



## ***Parkland Update***

**Thursday, April 17, 2025**

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

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### **Financial Training by PRLS**

Are you feeling unprepared or anxious about managing the ongoing financial responsibilities of your library? Do you or your board have questions about budget, policy, role of the treasurer, Alberta employment standards, or reserve funds?

If so, this training will help shed light on many of these common responsibilities for public libraries. We will also cover ROE, GST, WCB, charity status and funding streams for public libraries in Alberta. Please bring your financial questions, we will be providing a quick Q & A at the end of the training.

This training will be offered **in person** on the following dates so [please make sure to register in advance](#):

**May 5th from 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** at the Parkland HQ (4565 46 Street, Lacombe)

**May 21st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the Olds Public Library (5217 52 Street, Olds)

**May 27th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the Sedgewick & District Municipal Library (4806 47 Street, Sedgewick)

## New Social Media Content Now Available!



The Social Media Content Bank has been updated with content for you to use throughout the month of May. If you have ideas for content you'd like to see created, or run into any issues with using the bank, please reach out to Paige at [pmueller@prl.ab.ca](mailto:pmueller@prl.ab.ca). To jog your memory, all Content Bank information lives in the **Q:Drive Marketing folder**. Happy posting!

## LIBRARY NEWS

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

### Upcoming Grant Deadlines

- [Donald Hamilton School Library Advocacy Fund](#) - Ongoing
- [Provincial Operating Grant](#) - June 15
- [Research in Librarianship Grant](#) - August 15

### Notable Upcoming Dates

- [Asian Heritage Month](#) - May
- [Free Comic Book Day](#) - May 3
- [World Press Freedom Day](#) - May 3
- [Star Wars Day](#) - May 4
- [Red Dress Day](#) - May 5
- Orders for Hotlist (Fiction & Non-Fiction) are due - May 7
- [Marigold Library System Conference](#) - May 26

### Safe Space Stickers



This is a reminder that Parkland has Safe Space stickers that are available to all our member libraries. If you would like one of these stickers to put up at your library (keep in mind Pride Month is only a month away...), please reach out to Paige at [pmueller@prl.ab.ca](mailto:pmueller@prl.ab.ca). She would be happy to send a sticker, as well as instructions on how to apply it for the best results in your next van run!

## Canada's Volunteer Awards

Do you have a volunteer at your library or in your community that is always going above and beyond? Why not show them a little recognition? Canada's Volunteer Awards are accepting nominations in a variety of categories until May 8, 2025 so there is still time to show your appreciation. For a full list of the available awards, application processes, and how the winners are recognized, you can visit the [Government of Canada website here](#).

## Free For All: The Public Library documentary

Free for All: The Public Library tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From the pioneering women behind the “Free Library Movement” to today's librarians who service the public despite working in a contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all. For more information on this film, the creators behind it and to watch a preview, [visit the film's homepage here](#).

## Big Library Read Title Announced



This season's featured title is an insightful and lyrical memoir that explores music, time, and self-discovery. [\*Uncommon Measure\*](#) will be available for simultaneous use in eBook and audiobook formats between May 15-29. The title, along with a promotional spotlight on Libby, will be added at no cost. We look forward to having you participate and to help you bring your community together through the joy of reading!

If you would like help marketing this title to your patrons, make sure to check out the [Marketing Kit on Libby](#).

### **Central Alberta Fanfest seeking volunteer support**

The Central Alberta Fanfest, which is hosted at the Ponoka Jubilee Library, is seeking volunteers for this year's event. The fanfest is described as a high-quality anime, comic book, sci-fi and fantasy expo with a small town feel that invites fans from around the province to participate. If you are interested in volunteering with this year's event, make sure to reach out to [fanfestponoka@gmail.com](mailto:fanfestponoka@gmail.com) to see how you can help. [Read more in this article from the Ponoka News!](#)

## **TRAINING & EVENTS**

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Dates and registration information for upcoming library training and events.

### **Upcoming Parkland Training**

- **Travelling Financial Training (In-Person)**
  - May 5 from 1:30-3:30pm @ Parkland HQ
  - May 21 from 6-8pm @ Olds Municipal Library
  - May 27 from 6-8pm @ Sedgewick & District Municipal Library

## **Organizational Purpose and Planning**

**May 7**

**1:30-3pm**

How is planning connected to the board's roles and responsibilities? How are an organization's vision, mission, and values connected to organizational plans? What is included in the plan? The Community Engagement Branch will introduce to you why planning is needed, what it includes, and give you some ideas on how to get started. Make sure to [register for this live webinar](#) to secure a spot!

## **Risk Management**

**May 21**

**1:30-3pm**

What is risk? What types are there? How can it be assessed and managed? Risk is everywhere, but that just means that you have to spend some time to understand it and deal with the ones that are most relevant to your organization. [Make sure to reserve a spot](#) to make sure you don't miss out on this webinar!

## **Financial Responsibilities**

**May 14**

**1:10-3pm**

What are the board's financial responsibilities? How can the board fulfill these responsibilities? What is Financial Management and what does it include? To put it simply, the board has to know what is going on, and ask questions if they don't! [Join us for more details and a few activities](#) that will introduce your financial responsibilities.

## **Books Without Barriers**

**May 15**

**1-2:30pm**

Hosted in collaboration with NNELS and CELA, PLSB is offering this free webinar to share information and equip librarians with the tools, knowledge, and resources needed to better serve patrons with print disabilities and ensure equitable access to reading materials. [Make sure to register for this event](#) to not miss out!

## **Building Strong Teams & Effective Relationships**

**June 4**

**1:30-3pm**

Join us 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.

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