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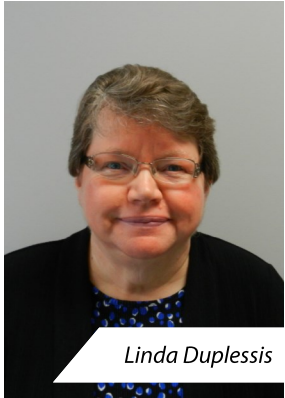
## Say Hello to Pronunciator!

Pronunciator is our new online language learning system available to all library patrons in the province of Alberta. It replaces Mango Languages, our previous language learning eResource.

Pronunciator provides instruction for 80+ languages and ESL for 50+ non-English languages. Learn new vocabulary, take drills, complete quizzes, listen to music, and attend live sessions to sharpen your understanding and pronunciation of the language. Check it out today!



# >> From the Director



Linda Duplessis

It's been a busy winter/spring season and things aren't about to slow down anytime soon. The word of the day around here is "renovations" or, as we call it, The Big Move. PLS staff have survived renovations in Phase 1 (the administration area) and Phase 2 (the north-east corner).

We're nearing the end of Phase 3 of the facility upgrade (the south-east corner) and are well over half way through the project. During Phase 3, packing and delivery operations are happening out of the board room; delivery staff are really missing the loading dock! Acquisitions and Cataloguing staff are "cozily" arranged in the north-east corner of the building. They should all be back in place by May 14. By May 26, the board room will be completed so we can hold our spring PLS Board meeting here. By June 28, the project will be complete and we will be celebrating!



## Stability for Libraries in 2018 Provincial Budget

Funding for public library and regional library system operating grants remained stable in the 2018 provincial budget. SuperNet funding, interlibrary loan support (government courier), e-content (including the Alberta eBooks Project), support for services for patrons with print disabilities, and funding for on-reserve and on-settlement Indigenous populations will continue, as will support from the Public Library Services Branch staff.

## Planning for the Future – Finding Out What Our Members Need

PLS was established to help your library offer more services than it could on its own, and to link your library to the regional/provincial library network. Within that context, PLS services need to support member library priorities. As we provide services to your library and to your residents, good customer service is a high priority for us. That's why we're asking for library input as we plan services for the next three years, and why we're asking you to comment on your satisfaction with PLS services. A facilitated discussion was held at the May 7 Public Library Meeting, and a survey will be sent out to libraries the same week. All of the feedback will help our Plan of Service Committee and staff create a 2019-2021 Plan of Service. We appreciate all of your input as we plan ahead.

## Planning Services to Indigenous Communities

Since the first provincial Indigenous Populations Grant was received in 2016, many libraries have increased their efforts to expand services to Indigenous communities, and the awareness of service to Indigenous patrons has really increased. The grant has made it possible for PLS and member libraries to intentionally turn their attention to serving Indigenous patrons/communities. During Year One, we focused on general awareness, education, and region-wide initiatives; In Year Two, the focus was on building collections and implementing library-specific initiatives to reach out to and attract Indigenous patrons. Based on provincial priorities, for Year Three we will shift our focus to outreach to Indigenous communities. That will mean different things in different communities, so we will be working closely with member libraries to plan individual approaches that will have the most impact. We met with our regional working group on May 8 to develop some strategies for 2018-2019. Stay tuned for future developments.

## Keeping Councils Informed and On Board

Post-election is a great time to visit member Councils to provide an update and orientation for new mayors, reeves and councillors, and a refresher for returning Council members. Between now and early October, we will be meeting with 21 Councils. We'll let you know when we're coming so you and your board members can attend as well. Your support is much appreciated, and we've found that having local library people in attendance is a good bit of advocacy for the library.

Linda Duplessis  
Director

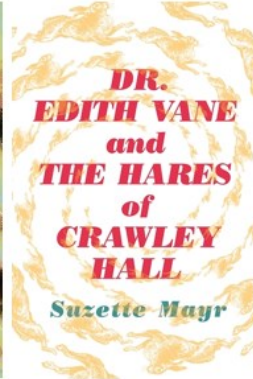
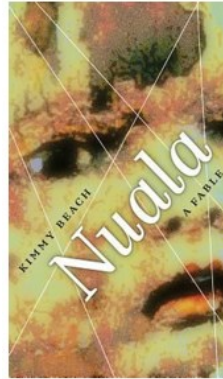


# What's trending in books

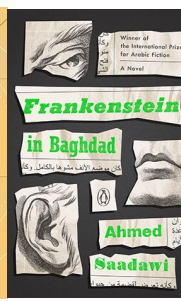
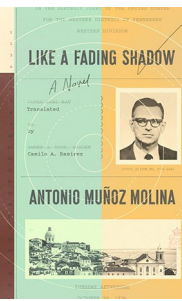
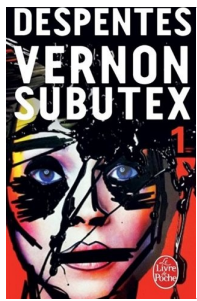
## GEORGES BUGNET AWARD FOR FICTION 2018

The Georges Bugnet Award for Fiction is one of the 2018 Alberta Literary Awards. Winners will be announced at the gala on June 2, 2018. This year's nominees are:

**Nuala: A Fable** by Kimmy Beach  
**Dr. Edith Vane and the Hares of Crawley Hall**  
by Suzette Mayr  
**The Dark and Other Love Stories**  
by Deborah Willis



## MAN BOOKER INTERNATIONAL PRIZE 2018



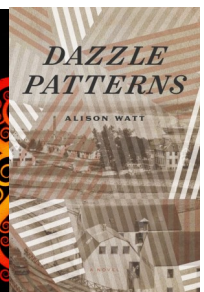
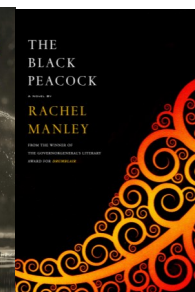
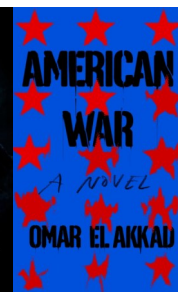
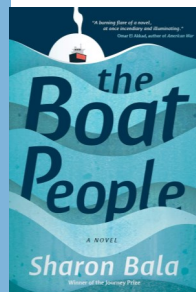
These books from around the world are nominated for the £50,000 international prize:

**Vernon Subutex 1**  
by Virginie Despentes  
**The White Book** by Han Kang  
**The World Goes On**  
by László Krasznahorkai  
**Like a Fading Shadow**  
by Antonio Muñoz Molina  
**Frankenstein in Baghdad**  
by Ahmed Saadawi  
**Flights** by Olga Tokarczuk

## AMAZON.CA FIRST NOVEL AWARD FINALISTS 2018

The First Novel Award recognizes outstanding literary achievements by first-time Canadian authors:

**The Boat People** by Sharon Bala  
**The Bone Mother**  
by David Demchuk  
**American War** by Omar El Akkad  
**The Water Beetles** by Michael Kaan  
**The Black Peacock** by Rachel Manley  
**Dazzle Patterns** by Alison Watt



# >> Consulting Corner



## News & Notes

News & Notes is your quarterly professional guide to news, services and connection with the staff at PLS.

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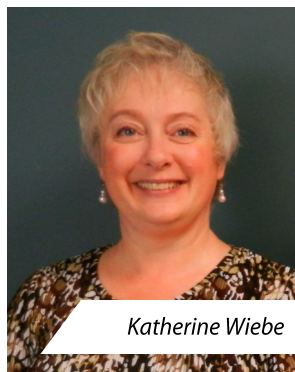
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## Summer Reading Club

The summer reading programs are gearing up now with summer students being sought and preparations being made. Several libraries are participating in the TD Summer Reading Club, encouraging kids to explore their passions and some libraries are running independent programs. The prizes have been distributed now and the promotional materials for the TD Summer Reading Club are on their way too. Katherine will be offering a TD-Summer reading Club introductory webinar in June. Please watch for those dates on the calendar at [www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/calendars-and-schedules](http://www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/calendars-and-schedules). You can familiarize yourself with the Club's official website at [www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/staff/home](http://www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/staff/home). June 16-23 is Get Your Summer Read On Day with the TD-SRC and is a national push for all participating libraries to make a big splash and get kids excited about and registered for the summer reading club. Some great ideas for promoting your club are available at [www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/staff/news/articles/get-your-summer-read-on-day](http://www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/staff/news/articles/get-your-summer-read-on-day). Once you've held your GYSRO Day, we're asked to keep track of how many registrations you received on that Day, and report them back to the Club. Please email the total number of kids registered on your GYSRO Day, along with your library name/system name to [bac.clubtd-tclub.lac@canada.ca](mailto:bac.clubtd-tclub.lac@canada.ca) by June 29, 2018.

## Advocacy Course

The pilot for "The Power of Advocacy: Move Your Library Forward" was completed on May 14. We are eagerly anticipating the feedback and assessment from the pilot and then we will be opening up the live online course to your

libraries and boards. We trust it is a powerful tool to move your library forward!

## VDX Pilot

Speaking of pilots, Lisa Clarke our VDX/ILL clerk at Grande Prairie Public Library embarked on a pilot March 7, with our VDX lower-use libraries. The pilot will run through October and we anticipate that it will make things simpler for our libraries and help streamline processes and efficiencies for GPPL. If you have any questions about the pilot please contact Lisa Clarke at [lclarke@gppl.ca](mailto:lclarke@gppl.ca).

## Operating Grant

The deadline to submit your libraries' provincial operating grant application is fast approaching. If you haven't submitted it already, the deadline is June 15. The necessary forms are available at [www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/plsb\\_funding\\_and\\_grants](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/plsb_funding_and_grants). Please remember that if you have a Plan of Service due to the Branch in 2018, it must be in before the Branch will release your grant.

## Author Visit Subsidy

We've noticed that interest among our libraries is shifting away from the traditional PLS author tour model to wanting more freedom to bring in authors that you know would best suit your community needs and interests. Beginning this year, we are offering mini-grants to help libraries bring in authors locally and empower you to do more programming independently. We believe that this will be a more meaningful experience and will assist those libraries that really want an author visit.

Have a fantastic summer and as always, don't hesitate to contact Emma, Samm, Rae, and Katherine if you have any questions!

Have a great spring!

Katherine Wiebe, Consulting Services Manager and Assistant Director



# >> Rae's Tips

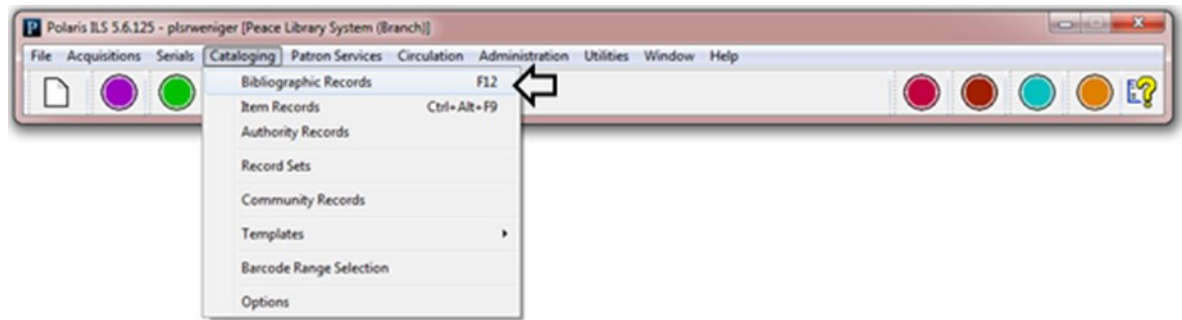


Rae Weniger

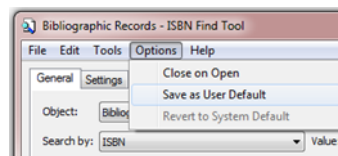
## Searching for Bib Records

So far we have looked at searching for item records, now let's search for bibliographic records:

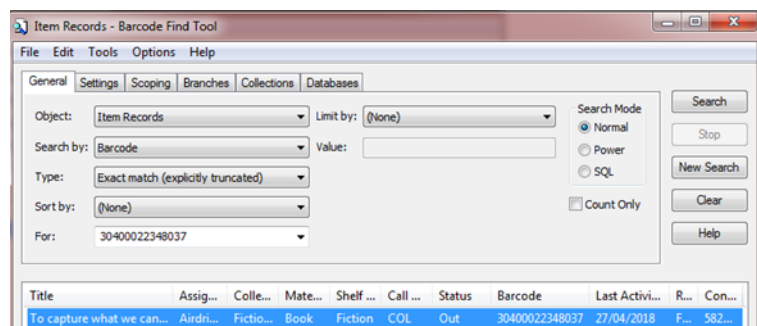
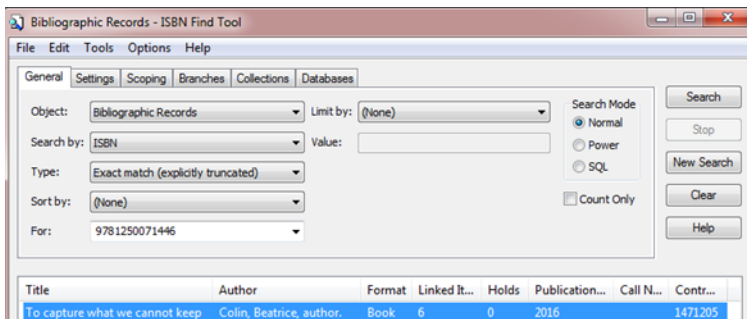
From the cataloguing dropdown menu choose Bibliographic Records (or hit the F12 function key):



By default the search object is set to "title" in Polaris, but searching by ISBN is so fast and typo-proof with a scanner, that I have changed this in the Options dropdown as my user default. On the Options drop down, you can also set the bib record find tool to automatically close after you have opened the found record – another great option to prevent having so many open windows to close.



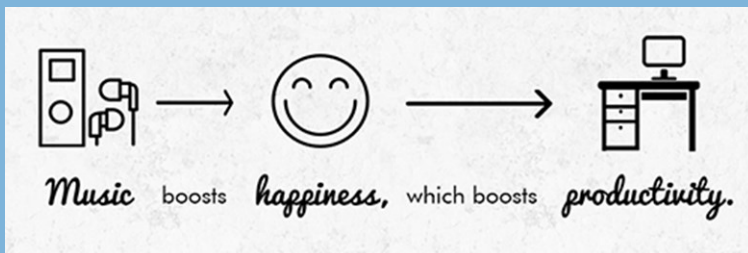
Search for any ISBN and look at how different the information columns are compared to an item record search. The bib search returns Title, Author, Format, # of Linked Items, # of Holds, Publication Date, Call Number (if there is a classification field in the bib record), and the Control Number.



# >> Tech Services Tidbits

Countless studies have shown that listening to music while you work can help your productivity. It can also change your mood, give you some much needed rest from any noises surrounding you, and also just give you the space to work with less interruptions. We see it around the office every day. Some people use headphones, some speakers, and some radios. Every one of us in the technical services department listens to something at some point during the day; whether it be the radio, a playlist on our phones, an audio-book, or a podcast.

Listening to music works best when the environment is noisy, as it gives your brain a break from trying to process the noises surrounding you. It's also great when you're performing repetitive tasks (for example processing library items, scanning barcodes), for, as evidence shows, music triggers the release of feel-good neurotransmitters, which help you feel happy and relaxed, and therefore it's easier to focus and be accurate.



Because each person in technical services generally works on their own, it's a wonderful option to be able to listen to our own music while working. Everyone has individual tastes, so, in reality, were we to all have to listen to the same thing, productivity wouldn't be as good. Music lets us get into a groove with our workflow and reduces stress. Both wonderful things! So, if you work in a position that allows music, I highly recommend it. Download an app, try it out, and see how you feel!

Sheri Goff  
Cataloguer

# >> Time Management



Fred Richard

Sometimes there just isn't enough time in the day to get things done. Sometimes library visitors have important things to do such as online exams, typing up a professional resume, or applying for jobs. Many libraries find themselves full of patrons who want to use the computers and sometimes the computer users may want to stay on them for extended periods. Other times patrons may be looking at inappropriate content and violating policies or just playing Facebook games for hours upon hours.

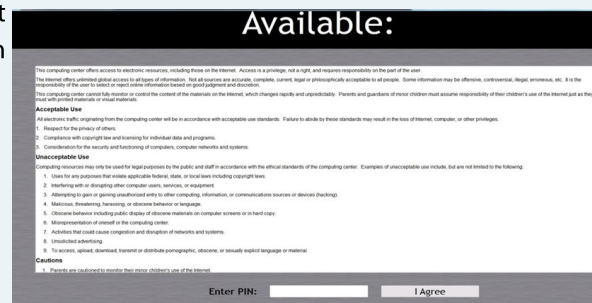
With Time Management software installed on their public computers, individual libraries can have more control over computer use and allow a timed log-in session if they choose. When a patron sits down at a computer, they will see a User Policy across the screen that they must digitally agree to in order to gain access to the machine. Time management software allows for a reservation system where users can print off a ticket with a randomly generated login code in order to gain access. It can also be set to lock all public machines at closing

time each day. This all allows library staff to focus on other tasks and not have to worry about computer hogs by implementing timed sessions and the ability to close sessions if the computer is being used inappropriately.

There are various companies that offer this type of software and most make it very user friendly so that staff are able to manage it on their own. Some companies that offer this type of software are TRACSystems, LibData, TechSoup and Cybrarian. The one pictured at right is from Fortres Grand. These companies also make the software pretty straightforward for installation and usage; as well, most come at a decent price depending on the amount of licenses required. The Time Management server/console is installed on a front desk station and from there the computers can be monitored, managed, and shut down if needed.

If this is something you think your library needs, call us up and have a chat!

Fred Richard  
Desktop & Network Administrator





# >> From the IT Desk



Janet Ayles

## When your hours change or your library closes...

If your library is closing for a few days, or a few weeks, it is important to let PLS know. Why? Polaris calculates due dates, and subsequently fines, based on your hours of operation and when you are scheduled to be closed. So if the library will be closed for some reason (renovations, a professional development opportunity, a municipal event, etc.), Polaris needs to be updated.

Also, in order for Polaris to calculate due dates properly, we need at least three weeks of notice on dates closed. Why? Well, if you only let us know a week ahead of time, Polaris already has scheduled items to be due on the dates that you'll be closed and that can result in fines and irate patrons. So if you'll be closing, please let us know as soon as you do.

## Summer Hours

Now that we've talked about the importance of keeping PLS in the loop on closures, it's time to ask the all-important question... will your library be adjusting the hours for summer? Perhaps even closing for a week or so for staff vacations? If there are any changes, please let us know:

- What the changes are – closing for a few days/weeks/ etc? New hours?
- When the changes will happen?
- When regular hours will resume?

Just email any summer updates to [helpdesk@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:helpdesk@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca) and we will get Polaris updated.

## Network Upgrade

We are undertaking a fairly substantial network project this summer. In conjunction with ACSI, we are working on enhancing the security and efficiency of our network. In addition to your annual visit from Fred, you'll be seeing other contract staff who will be out to make some system changes. We are excited to get this project underway and will be scheduling visits over the next few months.



## Adding or removing Computers?

This is your friendly reminder to let us know when you are retiring computers from your library. As all new computers come through us for software before arriving at your library, we know when you buy something new. However, if you're just removing old computers, we don't always get the memo. This creates a bit of a problem as we purchase software licensing (antivirus, windows, Polaris, etc.) based on the number of computers in your library. Unnecessary licenses can get expensive, so we like to keep that to a minimum. The best way to ensure that we're only getting the numbers we need is to let us know when you retire a computer.

## HelpDesk

The easiest way to reach the PLS Helpdesk is to email [helpdesk@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:helpdesk@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca). Submitting problems or questions to the helpdesk is the best way to go as it reaches me, Fred, and Samm. Maximum coverage for help with one email.

When should you call instead of email? If you have no internet, can't search TRACpac, can't check items out, or are unable to log into Polaris, definitely pick up the phone and give us a call.

## Did You Know?

Have you ever wondered what your top circulating items might be? There is a handy Polaris report that can give you this information! In Polaris Reports and Notices, in the Circulation folder, there is a report called Top Circulating Titles By Collection. This report lets you look at the circulation during a specific time period for a specific collection. It's a snapshot of what was most popular at that time.

Top Circulating Titles By Collection  
From 4/1/2018 - 4/30/2018 11:59:59 PM

Collection	Title	Check outs
Blu-Ray - Adult	Jumanji. Welcome to the jungle	17
Blu-Ray - Adult	Coco	13
Blu-Ray - Adult	Despicable me. 3	11
Blu-Ray - Adult	The shape of water	10
Blu-Ray - Adult	Dunkirk	9
Blu-Ray - Adult	It	8
Blu-Ray - Adult	Game of thrones. The complete seventh season	7
Blu-Ray - Adult	The mummy	7
Blu-Ray - Adult	The dark tower	6
Blu-Ray - Adult	Kingsman. The golden circle	6

Janet Ayles  
IT Services Manager

# >> From Grande Prairie Public Library

## A Day at Hogwarts

by Alyssa Buck, Teen Services Librarian, Grande Prairie Public Library

For many of us, the Harry Potter series holds a special place in our hearts, from the characters Harry encounters as he attends Hogwarts to the wonder of the wizarding world itself. As the popularity of the series continues to rise, Mikyla Meyer (Children's Program Coordinator) and I decided to run our own Harry Potter inspired event. Thus, **A Day at Hogwarts** was born, providing us non-magically gifted folk with a chance to finally attend Hogwarts.

While GPPL has run Harry Potter themed events before, they were based on a more passive approach to programming, with participants completing crafts at dedicated stations or scavenger hunts at their own pace. With this event, we sought to create a more structured approach with participants attending Opening and Closing Ceremonies, a Quidditch match, and numerous classes.

After we set rough goals for what we wanted our event to accomplish, the next steps were determining the date, time, budget, amount of participants, and other logistics. Setting the event time was challenging, as we needed a late enough start time to avoid providing lunch (which our budget wouldn't allow for), and an early enough end time to allow for over-run and clean-up before GPPL closes at 6:00 pm. To fit these requirements, we had to cut down the number of classes participants could attend from four to three to fit an event time of 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm.



With these details sorted out, we could move on to the fun stuff—planning the classes and decorating! As the laws of physics prevent us from actually performing magic, the classes were based around crafts and other activities. For example, in Herbology, students could make their own mandrake, while in Defense Against the Dark Arts, students had to complete a written quiz (courtesy of the dreaded Professor Umbridge) about spells used to defend oneself. With these classes, we

tried to cut down on costs by having most of the classes use materials we already had (origami paper for Transfiguration) or not require any materials at all (answering verbal trivia questions in History of Magic). Testing the activities was essential, as we needed to be sure that the chosen activity could be completed in 20 minutes.

As GPPL has rooms specifically for programs, we mainly focused on decorating these, especially the Rotary Community Room which serves as our Great Hall. Here we set up four rows of tables for each of the houses, used poster board to create house banners, and made our own floating candles using electric tea-lights, paper, and fishing wire. The house points hourglasses were also on display, with beads that could be added to reflect how many points students have earned in their classes. Minor decorations, such as the Daily Prophet wanted posters and Umbridge's Educational Decrees were put up in the other rooms, as well as placed around the main public areas of the library.

Our next big hurdle was getting the word out about the program, figuring out the registration process, and finding volunteers. We started generating buzz for the program by mentioning it during our large programs, such as the Hide and Seek lock-in and the Teen Nerf Wars. As our after-hours library programs required permission slips, we modified the existing form to allow participants to explain which Hogwarts house they belonged in and rank which classes they wanted to take from one to ten. We made each participant a timetable that shows the time and location of their classes, plus a button showing which house they belong to.

Initially, we sent out a call for volunteers to the GPPL staff and then did a general posting about it on Facebook. We asked for people willing to dress up as the various professors and lead classes, as well as those willing to be assistants. There was high demand for the more popular characters, such as Professor McGonagall and Professor Snape, but we did have some more unusual requests, such as a person offering to be the Care of Magical Creatures professor and bring in their pet "basilisks" and "dragon" (two snakes and a bearded dragon).





Comments on our Facebook posts highlighted areas to work on and made us realize that this event was going to be much more popular than we had thought. For those interested in doing their own Harry Potter events, it is a good idea to be as clear as possible. When we had posted a call for volunteers, we had people contacting us to ask where they could register, and when registration opened, we had people convinced that it was a children's-only event, even though both the poster and Facebook event said it was for all ages. It took an additional post indicating

that certain classes had been designed with older audiences in mind for adults and teens to start registering.

A Day at Hogwarts is fast approaching, while Mikyla and I rush to prepare timetables, purchase supplies, and iron out the little problems that arise. I am looking forward to seeing everyone's costumes, plus their excitement in attending Hogwarts and competing for the house cup with their peers.

# A DAY<sub>at</sub> HOGWARTS

A WONDROUS AND MAGICAL EVENT, SURE TO AMAZE THOSE OF ALL AGES REGARDLESS OF MAGICAL ABILITY.

**SATURDAY, MAY 12**  
→ **12:30 PM TO 4:00 PM** ←



WE ARE PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHOOL OF WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY.

ACCEPTED STUDENTS WILL COMPETE AGAINST OTHER HOUSES IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES—CLASSES, QUIDDITCH, AND MORE—FOR THE HONOUR OF THE HOUSE CUP.

## — LIST OF CLASSES —

**ANCIENT RUNES** NO CODE, RIDDLE, OR PASSKEY WILL CONFOUND YOU EVER AGAIN

**CARE OF MAGICAL CREATURES** REVEAL THE MAGICAL MYSTERIES OF OUR ANIMAL BRETHREN

**CHARMS & DUELING** ENGAGE IN THE BASICS OF ALL SPELLCRAFT AND THE ANCIENT ART OF SETTLING DISPUTES AGAINST YOUR FOES

**DEFENSE AGAINST THE DARK ARTS** EVIL ABOUND IN THE WIZARDING WORLD, PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST OTHERS' MALIGN WILLS

**DIVINATION** REVEAL THE UNTOLD AND EVER-CHANGING SECRETS OF YOUR FUTURE

**HERBOLOGY** EVERY WITCH AND WIZARD NEEDS INGREDIENTS FOR THEIR NEXT POTION OR ELIXIR

**HISTORY OF MAGIC** MAKE CLEAR THE TRIUMPHS AND FAILINGS OF PAST WIZARDS AND WITCHES

**POTIONS** LEARN THE ANCIENT ARTS OF BREWING MAGICAL ELIXIRS AND GAIN UNTOLD POWERS

**TRANSFIGURATION** LEARN THE ART OF CHANGING THE FORM AND APPEARANCE OF OBJECTS

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.** REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT GPPL.CA OR PICKED UP AT THE CHILDREN'S OR TEEN INFORMATION DESKS. FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY 6:00 PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26.



**GRANDE PRAIRIE  
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DISCOVER THE POSSIBILITIES

## QUESTIONS?

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# Around the System...

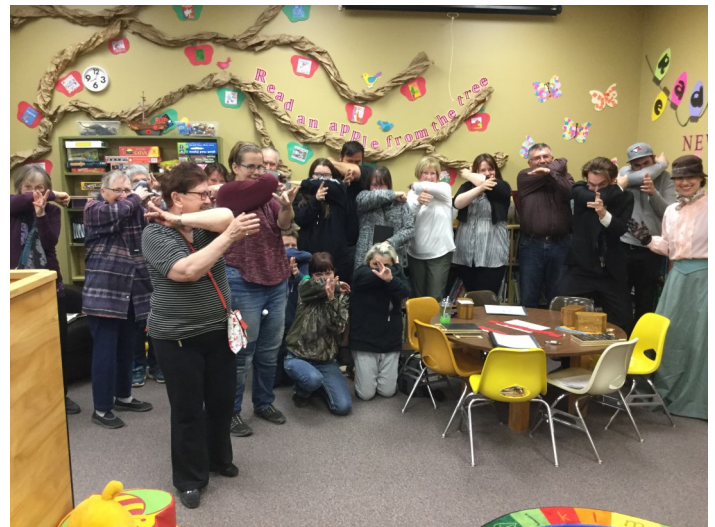
Here's what's been going on around Peace Library System this spring! Remember, you can send your own photos and articles at any time to [estewart@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:estewart@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca) and they will be included in the next newsletter. We'd love to hear from you!

## McLennan Municipal Library

On April 30, we were excited to host a book launch at McLennan Municipal Library for local teacher and first-time author, Judith Mawoko. In this debut memoir, *From the Frying Pan into the Fire*, Judith tells of her peaceful and carefree childhood in what was then known as Rhodesia. This heartfelt eyewitness social history then takes us behind the scenes to show how families were separated, villages bombed, and civilians starved and massacred as the peace in her valley is destroyed by the horrors of the 15-year guerrilla war that led to Zimbabwean independence in 1980. Being part of this publishing venture was a good reminder that we often don't know the horrors our patrons have endured.

We then had So. Much. Fun. at McLennan Municipal Library's escape room event on May 2! Led by Jasmine and Jeremy from the Live History troupe, we searched for clues which opened boxes which contained clues which led to the identity of the historical figure which appeared amongst us. We even became members of the super-secret group S.N.E.E.Z.E.

—Submitted by Maureen Fisher, McLennan Municipal Library







### Smith Community Library

This spring has been a good one here at the Smith Community Library. We have started to have afternoon movies every second Thursday at the library. It has really taken off—we are a really, really small community and the average attendance at our library has been 16 children. So delighted about that!

We also have started spring cleanup in our community. The Scouts came to our library and cleaned up the yard... we're so grateful!

—Submitted by Ruth Reay, Smith Community Library



### High Prairie Municipal Library

We have been hosting moccasin making classes at our Library. Our instructor Michelle Tulloch is now in her second class teaching the community how to make their very own pair of moccasins. The first class was so popular that we had a waiting list of names in case she would do another one. The second class has now started and is once again full. Everyone has been having a lot of fun!

—Tracy Ireland, High Prairie Municipal Library





# More from around the *System*...



## Bonanza Municipal Library

Bonanza Municipal Library held an Easter draw and the lucky winner was James Rose!

—Submitted by Michele Kettles, Bonanza Municipal Library

## Grimshaw Municipal Library

“Book Buddies” is a toddler/parent reading group for ages 3-5 run from September to May. We facilitate 12 kids and break this program into 5-8 week blocks which have different themes. We pick stories and crafts to go along with the theme (sometimes we use the storytime kits from PLS). The parents take turns bringing snacks for the group. We start by singing a hello song and play a matching game, and then we read a story or two. Next we make a craft they get to take home that highlights some aspect of the book. After craft time the kids have a snack while we read another story to them. We end the program with a goodbye song and high fives for a sticker. I love my kids.

For the month of March/April our theme was “When I grow up”. We invited different members of the community to come in and share things about their occupations. It was like having a Field Trip without packing all the kids up! We had a local beekeeper, bus driver, firefighter, baker, grain farmer and veterinarian come into the library where the kids were able to listen, touch, taste and ask questions. We feel like this was a very successful theme.

—Submitted by Danielle Diesel, Grimshaw Municipal Library





## Peace River Municipal Library

The Peace River Municipal Library celebrated “Star Wars Day” on May 4th with a book display, decorations, and Star Wars passive programs. Our circulation staff even dressed up for the occasion. May the Fourth be with you!

—Submitted by Beverley Shewchuck, Peace River Municipal Library



## Kinuso Municipal Library

On April 12 we hosted an open house and served coffee, tea, juice and snacks to all who came. Three of our board members, Chris Brown, Jean Sheldon and Lorrie Shelp were able to attend, as well as Samantha Mercer from PLS who helped patrons with tech questions.

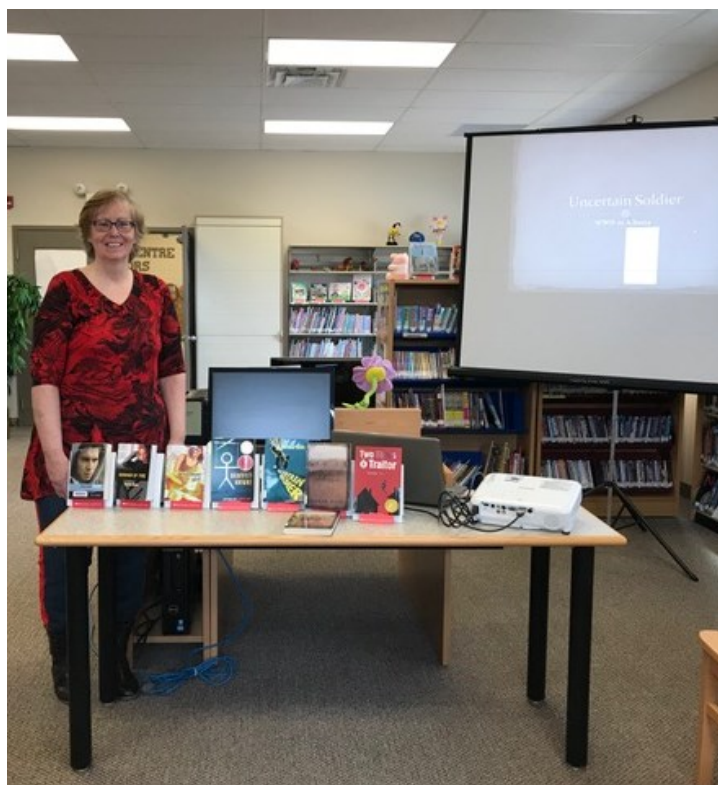
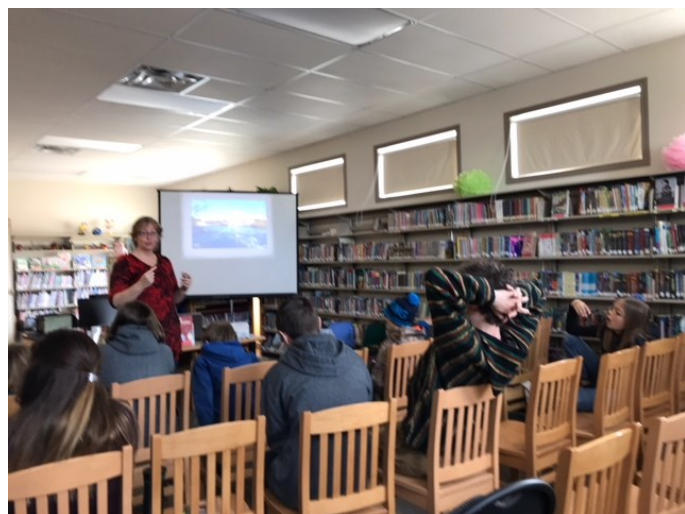
For the month of May we are hosting wellness activities for grade 1 to grade 3 at lunch time so everyone is able to attend!

—Submitted by Susan Moody, Kinuso Municipal Library

## Valhalla Community Library

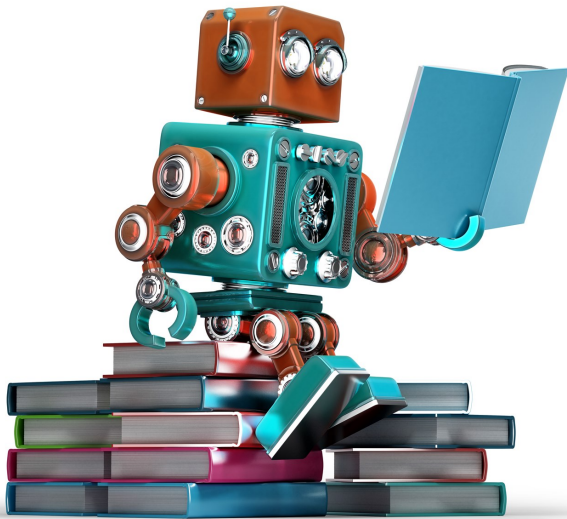
On April 24th we were happy to be able to host author Karen Bass for an author talk. She discussed her book *Uncertain Soldier* and showcased items like helmets and a uniform jacket. Everyone who attended had a great time and learned a lot from Karen!

—Submitted by Gail Perry, Valhalla Community Library



# >> Rural Libraries Conference

We're getting excited for this year's Rural Libraries Conference! Our keynote speakers are Sarah Houghton and Joanne Rodger and for a full list of speakers and sessions, make sure to keep an eye out for the registration brochure, out later this month!



## THE FUTURE FOCUSED LIBRARY

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## >> SYNC Audiobooks for Teens



We all know that it can be a struggle to keep local teens reading over the summer. Thanks to Audiofile Magazine and Overdrive, you and your patrons have access to **SYNC**, a free summer audiobook program for teens. Starting April 26th, SYNC will give away two complete audiobook downloads a week: pairs of high interest titles based on weekly themes. The audiobooks include such popular titles as *Saving Montgomery Sole* by Mariko Tamaki, *How to Hang a Witch* by Adriana Mather, and *When Dimple Met Rishi* by Sandhya Menon.

Patrons can sign-up to get notifications of when the free audiobook downloads are available. They can receive alerts by text message, email newsletter, or by visiting [www.audiobooksync.com](http://www.audiobooksync.com).

The main goals of the SYNC program are to:

- Introduce the listening experience
- Provide librarians, educators, and parents tools to promote audiobook listening to teens
- Create a desire for more listening and reading
- Build interest in listening to classics and required reading



# >> LibraryAware Update!

Creating bright, attractive, eye-catching promotional materials in **LibraryAware** is now easier than ever with the **Drag and Drop editor**!

The Drag and Drop editor allows you complete flexibility in moving and editing layers in your graphics. Now, you can drag and drop your text, images, book jackets, and shapes just where you want them, and then rotate and resize your images.

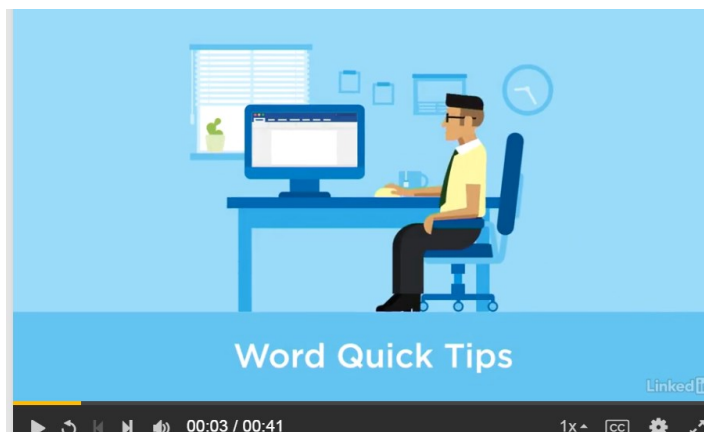
You can add however many layers to your designs as you want and you can fix your mistakes in a snap—no more fussing around!

The Drag and Drop editor has been available since October for creating items like programming flyers, readers' advisory endcap flyers, display signs, closing signs, and more, but now you have the option to use it for bookmarks, too. So let your creative flag fly and see what you can make with LibraryAware!



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## >> LyndaLibrary Tutorials



Are you looking to brush up on your computer skills? Want to master spreadsheets in Excel and create cool presentations in Powerpoint? Don't forget that you can learn all that and more with **LyndaLibrary**!

LyndaLibrary's **Microsoft Office Training and Tutorials** section will help users learn to write documents, take notes, create spreadsheets, and more. Their Office training covers a wide range of titles including Excel, Publisher, Outlook, Word, Access, and PowerPoint. The tutorials are in video format and are broken up into short, easy-to-follow clips that allow you to advance at your own pace.

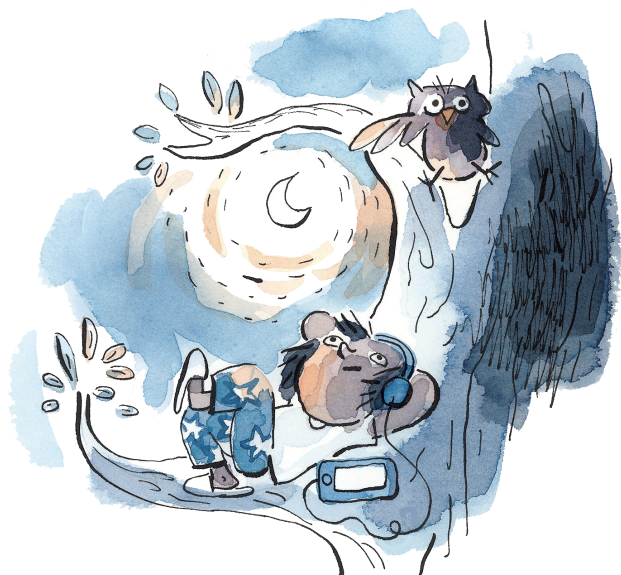
For instance, the **Word Quick Tips** tutorial will let you use Word more efficiently with a collection of quick, bite-sized videos that tell you exactly what you need to know about working with Microsoft Word. And the **PowerPoint: Designing Better Slides** tutorial will give you a quick introduction to purposeful slide design and teach you how to modify and personalize your own design approach to maximize presentation impact.

Whether you're a beginner or looking to advance your skills, there's a tutorial on LyndaLibrary that will help you!

Peace Library System acknowledges that we are located on the Treaty 8 territory of the Cree, Beaver, and Dene people. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our community.

## Summer Reading Club

Have you seen the art for this year's TD Summer Reading Club? We're loving the illustrations!



For more info on this year's TD SRC, check out Katherine's article on page four.

## Submit to News & Notes!

Submissions are welcome at any time and will be in the next newsletter. **Submissions from public and school libraries welcome!**

Please send photos and articles to Emma Stewart at [estewart@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:estewart@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca).

Please note: PLS email inboxes can only receive emails less than 10 MB in size. If you do not receive an email acknowledging that your submission was received, delivery may have been prevented due to file size. Please contact Emma Stewart.

# Peace Library System's events calendar

[peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/calendar](http://peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/calendar)

### *County of Northern Lights Advisory Committee Meeting*

Peace River Municipal Library

May 14, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

### *Clear Hills County Advisory Committee Meeting*

Hines Creek Municipal Library

May 16, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

### *MD of Greenview Advisory Committee Meeting*

Valleyview Municipal Library

May 17, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

### *Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement Advisory Committee Meeting*

Paddle Prairie Public Library

May 23 2018, 3:00 pm

### *Northern Sunrise County Advisory Committee Meeting*

Nampa Municipal Library

May 28, 2018, 10:30 am

### *MD of Spirit River Advisory Committee Meeting*

Rycroft Municipal Library

June 4, 2018, 6:15 pm

### *MD of Smoky River/Village of Girouxville Advisory Committee Meeting*

Falher Library / Bibliothèque Dentinger

June 6, 2018, 6:00 pm

### *Get Your Summer Read On Day*

TD Summer Reading Club Launch Day

June 16-23, 2018