



NEWS & Notes

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Season's Greetings

From Your PLS Headquarters Staff!



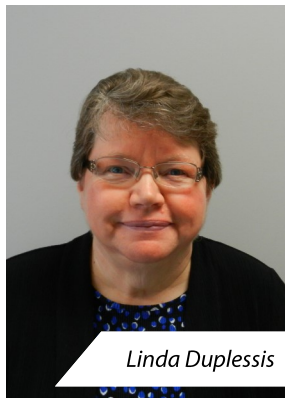
Standing (left to right): Katherine Wiebe; Dennis Sheppard; Donna Mostowy; Janet Ayles; Emma Stewart; Karen Van der Woerd; Alrene Dempster; Tora Volkers; Samantha Mercer; Fred Richard; Rose-Marie Finch.

Seated (left to right): Cliff Lesh; Janet Schultz; Dorothy Tay-Ellingboe; Wendy Hodges; Linda Duplessis; Rae Weniger.



We send you all our warmest wishes for a peaceful holiday season
and a happy new year!

>> From the Director



Linda Duplessis

It was great to see so many of you at the Rural Libraries Conference (RLC) in September. We had a great turn-out, some thought-provoking keynote speakers and many excellent break-out sessions. The pre-conference Repair, Recycle or Re-order session was well attended and offered practical advice on book repair. We are already looking forward to next year's conference on September 26-27, 2019.

Building Upgrades

After almost nine months of disruption, including five months of scheduled turmoil and a summer without air conditioning, the renovations at PLS are complete with the exception of some additional work on the air handling unit. Any Infrastructure Grant funds remaining will be allocated to the recently completed replacement of the west portion of the roof. (The east portion was replaced in 2017.) Everything looks great and we're glad to be back to (almost) normal.

2018-2019 Indigenous Populations Grant

The focus of the grant this year is on bringing library services and programming to on-reserve and on-settlement communities. To accomplish this, PLS is entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with participating library boards to hire employees to work directly out of the libraries and take library services into the Indigenous communities in their area. To date, MOUs are in place with Valleyview (for Sturgeon Lake), with High Prairie (for seven surrounding First Nations and Métis communities), and with High Level (for Chateh). An agreement is pending with the County of Grande Prairie Library Board to continue outreach to the Horse Lake First Nation by the Elmworth library. We have hired individuals in High Prairie and Valleyview to visit the Indigenous communities on a regular basis. PLS will also directly undertake some projects to assist with programming including creating book club kits, outreach kits, and an oral history kit.

Board Inquiries Welcome

I've recently had the opportunity to provide trustee "mini-orientations" to the Slave Lake and Hythe library boards. This included a brief review of Alberta library structure, library funding, legislative requirements, PLS services, and board recruitment/retention. If this is something your board might be interested in, please contact me to set up a meeting date.

"Explore Your Library" Marketing Campaign

The fall 2018 'Explore Your Library' campaign focused on getting people into their public libraries to learn more about what libraries have to offer, and to reward explorers with a chance to win one of two \$250 gift cards of their choice. The campaign provided many promotional materials in English and French including digital banners and images for websites, twitter, or Facebook accounts, and fillable printable posters. Congratulations to our two contest winners, Ethan Thomas-Wright from Peace River and Faye Randle from Fairview.

Advocacy Course

Six libraries (7 participants) from PLS completed the online Power of Advocacy: Move Your Library Forward course from September 11 – October 23, 2018. We've had some great feedback! One of the Peace attendees used her presentation to go to Council and expressed that she felt very confident doing so. Another shared that it was the first post-secondary thing she had ever done and she found it very affirming.

In early 2019 we hope to offer the live online course again during evening hours so board members can participate. The course is a partnership between Marigold, Peace, and Northern Lights library systems and Northern Lakes College.

Linda Duplessis
Director

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.

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.

What's trending in books

2018 GILLER PRIZE SHORTLIST

These five novels made the 2018 Scotiabank Giller Prize shortlist and contended for the \$100,000 literary prize.

French Exit by Patrick deWitt
Songs for the Cold of Heart by Eric Dupont, translated by Peter McCambridge
Washington Black by Esi Edugyan
Motherhood by Sheila Heti
An Ocean of Minutes by Thea Lim

This year's winner was **Washington Black**, announced at the gala on November 19.



THE NEW YORK TIMES BEST ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF 2018

The Forest, written by Riccardo Bozzi and illustrated by Violeta Lopiz and Valerio Vidali
Run Wild, written and illustrated by David Covell
The Visitor, written and illustrated by Antje Damm
A House that Once Was, written by Julie Fogliano and illustrated by Lane Smith
The Funeral, written and illustrated by Matt James
Ayobami and the Names of the Animals, written by Pilar Lopez Avila and illustrated by Mar Azabal
Dreamers, written and illustrated by Yuyi Morales
Florette, written and illustrated by Anna Walker
Our Car, written by J.M. Brum and illustrated by Jan Bajtlik
She Made a Monster: How Mary Shelley Created Frankenstein, written by Lynn Fulton and illustrated by Felicity Sala



>> 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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Greetings from the Consulting Department! What a whirlwind year!

Consulting Visits

Emma, Katherine, and Samm have enjoyed our consulting visits out to your libraries this year. It has been especially nice to welcome our new library managers in 2018: Channing at Peace River Municipal Library, Kayla at Rainbow Lake Municipal Library, and Mollie at Sturgeon Lake School library.

Annual Report (LibPAS)

As we head into December, public libraries please remember to gather your 'typical week' statistics for your LibPAS annual report before the end of the year. If you are uncertain what these statistics are, please give Katherine a call. The LibPAS annual report is due to the Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) by February 28, 2019. It is submitted online, and for new library managers, or those wanting a refresher, Katherine will be offering one-to-one webinars later in January. Please remember that before you submit your LibPAS report online, your library board must have approved it, so plan ahead to present a draft of the report to your board prior to the February 28 deadline for submission to the PLSB. Service Point libraries (where the Peace Library Board is your board of record) must have completed a draft of their LibPAS report by February 15, 2019, so that the Peace Library Board has time to approve it before it is submitted to the PLSB.

Christmas Blocks

We only have four blocks left to lend! The blocks are available to member public libraries. If you haven't requested a Christmas block of books yet – they include a mix of Christmas fiction and crafts and activities for adults and children – give Rae a call or email and she'll be happy to send one out to you. More information is available at www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/RotatingBlocks.

2018 Summer Reading Programs

Thirty-seven public libraries held summer reading programs in 2018. Twenty-four of the libraries participated in the TD-Summer Reading Club. From the 31 libraries that reported, a total

of 2,063 children participated. Of the libraries choosing to track, books read/read to totaled 7,340; and minutes read/read to totaled 275,214 (4,589 hours). Way to go!



The 2019 TD-Summer Reading Club theme will revolve around Natural World and will focus on inviting children to "unplug and take a moment

to explore the stories and science of nature through adventure and play—to marvel at a growing seed, be awed by extreme weather, and wonder about our connection to each other and the earth that sustains us." The Northern Lights Library System will be the provincial coordinator in 2019. Katherine will contact public libraries in January to ask if they wish to participate.

Solaro

We have a new eResource called SOLARO – Student-Oriented Learning, Assessment & Reporting Online (whew!) – that provides robust homework help for students with a public library card.



SOLARO is based on Alberta curriculum. Users can create their own account, select their province, and get access to homework help based on their grade (3-12) and subject of choice (mathematics, social studies, science, English language arts). Find SOLARO on your library's website under the eResources tab. Samantha has been providing training webinars in November for libraries, and if you need assistance or missed the webinars, please give her a call.

Emma, Samantha, Katherine and Rae wish you a Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

>> Rae's Tips



Find the Search Tutorial

The hottest tip I have for this issue is the newly refreshed Item Record and Volume Field Control – Part 2 training PowerPoint now on the Polaris Training page of our website. This includes a tutorial on searching right at the beginning and sorting tips to make your searches more fruitful.

So, “search for the tutorial in the revised PowerPoint” is my tip of the month!

But have you ever lain awake at night wondering what kind of Volume Field mistakes are most commonly found in the weekly

TRAC scan? Read on so your curiosity is satisfied and you can drift peacefully into a long winter's nap.

1. Entering DISC SET when there is no reason to.
2. Not entering DISC SET when it is required.
3. Case errors – lower and upper case rule violations
4. Character errors – using any of these: !@#\$\$%*()\ /
5. Spaces – a space is an invisible mistake, unless required.

If you find yourself murmuring “why”, it's time to review Part 2 of this mandatory training for staff and volunteers adding items to the data base. Look under Training Toolkit >> Polaris on our website.

>> Best Practices

This year, the Public Library Services Branch updated their *Best Practices for Public Libraries in Alberta* to meet requests for assistance from library boards looking for a framework to help measure their successes with those of other libraries of comparable size.

These best practices are not legal standards required by the province, and each local library board is ultimately responsible for determining how it measures its success; however, they provide guidance for libraries to take into consideration when they are assessing and planning their services.

New for 2018 are three areas of best practice: accessibility; Indigenous service; and school-housed public libraries. The other areas of best practice cover personnel; hours of opening; collection management; information services; resource sharing (including interlibrary loan); technology; and facilities.

To view the updated *Best Practices* document, visit www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/plsb-best-practices.



BEST PRACTICES FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN ALBERTA



JULY 2018

>> Winter Wonderland

It's that time of year again when we need to sharpen up our driving skills. The time of year when steering your vehicle into the snowbank is not only an acceptable form of braking, but quite often the preferable one. If you start with the golden rule, doing unto others as you would have done to you, the rest is pretty much common sense. I know, I know, sense isn't as common as it used to be, but stick with me here. I've compiled a short list of necessities for successful winter driving.

- Good winter tires (emphasis on winter). Just because they still hold air does not mean they're good to go.
- Clean all the snow off your car and clear all of the windows before driving away. Peepholes are only a good idea on the door of your dwelling. They don't work so well at 100 km/hr.
- Slow down. It's not a race. It never was a race and you will never be first. Let it go.
- Leave more room between you and the car in front of you. Their tires just might be better than yours.
- Lights on for safety. (Unless they're the aftermarket, gazillion lumens, retina-melting brightness variety that give my x-ray

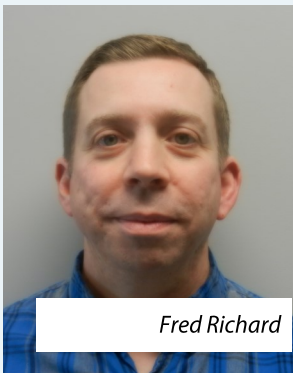
results to the car behind me. In that case you might want to leave them off.)

- Let other drivers know your intentions by using your signal lights. That's why they're called signal lights. If stopped on the side of the road, going slow or otherwise impeding traffic, use your hazard lights. Again, that's a hazard and hence the name.
- Pay attention to the road and others sharing it. Distraction can be deadly especially on icy roads.

Don't forget your auto emergency/survival kit and to keep your fuel topped up for those unforeseen and sometimes unavoidable situations. Kits are widely available at most stores with an automotive department or you can build your own. There are lots of ideas online. Lastly, proper winter attire is essential to at least have with you if not "fashionable" to wear. It could save a few of your extremities if not your life.

This is by no means a complete list, but it's a good start. Let's add to it anything else we can think of to make the roads a safer place to be this winter. Together we can make sense and courtesy common once again. Be kind to each other out there and stay safe!

>> 3D Printing



Fred Richard

3D printing has been a semi hot topic for some time now, with more educational facilities budgeting money for the purchase of this technology. Initially it was quite a major purchase; however, with more and more companies joining the market and more options available the price has been on the decline.

Many schools and libraries are beginning to invest in 3D printers to use in their facilities. One of the main benefits is of course learning about new technology. End users get to design and create projects and can go through the process from start to finish. This gives them a great overall learning experience where they can physically see and touch the results of their planning.

In Europe Samsung and Makerbot have teamed up to create 1300 intelligent classrooms where their main focus is on students exploring topics and turning those ideas into 3D objects. In the US and Canada 3D printers are mainly found in educational institutions, but some bigger libraries in Canada have brought in the technology to allow patrons the ability to create things at a cost—as have summer camps to teach kids during the summer.

Another item gaining popularity and lowering in pricing are 3D pens. They are an excellent way to have fun along with getting the creativity flowing. They are inexpensive when compared to a 3D printer so more users can engage and work together to collaborate on a project if they would like to experiment. Prices range from about \$30 - \$150 and there are a wide variety of styles available.

Overall it looks like 3D printers may be here to stay for the long term. Not only do they help encourage creativity but they have benefited the medical industry as well. In medicine they have been able to create tissues with blood vessels, low cost prosthetic parts, medical models and even heart valves. Although these are created on high-end expensive models, the idea that we can use 3D printers to make our imagination come to life is exciting.

Fred Richard
Desktop & Network Administrator

>> From the IT Desk



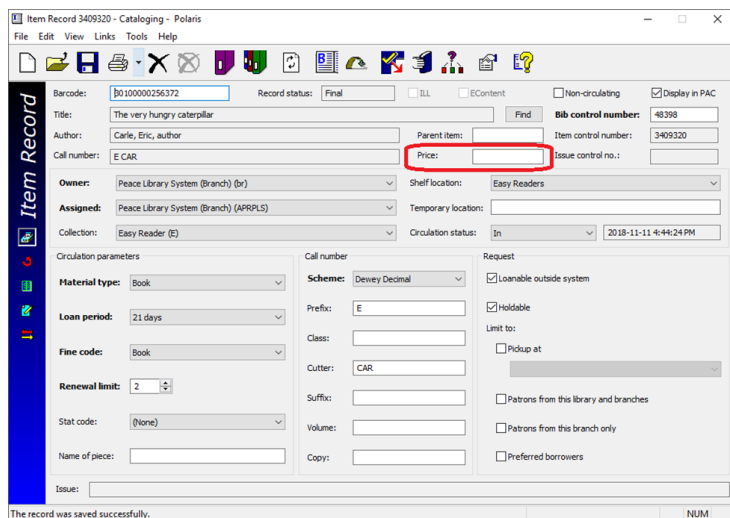
Janet Ayles

I know that Christmas isn't even here yet and it's snowing outside, but really, it's never too early to think about spring cleaning. Particularly when it comes to something as massive as Polaris. It's so easy to put off and think, "I don't have time for that." Hey, I do it too, but I've come to view Polaris clean-up along the same lines as pre-sorting my laundry or washing the dishes before I've run out of clean ones – I'll thank myself for it

later.

Believe me, I'm not saying that you need to tackle all of the Polaris clean-up at once, but when you take on a little bit at a time, it's surprising how much of a difference it makes. A clean Polaris means that your stats are that much cleaner and less bogged down with missing or incorrect information.

This is the item record for the copy of Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. This book lives in my office and I use it for so much. Right now, I'm going to use it to show that this item record does not have a price.



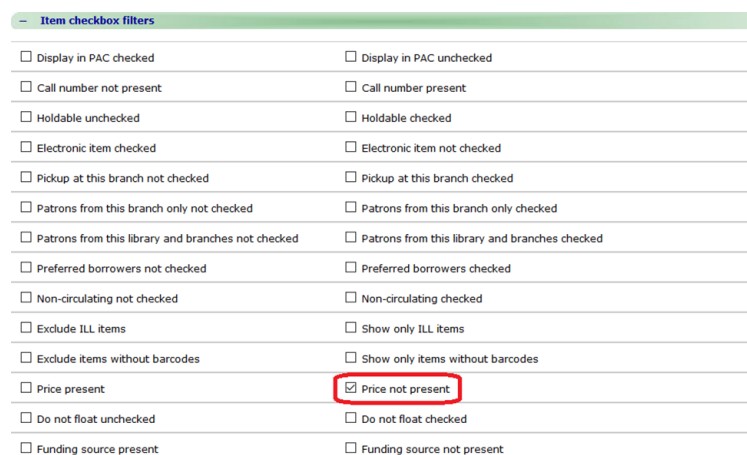
The screenshot shows the 'Item Record' form in Polaris. The 'Price' field is highlighted with a red box and is empty. Other fields include: Barcode: 3010000256372, Title: The very hungry caterpillar, Author: Carle, Eric, author, Call number: E CAR, Owner: Peace Library System (Branch) (br), Assigned: Peace Library System (Branch) (APRPLS), Collection: Easy Reader (B), Material type: Book, Loan period: 21 days, Fine code: Book, Renewal limit: 2, Stat code: (None), and Name of piece: .

I can hear some of the comments now: "Does it really matter that there is no price?" Well, the short answer is **YES!** Item records without a price aren't billed to patron's accurately when they're lost. Without a price, Polaris uses a system default and it is more or less just a random amount. The system defaults don't reflect accurate prices and are either overcharging or undercharging your patrons for those lost items. Plus, the system default amount does not count towards your patron's **You saved** totals on their account. Ideally, we want all items checked out by patrons to help boost that total. The system default pricing also does not count in the **Collection Value by Organization** report (found in Reports &

Notices > Cataloguing > Item if you'd like to check it out). This report gives you a value of your collection based on items with prices, which can be super helpful for insurance or even just promoting how awesome your library is in general.

So now that you know you need to fix the prices on some of your item records, you probably want to know how to find which ones need fixing. The answer to this question is Simply Reports. You will want to run an item list report. For your columns, you'll likely want the barcode, probably collection name or shelf location (so you know where to find the item), MARC title, maybe the author, the call number, and circ status (I know this one is weird, but trust me. If an item is on order that's why it's missing a price. Those aren't added to the item record until it reaches our cataloguing department). If there's another column you'd like to use, do it! These reports can be customized to whatever suits your needs.

Once you have your output columns chosen, you need to set some filters. Otherwise, you'll end up with all the items in TRAC and that's a lot of items. Under general, you'll need to set the branch to your library and record status to final. You're only concerned with your own items and the stuff that is still on your shelves and hasn't been deleted. Then scroll all the way down to Item checkbox filters (click the plus sign on the left side it). In that big list of options, look for **Price not present** and put a checkmark in the box.



The screenshot shows the 'Item checkbox filters' section. The 'Price not present' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a red box. Other filters include: Display in PAC checked/unchecked, Call number not present/present, Holdable unchecked/checked, Electronic item checked/not checked, Pickup at this branch not checked/checked, Patrons from this branch only not checked/checked, Patrons from this library and branches not checked/checked, Preferred borrowers not checked/checked, Non-circulating not checked/checked, Exclude ILL items, Exclude items without barcodes, Show only ILL items, Show only items without barcodes, Do not float unchecked/checked, Do not float checked, Funding source present/not present.

Click submit at the bottom and run your report! Once you have your report, I recommend exporting it to Excel, where you can print, save, or sort your results however you'd like.

Making sure that the price is present for your items is only one small area in Polaris to do some clean-up. Keep an eye on future newsletters for more areas to work on!

Janet Ayles
IT Services Manager

>> From Grande Prairie Public Library

Escaping in the Library

by Jacob Fehr, Head of Children's & Teen Services, Grande Prairie Public Library

Earlier this year, I started thinking about running an escape room at GPPL for children and families. I'd never attempted an escape room myself, but it seemed like something I could possibly re-create on a small scale.

Then I attended a session at ALC called *Imagine Escape Rooms at Your Library*, led by Alison Watson, and she made the process seem fairly approachable.

After I returned from ALC, I bought a few supplies (small toolboxes, locks, and a kitchen timer), and came up with a story: that the participants are locked in a party planning office. They'll be stuck there over a long weekend unless they can retrieve the owners' wireless doorbell from a locked box after solving some puzzles.

The first is a recipe puzzle, hinted at by an e-mail on a (prop) computer screen. When participants arrange the ingredients in the proper order for cooking, letters on the packaging spell out the numbers for a combination lock.

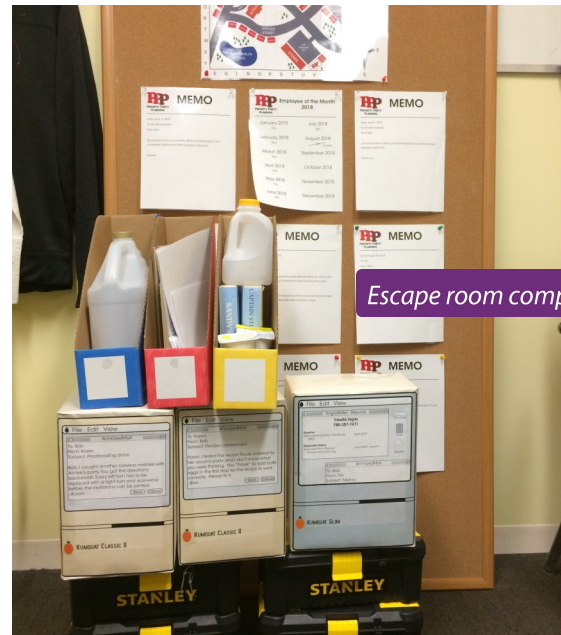
Another puzzle uses a speed lock – one that is opened by pressing the dial in different directions. An e-mail on a different computer claims that the directions on a party invoice are backwards, allowing participants to figure out the directional code for the lock.

The third puzzle asks participants to check geocache routes against a map on the wall. The coordinates of the geocaches on a particular route spell out the numbers on a 3-digit lock.

Then I needed a way to tie the puzzles together for the final locked box. In the end, I created a crossword puzzle that could be cut into three pieces, with each piece in a separate lockbox. When the participants solve the initial three puzzles, they can combine the crossword puzzle pieces, use the props around the room to solve it, and open the final box.

I did not use an actual wireless doorbell mostly because I didn't want it to ring in my office while I was knee-deep in a spreadsheet. Instead, I created a winner's scroll with a graphic of a doorbell plus text that congratulates the participants.

On the advice of our children's program coordinator, I have asked interested participants to form their own groups and fill out a registration form. That way, I'm not responsible for groups ending up with someone who causes difficulties in attempting the escape room. As an added bonus, when parents sign the form they also give me formal permission to share a photo of the group on our social media channels.



When groups come in, I talk to them about the room and its rules, take happy and sad result photos of the group, read them the story for the room, and give them 45 minutes to escape.

The good:

- Participants have really enjoyed themselves.
- Preparation time and costs are all upfront.
- Setup time is minimal – less than 10 minutes for full setup/takedown, and less than 5 minutes to reset the room between groups.
- The props fit into a small space for storage/transport, and this could be reduced even further by replacing the prop computers with prop tablets.
- The supervising staff member does not have to stay in the room during the program.

The bad:

- \$75 for a single program for 4-6 simultaneous participants.
- Creating an escape room from scratch takes a great deal of staff time.
- If your escape room is any good, you may be inundated with requests from other community organizations asking to make special bookings of it.

Around the System...

In *Game of Thrones* as in real life, winter is here... so here's your update on what happened around Peace Library System over the fall! Remember, you can send your own photos and articles at any time to estewart@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca and they will be included in the next newsletter. We'd love to hear from you!

MD of Opportunity Libraries

The MD Opportunity No.17 Library Board was pleased to sponsor an author tour by Phyllis Webstad, the inspiration behind Orange Shirt Day. Phyllis visited the libraries in Calling Lake, Red Earth Creek and Wabasca. She did presentations, and held question and answer periods, at a school in each location. Phyllis was happy to stay after



the presentations and Q & A to speak to interested community members and other residential school survivors. Copies of her book were donated to each school child, to community members, and various community groups.



—Submitted by Brenda Bladon, MD of Opportunity No. 17 Library Board

Grimshaw Municipal Library

The Grimshaw Municipal Library hosted its first Local Author Showcase on Wednesday, October 17, with support from the PLS Author Visit Subsidy program. The showcase featured seven authors from the Peace region – Judy Coates, Alberta Larsback, Nicole Carter-Wright, Annette Erickson, Heike Ingram, Charlene Cavers and Kathy Archer.

Each author had the opportunity to introduce themselves and their work to the audience. Some chose to share excerpts from their writing, others spoke about the creative process and how their books came to be, and two even brought in substitute readers for their work!

From an event planners perspective, one of the many satisfying elements of the evening was the interaction between the authors when the more structured part of the program was over. It was a pleasure to hear notes being compared, contact information exchanged, and the support amongst the group.

There are still a number of local authors we have not had the chance to host at the Grimshaw Municipal Library, and we look forward to sharing evenings with them in the future.



—Submitted by Vivianne Gayton,
Grimshaw Municipal Library

More from around the system...

Grande Prairie Public Library

In mid-October, EK Johnston visited the Grande Prairie Public Library for LibriCon, our annual fan convention. Johnston has written a number of novels, but it was her connection to the Star Wars universe that appealed to us the most for this particular event. Johnston is the author of *Star Wars: Ahsoka*, an official continuation of the Clone Wars animated series. She also has an upcoming 2019 release called *Star Wars: Queen's Shadow*. As a result, she seemed a natural fit for LibriCon.

As our featured guest, Johnston gave an hour-long talk on the main stage at LibriCon about her life and writing process. A number of fans literally sat at her feet to attend her talk. Both before and after her talk, Johnston also had a table in our vendor hall, where she chatted more directly with her fans and signed autographs. I sat at her table for a time after her talk, and saw how thrilled everyone was by her friendliness and enthusiasm.



The enthusiasm also extended to the other side of the table. One particular couple hadn't heard that Johnston would be in attendance at LibriCon. When the husband saw her, he insisted to his wife that they drive home to pick up his copy of *Star Wars: Ahsoka* so Johnston could autograph it. I'm happy to say they had plenty of time to make the round trip! While we did not have any schools take advantage of our additionally-scheduled author talks on the day prior to LibriCon, EK Johnston's visit to GPPL was nevertheless a successful one. With that, I should note that her visit to Grande Prairie was made possible by the PLS author visit subsidy. Thank you!

—Submitted by Jacob Fehr, Grande Prairie Public Library

Elmworth Community Library

Elmworth Community Library has had plenty of help from student patrons with the Halloween & Remembrance Day displays!

—Submitted by Barb Johnston, Elmworth Community Library



Valleyview Municipal Library

Oscar the parrot came by to help promote the Explore Your Library contest! Oskar is almost 3 years old. He is a White-Bellied (also known as Yellow-Thighed because of their bright yellow 'pants') Caique parrot. He loves to come to the library and visit on occasional Saturdays when the weather is nice.

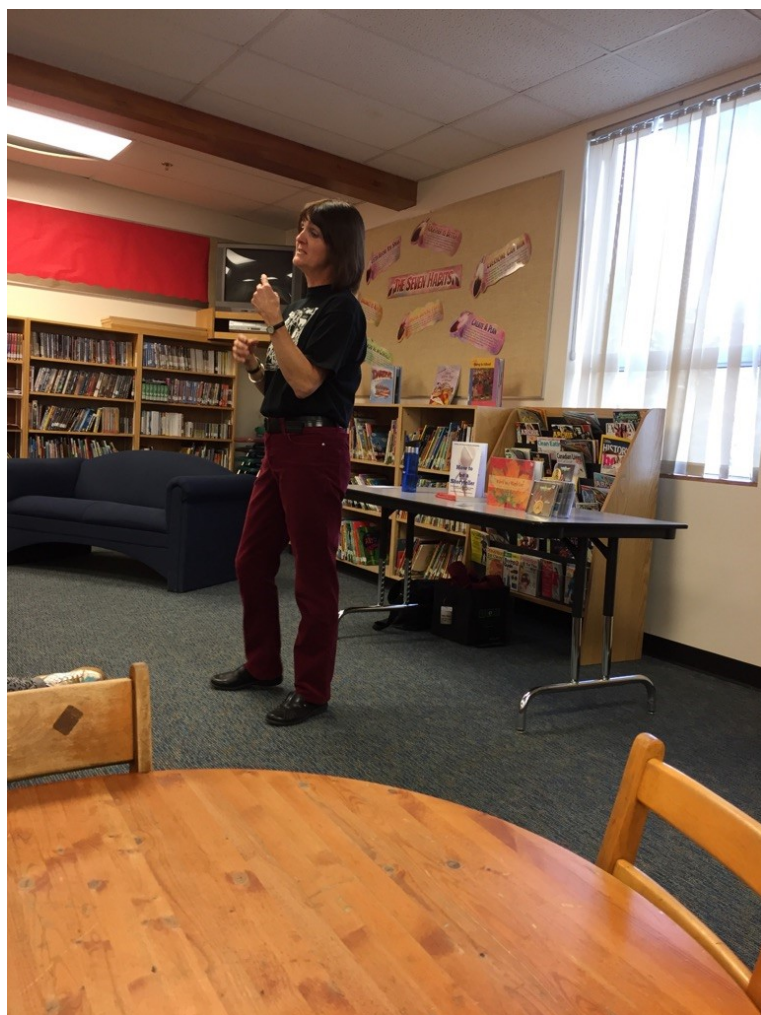
—Submitted by Kerri Danner, Valleyview Municipal Library



Kinuso Municipal Library

Kathy Jessup visited the library early in October for an author visit. One grade two student said "She made us laugh and we enjoyed making pictures in our heads of her stories" and the grade sixes thought she was a really good storyteller!

—Submitted by Susan Moody, Kinuso Municipal Library



...And even more!

Woking Municipal Library

October began with an amazing author talk by local author Gudrun Penselin. Gudrun delivered an excellent presentation on her book "Healing Spirituality" about Bach flower remedies. Attendees were fascinated by the subtle yet effective manner in which these remedies invoke emotional well-being. Participants were looking forward to reading her book and discovering the various flower remedy properties, and balancing actions. It was an informative evening thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.



Next up was Hotel Transylvania 3, Summer Vacation, a bone tickling movie for all ages. Giggles and scares, (blah, blah, blah!) fantastic evening out for families.

The month of October rounded out with a drumming circle which is always popular at the Woking Library. All ages attended an afternoon of fun and drums. Everyone learned about team work (maintaining the same rhythm), co-ordination (get those hands working in sync) but most of all connecting as a community with fun and lots of laughter.

—Submitted by Bevonna Livingston, Woking Municipal Library

Gudrun Penselin, M.Ed.
Clinical Herbalist, Bach
Flower Practitioner &
Author

Gentle Healing of Mind, Body & Spirit
Everyone is invited!!

Woking Municipal Library, Woking Willing
Workers & Communities in Bloom
(Woking Chapter) are co-hosting an
evening with Gudrun Penselin, Author of

**HEALING
SPIRITUALITY**
A Practical Guide to
Understanding and Working
with
BACH
FLOWERS

In the 1920's & 1930's
Bach Flower remedies
were discovered by an
English homeopath, Dr.
Bach. These remedies are
a safe & natural healing
method for both people
and animals. The
remedies gently restore
balance & harmony
between the body and
mind.

Thursday October 04
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Woking Community Hall

Spirit River Municipal Library

The Spirit River Municipal Library celebrated its 10th year of our monthly book club. An event was held on Tuesday November 6th in the library, with past and present members. There was a discussion about the latest book we read along with memories of previous books. Then out came the games and activities – all based on the titles. Treats were provided by some of the members, and there was a recipe that came out of one of our books. A display was created that has a copy of every book we read. It was a fun filled night, and we are all proud of the success our book club has become.

—Submitted by Tracy Skoworodko, Spirit River Municipal Library



Fox Creek Municipal Library

Fox Creek Municipal Library was hopping with food fanatics as we held our first “Food Fear Factor” in October. Contestants from Grade 7 and up were eligible to compete for four prizes and even surprised themselves by what they were able to hold down. Delectable foods and drinks were served much to the pleasure and/or disgust of the audience and the contestants themselves.

Family Lego Club was again a whirl of activity with 10 families participating weekly in making their displays. We saw Superheroes, Halloween, Remembrance Day and lots of other ideas depicted in Lego. Our vertical Lego board was busy as well with lots of themes going.



The library board sponsored a Rocks & Rings Day for our Grade 1 – 7 students. An instructor came from Edmonton and spent the day with us showing our students how to curl and the principles of curling. It was great fun.

We are looking forward to our Children's Christmas Craft Workshop and Christmas Gnome Workshop

—Submitted by Leslie Ann Sharkey, Fox Creek Municipal Library



Peace River Municipal Library

Peace River Municipal Library partnered with the Peace River Interact Club to put on their annual, family-friendly, haunted house this Halloween. There were many giggles, screams and even a few tears. For the faint of heart, there were crafts and games available in the art gallery. It was a very busy and fun evening!

—Submitted by Beverly Shewchuk, Peace River Municipal Library



>> Board Service Awards



Elaine Manzer—
Town of Peace River



Roxie Rutt—
MD of Greenview



Peter Frixel—
Clear Hills County

Thank you for your service!

>> Staff Anniversaries

In 2018, PLS is recognizing some dedicated employees for their many years of service at PLS.

30 years Wendy Hodges, Shipper/Courier
Dorothy Tay-Ellingboe, Accounting Administrator

25 years Linda Duplessis, Director

20 years Janet Schultz, Receiving Clerk

10 years Cliff Lesh, Shipper/Courier/Driver
Rae Weniger, Consulting Assistant & Receptionist

Congratulations and thanks to everyone for all they've contributed to PLS success!



>> Rural Libraries Conference

Our annual conference took place at the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre on September 27 and 28, 2018. Keynote speakers Sarah Houghton and Joanne Rodger were very well received, and a number of helpful sessions were offered for library staff and trustees. We also hosted a preconference session on book repair at PLS headquarters, which provided very helpful hands-on training for library staff. We hope that you learned a lot during the conference and you came away inspired.

Peace Library System would like to congratulate the winners of the 2018 Excellence in Library Service Awards, High Prairie Municipal Library and Grimshaw Municipal Library. The award winners were announced on September 27 at the conference.

The 2019 Rural Libraries Conference will take place on September 26 and 27 at the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre in Grande Prairie. Save the date!

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Peace Library System acknowledges Treaty 8 territory as well as the Métis Nation of Alberta. Peace Library System libraries are located on territory that provided a travelling route and home to many Indigenous peoples.

Hoopla Discontinuation

Due to the rising costs of the pay-per-use model, Hoopla access for patrons of Peace Library System will end on December 31, 2018.

Over the past couple of years, patron use of Hoopla, a digital borrowing service that provides e-books, audio-books, comics, movies, and TV shows, has been hampered by budget restraints after financial support from the province for this resource was ended.

However, this is a good opportunity to remind patrons of all the other great resources available to them with their library card, and that they can still access a great collection of eBooks and audiobooks via Overdrive, Cloud Library, RB Digital, and Read Alberta Books, all of which Peace Library System will now be able to devote more funding and resources to supporting.

Libraries have been sent posters to put up in their library announcing the end of Hoopla access, and Peace Library System will post periodic reminders on social media, which libraries can share to their own social media accounts.

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RBDIGITAL & READ ALBERTA EBOOKS.**

Peace Library System's events calendar

peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/calendar

Headquarters Closed for Christmas

December 24, 2018-January 1, 2019

Family Literacy Day

January 27, 2019

PLS Executive Committee Meeting

Fairview

February 23, 2019, 10:30 am

PLSB Symposium: Shifting Services for Inclusivity

Holiday Inn Edmonton South

February 21-22, 2019

Freedom to Read Week

February 24-March 2, 2019

PLS Board Meeting

PLS Headquarters

March 16, 2019, 10:30 am

Library Managers' Council Meeting

PLS Headquarters

April 8, 2019; 10:30 am

PLS Executive Committee Meeting

Location TBA

April 13, 2019, 10:30 am

Alberta Library Conference

Jasper Park Lodge

April 25-28, 2019

Public Library Meeting

PLS Headquarters

May 6 2019, 10:00 am