



# *Parkland Update*

**Thursday, October 31, 2024**

**Get the latest Parkland updates, library news, training, events, and more!**

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## **Beyond Books: PRLS in the Red Deer Advocate**

As part of ongoing advocacy and awareness campaigns, PRLS was interviewed for an article in the Red Deer Advocate about all that our member libraries have to offer their patrons. [You can read the full article, featuring photos from our members, here.](#)

## **Red Deer County supports Elnora Library**

Read more in [this article from the Red Deer Advocate](#) about how Red Deer County approved \$25,000 to help Elnora develop a new space for their library!

## **Olds Municipal Library receives donation for Library of Things**

The Community Foundation of Central Alberta has made a donation to the Olds Municipal Library of Things. To read more about what this donation will mean for the library, [take a look at this article from The Albertan](#).

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

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

### **Upcoming Grant Deadlines**

- [Public Library Grant for Skill Development in Rural Alberta](#) Deadline: November 29
- [Arts Presenting Project Funding](#) Deadline: December 2

### **Notable Upcoming Dates**

- [Halloween](#) - October 31

- [NaNoWriMo](#) - November
- [Non-Fiction November](#) - November
- [Rural Municipalities of Alberta Convention](#) - November 4-7
- [Indigenous Veterans Day](#) - November 8
- [Remembrance Day](#) - November 11
- [Giller Prize Winners Announced](#) - November 18

## Google adds first Indigenous language in Canada to its translation service

Google translate has added one of the most widely spoken Indigenous languages in Canada for the first time ever. [Read more in this article](#) about how Inuktitut will be supported by the tech giant Google moving forward.

## Alberta Teachers' Association reflects on rising book challenges

[In this post from the ATA Magazine](#), the rising number of book challenges in school libraries in Canada is presented. A brief list of how to tackle book bans in school libraries is also explored at the end.

## BookNet Report on Reading Print Books in Canada

This blog post from BookNet Canada provides a statistical analysis and valuable context on the use of print books in Canada in 2023. This information incorporates published data from the *Canadian Book Consumer Study 2023* and the *Canadian Leisure and Reading Study 2023*. [Read the whole post here](#).

## TRAINING & EVENTS

Dates and registration information for upcoming library training and events.

### Upcoming Parkland Training

- **PLC Meeting**
  - November 4 @ 10am at Parkland HQ/Virtual
- **Post-PLC Training on Intellectual Freedom**
  - November 4 @ 12:30pm at Parkland HQ/Virtual

**Strategic Thinking, then Strategic Planning**  
**November 5**  
**1:30pm**

[In this webinar](#), you will explore the importance of strategic thinking and what it means to be truly “strategic” before you

**The Ethics of AI**  
**November 9**  
**12pm**

Many users of AI, especially first-time users, have significant misunderstandings regarding the ethical boundaries of generative AI use.

begin the typical planning process. You will also have the opportunity to learn some theory around organizational planning. And best of all – you will come away with tips on how to build ownership and commitment, resulting in a plan that is closely followed, versus one that collects dust!

### **How do we rebuild trust in authoritative information sources?**

**November 12**

**1pm**

In recent years we have seen a dramatic decrease in trust in societal institutions including traditional news media, government, science, and academia. At the same time, we're facing a barrage of online misinformation and new technology that undermines our ability to confidently tell truth from fiction. More than ever we need to rebuild trust in authoritative information sources to allow good information to rise above the noise. Researchers from the University of Washington's [Center for an Informed Public](#) (CIP) will lead a conversation aimed at understanding current causes of distrust and routes to rebuilding public trust in authoritative information providers [in this webinar](#).

### **Building a Strong Team and Effective Relationships**

**December 4**

**1:30pm**

Join Government of Alberta's Community Engagement Branch for this [highly interactive webinar](#) where you and your fellow participants will deal with a specific board situation, address the root causes, and create solutions. We will provide additional, relevant information that will help you understand why these situations arise, how to deal with them, and ideas for addressing the root causes before they happen. Make sure to register to save

In terms of intellectual property and content generation, the "3 Cs" to remember are Copyright, accurate and thorough Citation, and Circumspection regarding privacy and confidentiality policies and quality checking generated content. Users in all fields will need to consider various ethical principles no matter what type of content they are creating or analyzing with generative AI tools. This informative webinar has a cost of \$99 and you can [register for it here](#).

### **Building community in a changing climate**

**November 21**

**1pm**

Climate change and its impacts on the health of our environment and communities are pressing concerns that can feel daunting. Where can you find the resources and partnerships to tackle these unique challenges? Join us to hear from public libraries and their partners who are championing community resilience in the face of climate change. You'll gain valuable insights, resources, and inspiration to empower your community and drive meaningful change. Together, we can build a more sustainable future. [Register for this impactful webinar here](#).

### **Government Relations for Nonprofit Leaders: Navigating the Stormy Seas of Political Change**

**December 5**

**11am**

Potential government change and uncertainty can have devastating consequences. Bay Street leaders are actively preparing and executing their government relations programs in the months that remain. Nonprofit leaders need to do the same. [This free workshop](#) will help nonprofits to navigate changes on the horizon.

your spot!

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