

# NEWS & Notes

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## Season's Greetings

From Your PLS Headquarters Staff!



*Standing (left to right):* Alec Moreau; Ken Sawdon; Janet Ayles; Emma Stewart; Ryan Goff; Dennis Sheppard; Darla Dawn Lukac; Cliff Lesh; Alycia Vickrey.  
*Seated (left to right):* Barbara Johnson; Katherine Wiebe; Donna Mostowy; Louisa Robison; Linnea Fletcher; Alrene Dempster; Tora Vollers.  
*Not pictured:* Candace Cardinal; Kaylee Calliou; Rose-Marie Finch; Dorothy Tay-Ellingboe.

# >> From the CEO



Louisa Robison

As I write this it seems more like spring – the sun is out, the temperature is above zero, the roads are a brown soupy mess. It's like the light on the head of an angler fish, it's the lure of a lovely and bright winter day, the marshmallow world we get at Christmas. It's only the beginning and there's a \*lot\* more to come.

Here at PLS it's just the beginning of a new era as well. With the retirement of

Katherine Wiebe, the consulting department is now going to be helmed by Emma Stewart, who steps into the role with over six years experience in the department. And since Emma is moving up, we're going to have two – two! – brand new consultants. They are both young and energetic and eager to get their hands into the library community we have here in the Peace region. I know they'll have some great ideas and will bring their excitement and creativity to the job.

The new year will bring a new Plan of Service and some new initiatives aimed at not only improving our own services to libraries but also in bringing new training to library managers. We're looking to bring in some remote training for managers on topics such as rural mental health and rural service delivery. We're going to see what we can do about increasing delivery to those libraries with high volumes. And we're going to look at our operations and see what we can do about making ourselves more efficient in serving you.

While all that is going on, I'm trying to get out on the road to come and meet you all! Fingers crossed for an easy winter on the highways. So far, I've been able to see the libraries in the near distance to us here at headquarters, the County of GP libraries – Valhalla, La Glace, Elmhurst, Hythe – as well as Sexsmith, Beaverlodge, Fairview, Spirit River, Valleyview and Fox Creek. Plans are in place to see Savannah and Woking as well. At the same time, I'm trying to get out to the village, town and MD council meetings to talk to the councillors, new and returning, about PLS, our services, and how the relationship between libraries and the system works. As I'm getting spots in the council meetings, I'm also emailing the library managers so you know when I'm going to be there. If you are interested in being there as well, I welcome your input and assistance. It's always easier to handle questions when we can present both sides of the equation, library and system.

And on the first of December, we hope to be able to present to you an expanded selection of e-resources. How? TRAC is signing agreements with the Parkland Regional Library System to share our Overdrive content. What that means is that you, a TRAC member, will now have access to Parkland's Overdrive holdings and they'll have access to ours. Any item that is readily available to borrow in their system, you can borrow, and they with ours. No holds will be allowed, they can't place holds on our items and we can't place holds on theirs, but titles that are ready to go with no previous holds on them will be available for you to take out.

The current go-live date for that is 1 December, and as this is being published before then I'm crossing my fingers that it will still happen on that date. Additionally, TRAC is in talks to have the same agreement with Edmonton Public Library and Calgary Public Library to share in their Overdrive holdings as well, but no firm dates for those agreements have been reached yet.

And on the subject of TRAC, in 2022 we will be upgrading the servers for TRAC. It's time for the servers to be done, but additionally it is the first step in possibly being able to take advantage of Polaris's Vega Discover, a discovery layer for the Polaris catalogue platform. No plans have been made yet, but before any can be made, the servers need to improve. This is step one of a long journey, but hey, we're starting now!

So just like the gloriously bright and beautiful winter days at the beginning of the season, there's a lot more to come in 2022. Stay tuned, stay engaged, stay positive, and I'll see you in person before too long. I look forward to it!

Louisa Robison  
CEO





# What's trending in books

## 2021 GILLER PRIZE



These Canadian novels made the 2021 Scotiabank Giller Prize shortlist & contended for the \$100,000 prize:

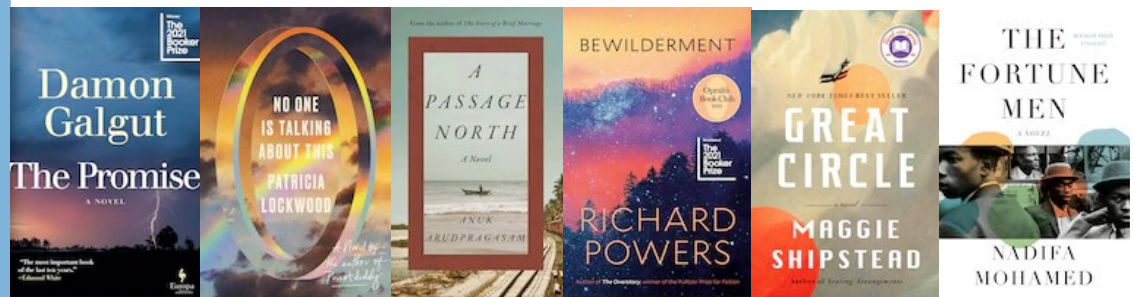
**What Strange Paradise** by Omar El Akkad \*  
**Glorious Frazzled Beings**  
 by Angélique Lalonde  
**The Son of the House**  
 by Cheluchi Onyemelukwe-Onuobia  
**The Listeners** by Jordan Tannahill  
**Fight Night** by Miriam Toews

\*Winner

The Booker Prize awards £50,000 to the best novel published in the UK.  
 This year's shortlist featured:

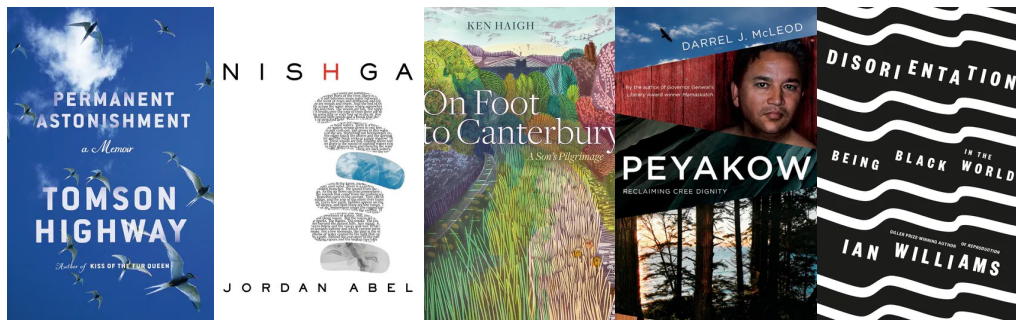
**The Promise** by Damon Galgut \*  
**No One Is Talking About This**  
 by Patricia Lockwood  
**A Passage North**  
 by Anuk Arudpragasam  
**Bewilderment** by Richard Powers  
**Great Circle** by Maggie Shipstead  
**The Fortune Men**  
 by Nadifa Mohamed

\*Winner



## 2021 BOOKER PRIZE

## 2021 HILARY WESTON WRITERS' TRUST PRIZE



The Hilary Weston Writers' Trust Prize awards \$60,000 for the best title in Canadian nonfiction. This year's finalists were::

**Permanent Astonishment: A Memoir**  
 by Tomson Highway \*  
**NISHGA** by Jordan Abel  
**On Foot to Canterbury: A Son's Pilgrimage**  
 by Ken Haigh  
**Peyakow: Reclaiming Cree Dignity,**  
**A Memoir** by Darrel J. McLeod  
**Disorientation: Being Black in the World**  
 by Ian Williams

\*Winner

# >> 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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I am very pleased to announce that Peace Library System has hired a new Consulting Services Manager and two new Consultant Librarians!

I will be taking early retirement this December, 2021, and moving to Drumheller to spend more time with my family. Emma Stewart, who has been a Consultant Librarian with Peace Library System since 2015, is our new Consulting Services Manager, as well as our new representative on the TRAC-PSG. Emma will continue to also consult with our public libraries. Emma began shadowing me mid-November and is excited to take on her new role!



Mallory Bruinsma will start at Peace Library System on December 2nd, as a Consultant Librarian. Mallory will consult with our public libraries, as well as focus on coordinating the annual conference and the annual digital marketing campaign, provide ongoing system website updates, produce the quarterly newsletter, and will assist the Consulting Department with other programs, projects and continuing education events as required.



Duncan Lotoski will start at Peace Library System on December 1st, as a Consultant Librarian. Duncan will consult with our public libraries, as well as focus on our eResources and eResources/devices training to libraries, creation of rotating STEAM/gaming kits, and will assist the Consulting Department with other programs, projects and continuing education events as required.

Rounding out the consulting department, of course, is our Member Services Assistant and Relais ILL Technician Barbara Johnson, who will continue to assist libraries with interlibrary loan and circulating our blocks and kits!



We will be hosting a couple virtual Coffee Chats on December 6 and 8 so that you may begin to get acquainted with our new team. Consultants will be re-assigned in the new year and Emma will advise each library who their consultant will be going forward. Please watch for the Coffee Chat Zoom links in your email.

Katherine Wiebe  
Consulting Services Manager and Deputy CEO



# >> Stronger Together 2021

Stronger Together was held virtually again this year, with Peace Library System, Parkland Regional Library System, Yellowhead Regional Library System, and The Alberta Library partnering together to provide an amazing conference on September 22-24. Attendees enjoyed sessions on a wealth of topics over three days, many of which can still be watched as replays on the conference website at <https://strongertogether.heysummit.com>.

The conference consisted of 23 sessions, 2 wellness sessions, 2 keynotes, and a pre-conference keynote. Conference sessions consisted of five streams: Netspeed, Governance and Leadership, Post-pandemic Reintegration, Diversity and Inclusivity, and School Librarianship.

The conference kicked off on Wednesday with Kimberley Knull's leadership preconference, centered around Dare to Lead from the much-loved Brené Brown.

Our Thursday morning keynote, Timothy Caulfield, offered some eye-opening insights into misinformation and the role that libraries can help play in keeping the public informed, especially during the pandemic.

Our Friday morning keynote, Heidi Jacobs, shared with us her journey of a life in libraries and the book world. One quote from her presentation that really struck a chord with attendees was: "Libraries are sites of infinite possibility, connections, discovery and serendipity and, as librarians, it is our responsibility – and our privilege – to keep those windows open."

Stronger Together could not have been possible without all our sponsors and supporters, but we particularly want to single out our gold and platinum sponsors for thanks: TD Summer Reading Club, Orca Book Publishers, United Library Services, Library Bound Inc., OCLC, and Mugo Web.



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We received positive feedback from some smaller libraries that do not have the time or budget to attend in-person who appreciated being able to participate in many virtual sessions at their desk. However, we have also heard from many libraries who have missed the in-person contact of our Rural Libraries Conference, so we are considering collaborative avenues for a hybrid in-person/virtual conference in 2022.

Stay tuned!

# >> Tech Services Tidbits

Cataloguing can be an odd sort of art. It's simultaneously strict with standards and rules while also allowing for a lot of judgement calls or even personal or organizational preferences. It is also an art that changes over time. To that end, I thought it would be good to let library staff know about some of the discussions that TRAC's Bibliographic Services Group (BSG) have been having of late.

In years past, TRAC had been fairly strict about using only Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH). However, we found that this can be very limiting or even outright inappropriate. For example, LCSH still officially uses the Topical term "Indians of North America". The BSG concluded that using that term is insensitive and unacceptable. TRAC now replaces any instance of that term with "Indigenous Peoples," and if possible the preferred name of the individual Nations or Bands that are the subject of a work. We are currently looking into replacing the LCSH term, "Illegal Aliens" with something such as "Undocumented Immigrants", among other changes. Of course, not all of this work is being done alone. Libraries across the country are making similar changes with their catalogues. TRAC is also working with libraries and consortia within the province in a Decolonizing Description Working Group, which was struck following a province-wide meeting held this summer with the Public Library Services Branch.

The language used during cataloguing matters, and not just for

purposes of access to information. We understand that the terms and descriptions used are not always ideal and may even be harmful. TRAC has adopted language from other libraries to acknowledge this as we work to improve our catalogue. The following can be found on the "About TRAC" page in the catalogue:

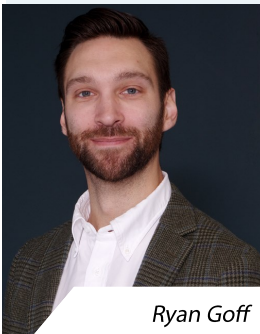
"TRAC recognizes that our catalogue and resource descriptions contain language that reflects the biases, norms, and perspectives of the time in which they were created. In particular, for resources about persons and groups, this language is often outdated and harmful. We use international standards for description, but support and actively participate in efforts to update and change these practices as we strive for descriptions that are inclusive, respectful, and do not cause harm."

As I said, cataloguing standards and practices change over time. The reason for these changes may be technological, theoretical, practical, or cultural. TRAC and our cataloguers know the importance of keeping current in all aspects of our work, and we are committed to always improving.

Ken Sawdon

Cataloguing & Acquisitions Supervisor

## >> What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)?



Ryan Goff

When you think of artificial intelligence, what mental images does it bring up? If the first thing you thought of was Skynet from the Terminator series, you're not alone. Luckily, the reality of current AI technology is far from that, and the future is extremely bright in this field.

Let's take a step back and actually try to define what AI is. I like the simple explanation of leveraging computers and machines to mimic the problem-solving and decision-making capabilities of the human mind. In its simplest form, AI is driven by computers attempting to solve problems using thousands, millions, or even billions of combinations that wouldn't be possible by humans. The vast majority of these combinations fail, but every once in a while, something clicks, and that result is used for future decisions. As more and more positive results stack, AI becomes "smarter". Think of it like trying to make a cake a billion different ways, and while most would be horrific or just plain fail, there may be a jackpot result based on ingredients or techniques humans would have never thought to try.

That's great, Ryan, but how does this impact me and the people we serve? Great question, and one that continues to evolve. AI is currently involved in making better search results for materials, providing recommendations, assisting with developing programming, and a number of other key decisions for libraries. As the field expands, it will become easier and easier to make decisions for your library (not to mention less work as more pieces are automated).

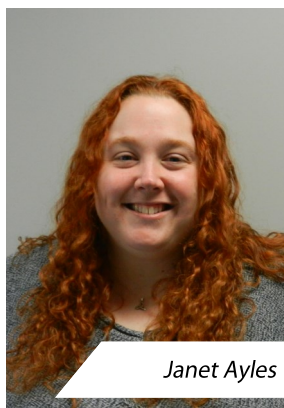
I'm extremely excited to see what the future of AI holds, both for libraries and the world in general. Long gone are my thoughts of Skynet, which have been replaced by visions of a world that is more people-centric both inside and out of our libraries.

Ryan Goff

Desktop and Network Administrator



# >> From the IT Desk



Janet Ayles

## What are your Christmas plans?

The snow is falling and I've been binging Hallmark Christmas movies since Halloween. All this means that Christmas is getting closer and closer. All this leads me to an important question...

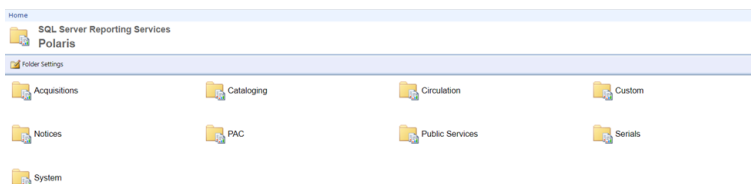
Will your library be closing at all over the holidays? If so, please email [helpdesk@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:helpdesk@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca) as soon as you've decided and let us know.

It's important that Polaris has the updated dates that you'll be closed so it can correctly calculate due dates and fines (if applicable). You don't want to risk your patrons having items due while you're closed, do you?

## Running Reports

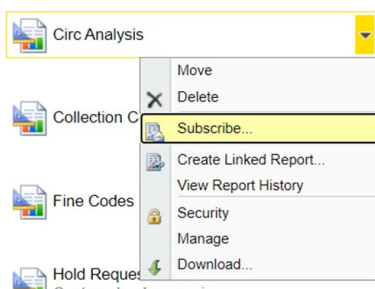
We've all run into problems running reports in the last while. Reports time out and just don't run. Sometimes they run via Remote Desktop, but overall, it's been frustrating for everyone and we know that. In order to ensure access to Polaris Reports & Notices, TRAC has set up web access to the Reporting Server directly.

You can access the Reporting Server at <http://trac-reports.trac.local/Reports>. Log in using your Polaris username and password. Once you're logged in, the interface will look a little different, but it has all the same folders and reports as you'll find in Polaris Reports & Notices.



Accessing the Reporting Server gives you additional features. For example, is there a report you run frequently? Would it make your life easier to have it run automatically and then emailed to you? Good news! It can be done.

Find the report you want to schedule, click the drop down menu and choose Subscribe. On the next screen, fill in your email address, scheduling details and start/end dates.



## Sending Polaris Notices to Your Patrons

So we've all seen the print notices for patrons. Those are the ones you need print out, put in an envelope, add a stamp, and actually take to a mailbox or post office. Emails are a great alternative option and I'm sure some of you are already using those. Polaris handily sends those automatically for you – no effort on your part!

But did you know that your patrons can also get automated phone calls or texts as well? Personally, I am more inclined to check a text message over my email. And I'm way too impatient to wait for hold notices to come by snail mail.

So if you'd like to enable automated phone calls or text messages for notices, please let me know.

## Helpdesk

Always remember that our Helpdesk is available to you for technical support 24/7. You can reach the helpdesk at <http://help.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca> or by email at [helpdesk@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:helpdesk@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca). The Helpdesk is the best place to submit technical problems, questions, or non-urgent requests for assistance.



The Helpdesk is the best place to reach out for technical support. Ryan and I both answer tickets and if one of us is away, the other will reply. Maximum contact with one ticket!

If you are experiencing a critical problem, please call us directly (after hours, please reach out to the after hours support at YRL and leave a voice mail). Critical functions are defined as:

- Unable to search TRACpac
- Unable to login to Polaris
- Unable to check items out to a patron
- Cannot connect to the Internet (depending on the cause, YRL may not be able to help and instead will have to wait for Ryan or me)

Janet Ayles  
IT and Technical Services Manager

# >> From Grande Prairie Public Library

## The Virtual Mascot

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

Given how 2020 and 2021 have gone for public libraries in Alberta, it's not surprising that we've pivoted to making all our services available virtually. Reference? Virtual. Programming? Virtual. Mascots? Virtual.

Wait, what?

In late 2020, I was in trouble. The pandemic hadn't abated, our library was closed again, and I didn't think I'd generated much interest in that year's Collins Writing Contest theme, The Bots. Normally, it's fairly easy to keep our patrons aware of the contest. If they visit GPPL in the month or two prior to the entry deadline, they can't miss the stacks of entry forms, posters on the bulletin boards, nor the ads on our self-checks.

None of those in-library promotions were available in late 2020, and I worried I would burn out my co-workers' patience with weekly social media posts that reused the same stock images. So, I combined two things I'd been working on: an example story about a robot who enjoyed using calculators upside down, and Blender, the free 3D modeling and rendering program.

The end result was the bot, created from a handful of spheres and boxes.



His first incarnation was a little clumsy, with fixed fingers and awkwardly-placed joints, but he was just flexible enough for me to create a short animation of him looking at the viewer in surprise, and then dropping something. Then I used LMMS, a free sound editor, to alter my voice into the bot's, and DaVinci Resolve to piece together the animation and sound files.

The end result was a short video I called Badly Behaving Bot, where I confronted the bot for violating the first law of robotics: "no holding the calculator upside down." (Available on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhmTyO4aY6Y>)

Initially I thought the bot was a one-and-done character. But once I finished making the first video, I had other ideas for his misadventures to promote the Collins contest: falling in love with a coffee machine, having his rear hatch activated by the "open trunk" button on a car key, and revealing that the bot was actually my boss in the end.

Then I started using the bot outside the context of the Collins contest: promoting some job openings, performing the Hokey Pokey alongside me, and teasing the following year's Collins theme (at a co-worker's suggestion).



Over time, I've refined the bot's design to make him more flexible to work with, and he has almost become an unofficial virtual mascot of our Children's Department.

The benefits of a virtual mascot are that he's always available to work with, we don't need to distance or wear masks when working together, he doesn't mind being the butt of the joke, and he can be sent to ridiculous locations without setting up a green screen.

The main downside is that making the bot animations can take time, and they're limited to what I personally can accomplish using Blender. In short, the bot and I will not be telling the story of the Tortoise and the Hare while running through the library any time soon.

Still, when the time comes for your library to re-evaluate its mascot needs, who knows? A virtual mascot may also be in your future.



# >> Indigenous Outreach

## Orange Shirt Day Walk

*by Candace Cardinal, Indigenous Outreach Supervisor, Peace Library System*

On September 30th of this year, I organized an Orange Shirt Day Walk in my hometown of Grouard, Alberta. I organized this walk in Grouard to commemorate the inaugural National Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada. Grouard once held a residential school called the Grouard Indian Residential School, also known as St. Bernard Mission School, which was run from 1894-1957 by the Roman Catholic Church. This event was held to reflect on the tragic legacy of Indian Residential Schools in Canada. I thought this walk would be a perfect way to work towards healing for my hometown and surrounding communities.

Financial support for the walk was generously arranged by Monica Kreiner, who works with Grouard Seniors. This allowed me to purchase an Orange Shirt Day flag, 100 Orange Shirt Day tattoos, and 20 Orange Shirt Day t-shirts for attendees, as well as water and granola bars for the walk.

The walk was opened by a former residential student Henry Cardinal who conducted a smudge and said a prayer before the walk started, while another former residential student William Hamelin came to drum throughout the walk. All together, about 100 people gathered for this walk, including a local newspaper reporter from the South Peace News, and the walk was featured on the front page of the paper.

It was a very successful walk that will carry on next year on September 30, 2022.



# Around the System...

Winter is making its presence known... 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](mailto:estewart@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca) and they will be included in the next newsletter. We'd love to hear from you!

## Grande Cache Municipal Library

What a wonderful fall we have had! Fall programs started the second week in September with a BANG! Everyone was excited to get back to planning, implementing and facilitating. On the agenda were several storytimes per week. Outdoor Storytime, Story Corner, and Tots and Teddies. We started back up with Origami, Lego Club, and added a few new programs: Teen 3D Printing Club, and Tweens Builders Club, Family Game Night and Sensory Time. Lo and behold, as we were just getting into the swing of things new health restrictions came into place. Therefore, we did what we do best, readjusted our plan!

We were able to keep most of our programs running, some in person, and some via Zoom! A few had to go into hiatus for the time being. With a lot of brainstorming and teamwork, we have some back up and running without much delay.

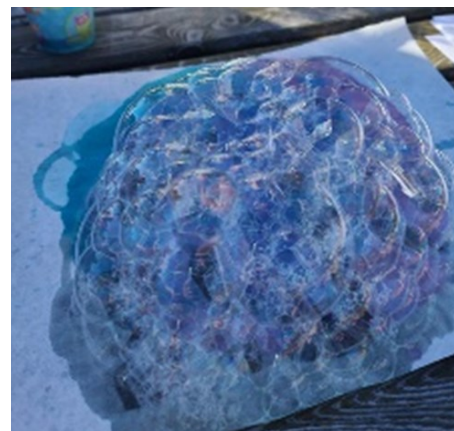
We were able to do three special pop up events each month as well. Featured Author, Dino Day at the Tourism Center, Prehistoric Day at the Library, Orange Shirt Day, and of course Cruiser's Birthday, just to mention a few!

We have also collaborated with the Greenview Tourism and Interpretive Centre in Grande Cache to be able to offer some adult programming at their facility.

The end of November brings us to a break from our regular programs and on to everything Christmas! We are offering Christmas Crafting Sessions for all ages during the month and participating in the Tourism and Interpretive Centre's weekend Christmas event in December.

Grande Cache Municipal Library Staff would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season! Cheers to health, happiness and time spent with family and friends!!

—Submitted by Sam McDonald, Grande Cache Municipal Library







## McLennan Municipal Library

McLennan Municipal Library was closed on September 30 in observance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It highlighted, as well, a small portion of its Métis and Indigenous collection in the coveted front window bookcase display.


—Submitted by Maureen Fisher, McLennan Municipal Library

## Valleyview Municipal Library

Check out the cool haunted house Liz made for us! A dollhouse was donated to the library and Liz turned it from a pastel pink playhouse to a creepy Victorian mansion complete with widow's walk made using our 3D pens. We think it's pretty spooky and cool!


December will be busy with our Kids Read 4 Gifts program, and in January, the library is going fine free—we can't wait!

—Submitted by Kerri Danner, Valleyview Municipal Library



# KIDS READ 4 GIFTS


Nov. 1- Dec. 17  
Ages 5-17



Want to get a head start on your holiday shopping?  
Read books to earn Library Bucks!

1 Book Read = 1 Library Buck  
Exchange your Library Bucks for gifts at the  
Kids Holiday Gift Shop  
Dec. 1 to 23  
Tuesday to Friday 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Gifts will also be available to  
purchase at the Gift Sale. All  
proceeds go to funding future  
children's programs.



For more information, call the Library (780) 524-3033





# More from Around the System!

## High Prairie Municipal Library

We are pleased to have a new Program Coordinator at the library: Quincy Ballester-Quinlog. She is off and running with storytime and afterschool programs!

—Submitted by Tracy Ireland, High Prairie Municipal Library





## Wabasca Public Library

Wabasca Public Library has moved from its old space to a new 3500 square foot area in the Lakeview Sports Centre. The new library space is open and colorful. It will allow seniors to visit and enjoy a coffee while visiting with friends and neighbors. Many new programs are planned for everyone, young and old alike. A big thanks to all who helped with the move, especially staff members Glenda Favel and Chrissy Favel, as well as volunteer Wendy Zabot and staff of the MD of Opportunity No. 17.

The library is just waiting for the last internet hookup to the circulation desk and then will be open before the end of November. Glenda and Chrissy are looking forward to introducing everyone to the new library!

—Submitted by Diane Collyer, Wabasca Public Library



## Menno-Simons Community Library

And so we are already in November. Where did the time go? We had a great summer with 10 kids attending our Summer Reading Club. We had heaps of fun reading, playing, and crafting. We had a photo scavenger hunt and we received amazing picture entries. The winners received a pizza dinner at the restaurant. Then school started and we had a fall contest where we asked kids to draw pumpkins as a book character. We received 2 magnificent entries and both artists were rewarded with a book bag full of surprises. I also started a seasonal book cart, so patrons, teachers, and homeschoolers can also have quick picks.

As you all can see I am having a really great time here in the library. I also have to say I have a work experience student and she is an amazing partner in crime and we came up with new ideas and displays throughout the Fall. I am reusing my big red truck multiple times to load the back up with pumpkins, Remembrance Day poppies and crosses, and I believe a Christmas tree for December would be amazing.

Sending you all best wishes for the holiday season. Don't stress too much, it will all get done!

—Submitted by Bettina Worrall, Menno-Simons Community Library



# >> Board of Directors

We are pleased to share our 2021/2022 Board of Directors! New members are bolded.  
Welcome, and thank you for your service!

**City of Grande Prairie... Mike O'Connor**

**County of Grande Prairie No. 1... Karen Rosvold**

**Big Lakes County... Ann Stewart**

Birch Hills County... Denise Joudrey

**Clear Hills County... Amber Bean**

**Saddle Hills County... Kristen Smith**

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**MD of Greenview No. 16... Tom Burton**

MD of Lesser Slave River No. 124... Brad Pearson

County of Northern Lights... Belinda Halabisky

**MD of Opportunity No. 17... Tahirih Wiebe**

**MD of Peace No. 135... Theresa Johnson**

**MD of Smoky River No. 130... Alain Blanchette**

MD of Spirit River No. 133... Elaine Garrow

Northern Sunrise County... Carolyn Kolebaba

Town of Beaverlodge... Gena Jones

Town of Fairview... Stan Golob

Town of Falher... Lindsay Brown

Town of Fox Creek... Meesha Bainton

**Town of Grimshaw... Carmen Johnson**

Town of High Level... Brent Anderson

**Town of High Prairie... James Waikle**

**Town of Manning... Greg Pasichnuk**

**Town of McLennan... Margaret Jacob**

Town of Peace River... Elaine Manzer

Town of Rainbow Lake... Michelle Farris

Town of Sexsmith... Clinton Froehlick

**Town of Slave Lake... Kimberly Hughes**

Town of Spirit River... Harry Ezio

Town of Valleyview... Tanya Boman

Town of Wembley... Anna Underwood

Village of Berwyn... Cindy Hockley

Village of Donnelly... Vacant

Village of Girouxville... Vacant

**Village of Hines Creek... Alison Bjornson**

Village of Nampa... Vacant

Village of Rycroft... Roxann Dreger

Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement... Reta Nooskey

Peace Library System was pleased to recognize two board members for five years of service on the Peace Library Board in September 2021.

Congratulations to **Anna Underwood** and **Joy McGregor**.

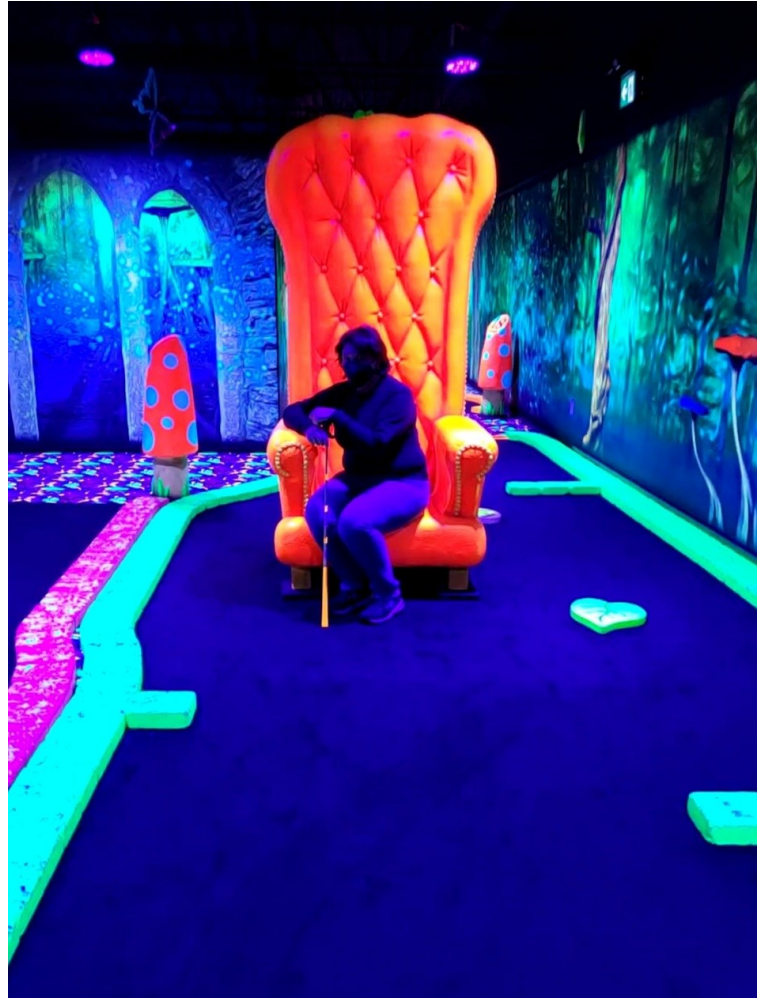
We thank them for their contributions to Peace Library System over the past five years.





# >>Staff Development Day

After the stresses and anxieties of the pandemic, PLS staff were excited to be able to bond and relax for our annual staff development day on November 1st. Black light mini golf, lunch, and an afternoon movie were enjoyed by all in attendance.



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.

## French Content

by *Anick Déchène, Bibliothèque de St. Isidore*

Did you know that there is a FRENCH-ONLY library in the system? Well, if you did not, now you do! Bibliothèque de St. Isidore is a French-only library and your French speaking patrons could get the latest books in their hands! Just have a look on our Facebook page to have an idea of all the new books that are in! The specialty of this library is also to provide a personal client service! Let your French patrons know! We have realized that many people do not know about it, so we want to spread the word!

Saviez-vous qu'il y a une bibliothèque entièrement en français dans le réseau des bibliothèques? Si vous ne le saviez pas, voilà que c'est fait! La bibliothèque de St. Isidore est une bibliothèque entièrement en français et vos membres francophones peuvent y trouver les dernières nouveautés francophones! Vous pouvez aller sur notre page facebook pour avoir un aperçu des derniers titres disponibles! Nous offrons un service personnalisé! Juste à nous contacter si vous avez besoin d'aide! Nous avons réalisé que plusieurs membres ne connaissent pas l'existence de notre bibliothèque et serait très heureux de l'apprendre! Passez le mot!

## 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

## Headquarters Closed for Holidays

December 24, 2021 (noon) -  
January 3, 2022

## PLS Executive Committee Meeting

January 22, 2022, 10:30 am

## Family Literacy Day

January 27, 2022

## Freedom to Read Week

February 20 – 26, 2022

## PLS Board Meeting

February 26, 2022, 10:30 am

## LibPAS Deadline

February 28, 2022

