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Parkland Update

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Get the latest Parkland updates, library news, training, events, and more!
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You are invited to attend/present at the 2024 Parkland Regional Library System (PRLS) Conference on Monday, September 23rd. The conference will be held at the Lacombe Memorial Center, 5214 50 Ave, Lacombe, AB.

The PRLS planning committee is currently seeking program proposals for one-hour presentations at the conference. Some of the topics we are interested in are: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Collections & Merchandising, Fundraising, Emerging technologies, Human Resources, De-escalation techniques, Cyber security, Intellectual Freedom/Censorship, Confidentiality/Privacy, Accessibility, and Library Management Best Practices.

The deadline for submissions is May 12th, 2024 and submissions will receive a response from the planning committee by May 31st, 2024.

Please submit your proposal by sending the following information to the conference committee at Libraryservices@prl.ab.ca. To see the full guidelines for submission, [visit our support site.](#)



Didsbury library manager Maia Foster came to us with an idea for a library safe space sticker after completing a safe space training. We loved the idea and created one for her and for any other libraries who would like one for their space as well. Please reach out to Paige at pmueller@prl.ab.ca if you have any questions or would like a sticker for your library.

Do you have issues with signage?

Are you tired of looking at your same old library signs? Are you ready to do some spring cleaning? Contact the marketing team at Parkland today. We will come and complete a signage audit for you and help with replacing and updating old or dusty signs. Contact

pmueller@prl.ab.ca to request a library visit and signage audit or refresh.

New edition of the Collections Insider

Read the newest edition of the [Collections Insider here](#). If you would like to be subscribed, you can email helpdesk@prl.ab.ca to get on the list.

Job Posting at Parkland Regional Library System

Parkland Regional Library System is currently accepting applications for a full-time (12-month contract) Library Services Technician: Programming and Training position. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please visit the [employment section of our website](#) to read more about the job and the requirements. We look forward to hearing from qualified candidates.

LIBRARY NEWS

Find out about important deadlines and see what's happening at other Parkland Libraries!

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

- [EBSCO Solar Power Grants](#) Deadline: April 22
- [TELUS Indigenous Communities Fund](#) Deadline: April 29
- [Community Initiatives Program](#) Deadline: May 15

Notable Upcoming Dates

- [World/Canada Book Day](#) - April 23
- [Young Readers Choice Awards Winners Announced](#) - April 29
- [Asian Heritage month in Canada](#) - May 2024
- [Free Comic Book Day](#) - May 4
- [Red Dress Day](#) - May 5
- [Pride month](#) - June 2024
- [Indigenous People's Day](#) - June 21

Alberta Digital Literacy Program

The Alberta Digital Literacy Program is here to help you boost your digital skills and feel right

at home in today's digital landscape. The best part? It's completely free and flexible! With different levels of programming to meet everyone's needs, this is a great resource for anyone looking to level up their skills in digital literacy. [Access the program here.](#)

Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence deadline extended

Thank you to those municipalities and library boards who have submitted initiatives to the 2024 MAMPLE program. We are extending the submission deadline until April 30, 2024, to allow for additional time to complete submissions. More information about the awards and how to submit can be [found here](#). You can also contact libraries@gov.ab.ca or call 780-427-4871 for more information.

TRAINING & EVENTS

Dates and registration information for upcoming library training and events.

Upcoming Parkland Training

- **Collections Management Trainings:**
 - May 13, 10am at Parkland HQ in Lacombe
 - May 22, 1pm at Olds Library
 - May 27, 10am at Sedgewick Library

Registration is required for these in-person events so please use [this link to register](#) and contact libraryservices@prl.ab.ca with any further questions.

Training Techniques for Enhanced Teamwork in the Workplace

Boost team performance with training strategies for overcoming common challenges and fostering a culture of resilience and cohesion. Provided by Niche Academy [here](#).

What Neurodivergent Patrons Want from Small and Rural Libraries

[Read this article](#) to learn about how neurodivergent patrons interact differently with their libraries than you might expect. This article focuses on what neurodivergent folks want from their small and rural libraries so it is definitely a valuable read.

How to Give Presentations With Confidence

April 25

2pm

If you don't give presentations very often, you might find the task intimidating. But it doesn't have to be that way. Communications maven Kathy Dempsey has given roughly 200 talks over her career, both face-to-face and online. In-person audiences have ranged from 10 people seated in a semi-circle to conference rooms with hundreds of attendees. She'll share her pro tips on avoiding butterflies, speaking effectively, and keeping people's attention. [Register here](#) for this event (\$49 USD).

Upcoming Webinars from Alberta Community Engagement Branch

There are a variety of trainings and webinars offered for Spring 2024. For a full list of all of the webinar offerings, please visit the [Eventbrite page here](#) and find the event that is right for you.

How to Build Relationships, Programs, and Engagement Webinar

May 2, 9, 16

[This 3-week online course](#) will tackle hot topics such as graphic novel collections and LGBTQIA+ programming and services, while also teaching you innovative ways to co-design programs with youth, engage youth in programs, and connect goals to learning initiatives. You will also learn tenets of conflict resolution and trauma-informed practices that will help you better manage teen behavioral challenges in your libraries. \$285 USD

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