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*October 6 & 7, 2022*

Once again Peace Library System is proud to be a part of the Stronger Together Virtual Conference along with The Alberta Library, Parkland Regional Library System, and Yellowhead Library System.

The Stronger Together Conference is a free virtual conference with Canadian and more importantly Albertan libraries in mind.

We hope you will join us on October 6th and 7th, 2022 as Alberta libraries (and beyond) become Stronger Together!

Registration opens August 8, 2022.

For more information please visit the conference website at <https://strongertogether.heysummit.com/coming-soon/>

# >> From the CEO



Summer's here and the time is right for dancing in the streets!

Here's hoping for a warm and lovely summer filled with long lovely evenings, fun lake vacations and a nice, full summer reading program. The big prize order has arrived for those who have joined in the TD Summer Reading Program and Barb is hard at work getting the orders

separated and ready to be sent out. However, as with all other areas of modern life, there are some backorders because of supply chain issues but we remain hopeful that the projected dates won't change too much and we'll be all ready to go come Canada Day.

The Library Manager's Council finally got to meet again in early April and the Public Libraries Meeting was held, also a first since 2019, in May. A lot of good conversation happened around not only the agenda items, which included Naloxone training, a talk about website accessibility and another about the kits that are now available and some that are forthcoming, but also the usefulness – or not – of various social media platforms in local advertising. Channing Stenhouse, the library manager at Peace River Municipal Library, is our new Library Manager's Council Chair, for a two-year term.

We also talked about the viability of purchasing reference databases for use across the system. The unfortunate reality is that good, reputable reference databases are an extraordinarily expensive subscription model. For academic libraries, the cost of them can reach six figures, depending on the service population. Good general knowledge reference databases like Academic Search Complete, JSTOR or Scopus are very much out of our reach. When we did have World Book Online, the usage statistics showed, or more to the point, didn't show, that there was hardly any usage at all of the database. And the fact is that for general knowledge, a database is out of date by the time it's published. There are so many sources online for good, solid, reliable information that publishing a database of it is either too expensive for the very little amount the public would

pay, or else it is a part of a very expensive and otherwise specialized database suite. Neither of which benefits PLS and small libraries in any way, it's true. Many aggregators, Wikipedia included, have really great foot notes that lead to primary source research. Maybe research methods are changing with the times; periodical indexes are a thing of the past now too.

These meetings, and the conversations that come out of them, are so incredibly useful. With the past two years being spent just about exclusively online, communication has been difficult, to say the least. This is a reminder, for anyone who may need it, we need to hear you! We've been doing the same thing you have, experimenting with trying to stay connected with our users and patrons. For you libraries, that meant keeping the lines open between yourselves and your community. For us, that means YOU. I know that online meetings, Zoom coffee chats, virtual conferences, ALL of that was, and still is, very hard to do. People drop by your office, the phone rings, emergencies and unexpected situations happen all while you're trying to sit down and listen to your computer, and there goes your concentration and your time. I hope that with COVID cases waning and restrictions on gatherings being lifted that in-person encounters will become the norm again.

But with that in mind, please remember that when we ask for your feedback, we need it, in whatever form it comes. The newsletter comes quarterly, the consultants are always asking for your attendance at training sessions, the coffee chats will be continuing. And I'm really hoping that you'll remember and keep in mind, when we ask for your opinions, we really want to know. That's the only way we can make decisions that will be best for our members, for YOU. Communication is a two way street, and we're always ready to hear what you have to say.



# What's trending in books

The UK's most prestigious annual book award celebrating & honouring fiction written by women nominates for its 2022 prize:

Great Circle: Maggie Stead

The Island of Missing Trees:  
Elif Shafak

Sorrow and Bliss: Meg Mason

The Bread the Devil Knead:  
Lisa Allen-Agostini

The Sentence: Louise Erdrich

## WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION



## AMAZON.CA FIRST NOVEL AWARD FINALISTS



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

Everyone in this Room will Someday be  
Dead: Emily Austin

Probably Ruby: Lisa Bird-Wilson

Ghost Forest: Pik-Shuen Fung

All The Quiet Places: Brian Thomas Isaac

Avenue of Champions: Conor Kerr

The Crime Writers of Canada present their annual Arthur Ellis Awards for excellence in Canadian crime writing. Their nominees for this year's best crime novel are:

Find You First: Linwood Barclay

Lost Immunity: Daniel Kalla

Under an Outlaw Moon:  
Dietrich Kalteis

Not a Happy Family: Shari Lapena

The Hunted: Roz Nay

## ARTHUR ELLIS AWARDS: BEST CRIME NOVEL FINALISTS



# >> Consulting Corner



## News & Notes

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

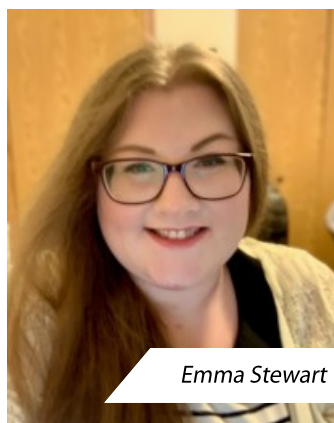
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Emma Stewart

"Spring is the time of plans and projects."

— Leo Tolstoy,  
Anna Karenina

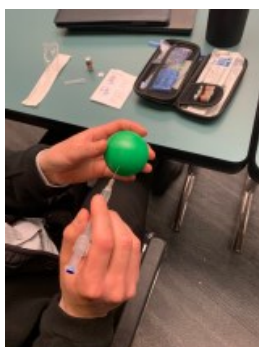
I have my fingers crossed that the snow will stop surprising us

and that spring is finally on the way!

We in the consulting department find ourselves very busy with meetings and planning for our consulting visits this spring and summer; we're all very much looking forward to seeing you all in person!

### Naloxone Training

At our May 2 Public Library Meeting we were lucky enough to be joined by Northreach Society, formerly HIV North, to be trained on administering naloxone in the case of emergency. Northreach Society



does a lot of great work in our region around harm reduction and education, and while I hope no one ever overdoses in your library, as public facilities it makes a lot of sense for

libraries to be prepared for the worst-case scenario.

If you were unable to attending the Public Library Meeting in person and are interested in getting a free naloxone kit and some training on how to use it, definitely reach out to your local

pharmacist, or talk to Northreach about arranging education for your staff. You can find them online at [northreach.ca](http://northreach.ca).

### TDSRC

The return of summer reading is coming up soon! We've received our print materials from the TD Summer Reading Club program and have begun to distribute them to our libraries, and we're expecting the prizes to begin arriving from Hannah



Promotions by the end of the month as well. Supply chain issues mean the stickers may be slow to arrive, but hopefully that's the worst of it.

Don't forget that this year's launch dates run from June 13-27 – this timeframe provides a great opportunity for libraries to host a registration and kick-off event.

There's lots of guidance on the staff website at [www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/staff/home](http://www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/staff/home), including tips on how to run the program, recommended reading lists, activities, and images and templates to help you promote the program. And there's also a Facebook group for programmers and library staff assisting in the program to chat and share ideas at [www.facebook.com/groups/753186525205049/about](https://www.facebook.com/groups/753186525205049/about).

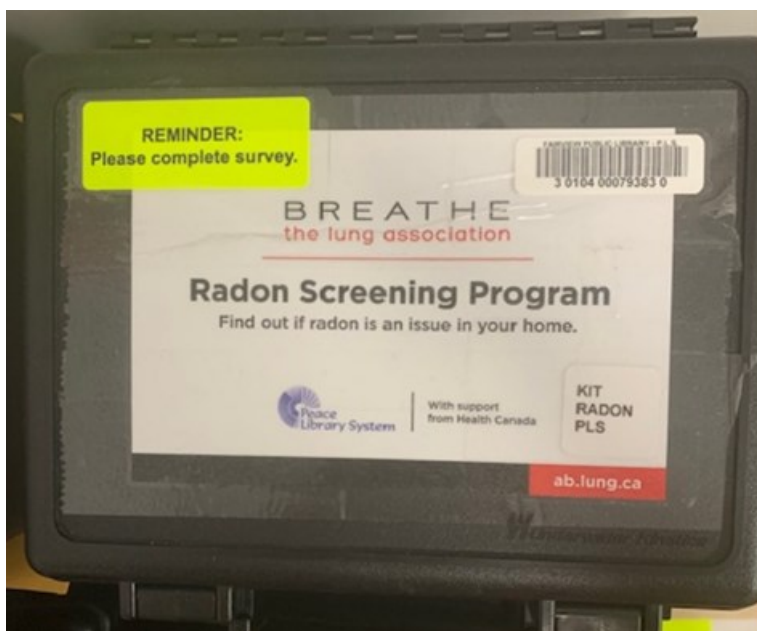
For everyone doing TD Summer Reading Club, or running your own independent summer reading program, remember to take lots of photos so we can see them in the next newsletter!

## Radon Screening Kits

We've recalled all the radon screening kits back to headquarters, so if you have one at your library, make sure to send it back to us. These radon screening kits, which have been provided by the Alberta Lung Association, only circulate between October 1st and April 30th, as this is the time of year that radon is at detectable levels in homes.

Long-term exposure to high levels of radon can lead to lung cancer, and is in fact the second-leading cause of lung cancer after smoking, so having these kits available for our patrons has been a great way to prioritize community health in our libraries. Check out more of the great work done by Alberta Lung at [ablung.ca](http://ablung.ca).

Emma Stewart  
Consulting Services Manager



## >> Allotments

In case you missed the Public Library Meeting at the start of May, we'd like to talk a little about your allotments.

While the Peace Library System headquarters doesn't have many strict rules about how and when you make purchases, we do have some recommendations. For example, we encourage library staff to spend regularly throughout the year. For you, this means a steady flow of new materials every delivery run. This also helps our workflows by flattening the boom and bust cycles in Acquisitions, and it prevents bottlenecks throughout Technical Services.

We encourage library staff to have spent half of their yearly allotment by early to mid July, and the remainder of your allotment by early November. Last year our cut-off day for incoming orders and vouchers was November 22nd. Planning to order earlier prevents last-minute scrambling to get items chosen and orders in.

We hope you make use of the Hotlists, Bestsellers, Super Forthcoming, and the other various awards and catalogues we send out regularly. To find out more about these please go to: <https://www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/Our-Services/Technical-Services/Ordering-and-Supplies/Print-and-Audio-Visual-Ordering>. If you have any questions about our Catalogues or Programs, Rose-Marie ([ordering@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:ordering@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca)) is happy to help you out!

Ken Sawdon  
Cataloguing and Acquisitions Supervisor

# >> Blockchain: it's more than just cryptocurrencies



Ryan Goff

The term blockchain has been buzzing around for a few years now. Most people associate it with cryptocurrencies, and while that is still its primary application today, new uses are quietly cropping up more and more frequently.

If you haven't heard of blockchain, or are not familiar with the term, think of it as a digital public ledger. All of the transactions are recorded into sections ("blocks") and linked together ("chained"), hence the term blockchain. Computers around the world run software geared to specific use cases that help to record and maintain the desired blockchain (Bitcoin, Ethereum, etc.). However, there are numerous applications beyond cryptocurrencies, including supply chain and medical data management, just to name a couple.

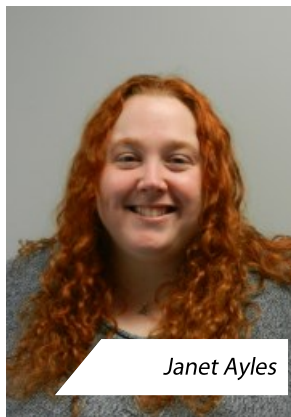
A great real-world example is Walmart using a private blockchain technology internally to manage the automation of invoicing and payments to over 70 3rd party freight carriers. What would normally take an extraordinary amount of manual intervention, setup, and maintenance has now been streamlined to a fraction of the effort and cost it took before. It has also become much more secure and resilient, as it is next to if not completely impossible to alter transactions within blockchains.

We are in a pivotal period with regards to the next big things in technology, and blockchain could very well be monumental when it comes to data management and security. I'm excited to see how this all unfolds, and what other applications are found for it going forward.

Ryan Goff  
Desktop & Network Administrator



# >> From the IT Desk



Janet Ayles

Let's talk about cool reports. There is so much information you can pull out of Polaris using the plethora of reports available.

Have you ever been curious about where the items you bring in for your patrons are coming from? Or maybe where items are going when you send them out? Where do you borrow from the most? On the other side, where do you lend to the

most? Ever wonder whose patrons are walking into your library? If so, good news! Polaris can tell you this information.

In Polaris Reports and Notices, you will find the Circulation folder. In here, you'll find a bunch of reports. I'll focus on a few of them today, but there are oodles of additional reports for you to try out.

Coming back to my questions above, if you were wondering where you bring items in from, there is a handy report called **Circulation by Items Loaning Branch**. This report will list all the libraries whose items were checked out to your patrons. The totals are also broken down by material type.

## Circulation By Items Loaning Branch

From 4/1/2022 To 4/30/2022 11:59:59 PM

Loaning Branch: Peace Library System (Branch)	Items	Circulations
Item Branch: Airdrie Public Library		
Book	7	8
Video - Blu Ray	3	3
<b>Total Transactions For Item Branch:</b>	10	11
Item Branch: Alberta Beach Municipal Library		
Video - DVD	3	3
<b>Total Transactions For Item Branch:</b>	3	3
Item Branch: Alice Melnyk Public Library		
Book	1	2
<b>Total Transactions For Item Branch:</b>	1	2
Item Branch: Banff Public Library		
Book	1	2
<b>Total Transactions For Item Branch:</b>	1	2

Now if you're curious where you're sending your items, there is another report in the Circulation folder called **Circulation by Items Assigned Branch**. Choose your library from the drop-down menu and you'll see the libraries that have checked your items out to their patrons. It's not quite Amazon-level tracking, but it gives you an idea of where your items are moving around TRAC.

The neat, and likely unsurprising, information these reports will tell you is that your items circulate to your patrons the most. Next up, you'll lend and borrow most of your items around Peace Library System. Beyond that, the numbers will be pretty evenly split between the other three systems.

## Circulation By Items Assigned Branch

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Item Branch: Peace Library System (Branch)	Items	Circulations
Loaning Branch: Alberta Beach Municipal Library		
Book - Large Print	1	1
Book on CD	1	1
<b>Total Transactions For Loaning Branch:</b>	2	2

Another fun report in the Circulation folder is the **Patron Cross Borrowing** report. You've probably heard the term Wandering Patron, which is when a patron from another library walks into your library and borrows an item in person. So if you're ever curious whose patrons are visiting, this is the report for you.

## Patron Cross Borrowing

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Transacting Library: Peace Library System (Branch)	Patrons Transacting	Circulations
Patron Library: Elmworth Community Library		
Adult	1	2
<b>Total For Patron Organization:</b>	1	2
Patron Library: Grande Cache Municipal Library		
Standard	1	2
<b>Total For Patron Organization:</b>	1	2
Patron Library: Grande Prairie Public Library		
Adult	5	44
Juvenile	1	29
<b>Total For Patron Organization:</b>	6	73
Patron Library: High Prairie Municipal Library		
Staff	1	4
<b>Total For Patron Organization:</b>	1	4
Patron Library: Hythe Municipal Library		
TAL Cardholder	1	1
<b>Total For Patron Organization:</b>	1	1
Patron Library: Northern Lights Library System		
ILLLibrary	2	4
<b>Total For Patron Organization:</b>	2	4
Patron Library: Sexsmith Shannon Library		
Adult	1	29
<b>Total For Patron Organization:</b>	1	29
Patron Library: Yellowhead Regional Library		
ILLLibrary	59	319
Institutional	1	1
<b>Total For Patron Organization:</b>	60	320
<b>Total For Transacting Organization:</b>	73	435
<b>Total For All Circulations:</b>	73	435

Janet Ayles  
IT & Technical Services Manager

# >> From Grande Prairie Public Library

## Teen Advisory Boards: Knowing When It's Time to Re-Invent the Wheel

By Bailey Randolph, Teen Services Librarian

If your library is anything like ours, then you know the struggle of attracting teens to the library – and the larger struggle to recruit them as volunteers. When I started as Teen Librarian almost seven years ago, I inherited a small but dedicated Teen Advisory Board. Sadly, those teens aged out, and it has been a struggle to maintain the group ever since.

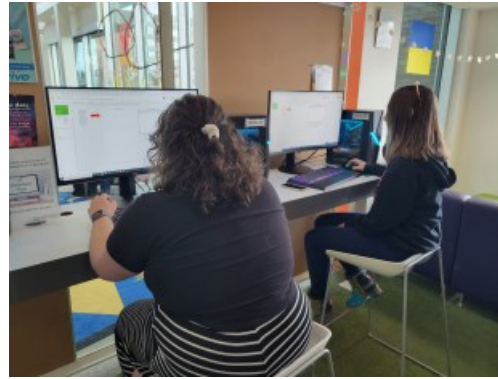


Over the years TAB volunteers have come and gone, never sticking around for long, and the pandemic made things even worse. With the library closed to the public, there was no realistic way to maintain TAB. In that time, the volunteers who had been coming had moved on.

So, when GPPL re-opened in the summer of 2021, I saw an opportunity to start from scratch, rebrand, and take a new approach to having teen volunteers in the library – and from this approach, the Library Initiative for Teens (LIT) was born.



One of the biggest struggles I had with TAB was that teens would join but not want to do all of the tasks that were involved with being a member. They wanted to pick and choose tasks, which didn't work well when only three things needed to be done, and everyone wanted to create a book display. When developing LIT, I wanted to



completely separate all of the roles, and let teens choose what they were interested in. I felt teens would be more willing to show up and stick around if they knew exactly what their role was and what was expected of them, and it was a role they could get excited about.

I also wanted to assign specific roles with titles that would look great on a resume, as most of our teen volunteers are looking to gain experience so they can enter the workforce. Being able to add 'Shelf Manager' to a resume at age 14 sounds a lot more impressive than 'Teen Advisory Board Member'.

In establishing LIT, I created 7 different positions that teens could sign up for: Collections Assistant, Teen Library Journalist, Teen Program Assistant (with two branches: passive, and regular programs), Reading Rep, Shelf Manager, Social Media Assistant, and Teen Space Visual Artist.

Some of the roles, like Journalist and Artist, are tailored towards teens with specific interests, while others like Collections Assistant and Shelf Manager are meant to introduce teens to library work. The goal was to have a variety of positions so that each teen would be able to find



at least one position they would be interested in filling. Each role has an average of 3-5 teens, and as a whole, LIT has almost total control over their teen space.

The Teen Journalists, Reading Reps, Artists, and Social Media Assistants create content for the teen space – both the physical teen area, as well

as the virtual online space of our teen Instagram. The Journalists work on two monthly newsletters, while the Artists decorate the windows and chalkboards, and create coloring sheets. The Social Media Assistants create library-related content for our teen Instagram account, and help feature the YA collection. Reading Reps create book displays, make booklists, and write book reviews for our Teen Book Review Wall.

The most popular volunteer roles by far have been Shelf Manager and Collections Assistant. These positions were created with the intention of getting teens familiar with library work, and getting them library experience. Shelf Managers are assigned a section of shelves within the collection, and are responsible for maintaining that section. This includes straightening, shifting, and shelf reading. We have so many Shelf Managers that we have expanded out of the YA Collection, and almost every collection within the library now has a LIT volunteer taking care of it. Collections Assistants, like Shelf Managers, are assigned a section of shelves to take care of. Their duties include finding missing books, checking material condition, and finding gaps within series.



Unlike TAB, I wanted LIT volunteers to be working in the actual teen space. I wanted them to become comfortable working and moving around in the space, so they feel comfortable using the space as patrons. I've also found that having teen volunteers in the teen area all the time attracts other teen patrons as well – which is a win overall.

Recruitment for LIT happens three times a year – Summer, the Fall school term, and the Winter school term. Roles are assigned at the beginning of each term, and those roles stay the same for the entire duration of the term. At the end of each term, volunteers can either renew their role, switch to a different role, or resign from LIT. The time expectation is for teens to volunteer at least 2 hours a month, though many do significantly more, and teens sign themselves in and out to track their hours. Once training is complete, LIT is mostly self-run, with staff assistance limited to a few of the roles.

We are just wrapping up the first year, and have seen significant success. We currently have 43 active LIT volunteers, and that number keeps growing as volunteers keep bringing their friends. 7 years ago I never would have thought that I could ever have 'too many' volunteers, but here I am. It is a great problem to have, and I cannot wait to see LIT grow even more.



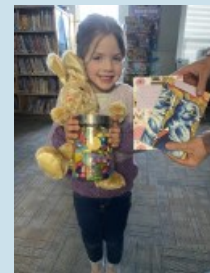
# Around the System...

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

## Bonanza Municipal Library

Bonanza Municipal Library celebrated Easter this year by having a contest. This happy young student has her arms full of Easter themed goodies.

Michele Kettles



## Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library

There have been a lot of exciting things happening at the Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library. First and foremost, we are back to offering in-person programming and services (Yay!). Some of the regular in-person programs that have resumed include Book Club, Writer's Group, Storytime, and After-School Club.

Some of our new programs include:

- Laser Tag at the library - This program runs Friday evenings after the library is closed so participants can have full run of the library while they play.
- Reel Talk - Picture Book Club, but instead of reading a book, participants watch a movie together and take some time to discuss the movie afterwards.
- Plant Wall - Patrons can take a plant or leave a plant.



In April we held an egg coloring event for families, as well as Easter Bunny photo's at the library and the seniors lodge.

Last, but not least, we are almost done a huge project that involved transferring all DVDs over to drawers that we had installed into extra shelving. The end result looks so nice, and the shelving space that was freed up was an added bonus.

Kendra McRee



## Fox Creek Library

During January the Fox Creek Library held its annual Basket of Books Contest for Family Literacy Month. There were a combined total of 507 entries and five baskets of books were won! The Community Puzzle Table was brought back and the patrons have been loving it.



In February, programming included a Snow Art Contest. Participants got outside, created snow art, and emailed entries to the library. There were 13 entries with 4 winners. In-library programming included; "I Love You to Pieces" craft for children, Voodoo String Art Keychains for Teens, and Mini Macramé Hanger and Plant for Adults.

During the month of March, programming included Lego Club for Children with a different building challenge each week, Mario Kart Tournament for teens, and indoor gardening take home kits for adults.

In April the Fox Creek Library held a Wooden Bunny Gnome program for adults; manga art and sushi candy for teens, and a mini flying carp kite and candy sushi for children.

A group of patrons challenged themselves to use all of the Keva Planks to build the "Tallest Tower". And finally, Erindale Design has donated Personalized Resin Bookmarks! Every item checked out from the library gives patrons an entry to win a resin bookmark!

Mandy Miskelly

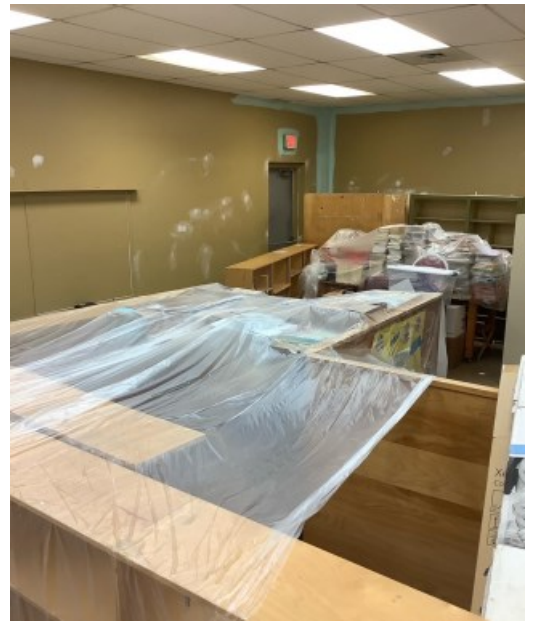
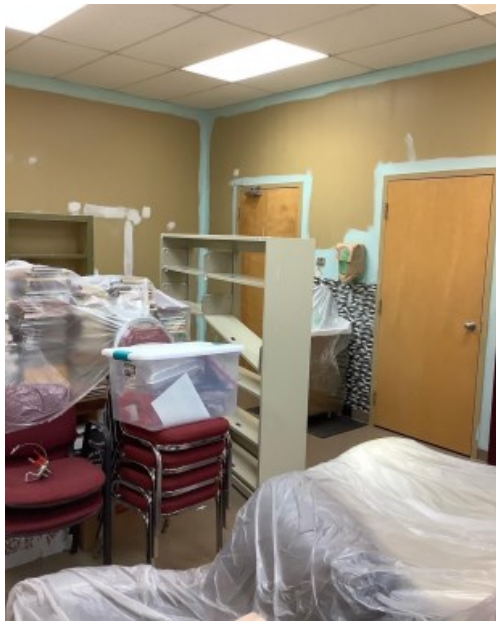


# More from around the system...

## McLennan Municipal Library

McLennan Municipal Library is happy to share before, during, and after photos from their recent renovations. With funding in part from the Canada Community Revitalization Fund Grant, automatic doors were installed in April and Painting was completed in March.

Maureen Fisher



## Menno - Simons Community Library

At Menno we are hard at work this Spring doing our annual fundraising activities. We are also working on an additional fundraising project: a Community Cookbook. Earlier this spring we collaborated with the NWPCALC and held a Basic Computer Course, which was a greatly appreciated by some ladies. We are excited to see the snow disappear and watch winter change into spring.



Just like seasons change; changes are taking place in our Library. Our current Library Manager Bettina Worrall will be leaving the library at the end of May and she is currently busy training our new Library Manager Kate Fehr, who we are confident will do an excellent job for our community. So please make sure to welcome Kate who will officially start June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bettina Worrall

## Woking Municipal Library



Woking Municipal Library, since its inception in 2012, has been located within Woking School. On June 30, 2021 Woking school permanently closed. Woking Municipal Library continued with curbside operation until ownership of the building transferred to Saddle Hills County.

On May 16, 2022 Woking Library was happy to once again open its doors to the public becoming the first free standing library in Saddle Hills County. The library now occupies a significantly larger space and is thrilled to add a "library of things" to its collection. This collection currently includes items within the categories of outdoor games, health/ wellness & bake-ware (ice cream maker, dehydrator, ladderball, laser tag, snowshoes, yoga kits & more). For a complete list of items check out the library's Facebook page.



Bevonna Livingston

# >> 2022 TD Summer Reading

It is almost time for summer programming to begin! Are you ready to venture on a journey to “Once Upon a Time”? It is almost time for the TD Summer Reading Club and this year’s theme is all about fairy tales, folk tales, myths, and legends. The program officially runs from June 13th – September 5th, 2022.



On May 25th, 2022, a joint province Summer Reading Club training session took place. A recording of the webinar will be posted soon if you were unable to attend. Topics discussed include successes and failures of previously held

summer programs, promotion of summer programs, launch day events, how to incorporate the yearly theme, how to direct patrons to the TDSRC website, making summer programming accessible, and book recommenda-



tions for this year.

For more information you can always visit the TD Summer Reading Club Staff Site at <https://www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/staff/home>. On the staff site you can download images, look at the branding standards,

and access the statistics form that must be submitted at the end of summer. Remember to keep track of the number of participants, the ages of participants, whether or not participants signed up in events the previous year, the number of programs you run as part of TDSRC, attendance, any promotional visits, and any testimonials you receive. Please send your completed stats to headquarters in September, as we will submit the statistics on your behalf.

If you have additional questions about the TD Summer Reading Club or questions related to summer programming in general, please contact your PLS Consultant Librarian.

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# >> Kits and Blocks!

## PLS Website - Kits & Blocks

The Peace Library System website has some new changes. From the drop down menu, under Our Services, the previous Kits & Blocks page has been split into 3 distinct web pages: Blocks, Programming Kits, and Storytime Kits. This was done in an effort to make finding kit content and procedure information easier.

Notable additions to the pages:

### Blocks

- Detailed procedure for requesting kits

### Programming Kits

- Instructional Videos for kits
- Links to external resources
- Detailed procedures for requesting kits

### Storytime Kits

- Photos of every current Storytime Kit
- Detailed procedures for requesting kits

## YouTube Channel

Did you know that Peace Library System has a YouTube channel now?

Check out our channel at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCOWAcYnREoWkeeCrXTliDw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOWAcYnREoWkeeCrXTliDw).

There, you can find instructional videos on current programming kits and recorded versions of the webinars we host regularly in the consulting department.



These videos and more are also posted on the Staff Niche Academy at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/peacelibrary-staff>

## New Kits (Coming Soon)

Brand new programming kits will be rolled out over the next couple months. You can look forward to:

**Coding for Early Learners Kit:** Introduce coding concepts to young learners with a variety of tech and games.

Contents include: Coding Critters, Code & Go Bumblebee, LittleCodr Card Game, Snap Circuits, and the Turing Tumble.

**Dungeons & Dragons Kit:** Everything you need to run a successful Dungeons & Dragons campaign!

Contents include: 6 Player's Manuals, Monster Manual, Dungeon Master's Guide & Screen, 3 Campaign Books, Vinyl Game mat, and Dice Blocks.

**Physical Literacy Kit:** Create physically literate programming and inspire lifelong physical activity!

Contents include: Parachute, Duck Walkers, Body Poetry & Stepping Stone Cards, Balance Hemispheres, Noodle Bits, and Tossing Activities.

More information will be sent out once the kits are ready for circulation. To get a spot on the waitlist, please contact Barb ([bjohnson@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:bjohnson@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca)) or Duncan ([dotoski@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:dotoski@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca))

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Peace Library System acknowledges Treaty 8 territory of the Cree, Beaver, and Dene people, and Region 6 of the Métis Nation of Alberta. We are grateful to live, work, and learn together on this land which has been home to many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples since time immemorial. We recognize this land as an act of reconciliation, and we also commit to supporting and celebrating our local indigenous communities while working to break down institutional barriers to make our libraries equitable and accessible.

## Healthy Living Program

The Alberta Healthy Living Program from Alberta Health Services offers free resources and webinars to individuals with chronic conditions.

Some webinar topics include managing diabetes, weight management, managing stress, exercise, managing COPD, and heart and stroke information. There is also a supervised exercise course. All webinars take place over Zoom, and Albertans can register for any of these programs by visiting [www.healthylivingprogram.ca](http://www.healthylivingprogram.ca).

This program is an excellent resource to share with both library staff and patrons. If you have any questions about the program please email [northzonevirtualeducation2@ahs.ca](mailto:northzonevirtualeducation2@ahs.ca).

## 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 Mallory Bruinsma at [mbruinsma@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:mbruinsma@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca).

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# Peace Library System's Events Calendar

## PLS Board Meeting

May 28, 2022, 10:30 am MT

## Intro to LinkedIn Learning Webinar

May 31st, 2022, 1pm-2:30pm MT

June 2nd, 2022, 11am-12:30pm MT

## Virtual Kairos Blanket Exercise

June 9th, 2022, 1pm-4pm MT

## Get Your Summer Read On

TD Summer Reading Club Registration Period  
June 13-27, 2022

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

Zoom

June 14, 2022, 4:00 pm

## Executive Committee Meeting

July 23rd, 2022, 10:30am-1:30pm MT

## Stronger Together Virtual Conference

Registration Opens August 8, 2022  
October 6-7, 2022