

**Present:**

**Absent:**

**Approval of Agenda –**

**1. Board Feedback**

a.

**2. Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2021 meeting

b. Items for Information

i. CELA NNELS Letter of Support

ii. CELA NNELS Damien Kurek Letter of Support

iii. PRL-Library Smart Hub Press Release

iv. PRL Board Talk

**3. Items for Discussion**

a. Reports

i. Manager's Report

ii. Nicole's Program Report March 2021

iii. Nicole's Program Report February 2021

iv. Nicole's Program Overview to February 2021

v. Nicole's Program Overview to March 31, 2021

**4. Adjournment**

Next Board meeting: **May 18, 2021, 5:00pm**

**Present:** Elizabeth Luck (Chair), Lynette Irvine, Margaret Elizabeth Bagdan, Carol Williams, Renee Greer, Robyn Gray (Director)

**Absent:** Agnes Hoveland (City Councillor), Trevor Miller (County Councillor), Julie Girard

**Approval of Agenda – Motion 11/21 M/S/C R. Greer/C. Williams. Passed.**

### **1. Board Feedback**

- a. E. Luck shared that Camrose Public Library came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for ‘Read for 15’ in terms of the percentage of the population that read. We also won the award for ‘highest number of readers winner’!

### **2. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2021 meeting – with additions, **Motion 12/21 M/S/C R. Greer/M. Bagdan. Passed.**
- b. Board Member Introductions
- c. Items for Information
  - i. City of Camrose Appointment to the Board
  - ii. Letter of Welcome to Minister of Municipal Affairs
  - iii. Annual Report for PLSB

### **3. Items for Discussion**

- a. Reports
  - i. Librarian’s Report
  - ii. Nicole’s Program Report January 2021
  - iii. Program Overview to January 31, 2021
  - iv. February 2021 Calendar
  - v. Occupational Health and Safety Meeting Minutes

### **4. Items for Decision**

- a. Annual Report for PLSB – **Motion 13/21 M/S/C L. Irvine/R. Greer. Passed.**
- b. Staff Concerns – M. Bagdan addressed potential concerns of staff and how an anonymous survey created by the Board would enable all staff to voice concerns without worrying about job security.

### **5. Adjournment 5:50pm**

Next Board meeting: **March 16, 2021, 5:00pm**

March 11, 2021

Damien C. Kurek, M.P.  
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Dear Mr. Kurek,

I am writing to ask that you urge the federal government to immediately restore full funding to the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) and the National Network for Equitable Library Service (NNELS). CELA and NNELS provide necessary reading materials for people with print disabilities including those with vision loss, learning disabilities and physical disabilities.

Without warning or consultation, the 2020 Fall Economic Statement announced cuts of \$4 million (\$3 million annually to CELA and \$1 million annually to NNELS) which will have a devastating impact on their ability to produce and distribute accessible reading materials. We know that access to reading materials directly impacts peoples' academic achievement, economic success, and social inclusion, particularly for the estimated 3 million people across Canada with print disabilities. We also know that without access to reading material and the personal independence and social connectedness that it can foster, people are less likely to be engaged with community, which can be detrimental to having a strong sense of civic responsibility.

The federal government has promoted its commitment to equity and inclusion for those with disabilities. However, these cuts will reduce access to reading materials, widening the gap for services and resources, and further compounding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is having a disproportionate impact on those with disabilities across Canada.

It is essential that this funding be fully restored immediately. On behalf of Camrose Public Library and our patrons, we request that you ask the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, the Hon. Carla

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Quallrough, and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Hon. Chrystia Freeland, to restore this funding and commit to ongoing, stable funding so those with reading disabilities across Canada are not left further behind.

Thank you. I look forward to your personal response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Luck", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Elizabeth Luck, Chair of The City of Camrose Library Board  
Cc: The City of Camrose Library Board

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*Damien C. Kurek*

Member of Parliament  
Battle River-Crowfoot

Minister of Finance  
Hon. Chrystia Freeland  
90 Elgin Floor 17  
Ottawa ON  
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Dear Minister,

I have recently been contacted by constituents, expressing duress over the decision to cut funding to the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) and to the National Network for the Equitable Library Services (NNELS).

My riding of Battle River - Crowfoot, which is a very large rural riding, certainly has individuals who rely on programs such as CELA and NNELS. It is even more essential for rural ridings to continue to fully fund these programs as there are limited resources for those with disabilities.

These sort of aids to daily living are not a luxury, but they are essential to those who need them to ensure they are able to live their lives as independently as possible. It helps ensure they can lead happy and full lives. I can see no justification for the reduction of this funding.

I am kindly requesting a review of this decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Damien C. Kurek, MP  
Battle River - Crowfoot

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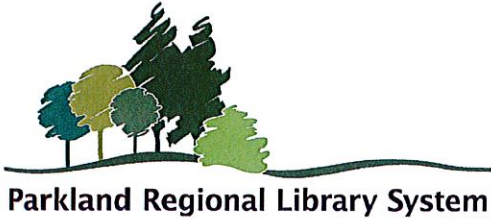
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Media Release – For Immediate Release

## **Library Smart Hubs Now Available through Parkland Regional Library System**

**Lacombe (April 7, 2021)** - Parkland Regional Library System has partnered with TELUS and we are proud to launch the Library Smart Hubs lending program. 28 TELUS Smart Hubs, generously donated by TELUS, have been added to the Parkland collection in addition to the other materials patrons can borrow from our libraries.

TELUS Smart Hubs are devices that allow users to connect to the Internet freely. You simply plug the device into an electrical outlet, log in to the WI-FI network, and use the Internet on your personal device.

The need for affordable, reliable, Internet access has only been heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual interactions are now a necessity for connecting with friends and family, performing job interviews, working from home, and much more. Additionally, the digital divide has become more obvious not only for those who know how to use technologies, but also for those who have access to technology. Parkland libraries provide unlimited Internet access to all Parkland residents and educate the public on new technologies and resources.

Ron Sheppard, the Director of Parkland says "this program is an example of how libraries have adapted to the digital age and to the pandemic. Libraries have grown and are as unique and versatile as the communities we serve."

### **About the program**

The Library Smart Hubs will circulate across the region so that everyone can access the service. Patrons from all walks of life will be able to use these devices so long as they have TELUS cellphone reception.

The Library Smart Hubs can be checked out at any Parkland library. Each device can be put on hold and checked out for a period of one week. To place a hold on a Library Smart Hub, follow these simple instructions:

- Visit your library's website
- Search for *Library Smart Hubs*
- Click *Place Request*
- Login with your library barcode information
- Select your pick-up location/ home library



## **Parkland Regional Library System**

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- Click submit

Your request will be placed in queue and you'll be notified when the device is ready for pick up.

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### About Parkland Regional Library System

Parkland Regional Library System was formed in 1959 to bring cost-effective service to libraries across rural Alberta. Headquartered in Lacombe, today Parkland is a cooperative network that shares physical material, resources, and expertise. We support 49 public libraries serving 220,037 residents across 64 municipalities as well as 14,205 on-reserve indigenous residents in Central Alberta. For more information, please visit [www.prl.ab.ca](http://www.prl.ab.ca)



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# PRLS BOARD TALK

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## Highlights of the Parkland Regional Library Board Meeting FEBRUARY 25, 2021

### Parkland Annual Report

Despite the many challenges of 2020, with service interruptions and library closures caused by the pandemic, some service highlights are worth mentioning:

- Cardholders system wide are at 31,771
- The total collection in the system catalogue is 680,384
- While total system circulation was down from 2019's 1,312,278, it was still surprisingly high in 2020 at 912,147. This includes 129,254 eBook and eAudiobook circulations
- IT visits, virtual and in person, remained consistent; 2,464 in 2019 and 2,499 in 2020.
- Library consulting visits went up massively. In 2019, consultants made 143 virtual and in-person visits to libraries, while in 2020, there were 472! The vast were virtual
- Parkland consulting staff hosted over 30 virtual meetings with 296 attendees
- Virtual visits to Parkland's website and catalogue were also up slightly to 214,874 from 198,893 in 2019
- Database use increased significantly from 58,486 in 2019 to 79,529 in 2020

Despite being a difficult year, Parkland and public libraries rose to the many challenges they faced. Unlike many other organizations and services that shut down entirely, public libraries adapted and strove to continue answering their communities' need with vital services.

The annual report to members will be forthcoming.

### Executive Committee Seat

Jason Alderson, the representative from zone #4, has resigned and is leaving the province. This has created a vacancy on Parkland's Executive Committee that needed to be filled. Len Phillips, representing the Town of Rocky Mtn. House, volunteered to sit on the Executive Committee at the February Board Meeting. Welcome Len!

### PRLS Strategic Plan

Parkland's current strategic plan (plan of service) runs through the years 2019 – 2021. Were Parkland to have a new strategic plan produced for 2022 – 2024, 2021 would be the needs assessment and plan development year.

Given the highly irregular nature of library service at present, it is unlikely that a needs assessment undertaken in 2021 would yield accurate information for the upcoming years. What libraries need now is very different from what they will likely need after the pandemic. The board discussed the four goals in the current strategic plan and agreed that they are still relevant. It was also decided to extend Parkland's current strategic plan for one more year, through 2022.

### Advocacy Committee Report

The Advocacy Committee has met twice since the last board meeting in November. The focus of these meetings has been to establish priorities for 2021. These include:

1. Continue to educate Parkland's board members and develop advocates on our board.
2. Help library boards to advocate for themselves at their local level.
3. Increase System awareness to member library boards.

In December, the committee began working collaboratively with Yellowhead Regional Library (YRL) on advocacy related tools. This collaboration has been very successful, so much so that YRL will be cooperating in its advocacy efforts with Parkland for the foreseeable future.

Advocacy members also introduced a virtual tour of the new Parkland building which is available to view on our website [here](#).



## Stronger Together 2021

Parkland will be collaborating once again with the Alberta Library, (TAL) the Peace Library System, (PLS) and Yellowhead Regional Library, (YRL) to offer a free virtual conference. *Stronger Together* will be held from September 22-24, 2021. More information will be forthcoming.

## Community News from Trustees

The cover page of the board meeting package included three questions for the board to consider. Responses to the questions were encouraged during the Parkland Community update.

### 1. What was the most important thing Parkland did in 2020?

- Moved into a new building after 60 years
- Maintaining van runs for interlibrary loan material
- Parkland continued to prove their value
- Provided tech support to the libraries
- Explored and supported alternative service delivery models
- Parkland continued to stay relevant throughout this pandemic
- Parkland continued to operate and did not shut down in the Pandemic.
- Provided weekly updates and coffee breaks for the libraries
- Held a conference in participation with three other partners
- Parkland Updates were very valuable!

### 2. What was the most important thing your library did in 2020?

- Sylvan Lake stayed central to the community.
- Libraries learned to adapt!
- Libraries supported and shared the new innovative ways member libraries continued to operate.
- Provided safe contactless services to the public throughout the pandemic.
- We hired a new manager!
- Staying open and finding new ways to deliver services
- Sylvan Lake reaffirmed their importance by being available when many other services could not.
- Stettler Library offered Curbside service, outreach service to senior lodges and colonies,

curbside printing services and partnered to other local organizations like FCSS to offer Activity Kits for seniors.

- Sundre offered Zoom book clubs. They stayed open the whole time, and will probably continue.

### 3. What is the most important thing that libraries (system or municipal) should do in 2021?

- Continue to grow adapt and advocate!
- Stay open
- Speak up and advocate for libraries' importance.
- Remain flexible
- Being responsive to ever changing needs
- Continue offering the same level of service our libraries expect.
- Find a way to adapt programming to the outdoors
- Provide digital support to the community.
- We expect to continue online programs for those who like them even when in-person meeting is once again allowed
- Didsbury council is considering doubling the footprint of their library

## Board Members Present

Debra Smith (Board Chair), Gord Lawlor

## Board Members Present via Zoom

Alison Barker-Jevne, Doreen Blumhagen, Colleen Ebdon, Kevin Ferguson, Jeanny Fisher, Elaine Fossen, Dwayne Fulton, Sandy Gamble, Bruce Gartside, Barb Gilliat, Agnes Hoveland, Deborah Juch, Cora Knutson, Daryl Lougheed, Josephine McKenzie, Philip Massier, Ricci Matthews, Marc Mousseau (Alternate for Blair Morton) Ray Olfert, Terilyn Paulgaard, Jas Payne, Norma Penney, Rosella Peterman, Len Phillips, Lori Reid, Bill Rock, Heather Ryan, Janine Stannard, Les Stulberg, Patricia Toone, Cindy Trautman, Doug Weir, Shannon Wilcox, Bill Windsor, Mike Yargeau, Ann Zacharias

## With Regrets

Amanda Derksen, Jeanette Herle, Dana Kreil, Leah Nelson, Sharon Williamson, Bonita Wood

## Absent

Jackie Almborg, Bill Chandler, Clark German, Trudy Kilner, Lonnie Kozlinski, Stephen Levy, Rick Pankiw, Heidi Pierce, Mary Ann Wold

**Next Meeting: May 20, 2021, 10:00 AM (Zoom)**



## **PRL Library Smart Hubs**

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## **Summer Reading Program – Hiring of Summer Students**

The Manager and the two Programmers interviewed students the week of April 12-16, 2021 for the three summer positions we currently have available. We are waiting to hear within the next couple weeks if our grant applications for funding were approved from Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs. The Book Bike Coordinator and Summer Program Facilitator positions will begin on May 3 to August 20, 2021. The Intergenerational Programmer position will start April 19 or shortly after. The three positions we have available are the following:

Intergenerational Programmer – funded by Seniors Health Science Community-Based Innovations for Dementia Grant

Books Bike Coordinator – funded by Young Canada Works

Summer Program Facilitator – funded by Canada Summer Jobs

## **Makerspace**

The programmers have turned our story time room in to an exciting makerspace area for families up to four people can reserve a time to use the makerspace area to showcase their creativity and make something fun. Of course, we will have to wait now until our front doors can open but we are excited to offer this program.

## **Newspaper Advertisement**

With sudden openings and closings, it is important to keep the community engaged with us in as many ways as possible. We want patrons to know we are still here for them even though our front doors are closed. We placed an advertisement in our local newspaper letting the public know the library is offering curbside services during our normal operating hours. We have been busy with various curbside services and helping patrons with technology assistance. The programmers have available various crafts kits to take home to engage the kids and adults and the craft kits are very popular, as well, the programmers are still doing some virtual programs on our social media platforms.

## **2020 Review Engagement**

A draft should be completed by the end of the month by Grant Thornton for the Board to review and pass at the May board meeting. I will forward a copy of the draft 2020 Review Engagement as soon as I receive it and if it isn't available for our April 20, 2021 meeting I will forward a copy as soon as I receive a draft copy.



**March 2021  
Board Report**

**Programs and  
Library Statistics**

**Nicole Kyle  
April 12, 2021**

## March Program Stats

**129**

people accessed programs and outreach services that help develop relationships and end social isolation.

**199**

community members of all ages attended programs that facilitate lifelong learning.

**16**

people participated in technology 1-on-one visits, and all expressed gratitude that we were able to resume this.

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awesome bit of feedback:  
"The kids loved making these little potions (craft)...  
We just love our library!"



## March Program Stats

**55 programs  
with 344  
attendees**

**16 online  
and outreach  
programs  
for children,  
families,  
and teens**

**20 online and  
outreach  
adult  
programs**

**388**  
curbside visits to  
pick up library  
materials and  
program kits

# Ongoing Programs:

## **A Book and A Bounce:**

Our weekly Tuesday morning YouTube session for infants and their caregivers focused on spring, interactive books, and animals

## **QuaranTea Time:**

I shared books about spring celebrations in another culture (pictured below), green animals, and word mash-ups.

## **Crafternoon:**

Our weekly Thursday YouTube craft session offered tutorials on paper flowers and hedgehogs (pictured below), abstract art, and pinwheels

## **Ghibli Geeks Club (Via Zoom):**

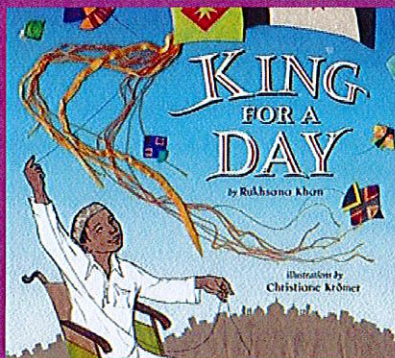
April's film choice is *Ponyo*; we will be making film-inspired shrinky art.

## **Virtually Artistic (Via Zoom):**

We learned how to make DIY pom poms out of yarn, and then used the pom poms to make wee cacti (pictured below).

## **One-on-One Tech Help:**

As expected, these sessions picked up momentum once we were able to resume in-person programming, as most of the people who come to us for help lack the basic skills necessary to be able to effectively learn via phone or email. Using some technology here in the library, we have found a somewhat effective way to provide these sessions while maintaining physical distancing.



# Alternative Programs and Services

## Makerspace, 3D Printer, and STEAM kits; oh my!:

Shannon and I have been working very hard to turn the small program room in to place where families can explore, connect, and create. Unfortunately, we were mandated to close on the day we were set to launch the **Makerspace**, but once we can re-open safely to in-person services and programming, people can book a time to interact with the resources with the help of either Shannon or me.



Our new **3D printer** has arrived, and it is lovely! I've already completed a few of the print jobs submitted by community members, and am looking forward to discovering ways to use it for programming.

I've created some borrowable **STEAM kits** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) with items we usually use for programming. **Makey Makeys** enable users to find creative ways of inventing replacements for their computers keyboards and mice: Banana piano, anyone? **Makedo** is a set of safe saws and fasteners that people can use to build anything their heart desires, as long as their supply of cardboard doesn't run out, that is!





# Coming in April!

## Interactive Film Screening Take-away:

The film Shrek turns 20 in April, so I created a kit of props and a script so families can play along with the movie from home. Choose your character and create and wear either donkey or ogre ears! When Donkey makes waffles, eat a stroopwafel cookie! When Shrek and Fiona inflate forest animals, blow up a balloon, and so much more goofy family fun!

# SHREXPERIENCE



An interactive viewing kit in honour of Shrek's 20th anniversary

**CAMROSE**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

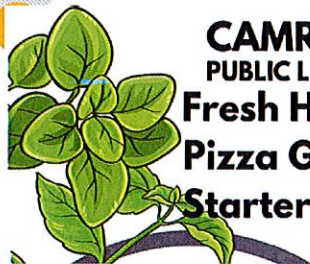
## Open Door Association outreach:

I contacted Paige Mitchell, Housing Supervisor at the Open Door, to see if they could use some craft kits for residents of the Camrose emergency and transitional housing facilities, and they were excited about the Shrexperience kits, so I dropped a bunch off for them.

## SUBJECT MATTERS



**APRIL:  
FRESH!**



**CAMROSE**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**Fresh Herb  
Pizza Garden  
Starter Kit**

## Subject Matters: FRESH!

It's a new month so we have a fresh, new theme: FRESH! Whether it's gardening, spring cleaning, protecting our environment, or cooking from scratch, find resources that will invigorate, energize and inspire! Our take-away in April is a DIY Pizza Herb Garden kit with everything\* you need to grow your own pizza sauce!

\*tomatoes not included; sorry!

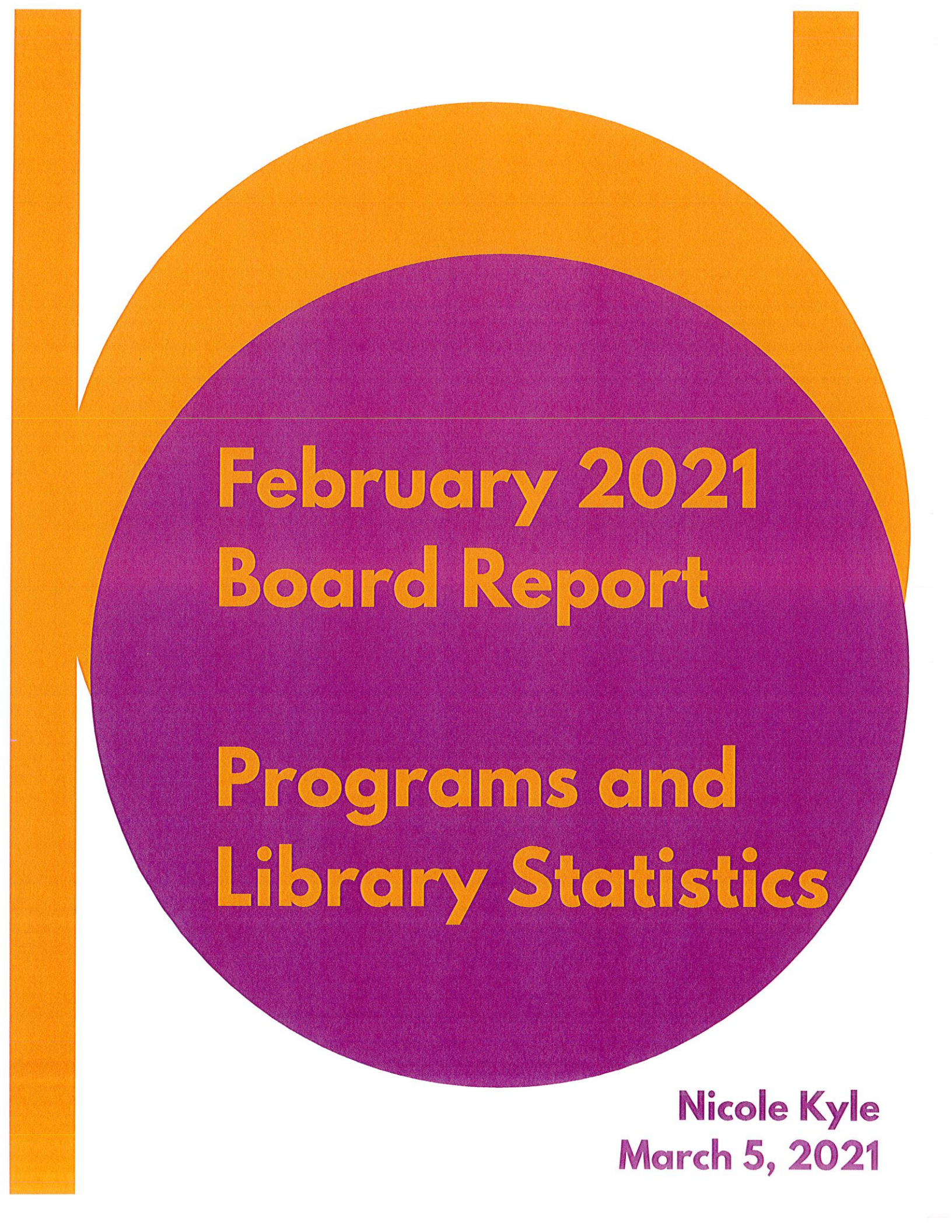
## Even more STEAM Grab & Go Kits:

We have so many consumables typically used for programming that are not only gathering dust, but actually going to waste. I'm going to build some STEAM kits that include everything one needs to wire and build their own light-up crafts and simple, moving robots from toothbrushes, tiny LED lights and button batteries.



# Library Statistics

Camrose Public Library						
Monthly Stats						
Mar 2021						
Circulation	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Under/Over 2020	% Chg. Over 2020
Adult Material	5469	3793	13083	17656	-4573	-26%
Young Adult Material	413	195	836	883	-47	-5%
Juvenile Material	3798	2457	8431	11034	-2603	-24%
TAL Items Borrowed	65	49	86	326	-240	-74%
TAL Items Sent	39	58	51	147	-96	-65%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9784</b>	<b>7758</b>	<b>22487</b>	<b>30412</b>	<b>-7925</b>	<b>-26%</b>
Econtent	Mar 2021	Mar 2019	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Under/Over 2020	% Chg. Over 2020
Cloud Library	691	1306	2288	2333	-45	-2%
Overdrive	709	381	1845	986	859	87%
RBDigital Magazines	208	234	578	603	-25	-4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1608</b>	<b>1921</b>	<b>4711</b>	<b>3922</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>20%</b>
Circulation by Residence	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Under/Over 2020	% Chg. Over 2020
City of Camrose	7870	5142	19169	22885	-3716	-16%
County of Camrose	1719	1462	4029	6010	-1981	-33%
Outside City/County	34	0	57	376	-319	-85%
ME	22	10	85	241	-156	-65%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9645</b>	<b>6614</b>	<b>23340</b>	<b>29512</b>	<b>-6172</b>	<b>-21%</b>
Reference	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Under/Over 2020	% Chg. Over 2020
By Phone	961	613	2781	2585	196	8%
By Person	1302	2125	2638	9609	-6971	-73%
Email/Social Media	1245	1259	3173	4276	-1103	-26%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3508</b>	<b>3997</b>	<b>8592</b>	<b>16470</b>	<b>-7878</b>	<b>-48%</b>
Miscellaneous	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Under/Over 2020	% Chg. Over 2020
Visitors	3581	7901	5335	26576	-21241	-80%
WiFi Users	8118	4713	14799	20991	-6192	-29%
Internet Users	433	754	433	3628	-3195	-88%
Exams	2	17	2	79	-77	-97%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12134</b>	<b>13385</b>	<b>20569</b>	<b>51274</b>	<b>-30705</b>	<b>-60%</b>
Programs	Mar 2021		2021 YTD		Participants	
Service Response	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants	2020 YTD	2019 YTD
1	20	129	55	452	1275	1720
2	8	16	11	22	147	1553
3	27	199	73	604	1695	1405
4	0	0	2	105	1912	1784
Library Advocacy	0	0	1	3313	3257	4133
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>4496</b>	<b>8286</b>	<b>10,595</b>



**February 2021  
Board Report**

**Programs and  
Library Statistics**

**Nicole Kyle  
March 5, 2021**

## February Program Stats

**216**

people accessed programs and outreach services that help develop relationships and end social isolation.

**142**

community members of all ages attended programs that facilitate lifelong learning.

**100**

people participated in programs that fostered a sense of belonging and met them where they were.

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awesome bit of feedback: "it's so nice to have some interesting new books to show the kids." Local teacher upon delivery by Nicole of a box of curriculum-related items for her classroom.



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## Ongoing Virtual Programs:

### **A Book and A Bounce:**

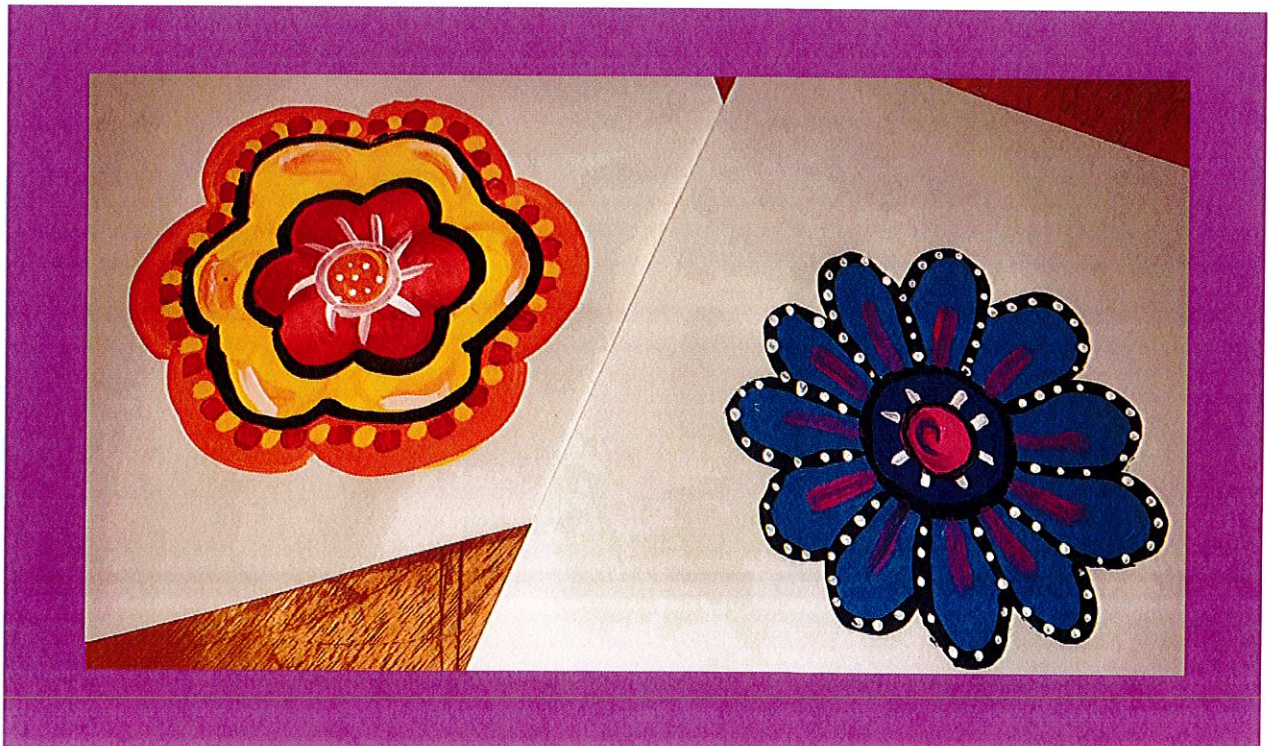
Our weekly Tuesday morning YouTube session for infants and their caregivers focused on cozy, cuddly classics during the cold stretch, movement rhymes, and books about friendship for Pink Shirt Day.

### **QuaranTea Time:**

I shared books by Jon Agee, cosy stories for cold days, a metafictional book called *Benny's Booger*, and some special selections for Pink Shirt Day.

### **Crafternoon:**

Our weekly Thursday YouTube craft session offered a bit of Canadian art history with fold ark flowers in the style of Maude Lewis, water colour koi fish, and a couple of upcycling projects making book page origami hearts and lanterns as well as faux floating candles a la Hogwarts Great Hall.



# Ongoing in-person Programs (digital or otherwise):

## Ghibli Geeks Club (Via Zoom):

In February we watched *When Marnie Was There* and made water colour beach paintings while discussing the film.

March's film choice is *Princess Mononoke*.

## Virtually Artistic (Via Zoom):

We created some upcycled no-sew tote bags from old t-shirts and fabric paint (pictured below).

## One-on-One Tech Help:

I provided a phone session with just one patron this month. These sessions should pick up momentum once we are able to resume in-person programming, as most of the people who come to us for help lack the basic skills necessary to be able to effectively learn via phone or email.



# Special Events and Community Relationships

## 0-18 Coalition:

The coalition is met again at the end of February to share what each organizations is doing to support youth and families and to brainstorm ways that we may be able to partner in the future. We had a discussion about the lack of spaces for supervised parental visits during the pandemic and how that is making it difficult for parents to maintain or strengthen relationships with their children who are in the care of Children's Services.

## BYOVV:

The "Be Your Own Virtual Valentine" take-home kits that Shannon and I created were a hit! Shannon and I delivered kits to our community partners as a token of gratitude for the wonderful things they do in our community, both on their own and in partnership with Shannon and me for library events. Half of the kits were left for library patrons to pick up curbside, and they were gone in a little over two days!

## Pink Shirt Day:

We celebrated Pink Shirt Day, which fell on February 24 this year, by distributing paper pink shirts and a permanent marker as a simple way to encourage people to stand against bullying. People were asked to write a messages of caring and support and drop them at the doors of friends, neighbors, family, or anyone who might need lifting up. Some were dropped some back at the library for us to hang in our window. I even got a request to drop some off at a local school, which I was more than happy to do!

## Freedom to Read Week:

In the last week of February every year, libraries across Canada celebrate our Charter rights to freedom of expression and access to information. My first FTRW at this library I hosted an adult story time where I read Adam Mansbach's *Go The F\*\*k to Sleep*. This year I revisited the theme with *Sweary Stories*: a virtual story time for the 18+ crowd. 10 people joined me vis Zoom for uncensored selections from Adam Mansbach and David Sedaris, followed by a discussion of our own personal favourite sweary stories.





# Coming in March!

## Camrose Pride Week:

Camrose Pride Week runs from March 8-12, so I created some Grab-and-Go DIY Rainbow Book Bands in partnership with Camrose Pride Community for the occasion. I'll run the Pride flag up our flagpole on the morning of March 8.



## Open Door Association outreach:

I contacted Paige Mitchell, Housing Supervisor at the Open Door, to see if they could use some craft kits for residents of the Camrose emergency and transitional housing facilities. Queer youth are exponentially more likely to become homeless than their cisgender or heterosexual peers, so I thought it fitting to provide them with some of the Rainbow Book Band kits I created for Pride Week.

## SUBJECT MATTERS



MARCH:  
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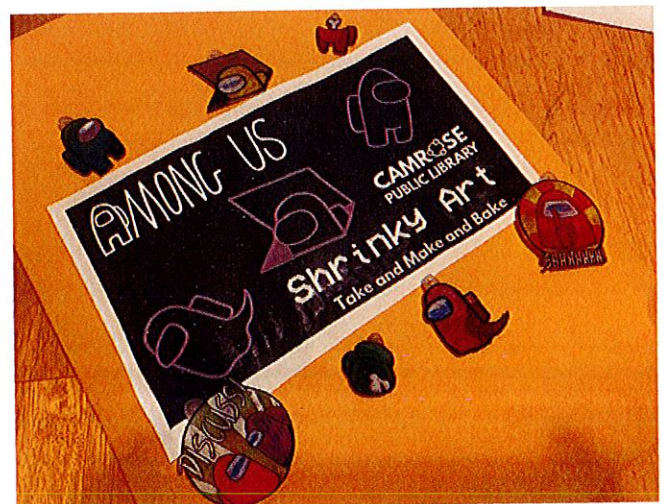
Mythological  
Food of the Gods DIY

## Subject Matters: Mythology

Chimera and Baihu and Callisto: Oh my! March is for Mythology, so join us as we explore creatures and tales from around the world! We have resources for all ages including fiction, non-fiction, films, audio books, podcasts, craft kits, and more. Our grab-and-go activity this month are wee Food of the Gods vials.

## Online Gaming and Grab & Go Kits:

I'm going to experiment with two sessions of Among Us hosted online for youth via Discord. Among Us is super popular right now, so I'm hoping to engage with a few kids and see where it takes us! I've also created some Among Us themed grab-and-go Shrinky Art kits that kids can pick up and get crafty with.



# Library Statistics

## Camrose Public Library Monthly Stats Feb. 2021

Circulation	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Under/Over 2020	% Chg. Over 2020
Adult Material	3866	6533	7614	13863	-6249	-45%
Young Adult Material	216	383	423	688	-265	-39%
Juvenile Material	1982	4341	4633	8577	-3944	-46%
TAL Items Borrowed	4	131	21	277	-256	-92%
TAL Items Sent	10	49	12	89	-77	-87%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6078</b>	<b>11437</b>	<b>12703</b>	<b>23494</b>	<b>-10791</b>	<b>-46%</b>

Econtent	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Under/Over 2020	% Chg. Over 2020
Cloud Library	771	437	1597	1027	570	56%
Overdrive	571	266	1136	605	531	88%
RBDigital Magazines	183	173	370	369	1	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1525</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>3103</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>1102</b>	<b>55%</b>

Circulation by Residence	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Under/Over 2020	% Chg. Over 2020
City of Camrose	5643	8741	11299	17743	-6444	-36%
County of Camrose	1116	2175	2310	4548	-2238	-49%
Outside City/County	13	43	23	376	-353	-94%
ME	49	47	63	231	-168	-73%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6821</b>	<b>11006</b>	<b>13695</b>	<b>22898</b>	<b>-9203</b>	<b>-40%</b>

Reference	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Under/Over 2020	% Chg. Over 2020
By Phone	935	1033	1820	1972	-152	-8%
By Person	773	3791	1336	7484	-6148	-82%
Email/Social Media	1131	1587	1928	3017	-1089	-36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2839</b>	<b>6411</b>	<b>5084</b>	<b>12473</b>	<b>-7389</b>	<b>-59%</b>

Miscellaneous	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Under/Over 2020	% Chg. Over 2020
Visitors	956	7390	1754	18675	-16921	-91%
WiFi Users	2472	8712	6681	16278	-9597	-59%
Internet Users	0	1437	0	2874	-2874	-100%
Exams	0	38	0	62	-62	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3428</b>	<b>17577</b>	<b>8435</b>	<b>37889</b>	<b>-29454</b>	<b>-78%</b>

Programs	Feb 2021		2021 YTD		Participants		2018 Total	2017 Total
	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants	2020 YTD	2019 YTD		
Service Response								
1	18	216	35	323	1018	1268	note: annual total program participation	
2	1	2	3	6	115	1543		
3	20	142	46	405	1344	805		
4	1	100	2	105	1528	979		
Library Advocacy	0	0	1	3313	3257	3888		
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>4152</b>	<b>7262</b>	<b>8,483</b>	<b>40217</b>	<b>35408</b>

Camrose Public Library  
 Adult Programs  
 January 1 to February 28, 2021

Outreach	Program	Attendance
Book Deliveries to Care Facilities	7	42
Spanish Online	8	43
Ukulele Online	8	106
Craft & Connect	8	41
German Circle	8	32
Mind Masters	2	60
Augustana Class Visit	1	23
Sweary Stories	1	11
BYOVV	1	100
	44	458

In House	Program	Attendance
	0	0

Outside Groups	Program	Attendance
Space Provided for Community Groups and Businesses		
	0	0

<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>458</b>
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Camrose Public Library  
 Family Programs  
 January 1 to February 28, 2021

Outreach	Program	Attendance
A Book and a Bounce	8	28
QuaranTea Time	1	3
Tech Tutor	3	6
Subject Matters	2	101
Read for 15	1	3313
BookMatch	12	24
Online Contest	1	5
Curious Cuties	1	27
FLD Craft Kits	1	30
Pink Shirt Day	1	95
	31	3632

In House	Program	Attendance
	0	

Outside Groups	Program	Attendance
Space Provided for Community Groups and Businesses		
	0	0

<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3632</b>
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Camrose Public Library  
 Children's Programs (5-12 years)  
 January 1 to February 28, 2021

Outreach	Program	Attendance
Crafternoon	8	38
Ghibli Geeks Club	2	6
	10	44

In House	Program	Attendance
	0	0

Outside Groups	Program	Attendance
Space Provided for Community Groups and Businesses		
	0	0

<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>44</b>
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Camrose Public Library  
 Teen Programs  
 January 1 to February 28, 2021

Outreach	Program	Attendance
Virtually Artistic	2	18
	2	18

In House	Program	Attendance
	0	0

Outside Groups	Program	Attendance
Space Provided for Community Groups and Businesses		
	0	0

<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>
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Camrose Public Library  
Total Programs  
January 1 to February 28, 2021

Outreach Programs	87	4152
In-house Programs	0	0
Outside Groups	0	0
YTD	87	4152

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4-Mar-21

Camrose Public Library  
 Adult Programs  
 January 1 to March 31, 2021

Outreach	Program	Attendance
Book Deliveries to Care Facilities	14	82
Spanish Online	13	77
Ukulele Online	13	161
Craft & Connect	12	61
German Circle	13	47
Mind Masters	3	130
Augustana Class Visit	1	23
Sweary Stories	1	11
BYOVV	1	100
	71	692

In House	Program	Attendance
	0	0

Outside Groups	Program	Attendance
Space Provided for Community Groups and Businesses	0	0

<b>Total</b>	71	692
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Camrose Public Library  
 Family Programs  
 January 1 to March 31, 2021

Outreach	Program	Attendance
A Book and a Bounce	12	35
QuaranTea Time	2	5
Tech Tutor	12	22
Subject Matters	3	147
Read for 15	1	3313
BookMatch	19	38
Online Contest	1	5
Curious Cuties	1	27
FLD Craft Kits	1	30
Pink Shirt Day	1	95
	53	3717

In House	Program	Attendance
	0	

Outside Groups	Program	Attendance
Space Provided for Community Groups and Businesses	0	0

<b>Total</b>	53	3717
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Camrose Public Library  
 Children's Programs (5-12 years)  
 January 1 to March 31, 2021

Outreach	Program	Attendance
Crafternoon	12	50
Ghibli Geeks Club	3	11
	15	61

In House	Program	Attendance
	0	0

Outside Groups	Program	Attendance
Space Provided for Community Groups and Businesses		
	0	0

<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>61</b>
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Camrose Public Library  
 Teen Programs  
 January 1 to March 31, 2021

Outreach	Program	Attendance
Virtually Artistic	3	26
	3	26

In House	Program	Attendance
	0	0

Outside Groups	Program	Attendance
Space Provided for Community Groups and Businesses	0	0

<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>
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Camrose Public Library  
Total Programs  
January 1 to March 31, 2021

Outreach Programs	142	4496
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In-house Programs	0	0
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Outside Groups	0	0
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YTD	142	4496
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Submitted by Nicole Bannick  
9-Apr-21

# ADULT PROGRAMMER BOARD REPORT APRIL 2021

**Makerspace:** Nicole and I have been working hard to transform the program room into a new and exciting makerspace. I created a marketing campaign that includes new posters in the children's area, branded bookmarks and brochures and even buttons to help spread the word. The bright colours have updated the children's area and given it a breath of fresh air. Upon reopening, it will give the library programming flexibility by allowing patrons to choose what they would like to work with vs. us running a specific program. All grab and go crafts we will make while we are closed will be branded with the makerspace logos and will all be connected to activities you could do in the makerspace once we open again.

**Dementia Grant:** Most of the materials for the kits have been ordered and are being processed as we speak. Part of the kits that the library will loan out will be a handmade crocheted fidget balls that volunteers are being recruited to make. The patron can keep the ball and return the rest of the kit. We have hired Lindsay Ault as the intergenerational programmer for the summer and look forward to making plans for the dementia programs she can offer this summer.

**Mind Masters:** A monthly 8-page game booklet that is senior-friendly with lots of white space and appropriate topics. Camrose Meals on Wheels clients look forward to its delivery, as well as 7 direct mail-outs.

**Book Club:** We have been using CPL book club kits and hosting a meeting over zoom. (Just an aside - I can't wait for the library to open to programming again so we can talk books **in person!**) February's title was Miss Benson's Beetle, March was *Belonging* and April's title is *Circe* by Madeline Miller.

**Subject Matters:** Booklets and craft kits continue to be popular, even when we are closed. The theme for May is walking and I have created a walking journal for adults and a scavenger hunt activity for children. It's been an interesting program to run because it's been flexible and adaptable despite being open or closed.

**One on One Tech Tutoring:** With no technology programmer any longer, Nicole and I have each been taking one day a week for technology appointments (until, of course, we closed again). It was difficult to assist people and still keep the 6' distance, but we were able to use the projector and screen to help. We have quickly realized how important this service is and the gap it fills for the community.

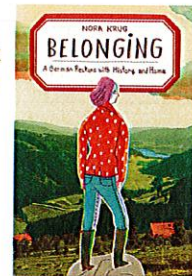
What will  
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you in the makerspace?



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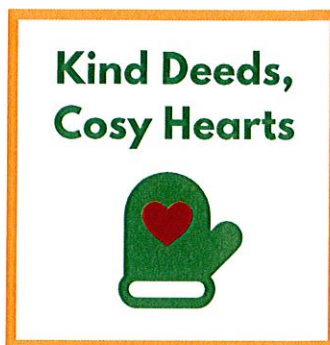
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MIND MASTERS



**SUBJECT  
MATTERS**





**Puzzles:** 17 puzzles are now part of the super-popular puzzle collection. The library initially purchased 4 and the rest have been donated. Donations are continuing to come in!

**Donations for the community:** December's theme for Subject Matters was Cosy, and we had a donation project attached to it - Kind Deeds, Cosy Hearts. Pj's, mitts, socks and hats were collected for the Camrose Women's Shelter (2 big boxes full!)

**Craft Kits:** Last fall I created 8 craft kits full of donated stamping and cardmaking supplies. Patrons can check out the kits and return the stamps and ink, but keep the paper we include. Several pieces of paper are restocked and the kits can circulate again.

I just finished 6 more kits that are all fibre arts - like knitting, weaving and needle felting. We have a large stock of donated yarn, so we can refill each kit with some yarn before it goes out again. The kits, like the puzzles and the game booklet, have been a way to engage patrons in a different way when we can't meet them in-person for a program.

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**Outreach:** We have been working on streamlining our outreach program to care facilities in Camrose. There is a new brochure and poster (left) as well as a new and improved intake form. Through this program we are striving to make a deeper connection to our patrons who are isolated. Making monthly calls and checking in on patrons will help decrease the isolation many are feeling right now.

All outreach clients also get a Mind Masters games booklet with their delivery now as well.

**Community:** I am part of the City of Camrose Social Development Committee and the Camrose Seniors Coalition. Both are important groups that bring forward new opportunities for community engagement and programming.

**Advertising and Marketing:** While the library has a social media following, we know that we are not reaching all our patrons (or potential patrons). I have been submitting a monthly library update in the CDSS Interagency Newsletter. I have also created advertising for the Camrose Booster and Morning News in order to let the community know what we are up to. With sudden openings and closings, it has been important to keep the community engaged with us in as many ways as possible. I create a monthly program calendar for patrons as well as create brochures for our different services, including outreach, volunteers, makerspace and a general welcome brochure. I also make posters weekly for the curbside pickup window and for social media to highlight what patrons can grab and go with each week. I have been working hard to create a consistent, recognizable brand for the library.






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<b>Programs</b>	
<b>WEEKLY YOUTUBE KIDS PROGRAMS</b> <b>A Book and a Bounce</b> Tuesday # 1 Read, sing, and bounce with Miss Nicole. <b>QuaranTee Time</b> Wednesday # 11 Boredom busting books and rhymes for the pre-school set and their caregivers! <b>Crafternoon</b> Thursday # 1 Join us for weekly craft tutorials.	<b>WEEKLY ZOOM ADULT PROGRAMS</b> Email <a href="mailto:shannone@cpl.prl.ab.ca">shannone@cpl.prl.ab.ca</a> for the Zoom link. <b>Ukulele Jam</b> Monday # 1 <b>Spanish Conversation Circle</b> Monday # 3 <b>German Conversation Circle</b> Tuesday # 4 <b>Craft and Connect</b> Thursday # 5 Grab your craft project and join us on Zoom.
<b>MONTHLY PROGRAMS</b> <b>Visually Artistic: A Teen Craft Meetup</b> April 17 # 4:30 on Zoom <b>Online Gaming for kids and teens with Among Us</b> April 15 and 29 # 4:30 <b>Chilli Geeks Club</b> April 20 # 4:30 on Zoom <b>Adult Book Club.</b> Circle by Madeline Miller. April 27 # 6:30 on Zoom	
 <p>We had a few days of opening, but we are back to being closed to the public. You can still phone and chat with us and request more than books!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• jigsaw puzzles</li> <li>• movie bundles</li> <li>• Mind Masters seniors game/puzzle booklets</li> <li>• craft kits with stamps, ink and paper (fibre arts coming soon!)</li> <li>• book bundles and craft kits based on our monthly Subject Matters theme</li> </ul>	
 <p>For more information please call 780.672.4214 or visit <a href="http://cpl.prl.ab.ca">cpl.prl.ab.ca</a></p>	

 <h2 style="margin: 0;">THIS WEEK AT THE LIBRARY</h2> <p style="margin: 0; color: green;">Ready to grab and go. Just ask us for one!</p>	
	<b>Movie binge boxes!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Movie Night</li> <li>• Romantic Comedies</li> <li>• True Crime</li> <li>• 2019 Academy Awards</li> <li>• Mysteries</li> <li>• Nordlys Films</li> </ul>
	<b>Puzzles for all ages and stages are available for borrowing. Just ask for which ones are not checked out right now.</b>
	<b>Subject Matters theme is FRESH and it is garden time. Pick up a Pizza Herb Garden DIY at the Subject Matters display tables.</b>
	<b>Adult Craft Night is coming up! Make a bookcase diorama with us. Register for the Zoom session and we will set a kit aside for you.</b>

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↖ Weekly grab and go list

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