

# Marigold Newsletter

April 2023



## Marigold Library System Conference 2023



### Registration is Still Open!

Join us on Wednesday, May 10 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 session, meet Marigold Headquarters staff, and network with fellow library staff and trustees.

[Register Now!](#)

Registration is open until **April 28!** For full details on the conference please see our [conference registration package](#).

The theme of the 2023 Conference is **It Starts With Us** and our keynote speaker is **Timothy Caulfield** who will be presenting on **The Role of Social Media in the Spread of Misinformation**.

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## Marigold News

### New Marigold Staff

## Emily George - Collection Services Consultant

I am excited to work at Marigold as the new Collection Services Consultant!

I was born and grew up in Northwest Calgary. I took a brief jaunt to London, ON to complete my MLIS at Western University, then headed back to Calgary where I currently live with my partner, Harry. I love animals and spend my Saturday afternoons volunteering as a Feline Friend at the Calgary Humane Society, where I feed and socialize the cats not yet available for adoption. I also have many years of formal dance training and like to drop-in to classes (especially ballet) when I can to keep up my skills.

At Marigold, I'll be covering for Nicole for the next year while she is away, including supervising the collection services department.



## Marigold Resources

### Candy Sushi



[Book Your Kit](#)

Our feature craft kit this month is our Candy Sushi kit. How sugared up can you get the kids? Well, book the Candy Sushi kit and see! Not only is this kit about making sushi with candy, but it's also learning about the history of sushi. Kids of all ages can enjoy this creative and yummy activity.

The kit comes with supplies for up to 50 participants. If you have more than that, you are required to top up the kit yourself.

To book the Candy Sushi kit, please fill out the request form on the Marigold website.

Submitted by Barb Froese  
Library Services Assistant  
Marigold Library System

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## Marigold Book Deposits

Did you know that Marigold has book deposits? Book deposits are in small hamlets and remote rural communities. Some are housed in community halls, firehalls and post offices. They are visited once a year by Marigold staff who meet the volunteers that manage their collections.

Marigold provides updated brochures, signage, summer reading material and catalogues to promote library service to these outlying communities. Gently used and new books are added to their collection, and the deposits also receive the Monthly Top 10 Popular Reads.

Residents do not require a library card to borrow from a deposit as they work on the honour system.

Mîni Thnî Book Deposit recently became a book deposit which means Marigold now has 14 deposits! Click [here](#) for a full list of Marigold book deposits.

Submitted by Nancy Smith  
Direct Services Clerk  
Marigold Library System



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## Indigenous Information

### Mètis Sash



One of the most recognizable symbols of the Métis people is the sash. Once an important tool used in a myriad of ways, today it is largely symbolic and worn on special occasions.

One can buy a sash, but it is most often received as a gift to signify an important event or accomplishment. Mine was given to me by my sister to celebrate the Indigenous content I create.

The voyageurs of the fur trade wore sashes that were used as belts, tow ropes, bandages, and even used as towels or washcloths. The sons and daughters of these men adopted the wearing of sashes, and the Indigenous craft of finger weaving became an integral part of the tradition. Different patterns and colours came to represent different families and often I suspect, pure creative joy.

The sashes feature long fringes, and those threads could be used for sewing tasks when Métis people were out on the land.

Traditionally the sashes were worn wrapped around the waist with the fringes hanging down in front. In modern tradition they are often worn over the shoulder and tied across the body at the waist.

My own sash is red with designs in green, gold, white, blue, and black. The red represents the shared blood and traditions of the Métis people, the green is for fertility and growth, the gold is for prosperity, blue and white represent the Métis flag, which is the first patriotic flag of Canada and predates the current Canadian flag by one hundred and fifty years, and the black represents the dark period of history when the Métis people were displaced and persecuted. This is the way it was said to me when I was given my sash.

Other interpretations of the colours include red representing Métis blood that was spilt. The blue can be seen to mean the depth of our spirits and the white to represent our connection to the creator. Many Métis have Nèhinaw (Cree) family and the presence of black, white, yellow and red in sashes can link, in those cases, to the medicine wheel.



You may see sashes with rainbow colours to represent the two-spirit community. There are beautiful purple sashes created by Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak. To learn more about their work you can visit [www.metiswomen.org](http://www.metiswomen.org).

Submitted by Rose Reid  
Indigenous Outreach Specialist  
Marigold Library System

## Literary Community

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### One eRead Canada

One eRead Canada; a cross-country reading experience has begun! From April 1-30, you can get free and unlimited eBook and eAudiobook access to ***Tatouine / Ce qu'on respire sur Tatouine*** by Jean-Christophe Réhel through [OverDrive/Libby](#) with simultaneous use. No holds, no waiting!

Readers from libraries across the country can take part in this year's digital book club, an initiative of the Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC). Join the discussion with other bookworms by visiting the [One eRead Canada Facebook group](#) or join one of their live virtual conversations with a Radio-Canada host and the writer Jean-Christophe Réhel on April 25 (in French) and with a CBC host and Katherine Hastings and Peter McCambridge, the translators on April 19

For more information and resources, visit [One eRead Canada](#)



## Indie Author Project Regional Contest

Through the Indie Author Project, libraries are helping local authors get the recognition they deserve for writing great books! The contest will be open for [submissions](#) from April 1 - May 31.

Winners in each category will receive **\$1,000** as well as:

- Honors at the 2023 Indie Author Day Reception
- Inclusion in a full-page spread in *Library Journal*
- Opportunities to earn royalties through the IAP Select collection (*ePUB format required for eligibility*)

Each book that is submitted to the contest must be:

- Independently-published
- In the category of adult or young adult fiction
- Available in either ePUB (***strongly encouraged***) or PDF format

Submission  
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Winners

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## Library Association of Alberta Awards

The Library Association of Alberta has a few awards that your library or library staff might be eligible for.

- **Pat Jobb Award:** recognizes early or mid-career library staff who have made a significant contribution to their community of the larger library community
- **Punch Jackson Award of Excellence in Library Service Award:** given in recognition of excellence in a service, program, or public relations/advocacy achievement in library service in Alberta.
- **President's Award:** recognizes the efforts of an individual or small group of individuals who have made a major impact on a province-wide basis in the library field in Alberta.

For more information and to apply, visit the [Library Association of Alberta website](#) by **April 29**.

## eResources

### eResources Challenge: Libby

It's time to switch to Libby! With the OverDrive app retiring at the end of April, learn all about Libby.

[Take the Libby challenge](#) now and you'll be entered into a draw for a \$50.00 gift card at the end of this month!

For more information or to view past challenge answers, visit the [Marigold website](#).



Take the  
Challenge Now!

### Hoopla BingePass



Hoopla has two new BingePasses for Kids and they are audio podcasts!

**GoKidGo R. L Stine's Spine Chillers** features kids mystery/scary series, including *R. L. Stine's Story Club*, *Ivy's Chilling Tales*, and *Juniper's Grave*. While **GoKidGo Universe BingePass** allows you to borrow 11 audio podcast series with one borrow.

Access marketing material [here!](#)

### Libby Deep Search & Notify Me Tags

Libby now offers a new feature that helps you find all the content you're looking for. Even if it's not yet in the digital collection. This feature is called **deep search**.

In Libby, there are two ways to discover titles that are not yet in the digital collection:

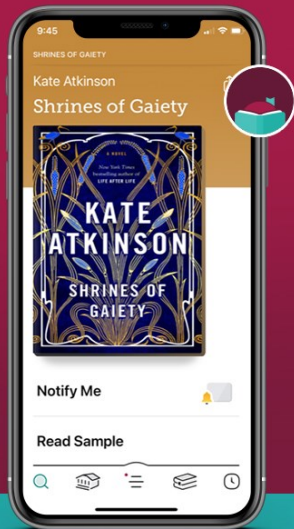


1. If you search for a title, author, or series and it returns no results, Libby will automatically expand into a **"deep search"** to display relevant titles that are not yet in our collection.
2. If you run a search that returns fewer than 100 results, you can tap the filter button to manually enable **"deep search."**

From the expanded search, you will see relevant results with a **Notify Me** option. Tap **Notify Me** to tag titles and be notified if they are added to your library's digital collection in the future. Check out this [How To Guide](#) for more information.

Want to learn more? Join Digital Experience Consultant Jenn Laskosky for an overview of these new features on **April 18 at 1:30**.

[Register](#)




**Use **Notify Me** tags in Libby to express interest in digital titles we don't yet offer.**

*And receive notifications if we add them.*

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## Big Library Read



**BIG LIBRARY READ**  
May 3-17, 2023

**A TIME and NPR Best Book of the Year in 2021**

Part food memoir, part sociological investigation, *Tastes Like War* is a hybrid text about a daughter's search through intimate and global history for the roots of her mother's schizophrenia.

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The next Big Library Read kicks off in May! *Tastes Like War* will be available for patrons from May 3-17 in eBook and eAudiobook formats in OverDrive/Libby with no holds or waitlists.

[Marketing materials](#) and a press release template are available to promote Big Library Read to your community. Be sure to check out all the great things available to help get the word out. Readers can use **#biglibraryread** on social media for a chance to win a selection of book-ish prizes any reader is sure to love and Libby swag. [See official rules](#).

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## Hoopla Book Club

Did you know that hoopla has seasonal book club picks? Their spring pick is *In The Time of Our History* by Susanne Pari which is a multigenerational family saga that is inspired by the author's own Iranian American heritage.

For more information and book club resources including a discussion guide, and an author Q & A check out [theclub.hoopladigital.com](https://theclub.hoopladigital.com)

Register today for the live, virtual author Q&A on May 10 with the author Susanne Pari.



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## Programming Opportunity

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### Royal Botanical Gardens Programs



Did you know that the Royal Botanical Garden offers engaging, interactive nature-based distance learning programs for all ages through their [Virtual Field Trip program](#)?

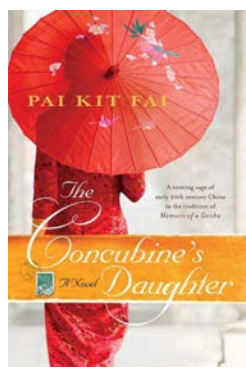
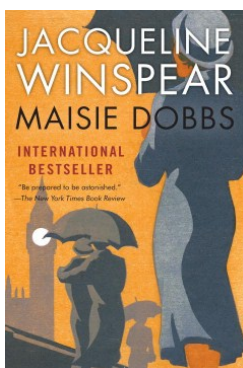
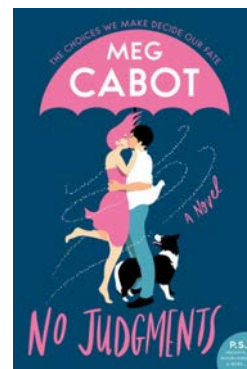
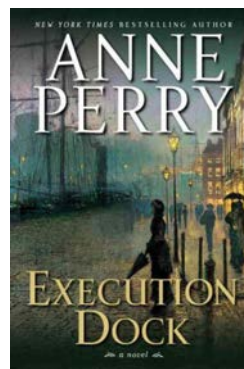
Check out the programs they offer [here](#) or contact [Karin Davidson-Taylor](#) for more information.

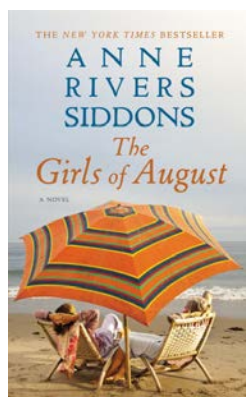
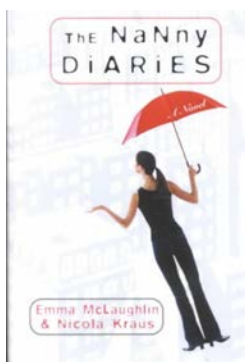
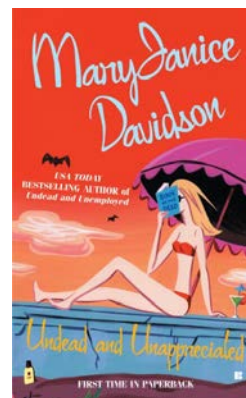
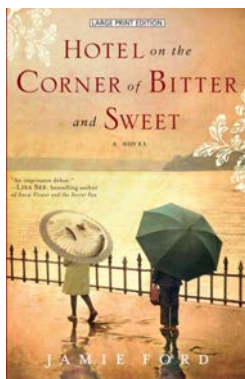
There is an \$150 cost for each program.



## Rainy Day Reads

Click on the book cover with your favourite umbrella for a full synopsis.





## Share with Us!

What's happening in your library? We'd love to hear from you!

- News or updates about your library
- Programs or events you'd like to share
- Pictures of your library or events at your library

**Email your Consultant with any newsletter submissions you'd like to share with the Marigold Community.**

Subscribe Now!

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