

Marigold Newsletter

May 2023



Marigold Library System Conference 2023

Thank You for Your Support!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Marigold Library System Conference on May 10th. We hope you enjoyed our keynote speaker Professor Timothy Caulfield, who presented on misinformation.

Be sure to fill out our conference evaluation survey and help us make next year's conference even better!

Conference Evaluation
Survey



Making a Difference Awards

This year, Marigold's Advocacy Committee received 17 entries for the 13th Annual Making a Difference Awards! Winners and honourable mentions were chosen from a small, medium, and large library. The winners received a commemorative plaque and a cheque for \$750 and the honourable mentions received a commemorative plaque and a cheque for \$250. We congratulate and thank everyone who submitted an application, and encourage all libraries (including past winners and libraries that submitted this year) to send in applications next year!

Below are the 2023 award recipients:

**Chestermere Public
Library**

Large Library Winner
for their
Test Drive a Hobby Kit



Okotoks Public Library
Large Library Honourable
Mention for their
**Blackfoot Language Nature
Scavenger Hunt**

Three Hills Municipal Library
Medium Library Winner
for their
E-Scooter Program



Irricana & Rural Municipal Library
Medium Library
Honourable Mention
for their
**Know Your Community -
Newcomer's Package**

Bighorn Library
Small Library Winner
for their
**Exshaw Parent Play Drop-
In**



Rockyford Library



Rockyford Library
Small Library Honourable
Mention for their
**Magical World of Muggles
Event**

Marigold News

Emily Manderville - Summer Program Assistant

Hello everyone!

I am Emily Manderville, this year's Summer Program Assistant. I will be completing my undergraduate degree in Anthropology with a double minor in Archaeology and Geography next year. In my personal time, I can be found reading, writing, and picking up new hobbies.

I look forward to meeting and working with everyone at their libraries this summer!

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Ready for summer programming now?
Register your library today and watch for more summer programming information coming soon!

Register for Summer
Programming

Marigold Resources

Summer Kit

Marigold is happy to provide craft kits for you to use in your library programming. This month, we feature our summer craft kit.



Kids will have fun making their own maracas, or a ribbon wind catcher. And if that's not enough for them, they can create their own cool way of writing their name. Be it graffiti, mirrored, or their own version. It could be their next great art piece. Each kit comes with all the supplies needed to make these crafts.

Book Your Kit



Submitted by Barb Froese
Library Services Assistant
Marigold Library System

Outdoorgames n Sports Vendor

Patricia Caldwell, from Outdoorgames n Sports, would like to share her contact information for those who were not able to receive her business card. Please see her information below if you wish to contact her.

Patricia Caldwell
www.outdoorgames-n-sports.ca
1-855-332-1259
info@lynxleisure.com

Indigenous Information

Can Librarians Save the World?

Someone asked me a question at the Marigold Library System Conference, did I really think libraries could change the world?

My short answer is yes, they have, they do, and they will.

As the question was asked in the context of reconciliation, in an Indigenous way I am going to answer the rest of the question with a story.

Around fifteen years ago, I was walking down the street in Canmore with my daughter. A friend from Mînî Thnî, one who visited me at Bighorn Library on a regular basis, came up and shook my hand then took both my daughter's hands in his and said, "I need to tell you that your mother saved my life." I told him I did no such thing, but he just shook his head at me and said to her again, "Your mother saved my life." Then he walked away.

He visited the library all the time; he had a card but never borrowed anything. He would often sit on the couch and read a book, even lay back and close his eyes for a few minutes. He talked with other library patrons and shared endless pots of mint tea with me while we had long chats about everything you can imagine.

Now the story jumps forward a decade and I am working for Marigold Library System, and I am on the reserve at a big community event giving away gently used picture books. My friend has a table on the other side of the room, selling traditional medicines. He came by to say hello and said, "My granddaughter is here." I asked him if she would like a book and he said she loved horses, so I chose a lovely horse picture book and gave it to him. He handed it back to me and said, "You have served our people with your heart for so many years and my granddaughter is not going to get her first book from my hands, but from yours." He left and a few minutes later a beautiful little child came over to claim her first book.

To return to the original question, I don't know if anyone can change the whole world, but we can change the world for one person.

That's a good enough reason for the work we do.

Submitted by Rose Reid
Indigenous Outreach Specialist
Marigold Library System

eResources

eResources Challenge: hoopla

This month, learn all about hoopla!

Take the hoopla 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 Now!



hoopla Bonus Borrows

hoopla bonus borrows are back from May 1-31!

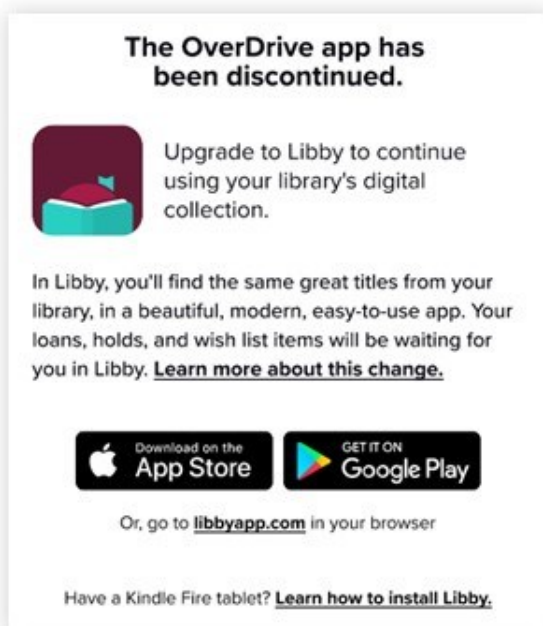
Library users can access select audiobooks, eBooks, comics, and videos from hoopla without using their monthly borrows.

Check out this month's [bonus borrows](#) now!



OverDrive App Discontinued

As of May 1, the OverDrive has been discontinued. All user's wanting to access the OverDrive collection can do so using their web browser or the Libby mobile app.



Library users who attempt to access the OverDrive will receive the message shown in the image.

For more information, training videos, marketing materials, and more visit the OverDrive Resource Center.

[Resource Center](#)

PressReader Text-to-Speech Option Now Available

With PressReader's built-in Text-to-Speech feature, patrons can listen to any article from any publication of their choice, with just a click.

Learn more about PressReader's new feature!

[Discover More](#)



May Creativebug Classes

Check out the new classes available on Creativebug this month!

Discover New
Classes

Watercolours, greeting cards, paper chandeliers, quilting, and so much more!



**MAKE A POP-UP FLOWER
GREETING CARD**
with
BEL MILLS



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FOR LIBRARIES

Professional Development

eResources for Kindle Fire

May 18 @ 2:00pm

Do you get questions about which eResources can be used on Kindle Fire tablets? Join Marigold for an overview of which eResources are available for Kindle Fire! We'll also go over which eResources require additional set up on Kindle Fire tablets. Participants are encouraged to submit questions ahead of time.

This session will be approximately 30 minutes and will be recorded.

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

Register

Alberta Library Trustees' Association Webinar Available

Alberta Library Trustees' Association (ALTA) empowers trustees to become strong leaders in their library communities and strives to ensure that all library trustees have access to the information, resources, communication, and training they need to be effective and strong leaders within their library communities.

Their newest webinar episode, "So You've Been Appointed to the Board," is now available for library boards to utilize for professional development.

Check out the webinar now and start learning!

[Watch the Webinar](#)

Government of Alberta - Community Development Webinars

Check out the great line up of free, live webinars on topics including board development, governance, grant writing, and more!

[Learn More & Register](#)

Alberta Non-Profit Learning Centre

Alberta's non-profit and voluntary sector will now be able to access enhanced online training and resources in English and French to support the success of their non-profit work. The Government of Alberta's Non-Profit Learning Centre is an online hub where Alberta's non-profit and voluntary sector can access timely services, materials, information, resources and self-directed learning about board governance and other specific and unique sector questions and challenges.

[Learn More](#)

Literary Community

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
Information](#)

[Be a Judge](#)

[View Past
Winners](#)

Provincial Election Advocacy Toolkit

As the provincial election approaches, TAL staff have prepared the Provincial Election Advocacy Toolkit. It is designed to help everyone associated with libraries craft the messages that they want to send to candidates in this election.

The materials are free to use, and are able to be edited to work for your specific situation.

[Access the Toolkit](#)

#NonprofitsVote Provincial Toolkit

The writ has dropped and the provincial election is May 29. The Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations (CCVO) has put together a 2023 #NonprofitsVote Provincial Toolkit and Advocacy Guide for nonprofits to participate in democracy.

[Check Out the Toolkit](#)

Crowdfunding Alberta News

Eligibility for match funding resets on April 1, 2023.

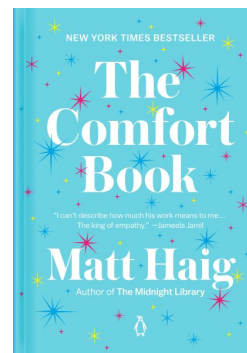
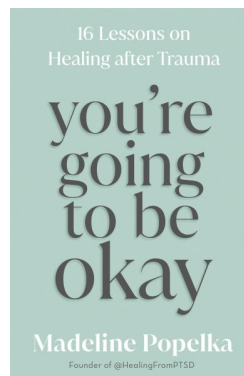
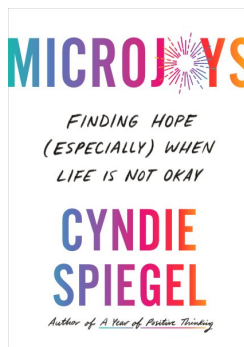
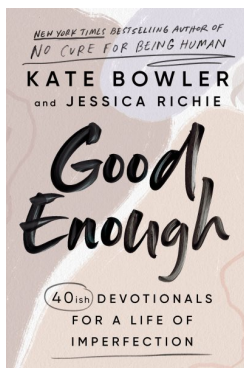
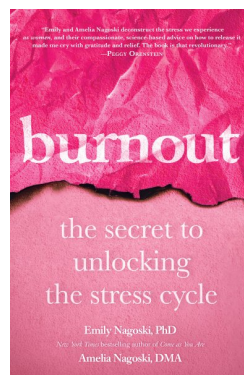
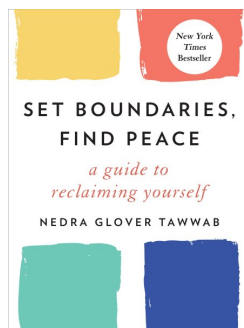
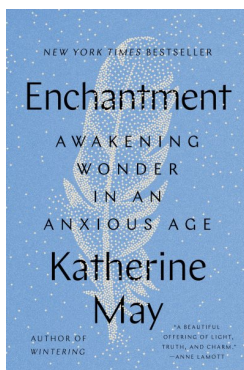
The Government of Alberta may provide match funding for one campaign per organization per fiscal year. The Government's next fiscal year began on April 1. All campaigns submitted in the new fiscal will once again be considered for match funding of up to \$15,000.

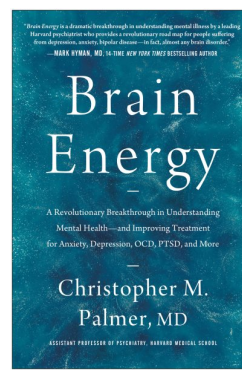
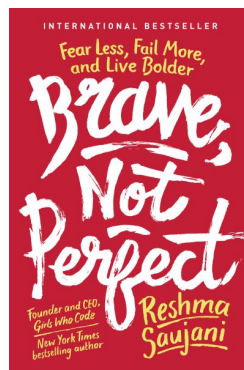
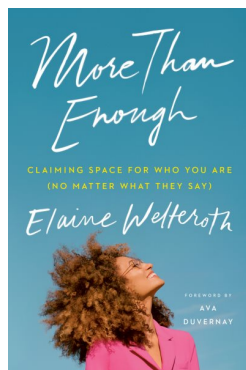
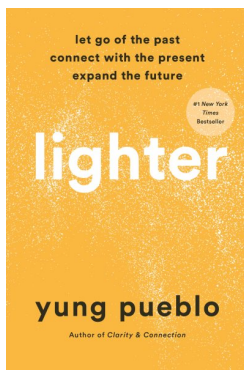
Visit the Alberta Government website for more information.

Alberta Government Website

Mental Health Awareness Month

Take some time for yourself this month. 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.

Subscribe Now!

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