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*Spring is the
time of plans
and projects.*

~ Leo Tolstoy,
Anna Karenina

GPPL's New Director Returns to the Peace Country

Submitted by Michelle Rempel, Communications Coordinator, GPPL

For the new Director of the **Grande Prairie Public Library**, everything that was old is new again.

Maureen Curry may have arrived from the Okanagan Valley in December, but her roots are in the Peace Country. She was raised in Grande Prairie, leaving after high school to attend university. "It's great to have a historic connection and familiarity with the area," says Curry. "It provides a foundation to work from."

Prior to her new role as Library Director, Curry worked with the Okanagan Regional Library. She gained experience in many areas including reference services and children's programs before becoming the Head Librarian at the Vernon Branch in 2005.

"Maureen's experience in the realm of public libraries is truly exemplary," says Grande Prairie Public Library Board Chair, Wade Nellis. "Her years of experience in the delivery of library services, coupled with her thorough knowledge of the latest technology make her the ideal director for the Grande Prairie Public Library."

As for Curry, she's passionate about the changing role of libraries. "This is an exciting time and we have so many opportunities to connect. We provide a gathering place for the community that is open to everyone to share and learn," she says. "We will be working toward strengthening that connection."

"Maureen is a proven innovator in the areas of outreach, programs and community partnerships," says Nellis. "With her extensive administrative experience and leadership skills, we truly feel that we have found the director to lead our organization forward."

Member library staff members will have a chance to meet Maureen at the 2013 Rural Libraries Conference, when she presents a session!



Photo courtesy of the Grande Prairie Daily Herald Tribune

From the Director

By Linda Duplessis, Director, Peace Library System



2012 in Review

As I look back at 2012, I can see why it was such a busy time! Peace Library System (PLS) conducted an online needs assessment and developed a 2013-2015 Plan of Service. For the next three years, we will support member libraries through

print and electronic collections, resource sharing, programs, training, technology assistance, and advocacy. We also completed cataloguing donated items for the Rotary Club of Slave Lake Library and held the "Last Chapter" book sale, raising over \$10,000 for the library. We started a new PLS blog (PeacePorridge.com) and connected to the world through Facebook, Pinterest and Twitter. Through a partnership with the Writers Guild of Alberta, we brought in Karen Bass as a writer-in-residence for the region. We replaced 32 SuperNet devices, moved e-mail service to libraries in-house, and set up management of software licensing for our members. Add to that our regular training events, meetings, author tours, CAP coordination and ordering/cataloguing duties, and you can see why it was such a busy year! I am proud of the work done by PLS staff to make these services happen for you.

So what's new so far in 2013?

The Library Book Rate Bill is close to reality. Bill C-321 on the Library Book Rate has passed first reading in the Senate and is in 2nd reading. The passage of the Bill looks promising, and would result in a \$10,000 savings in postage costs in 2013.

The RISE videoconferencing partners are busy. Since the pilot project to extend the RISE videoconferencing network began in September, 2012, RISE has bridged 91 separate videoconferences at multiple sites. Bibliothèque Dentinger (Falher), Peace River Municipal Library, Grande Prairie Public Library (GPPL) and Peace Library System have participated in programs and meetings over the network. GPPL has offered programs to other libraries across the province via videoconferencing. We are monitoring the potential of this tool for use in northwestern Alberta.

Press Display brings international newspapers to your residents. Thanks to funding from Alberta Municipal Affairs, people now have access through their public library website to more than 1,200 newspapers

from around the world. **Press Display** is an electronic resource that provides up-to-date news and information from 94 countries in 48 languages, including 291 Canadian newspapers. The publications are full-colour, full-format, and run on a range of platforms including PC, Mac, iPhone and Blackberry.

APLEN offers more training tools. APLEN has created an online "one-stop shopping" place for training materials for public libraries. The **APLEN Training Centre** can be found at tc.aplen.ca. Take a look and see if there's something that would be helpful for your library. You can also upload and share your own resources. Also please remember that **APLEN Training Labs** are available for you to borrow. They consist of laptops, other devices, and software, and are great for training library staff or patrons. There is good news about the cost to ship the labs; APLEN will now pay for the cost to ship to and from libraries in the province. (Formerly, libraries were responsible for return shipping costs, which were over \$300 in some cases.)

Please remember to submit a copy of your signed IT Service Agreement to PLS by April 30, 2013.

System News Bits



- **Jenna Gutowski** has joined the Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library as **Children's Services Program Coordinator**. Jenna grew up in Slave Lake and worked as a student at the Slave Lake public library. She is a graduate of the Library Information Technology program at SAIT and has returned to Slave Lake to direct children and youth services at our library.
- **Kerri Danner** is the new library manager at **Valleyview Municipal Library**. Susanne Tremblay retired at the end of December.
- **Kelly Dickinson** is the new Head of Adult Services at **GPPL**. This position was created in response to Pam Chislett's retirement. Previously, Kelly was an Adult Services Librarian at GPPL.
- We are sad to report that **Sylvia Gula**, former Library Manager at the **Menno-Simons Community Library**, lost her husband and her home in a house fire on February 9. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sylvia.

Remembering Jennilyn Boire, 1962 - 2013

By Sheryl Pelletier, Library Manager, Shannon Municipal Library



Jenny and her husband, Dan.

Jennilyn Boire, Director of the **High Level Library** passed away in the early morning of February 24, 2013, of a rare and fast-moving cancer.

I last saw Jenny at our Library Managers' Council Meeting at Peace Library System HQ in October, when she told me that she was having some tests done in Edmonton.

I spoke to her in December at the Cross Cancer Institute and her spirits seemed to be high as she started chemotherapy. I was looking forward to seeing her at the end of February with a visit to High Level.

I got to know Jenny quite well as my assistant in 2002 after she had been in High Level for several years. We had already built a camaraderie around a mutual love of books and libraries, so it was a smooth transition into a co-worker relationship. Jenny was a Library Technician and even worked for a bit at Edmonton Public Library in the late 1990s.

Jenny was an avid musician with a particular love of drums. She told me of having a band with her sisters as a teenager and of her love of jam sessions with friends. Despite her abilities, she was rather shy, but I still managed to talk her into doing live drum rolls and trumpet calls for a local comedy revue. She also swore she would never do it again!

Jenny was a big Star Trek fan and at a BMI 100 course offered by



Jenny with assistant Melanie DenOudsten in 2010.

APLEN last year, she chose to teach us all conversational Klingon. I swear there were tears in her eyes when I gave her a gift of a Star Trek captain's pin.

She also wrote fan fiction, which I never had a chance to read, as she refused to tell me her nom de plume. She said that it was easier to write for strangers and if she knew I was reading, she would not be able to write.

Jenny became director of High Level Municipal Library in the fall of 2006. She didn't have an easy go of it at first, but soon got her feet under her and shepherded the library through a move to the new municipal building. It was a pleasure to see her at conferences and meetings and watch her management capabilities grow. I know that all of us hoped that her cancer would go into remission and she would be back behind the circulation desk again, but that was not to be.

I share my sorrows with her husband Dan Boire, her mother and two sisters, and with High Level Municipal Library's acting Director, Melanie DenOudsten as well as the staff, Board and patrons of the High Level Municipal Library. We will all miss her greatly.

Jenny's funeral was held on Saturday, March 2 at the High Level Evangelical Church.



Jenny trying on a pair of red high heels as part of the 2012 Rural Libraries Conference Prairie Mall Store Crawl social event.



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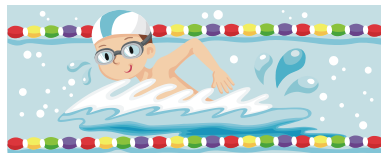
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Beaverlodge Bits

By Tracy Deets, Library Assistant, Beaverlodge Public Library

The **Beaverlodge Public Library**, in conjunction with other town agencies as well as ConocoPhillips, has formed and supports youth groups for two different age groups. The first group is for kids aged 10 to 13 and takes place on Thursdays from 3:00 until 6:00 pm. The other group is for those 14 years and older, and is a Friday evening gathering, from 6:00 until 9:00 pm. Both groups play games (both active and video), watch movies, have snacks and the biggest draw.....swimming!



The **Friends of the Beaverlodge Public Library Society** held a fund-raiser on Saturday February 9th. The theme was "**Death by Chocolate**" and between appetizers, dinner, a fabulous chocolate lava cake dessert, a chocolate fountain, chocolate brownie raffle, and chocolate wine and chocolate beer for purchase, the mission was nearly accomplished! There was also a live and silent auction, and dancing to a live band to help the sold-out crowd wear off the goodies.



A Pre-Retirement Tribute to Pam Chislett

By Linda Duplessis, Director, Peace Library System

Pam Chislett, the Deputy Library Director at **Grande Prairie Public Library (GPPL)**, will soon be retiring. She's been "threatening" to retire for the past few years, but has somehow stayed around to orient and train new library directors. Now that Maureen Curry is in place as Library Director, Pam is saying, "It's time!" By the time of the next newsletter, she will be gone.

While she may have thought she could slip through the newsletter "cracks", she should know better! We at Peace Library System cannot let her go without publicly



Pam with Margaret Harris, former Technical Services Coordinator for PLS, at the grand opening of the new PLS Headquarters building in 1990.

acknowledging the tremendous impact she has had on GPPL, Peace Library System (PLS), and the partnership between the two. This is not an official retirement speech, it's just reminiscing from a group of colleagues.

GPPL is the Resource Centre for PLS, which

means we must keep in close communication. Pam has been the liaison between the two organizations for as long as I've been with the System (almost 20 years) and longer. She has provided input on System services, inter-library loan, information service, Dynix/Polaris, electronic resources and everything in between. She has

attended dozens of PLS Consultants' meetings, Library Managers' Council meetings and Public Library meetings. She has written close to 100 articles for the quarterly PLS newsletter. She has presented numerous workshops at our Rural Libraries Conference and other workshops across the region. Over the years, she has provided hours of reference service to answer questions from patrons across the region. She has also been a mentor and a friend to staff at PLS.

So, Pam, we at Peace Library System are going to miss you. We'll miss your:

Caring	You really care about library services to Grande Prairie patrons and across the region.
Helpfulness	You have helped PLS staff in virtually every area.
Intuition	You have a way of looking at things to come up with solutions.
Sensible-ness	Your input has been practical and realistic.
Leadership	You have played a leadership role at PLS meetings over the years.
Energy	You keep going and get things done.
Truthfulness	You are honest about your feelings and expectations.
Tenacity	You don't give up!



Pam as Pippi Longstocking for Family Literacy Day, 2011.



Pam receiving the Excellence in Librarianship award from Linda in 2004.



We at PLS have benefited from your extensive library experience. We admire your ability to be concise, straightforward and realistic. You have been extremely generous and a helpful role model, and your advice, knowledge and wit will be missed.

We are glad that you'll be staying in the Grande Prairie area so we don't lose touch!

Left: Pam with staff from Grande Prairie Public Library in 2000. *Right:* Teaching a session on Internet searching at the 2000 Rural Libraries Conference.



Tech Services Tidbits

By Carol Downing, Assistant Director & Technical Services Manager, Peace Library System



We are well into 2013 and wondering where 2012 went. Yearend rollover activities went without a hitch and we thank everyone for their cooperation with the order cut-off dates.

The **Shipping Tool** has recovered from the earlier glitch by Canada Post and seems to be operating smoothly now. The CLA Master List has been reposted and everything is good – we hope. Should you discover any problems, please contact Peace Library System. If, by chance, you cannot find a library in the Shipping Tool Address Book, you can look up the address of the library in the **Directory of Alberta Public Libraries** and enter it manually. The directory is available at www.albertalibraries.ca/directory. Then, let Peace Library System staff know which library is missing and we will re-add it to the CLA Master List.

Peace Library System has created PowerPoint presentations for training library staff on adding item records and volume information. The presentations are training tools for all library staff who add item records or volume information in Polaris. A short quiz must be completed

at the end of each PowerPoint. We hope this training will ensure that material is entered correctly into the Polaris catalogue to assist us with keeping it clean and to help ensure that TRACpac is more usable for patrons. It will remain on the Peace Library System website indefinitely as a training tool.

Things are going smoothly in Tech Services overall. Wendy Hodges returned to work February 20, 2013 on a modified work schedule. She had been on short term disability since November 2012 with a broken ankle. The Tech Services Department wishes everyone a Happy Easter and we are all hoping for an early spring.

PLSB Library Board Basics Workshop

Saturday, April 20, 2013

9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Held at Grande Prairie Public Library

101, 9839 - 103 Avenue
Grande Prairie AB

To register, email: rosanna.badree@gov.ab.ca

Sturgeon Lake Band School Open House

On March 1, 2013 Carol Downing attended the Sturgeon Lake Band School Open House. The library received funding from **ConocoPhillips** for a reading circle, which included beanbag chairs, a lovely rug and a couch that pieces together with bookshelves on the back. **Encana** has sponsored a computer corner for all grade levels, which is presently under construction. Two Sturgeon Lake-based companies also donated towards the library: **Moses Operations** donated a box of new books for junior and senior high students and **Status Oilfield** donated a similar box of books for the younger students. ConocoPhillips and Encana also donated funds to the Cyber High classroom.



Children enjoying the new reading circle area, with the chairs, couch (which has bookshelves on the back), and rug donated by ConocoPhillips.

books for junior and senior high students and **Status Oilfield** donated a similar box of books for the younger students. ConocoPhillips and Encana also donated funds to the Cyber High classroom.

Nellie Sharphead, the school librarian, is looking for further donations aimed at automating the library as they are still on a card catalogue system.



School librarian Nellie Sharphead signs out the first books from the Sturgeon Lake Band School Library to eager and excited students!

Peace Library Board Members Recognized for Long Service

At the Board meeting on December 1st, five trustees were recognized for their long service and dedication. Peace Library Board Vice Chair **Ray Skrepnek** of the MD of Fairview No. 136 was on hand to present the awards.



5 Years
Bonnie Bigam
Clear Hills County



5 Years
Anton Prybysh
Town of Fairview



5 Years
Valerie Forsythe
Village of Berwyn



20 Years
Lorrie Shelp
MD of Big Lakes

Thank You

25 Years
Philippa O'Mahony
Town of McLennan



Two New TRAC Procedures

By Katherine Wiebe, Consulting Services Manager, Peace Library System

The TRAC Public Services Group has recently provided two new procedures to assist owning libraries with managing their items sent to other libraries. Please let us know should you have any questions about these procedures.



Switching In-Transit and Transferred Materials to Missing

Items that have been in-transit or transferred for over two months can be manually converted to missing.

Missing items will automatically be deleted after one year.

Please note that patrons and the transacting library are not responsible for loss that occurs during shipping.

1. Run the **In-Transit and Transferred** report under *Utilities > Reports and Notices > Custom*.
2. Set the date to **two months prior to today's date**, choose your library and press submit.
3. Go through the list of items and check your shelves to see if you can find any of the items.
4. If you find an item **check it in**.
5. **Contact** the sending and receiving libraries for all items not found on your shelves and ask them to check their shelves.
6. If the sending or receiving library finds the item ask them to **check it in**.
7. If the item was **not** found at your library, the sending library or receiving library please check the item in by typing in the barcode on your check in screen.
 - a. **If the item is on hold for someone** – a pop up will come up asking if you would like to hold the item or transfer for hold depending if the hold is for your library or another library. Click on No. A new pop up will appear asking if you would like to reactivate the hold. Click on Yes.
 - b. **If the item is not on hold** the status of the item will switch to In.
8. Open up the item record and **switch the status to missing**.

Unclaimed Holds

It is important to run the **Unclaimed Holds** reports weekly to determine which items have gone unclaimed at your library, as well as which of your items have gone unclaimed at other libraries.

These reports are located in Polaris under the **Utilities>Reports and Notices>Custom** folder.

1. **Unclaimed Holds by Pickup Branch** – will display which items on your Holds shelf have a status of unclaimed, and should be put in transit either back to the owning library or to the next library requesting the item.
2. **Unclaimed Holds by Assigned Branch** – will display items owned by your library that are sitting on another library's Holds shelf with a status of unclaimed and should be put back in transit.

If an unclaimed hold item goes missing while in the guardianship of the transacting library, the transacting library has one month beyond the unclaimed hold date to find the item, after which the owning library may consider it lost and invoice the transacting library for it. The owning library must invoice within one year of the item becoming an unclaimed hold if it wishes to receive payment.

From the IT Desk

By Janet Ayles, IT Services Manager, Peace Library System



Polaris Notifications

We discovered a small problem in Polaris with email notifications and holds. When a hold is checked in, the notification goes in a queue to be sent to the patron. Normally patrons come in to pick up their holds after they receive a message that their item is in. However, every once in a while an item would be checked out to a patron before Polaris sent the notice. Polaris still needs to deal with the notification since it is already in the queue, but the item has already been checked out. This results in Polaris sending a blank email to patrons. We have discussed the problem with Polaris and have decided to make a few small changes to how we deal with notices. Polaris runs a processing job once a day which distributes email notifications to patrons. A second run of email notifications for holds only has been added to the evening. This has cut down the number of notifications being sent in the morning and will solve the problem of blank email notifications.

Are you closing at all or changing your hours?

I know it seems like summer (and changes to summer hours) is so far off that you cannot fathom thinking about it yet, but it is important to enter any changes into Polaris as soon as possible. It is important to keep the hours current in Polaris as it does affect library information in TRACpac. Patrons are able to choose their library from the drop down menu (located in the top right of the screen) in TRACpac to get information such as hours.

For example, checking on Peace Library System information, our hours were incorrect. TRACpac indicates that we are open until 5:00pm where we are only open to 4:30pm. Because Polaris had not been updated with the correct hours, TRACpac (and therefore information available to the public) was wrong.

Having the correct dates closed in Polaris is as important, if not more, than the correct hours. With the wrong dates, Polaris will assign incorrect due dates and that can cause problems with fines. Even the request manager and hold requests can be affected. Any time there is a change to your hours or days that you may be closed, it is important to keep us in the loop. Changes can be submitted to helpdesk@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca.

Hours for: Peace Library System (Branch)

Day	Open	Close
MON	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
TUE	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
WED	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
THU	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
FRI	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
SAT	CLOSED	
SUN	CLOSED	

Location Information

8301 - 110 St
Grande Prairie, AB, T8W 6T2
780-538-4666
<http://www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca>

Helpdesk

How would you categorize this request?

Equipment Orders
Polaris Related
Technical Issue(s)
Website

We have introduced a new category into the Helpdesk. Previously, the existing categories for tickets were just Equipment Orders, Polaris Related and Technical Issue(s). The new category is for website questions or problems. The Helpdesk is the best place to submit questions as everyone is notified when a new ticket comes in and your chances of a quick response increase.

And don't forget to use the Helpdesk for non-website related questions or problems as well! Tickets can be submitted at <http://help.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca> or by email to

helpdesk@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca.

Websites

Speaking of websites, there have been lots of changes to both ours here at PLS and yours as well. We have not been able to release them to you all as quickly as we had hoped. Things are progressing and it shouldn't be too much longer before you get to take your shiny new toy out of its shrink wrap. Believe me, we want you all to be able to update and change your websites as much as you do yourselves!

Polaris and RLC

Simply Reports is coming to this year's Rural Libraries Conference. When we talk training, the most commonly requested area is Simply Reports. I listened and now you will have ninety uninterrupted minutes of access to me and the enigma that is Simply Reports. So I am challenging you all to tell me which areas of Simply Reports need clarification? Tell me your questions and I will bring you answers.

3-D Printing: What is this, Star Wars?

By Ryan Goff, Network Analyst, Peace Library System

For anyone that watches Duck Dynasty regularly, hopefully you've got a chuckle out of the title for this article. If you haven't, I highly recommend you start. It's just good, wholesome family fun.

Bearded duck men aside, you are probably asking yourself what is 3-D printing? 3-D printing is based on an additive technology where objects are built up in layers over the course of several hours using a number of different techniques. These techniques include Fused Deposit Modelling, Polyjet Matrix, Multi-Jet Modelling, and Selective Laser Sintering among others. Information on each process can be found easily online if you want to learn more. Bottom line, all of these technologies build 3-D products from the ground up, using different materials and processes.

Now that you know a bit more about the technology, you must be wondering what real world value this presents? Imagine the ability to quickly, easily, and affordably build prototypes, small scale replicas, even be able to tap into the food market with cake icing and decorating, just to name a few. Picture a day where patrons can walk into your library and print out toys, sporting goods, or even clothing. Future applications include large scale projects, maybe even building entire buildings using large scale printers. It might sound like science fiction, but the technology is available as we speak, and we've only begun to scratch the surface!

Unfortunately, while prices have continued to fall, even small scale units come at a premium. If you've seen a recent Big Bang Theory episode you're probably aware that a gently used one can be had for a measly \$5000 (how Howard wasn't kicked to the curb by Bernadette is beyond me). While this may be out of reach for many of us, there are online companies that can provide this service for you at a cost, and hopefully prices will continue to drop over the next few years to the point of being a staple in your library.



At the Peace Library Board meeting on December 1, Lesley Vandemark (middle) of the Community Planning Association of Alberta (CPAA), presented a cheque for \$500.00 to Mark Missal, rep. for the Town of Slave Lake, on behalf of the Slave Lake Regional Library Board.

The money, which will be put towards the Slave Lake library, was collected through the CPAA's annual conference.



From the Information Desk

By Pam Chislett, Deputy Director, Grande Prairie Public Library



Participating in building and designing a library is perhaps one of the most rewarding but challenging projects a librarian can undertake. In my career, I have been part of two library construction projects involving two moves and two other projects that involved moving the library collection. These activities have resulted in a variety of experiences that I thought might be interesting to share.

The first shelving move was at the British Columbia Institute of Technology. It happened in the summer of 1972 or thereabouts so the details are somewhat shrouded by the mists of time. I was a student at the time and it was my first move. The project involved boxing up the book collection and directing the movers as to boxing, moving and organizing. I remember there were some "disagreements" regarding the order that books were pulled off the shelves and put in the boxes. The librarians had a specific order to be followed and it meant starting basically backwards from what the movers wanted to do. Essentially, we started at the end of the collection and pulled the books off from right to left. The boxes were numbered and then stacked. The plan was to have the start of the collection finished last so it could be unpacked first. We also put shelf dividers in the boxes so we knew when to change to another shelf. I recall many demonstrations with the movers to assure them that we knew what we were doing. Once they were convinced that we knew what we were doing, everything moved smoothly and the move was achieved efficiently and effectively with a minimum of confusion for the re-shelving.

The next move was from one library location to another. This move was somewhat more complicated as it involved moving the books from one building to another plus there were two floors involved. I remember being amazed at the strength of the movers as they carried multiple book boxes up from the basement. As an entirely new shelving arrangement was being adapted in the new building with more room, it was a measurement exercise to figure out how to space out the collection. Counting the number of bays, shelves and feet available with measurements being done for specific collections were tasks that were repeated multiple times to ensure a smooth transition. Again, boxes were numbered but this time with a more specific code identifying the collection and thus the new home for the collection. The floor plans of the new library had numbers and codes to match the boxes. Again, it all worked out very well with a minimum of shelf shifting before the library opening.

During our time in that facility, the carpet had to be replaced. In order to lay the new carpet, the collection had to be moved. It was done progressively with one part of the shelving being done at a time. It was a group effort by the

entire library staff and was quite a lot of fun. We rented a shelf moving unit from Edmonton Public Library. It was quite empowering to align the lift under the shelves and move the loaded book shelves with four of us on either side of the bays. Again before the process was done, measurements were taken to ensure that the shelves were placed back in the correct position once the new carpet was laid. This process was infinitely easier than boxing up the collection.

The next move was to our present facility. As the building completion dates kept changing it was a challenge to book a moving company from Edmonton with the dates. This move was the most complicated as the new facility was a combination of new shelving and old shelving. Jerry Lupul of A.T.M. Agencies, Ltd. was a key person in accomplishing this move of the Montel Shelving successfully. There had to be coordination of emptying the library shelves, taking down the shelving, moving the books to the new facility and erecting the new and used shelving. This time, the books were moved on book carts rather than being boxed up. The movers had carts that had more capacity than normal library book carts. Because they were on wheels, there was a constant flow of carts in and out of each facility. We had staff at both sites directing the emptying and filling. At times it seemed like utter chaos but somehow it all worked out. Of course, before the shelving layout was set in the new facility, multiple measurements of the current collection were done and then related to the new layout in the new facility. The major problem was that the building layout was done several years before the move actually occurred so there was a degree of guess work involved.

What have I learned from these moves? It is key to do the mathematics of the present collection measuring each shelf, counting the number of shelves, bays, and rows. Audiovisual materials are harder to do measurements of but the process is the same. Some of the decisions to be made along the way are the height of the shelving that you want, the spacing between the shelves and each row, and whether you want the tops covered or not. Shelving indicators, book supports, signage are all part of the package, as well.

I am sure that there are many ways to move a library collection. I have been fortunate in that I have experienced (and survived) four different types. Every library move involves different circumstances and conditions, so the method of moving has to adapt to the situation. The reward at the end of the move is always satisfying (after the worry and work, it is just good to be done!). So if you are planning a move, do your homework and learn for the next time.

A Glimpse at What's Been Going on at Grimshaw

By Linda Chmilar, Library Manager, Grimshaw Municipal Library

SPACE & BEYOND



Grimshaw Family Literacy Day
First they had to find a little green alien in the library, and then they built a spaceship for their alien. Families then received 100 red solo cups, 10 paper plates, 3 rolls of duct tape and tin foil. They had to create some from space. They had to use all 100 red solo cups! Here are some of the creations.



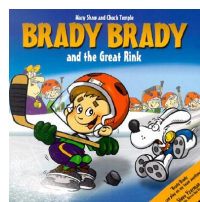
We finished up the day with Mars bars, Cinnamon Star Candies, and Rockets!



Brady, Brady and the Puck on the Pond, in conjunction with Family Day and Pond Hockey



Game Time- 12 Noon
1st Period – Glue together Stanley Cup and Hockey Trivia Challenge
2nd Period – Floor Hockey Challenge
3rd Period – Finish Stanley Cup Craft
Post-Game Wrap Up - Cinnamon Buns and Hot Chocolate
Read: *Brady, Brady and the Great Rink*
Sponsored by: FCSS



FANCY NANCY TEA SOIREE

(That's fancy for tea party)



All decorated fancy and ready for our 18 fancy little ladies to attend our soiree. We mailed invitations to the girls who registered. They came dressed in their fanciest dresses. We read *Fancy Nancy and the Delectable Cupcakes*. Fancy Nancy has a puppy named Frenchie, so our girls picked a puppy too. They made jewelry for their puppies and themselves. Then we read *Fancy Nancy and the Sensational Babysitter*. We gave them pink feather boas, talked about our manners and practiced sipping our tea with pinky extended. We served mini cupcakes and brownies; they had a choice of iced tea or apple juice. Our girls were perfect little ladies, sipping their tea and chatting away. Not one spill! We had a lot of fun and will definitely do this again. The word is out and Moms are asking already!



Have a Blind Date Tonight!

By Linda Chmilar, Library Manager, Grimshaw Municipal Library

Single? In a relationship? "It's complicated"? No matter! Throughout the entire month of February, the **Grimshaw Municipal Library** was promoting a mysterious assignation to patrons. If they were up for a rendezvous, all they had to do is check out one of the books on display. They were all wrapped in brown paper, and patrons wouldn't know the identity of their "blind date" until they got it home.

Patrons were encouraged to spend some time getting to know their date, with no uncomfortable questions to answer, no awkward lulls in the conversation, no need to put on nice shoes (or even get out of your pajamas). Sure, patrons may have been disappointed; but then again, they may have ended up having a great time with something they would otherwise never have ventured to read.

'Rate Your Blind Date' slips were provided, and patrons could say whatever they wanted about their "date":

- Send it packin' – It's a dud
- Deserves a second chance
- It's a keeper
- Long Term Relationship

Even if their date turned out to be a dud, all was not lost! With each slip returned, patrons were able to enter a raffle. Patrons might get lucky - if not in love, then perhaps in literature!

At our monthly seniors tea our seniors we were having a great time with this! Joking about getting a tall, skinny one or a little fat one. Roberta's daughter came to pick her up; she doesn't drive anymore because she is 92. Her daughter said, "Come on Mom, you haven't had a date in years!" Roberta said, "Well, if I had a blind date it would have to be easy on the eyes!" Luckily we had wrapped up several large prints so she had a choice!

Our regular patrons had a lot of fun as well. At one point there were over 46 blind dates out there - and some have come back with Rate Your Dates such as:

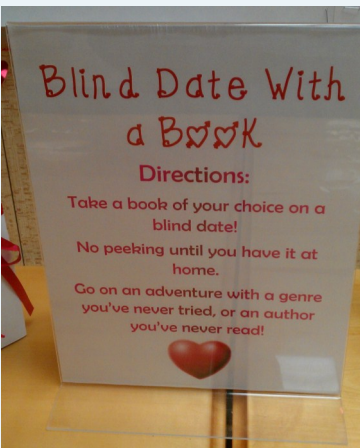
- Not a good choice for my first blind date, Nora and I had spent time together before and decided to end our relationship.
- Best blind date ever! I would not have chosen to spend time with this sort of book and am now in for a long term relationship.



Love Was in the Air in Fairview...

Submitted by Chris Burkholder, Library Manager, Fairview Public Library

Love was in the air at **Fairview Public Library**, as well! Patrons were encouraged to check out one of the books on the table. The covers were neatly covered, with no markings as to what book it was. The barcode was exposed in the back to be able to check it out with no hassle. The covers were white and red, and tied with a red ribbon. The only clue about the book was whether it was a "family, adventure, location". Of course it was a romance novel. The patron untied the ribbon at home and read the book. Patrons were encouraged to read outside of their normal reading genre.



Erika Thompson and **Caylah Lyons** were the young staffers who found this idea and ran with it! What an awesome idea!



Lots Going on at the Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library!

Submitted by Robin-Lee Vance, Programming Coordinator, Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library

The staff of the Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library is pleased to announce that **Patricia (Pat) McLeod**, Assistant Manager, was presented with the Town of Slave Lake Medal of Honour on December 18, 2012. She was awarded the Medal of Honour because of her extraordinary efforts to establish the Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library, after the 2011 wildfire destroyed the library located in the Government Centre.

The Town of Slave Lake Council created the Medal of Honour to recognize individuals for their outstanding dedication, service and significant contributions made during the May 2011 wildfire, and the recovery and rebuild stages for the Town of Slave Lake. The Medal of Honour recognizes deeds or activities performed in an outstanding, professional manner or with incredible courage, or performed beyond the call of duty that have brought or continue to bring considerable benefit to the citizens of Slave Lake.

The medal is a pewter, circular medal bearing the Town Logo on the front with the inscription: "Remembering the past, forging the future, Town of Slave Lake". On the back, the inscription reads: "In emergency, recovery and rebuild of Slave Lake, May 15, 2011". The ribbon reflects the colours of the Town of Slave Lake logo – blue for waves, yellow for the sun and black for the trees.



Since play is so important in stimulating the mental, emotional, and physical development of children the **Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library** has developed a circulating **Toy Library**. The Toy Library is a collection of 30 sturdy, washable educational toys, puzzles and games. This collection is stored in bags on a large display stand in the library. Many of the toys are for preschool children, but there are some that will appeal to infants and older children as well. More toys will be added in the future.



Any child, parent, grandparent or caregiver with a current Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library card, who registers for the Toy Library, is able to borrow toys. Patrons may borrow toys for three weeks. The toy collection is self serve. These educational toys allow parents and caregivers to assist in their children's development, through play. The Rotary Club of Slave Lake is a sponsor of the Toy Library.

Art with a Heart is a Slave Lake volunteer project that coordinates donations of original art from Canadian and American artists. Then an individual work of art is distributed to each household who lost a home in the May 2011 wildfires. Two distributions of art, in May 2012 and September 2012 have already provided 150 households with an original work of art. Volunteers estimate that 300 households will have received an original work of art once **Art with a Heart** is finished in January 2013.

Art with a Heart is managed by Cate Gongos, Nicola Ramsey and Jane Dreger with support from Whitecap Motors, Stage North Association, the Red Cross, and the United Way of Slave Lake. Transportation assistance of artwork is provided by Alberta Distance Learning Centre.



Art from **Art with a Heart** was on display at the **Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library**, the Slave Lake Healthcare Centre (hospital), the Business Factory, St. Peter's Ecumenical Church, Northern Lakes College Library, the Town of Slave Lake Office and the Visitor Information Centre. The artwork includes paintings, silkscreen prints, woodworking, mixed media, photographs, needlework and stained glass.

This program runs from March 2012 to January 2013, and the final distribution of art work will occur on January 26.

The **Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library** is proud to have been a supporter of **Art with a Heart**. Various pieces of art were displayed on the Art Wall at the library, for seven months during 2012. As well, the registration forms for this program were available at the library. The print catalogue with a listing of all artworks could also be viewed at the **Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library** and Northern Lakes College library.

A long term volunteer at the **Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library, Eileen (Spike) McCullough**, passed away on February 19, 2013 at the Slave Lake Healthcare Centre after a lengthy illness. She will be missed by her husband Graham McCullough and the staff and the volunteers of the library.

Spike was born in England and arrived in Slave Lake in 1965 to teach at E.G. Wahlstrom School. Over the years, she and her husband Graham volunteered with the public library. Spike also loved her pet dogs and volunteered extensively with the Animal Rescue Committee of Slave Lake.

For over 15 years Spike would visit the library at 10:00 am every week day to volunteer for the morning. In the past 18 months, she processed thousands of books that were donated to the library after the wildfire. Spike's energy and wit enlivened the library each day.

Submitted by Robin-Lee Vance



Graham & Spike McCullough are cutting the ribbon for the Grand Opening of the temporary library, February 11, 2012. *Left to right:* Linda Duplessis (Director, PLS), Marilyn Cavanagh (2012 Board Chair), Ed Procyshyn (Town of Slave Lake Councillor) and Denny Garret (Reeve of the MD of Lesser Slave River).

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Upcoming Events



PLS Board Meeting

Peace River, AB
March 16, 2013; 10:30 am

Library Managers' Council Meeting

PLS Headquarters
April 8, 2013; 10:30 am

Central Spring Author Tour (Lee Edward Födi)

April 15 - 18, 2013

PLS Executive Committee Meeting

Fairview, AB
April 20, 2013; 10:30 am

PLSB Library Board Basics Workshop

Grande Prairie Public Library
April 20, 2013; 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Alberta Library Conference

Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, AB
April 25 - 28, 2013

Northern Sunrise County Advisory Committee Meeting

St. Isidore, AB
April 29, 2013; 11:30 am

Public Library Meeting

PLS Headquarters
May 6, 2013; 10:00 am

PLS Board Meeting/Annual General Meeting

PLS Headquarters
May 11, 2013; 10:30 am

County of Northern Lights Advisory Committee Meeting

Grimshaw Municipal Library
May 13, 2013; 11:00 am

Paddle Prairie Advisory Committee Meeting

Paddle Prairie, AB
May 15, 2013; 2:00 pm

Clear Hills County Advisory Committee Meeting

Worsley & District Library
May 15, 2013; 5:30 pm

Eastern Spring Author Tour (Cyndi Sand-Eveland)

May 21 - 24, 2013

MD of Greenview Advisory Committee Meeting

Grande Prairie Public Library
May 22, 2013; 6:00 pm

PLS Executive Committee Meeting

Location TBA
August 24, 2013; 10:30 am

Rural Libraries Conference

Grande Prairie, AB
September 25, 26 & 27