

HORIZONS

CHINOOK ARCH REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM NEWSLETTER

MISSION STATEMENT: *Chinook Arch Regional Library System creates and supports the structure for a network of cooperating libraries in Southwest Alberta to share resources in a cost-effective manner.*

OUR VISION: *Residents of Southwest Alberta, through their local library, have access to shared print and digital resources which support literacy, lifelong learning, and an excellent quality of life.*

Say Hello to the Chinook Arch Summer Reading Program Staff

Mckenzie Matthews

I am going into my fifth and final year at the University of Lethbridge in the English/Education program where I have had some incredible opportunities in teaching practicums and just general life experiences! I am an avid reader from Calgary but have spent the last 3 years in Lethbridge where it is much sunnier, though windier. I read just about anything but I do have a soft spot for picture books and their amazing illustrations. I spent last summer getting to know the community of Coaldale, working with their public library and its Summer Reading Program which was an absolute blast! I am excited to start working on this year's Summer Reading Program with such a fun theme about Canada's 150th Birthday!



Mitchell Duram

I am very excited to be joining the Chinook Arch team! I am currently pursuing my Bachelor of Arts in History and my Bachelor of Education in Social Studies Education at the University of Lethbridge. I love working with children and I cannot wait to become a teacher! Other fun facts about me: I love to travel, my favourite colours are green and blue, and I enjoy swimming.

Welcome Simone and Norm, Chinook Arch IT Summer Interns

Chinook Arch would like to welcome Simone Bowes to the position of Web Development Intern from May to August 2017. Simone will be working with IT staff to build new platforms for our Internal Website as well as the provincial Interlibrary Loan service website (www.illalberta.ca) and the RISE Network website (www.risenetwork.ca). Simone has completed her third year of a combined degree in Bachelor of Fine Arts in New Media and Bachelor of Management in Marketing at the University of Lethbridge.



We would also like to welcome Norm Nelson to our IT Team. Norm is a graduating student from the Computer Information Technology program at Lethbridge College and is joining us for 200 hours to complete his practicum requirements. You'll see him upgrading current computers or installing new computers throughout our building and he will also accompany the IT Team on trips to provide support at our member libraries.



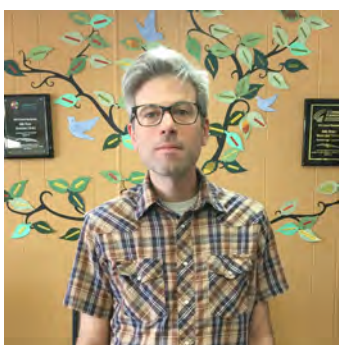
Nanton Thelma Fanning Library

Nanton Library hosted the third Tales from Home program on April 28. The program celebrated Britain, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Through the participation of people from the British Isles participants learned about and experienced their culture, customs, and food, and a British-style Tea was served.

For Volunteer Week (April 23 – 29) Nanton Library joined the Town Office in placing jars of shasta daisies, the flower representing volunteerism, in local businesses and public locales. Each jar had a note attached reminding people of the contributions made by volunteers and their value to our community. The notes prompted readers: “When you notice this bouquet say thank-you to a Volunteer”.



Milk River Municipal Library



Milk River Municipal Library is welcoming a new Library Manager, Peter Denmark. Peter and his family live in the Milk River area. They are avid library patrons, and the board is pleased to have him join the library.

Milk River's past Library Manager, Kay Cahoon, has relocated out of province. The board wishes her and her husband, Lee, great success in their new adventures.

Crowsnest Community Library

A retirement party announcement for Judy Bradley. The text reads: 'Join us in celebration on Wednesday, May 31st from 2-3 pm at the library, as we enjoy the retirement party of our long-time staff member Judy Bradley. Over the past 34 years, Judy has volunteered with the library, worked as library manager, and now greets us from the circulation desk as a library clerk. We invite you to drop in and say goodbye as we share in many stories, well wishes, and thank you.' There are two photos of Judy Bradley: one sitting at a computer desk and another standing in front of a wall with flowers. The Crowsnest Community Library logo is at the bottom right, with the text 'CHECK IT OUT! CROWSNEST COMMUNITY LIBRARY'.

Kainai Public Library

On April 25 Kainai Public Library launched the Okstakit Little Library Program. The program is the result of an ongoing partnership between Kainai Public Library and the Rotary Club of Raymond, which has been collecting donations of books for the library since 2015. Library staff saw the need for an outreach program that would bring books to members of the community that may have difficulty getting to the library, and the construction of four little libraries was undertaken by Rotary Club member Doug Streibel. The little libraries will be installed throughout the community, including at the medical clinic, Kainai Marketplace grocery store, and St. Paul's School. Linda Weasel Head, Kainai Public Library Coordinator, said the program will "give the kids something they've always wished for – books that they can keep and say, 'this is mine!'"



At the launch celebration, Elder Calvin Williams opened the event with a prayer, followed by a welcome from Kainai Public Library staff – Linda Weasel Head, Kathy Goodstriker, and Candice Shouting. Charlene Bruised Head Mountain Horse, Chair of the Kainai Board of Education, spoke of the library's crucial role in the community, and Val Boehme, past president of the Rotary Club of Raymond, detailed the Club's dedication to promoting literacy and their continued partnership with Kainai Public Library. Boehme and his granddaughter, Asia Hillyer, made a special donation to the Okstakit Little Library Program in memory of Asia's father, the late MP Jim Hillyer. Other distinguished guests attending the launch celebration included Annette Bruised Head, Kainai Board of Education Acting Deputy Superintendent; Mary Weasel Fat, Library Coordinator at Red Crow Community College; Grant Hunter, MLA for Taber, Warner, and Cardston district; Joyce Zwick, Assistant Governor, Rotary District 5360; and Officer Jim Bennett, Blood Tribe Police.

Carmangay Municipal Library



As part of Carmangay's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, the library offered a themed craft children's program prior to the parade.

Photo credit: The Vulcan Advocate



Lethbridge Public Library

Another Great Reason to Cycle to the Library!

Bike repair stations have been installed in the parking lots at the Main Branch and The Crossings Branch! Thanks to the Healthy Communities Association of Lethbridge and Area (HCALA) for installing them. The stations were funded via a three way partnership between the Library, HCALA and City of Lethbridge's Parks. They are part of an effort to promote the City's cycling master plan by supporting cyclists at the Main Branch downtown and at The Crossings Branch in West Lethbridge. This initiative is unique to Lethbridge, but already exists in Banff, Canmore, and Jasper. It provides 24/7 access to no-charge air pumps and bike repair tools.



HCALA is a diverse group of professionals that collaborates with community partners to develop strategies related to healthy lifestyles. Follow HCALA on twitter or Facebook or find more information on their website: <http://healthylethbridge.wix.com/info>

Online Safety Resource



Lethbridge Public Library's Teenbrarian, Paige McGeorge, attended the British Columbia Library Association Conference in April, where feminist media critic and online activist Anita Sarkeesian gave the closing keynote. Sarkeesian spoke about Speak Up & Stay Safe(r), a resource website that provides information on internet security, protecting ourselves from online harassment, and recommended safety measures. Paige plans to use the site to develop a future program for teens at Lethbridge Public Library.

Check out the resource at <https://onlinesafety.feministfrequency.com/en/>

2017-2021 Plan of Service

Check out the Library's 2017-2021 Plan of Service at <https://lpl.uberflip.com/i/812631-plan-of-service-2017-21/0>



MANAGING

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

IN CANADA

WITH **LIONEL LAROCHE**



Friday, May 26

9 a.m. - Noon

Theatre Gallery, Main Branch

To register, call 403-320-4977 – free admission.
Donations for local food banks gratefully accepted!

Culturally different people don't just look different; they think and communicate differently because they were brought up in different ways. When culturally different people interact together, these differences often result in misunderstandings that lead to frustration, hurt feelings, rework, missed opportunities and unmet expectations. Using insightful diagrams, powerful anecdotes and experiential exercises, this workshop analyzes the root causes of cross-cultural misunderstandings in order to provide concrete, tried-and-tested solutions to turn cross-cultural challenges into a source of creativity and innovation.

Born and raised in France, Lionel obtained a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology. He decided to leave the engineering field and chose to dedicate his professional life to helping immigrants integrate into the Canadian workforce. Over the past 20 years, he has written three books and facilitated workshops all over the world.



Lethbridge Public Library

Future Development Sought for The Crossings Branch

The Crossings Branch is seeking \$932,500 of Capital Improvement Program funding from the City of Lethbridge to enhance and expand its space. Library CEO Terra Plato says the growing population in West Lethbridge means more demand for Library services.

Sarah Head, Manager: Branch Services, says: "This project will include expanding into the 2600 square feet of undeveloped space adjacent to the Branch (often referred to as the leasable space). It would include an extension of the children's area, an improved teen space, creation of a new public meeting room, development of an outdoor patio and redesign of our existing space so that we can better serve our customers and so that they have easier access to washrooms. The project also includes improvements to the HVAC system to deal with the heat issues in the Branch."

Council will deliberate over the next couple of months and make its final decision sometime in June. Check out all the Capital Improvement Program proposals at www.lethbridge.ca/CIP



Spend an Evening with Charis Cotter Discussing Ghosts



Charis Cotter has published several critically acclaimed books and on her website, www.chariscotter.ca, she says: "I have always been fascinated with ghosts and I find them walking in and out of my books and stories. In 2013 I founded my own publishing company, Baccalieu Books, to publish *The Ghosts of Baccalieu*. Students contributed drawings and Community ghost stories that have been told and told again through many generations. I grew up beside a cemetery and I love ghosts. I have been working as a freelance editor and writer for more than 20 years." Charis will be visiting the Lethbridge Public Library in sponsorship with the Lethbridge Children's Literature Roundtable and the Canada Council for the Arts on May 15 at 7:30pm in the Main Branch Community Meeting Room.

Charis' book, *Toronto Between the Wars: Life in the City 1919-1939*, received the 2005 Heritage Toronto Award of Excellence. Most recently, *The Swallow: A Ghost Story*, won the 2015 IODE Violet Downey Book Award, was named an Honour Book by the Canadian Library Association for 2015, and has been nominated for five 2016 Children's Choice Awards across Canada.

Family Literacy Kits Have Inspirational Themes

Read On: Adult Literacy Services Program has purchased 82 Family Literacy Kits. Library staff say, "It seems that as fast as they arrive, they are borrowed by curious kids, homeschooling moms, and/or teachers." Topics include earth, hibernation, flight, gardening, bullying, creation, archaeology, and the Seven Sacred Teachings. Each kit contains at least one non-fiction book, fiction book, DVD, manipulative, a Calgary Reads Guide and an Activity Guide. They are currently shadowed in BiblioCommons until April 2018, but can be searched in Workflows under "Family Literacy Kits". These kits can be borrowed by anyone (if they are picked up and returned to the Main Branch) and have the same rules as toys (no holds, 3 week loan period).



Chinook Arch Regional Library System

Promoting PressReader, eMagazines, Summer Reading Program, and SOLARO!



For the month of May, Chinook Arch is promoting PressReader! If you don't already know all about PressReader, now is a great time to check it out:

www.chinookarch.ca/content/pressreader. PressReader features over 6000 newspapers and magazines, instantly available to read on your tablet, mobile device, or desktop. Library patrons can sign in with their library card barcode and PIN on the PressReader app or on www.pressreader.com and create a personalized account to download, customize, bookmark, and share content.

For the month of June, Chinook Arch is promoting our two emagazine platforms, Zinio and Flipster. Via the Zinio and Flipster apps, library patrons have access to digital copies of the latest issues of popular magazines. Visit www.chinookarch.ca/content/magazines for more information.



For the month of July, Chinook Arch is promoting the Summer Reading Program! The theme this year is Canada, to dovetail with the focus on Canada 150 that is happening across the country. Our Summer Reading Program Staff, Mckenzie and Mitchell, will be visiting schools throughout the system in May and June to spread the word about the program, and running the program in member libraries in July and August. Opportunities to sign up for their Summer Reading Program Workshop at HQ and to schedule their visits to your library will be coming soon - watch your email inbox for more details!

For the month of August (just in time for back to school!), Chinook Arch is promoting SOLARO. SOLARO is a homework help tool based on the Alberta curriculum. It offers study help and exam prep for grades 3 to 12. Library patrons can create an account, work through course lessons, reviews, and quizzes, and improve their grades. The SOLARO app is also available for mobile devices. Check out www.chinookarch.ca/content/solaro to learn more.



For promotional materials or ideas about how to share these resources with patrons in your library, contact your Public Services Librarian.



Upcoming Programs

For more information, or to sign up your library for a program, visit:

www.risenetwork.ca

May 30
Library Storytimes

May 31
Writing Historical Fiction with Simon Rose (Part 3)

June 1
Strategic Planning and Grant Proposals

June 29
Library Storytimes (Encore Presentation)

July 20
Oh Canada! Our Home and Native Land

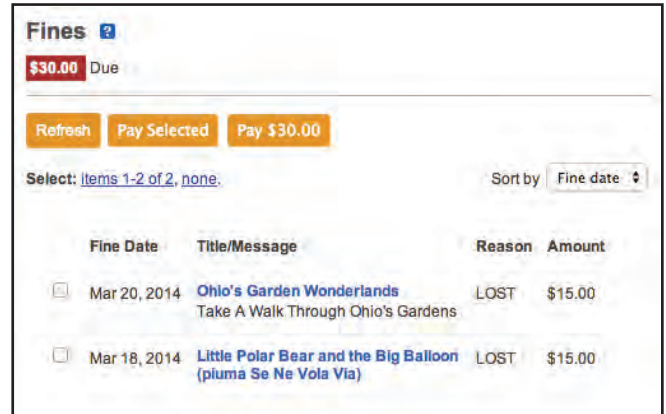


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BiblioFines Set-up Underway

At the September 2016 Librarians Committee Meeting there was discussion about setting up an Online Fines Payment System. While this topic had come up several times before, this time there was strong support to go forward with this service. Library managers supported implementing a system that would allow patrons to pay fines online and distribute these fines back to the member libraries of Chinook Arch Regional Library System on a quarterly basis.

Chinook Arch has begun the process of setting up this system with BiblioCommons, which offers a module that meets all of the desired criteria. Once we have this service set-up, we will be in communication with our member libraries regarding roll-out and processes!



Coming Up at Chinook Arch



May

Promotion of PressReader

Chinook Arch Summer Reading Program Staff Start Regional School Visits

May 8
Librarians Committee Meeting

May 16
OverDrive Collection Development Committee Meeting

May 26
Managing Cultural Diversity in Canadian Libraries Session at LPL

June

Promotion of Zinio and Flipster

Chinook Arch Summer Reading Program Staff Continue Regional School Visits

June 1
Resource Sharing Committee Meeting

June 19
New Website Training

June 22
New Website Training

July

Promotion of Summer Reading Program

Chinook Arch Summer Reading Program Staff Start Programs in Member Libraries

August

Promotion of SOLARO

Chinook Arch Summer Reading Program Staff Continue Programs in Member Libraries

