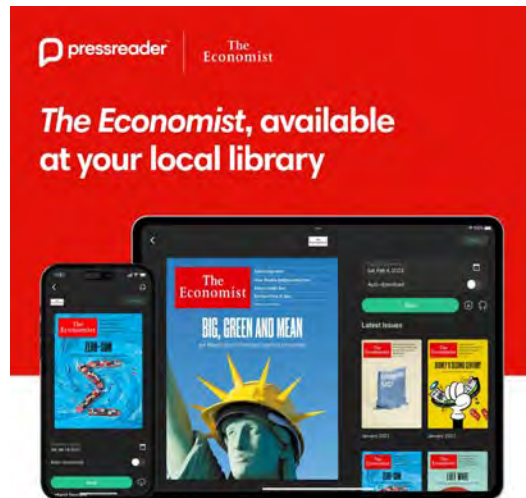
If you have questions or would like more information about the session, contact Jenn at jenn@marigold.ab.ca.

Register!

***The Economist* is Available on PressReader**

Thanks to the Public Library Service Branch, *The Economist* is now available on PressReader! *The Economist* provides public libraries with access to award-winning analysis and commentary on politics, business, science, finance, technology, and culture.

Did you know PressReader has magazines, not just newspapers available? There are numerous magazines available on various topics including animals, computers and technology, crafts and hobbies, outdoors, sports, and so much more!



Summer Reading on hoopla



hoopla has created two new collections for your patrons, one for [teens](#), and one for [kids](#)!

Their Summer Reading theme this year is "Coming Together: Celebrating Kindness and Friendship"

Download the marketing material [here](#).

Libby Updates

Amazon Fire Tablet

Libby is now available to [download from the Amazon Appstore](#). Going forward, users with Amazon Fire tablets from 2020 or later should download Libby directly from the Amazon Appstore instead of manually sideloading the app. See all compatible Fire tablet models [here](#).

Reading History

Users' borrowing history from OverDrive is now available on the **Timeline** in Libby. [Learn more on Libby Help](#).

Support for Additional Languages

Libby has added to the additional languages it supports, including: Korean, Malay, Tamil, Danish, and Icelandic. [Review Libby Help](#) for a full list of supported languages and steps to change your language in the app.

Professional Development

The Fight Against Book Bans: How Do We Move Forward?

Book challenges and bans have been on the rise across North America since 2020, especially in public and school libraries. Many librarians have faced these challenges with courage and commitment to the principles of intellectual freedom and access to information, while others have yet to deal with this issue.

In this presentation, Shannon Oltmann will refresh your understanding of intellectual freedom, explore the rise in book challenges, consider how to respond to challenges, and draw on the experiences and perspectives of other library professionals.

Watch Today!

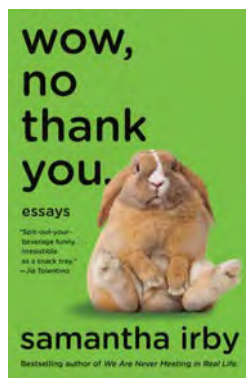
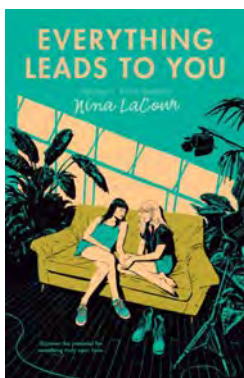
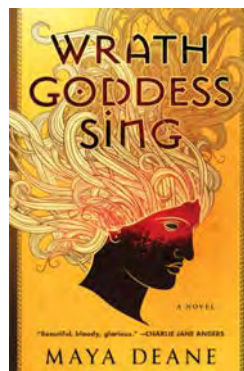
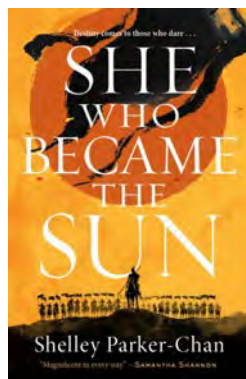
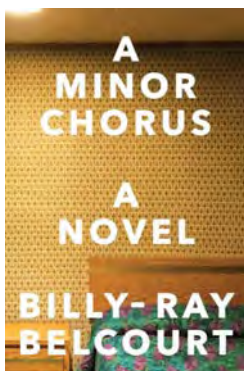
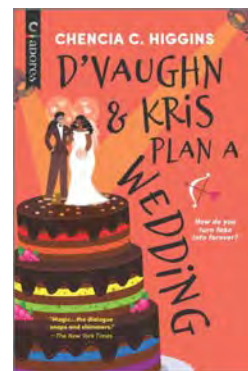
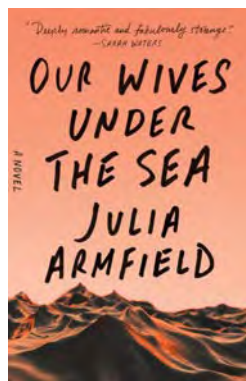
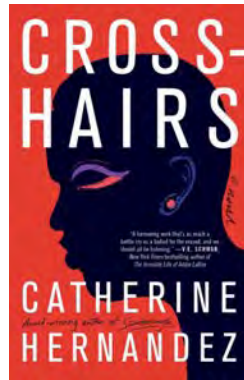
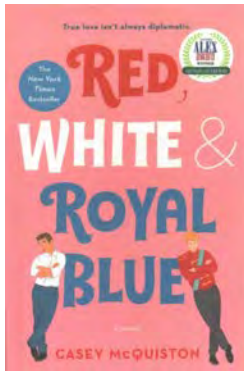
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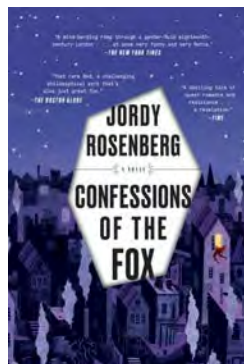
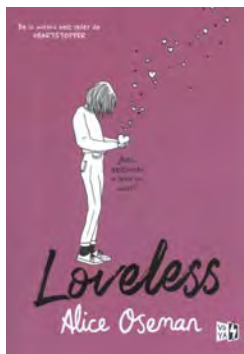
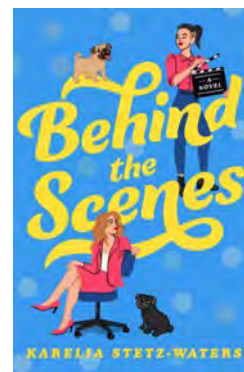
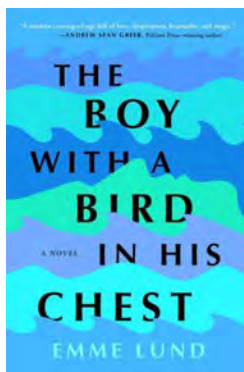
The Turku City Library in Finland is lending out an electric car! Check out the full article [here](#).



June is Pride Month

Check out these LGBTQ+ titles today! Click on the book cover for a full synopsis.





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Summer Programming

Five Exciting Summer Reading Program Ideas from Marigold Libraries!

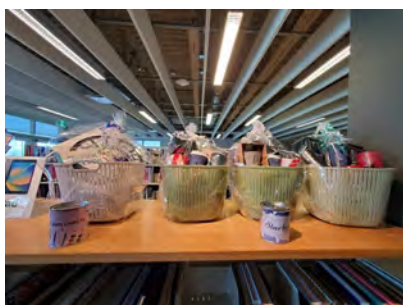
This winter was long and cold, and spring was short and dry. But now - summer is finally here. For those of us in the library world, summer means one thing - time for summer reading! Every year Marigold libraries pull out all the stops for summer reading with epic prizes, creative reading challenges, and fun, unique programs. From ice cream socials to drum circles, movie nights to crafternoons, the activities are endless, and there's something for everyone. See below for a small sampling of some of the coolest summer programs going on at Marigold libraries this season!

Canmore Public Library

Being a librarian is a really cool job if I do say so myself! This summer, kids aged 9-12 can participate in the "Junior Librarians" program for a behind-the-scenes look at what it's really like to be a librarian. Every Thursday between July 6th and August 17th, Junior Librarians will be teamed up with Canmore Library staff to learn about program planning, creating displays, facilitating storytimes, and more! Following the summer mentorship and training, participants will receive an official Canmore Public Library Junior Librarian certification. The only job requirement? Must be curious and ready for adventure!



Chestermere Public Library



Summer reading isn't just for kids these days - grown ups have a chance to get in on the fun too. Unfortunately work, parenting and chores don't go on hiatus just because it's summer. That's why Chestermere Public Library has made it *really* easy to participate! After signing up for the Adult Summer Reading Program, all participants need to do to be entered to win prizes is visit the library and request

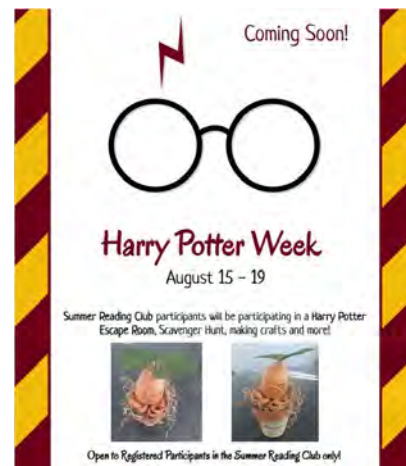
a ballot (reading is expected and encouraged of course, but tracked only on the "Honour system").

There are great prizes up for grabs including swag from Starbucks and a crafty basket full of art supplies.

Two adult crafting nights will also take place over the summer, where participants will learn to make sculpted roses and macrame feathers - attendance at these events will even earn you extra prize ballots!

Hanna Municipal Library

The week of August 15th to 19th, 2023 has been decreed "Harry Potter Week" at the Hanna Municipal Library! During Harry Potter Week, a plethora of Potter-themed programs will take place, including a scavenger hunt, crafts, and culminating in an epic escape room experience. The escape room will be based on *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* - and a close reading of this book is rumoured to increase your chances of a successful escape.



Longview Municipal Library



"EveryBuddy's Reading" at the Longview Municipal Library this summer! This unique program aims to help kids practice their reading by teaming them up with a stuffed animal "buddy." The program works like this - children choose a buddy from the adoption basket at the library, give their buddy a name and sign the official adoption papers, thereby promising to love and care for their buddy by reading with it all summer. Young patrons of the Longview Library can drop in at the library to sign up for the program!

Three Hills Municipal Library

Many of us dreamed of becoming veterinarians when we grew up - I know I sure did! At the Three Hills Municipal Library this summer, the current generation of prospective little vets will get the chance to learn the basics of pet care from one of the pros - a real, live veterinarian from the local vet clinic. Each child participating in the program will receive a small stuffed puppy, and veterinarian Melissa will lead them in practicing skills like feeding, grooming and tick removal. The event will be rounded out with some stories about animals and vets, and even a small craft.

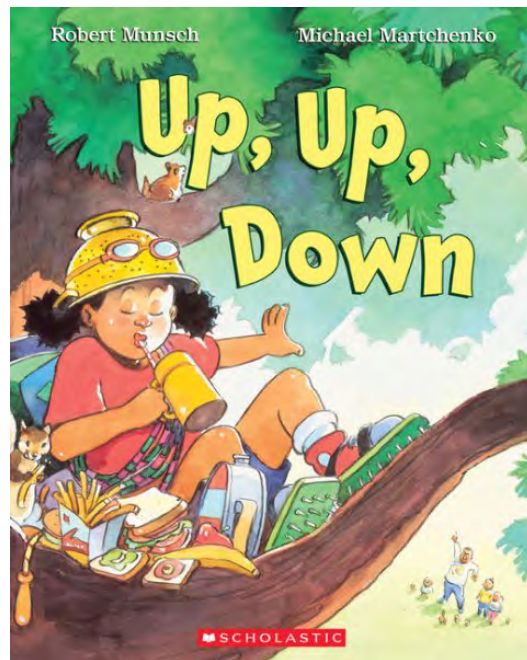
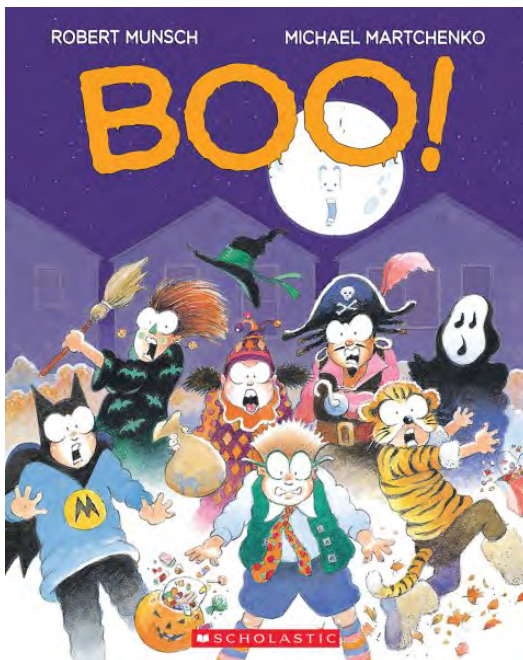
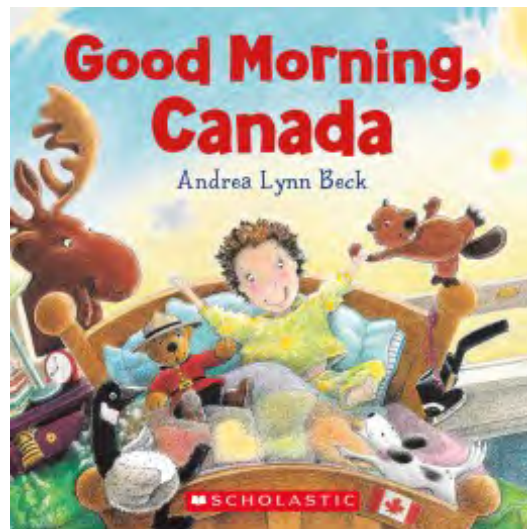
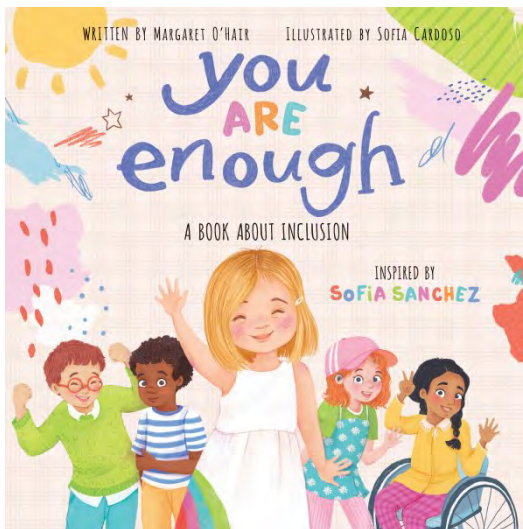
Stay cool, and happy summer reading!

Submitted by Jessie Bach
Communications & Engagement Manager
Marigold Library System

Marigold News

Marigold StoryWalks

Marigold is pleased to announce the next round of StoryWalks for the period of July 1-October 31, 2023! Please complete the [request form](#) to book your next StoryWalk.



Karaoke Machine Kit

Are you looking for some fun for your library? Well, look no further! Request our karaoke machine and bring some music and entertainment in. Whether the staff sing to patrons, or the patrons sing away their fines. It's all going to be a GOOD TIME!

This comes with 2 microphones, RCA cables, adaptors, and at least 45 CD's.

Book the Kit

Submitted by Barb Froese
Library Services Assistant
Marigold Library System

Indigenous Information



Do Indigenous People Pay Taxes?

The subject of Indigenous people getting tax breaks is one I hear complaints about any time someone hears what I do for a living. No one likes to pay taxes and the idea of someone getting a break feels unfair. That perception becomes an excuse, for some, to harbor resentment.

I visited Stats Canada and got some numbers for you to use the next time this subject comes up in conversation.

The population of Canada is 39,850,000.

Indigenous people number 1,800,000. Of those 625,000 are Metis, and 70,500 are Inuit. There are no tax exemptions for any of us. That leaves about 1,000,000 First Nations people. Of those only the ones who live on reserves get a tax break. That number is 300,000. Of that 300,000 about half are either children or seniors. That leaves 150,000 who are possibly tax exempt.

I am not a genius with numbers, but I asked Ms. Google and she said that is 0.376% of the population potentially getting a tax break.

Should they need to work off the reserve, they must pay the same taxes as you and I. They also must pay taxes if they go shopping off the reserve, something that is a necessity for nearly everyone.

For many years, people on the reserve could get gas without paying the tax which was a substantial saving but at least on the reserve I work on that stopped happening about four years ago.

The truth is that Indigenous people contributed 48.9 billion dollars to the Canadian GDP in 2020. They are a vital part of the economic future of Canada.

I hope this document empowers you when this subject comes up.

Submitted by Rose Reid
Indigenous Outreach Specialist
Marigold Library System

eResources

eResources Challenge: Freegal Music

This month, learn all about Freegal Music!

Take this musical 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](#).



Take the Challenge!

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



Big Library Read



The next **Big Library Read** kicked off on **July 13**. The new selection is *A Very Typical Family* by Sierra Godfrey.

Written with delightfully dark humour and characters you can't help but cheer for, *A Very Typical Family* is an uplifting family drama that will have you reveling in the power of second chances.

A Very Typical Family is available on Libby with no holds, no waiting from **July 13 - 27**.

Readers also have a chance to win a **Big Library Read prize pack** including a part of Beats Studio Buds, a copy of *A Very Typical Family* and a cool Libby mug!

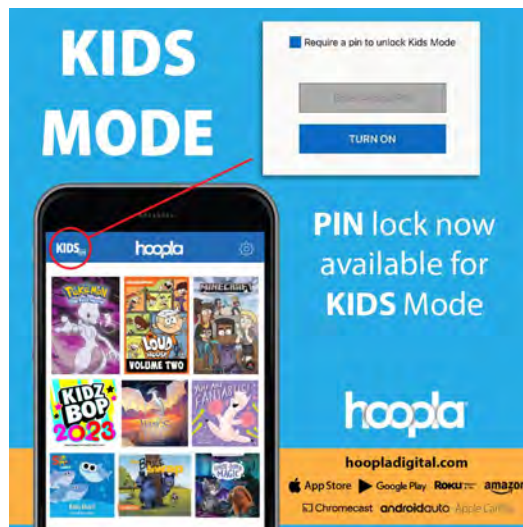
Simply use **#biglibraryread** on social media from July 13-27 to enter! Winners will be selected on July 27.

hoopla Kids Mode PIN

hoopla has updated Kids Mode to include a PIN option.

This will allow parents to select a PIN to lock and unlock Kids Mode on their devices, providing more control over what kids can search and download on hoopla.

Select Kids Mode from the Settings options to learn more.



New Creativebug Classes



REPLAY:
DAILY DRAWING CHALLENGE
with
LISA CONGDON



Check out all the new Creativebug classes for July!

This month has a lot of crafts to help keep your little ones occupied, including making your own dollhouse café, whale baby teethers, and animal placemats.

Check out the Daily Drawing Challenge with Lisa Congdon for inspiration to keep your crafting every day.

[More Classes](#)

Professional Development

eResources Troubleshooting: Common Error Messages

July 25 @ 1:30pm

What does this error message mean? What can we do about it? Join Marigold's Digital Experience Consultant, Jenn Laskosky, on **July 25 at 1:30pm** and find out! We will look at some of the common error messages library patrons run into when using eResources and what we can do about them.

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 the session, contact Jenn at jenn@marigold.ab.ca.

[Register!](#)

PLSB Virtual Board Basics Series

Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) is pleased to announce the return of their virtual Board Basics series. The content for this training series focuses on municipal and intermunicipal library boards. Different topics will be covered each week between July 5 and July 27. Sessions are 75 minutes in length and will be delivered virtually via Zoom. **The sessions will not be recorded.**

The Library Board Member

[Tuesday, July 18, 7:00pm - 8:15pm](#)

The Public Library Network

[Thursday, July 27, 7:00pm - 8:15pm](#)

Funding and Finances

[Wednesday, July 19, 7:00pm - 8:15pm](#)

For more information, contact

libraries@gov.ab.ca

Working Together

[Monday, July 24, 7:00pm - 8:15pm](#)

Library Services for Patrons with Print Disabilities

August 17 @ 1:30pm

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From the Literary Community

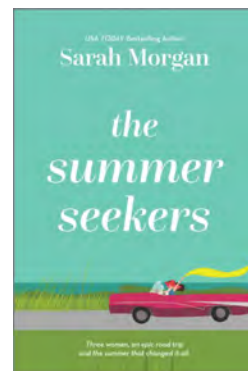
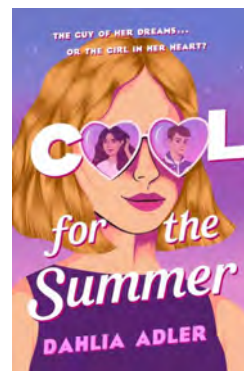
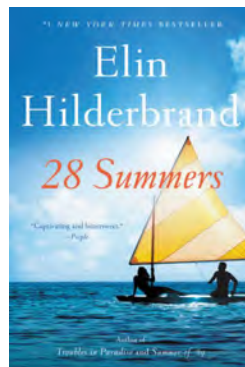
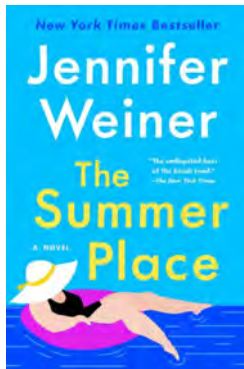
Deadline Extension for Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence

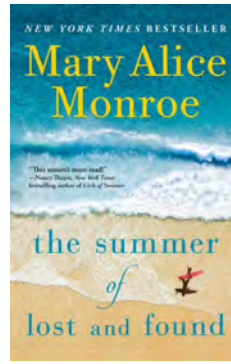
Due to wildfires, the Minister of Municipal Affairs has extended the deadline for Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence to **July 15, 2023**.

Visit the [Government of Alberta website](#) for further details about eligibility and submission requirements.

Summer, Summer, & More Summer!

Get ready for summer with these summer filled reads! Click on the book cover for a full synopsis.





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Marigold News

Summer Programming



Portrait of a
Pachycephalosaurus from
Berry Creek.

Submitted by
Emily Manderville
Summer Program Assistant
Marigold Library System

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

Submitted by Barb Froese
Library Services Assistant
Marigold Library System

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.



CENTRE FOR
FREE EXPRESSION

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
Communications & Engagement Manager
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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



eResources Challenge: Cypress Resume

This month, learn all about Cypress Resume!

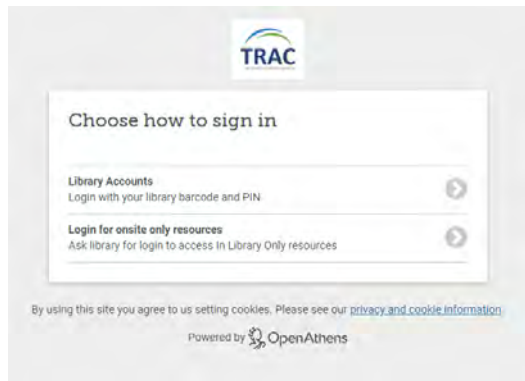
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Take the
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eResource Authentication Change



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.togetherweweread.com

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 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.

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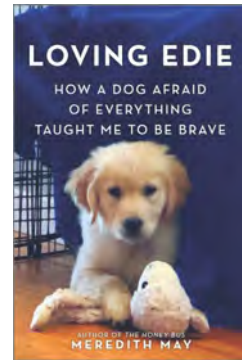
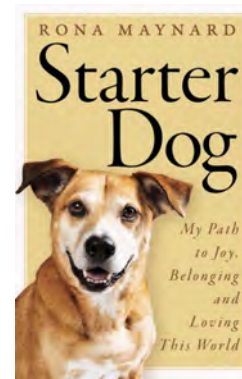
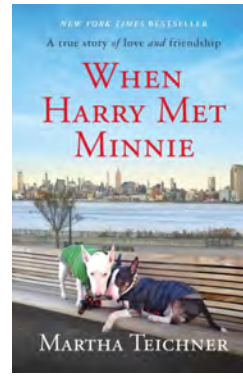
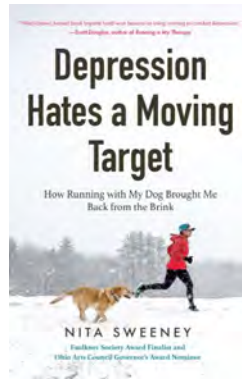
Dog Days of Summer



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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Marigold Newsletter

September 2023



Marigold News

Summer Programming

This summer, Marigold hired me as the summer student to deliver in-person and virtual programs to patrons across the system. I am pleased to share with you that over the summer, 30 member libraries were interested in holding at least one program and 41 visits were scheduled over July and August. Throughout the summer, I brought in-person programs to 337 kids across southern Alberta.

For virtual programs, 77 teens register for the Teen Summer Reading Challenge. 74 teens submitted 312 reading reviews and 28 teens completed additional challenges like submitting jokes for an additional point, or sharing which character they wanted to emulate, and their plans to do it. Our winners were from Standard, Okotoks, and Airdrie.

The TeenZine was also brought back this year and had 11 teens submit content. All submissions can be found on the [Marigold Programs website](#).

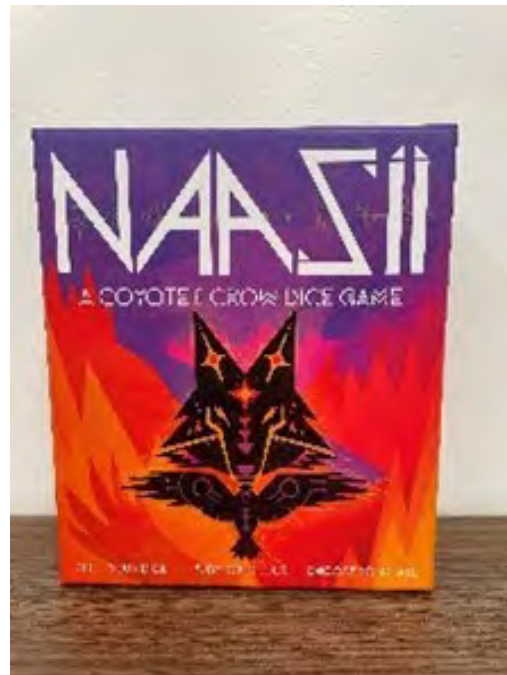
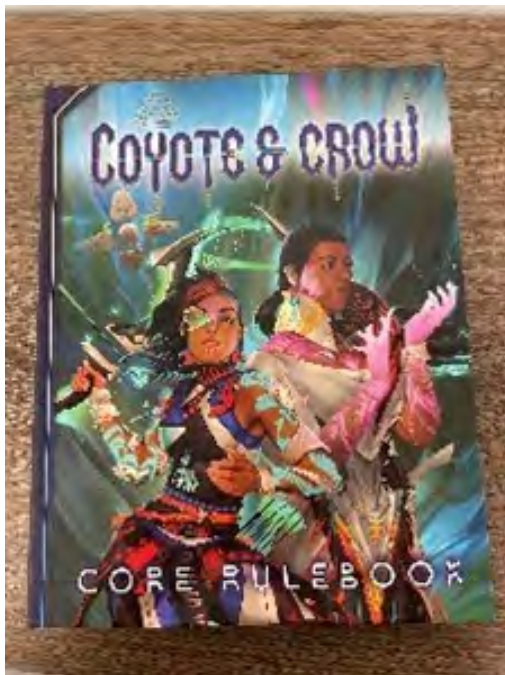
Thank you for a wonderful summer!

Submitted by Emily Manderville
Summer Program Assistant
Marigold Library System

More to Borrow!!!

Introducing our new Coyote & Crow games kit! This kit contains the Coyote & Crow Core Rulebook, a tabletop roleplaying game set in an alternate future where colonization never happened. It also includes the dice game, Naasii, a push-your-luck style game of change. Inspired by traditional Indigenous games and classic American family games, you'll roll twelve-sided dice, aiming to score sets or runs while not busting along the way. Dice from this kit can be used for the Coyote & Crow roleplaying game.

For more information about Coyote & Crow check out [their website!](#)



Marigold is also pleased to add 3 Early Literacy kits to our collection for your library to borrow. These are already prepared kits for your staff, and ready for the kids to enjoy. Select from Animal and Birds, Food, and On the Farm.

We've also added another game...Bean Bag Target Toss which is now ready to go out!

To book any of these new items please fill out the request form on the Marigold website.

[Request Kits](#)

Submitted by Barb Froese and Kim Visser
Library Services Assistant, Library Services Consultant
Marigold Library System

Library Leaders 2023

Every fall Marigold hosts a Library Leaders meeting. This meeting is a day-long workshop focused on a specific topic relevant to our member libraries.

This year, Library Leaders was held on September 13 at Marigold Headquarters. Topics included Accessibility Training presented by PLSB and How to Create a Salary Grid and Why with Robin Hopher, Chinook Arch's CEO. Resources from both presentations will be made available soon

Thank you to all those who attended Library Leaders this year. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!



Member Library News

Check Out Morrin's Summer!

Our little library box was hopping busy this summer. We had a whopping 24 registrations for the TDSRC, with 10 consistently attending. We partnered with the Drumheller Family Resources network, which made planning and executing the program easier. On top of this support, we had some local businesses donate prizes, one of which was a Nintendo Switch.



The prizes were the incentive for 3 of our young patrons to read all summer long, and they don't like reading. One of these young patrons confessed that they discovered that they love reading now that they have found some books that interest them. The goal we set forth, to help even one young person discover the joy of reading, was accomplished. A big thank you goes to Canadian Tire, Badlands Bargains, Rockies Conversations, Rosebud Theatre and the Tyrell Museum for their generosity.

What did we do this summer? Check this out!

We made comic strips, bottle rockets, buttons, magical mythical creature eggs. We checked out the stars and some fossils with Emily, the lovely summer student from Marigold. One of our young poets shared their poem on TeenZine. We made a mini animation on Lego day, created pop-up cards on Graphic Novel Day, and learned how to make electromagnet spinning characters. For our Adventure theme, we made diving scuba divers in bottles. We travelled way back in time, for the history theme, by making Camera Obscura's. We were pleasantly surprised by how much the kids liked this.

The youth checked out stacks of books at a time and enjoyed having the YRCA book display to choose from. They didn't just check out books, they checked out audiobooks, games, and took home crafts.

The teens are a more challenging group, discovered that they enjoyed Minute-to-Win-it and challenges of this sort. We started bringing in food and games with little prizes. They just wanted to hang out and laugh...so that is what we did for the most part. Telling each other stories.



Morrin had it's 100 year Homecoming weekend in August, so we posted the Up, Up, Down Story Walk by Robert Munsch around town. We called it, "Morrin's Amazing Book Walk." It was set up with detours, and roadblocks. We were told, "The kids had so much fun! Thank you for doing this." We even got the chance to advertise that the little Atco trailer on main street is a library full of fun and great reads.

Check out the float that we entered in the parade. It was a refrigerator box painted to look like the little trailer we are currently in, and on top was an open book. Helium balloon characters were attached to look as if they were coming out of the library, representing that our little library may not look grand, but what is found in it is spectacular. Then we made a helium balloon bookworm to follow the float.



This summer was a lot of fun, and very successful. We had good feedback from the parents, and this was in large part because of the teams that support us. Morrin would like to thank Marigold for all the kits that we can borrow, and the summer students that travel to visit us; Drumheller Family Resource Network for helping us provide meaningful programming for the youth at a price we can afford; and all those that

support the library and this community. We couldn't have had such a groundbreaking summer if it wasn't for all of you.

Scuba
Diver

Electromagnet
Character

Bottle
Rocket

Lego
Animation

Submitted by Teresa Scott
Library Manager
Morrin Library

Bighorn Summer Reading Program 2023



Bighorn Library has concluded the 2023 Summer Reading Program. I love our little hamlet! We have very enthusiastic readers. In 7 weeks, 34 readers, ages 0-15, have read 113,559 pages. That is 17,888 pages more than last year! We are so very proud of our readers, and it is a privilege to see their excitement over books.

Our program is designed to be fun and challenging. We have a bead system that Ms. Bonnie made that hangs from the ceiling. Every bead equals a page. We have items on the beads to mark their progress; bauble at 1/4 way point (prize from treasure chest for the preschoolers), and a snowman at the halfway point (freezie for all). When they make it all the way around (2,600 pages), they get a voucher to the Heart Mountain Store for fries and a pop. We also have rules, like the maximum a book can be counted is twice. This helps encourage them to read new stories, to break out of their comfort zone a little. An older sibling may read to a younger sibling, and it counts for both of them.



This year we changed up our prize system a little bit to encourage all readers, and it worked! We broke the kids up into age categories (0-5, 6-11, and 12+), and awarded the top three readers of each category movie tickets that were generously donated from the Banff Lux Cinema. This created a more equal playing field for all. Plus, the overall grand prizes, which are awarded to everyone. Here are some of our results:

- Top reader for ages 0-5 read 2,539 pages
- Top reader for ages 6-11 read 13,377 pages
- Top reader for ages 12+ read 9,465 pages

What a great turn out!

Submitted by Tara Harrison
Program Developer
Bighorn Library

Indigenous Information



Reframing History

What role do we as librarians and information specialists have in reconciliation?

This is a question that I think about often.

For an excellent article about the work that is ongoing at a systematic level in libraries, I would like to recommend [this article](#) by Marigold's own Jessie Bach, Communications & Engagement Manager.

We are all treaty people and as such I believe we all need to do this decolonizing work as individuals as well. I don't know about you, but I was taught a lot of things about Indigenous people when I was growing up in rural Alberta, that have turned out to be false. Can people be blamed for holding racist ideas when those concepts were literally part of our education?

The title I chose for this article is reframing history and when I consider that phrase there are a couple of concepts that I think about. The first being that Indigenous people are not part of Canadian history, Canada is a very small, most recent part of Indigenous history.

While there is lots of controversy about the earliest human inhabitation of North America, there seems to be consensus about the fossils uncovered in Old Crow Flats which date between 25,000 and 40,000 years ago. In Alberta, the earliest known site is at least 13,000 years old. There is a rich history that predates the arrival of Europeans on this continent.

The second thing I think about when reframing my thoughts about history is when you read about residential or the sixties scoop you are not learning about Indigenous history, that is the history of Christianity and colonialism.

We all need to read about and understand that history, but we need to do so in the context of it being our own recent past and as a lens through which we must view our own culture.

Here are some suggestions for your To Be Read (TBR) list, "Our Story: Aboriginal Voices on Canada's Past" and "21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian act" by Bob Joseph.

Submitted By Rose Reid
Indigenous Outreach Specialist
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Price MacIntosh Bursary

The deadline to apply is September 20.

The Walter Charles Price and Adis Florence Mary McIntosh Bursary encourages greater enrolment in Canada's documentary heritage profession by offering a financial aid to support the advancement and inclusion of :

- visible minorities
- Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Nation)
- persons with disabilities

This bursary is for the documentary heritage profession only. It encourages students to register for studies leading to careers in libraries or archives.

Value of the bursary: Amounts are set according to student status for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Full-time students receive \$5,000
- Part-time students receive \$2,500

Recipients can get funding for up to 3 consecutive years. Provide your proof of enrollment and proof of tuition payment to our bursary coordinators at: bourse-bursary@bac-lac.gc.ca.

This also applies to recipients continuing their education - without interruption - in an eligible field of study.

What types of programs are eligible?

The following list is not exhaustive and is meant as a guide for students wishing to apply. Students may apply and make the case for eligibility of their program, if it is not included in the list but clearly leads to a career in libraries and archives. Should you have any questions about your program, please contact the Price McIntosh Bursary.

- Information Studies
- Library Studies
- Archival Studies
- Library and Information Technology
- Technical Library Studies
- Technical Archival Studies

More Information

The National Film Board (NFB) in Libraries - National Truth & reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day

Looking for films to start a discussion, or to encourage reflection, check out the list of NFB titles below.

- [Jordan River Anderson](#)
- [Honor to Murray Sinclair](#)
- [Holy Angels](#)
- [Stories Are in Our Bones](#)
- [Hi-Ho Mistahey!](#)
- [Trick or Treaty?](#)
- [The Road Forward](#)

For more information, visit the mediaspace.nfb.ca.

Orange Shirt Day

Looking for ways to connect patrons with resources for Truth and Reconciliation? LibraryAware has readers' advisory templates that you can customize to suit your

needs.



First Nation Public Library Week October 2-6, 2023

First Nation Public Library Week (FNPLW) takes place each October as part of [Canadian Library Month](#). You are invited to use the downloadable resources on the [First Nation Public Library Week website](#) to assist with FNPLW programming and events at your library.

Website Resources:

- [Program history](#)
- Downloadable [poster](#), social media graphics, fillable programming calendar and more
- Virtual events calendar

[First Nation Public Library Week Website](#)

Indigenous Communities Fund

The deadline for applications is **October 13**.

The TELUS Indigenous Communities Fund offers grants up to \$50,000 for Indigenous-led social, health and community programs. Together, we can make the future friendly by supporting Indigenous leaders and community groups who know their communities best.

Funding Guidelines

These are flexible grants to Indigenous organizations, not-for-profits and community groups. Grants are available up to \$50,000 and are to support Indigenous-led initiatives that support tangible positive outcomes.

Requests Eligible for Funding:

- Your organization, community group or project supports Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) within Canada
- You clearly address a pressing social or well-being need and create measurable community outcomes

Requests Ineligible for Funding:

- Retroactive funding
- Religious focused projects or organizations
- Projects that operate outside of Canada
- Go-Fund-Me campaigns or individual fundraising initiatives

You can find more information about this grant program here: [TELUS Indigenous Communities Fund | TELUS](#)

Marigold's Book Deposits



Marigold Library System supports 14 Book Deposits in small remote and rural communities throughout our region. Communities like Altario and Cereal in the eastern part of the region, Ghost Lake and Kananaskis in the west, as well as Blackie, Priddis, Jenner, and more. The newest Marigold Book Deposit opened earlier this year in Mîni Thnî to serve the Stoney Nakoda Nations.

Book Deposits resemble a public library in that community members are welcome to access them to borrow books and other items; however, that's where the similarities end. They are generally co-located in another community building such as a community hall, post office, arena, or, in the case of the Benchlands Book Deposit, the local firehall. Unlike a public library, the collection is not catalogued, and the locations are not staffed.

Book Deposits are overseen by local volunteers and operate on the 'honour system' of borrowing. This means that community members are welcome to borrow books, with the expectation that

they will bring them back when they are done. No library card is needed!



The services provided by Book Deposits vary by location - some may offer public computers or children's summer programs.

Marigold supports Book Deposits by providing the monthly top ten paperbacks and regular donations of current, gently used books. Headquarters staff liase with local volunteers to provide assistance and visit each Deposit yearly to deliver new materials, remove materials that are outdated or in poor condition, and organize the collections.



For more details about Book Deposit locations, hours, and contact information, visit [Marigold's website](#).

Submitted by Jessie Bach
Communications & Engagement Manager
Marigold Library System

eResources

Introducing Brainfuse

On September 15, Marigold launched Brainfuse with two options - HelpNow and JobNow.

Brainfuse is an eLearning platform offering online homework help (free online tutoring) with professional tutors. This resource includes homework help (called HelpNow) and career resources (called JobNow). Some of the resources in HelpNow include online homework help with live tutors familiar with the Alberta curriculum that are available from 2 pm-11 pm MST each day (except on Statutory holidays), writing lab assistance, test preparation (SAT, GED, TOEFL) video lessons, digital literacy, ESL assistance, study tools, and much more. Resources available in JobNow include resume critique, templates, and resources, career planning (eParachute), an adult learning centre to assist with life skills tutoring, writing assistance, and assistance for adult learners preparing for tests and mastering academic skills.

As **Brainfuse** has many great career resources including resume critique and templates, Marigold Library System will be cancelling **Cypress Resume** effective September 30, 2023.

Promotional materials and social media templates for Brainfuse can be accessed on the Shared Drive.

eResources Challenge: Alberta Research Portal

It's back to school time, so why not dig into some new research! Learn all about Alberta Research Portal.

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

For more information or to view past challenge answers, visit the [Marigold website](#).

Thank you to everyone who participated in the previous cycle of the eResources Challenge. The May-August winner was from Drumheller Public Library!

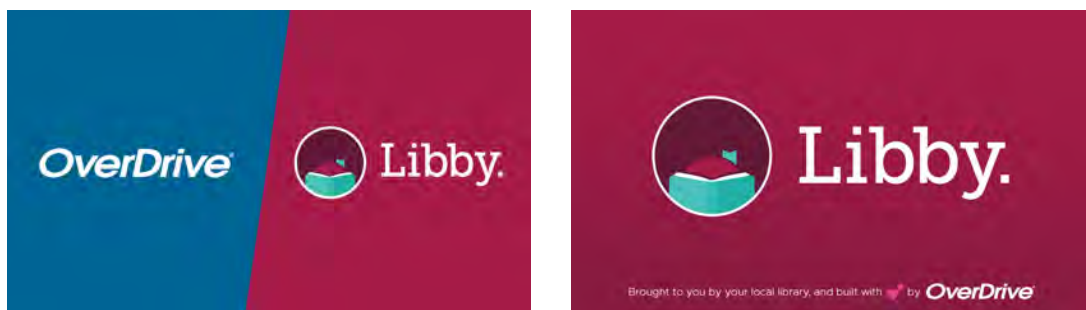


OverDrive/Libby Marketing

Do you still get questions about the difference between OverDrive and Libby? Try these new marketing materials to help answer your patron questions.

OverDrive and Libby offer all the same content.

Access these images on the Shared Drive.



Creativebug Mixtape

Introducing CB Mixtape! Mixtapes are playlists of specific bits from different classes, grouped together by a common theme. It's a fun way to learn how one topic is approached by a variety of artists with different techniques, all rounded up in one curated mixtape.

Visit [Creativebug](#) to start exploring today!

Flipster Updates

On **October 2**, Flipster will be releasing some user interface updates!

- The ability to view and access back issues directly, via a new detailed record page.
- A category browsing page, which allows users to browse and sort magazines the library is subscribed to as well as within specific categories.
- An updated mobile view of the web interface.

Keep an eye out for these updates!

Professional Development

In-Person Board Basics Workshop

September 23 @ 9:00am - 4:00pm

Drumheller Municipal Library

Public Library Services Branch is pleased to announce that we will again be presenting our in-person Board Basics workshops in Fall 2023.

The first session will be held on **Saturday September 23, 2023**, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the **Drumheller Municipal Library**.

This free workshop is open to all library board members and library managers. It is designed to help participants support effective public library service in their communities. Participants will learn about:

1. The *Libraries Act* and Libraries Regulation;
2. The structure of public library service in Alberta, including the Alberta Public Library Network;
3. Library board roles and responsibilities;
4. Governance tools, including Plan of Service, policies, and budget;
5. Library board member roles and responsibilities;
6. Library board funding and finances; and
7. Relationships with other library stakeholders, and board-staff relationships.

In order to reserve your seat, please complete the [online registration form](#) before **Friday September 15, 2023**.

Participants will receive a handbook and copies of the *Libraries Act* and Libraries Regulation. Meals, travel, and any required accommodation will be the participant's responsibility.

If you have any questions, please contact the branch at 780-427-4871 or libraries@gov.ab.ca.

Social Media: Tips for Posting

September 27 @ 2:00pm

Refresh your skills and learn some new tips for posting to social media! Join us on September 27 @ 2:00pm for some tips, tricks, and social media posting ideas.

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!

CULC Futures Lab

Library Futures Speaker Series: Spotlight on Artificial Intelligence

Join us for engaging discussions that explore how artificial intelligence will impact the future of public libraries. Hosted on Zoom.

When: Wednesday, October 4, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm MDT

- Scholar and educator [R. David Lankes](#) (Virginia & Charles Bowden Professor of Librarianship, University of Texas iSchool) will open the event with a keynote discussing the current landscape and potential futures of AI in public libraries.
- A panel discussion will then explore AI from an academic, public library, technology and digital literacy perspective -- featuring [Ana Brandusescu](#) (Professor, McGill University), [Matthew Johnson](#) (Director of Education, MediaSmarts) and moderated by [Kishawna Peck](#) (Founder and CEO, Toronto Womxn in Data Science).

- The event concludes with breakout sessions for participants to connect with other public library peers to share their thoughts and questions about AI.

Register

Super Searcher Program

The Public Library Association (PLA) and Google know that library staff are trusted facilitators and guides in boosting information literacy skills. With growing challenges rooted in misinformation, this role is only becoming more important. Building on a 2022 Super Searchers pilot with Public Libraries 2030 and Google, PLA is extending the [Super Searchers training and toolkit](#) to help equip more busy library staff with tools to help patrons search more efficiently and critically engage with online information.

The free training teaches participants to use common frameworks to assess information quality online, to use and share major features of the Google Super Searchers suite of tools, and to integrate misinformation awareness into patron interactions.

There are multiple training dates available.

October 24

November 28

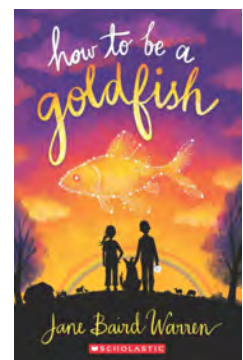
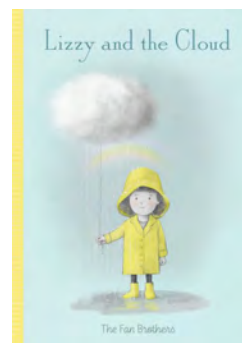
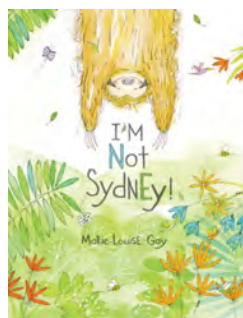
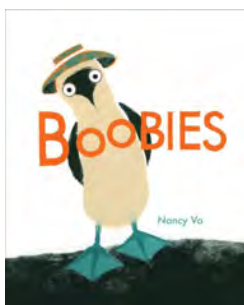
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2023 CBC Book Awards Shortlists

[Check out all the finalists!](#)

Click on the book cover for a full synopsis and to place a hold today!





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- News or updates about your library
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Marigold News

Marigold Staffing Changes

Retirement of Nora Ott - Executive Support & HR Specialist

I started my career with Marigold over 12 years ago as an Administrative Assistant after spending over 37 years at Calgary Public library. Over the years my position evolved, taking on more responsibilities in Human Resources especially in a Health and Safety role.

I have enjoyed working with the staff at Marigold and will miss those people very much ,especially their infectious laughter. I am proud to have worked for this organization because I truly believe that employees are valued at Marigold. The work has always been varied and challenging. I am grateful for all the assistance others have given me over the years.



So long and thanks for all the fish!

Jennifer Muckle - Senior Executive Assistant



I am now the new Senior Executive Assistant at Marigold Library System. I have been with Marigold for almost two years now and have worked in both Collection Services and as an Administration Support. I hold a Bachelor of Arts from Simon Fraser University and prior to my time at Marigold I worked in various administrative and leadership roles. I live in Strathmore and have a busy family of 5, plus a large dog that thinks she's a person. In my personal time, I like to read, binge scandalous documentaries, and try new recipes.

Miriam Thompson - Communications & Marketing Specialist

It's been a busy and fulfilling year, as I tried to soak up all the baby snuggles I could. But I'm excited to be back at Marigold creating content and promoting Marigold's operations and services within the organization, to our stakeholders, and member libraries. Along with my former responsibilities, I am also taking on a larger role in our social media presence, creating video content, and helping to build stronger relationships with our municipalities. When I'm not chasing after my two boys, I'm busy with photoshoots and many, many home DIYs.



Christine Brassard - Collection Services and Resource Sharing Clerk

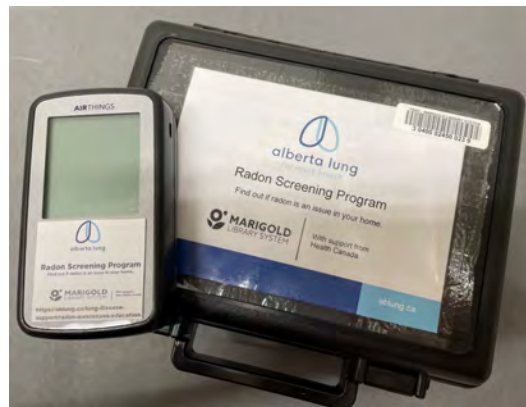


Hi! My name is Christine Brassard and I am new to Marigold Library System. My position is Collection Services & Resource Sharing Clerk. My past work experiences include many customer service roles helping the public in recreation, retail and special events, and at a school division resource sharing centre supporting teachers with the Alberta curriculum. I live in Strathmore where I enjoy spending time with my family, going on road trips, absorbing nature and learning about natural health. My favourite section of any library is the cookbooks!

Radon Kits Are Now Available!

Marigold patrons can now place holds and check out one of our 18 Radon Kits for three weeks! These kits are available from October - April.

According to the Alberta Lung Association, radon is an invisible, odourless, and tasteless radioactive gas which can get trapped in the home and the only way to detect it is to test for it. This is important as long-term exposure to high levels of radon can lead to lung cancer.



Patrons can test their home's radon levels and complete a short survey for a chance to win their own radon testing kit and some Alberta Lung swag! Alberta Lung will do a draw from each library system's surveys in April.

Although Marigold offers radon monitors for loan, the short checkout time provides patrons with just a snapshot of radon levels in their homes. For a more comprehensive assessment, it is advised that patrons follow up radon screening with a 90-day long-

term test using a test kit. To promote this practice, Health Canada is initiating a discount code program starting this fall, allowing patrons to purchase a long-term radon detector at a reduced price until March 31, 2024. Contact [Kim](#) to get this discount code.

These kits were made available to Marigold Library System by a partnership with the Alberta Lung Association and with support from Health Canada

More information can be found at <https://marigold.ab.ca/Public-Services/Radon-Screening-Kits>

Winter Kit

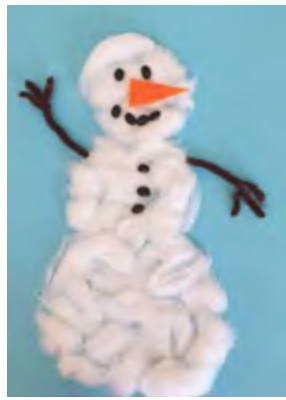
Calling all artists... have fun with pastels and draw a starry night or a silhouette of trees!



Why not have the kids create a Christmas tree collage to decorate your library?



Or simply build the cutest snowman you can.



Fill out [this form](#) to book your winter kit today!

Submitted by Barb Froese
Library Services Assistant
Marigold Library System

Member Library News

An Inclusive Environment for Everyone

The Village of Carbon Library receives Canada Post Community Foundation support!

The Village of Carbon Library has successfully secured the Canada Post Community Foundation Grant which will fund the creation of a mural on the east side entrance of the Carbon Community Centre where the library is housed. The mural will centre around the theme of "Inclusivity" celebrating the diverse cultures and ethnicities within the Village. Through this mural, the library aims to prominently showcase principles of Diversity, Education, Access, Intellectual Freedom, Democracy, Sustainability, Gathering Place, and Support.

Through the support provided by the Canada Post Community Foundation Program, the library board aims to prominently exhibit on the exterior wall of the library entrance a welcoming atmosphere for individuals of all backgrounds.

Before awarding the project which we would like to see commence this year, the Village of Carbon Library Board will invite local artists in the area to submit bids for the mural.

We are thrilled to be the recipients of the grant! If you are interested in applying for your library, the Canada Post Community Foundation's mission is to improve the lives of children and youth in communities across Canada. The Foundation oversees an annual giving cycle that provides about \$1 million in grants each year to registered charities, school programs and grassroots organizations that benefit children and youth. Since 2012, it has granted \$13.5 million to more than 1,100 community projects nationwide.

Submitted by Jay-Lynn Boutin
Library Manager of Village of Carbon Library

Indigenous Information

Home on Native Land - Free Virtual Course

Join Anishinaabe comedian Ryan McMahon in conversation with leading First Nations thinkers, artists, and legal experts. This series of videos and lessons is essential knowledge for anyone who is committed to living in a fair country. If you are ready to open your mind and have a good laugh while you do it, jump in and explore “Home on Native Land”.

Let’s be fair: most of us didn’t learn this stuff in history class. In a lighthearted, conversational and occasionally very funny series of videos, we’ll take a tour through the laws of this land we call Canada, and discover the good, the bad, and the ugly about Indigenous-settler relationships.

This self-guided course involves:

- 10 video conversations with prominent Indigenous thinkers, scholars, and legal experts with host Ryan McMahon
- 10 lessons laying out the fundamentals of Treaty rights, the Indian Act, Constitutional rights, and environmental rights & Indigenous stewardship – with illustrations
- Prompts for self-reflection and ways to initiate dialogue – at work, at school, or around the dinner table

[Enroll Here](#)

Interactive Map of Residential Schools

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has created an interactive map of known Residential Schools (which are called Indian Boarding Schools in the USA). Explore the latest research through this interactive map, which was created in partnership with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. You can find information and locations for all 523 known Indian boarding schools in the United States, as well as known Residential Schools in Canada.

Explore it today at <https://boardingschoolhealing.org/digitalmap/>

Indigenous Language and Experience Collections on hoopla

Did you know that hoopla now has two new collections?

Their [Canadian Indigenous Languages](#) collection contains children's eBooks, audiobooks, and comics featuring storytelling in dual languages. Some languages included in this collection are Cree, Inuktitut, Anishinaabemowin, and Halq'emeylem.

Their [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) collection features non-fiction accounts and historical fiction relating to residential schools. This collection has eBooks, audiobooks, and comics for juvenile and adult audience and includes French Language titles.

From the Literary Community



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 center of their communities; they are places that promote cultural awareness, provide educational programs, support freedom of expression, and so much more – and Library Month is a GREAT excuse to tell everyone about all the awesome things local libraries are doing!

Promoting Canadian Library Month is a great way to increase awareness and build connections between your library and the community. Marigold libraries have held special events or initiatives to celebrate – for example, offering prizes or raffle entries for anyone who signs up during Canadian Library Month, social media campaigns to highlight local authors, or hosting special programs like a “human library.”

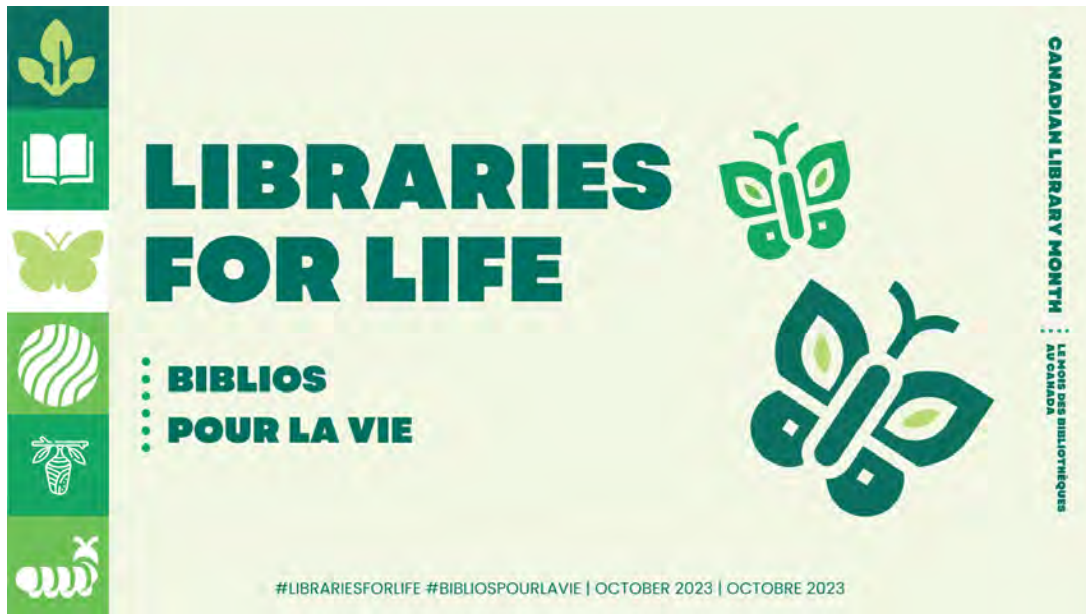
This year at the Crossfield Municipal Library, they are celebrating by drawing a winner for a [50/50 raffle](#)! In Delia, [an exciting month of programming is planned](#), including a Drop-in LEGO Club, a Vintage Art Party, a Scary Movie Night, and more! An exciting program or event like these may lure in new library members while at the same time bringing existing members back through the doors to check out what's new.

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

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, while also

discovering a world of great resources!

Submitted by Jessie Bach
 Communications & Engagement Manager
 Marigold Library System



2nd Annual Climate Action Week

From Saturday, November 4 to Friday, November 10, 2023, Climate Action Week is returning for its second year!

Join libraries and other GLAM organizations across Canada to focus on the climate change-related impacts and solutions situated within our own communities. Our goal is to raise awareness and hold discussions that support our communities' needs and capacities in facing this challenge, articulating clearly that libraries are places to connect people and resources for climate action.

Climate Action Week (CAW) is hosted by the BC Library Association and driven by libraries and library staff like you! We invite you to share any initiatives that you are planning in your organization. Last year, participating libraries contributed book displays & booklists, StoryWalks, civic engagement sessions, workshops, film screenings, webinars, and more! We hope this will become an annual initiative in culture and knowledge organizations everywhere.

For ideas, inspiration, and promotional materials, check out the website at <https://bclaconnect.ca/climateactionweek> or connect with the BCLA Climate Action Committee by emailing climateaction@bcla.bc.ca or the committee's Alberta liaison at dhackbor@ualberta.ca



CUI and CULC Report

On October 4th, 2023, the [Canadian Urban Institute \(CUI\)](#) and the [Canadian Urban Libraries Council \(CULC\)](#), of which Marigold Library System is a member, released a report called [OVERDUE: The Case for Canada's Public Libraries](#). Below is a summary of the report for your information.

This report asserts that Canada's public libraries emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic as a reliable, safe, and essential service that demonstrated a deep understanding of their communities and the ability to pivot to meet unique local needs. By doing so, they have become capable and important partners for every level of government, supporting Canadians by serving critical mandates that fall under municipal, provincial, and federal jurisdiction. Mandates that are beyond the scope of traditional library service.

The problem, the report argues, is that while libraries have expanded their scope of service, library funding has stagnated or even decreased. The report details the importance of public libraries for Canada's post-pandemic recovery, competitiveness, and resilience and calls for renewed and diversified investment.

The critical need for this investment is driven home by exploring the consequences of two possible outcomes – a dystopic, worst-case scenario in which library funding continues to decline and a bright future where library funding matches the enhanced role Canada's urban libraries currently fulfil.

The report proposes a way forward that is condensed into three priorities:

1. Relieve current operational pressures to ensure safe, accessible, and welcoming libraries for everyone.
2. Establish libraries as *critical* infrastructure to ensure community resilience is strengthened through funding of libraries.
3. Formalize sustainable investment streams to secure stable and diversified revenue for libraries.

Public libraries provide community members with reliable, safe, and accessible places to gather information and find support. Leaders at all levels of government are called upon to recognize the contributions of Canada's public libraries by increasing funding to

ensure access to the tools and resources needed to meet the challenges of the post-pandemic world.

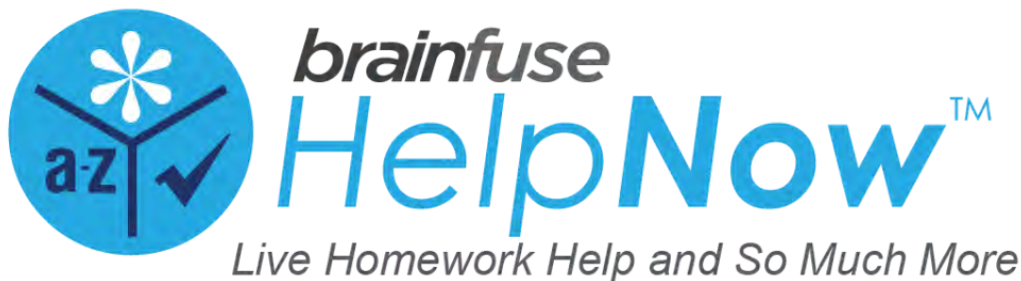
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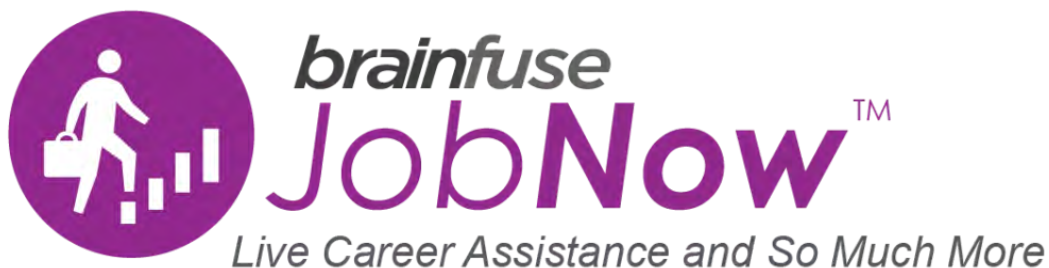
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Brainfuse- JobNow is a suite of services and powerful tools to help users in every step of their job search. It includes resume critique, templates, and resources, career planning (eParachute), an adult learning centre to assist with life skills tutoring, writing assistance, and assistance for adult learners preparing for tests and mastering academic skills.



Want to learn more about Brainfuse-JobNow? Join Marigold and Brainfuse experts as they provide an overview of it on **November 15 @ 10:30am**. Learn all about the various resources available to help users find jobs, update their resumes, and so much more!

No need to register, just save the link to your calendar.

Join!

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

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eResources Challenge: LinkedIn Learning

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

For more information or to view past challenge answers, visit the [Marigold website](#).

LinkedIn Learning

Take the
Challenge!

BiblioBoard Refresher Session

October 19 @ 2:30pm

Do you have questions about BiblioBoard? Join us on **October 19 @ 2:30pm**, as BiblioBoard experts provide us with a refresher.

This is your chance to ask questions, learn, and re-acquaint yourself with BiblioBoard.

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

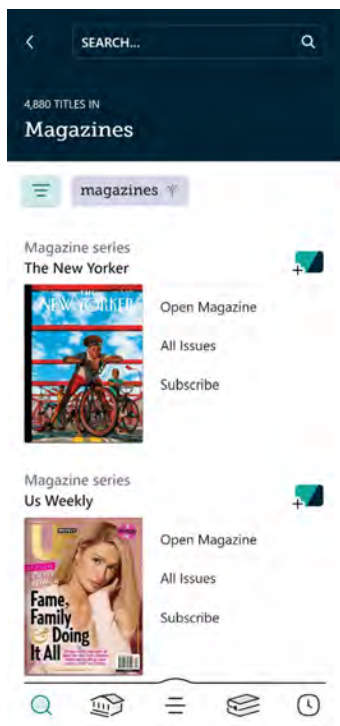
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Libby: One-tap Magazines

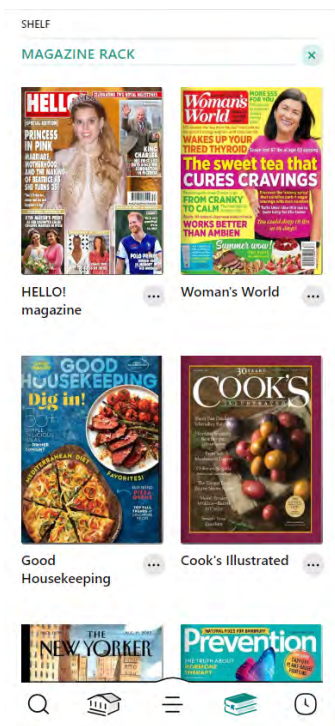
Libby has updated their magazine section of the app. Updates include:

- **One tap to read:** When a patron discovers a magazine in the collection, they can open it and start reading with one tap.
- **Streamlined access:** Instead of appearing alongside eBook and eAudiobook loans, magazines now appear on a new dedicated section of a user's Shelf called the **Magazine Rack**. From the Magazine Rack, patrons can access the latest issue of their magazine subscriptions and any other issues they choose to keep. This helps users find their favorite magazines from your library in one convenient place. **Note:** *To save space on a user's device, magazines are not automatically downloaded for offline use. Instead, users can manually choose which issues to download.*
- **Improved discovery:** From their Magazine Rack, patrons can navigate to the **Newsstand**, a new view of a patron's recently opened issues and other popular magazine titles in the collection.
- **Easier subscriptions:** Patrons can subscribe to magazines via a new, convenient **Subscribe** button that appears in search results, on magazine details screens, and in the Newsstand. When a new issue is released:
 - The issue is automatically added to the patron's Magazine Rack.
 - The patron will receive a notification based on their Libby notification preferences (in-app, push, or email).

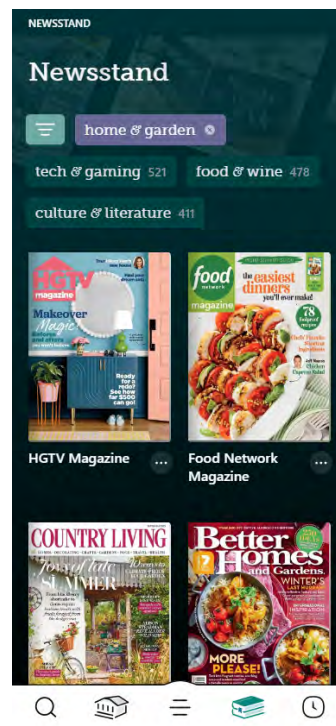
[Watch this brief video](#) for a visual overview of one-tap magazines, or [review Libby Help](#) for more information



Magazine search results



Magazine Rack on Shelf summary



Newsstand

Professional Development

Troubleshooting: Kobo eReaders & Adobe Digital Editions

October 25 @ 1:30pm

Whether you need a refresher or are looking for some more troubleshooting tips, you can join us on **October 25 @ 1:30pm**. We will cover some of the basics of using Kobo eReaders and ADE, as well as some helpful tips, tricks, and how to solve common error messages.

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 45 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 the session, contact jenn@marigold.ab.ca.

[Register!](#)

Dewey Divas and Dudes



The Dewey Divas and Dudes are having three webinars in October; two for the Fall 2023 titles and one for the Winter/Spring 2024 titles. Register by clicking on the links below!

Fall 2023

Don't miss the upcoming Dewey Divas and Dudes national live-streamed webinar series on October 24 and 25. Tune in for their top recommended Fall 2023 titles for Canadian libraries, hand-picked by our publisher reps.

[Adult Picks: Tuesday October 24, 11-12:30](#)

[Kids and Teens Picks: Wednesday, October 25, 11-1](#)

Winter/Spring 2024

Librarians play a crucial role in connecting readers with their next great adventure. Discover upcoming must-read titles and hidden gems with quick-fire rounds of book recommendations from industry experts.

[Thursday, October 19, 9:00](#)

All three presentations will be recorded and will be emailed to registrants for later viewing.

Super Searcher Program

The Public Library Association (PLA) and Google know that library staff are trusted facilitators and guides in boosting information literacy skills. With growing challenges rooted in misinformation, this role is only becoming more important. Building on a 2022 Super Searchers pilot with Public Libraries 2030 and Google, PLA is extending the [Super Searchers training and toolkit](#) to help equip more busy library staff with tools to help patrons search more efficiently and critically engage with online information.

The free training teaches participants to use common frameworks to assess information quality online, to use and share major features of the Google Super Searchers suite of tools, and to integrate misinformation awareness into patron interactions.

There are multiple training dates available this year, all training begins at 12:00.

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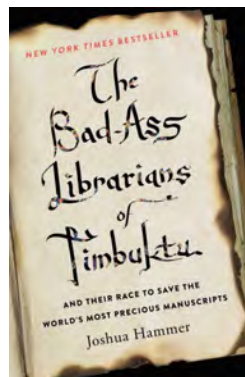
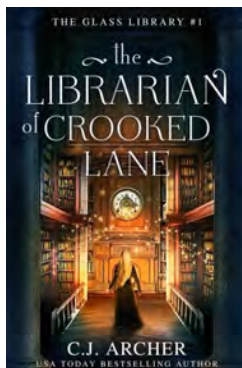
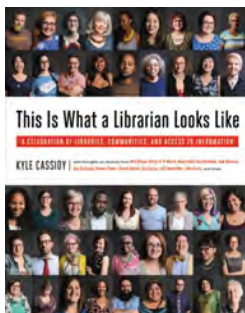
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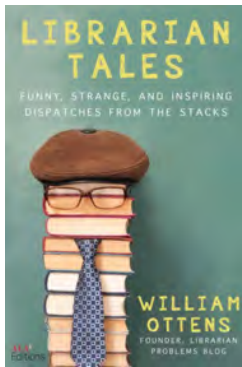
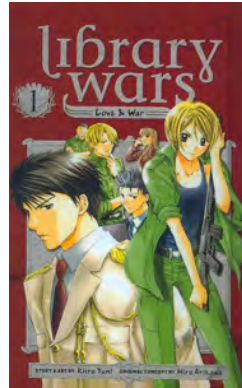
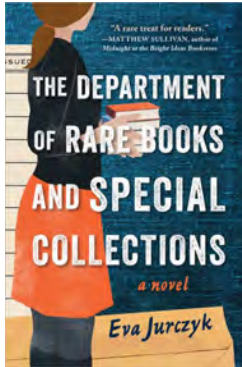
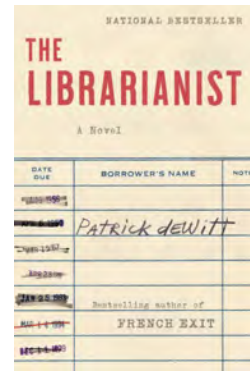
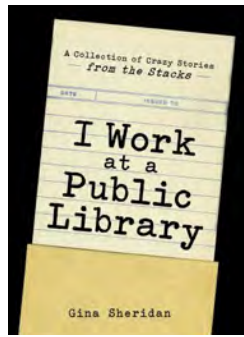
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October is Canadian Library Month

Libraries are nothing without librarians. Celebrate Canadian Library Month with some great books about them!

Click on the book cover for a full synopsis and to place a hold today.





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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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Marigold Newsletter

November 2023



Marigold News

Kanopy Plus is Now Available

Kanopy Plus is now available for library users to access. Visit the eResources page on your website or the [Marigold website](#) to access Kanopy Plus, view the tutorial, and view the instructional brochure.

Libby users can also access Kanopy Plus on the Libby app. On the home screen, scroll down to the **Extras** section and click **Get Kanopy**.

Additionally, marketing materials are available in the **Shared Drive**.

You can request Kanopy Plus brochures through the [Marigold Printing Request](#) form.

Updated and new brochures include:

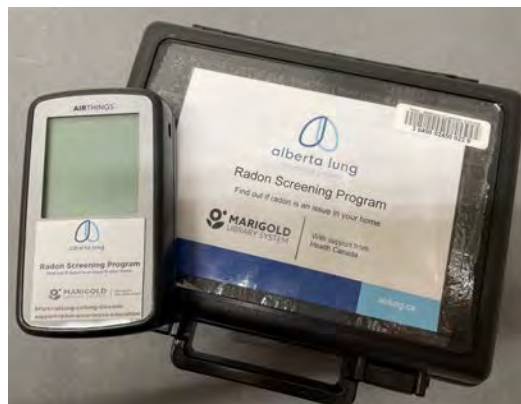
- Complete eResources List brochure
- Kanopy Plus brochure
- Your Library is Mobile bookmark



Radon Kits Are Now Available!

Marigold patrons can now place holds and check out one of our 18 Radon Kits for three weeks! These kits are available from October - April.

According to the Alberta Lung Association, radon is an invisible, odourless, and tasteless radioactive gas



which can get trapped in the home and the only way to detect it is to test for it. This is important as long-term exposure to high levels of radon can lead to lung cancer.

Patrons can test their home's radon levels and complete a short survey for a chance to win their own radon testing kit and some Alberta Lung swag! Alberta Lung will do a draw from each library system's surveys in April.

Although Marigold offers radon monitors for loan, the short checkout time provides patrons with just a snapshot of radon levels in their homes. For a more comprehensive assessment, it is advised that patrons follow up radon screening with a 90-day long-term test using a test kit. To promote this practice, Health Canada is initiating a discount code program starting this fall, allowing patrons to purchase a long-term radon detector at a reduced price until March 31, 2024. Contact [Kim](#) to get this discount code.

These kits were made available to Marigold Library System by a partnership with the Alberta Lung Association and with support from Health Canada.

More information can be found at <https://marigold.ab.ca/Public-Services/Radon-Screening-Kits>.

Table Top Prize Wheels

Let the prize wheel help you and your patrons have fun in the library. Create a game, use it for fundraising, or have the 50th person in the library that day spin for a book draw or a free fine day. The possibilities are endless if you use your creative mind.

To book your fun, please fill out the [Kits and Games Booking Request](#) form.

Just a reminder that the new round of StoryWalks started November 1st. Book now!

Submitted by Barb Froese
Library Services Assistant
Marigold Library System

CBC Corner

CBC Corner is a free, digital portal offering library visitors an opportunity to discover the best Canadian shows, stories, and more.

CBC Corner access has been added to all Marigold member library websites, on the [eResources](#) page. Library patrons can access CBC Corner for free, with no sign in required.



BiblioBoard Project: Where to Eat in Marigold



Has your library been considering making their own BiblioBoard collection, but you aren't sure where to start? Marigold is curating a new BiblioBoard collection: Where to Eat in Marigold.

Do you love trying new restaurants? Have you ever wondered where to eat in the Marigold region? Share your Where to Eat in Marigold Staff Picks with the Marigold community!

Whether it's a restaurant, café, or a hidden gem in your community, we want to know. Share your Staff Pick for places to eat when on the road, or at home, in Marigold's borders.

Share your submissions and find more information on the [Marigold website](#).

This collection will be featured on BiblioBoard for all Marigold libraries to view. **The collection will be made available in January, so be sure to have your submissions in by the end of December.**

Indigenous Information

Getting to the Why of Things

When I am planning a new initiative of some sort, I begin with the usual questions; who, what, where, when, and why. To me, 'why' is the most basic question so I start it, as it serves a couple of purposes. It clarifies in my own mind what I want to accomplish, and it generally leaves me with a concise statement about the project that I can share with interested parties, an elevator pitch as they say.

Programs about reconciliation sometimes face questions that a simple literacy program, for example would not. I suppose this is because literacy is accepted as both library business and as an important asset for the public in general to have.

Reconciliation, on the other hand, is a newer concept. People are less comfortable with it, and you are more likely to meet resistance. My own belief is that libraries are meant to be leaders in our communities on social questions. At the very least we need to respond to our community's needs for information.

If you have a project in mind on Indigenous culture, it is important to get guidance from a Knowledge Keeper or an Elder but before you even approach anyone you need to have your own motives and goals firmly in mind. Here is a trick I use to narrow that down.

It is a fill in the blank technique meant to get to the root of things.

I want to _____ (a) _____ because _____ (b) _____.

This is not the end. When you have your first (b) firmly in mind move it to space (a) and fill in the second blank again. Keep refining your reasons until you have a great understanding of your own purpose in offering this program.

Beginning with this technique will help you create stronger programs and leave you able to discuss your plans with conviction when you are seeking funding or permission so you can move forward.

Submitted by Rose Reid
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Marigold Library System

From the Literary Community



New Online Tool for Non-Profit and Voluntary Organizations

The Alberta government has launched a new online tool on Alberta.ca to help non-profit and voluntary sector organizations access supports and resources needed to help serve Albertans.

This new online resource, found at <https://www.alberta.ca/grants-funding-and-supports-for-non-profits>, provides a one-stop access to information to help start, manage, and build capacity in a non-profit or charitable organization, no matter what sector the organization serves.

Services and supports include:

- Sector information
- Non-profit management
- Supports and services for non-profits
- Board member and governance training
- Grant information and application support

Orca Posters and Discussion Guides

Orca Book Publishers is pleased to offer these free, downloadable resources with your students and patrons. These materials cover a wide range of topics including various book discussion guides, colouring pages, informational posters, and so much more!

To view and download these materials, please visit the [Orca Book Publishers website](#).

Digital Citizenship & Online Safety

Help teach children about new technology, including AI, and stay safe online. Check out the new TELUS Wise Kahoot! channel for access to interactive, fast-paced games that can help children learn about online safety, privacy and security, digital wellness, and more.

Play Kahoot!

eResources

Brainfuse JobNow Webinar

Want to learn more about Brainfuse JobNow? Join Marigold and Brainfuse experts as they provide an overview on **November 15 @ 10:30am**. Learn all about the various resources available to help users find jobs, update their resumes, and so much more!



No need to register, just save the link to your calendar.

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.



hoopla Bonus Borrows

Bonus borrows are back for November!

Bonus borrows are available from **November 1 - 30**. Library users can access a great selection of eAudiobooks, eBooks, comics, and videos from hoopla without using their two borrows.

Want to promote bonus borrows to your patrons? Visit the [hoopla Resource Center](#) for more information and promotional materials.



Big Library Read



The OverDrive/ Libby Big Library Read is back with **Artie and the Wolf Moon** by Olivia Stephens. Library patrons can access the eBook and eAudiobook until **November 16** with no holds, no waiting!

The Big Library Read book club is officially celebrating 10 years of bringing communities around the world together through reading and discussion.

Get Readers Talking

Share the Big Library Read [discussion board](#) and [reader guide](#) to get patrons talking about *Artie and the Wolf Moon*.

Win Prizes

Readers also have the chance to win a prize pack! Simply use **#BigLibraryRead** on social media by November 16. [See official rules.](#)

Promotional Materials

Easily promote the Big Library Read in your library and on social media by taking advantage of the available [marketing materials.](#)

hoopla Book Club - Fall 2023 Spotlight



hoopla's new book club title is ***I'd Really Prefer not to Be Here with You and Other Stories*** by Juliana Baggott.

Bestselling author Juliana Baggott delivers her mind-bending debut short-story collection, featuring an array of genres populated by deeply human characters. This fantastical collection from a unique voice contains a myriad of stories of the weird and wonderful.

Join the discussion October 1 - December 31, 2023. Visit hoopla today, to check out the eBook and eAudiobook.

eResources Challenge: Brainfuse

Live tutoring, study help, job preparation, and live job coaches! Brainfuse has got it all.



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

Take the
Challenge!

For more information or to view past challenge answers, visit the [Marigold website](#).

Canadian Narrators on hoopla

hoopla has a new collection of eAudiobooks written by Canadian authors and narrated by Canadian writers and performers. From mystery and drama fiction titles to history and biography, this collection offers a Canadian voice for every audience.

Check out this great [Canadian collection](#) on hoopla today!

Professional Development

TRAC Webinar - Systems Administrators Group

November 22 @ 2:00pm

Have you ever wondered what the System Administrators Group is and does? Who they are? Or why they make the decisions they do?

You're in luck. They will be holding a webinar on **November 22, 2023, at 2pm** to tell you all about themselves and what they do as one of the TRAC working groups. There

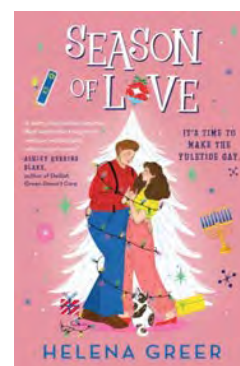
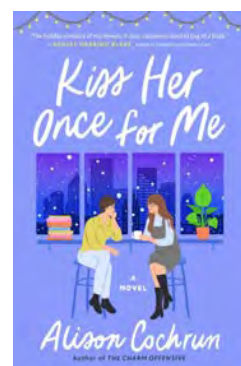
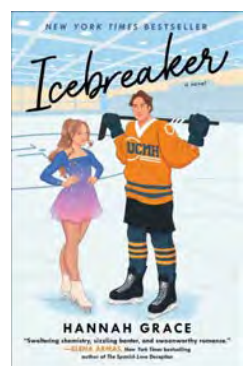
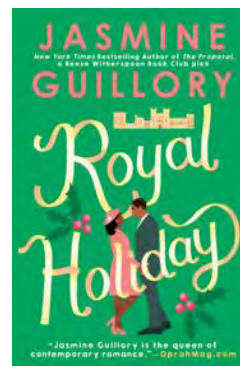
will also be opportunities to ask questions, so they encourage you to start thinking of those now!

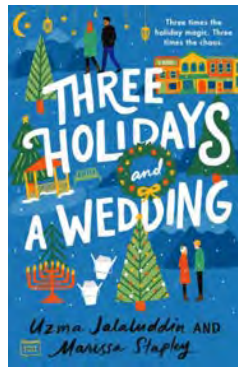
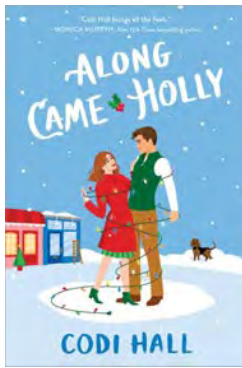
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Winter Romance

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