



# NEWS & Notes

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## Peace Library System Fall Membership Drive!



This September and October will see the launch of a membership drive for Peace Library System libraries! Our goal is to increase new patron memberships and remind those who have expired or soon-to-expire cards to renew their memberships. While the extent of your participation is left up to each library, this is a great opportunity to have a coordinated effort across our region to increase patron numbers and make more people aware of what our libraries can do for our communities.

September will be our "Back to School" focus, as it is a great time of year to introduce the libraries to students. For primary school children just beginning school this is an excellent way to introduce the library to them and get them building a relationship with the library that will last the rest of their libraries. The focus here will be on the basics of borrowing library books and promoting children's programming.

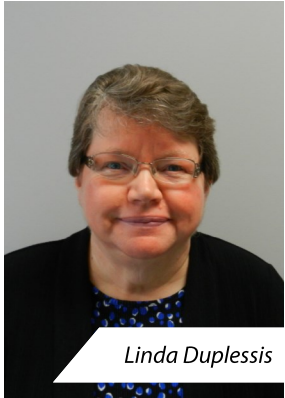
Moving into October, which has traditionally been Canadian Library Month, the focus will shift from students towards adults with the theme focused on "Savings". With the new Polaris update on receipts, patrons will be able to see how much they have saved on physical copies of items. Going online, they can discover even more savings using the Library Savings Calculator. The goal is to ask people "how much have you saved?" and have a great push on social media and word of mouth in the community.

Peace Library System will be spearheading this campaign and helping libraries in a variety of ways. For instance, we'll be promoting the membership on our social media accounts; we'll be creating a media release and creating newspaper and radio ads; and we'll be creating a number of promotional materials with customisable templates which will be available on Library Aware. However, there are also lots of ways for each individual library to help promote the membership drive! These include:

- Use Library Aware to create flyers, brochures, and bookmarks to hand out at school presentations
- Reach out to community media like local newspapers to promote the library
- Use your social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter to make sure your community knows what's happening at the library and remind people to renew their memberships
- Put up posters at community centres and sports arenas to catch the attention of those who are on sports teams that are starting up this time of year

For help or if you have any questions, reach out to our Marketing Associate Zoe Vatter before the end of August or Samantha Mercer starting in September!

# >> From the Director



Linda Duplessis

It's back to school and back to routine for many of us who have been on holidays.

It's also the launch of a regional marketing campaign to attract new people into the library. We hope that you'll get excited by the promotional information sent out by Zoe Vatter, our

summer Consulting Associate, and jump in with both feet! Also, as you start planning your fall programs and activities, don't forget to schedule in attendance at our annual Rural Libraries Conference on September 22 and 23. It is a fantastic opportunity to network, learn something new, and check out the vendors.

## Fall Membership Drive

During last year's consultation with members, we heard that libraries want help to attract new patrons. To assist with this, PLS is sponsoring a library membership drive in September and October to attract people to the library (including Indigenous people). September will focus on "back-to-school", with an emphasis on getting students into the library. Moving into October, which traditionally has been Library Month, the focus will shift from students to adults. The key message will be on "savings" with a focus on money saved because of library use.

PLS will coordinate the following: a region-wide media release; training on Library Aware (so you can create customized posters and brochures); newspaper and radio ads; and messages on social media. We ask you to promote your services locally by visiting schools, providing content to local newspapers, offering programs, and putting up posters in your community. Check Library Aware for some wonderful templates to help you promote your services.

## "Beefed Up" Training

Samantha (Samm) Mercer, our Digital Trainer & IT Assistant, has been very busy since she started in May. She has examined all of our digital resources, offered some webinars, created training materials and tutorials, and been available for your questions. Check out the Training Toolkit (especially eResource Training and Video Tutorials) on the PLS website for help with resources. And there's much more to come as the fall training schedule unfolds! Webinars will be offered and training materials (manuals,

powerpoints & videos) will be posted as each resource is promoted on the schedule. Don't forget to give Samm a call if you (or your patrons) have questions about any of our digital resources.

## Indigenous Populations Grant

Alberta Municipal Affairs has provided PLS with a special grant of just over \$200,000 to expand library service to on-reserve and on-settlement First Nations and Métis people. The goal is to reach out to the 18 First Nations bands and three unserved Métis settlements in the region, and attract new patrons to member libraries.

The strategy to accomplish this is open-ended. A provincial working group met in June to discuss possibilities; a regional working group representing our member libraries met at the end of June to look at PLS strategies and priorities. We agreed to open up full membership to these new patrons right away. We also agreed that building relationships with local bands and settlements was a key priority. Because each situation is unique, libraries are looking for the best ways to reach out in their areas. PLS will be coordinating cultural awareness training around the region, and is developing a plan to assist libraries with marketing, travel, collections, programs, technology, and other needs as they arise. We have a lot of work to do before the end of March 2017, which is the deadline for grant expenditures!

## Board Mini-Orientation Coming Soon

During last year's consultation with member library boards, we heard that boards are struggling to attract/keep trustees, and are not always sure of their responsibilities as a board. Carol and I are in the process of creating "mini-orientations" for member library boards. These are short presentations outlining the very basics that library trustees need to know: Alberta library structure; trustee roles & responsibilities; tips for recruiting, orienting and retaining new board members; and board effectiveness. Our goal is to visit member boards over the next three years. Watch for more information to come out in late August.

Linda Duplessis  
Director

# What's trending in books

## RBC TAYLOR PRIZE 2016

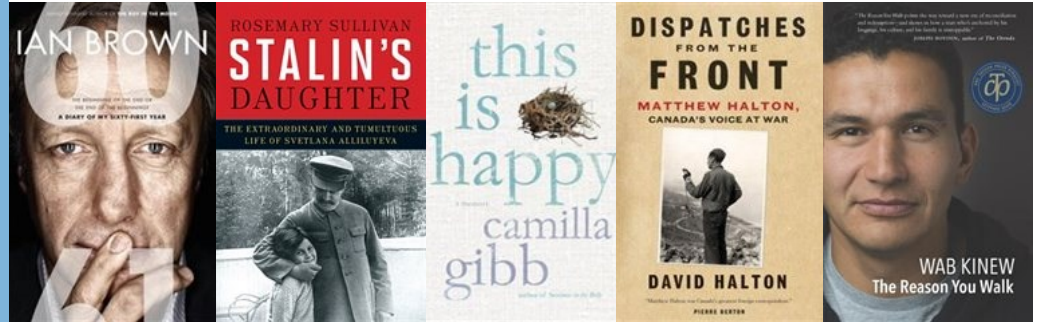
The RBC Taylor Prize celebrates the best of Canadian literary nonfiction. This year's finalists were:

**Sixty: The Beginning of the End, or the End of the Beginning**, by Ian Brown

**Stalin's Daughter: The Extraordinary and Tumultuous Life of Svetlana Alliluyeva**, by Rosemary Sullivan \*

**This Is Happy**, by Camilla Gibb

**Dispatches from the Front: Matthew Halton, Canada's Voice at War**, by David Halton  
**The Reason You Walk**, by Wab Kinew



## AUDIE AWARDS 2016



The Audie Awards recognizes the best in audiobooks and spoken word entertainment. This year's finalists for **Audiobook of the Year** were:

**The Girl on the Train** by Paula Hawkins \*

**Go Set a Watchman** by Harper Lee

**The Nightingale** by Kristin Hannah

**The Water Diviner** by Andrew Anastasios and Meaghan Wilson-Anastasios

## AURORA AWARDS 2016

The Aurora Awards are presented annually by the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association. This year's finalists for **Best English Novel** were:

**A Daughter of No Nation**  
by A.M. Dellamonica \*

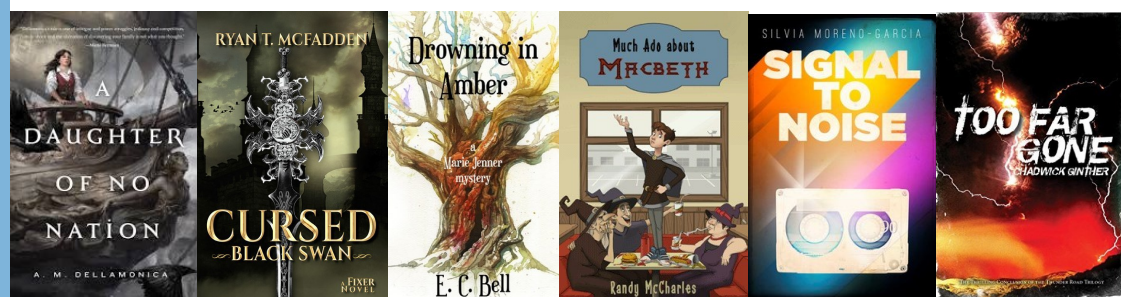
**Cursed: Black Swan**  
by Ryan T. McFadden

**Drowning in Amber** by E.C. Bell

**Much Ado about Macbeth**  
by Randy McCharles

**Signal to Noise** by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

**Too Far Gone** by Chadwick Ginther





# >> 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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## Summer Reading Club

The summer has zipped by and vacations are almost over!

The libraries' summer reading clubs will be winding up soon. If your library ran the TD-Summer Reading Club this year, remember to send Rae Weniger ([rweniger@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:rweniger@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca)) your completed Statistics and Evaluation form found on our website at <http://www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/SRC>.

If your library ran an independent summer reading program, do still send us your participant counts and books or minutes read (whichever you decided to track). It's always exciting to see how many children libraries reach out to in the summer! Please submit your stats to Rae by Tuesday, September 13.

## Rural Libraries Conference

Emma is busy putting finishing touches on preparations for the Rural Libraries Conference. The registration deadline is Friday, September 2. Join us at PLS HQ for the pre-conference on Wednesday, September 21 for some helpful insights regarding Human Resources.

The conference takes place at the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre on Thursday, September 22, and Friday September 23. We have a great line-up of keynotes, sessions, and fun. And it's our 30th anniversary! Come celebrate libraries with us!

## Marketing and Digital Training

It's been a busy summer for Zoe Vatter, Marketing Associate; and Samm (Samantha) Mercer, Digital Trainer and IT Assistant. Zoe has been busy creating a marketing plan for libraries, as well as getting libraries going with our newest promotional resource LibraryAware. Samm has been rolling out training on a variety of eResources via webinars, brochures, and video tutorials! Find out more about what they've been up to on the next page.

## Legal Information

Check out the new Legal category under the eResources tab on your library's website. We have provided some links to recommended Alberta and Canada Law sites that patrons will find accessible, including law pertaining to Family; Older Adults; regarding Abuse; and Landlords and Tenants.

## Fall Author Tour

Our Local and Northern regions are anticipating their author tours in October. (The Central and Eastern regions received an author tour last year.) Children's author, Rita Feutl will tour the local region October 17-20 (visit her website at [www.ritafeutl.com](http://www.ritafeutl.com)); and Lorna Schultz Nicholson is back to tour our northern region October 24-28 (her website can be found at [www.lornaschultznicholson.com](http://www.lornaschultznicholson.com)).

Library Managers, if you haven't already, please confirm with Emma by September 9: where you will be hosting the author (i.e. at the library or in a school); the audience's grade-range; and the anticipated attendance count ([estewart@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:estewart@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca)).

## Consulting Visits

Emma and I completed half of our consulting visits to libraries in the spring and we look forward to scheduling visits to the rest of you in September, October, and November.

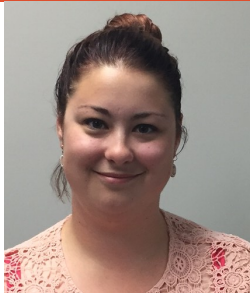
Please don't hesitate to contact us in the meantime should you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you soon!



# >> Digital Training Update

**By Samantha Mercer**

I wanted to begin by saying thank you to everyone for the warm welcome and I am beyond excited to work with you to help offer even better service to our library patrons. You are all more than welcome to contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns you are having about devices, eResources, social media and more.



Since arriving on May 24th, I have been working with the staff of the Peace Library System to get a good idea of what our members need, want and struggle with when it comes to eResources and technology. From that input and the needs assessment, I've been focusing most of my time on the downloadables that you love and those that you are having some issues with. I have had the opportunity to meet some of you during the last few months while hosting webinars and I hope to continue that over the next year. In addition to the live webinars, I am creating training documents and videos so that everyone can learn how to use everything. Working with Zoe Vatter, our marketing associate, I am offering training on resources around the same time as they are being promoted. This makes sure that when you are promoting PressReader or Zinio, you can show patrons exactly what these resources can do! I was ecstatic to see the boost in use on Tumble Books and World Book: Early World of Learning after the webinars and I can't wait to see it again with our other resources.

With the fall approaching, training of eResources will continue to work alongside our marketing plan but we will also be venturing into the world of devices like iOS and Android, free resources on different topics, help using different software and researching online. While we will sadly be saying goodbye to Zoe at the end of the summer, I am more than ready to take on training and questions of social media and LibraryAware so you will continue to have some guidance.

I am really excited to be joining the System at a time when it is expanding its services to more patrons and I hope to help from a digital and technological perspective. I will be hosting a session on TRAC at the Rural Libraries Conference and look forward to meeting more of you!

# >> Marketing Update

**By Zoe Vatter**

My short time with Peace Library System has been fantastic; I've learnt a great deal about the challenges faced by libraries and working to help overcome some of these with marketing training and tips. I've put together a schedule of eResources to focus on monthly, which coordinated with training by Samm will help to increase awareness of the great resources on offer to patrons. Coming up in September will be a focus on student/teacher



resources to correspond with the Fall Membership Drive (check your inboxes for details!). Followed with a focus on Overdrive and cloudLibrary (formerly 3M Cloud Library) – look for details and training from Samm around late September.

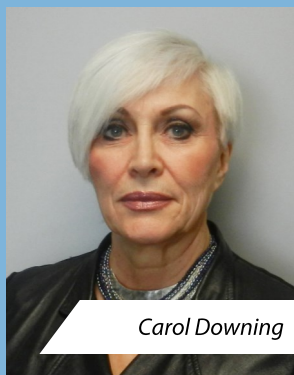
Throughout July and August I offered webinars on a variety of marketing topics including LibraryAware, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Check out [www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/marketing](http://www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/marketing) (available under the "Training Toolkit") for how-to guides for social media, tips on marketing for libraries and promotional materials.

Introduced at the end of June was LibraryAware ([www.libraryaware.com](http://www.libraryaware.com)): a great program for creating marketing materials, for both print and social media. I hope by now everyone has had a chance to get their accounts up and running. Samm and I are happy to help anyone get started if they are having issues logging in or need some help getting started. There is now a getting started guide at [www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/marketing](http://www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/marketing) and more webinars to come from Samm in October.

What is LibraryAware? This great service helps you create brochures, bookmarks, and flyers using premade templates that can be customized to advertise events, books, and resources. The finished product can then be printed and/or shared to social media. Book covers can even link to the TRAC catalogue! Samm has created some great how-to brochures that can be found under "Brochure Bifold" then searching "Peace." This great resource saves time while making professional-looking marketing materials.

It has been a great summer; thank you, and all the best this fall and winter!

# >> Tech Services Tidbits



Carol Downing

Our Cataloguing Department is missing Julia Little who has gone on Long Term Disability. Dennis Sheppard has stayed on to take over her cataloguing duties.

Ordering and Cataloging have been slow over the late spring and summer months. If your allotment account balances seem to be on the high side, please consider sending us some much

needed orders. Sending them in now will prevent a deluge of orders coming in at once in the fall and will allow us to catalogue and deliver them in a timely manner.

Headquarters staff are taking holidays over the summer months to gain some much needed rest and relaxation to rejuvenate themselves for the anticipated busy fall season.

We hope everyone had a very enjoyable summer.

Carol Downing  
Tech Services Manager



Fred Richard

## >> What's All That Noise?

What has been on my mind lately and perhaps others has been the email migration which has begun. Janet and I have been preparing and getting things in order to ensure everything goes smoothly. Headquarters was completed first and for the most part things went as they should. There were a couple small issues that came up, but it gave us a chance to learn what changes needed to be applied for success.

With HQ email migration to Office365 complete we have expanded to the member libraries. You will not notice any changes to your email itself; your information will now just be stored in the cloud and no longer on the TRAC Exchange Server at Yellowhead.

As per usual I will be close to my desk if anyone should have any questions or issues that they need assistance with. I am always happy to help so please feel free to open a help desk ticket, call or email.

We are also working behind the scenes on backup solutions. Currently we have a backup in place; however it is still onsite and in the event of an emergency may be compromised as well. We are looking into an offsite cloud backup solution which is both safe and secure. With cloud backup we can have all our information stored safely in Canada and in the event that the servers become damaged we would have a reliable offsite backup in place.

Last but certainly not least we are very close to changing our internet service provider and greatly increasing the bandwidth. This of course will mean things will run faster and streaming should no longer bog down the network. I will leave the details to Janet, but just know that we have everyone's best interests at heart and appreciate how slow our computers can be at times, particularly in the later afternoon. It seems sometimes as though our computers go for a late lunch and reluctantly come off their lunch break.

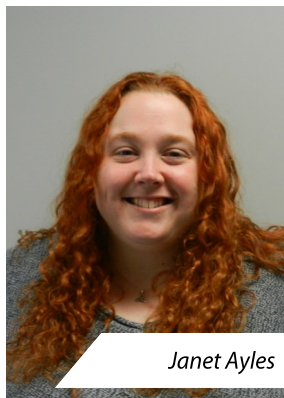
Come fall we should all be able to enjoy faster internet and will be able to watch an instructional video, online course or movie without the constant buffering even in the late afternoon!

Hope you all are having a wonderful summer and an even better fall!

Fred Richard  
Desktop & Network Administrator



# >> From the IT Desk

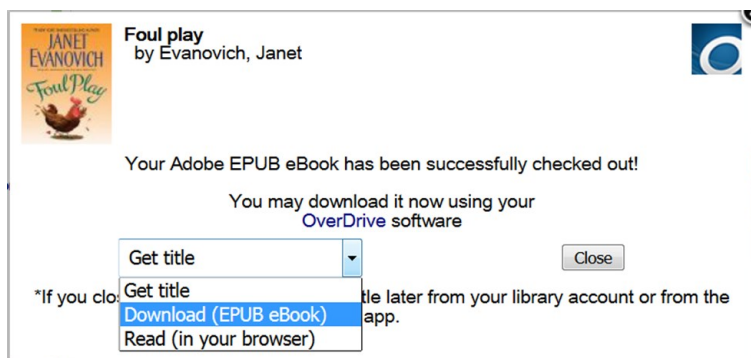


Janet Ayles

## OverDrive and TRACpac

With the newest version of Polaris, we were able to upgrade the integration of OverDrive to a whole new level. Patrons are now able to check out and download OverDrive titles directly from TRACpac. Once you have checked out your OverDrive title, just choose Download.

Your browser will download the file to your computer. Enjoy!



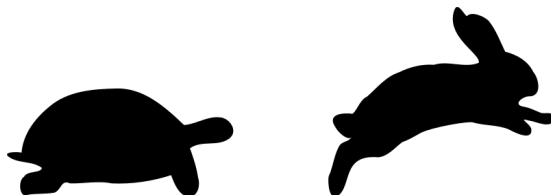
## You have saved...

One of the cooler features in Polaris 5.1 is the ability to show your patrons how much they saved by using the library. When you check an item out to a patron, there is a new message at the bottom of the receipt which will read, "You just saved \$\$\$ by using your library." If the item record is missing a price, that checkout won't count in the total amount saved. Consider this a nudge in the area of motivation to check your collection and see if there are any missing prices!



## Internet Speeds

It may have come to your attention lately that the Internet seems a bit sluggish during the day. Well, we have some good news. PLS is working on transitioning to a new Internet Service Provider. What does this mean for you? It means that there is light at the end of the tunnel and YouTube will stop excessive buffering. We will be upgrading to a much greater bandwidth during the change, which will resolve the slowness problem we have all been suffering with.

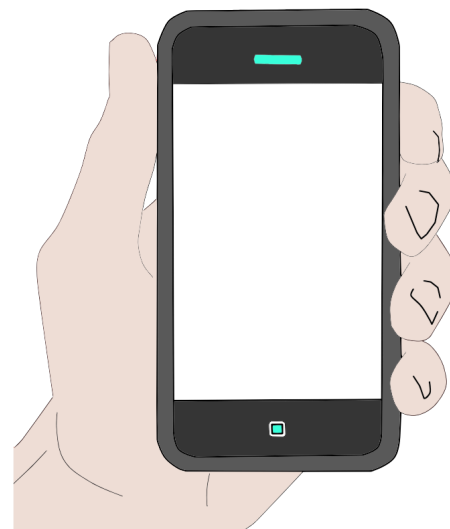


## Help Desk

As always, please remember to use the PLS Help Desk. Anything non-critical is best entered as a Help Desk ticket (email [helpdesk@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:helpdesk@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca) or at [help.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](http://help.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca)). Critical functions include a loss of internet service, problems logging in to Polaris, checking items in or out, patron registration, or searching in TRACpac. When you encounter something critical, definitely call. Otherwise a Help Desk ticket is the best approach and Fred or I will get back to you as soon as possible.

## Did You Know?

Every once in a while, I get asked why you need to choose a cell phone provider in Polaris. The way Polaris sends texts is as an email (sounds weird, but it is true). Each cell phone provider has an SMS address, which looks like an email domain, which will flip an email address into a text message on your phone. This is why we don't need to know who your patron's home phone is with, but we do if it's a cell phone.



Janet Ayles  
IT Services Manager



# >> From Grande Prairie Public Library

## Minecraft in the Library

By Jacob Fehr, Head of Children's and Teen Services, Grande Prairie Public Library

Even now, years after it was first released, Minecraft endures as one of the most popular video games played by our younger patrons. At the Grande Prairie Public Library our Minecraft books are seldom on the shelves, and children spend a fair amount of time playing Minecraft on our public computers (in spite of it never officially being installed). The enduring popularity of Minecraft is what led me to start running a Minecraft program three years ago.



For anyone who hasn't played, Minecraft is a video game that involves building in a blocky world. In creative mode, the game is essentially a bottomless box of virtual blocks – the players' creations are only limited by their imaginations. In survival mode, players must mine and collect materials before using them, and challenges come from monsters, dangerous situations, and even the character's hunger.

Our choice of Minecraft: Pocket Edition was largely driven by the shortcomings of the other options. The console edition of Minecraft is limited to four players, and going beyond that would require the purchase of a second console. The computer edition would have required us to set up and manage a Minecraft server (or pay a provider to do it), and would tie up our children's computers for hours on end. Pocket Edition, on the other hand, runs on many iOS and Android devices, can be played anywhere there's access to a wi-fi network, and allows for multiplayer games hosted by one of the active players' devices.



I started with a few trial sessions using iPads from the children's department, and ultimately settled on hour-long drop-in programs for ages 9 to 12. I tried running the program with 8-year-olds, but found that in general, they weren't mature enough for the program, and part of the problem was due to the nature of Minecraft as a game: anything a player creates in Minecraft may be destroyed. As a result, players need to be mature enough to respect the other players' creations and virtual belongings, but also mature enough to handle their in-game items being destroyed or stolen. The majority of 8-year-old participants I encountered tended to steal and destroy other players' virtual property (not necessarily in a malicious way), and then became extremely upset if the same was done to them.



Those kinds of actions led me to adopt a standard warning I originally provided at the start of every program, and then just to individual newcomers once a core group of participants emerged:

*Due to the nature of Minecraft, things you've created in your worlds may be destroyed or stolen by other players. Unfortunately, once it happens, there's nothing I can do to fix it. For that reason, I strongly suggest that you don't play in worlds you've spent a great deal of time working on. Either start a*

*new world, or play in someone else's world instead.*

Beyond that warning, I generally allow the players to police themselves, because they seem fairly effective at it. If a player will not stop behaving badly in-game, I address everyone and make it clear that griefers (players who deliberately perform actions that are harmful or objectionable to other players) are not welcome, and that if the behaviour doesn't stop, I will remove those players from the program. That's usually enough to deter most misbehaviour because ultimately the players want to continue to be able to participate.



So why is a Minecraft program good for the Library? Well, I'm biased. Minecraft is really fun, and I like to think that's enough. But I also believe playing Minecraft teaches children valuable lessons about delayed gratification and getting along with other people. It allows players to indulge their creativity while developing their communication and cooperation skills.

Minecraft also teaches various lessons regarding sustainability. Players see their impact on the landscape around them. Metal ores that are mined out will not replenish, and trees that are chopped down will not reappear unless players plant new ones. Scars on the landscape left by mining or creeper explosions will remain until repaired by the players.

Finally, our Minecraft program attracts tween boys to the library on a regular basis, a group we sometimes have trouble reaching otherwise.

Running a Minecraft program requires a wi-fi network, players, mobile devices, and installed copies of Minecraft: Pocket Edition. While many children may already own Minecraft: Pocket Edition on their mobile devices, others may not have access to a mobile device. For that reason, I'd suggest that libraries should have at least one or two mobile devices for players to borrow during the program. Then it's just a matter of connecting all the children to the wi-fi network, ensuring they've updated Minecraft to its newest version, and letting them loose on the virtual worlds.





# Around the System...

Summer is drawing to a close—here's what's been going on around Peace Library System over the past few months! 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!

## High Level Municipal Library

Even with the library closed, we still ran our summer programs. This summer we had our Toonie Tuesday Craft program and Discovery Thursday Science Program. Our tie-dye session and our chemistry session were the biggest hits of the summer. The tie-dye shirts turned out fabulously and the moms who helped out were even better. Chemistry day we did volcanoes and pop geysers. The kids had a blast while watching Sarah and Madalyn getting covered in pop.

—Submitted by Madalyn Savoy, High Level Municipal Library





## High Prairie Municipal Library

We had our 23rd Annual Penny Carnival at the High Prairie Municipal Library on August 7 from 2-4pm. The weather cooperated and we had a total of 330 people in attendance as well as 38 volunteers. There were many games set up as well as face painting and balloon animals.

—Submitted by Tracy Roberts, High Prairie Municipal Library





# More from around the *System*...

## Rainbow Lake Municipal Library

It is the second year in a row that the library took first place for our Canada Day parade float!

—Submitted by Sara Lowe, Rainbow Lake Municipal Library





## Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library

On July 9th as part of Slave Lake's annual Riverboat Daze celebrations we showed the movie *Silence of the North*. The movie was filmed locally in the 70s and features many local residents as extras. As soon as we announced the showing it picqued a lot of interest within our community. When it came time for the movie we actually had to turn people away because we didn't have the room and we have decided to do a second showing!

—Submitted by Desiree Remillard, Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library

The Slave Lake Public Library is pleased to announce the showing of...

# SILENCE OF THE NORTH

As part of Riverboat Daze

Saturday July 9th 1:00



1981 semi-autobiographical Canadian film of author Olive Frederickson, taken from the book of the same name. The film stars Tom Skerritt as her first husband Walter Roemer who was killed, Gordon Pinsent as her second husband John Frederickson, and Ellen Burstyn as Olive. The movie was filmed near Smith and many Slave Lake residents can be seen as extras.



# >> Coding in Libraries

Why should libraries care about coding?

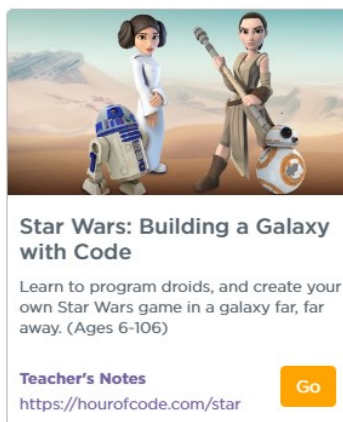
Let's be honest: it's a little intimidating. Most people assume that you need lots of special equipment and a huge wealth of computer knowledge in order to host a coding program for kids in their libraries. But that's just not true! Libraries all over the world have realised how easy and important it is to introduce coding into their programming, and it's something that you and your library should be thinking about.

Having a solid grasp on computer science is hugely valuable for the current generation. It is a field that is desperate for qualified individuals, and coding specifically is a skill that is in high demand in nearly every industry. Knowing how to code promises you a bright future and a good income. According to [code.org](https://code.org), a non-profit that promotes teaching coding to kids, a computer science major can earn 40% more than the college average and computing jobs (which incorporate coding skills) are the number one source of new wages in the US.

However, coding is not a skill that is being emphasised in the usual school curriculum or something that most kids will be exposed to via extracurriculars. This means libraries have a fantastic opportunity, and are perfectly positioned, to fill that void.

But where do you get started?

First, try the above-mentioned [code.org](https://code.org). They host "An Hour Of Code" programs which are freely available online and are perfect for people who are just starting out with coding, whether they're six years old or one hundred and six. The most popular of these Hour of Code activities are Star Wars, Minecraft, and Frozen-themed: perfect for hooking the youngsters! These have teacher's guides and extension activities that will help you figure out how to build a library program around code.org's resources.



The website [codecademy.com](https://codecademy.com) also provides interactive tutorials that help users build practical, real-world coding skills like building a website and learning programming languages like HTML and Python. They also have a Teacher Training section that will empower you to feel confident in helping your young patrons as they learn how to code.



Do you have some teens or adults who know the basics and want to move on to bigger things? [FreeCodeCamp](https://freecodecamp.org) allows coders to build their portfolio and kickstart their careers as developers by using their coding skills to help nonprofits. People who sign up get to work through the website's self-paced coding challenges, build projects, and earn certificates, after which they'll get to build a series of solutions for nonprofits with partners and supervision.

Learn to code and help nonprofits



17,000,000+ coding challenges solved



\$1,000,000+ in donated development work



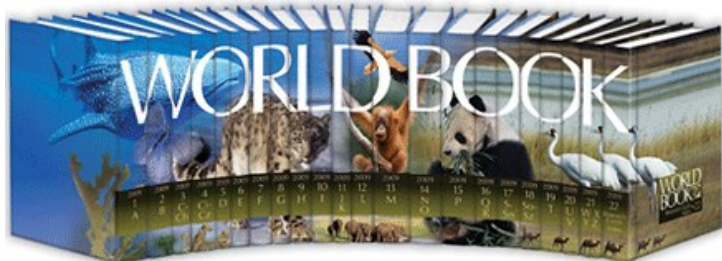
2,000+ people like you now have developer jobs

Start coding (it's free)

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# >>Spotlight On: World Book

World Book Encyclopaedias have always been a staple of library collections. They are a familiar and comforting sight with their attractive covers and spines, they are full of fantastic, reliable knowledge, and over the past decades they have proven an invaluable resource for kids when it comes to school projects and reports or even when they just have a question about the world they live in.



But as great as the print encyclopaedias are, they can be limiting. Shelf space is at a premium for a lot of libraries, and a full set of World Book takes up a lot of room. Editions have to be current and up to date to make sure our patrons are getting the best information possible, but it can be expensive to replace World Book sets. And, of course, for a lot of young people today, the first place they look for information is not in a print book: it's online.

At Peace Library System, we are very happy to be able to offer our libraries and our patrons access to World Book Online, a digital platform that allows you to explore all the knowledge contained between the covers of those famous World Book encyclopaedias... plus much, much more.

Our World Book Online subscription allows us access to many different features, including Early World of Learning, Kids, Info Finder, Reference Center, Timelines, the Spanish-language encyclopedia, and the French language encyclopedia.



**Early World of Learning** was designed for preschoolers and children in the early elementary grades. The site has six main interactive learning components: Read, Play, Watch, Print and Do, Know It, and Classics.

**Kids** was designed for students in elementary school and based on World Book's beloved print encyclopedia. It has easy-to-read articles with images and illustrations, and interactive games and activities.

**Info Finder** was designed for older school-aged students for help with their homework and research projects.

**Reference Center** is geared towards more advanced researchers who are seeking primary and secondary sources like eBooks and articles.

**Timelines** provides hundreds of timelines across eight broad topics covering various time periods in history or spanning the life of historical public figures. You can also create your own timeline from scratch!

The **Spanish** and **French** language encyclopaedias are both adapted from the print encyclopedia and designed for elementary students.

To access all these features via World Book, visit the eResources page on our website at [www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/e-Resources](http://www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/e-Resources).





## Video Tutorials

We know that it can be overwhelming to teach yourself how to use all of the different eResources that Peace Library System offers our libraries and our patrons. To that end, Samantha Mercer has been working on creating great video tutorials that are short and snappy and will get you and your patrons up to speed with all the great eResources available.

So far, we have created video tutorials on:

- Trac Operational Guidelines
- TumbleBooks
- Early World of Learning
- Mango Languages
- PressReader for Browsers
- PressReader for Android Devices
- Downloading eBooks with Kobo Devices
- Downloading eBooks with Android Devices
- Downloading eMagazines and eNewspapers with Android Devices
- Finding Comics and Graphic Novels

And there are lots more to come—stay tuned, and visit <http://peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/VideoTutorials> to see what's been uploaded!!

## 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)

### *PLS Board Meeting*

Chateau Nova, Peace River  
September 17, 2016; 10:30 am

### *PLS Plan of Service Committee Meeting*

Chateau Nova, Peace River  
September 17, 2016; following board meeting

### *Rural Libraries Conference*

Pomeroy Hotel & Conference Centre, Grande Prairie  
September 22 and 23

### *PLS Personnel Committee Meeting*

Pomeroy Inn, Grimshaw  
October 1, 2016; 10:30 am

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

Manning Municipal Library  
October 3, 2016; 11:00 am

### *Clear Hills County Advisory Committee Meeting*

Menno-Simons Community Library, Cleardale  
October 5, 2016; 5:30 pm

### *MD of Greenview Advisory Committee Meeting*

Valleyview Municipal Library  
October 6, 2016; 6:30 pm

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

Spirit River Municipal Library  
October 12, 2016; 6:15 pm

### *Northern Sunrise County Advisory Committee Meeting*

Nampa Municipal Library  
October 17, 2016; 10:30 am

### *Local Author Tour*

October 17-20

### *PLS Executive Committee Meeting*

Location TBA  
October 22, 2016; 10:30 am

### *Northern Author Tour*

October 24-27