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Parkland Update

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

Stay up to date by visiting our [support site](#). For programming and collections news, [subscribe to our Libraries in Focus newsletter](#).

Library News

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

Notable Dates

- [Spring Bingo](#) - May
- [Customer Service Training at Parkland](#) - May 4
- [Customer Service Training at Olds Library](#) - May 11
- [Polaris Training](#) - May 15
- Victoria Day (Parkland Closed) - May 18
- [PLC Meeting \(Hybrid\)](#) Library Managers Only - June 1
- [ULS Spring/Summer Hot List Cut Off](#) - June 3

For more notable dates, visit our [support site](#).

Updates

Parkland Services Highlight - PLC Meetings and Training

Parkland hosts the Parkland Libraries Council (PLC) meetings where member Library Managers meet to discuss and make decisions on



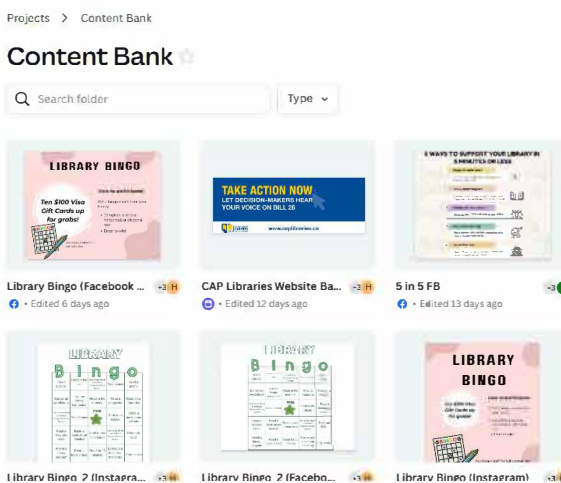
These meetings are a great way to network with peers and find solutions to problems at your library. [Library managers can now register for the June 1 PLC meeting.](#) In-person attendance will be capped in order to ensure the best sound quality and experience for all participants.

Universal Class - Live May 4

Universal Class is going live on May 4. Prepare yourselves, your staff, and your patrons for this exciting new eResource. [Find the how to guide, social media templates, flyers, and more here.](#)



Marketing Hub



The [content bank](#) is a collection of templates tailored for our libraries. Anyone that has a Canva non-profit account through Parkland will be able to see these templates when they search. If you have your own Canva account, you can view the templates here: **Q:\Marketing\Social Media Content Bank**

We are not regularly adding to the content bank but add anything relevant we create.

Advocacy News

Advocacy Updates

Bill 28 has been adjourned - meaning that the bill will undergo revision before it comes back for the second reading. In the meantime, we need to keep advocating! Request meetings with your MLAs, request support from your municipalities, and engage with [CAP Libraries on social media](#). For support, email Hailey at hhalberg@prl.ab.ca.

Show your support by using the [CAP Libraries Social Media Templates](#) and encouraging your board and municipality to write to MLAs with concerns about this legislation.

Current resources:

- [Advocacy webpage](#)
- [Support Site Resources](#)
- Advocacy Resources available on the Q drive for library staff

Support available:

- Advocacy campaigns addressing specific issues for your library
- Assistance in creation of presentations to your municipal council
- Advocacy training for library boards

If your library board would like any assistance with library advocacy, Parkland is happy to help! Contact Hailey at hhalberg@prl.ab.ca to request training or assistance.

Training and Events

Dates and registration information for upcoming library training and events.

From Data to Story: Communicating Nonprofit Impact That Inspires

May 6

12pm

Impact isn't just about numbers - it's about the lives you change and the stories that bring your mission to life.

[Join this webinar](#) for this storytelling-

Where is AI in 2026 and where is it Going?

May 21

1-2pm

AI has progressed at a rate that even top experts find astonishing. These systems are no longer science fiction - they are transforming work,

craft powerful narratives that capture hearts, spark action, and deepen trust.

How to Use Media and Information Literacy Events to Engage Teens and Communities

May 12

1-2pm

This session will provide a brief overview of two programmatic models, A Day for an Informed Public and Media Mentorship, that libraries and their partners can use in their own communities. [Hear about](#) how you can engage with a mix of different formats such as games, small group activities, and intergenerational learning.

Parliamentarian Training Seminar (Airdrie)

May 13

9:30am - 4pm

Public Library Services Branch is coordinating a [full-day training seminar](#) on governance, effective meetings, Robert's Rules of Order, and parliamentary procedure, and we are pleased to invite library board members to participate.

Marigold Library Conference

May 13

8:30am - 4pm

The Marigold Library System Conference is an annual, one-day event with sessions for library staff and board members in Marigold and beyond. Collaboration, vital to library work with communities, teams, stakeholders, or other libraries, is emphasized. [Join us](#) to explore

beginner-friendly overview of today's most powerful AI tools, including AI's current capabilities and safety concepts that will help you and your library better serve your communities.

Reconciliation in the Workplace

May 21

9am - 4pm

Reconciliation in the Workplace - Meaningful Action for Teams is a [practical workshop](#) designed to support social service teams. You'll build shared understanding, strengthen cultural awareness, and explore reconciliation in ways that support real-world practice and respect both the work and the people involved.

In Person Library Board Basics Workshop (Rocky Mountain House)

June 13

9am - 4pm

Whether you're new to the board or a seasoned member, [this workshop](#) offers a valuable opportunity to build confidence, deepen your understanding of library governance, and share insights with peers from across the province.

Non-Profit Basics & Beyond

The Government of Alberta Community Development Branch offers regular, free webinars on a variety of topics including, grant writing, risk management, financial responsibilities, and board development. See their list of [upcoming webinars here](#).



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