

Marigold Newsletter

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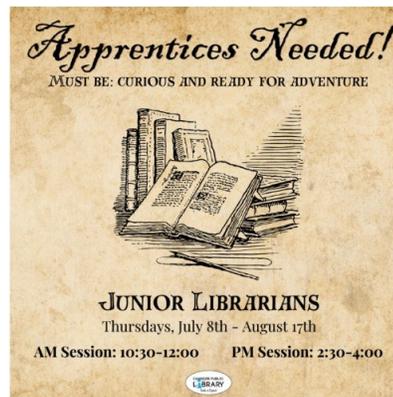
Summer Programming

Five Exciting Summer Reading Program Ideas from Marigold Libraries!

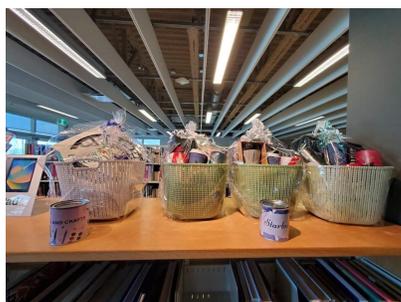
This winter was long and cold, and spring was short and dry. But now - summer is finally here. For those of us in the library world, summer means one thing - time for summer reading! Every year Marigold libraries pull out all the stops for summer reading with epic prizes, creative reading challenges, and fun, unique programs. From ice cream socials to drum circles, movie nights to crafternoons, the activities are endless, and there's something for everyone. See below for a small sampling of some of the coolest summer programs going on at Marigold libraries this season!

Canmore Public Library

Being a librarian is a really cool job if I do say so myself! This summer, kids aged 9-12 can participate in the "Junior Librarians" program for a behind-the-scenes look at what it's really like to be a librarian. Every Thursday between July 6th and August 17th, Junior Librarians will be teamed up with Canmore Library staff to learn about program planning, creating displays, facilitating storytimes, and more! Following the summer mentorship and training, participants will receive an official Canmore Public Library Junior Librarian certification. The only job requirement? Must be curious and ready for adventure!



Chestermere Public Library



Summer reading isn't just for kids these days - grown ups have a chance to get in on the fun too. Unfortunately work, parenting and chores don't go on hiatus just because it's summer. That's why Chestermere Public Library has made it *really* easy to participate! After signing up for the Adult Summer Reading Program, all participants need to do to be entered to win prizes is visit the library and request

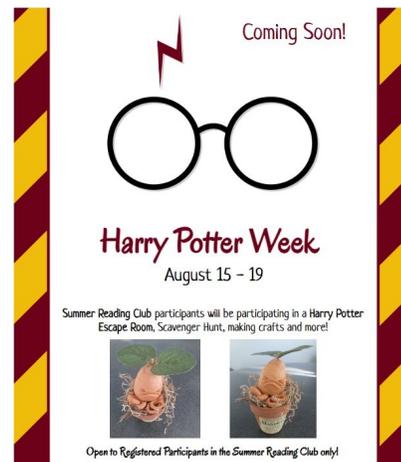
a ballot (reading is expected and encouraged of course, but tracked only on the "Honour system").

There are great prizes up for grabs including swag from Starbucks and a crafty basket full of art supplies.

Two adult crafting nights will also take place over the summer, where participants will learn to make sculpted roses and macrame feathers - attendance at these events will even earn you extra prize ballots!

Hanna Municipal Library

The week of August 15th to 19th, 2023 has been decreed "Harry Potter Week" at the Hanna Municipal Library! During Harry Potter Week, a plethora of Potter-themed programs will take place, including a scavenger hunt, crafts, and culminating in an epic escape room experience. The escape room will be based on *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* - and a close reading of this book is rumoured to increase your chances of a successful escape.



Longview Municipal Library



"EveryBuddy's Reading" at the Longview Municipal Library this summer! This unique program aims to help kids practice their reading by teaming them up with a stuffed animal "buddy." The program works like this - children choose a buddy from the adoption basket at the library, give their buddy a name and sign the official adoption papers, thereby promising to love and care for their buddy by reading with it all summer. Young patrons of the Longview Library can drop in at the library to sign up for the program!

Three Hills Municipal Library

Many of us dreamed of becoming veterinarians when we grew up - I know I sure did! At the Three Hills Municipal Library this summer, the current generation of prospective little vets will get the chance to learn the basics of pet care from one of the pros - a real, live veterinarian from the local vet clinic. Each child participating in the program will receive a small stuffed puppy, and veterinarian Melissa will lead them in practicing skills like feeding, grooming and tick removal. The event will be rounded out with some stories about animals and vets, and even a small craft.

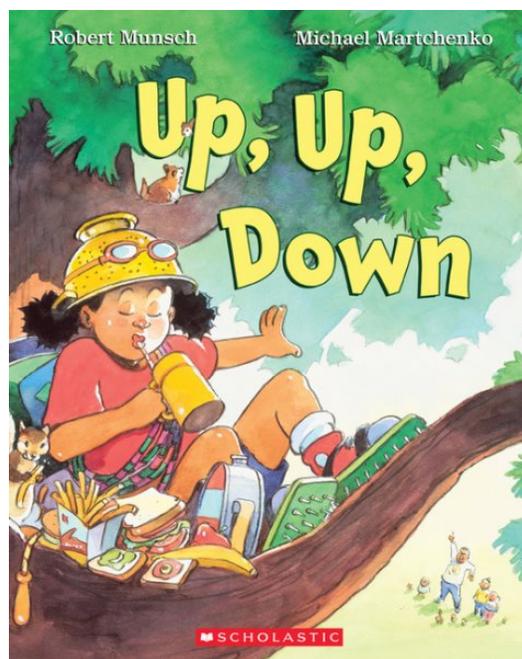
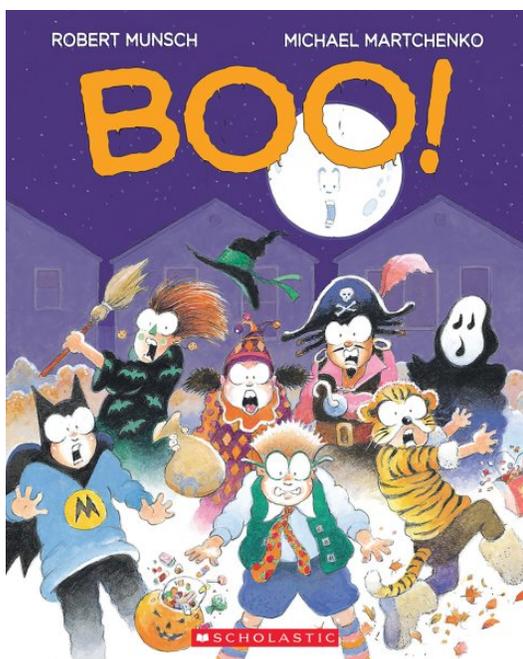
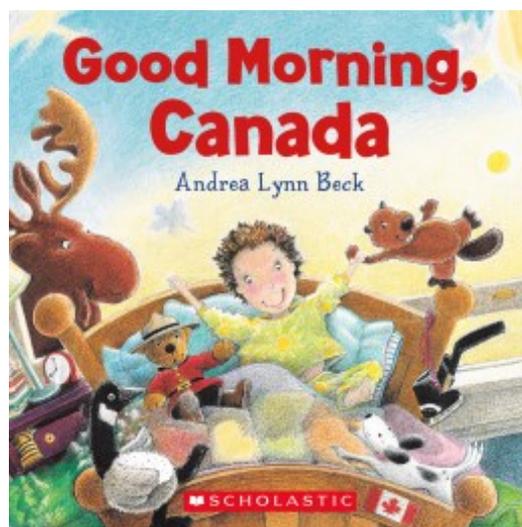
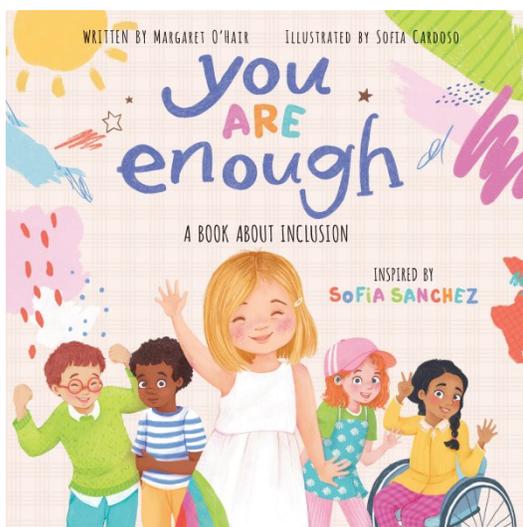
Stay cool, and happy summer reading!

Submitted by Jessie Bach
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Marigold Library System

Marigold News

Marigold StoryWalks

Marigold is pleased to announce the next round of StoryWalks for the period of July 1-October 31, 2023! Please complete the [request form](#) to book your next StoryWalk.



Karaoke Machine Kit

Are you looking for some fun for your library? Well, look no further! Request our karaoke machine and bring some music and entertainment in. Whether the staff sing to patrons, or the patrons sing away their fines. It's all going to be a GOOD TIME!

This comes with 2 microphones, RCA cables, adaptors, and at least 45 CD's.

Book the Kit

Submitted by Barb Froese
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Marigold Library System

Indigenous Information



Do Indigenous People Pay Taxes?

The subject of Indigenous people getting tax breaks is one I hear complaints about any time someone hears what I do for a living. No one likes to pay taxes and the idea of someone getting a break feels unfair. That perception becomes an excuse, for some, to harbor resentment.

I visited Stats Canada and got some numbers for you to use the next time this subject comes up in conversation.

The population of Canada is 39,850,000.

Indigenous people number 1,800,000. Of those 625,000 are Metis, and 70,500 are Inuit. There are no tax exemptions for any of us. That leaves about 1,000,000 First Nations people. Of those only the ones who live on reserves get a tax break. That number is 300,000. Of that 300,000 about half are either children or seniors. That leaves 150,000 who are possibly tax exempt.

I am not a genius with numbers, but I asked Ms. Google and she said that is 0.376% of the population potentially getting a tax break.

Should they need to work off the reserve, they must pay the same taxes as you and I. They also must pay taxes if they go shopping off the reserve, something that is a necessity for nearly everyone.

For many years, people on the reserve could get gas without paying the tax which was a substantial saving but at least on the reserve I work on that stopped happening about four years ago.

The truth is that Indigenous people contributed 48.9 billion dollars to the Canadian GDP in 2020. They are a vital part of the economic future of Canada.

I hope this document empowers you when this subject comes up.

Submitted by Rose Reid
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Marigold Library System

eResources

eResources Challenge: Freegal Music

This month, learn all about Freegal Music!

Take this musical challenge now and you'll be entered into a draw for a \$50.00 gift card at the end of August!

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



Take the Challenge!

hoopla Book Club Spotlight

This season's spotlight read is *The Lonely Hearts Book Club* by Lucy Gilmore.

This feel good novel follows a young librarian and an old curmudgeon that forge the unlikeliest of friendships to start a misfit book club that changes lives (and loves) along the way.

Available in eBook and eAudiobook formats from July 1 - September 30!

Check it Out



Big Library Read



The next **Big Library Read** kicked off on **July 13**. The new selection is *A Very Typical Family* by Sierra Godfrey.

Written with delightfully dark humour and characters you can't help but cheer for, *A Very Typical Family* is an uplifting family drama that will have you reveling in the power of second chances.

A Very Typical Family is available on Libby with no holds, no waiting from **July 13 - 27**.

Readers also have a chance to win a **Big Library Read prize pack** including a part of Beats Studio Buds, a copy of *A Very Typical Family* and a cool Libby mug!

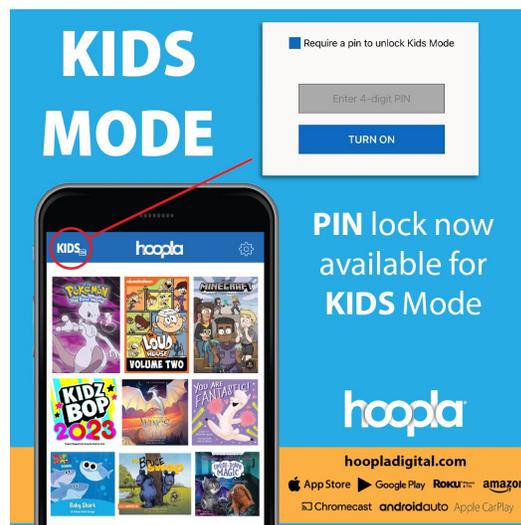
Simply use **#biglibraryread** on social media from July 13-27 to enter! Winners will be selected on July 27.

hoopla Kids Mode PIN

hoopla has updated Kids Mode to include a PIN option.

This will allow parents to select a PIN to lock and unlock Kids Mode on their devices, providing more control over what kids can search and download on hoopla.

Select Kids Mode from the Settings options to learn more.



New Creativebug Classes



REPLAY:
DAILY DRAWING CHALLENGE
with
LISA CONGDON



Check out all the new Creativebug classes for July!

This month has a lot of crafts to help keep your little ones occupied, including making your own dollhouse café, whale baby teethers, and animal placemats.

Check out the Daily Drawing Challenge with Lisa Congdon for inspiration to keep your crafting every day.

[More Classes](#)

Professional Development

eResources Troubleshooting: Common Error Messages

July 25 @ 1:30pm

What does this error message mean? What can we do about it? Join Marigold's Digital Experience Consultant, Jenn Laskosky, on **July 25 at 1:30pm** and find out! We will look at some of the common error messages library patrons run into when using eResources and what we can do about them.

Something specific you want to know? Submit your question ahead of time in the 'Questions?' field on the registration form.

This session will be approximately 30 minutes. Can't attend? No worries! A recording will be made available and shared after the session.

If you have questions or would like more information about the session, contact Jenn at jenn@marigold.ab.ca.

[Register!](#)

PLSB Virtual Board Basics Series

Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) is pleased to announce the return of their virtual Board Basics series. The content for this training series focuses on municipal and intermunicipal library boards. Different topics will be covered each week between July 5 and July 27. Sessions are 75 minutes in length and will be delivered virtually via Zoom. **The sessions will not be recorded.**

The Library Board Member

[Tuesday, July 18, 7:00pm - 8:15pm](#)

The Public Library Network

[Thursday, July 27, 7:00pm - 8:15pm](#)

Funding and Finances

[Wednesday, July 19, 7:00pm - 8:15pm](#)

For more information, contact

libraries@gov.ab.ca

Working Together

[Monday, July 24, 7:00pm - 8:15pm](#)

Library Services for Patrons with Print Disabilities

August 17 @ 1:30pm

Find out what services are available for patrons with print disabilities. We will include an overview of available services, training for library staff, and additional accessibility features available for patrons.

Something specific you want to know? Submit your question ahead of time in the 'Questions?' field on the registration form.

This session will be approximately 30 minutes. Can't attend? No worries! A recording will be made available and shared after the session.

If you have questions or would like more information about this session, contact **jenn@marigold.ab.ca**.

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From the Literary Community

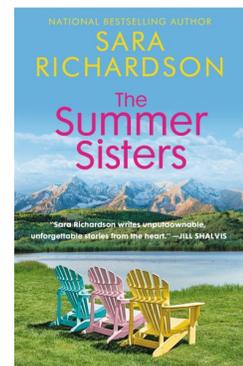
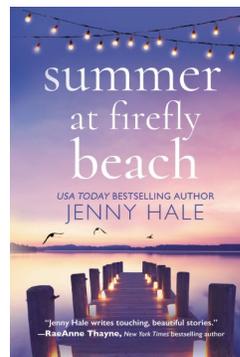
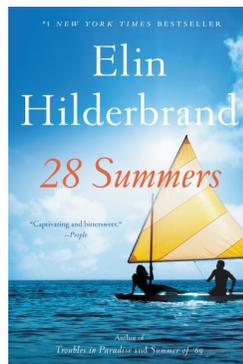
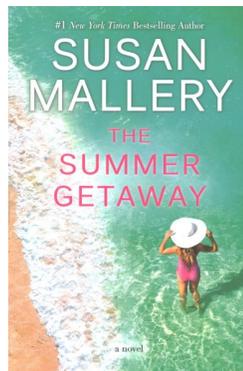
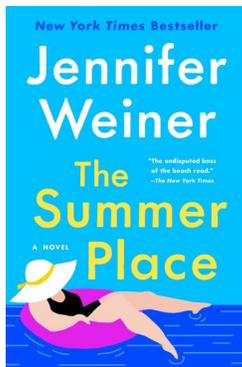
Deadline Extension for Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence

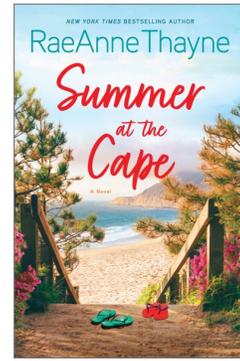
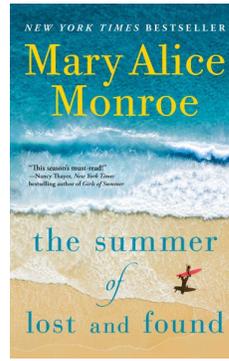
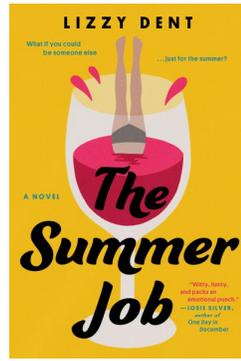
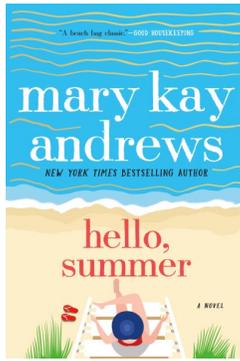
Due to wildfires, the Minister of Municipal Affairs has extended the deadline for Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence to **July 15, 2023**.

Visit the [Government of Alberta website](#) for further details about eligibility and submission requirements.

Summer, Summer, & More Summer!

Get ready for summer with these summer filled reads! Click on the book cover 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.

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