

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.*

Farewell, Kathy!

Chinook Arch's Office Administration Assistant, Kathy Knelsen, has accepted a position with another organization. Her last day at Chinook Arch was December 30.

Kathy joined the Chinook Arch Interlibrary Loan team in 2004, before taking on the position of Administration Assistant. Kathy has been the unsung hero of many, many meetings where attendees enjoyed tasty and timely lunches and dinners in a tidy and well-organized board room. Among the unnumbered other jobs and chores that fall to an office administrator, she has done an excellent job of keeping the organization's vital files and accounts in great shape, while juggling phone calls, chatty visitors, and all kinds of weird and wonderful requests from all corners of the building.

Please join us in wishing Kathy well as she pursues her new career opportunity!



Public Library Services Branch

2017 Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Library Service

The Public Library Services Branch is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the annual Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Library Service. These awards formally recognize great services at public libraries and promote knowledge-sharing within Alberta's library community.

The YOU Libraries Award will continue in 2017. This award is adjudicated by a popular vote open to all Albertans. A jury will select up to four winning submissions that demonstrate excellence and/or innovation in library service to receive the Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Library Service. All nominations that meet the Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Library Service criteria will be automatically eligible for the YOU Libraries Award.



The nominations opened on December 1, 2016, and the submission deadline is February 24, 2017. Nomination forms and additional details will be available at www.albertalibraries.ca. Winners will be notified by early April 2017 and announced at the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper from April 27 - 30, 2017.

If you have any questions on the awards program, please contact Karen Petch, Branch Information Co-ordinator, Public Library Services Branch, toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-427-9709, or at libraries@gov.ab.ca.

Glenwood Municipal Library

The Village of Glenwood Library Board has implemented the Parent Child Mother Goose Program as part of our 2017-2019 Plan of Service. This program has been presented to residents in order to fulfill the library board's goal of preparing young readers. Extra funding has been provided from Family and Community Support Services in Cardston.

The Glenwood Municipal Library serves a population of around 1100 residents. It covers an approximate sixty-mile radius and serves the villages of Glenwood and Hill Spring, and the Northwest corner of Cardston County. Parents in the area send their children to Spring Glen Elementary located in Glenwood or Spring Glen Jr. High located in Hill Spring.



The PCMGP has brought area mothers and their preschool children together to enjoy an hour of rhyme, songs and stories. A healthy snack is also provided as well as parenting support. Teaching has focused on the parents so that they may go home and feel comfortable interacting with their children through rhymes, songs and stories.

We have just completed our first fall session. Each subsequent session will run for approximately 8 to 9 weeks. Every session is different with new rhymes, stories and songs being introduced. During the summer reading program we are planning to have a PCMGP running while older children are at the library. This will give mothers who bring their older children to the summer reading program an opportunity to participate in a program with their babies and preschool children while waiting for their older children.

Our teachers have had lots of experience in working with children. Patricia Michel has a major in elementary education with a minor in music and taught kindergarten for many years before retiring. Kathy Thomas has a major in elementary education with specialties in language arts and creative writing and a minor in special education and has also taught children for many years. They have found that the training they received from the Parent Child Mother Goose Program compliments the training received in university and their life experiences. They are both working towards full certification in the Parent Child Mother Goose Program.

Our hope is that as the children enter school they will have a head start in their literacy development and that their families will develop closer bonds as they interact with each other through rhymes, songs and stories.



Lethbridge Public Library

15th Annual Banff Mountain Film Festival

January and Lethbridge's favourite edge-of-your seat festival go together like hot chocolate and marshmallows. The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour was back for its 15th year, January 9th to the 14th. The theatre gallery was packed to capacity for the showings, which isn't a surprise as it provides the chance to warm up winter with heart racing mountain films.

Sheila Braund, Festival Organizer says: "This year the community enjoyed a rich schedule of films featuring hiking, biking, climbing, surfing, running nature and mountain culture, plus a few amusing short films."



Let's Move Together - Sharing Dance Day Canada!

Planning Event: January 29, 2pm, Main Branch

Sharing Dance Day, Class #1: February 26, 2pm, Main Branch

Lethbridge Public Library and Community Partners are participating in a nationwide dance-sharing initiative, spearheaded by Canada's National Ballet School. On January 29, we will learn about the program, then plan and schedule up to 12, one-hour sessions which will begin February 26. Classes will be held at the Library and will follow online tutorials. Training materials will be available for everyone-all ages and abilities. See www.sharingdance.ca for exciting details, to register, call the Information Services desk at 403-380-7311. For more information contact Gayle at gayle.sacuta@lethlib.ca



Canada



With the generous support of the Government of Canada, and in collaboration with national and provincial partners, Sharing Dance Canada 2017 will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation by engaging all Canadians - the young and young-at-heart - in a multigenerational, healthy and fun community dance performance on June 2.

Sharing Dance Day encourages all Canadians to embrace the dancer within (because everyone is a dancer!). Through an exciting artistic collaboration, four Canadian dancers from culturally diverse backgrounds have created a dance choreography that gives voice - and movement - as an expression of Canada's youthfulness and multicultural mosaic!

Brighten Your Day by Borrowing a Litebook

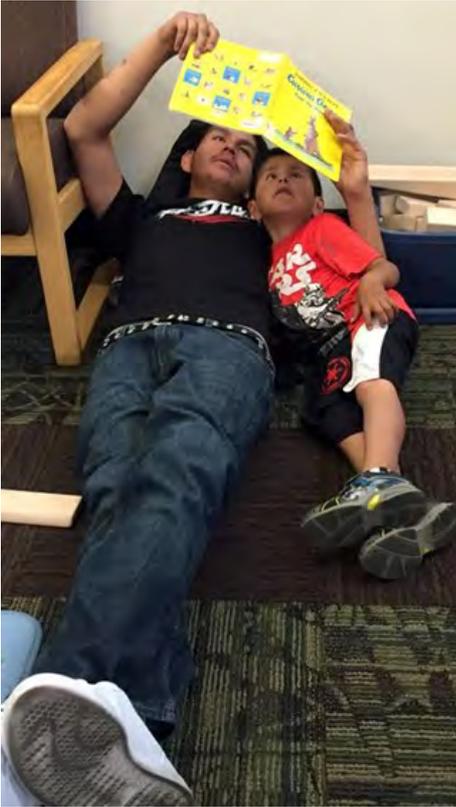
Designed in Medicine Hat, these lamps match the peak wavelengths of sunlight. They have the potential to have a positive impact on mood and sleep patterns. Twelve units are available, (5 at the Main Branch, 5 at The Crossings and 2 on the Bookmobile). They can be signed out with your library card.

More information is available at <http://www.litebook.com/>
Find them in our catalogue and determine availability by searching for Litebook Advantage:
https://lethlib.bibliocommons.com/item/show/2158534040_lite_book_advantage



Lethbridge Public Library

Family Literacy Day and #Readfor15 Challenge - January 27



January 27 is Family Literacy Day, and Lethbridge Public Library is taking part in the #Readfor15 Alberta-wide Challenge! We know we have a huge community of readers in Lethbridge – so we're asking them to read for 15 minutes and THEN Facebook, tweet, email, phone or come on down to the Library and tell us about it.

#readfor15yql
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Barbara Longair, Manager of Children's Services says: "The more people who read, the closer we get to winning Most Readerly Community! We MUST read more than Red Deer! Come on YQL!"



Lethbridge Public Library Children's Services has fun family events planned throughout the day on January 27:

9:30am - 3:30pm - Family Activity Centres: games and literacy activities.

10am - 10:30am - Story Reading with the Firefighters of Lethbridge: talk to a real firefighter and maybe get your photo taken with one.

2pm - 2:30pm - Story Reading with the Sports Heroes of Lethbridge: meet some of Lethbridge's sports heroes.

Exciting Community Partnerships

Story Walk

The Helen Schuler Nature Centre and the Library are excited to offer a Story Walk in the Nature Reserve, on now until January 22nd.

Emerging Sounds

A unique series created with the University of Lethbridge Department of Music and that showcases talented music students through recitals, lectures and demonstrations. Sundays, from January 29 to April 11.

Watch the Library Events Calendar at lethlib.ca for more!



Chinook Arch Regional Library System

Southern Alberta Library Conference 2017 - Mosaic: Celebrating Diversity Registration Is Open!

Registration for the 8th Annual Southern Alberta Library Conference is now open!

Recognizing and respecting different cultures, languages, and abilities can be powerful tools for strengthening families and communities. Libraries can play an integral role in helping to develop understanding and respect for people from diverse backgrounds.

Learn more about the conference and register at <http://salc.wildapricot.org/>

Questions? Contact Kerby Elfring: kelfring@chinookarch.ca



Connections Gallery at SALC - Call for Submissions

It's easy to take part— simply create a poster or display about your project to include in the gallery. This could be about a great program serving different groups of people in your community, special collections for diverse users, new partnerships, or anything else that makes anyone and everyone feel welcome at your library.

The display will be up in the main ballroom all day on Saturday, March 4. Gallery presenters are asked to stand with their display during the coffee break (10:00am – 10:45am) to answer questions and chat with fellow conference goers.

Questions? Contact Kerby Elfring: kelfring@chinookarch.ca

2017 READ Awards - Call for Nominations

Chinook Arch Regional Library System recognizes innovation and excellence in library service in the Region. The READ Awards encourage nomination of member libraries that have implemented or participated in programs and services that benefit their community or region.

Does your library have a program, service, collection, or staff member that you're proud of? Consider submitting a READ Award nomination! Preference will be given to nominations that reflect a willingness to collaborate or share resources, and that are future focused or innovative.

Nominations for the 2017 awards will be accepted until January 25th. Visit <http://internal.chinookarch.ca/node/602> to download the nomination form.

Questions? Contact Kerby Elfring: kelfring@chinookarch.ca



Chinook Arch Regional Library System

Family Literacy Day and #Readfor15 Challenge

Friday, January 27 is Family Literacy Day, and libraries across Alberta will be engaged in friendly competition as part of the #Readfor15 Challenge. Library patrons and community members are encouraged to read for 15 minutes (or more!) during the day, and log that activity with library staff to be tallied toward a community total.

The #Readfor15 concept was originally promoted by the North West Territory Literacy Council, and in 2016 was brought to Alberta by Sylvan Lake Municipal Library. Reading activity counted by each library is calculated as a percentage of the overall community's population, which means smaller communities can actively compete against large, urban centres. The 2016 challenge winner was the village of Donalda, with 62% of its population clocking in 15 minutes of reading on Family Literacy Day!



This year Barnwell Public Library, Coaldale Public Library, Lethbridge Public Library, Milk River Municipal Library, and Taber Public Library are the competing libraries in the Chinook Arch Region. For more information about the #Readfor15 Challenge or to sign up your library, contact Jane Edmundson: jedmundson@chinookarch.ca



Gale Courses and Ancestry Library Edition Promotion

For the month of January, Chinook Arch is promoting Gale Courses! If you don't already know all about Gale Courses now is a great time to check it out: <http://www.chinookarch.ca/content/gale-courses>. Gale Courses offers interactive courses that are 6 weeks in duration, led by expert instructors and entirely online. New sessions start each month so you can enroll anytime. The variety of course offered is impressive including technology, business, design, health and wellness, writing, and more! Access to Gale Courses is free for Chinook Arch Regional Library patrons.



For the month of February, Chinook Arch is promoting Ancestry Library Edition. Ancestry is a tool for researching genealogy and finding out more about your family history. Its databases contain thousands of databases of family information from sources like censuses, vital records, immigration records, family histories, military records, court and legal documents, photos, maps, and more. Ancestry Library Edition is available for free at public computer stations in Chinook Arch member libraries. Visit <http://www.chinookarch.ca/content/ancestry-library-edition> for more information.

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

Coming Up at Chinook Arch



January

Promotion of Gale Courses

January 18
Strategic Planning for Results
Training for Library Managers and
Board Members

January 23
Annual Reports Workshop for
Library Managers

January 25
Deadline for READ Awards
Nominations

January 27
Family Literacy Day and
#Readfor15 Challenge

February

Promotion of Ancestry

February 7
OverDrive Collection Development
Committee Meeting

February 8
Chinook Arch Marketing and
Communications Committee
Meeting

February 9
Chinook Arch Planning and
Facilities Committee Meeting

February 28
Deadline for Library Annual
Reports Submission to Public
Library Services Branch

