



Parkland Update

Thursday, May 2, 2024

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Calling all library staff and board members, you're invited! Please celebrate with us on **Friday May 10th** from **1pm - 3pm** at Parkland HQ (**4565 46 Street, Lacombe**) for our 65th Anniversary! There will be cake, refreshments, and building tours. We'd love any contributions to our time capsule to be opened at our 100th anniversary.

Please note this event is not open to the public, but we are excited to host all of our library friends!



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.](#)

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

- [Community Initiatives Program](#) Deadline: May 15
- [TELUS Indigenous Communities Fund](#) Fall Deadline: October 11

Notable Upcoming Dates

- [Asian Heritage month in Canada](#) - May 2024
- [Free Comic Book Day](#) - May 4
- [Red Dress Day](#) - May 5
- [Pride month](#) - June 2024
- [Alberta Literary Awards winners announced](#) - June 2024
- [Indigenous People's Day](#) - June 21

New Library Cards for Parkland

The new library cards that have started going out to libraries across the system look just a

tiny bit different than normal. You'll notice a dash included at the end of the library card number. When signing up for eResources, patrons should not include the dash when entering in their number. Please share this information with patrons and staff to minimize any confusion. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused so far.

Alberta resource guides learners towards Indigenous language revitalization

A group from the University of Alberta has released a new guide to help revitalize Indigenous languages. The online and printed tool can help learners on their "path towards fluency." Learn more about this incredible [resource here](#).

National AccessAbility Week 2024

This year, Canada will be celebrating National AccessAbility Week from May 26 to June 1, 2024. To help libraries to mark this special occasion, CBC Corner has put together a user-friendly toolkit that provides both a wealth of content and suggestions on how to put it to use in your community. The toolkit can be [accessed here](#).

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.

Breaking the Mold: Marketing and Outreach for Patron-Centric Libraries

May 14
12pm

Modern libraries are community hubs that offer valuable programs, resources, and spaces that uniquely reflect the diverse populations they serve. Despite dynamic offerings, many libraries struggle to break the perception that they are simply a place to check out books. Taking control of the narrative doesn't have to be challenging! Given the right tools and methods, you can shape your public messaging to communicate value and get prospective and existing patrons excited about library offerings. [Register here](#) for free.

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

Getting Started with Libby

May 14
9am

Join OverDrive's training team for this live session to learn how easy it is to get your patrons started with Libby, the library reading app. Great for new staff and those

Helping Libraries to be autism-ready

Public libraries strive to be welcoming places for families and children by offering rich collections and varied programming that intentionally supports learning and development as well as interactivity and socialization. However, these programs often have a limited focus on learning and literacy. Thus, library staff continue to need

looking to level up their skills. [Register here.](#)

guidance on how to plan and deliver inclusive, accessible, learning-rich programs for autistic children and their families. Access more [information and a toolkit 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.

Funding Programs for Nonprofits Directory

Looking for nonprofit funding opportunities? Charity Village has curated a list of Canadian government grant programs, foundations, and corporate funding programs for nonprofits and charities. To get access to the directory and start accessing these opportunities, [fill out this form.](#)

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