

## Marigold News

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### Staff Announcement



Laura Taylor, Marigold's Chief Operating Officer, will be on leave from the end of November to early March.

Please contact your consultant if you have any Human Resources or Board matters during this time.

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### StoryWalk

StoryWalks are an excellent way to raise your libraries profile in your community. It creates family friendly literacy events that require very few library staff hours! I was excited to try out a story walk in Mini Thni (the town formally known as Morley) but the wind is a constant reality there and I could not think of a way to keep the pages in place.

In October of 2021 I saw an article in the Rotary Canada magazine about a project done by the Ladner Rotary Club in Delta BC. They created a series of three permanent story walk installations at parks in their community. I was inspired to approach my own club, the Rotary Club of Canmore to ask if this might be a project they would like to support in the neighboring community of Mini Thni.



A partnership was created between Marigold Library System, Stoney Education Authority, and the Rotary Club of Canmore. We found an excellent site along the running track by Nakoda Elementary School and volunteers from the Rotary club set about building permanent platforms for displaying picture books.

Marigold already had permission to use “Âba Wathech Înâ Makoche” by Sherry Shotclose so we were ready to go. If you want to use a picture book for a story walk, please check with your Marigold consultant about what permissions are needed.

Most of the work on our book displays was done by volunteers, including the installation, so it is hard to estimate a cost, but the original article says that their budget was \$2000.00. I think that this kind of project might be of interest to service clubs in any community. The cost is also low enough to be within reach of a fundraising event in even the smallest community.



I believe that the installation in Mini Thni will continue to offer opportunities for community engagement for many years to come.

To see the original article click [here](#).

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## Microsoft Teams Meetings

Marigold Library System has transitioned away from using Zoom for virtual meetings/programming and has begun utilizing Microsoft Teams.

If library managers have questions about using Microsoft Teams, training is available on [Niche Academy](#).



## Marigold Resources

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### BiblioBoard

We are excited to announce that Marigold has a new eResource, **BiblioBoard**.

BiblioBoard is a community engagement solution for libraries to allow you to digitally showcase local history and content from local authors, musicians, artists, and more! If you have a local writer's group, or a NaNoWriMo program, this is a great way for the authors to upload their collections and make them accessible in the Indie Author Project. In addition, you can upload genealogy, newspapers, yearbooks, digital materials, recordings, and so much more and make them accessible for patrons.

Training resources, including webinars and brochures will be sent out once they are available.

Promotional material can be found [here](#).



## Indie Author Project

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YOUR BOOK

SHARE  
WITH YOUR LIBRARY

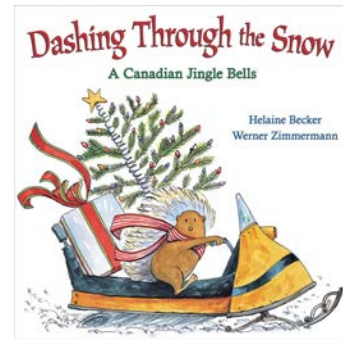
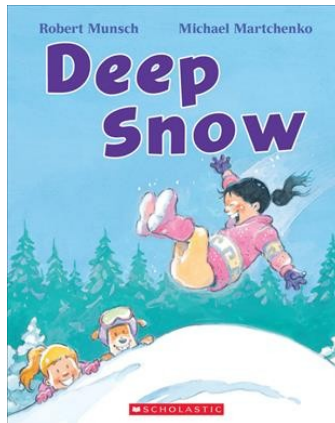
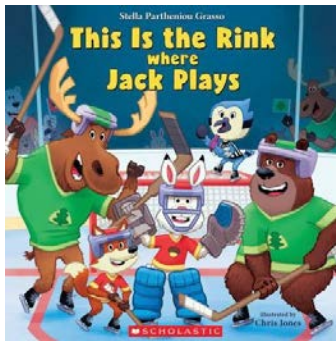
DISCOVER  
LOCAL INDIE READS

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To get started, visit:  
[library.biblioboard.com](http://library.biblioboard.com)

## Winter StoryWalks

Marigold is offering three StoryWalks for winter! These will be available for four week loan periods from **November 1st - February 28th**.



Request StoryWalks

## eResources Challenge: Frontier Life

This month, we're featuring Frontier Life! Complete the eResources Challenge and earn another entry into our grand prize draw at the end of December.

Take the  
Challenge!

For more information, visit our [website](#)!

## Radon Screening Kits

Test your home for this odourless, tasteless gas which can get trapped indoors.

These kits have been provided to Marigold in partnership with the Alberta Lung Association and with support from Health Canada.

Patrons can place a hold on these kits by searching Marigold Radon Detector in the [TRACPac](#).



## Marigold Library Manager Feature





## **Leah Hunter, Delia Municipal Library**

### **How long have you been the manager/director?**

I started in 1993.

### **How did you get started working in libraries?**

My children were small and just entering school and I was looking for a job that would work with their schedule and the library position was a great fit at the time. I soon discovered that my love of books became also my passion for libraries!

### **What do you enjoy most about working in the library?**

I most enjoy working with the people who visit libraries and on building relationships with users and partners. I love to read and talk about books!

### **What is your favourite library memory?**

I have many but this one still stands out. The time I showed some visiting students a record and they were truly amazed at the size of that video disk. I had to explain to them what and how it worked. They were so intrigued by playing it.

Also, the first time our community and students saw our 3D printer working!

### **What are you currently reading?**

I just finished reading our book club book, "The Art of Racing in the Rain" and have just started "The Wolf" by J.R. Ward and also "Jerks at Work" by Tessa West (This one I found recommended in the LibraryAware Next Reads newsletter.)

**Are you a Marigold library manager/ director and want to be featured in our newsletter? Click on the button below to complete our short survey!**

**Take the Survey Today!**

## **eResources**

### **Bonus Borrows on Hoopla!**

Hoopla Bonus Borrows are back! Patrons can access these audiobook, eBook, comics, and video titles from hoopla Instant without using their borrows.

From November 1-30, patrons can [Dive into a New Series](#) or choose from

hundreds of titles in themes including [The Classics](#), [Characters Kids Love](#), [Killer Drama](#), [Importance of Family](#), [Merry & Bright](#), [Sci-Fi & Fantasy](#), and more!



## From the Literary Community

### OCLC Community Engagement Resource Site

Did you know that OCLC has a webpage dedicated to Community Engagement? On this site you can:

- Share your library's community success stories
- Watch 10-15 minute presentations which explore how to facilitate local conversations
- Read articles by and for libraries
- Improve your community engagement skills

Check it out at <https://www.oclc.org/en/community-engagement.html>



## November is International Games Month

[International Games Month \(IGM\)](#) is an annual celebration of games, play, libraries and learning, that any library in the world can join, and costs absolutely *nothing* to register for!



**IGM** has only the most flexible of entry requirements – you have to have some sort of game-related activity in or around your library during the **month of November**. That's all! The games can be videogames on a library console, tabletop games, social games, party games, traditional folk games – whatever you think will work for your individual library and community.

Registration involves filling out a questionnaire about your library and your plans for the event, and then gives you information about the donation options available to your library. You can also sign up for some international inter-library events that will give your community the chance to connect to other library communities all over the world.

Promotional materials, including posters, logos, and press materials, are available to help you promote the event in your library. And there's a blog at <https://games.ala.org> which publishes updates weekly on a range of topics to help inspire ideas, discussion, and of course learning around games and play in libraries.

## Professional Development

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### The Alberta Library (TAL) Training and Webinar Calendar

The Alberta Library (TAL) has a calendar that contains library-related webinars from the internet, TAL Vendor webinars, and TAL member webinars. You can subscribe to this calendar to stay updated as events are added.

You can find it at <https://www.thealbertalibrary.ca/calendar.html>

If you have any webinars/events you would like added to this calendar email [cboychuk@thealbertalibrary.ab.ca](mailto:cboychuk@thealbertalibrary.ab.ca)

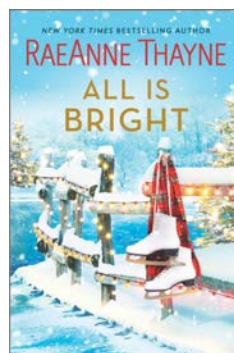
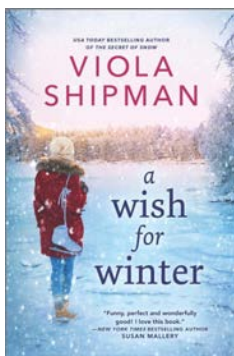
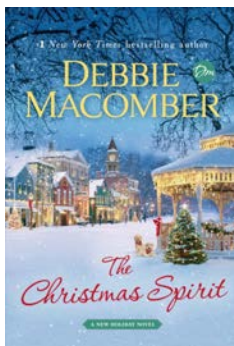
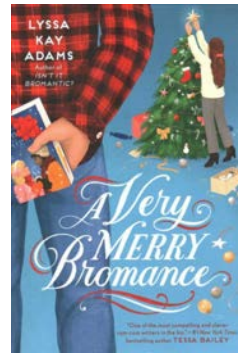


## Holiday Fiction

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Curl up with some brand new holiday fiction 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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