

Marigold News

Marigold Conference- Registration Open Until May 3!

Join us on Wednesday, May 15 for the [Marigold Library System Conference](#)! This annual professional development day is an opportunity for Marigold member library staff and board members to attend professional development sessions, meet Marigold Headquarters staff, and network with fellow library staff and trustees.

Register Now!



Alberta Digital Literacy Program

The [Alberta Digital Literacy Program](#) is here to help you boost your digital skills and feel right at home in today's digital landscape. The best part? It's completely free and flexible!

In order to meet everyone's needs, we have two levels of programming.

First, we have the Beginner level, perfect for those who are just starting out or feeling a bit unsure. With 10 easy-to-follow modules, you'll learn the basics, from navigating the

internet to setting up your own email and sharing stuff online.

Then, for those ready to take their skills to the next level, we've got the Intermediate level. With 9 modules packed with information, you'll delve deeper into topics like managing your digital footprint, staying safe online, and even mastering the art of online shopping.

How you complete these modules is completely up to you. You can choose to breeze through both levels or simply pick and choose the modules that catch your eye. Each module is designed to fit into your busy schedule, taking just 10 to 30 minutes to complete.

So, what are you waiting for? [Register now](#) to boost your digital literacy!

Cybersecurity Training

Stay safe online! The Government of Alberta has several 10-minute-long courses to ensure you are up-to-date on your cybersecurity training. It's important to protect yourself both at work and at home. As threats are getting more sophisticated, we need to stay ahead of the game! Take the courses [here](#).

Parkland Regional Library System (PRLS) Conference

Get ready for the 2024 Parkland Regional Library System (PRLS) Conference on September 23rd! Join us at the Lacombe Memorial Center for a day filled with insightful presentations and networking opportunities.

Library staff are invited to share their expertise by submitting proposals for one-hour long presentations at the conference on a variety of topics including Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Emerging Technologies, Fundraising, and more.

The deadline for submissions is May 12th, with responses from the planning committee expected by May 31st. Submissions should include your name, affiliation, title/position, contact information - including mailing address, phone number and e-mail address, and your library system.

Don't miss your chance to contribute – submit your proposal to Libraryservices@prl.ab.ca today! Conference registration opens August 6.

Empowering Seniors: Digital Literacy Support for Your Library

Connected Canadians is a national digital inclusion charity that provides free technology training and support to older adults across Canada.

They offer personalized support sessions and a selection of workshops on topics such as Phishing Scams and Accessing Government Services Online.

Through partnerships with Canadian libraries such as the Ottawa Public Library (OPL) and Markham Public Library (MPL), Connected Canadians has delivered in-person and remote workshops for seniors, provided personalized technology mentorship programs, and targeted training sessions to library staff. These initiatives are designed to significantly enhance digital literacy amongst seniors.

If you're interested in setting up a training session at your library, check out their website.

Kanopy Plus Expansion

Marigold is adding six new collections to our Kanopy subscription, starting April 15th, including British Cinema, Diversity, Documentaries, Episodic TV, French Cinema, and Kanopy Kids.

These additions build on the existing collecting that includes Easy Watching, Favourites, and World Cinema. This expansion means we now have all of the available Kanopy collections in Canada.

Kanopy has promotional materials that you can use [here](#).

If you're not familiar, Kanopy is a streaming platform people can access for free through their library account, with on demand viewing and no waitlists.

<https://www.kanopy.com/en/marigold>

Kanopy is linked in the "eResources" page of every Marigold library to find it easily!

Indigenous Information

Freegal and Indigenous Programming

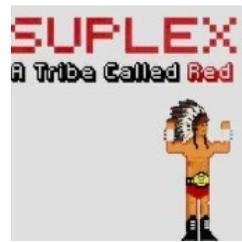
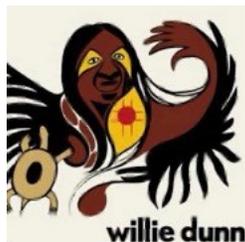
Freegal is a wonderful e-resource, particularly attractive to youth. I think of it as a gateway resource; people come for the free music and stay for the rest of the amazing options.

It is always one of the first things I showcase when I am making a presentation on library resources.

I was visiting Ta Otha school this winter on Kiska Wapta (Bighorn River Reserve), As I was about to enter the junior high classroom the teacher warned me that the students were quite upset because the school board had informed them, that morning, that they were banning the music app the students had been using. I don't think I had ever spoken to a group more eager to hear about Freegal. That excitement over still being able to download music extended to the other programs and learning to use the TRACtal system to order books as well.

When I find myself at any public event that does not already have music playing, I use the Freegal app to add some atmosphere to the room. This easy-to-use app gives you and your library patrons the ability to download five free songs every week which are yours to keep. You can also create wish lists, stream whole albums, and create play lists for every mood.

Here is a small sample. You can see that the range of Indigenous music available is from all eras, all styles, all nations and to all tastes! If you visit Freegal you will see one of my playlists called "Indigenous Music" under the Marigold Library System Playlist.



From left to right: "Ballad of Crowfoot" Willie Dunn Mi'kmag 1971; "Come and Get Your Love" Redbone Yaqui, Shoshone and Mexican 1974; "We are the Halluci Nation" A Tribe Called Red Mohawk and Cayuga and John Trudell Santee 2016; "Jingle Dress" Thunder Mountain Singers Anishinaabe 2009.

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From the Literary Community

Indie Author Project

Attention all indie authors! Are you ready to showcase your literary talent and win big? The Indie Author's Contest is back on runs through April to May 31st, 2024. Get your submissions ready because this year's prizes are better than ever! The top prize winner will walk away with a cool \$2,500, while two runners-up in each category will snag \$500 each.

But that's not all! Winners will also enjoy recognition at the prestigious 2024 Indie Author Day reception, opportunities to showcase their books in public libraries, and even a chance to feature in a full-page spread in Library Journal! Plus, selected works will have the opportunity to earn royalties through the IAP Select collection (just make sure your book is in ePUB format).

Sounds exciting, right? Your masterpiece must be indie-published and fall within genres like Mystery/Thrillers, Romance, SciFi/Fantasy, and more, catering to Adult or Young Adult audiences. Don't wait any longer – submit your work at the link below and let your creativity shine!

More information can be found [here](#).

Submit your work [here](#).

Professional Development

Overdrive/Libby April Webinars

Panel Perspectives: Learn How Librarians Engage Readers with Digital Magazines, Comics, and Graphic Novels

When: Tuesday, April 16 at 1 PM (ET).

There is a great discussion happening on April 16 about how librarians engage with digital magazines, graphic novels, and more! If you can't attend live, register anyway, and you will be sent a link of the recorded webinar the next day!

[Register today!](#)

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- News or updates about your library
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