

Marigold News

Happy Holidays from Marigold Headquarters

Wishing everyone a wonderful, happy and healthy holiday season! All the best from Marigold Headquarters for a bright 2023.



Sincerely,
Lynne Price, CEO
Laura Taylor, Chief Operating Officer



Holiday Closures

Marigold Headquarters will be closed starting **Friday, December 23** and will reopen at 8:00am on **Tuesday, January 3, 2023**.

IT Support for December 23 - January 2:

- Help requests can be submitted by email to support@marigold.ab.ca.
 - For emergencies, call 1-855-934-5334, ext.240.
 - For Polaris concerns, please contact the Yellowhead Regional Library After-Hours Emergency Support number at 1-877-452-8722.
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Marigold Library Conference 2023: Call for Proposals



The 2023 [Marigold Library System Conference](#) will be held in person on **Wednesday, May 10th, 2023.**

The theme of the 2023 Conference is *It Starts with Us.*

It can be easy to become disenchanted with the number of challenges confronting our society today. From combatting rampant misinformation to offering a safe haven to the most vulnerable, this year's conference theme offers a reminder that change starts with us! Whether providing verifiable sources to fight fake news, winning a grant to increase library accessibility, or running a new program aimed at an underserved audience, libraries can be a force for change. Let's learn more together about how it starts with all of us.

The Planning Committee invites session proposals which may benefit, support, or inspire library staff and board members.

Possible session topics include:

- Programming (all ages) – virtual, hybrid, etc.
- Fundraising, Advocacy, and Board Development
- Human Resources and Leadership
- Technology, eResources, and Social Media
- Customer Service
- Reconciliation, Inclusion, and Diversity

**Other topics of interest will be considered*

Please fill out the online form to submit a proposal:

<https://marigold.ab.ca/MarigoldConference>

The deadline for proposals is end of day Friday, January 20th, 2023.

Making a Difference Awards 2023

As you reflect on 2022, what are some of the amazing initiatives, programs, and services that you offered at your library? We know great things are being done in Marigold libraries, and we want you to share them! **Apply now for the [Marigold Making a Difference Awards!](#)**

Marigold Library System's Making a Difference Award recognizes and celebrates excellence and innovation in library service. The Award traditionally acknowledges a library and team who are proud of an achievement in an area such as programming, outreach, advocacy and public relations, partnerships, and innovative use of technology.

A winner and an honourable mention from a small, medium, and large library will be chosen by the Marigold Library Board Advocacy Committee. Each winner will receive a plaque and a monetary award of \$750 and each honourable mention will receive a certificate of recognition and a monetary award of \$250 to be used at the local Library Board's discretion.

The awards will be presented at the [Marigold Library System Conference](#) on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Applications can be filled out using the [online submission form](#) on the Marigold website.

Deadline for award applications is February 10, 2023. Please note that the board chair's signature is no longer required.

If you have any questions or you require a physical submission form, please contact your Library Services Consultant.

Library Coffee Chats 2023



Join Marigold for our monthly library coffee chats! Connect with other libraries in the Marigold region to discuss new resources, library programs, and other library related topics. Coffee chats are aimed at library managers, however, if a manager is unable to attend, another staff member is welcome to join!

Click on the links below to register now.

January 19 @1:30pm

February 15 @10:30am

March 14 @1:30pm

April 20 @1:30pm

May 17 @10:30am

June 13 @1:30pm

July 20 @1:30pm

August 16 @10:30am

September 19 @1:30pm

October 19 @1:30pm

November 15 @10:30am

Marigold Resources

eResources Challenge: Read Alberta eBooks & eMagazines

It's the last challenge of the year!
Complete the December eResources Challenge and you will be entered into a draw to win a \$50.00 gift card!

For more information visit the [Marigold website](#).



Take the Challenge Now!

Changes to the Employment Insurance (EI) Extended Sick Leave for Canadians

"On November 25, 2022, the federal government announced that the Employment Insurance sickness benefit is being extended from 15 weeks to 26 weeks effective December 18, 2022. The move to extend Employment Insurance sickness benefits is an important step to recognize that many employees are becoming ill or injured and are not provided with the income support they need for long enough periods of time. The move also helps bridge the gap for employees who have access to long-term disability benefits but not short-term disability benefits. Most long-term disability benefits policies have lengthy eligibility wait times that often reach between four and six months. Those who do not have short-term disability benefits to rely upon during that eligibility period can access Employment Insurance sickness benefits during that period of time."

- HRinfodesk

Member Library News

Community Spirit Award

Hanna Municipal Library recently won the Community Spirit Award presented by the Town of Hanna. The library was nominated by a member of the community for their efforts to engage with their community and provide summer programming and social gathering opportunities.



"Almost three years have passed since the beginning of the pandemic, during which many youth have been adversely affected for their creative and physical outlets as well as emotional and social development. This has included periods of being able to be in school only to find that a few months down the line, they were indefinitely online-learning, back again, then learning online again and so on. The see-saw experience did not escape the library, which found itself closed to the public. However this year, not only were we, as a community, accorded the opportunity to resume our social gatherings, but with the addition of Darlene Edwards as our new chief librarian, we had a plethora of programs initiated over the course of the summer to engage Hanna's youth at a time when it has been most needed for a sense of normalcy.

I have followed Ms. Edward's efforts on Facebook, whether through the announcements she has made on behalf of the library, or to solicitous engagement with the community in terms of their interests. Indeed, shortly after arriving, she met with me personally to discuss a project to jointly approach GFL Environmental for philanthropic support for the Hanna Youth Chess Club, including working on a detailed proposal for equipment, courses, literature, and so on. something which Mr. Todd Moulin of GFL has expressed interest and which they are considering.

As a result of her efforts, along with the other experienced staff, such as Jenn Steinbrecker and volunteers; the programs were frequently filled, something which was not happening in other communities where programs were being offered during the summer. To me this is a perfect illustration of the community spirit which existing staff have maintained and which a new member to the community with her family has been able to bring. In that regard too, I think the Library Board members should be recognized for bringing a new chief librarian filled with experience, zeal, and passion."

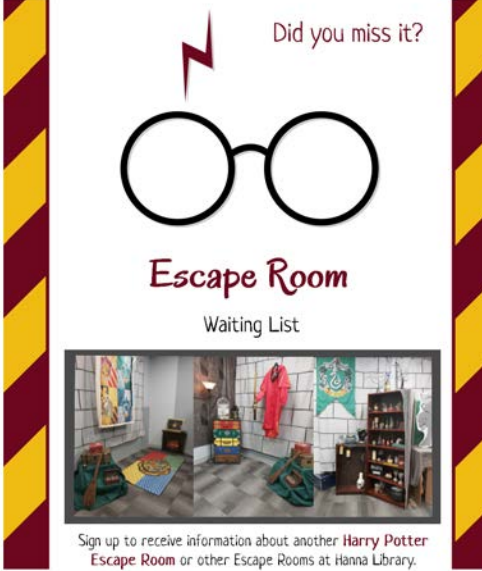
- Andrew Waldie



Team "Gross Spell" is still in the lead with an escape time of 16 minutes and 7 seconds!

The libraries most popular programs included Harry Potter themed events. The Harry Potter Escape Room was in high demand by numerous members of their community.

The program was so popular, that the library has continued to run it!



Did you miss it?

Escape Room

Waiting List

Sign up to receive information about another Harry Potter Escape Room or other Escape Rooms at Hanna Library.

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Submitted by Hanna Municipal Library

Airdrie Public Library



Please join the Airdrie Public Library in congratulating Lisa Murphy Lamb for her receipt of a Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal.

Lisa joined APL on October 31st as the library's new Manager of Programming and Customer Engagement. Lisa brings a strong programming background, a deep engagement with the local literary and arts community, and a graduate degree in special education to her work at APL.

Here is what the Queen's medal awards committee had to say about Lisa:

"Lisa Murphy Lamb is a writer, arts champion, and educator who has built space and community for artists to have their voices heard. She is also an extraordinary mentor to young writers, giving them space and encouragement to find their creative voices."

Indigenous Information

Métis Holiday Recipe

I am a member of the Métis Nation, a fact my grandparents hid to keep the family safe from things like residential schools and we became part of the lost generations. It left us feeling unconnected. As a result my siblings and I have taken different paths to find that part of ourselves once more.

Rob and Daphne took a spiritual route, studying with elders. Stephanie took a cultural path, learning to bead and dance and drum. Sharon also beads, but her path is very much an intellectual and creative one. She knows more about Charlotte Small than any other person I have met and created a wonderful one woman play about her life.



My own path, not surprisingly, is one of research and reading. I also love to cook and so I visit my ancestors through recipes.

Christmas would have been largely a religious holiday for most Métis. The big celebration would have taken place on New Year's. There are stories about parties that went on for days, moving from house to house with music and dancing and food shared by all. Never a wealthy people, the food would have been modest, and this is a recipe that is still made in Métis homes today.

Boulette Soup (also called bullets by many)

Soup Stock

Begin by making a brown stock. Roast several pounds of bones in the oven for an hour, turning them over once. When the bones are well browned put them into a stock pot along with an onion, a couple of carrots, a couple of stalks of celery and a spice bag filled with juniper berries, peppercorns, rosemary, thyme, and bay leaves. (Be sure to get any brown bits from the bottom of the roasting pan).

Cover with sixteen cups of water and simmer over low heat, skimming any foam off the top. This should simmer for several hours. You can keep adding cold water, so the bones stay well covered. The longer it simmers the more intense the flavour will be.

One can always use canned stock or bouillon cubes as well.

Strain the stock through a cheesecloth and you are ready to proceed.

Meatballs

1lb. ground beef (ground game meat would often have been used)

Salt and pepper to taste

1/4 cup of onion finely chopped

1/4 cup of water (it will make the meat sticky)

Form small meatballs and roll them in flour. Cook the meatballs in the stock at a gentle simmer for half an hour.

Add two or three pounds of potato, peeled, and diced. Cook until the potatoes are tender. This is the time to add seasoning to taste as well.

Serve the soup with a side of fry bread, you will have created "bullets and bangs" and everyone will be pleased.

Submitted by Rose Reid
Indigenous Outreach Specialist
Marigold Library System

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Funding

Funding is available for community initiatives that commemorate or increase awareness of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and of the history and legacy of residential schools.

The application deadline is **January 23, 2023**. For more information and to apply visit the [Department of Canadian Heritage website](#).

Listen, Hear Our Voices Grant

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has launched the 2023-2024 funding cycle of its Listen, Hear Our Voices initiative. Listen, Hear Our Voices provides funding to support First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Nation organizations throughout Canada in their efforts to digitize and preserve language and culture materials, and build digitization and preservation capacity for their communities.

For information on how to apply, information sessions, and more, visit [Library and Archives Canada](#).

eResources

New eResource: FamilySearch

FamilySearch is now available for all library patrons! Discover your family's history and genealogy today.



FamilySearch has billions of birth, marriage, death, census, land, and court records from more than 130 countries. They add over 300 million free genealogical records and images online yearly from all over the world, and they manage the famous Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

Library users will need to create a free account when logging on for the first time. This resource is **in-library access only**. Library users can access FamilySearch outside of the library, but will have restricted access to some documents.

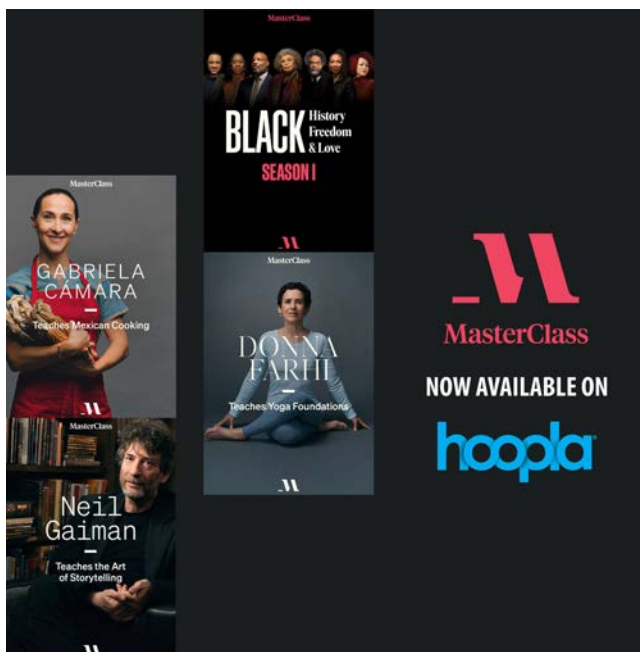
More information and promotional materials for FamilySearch will be made available soon.

FamilySearch

hoopla MasterClass Now Available

Learn from the world's best with hoopla MasterClass!
More classes will be added over the coming months.

Start Learning



New hoopla BingePass for Children



hoopla BingePass now has collections for children ages 2 - 12 years old!

Get unlimited streaming of an entire collection for seven days with just one borrow.

Borrow Now

PressReader: Auto-Translate Now Available on App

Read the world's best publications in your preferred language. Auto-Translate allows readers to automatically translate a full publication.



Just follow these steps to get started:

1. In the app, open your desired publication.
2. Click on the title you want to read in Text View. Tap on the three dots and select Translate.
3. Choose the language you would like to translate to.
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Transitioning to Libby



A reminder that the OverDrive app will be discontinued in **early 2023**. Patrons who currently use the OverDrive app will need to make the transition to Libby.

All libraries are encouraged to promote the Libby app for new and current library users.

Visit the [OverDrive Resource Center](#) for more information on how to use and promote the Libby app to library users, including promotional materials.

From the Literary Community

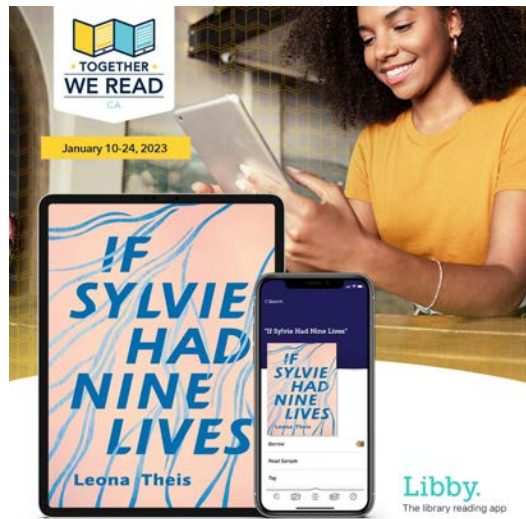
Together We Read 2023

Join the digital book club this coming **January 10th - 24th**.

No waitlist, no holds, just tons of reading!

The featured title is ***If Sylvie Had Nine Lives*** by Leona Theis.

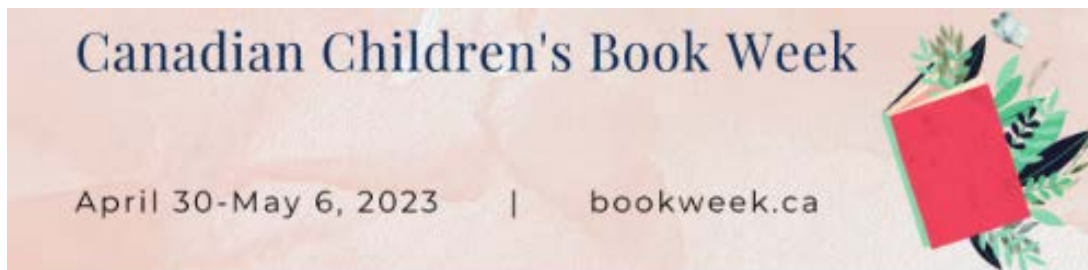
Access the free [marketing materials](#) to help promote Together We Read in your library!



Canadian Children's Book Week

The Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) is now accepting applications from schools, libraries, and community groups who wish to host creators participating in the 2023 Canadian Children's Book Week tour.

The application deadline is **January 13th, 2023**. Visit [Canadian Children's Book Week](#) for more information.



Apply Now

The Alberta Library's Retrospective

The Alberta Library's (TAL) retrospective of the last 25 years can now be viewed on the TAL website.

It contains archival documents from many of TAL's events and projects, as well as video interviews from Albertan library professionals involved throughout the years.

Explore

Professional Development

Mental Health Training Resources

Achieve Centre for Leadership is offering some free mental health training this month. Access these webinars and training resources for free until December 31st.

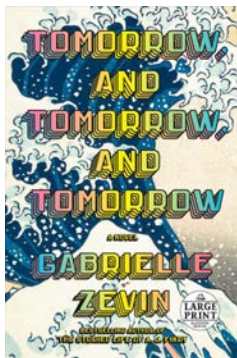
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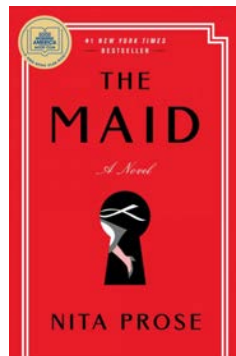
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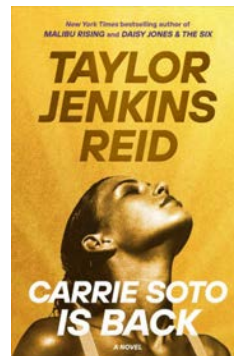
Check out the most popular books this year, voted on by readers just like you!
Click on the book cover for a full synopsis.



Fiction



Mystery & Thriller



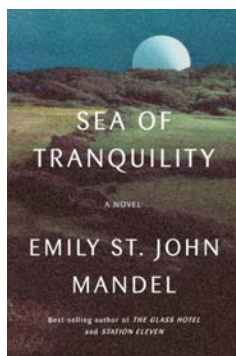
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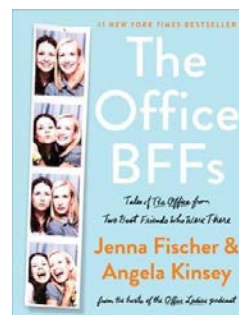
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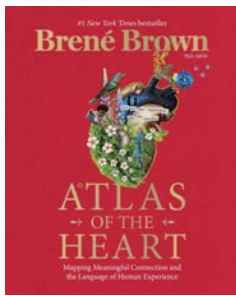
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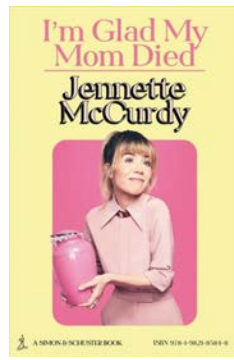
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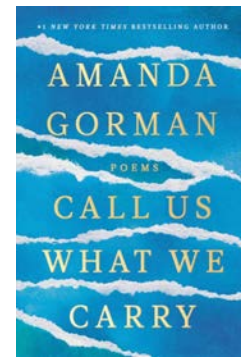
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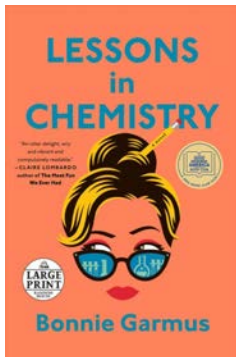
Memoir & Biography



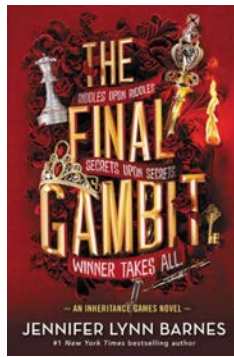
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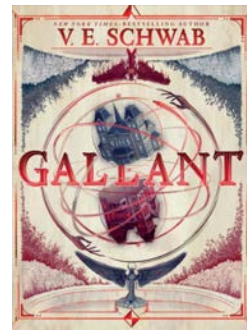
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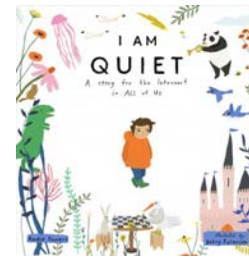
Debut Novel



Young Adult Fiction



Young Adult Fantasy



Middle Grade & Children's

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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