

Call to Order

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1. Approval of the Agenda
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 - a. City of Camrose – Appointment Jacqueline Schaffter
 - ii. Libraries in the News
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 - i. Director's Report
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5. Items for Discussion and Decisions
 - a. Quarterly Financial Reports
 - b. Tangible Capital Asset Policy
 - c. Advocacy for Elevator Upgrades
6. In-Camera Items for Discussion and Decision
 - a. Finance Policy (Draft 2)
 - b. Baseline Property Condition Report
 - c. FOIP Policy & procedures RE Security Cameras
 - d. PRLS Relationship with Member Libraries
7. Adjournment

Next regular Board meeting: June 11, 2025, 5:15pm

Present:

Renee Greer (Chair)	Margaret Holliston (Secretary)	Cheryl Dezall
Alyssa Martin (Director)	Don Simpson (Camrose Council)	Margaret Weir Andreassen
Naomi Finseth (Vice-Chair)	Joy-Anne Murphy (City Council)	Lucy Ernst
Peter Hamm		Amanda Haugen (Recorder)

Guests: Renee LeBlanc (TAL CFO)

Call to Order: Chair Renee Greer called the meeting to order at 5:16 pm.

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1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 24/25 M/C – Margaret Holliston: Moves to approve the agenda as amended. Add 5a Bike Funding, changes 5 In-Camera Items to to 6. Added 6 d. Incident with Police and 6 e. Issues arising from director's report.

2. Approval of the Ratified Minutes of March 12, 2025

Motion 25/25 M/C – Cheryl Dezall: Moves to ratify the approved Minutes of March 12, 2025 as circulated. Minutes were originally approved by electronic vote completed on March 18, 2025.

3. Board Feedback

Joy-Anne is on the Camrose Housing and Homelessness task force and will be doing a presentation to City Council on April 21. She has been working with Lyndel (FCSS) and coordinating with Camrose Police Services (CPS) Chief and Inspector Corbett to pull together CPS stats.

Incidents need to be recorded; this helps with statistics to receive additional support.

There was discussion around the varying perspectives on the size of the homeless population in Camrose, with estimates ranging from as few as 2–3 individuals to as many as 75. Alyssa noted that library staff are familiar with approximately a dozen individuals by name.

A question was raised regarding whether community members should report individuals "existing in the park" to CPS. Reports should only be made if the individuals are engaging in problematic behavior, simply being present in a public space is not grounds for police involvement.

It was also noted that the recent housing needs assessment may not capture the full extent of homelessness in the city, as individuals are dispersed across various areas. CPS statistics would also be limited to incidents where individuals were involved in disturbances and subsequently reported.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Items for Information

- i. Correspondence
 - a. Government of Alberta – Minister McIver – Public Library Grant for Skill Development in Rural Alberta
 - b. PLSB – Public Library Grant for Skill Development in Rural Alberta
 - c. Consultation on Tariffs – Canadian Federation of Library Associations Response
 - ii. Libraries in the News
 - a. Charges laid after hijab-wearing woman was attacked in Ajax Library – City News
 - b. Saskatoon Public Library Temporarily Closes 2 Locations over Overdose Concerns – Global News
- b. Reports
- i. Director's Report
 - ii. Consultation on Tariffs – Canadian Federation of Library Associations Response

5. Item for Discussion and Decision

a. Book Bike Funding

Cargill donated \$10,000 in December, currently working on finalizing details to complete bike purchase. Bike will be purchased from a company in Philadelphia, unfortunately there will be tariffs on the purchase. Finalized number could be around \$11,005 CDN, \$1,005 more than the Cargill donation. After receiving the Cargill donation, Allard foundation also donated towards pilot and book bike and a few other items. Working with Allard Foundation to find out if we can use the money to offset the extra expenses or other options that CPL would be to happy to spend their \$13,000.

New book bike should be completed within 90 days of finalizing order, the box and bike are just being painted in CPL colours, otherwise there is no customization being completed. Will not know final cost until the bike crosses the border.

Requesting to use reserve funds to purchase the book bike if the Allard Foundation, declines purchasing with their funds.

6. In-Camera Items for Discussion and Decision

Motion 26/25 M/C – Naomi Finseth: Moves to go In-Camera.

Motion 27/25 M/C – Cheryl Dezall: Moves to come Out of Camera to record motions.

a. Banking Administrator

Motion 28/25 M/C – Margaret Holliston: Moves that Director Alyssa Martin be the main administrator for the City of Camrose Library Board banking

account at ATB.

b. Finance and Reserve Policies

Motion 29/25 M/C – Naomi Finseth: Moves that we authorize the transfer of \$2,000 from the operating reserve to cover potential overage for book bike in the event that the Allard Foundation does not let us reallocate their donation.

Motion 30/25 M/C – Cheryl Dezall: Moves to accept reserve policy as presented.

c. Q1 Finance Reports

d. Incident with Police

e. Issues Arising from Directors Report

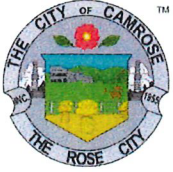
7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Next regular Board meeting: May 14, 2025, 5:15pm

Signature

Date



The City of
Camrose

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April 8, 2025

Attention: Renee Greer, Chair
Camrose Public Library Board
c/o Camrose Public Library
4710 – 50 Avenue
Camrose, AB T4V 0R8

Email: [REDACTED]

Re: Member-at-large Appointment – Camrose Public Library Board

Please be advised at a Regular Meeting of Council held April 7, 2025, City Council approved of Jacqueline Schaffter's appointment to serve as a member-at-large on the Camrose Public Library Board commencing April 7, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2028, or at the pleasure of Council.

In her appointment letter she was informed that a Police information Check is to be provided to Legislative Services, prior to attending her first meeting and that you will be in contact with her.

Here is her contact information:

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Should you have any questions, give me a call at 780-781-0826 or email pjstasko@camrose.ca

Kindest Regards,

PJ Stasko, Mayor
City of Camrose

cc: Alyssa Martin, Director, Camrose Public Library amartin@prl.ab.ca

Municipal Affairs Minister Ric Mclver says Alberta libraries thrive as rural lifelines

George Lee, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

May 1, 2025 5:00 PM



A library patron works at a computer in the centre of the St. Albert Public Library.

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Provincial funding continues to enhance the evolving and critical roles libraries play in the lives of Albertans — especially folks in rural and remote communities, Municipal Affairs Minister Ric Mclver said Wednesday.

Rural libraries are community hubs and essential lifelines, Mclver said. They host events, allow for human contact, and connect patrons to potential employers, government services and the world beyond their homes. Sometimes they're the only access a person has to high-speed internet.

"They're very much a social gathering place, and that's a super important thing to have. They're a safe place to go and maybe do some research or maybe run into an old friend or make a new friend," Mclver said.

"Maybe people need a reference point to find that job or find that new home, or maybe to connect to people who speak the same language or come from a similar culture. Or they need to find a place to go to church or to find a curling club. There are very few facilities that can match what a library can do for somebody looking for these key pieces of information."

National research backs up Mclver. Libraries are community anchors, bridges across the digital divide, safe places that enhance mental health and wellbeing, and access points for lifelong learning, says a federal study published in February 2024.

The study reviewed more than 250 articles, sorting them out from thousands more it retrieved. Run by Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council in collaboration with Employment and Social Development Canada, it found that libraries encourage belonging, create connections through technology, reinforce cultural identities, address accessibility, and create educational, recreational and social programming.

"Libraries are not going anywhere," said McIver, the member for Calgary-Hays. "They're just as important now as they've ever been, and in some cases they're more important, particularly in a time with heavy immigration to Alberta and to Canada."

The government earmarked \$39 million for distribution to 225 boards across Alberta in 2025, says a provincial news release posted today.

Alberta Budget 2025 anticipates a \$5.2-billion deficit to allow spending of \$74.1 billion in a time of economic uncertainty. The provincial deficit is set to drop to \$2.4 billion next year and \$2 billion in 2027, before provincial legislation requires that the government run a balanced budget.

"It really goes to indicate how important libraries are when we didn't even think of cutting them back when we've got such a big deficit," said McIver.

Budget 2025 pegs maximum operating grants for municipal and intermunicipal libraries at about \$24 million. Boards beyond the four major cities — Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer and Lethbridge — account for more than \$10 million of the total.

Nearly \$9 million more is earmarked for grants to seven library system boards, which serve regional networks of libraries in communities of varying sizes.

The province's announcement also shines a light on \$5.4 million in funding for network support and branch operations. The category includes support for things like Alberta-wide borrowing, interlibrary loans and connections to Alberta SuperNet, which links libraries to provincial public institutions, communities and First Nations.

The funding maintains a provincewide e-content suite, including a project called Read Alberta eBooks and eMagazines. It provides resources for people with disabilities that prevent or hinder them from using print. And it leads the training of Alberta public service employees in the creation of accessible documents.

Alberta's landscape is dotted with 327 public library branches that serve municipal, regional and First Nations communities. They're governed by 225 municipal, intermunicipal and First Nations public boards and seven regional library systems.

One of those points on the map is home to Big Valley Municipal Library. Its doors opened in 1987 in the back of the village office after a group of concerned citizens joined forces to make it happen. That first incarnation of the library had 28 members, a 2014 story in the Stettler Independent reported.

With a population of about 330 in 2021, Big Valley is about an hour's drive southeast of Red Deer. These days, its library is part of the Parkland regional system, which connects 49 public libraries across central Alberta and serves over 200,000 residents in 64 municipalities.

The Big Valley board gets a projected \$10,954 in 2025. Grant estimates for the Parkland system total more than \$1.43 million.

Rainbow Lake, meanwhile, is a town tucked into the boreal forest wilds of northeastern Alberta, about 875 kilometres from Edmonton by car. Its population in 2021 was around 500.

Small and remote though it may be, Rainbow Lake has had a municipal library since 1976. From the first location of the library, patrons were allowed one book for one week. Adults paid \$2 for an annual membership, says the library website.

Operating money for Rainbow Lake board in 2025 is nearly \$13,500. Projected funding tops \$900,000 for the Peace regional system its part of.

No matter how funding is divvied up, Alberta's libraries all benefit from each other through connections supported by the province, McIver emphasized. Interlibrary book loans and deliveries bring the rest of the province to rural Alberta.

Libraries are especially important for seniors and others who don't leave their communities often or perhaps don't drive. "No matter if you're in a small or medium-sized municipality, even if the building isn't that big, you still have access to a massive number of books, articles and periodicals. A library system is more than its individual libraries," McIver said.

Libraries are evolving and multi-modal. "And the knowledgeable professional staff at libraries are really top-notch people. They're very good at helping members of the public get their hands on the information that will make their lives better."

Read Alberta, a group created by the Book Publishers Association of Alberta and the Alberta Magazine Publishers Association, says on its website that 99.8 per cent of Alberta's people have access to a public library and 35 per cent have a library card.

Albertans visit public libraries 21 million times a year. And more than 2,400 Albertans volunteer on library boards.

Then there are those diverse and sometimes quirky community events that pop up.

If you're a Crowsnest Pass teenager in southern Alberta, perhaps you're looking forward to the book chat at the library in Blairmore on May 6. For adults, any Thursday in May you can take part in a Crafternoon and share your projects and inspiration with your neighbours.

Meanwhile in Morinville, just north of Edmonton, you may be itching for your chance on May 31 to learn — wait for it — how to create a miniature hobbit door wreath.

Tech tips and tutoring take place every Wednesday in May at the public library in the mountain town of Canmore west of Calgary, and down in Fort Macleod, also on Wednesdays, community members work on their English at the conversation café.

And remember: the first rule of knitting night every Thursday at the Macleod library is don't call it knitting night. The reason? Hobbyists involved in all fibre arts are welcome to take part.

Comments (0)

We welcome your feedback and encourage you to share your thoughts. We ask that you be respectful of others and their points of view, refrain from personal attacks and stay on topic. To learn about our commenting policies and how we moderate, please read our [Community Guidelines](#).



Director's Report

May 8 2025

Alyssa Martin

Organizational Review

Below is an update on the implementation of the Organizational Review recommendations.

Contracting TAL (The Alberta Library)

TAL is currently working with our accountants to run the LAPP audit and ensure our annual financials are ready to be approved. We are also working on the formatting of our Quarterly Financial reports, and fine tuning how we track grant funds.

All necessary documents have been submitted to change banking institutions – we are now waiting to hear next steps from the institutions. This shift should be complete and in place within the next month or two. This change in provider will improve workflows for CPL and TAL.

Service Desk Changes

Staff are still feeling the strain of managing current service needs with decreased staff hours at the service desk. Increased incident reports and training the public to use our express checkouts and online portals are also taking additional staff time. Having the public use automated services will help in the long run, but CPL is getting busier every day. We need more Circulation Assistants and Collection Assistants to manage the increased circulation and usage.

Job descriptions have been revised for the Director, Executive Assistant, Collection Assistants and Book Bike Pilots. Circulation Assistants and Programmers are the only positions remaining who need updated descriptions. Job descriptions and tasks are slowly shifting as staff become available to take on the roles. Additionally, we are starting to cross-train more staff to make CPL more resilient.

Relationships

CPL is in the midst of conversations with Camrose Police Service and Parkland Regional Library System to build on our working relationships, and to clarify expectations and processes.



Book Bike Project

CPL has purchased a new Book Bike from Haley Tricycles. The bike is intended to be shipped July 1, and should be launched sometime this summer. BRCF granted CPL funds to purchase a pilot bike last winter (which was done), and the Allard Foundation just provided CPL with \$13,000 to purchase the last Pilot Bike, a new WIFI hub, backup batteries for the bikes, First Aid training for the pilots, and money to fill the bike with books for the summer.

We received the full funding amount from Young Canada Works this year, and were able to hire 3 wonderful students to make this year's project happen. May is full of orientation and training with them, and we can't wait to see what they plan.

Facility Concerns

Staff have raised concerns regarding mold, and poor air circulation. These concerns have been passed onto the City of Camrose. The City has arranged for the ducts to be cleaned this fall. Our furnaces will be inspected, our duct work cleaned, and then air quality tests will be conducted.

Otis and the OHS Committee have raised concerns about the maintenance and safety of our elevator – see the attached letter and report.

City of Camrose Fire came to inspect the building to ensure that they have the correct keys, ensure we are meeting code, and to advise us on hosting some staff PD regarding fire drills. We are awaiting the official report, but fire code has changed which will impact our fire capacity across the library due to our lack of fire suppression system. We are still waiting for the new capacity assessments, but we expect that our large community events frequently put us over the new limits. This will impact operations and our ability to host events during standard operating hours. Upgrades to our fire systems would be incredibly costly.

Jaywalkers

CPL and the Fellowship of the Camrose Public Library are prepping for our Jaywalkers booth. We will be hosting our Blind Date with a Book sale, a free Date Night in Camrose Draw, and talking to the community about all the great (and free) services that CPL offers. If you'd like to volunteer for a few hours at the booth or book sale, please let us know!

Canada Day

CPL is providing bookmarks to the Canada Day Swag items this year. Attached to the book marks is a piece of seed paper that turns into wildflowers when



planted. The bookmarks are from a small Manitoban company, and the wildflowers are primarily native to western Canada, or are at the least not invasive. The Canadian company is a certified B Corp.

CPL continues to be involved in the planning of Canada Day, and will have staff on hand for the event.

Newcomer's Program

We are approaching the end of the Rural Services Grant for the Newcomer's Program, and have begun to use donated funds to keep it going. I will be applying for a grant or two to keep this very popular initiative going, but we are seeking additional opportunities at this time.

PLSB Symposium

This year the PLSB Symposium is being held on June 9 + 10 in Sherwood Park. This year's theme is Libraries for Life: Empowering Seniors. A contingency from CPL will be attending. The symposium is free, and registration opens May 9th.

Stronger Together

Stronger Together is running again this year, and Early Bird registration has opened. We can send between 2 board members for both days, or 4 board members for 1 day each. You can take a look at the sessions here: <https://strongertogetherconf.ca/sessions/> Renee Greer attended last year, and felt that it was a worthwhile endeavour, and encouraged board members to attend in future years.

Peter and Jeanne Lougheed Centre

The Lougheed Centre has approached CPL to conduct outreach in their lobby for the 2025-2026 season for their free family shows. CPL will be onsite to promote our collection and programs, to sign people up for library cards, and to connect with the community. Additionally, a Lougheed Donor has gifted CPL a spot in the Season Brochure, which is printed and distributed at all of the Lougheed's shows throughout the year. We are incredibly pleased and grateful to be able to work with the Lougheed and promote the arts in Camrose.

City of Camrose Arts Council Grant

CPL is thrilled to announce that we have received funds from the City of Camrose Arts Council to co-produce an event with the Bailey Theater this fall. Details are being determined, but watch for coming updates.

Camrose Public Library
Adult Programs
January 1 to April 30, 2025

Outreach	Program	Attendance
Deliveries to Care Facilities	39	291
German Circle Online	17	53
Ukulele Online	14	39
Mind Masters	4	724
	74	1107

In House	Program	Attendance
Spanish	15	75
Ukulele	15	149
Fibre Club	14	74
Drum Circle with CMHA	2	12
Climate Café	3	2
Cricut Classes	8	22
Life Skills 101	4	20
Lunch & Learn with FCSS	4	43
Beading Circle with Joelle Skinner	3	42
Freedom to Look? FTRW with Andrea Korda	1	6
Companion Planting	1	10
John Dunn: Journey North	1	25
Elections Workshops	2	5
Solar PV Sessions	1	14
Genealogy Workshop	1	20
	75	519

Total	149	1626
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Camrose Public Library
Family Programs
January 1 to April 30, 2025

Outreach	Program	Attendance
Read for 15	1	3426
Chuck Maclean Family workshops	4	53
Women's Shelter Family Literacy	0	0
Newcomers Guide to Camrose in Community	2	24
	7	3503

In House	Program	Attendance
Snacks in the Stacks	81	1778
Something Cool After School	75	436
Books & Bounces	17	185
Terrific Tales	17	305
Tech Help	30	60
Bed Time Stories	16	222
Crafternoon	14	133
Rainbow Club	2	5
School PD Matinee	3	83
Newcomers Guide to Camrose	12	110
Saturday Story Time	1	3
Weekend Wiggles	0	0
Ghibli Geeks Club	4	8
Environmental Literacy Night for Family Literacy Day	1	14
Dolly Parton Party	1	52
Rag Rug Workshops	2	18
Impromptu Story Time	1	6
	277	3418

Total	284	6921
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Camrose Public Library
Childrens Programs
January 1 to April 30, 2025

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In House	Program	Attendance
BRSD School Tours	5	91
	5	91

Monthly Total	5	91
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Camrose Public Library
Teen Programs
January 1 to April 30, 2025

Outreach	Program	Attendance
BRSD Adulting Fair at ECCHS	1	350
BRSD Adulting Fair at New Norway School	1	45
	2	395

In House	Program	Attendance
Golden Flames Teen D & D	17	217
	17	217

Total	19	612
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Camrose Public Library Total Programs January 1 to April 30, 2025		
Outreach Programs	83	5005
In-house Programs	374	4245
YTD	457	9250

Submitted by Nicole Kyle
2-May-25

April 2025

Program and Library Statistics

Submitted by Nicole Kyle
May 7 , 2025

510

people attended programs that foster a sense of community connection and belonging.

314

people accessed outreach library programs and services in the places where they live, work, and play.

726

people attended library programs and special events designed to educate and promote a love of lifelong learning.

**1 bit of
awesome feedback:**

Thank you for your hardwork. I visited and seen good books to read. Staff or/and volunteers great! Camrose & other awareness – awesome!
-from the Suggestion Box

April Program Summary

Families of all shapes and sizes joined Louis at the Chuck MacLean Centre for our monthly partnership program with the City of Camrose Rec and Culture Department. In April we made decor that brings the outside in!



Newo, a not-for-profit solar energy company, facilitated an info night on Solar PV. Attendees learned some of the ins and outs of how to get started with solar energy at home.

We hosted 2 rag rug session on April 22 in honour of Earth Day. They filled up so quickly that we added a third session!.



Spend Earth Day transforming fabric into gorgeous rag rugs for your home!

Tuesday, April 22



School year-end field trip season has begun; I hosted two very enthusiastic kindergarten classes from Jack Stuart School. They learned about our collection and our space and then enjoyed a story time and bookmark craft.

Ongoing Programs

Ukulele Jam (Adults)
Mondays @ 10:00

Spanish Circle (Adults)
Mondays @ 3 in person
and on Zoom

**Books & Bounces
(infants under 2 and
caregivers)**
Tuesdays @ 11:00

German Circle (Adults)
Tuesdays @ 4 on Zoom

Climate Cafe (All ages)
1st Tuesday monthly @ 5:30

Terrific Tales (Families)
Wednesdays @ 10:30

**Golden Flames D&D
Club
(Teens, registered)**
Wednesdays @ 4; email
cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca to
register

**Bed Time Stories
(families)**
Wednesdays @ 6

Ukulele Online (adults)
Thursdays @ 1 on Zoom

**Drumming Circle with
Recovery College (16+)**
1st Thursday Monthly @ 5
Register at
<https://bit.ly/CMHADrums>

Ghibli Geek Club
May 5 @ 1 PM and
May 8 at 4:30 (12+). This
month: Spirited Away

PD Day Matinee 
(All ages, registered)
May 2 & 30 @ 11:30 AM
Phone or email to register.
Deadline is the Monday
before event.

**Snacks in the Stacks
(Grades 1-12)**
School days @ 3:30

**Something Cool After
School (Grades 1-8)**
School days @ 3:30

**Rainbow Club Public
GSA (All ages)**
No session this month; join
Louis at Quantum Comics
for Free Comic Book Day!

**Saturday Story Time
(Families)**
First Saturday of the
month @ 11

**Weekend Wiggles
(Infants under 2 and
caregivers)**
First Saturday of the
month @ noon

Crafternoon (All ages)
Saturdays from 1-3

Fibre Club (All ages)
Saturdays @ 1

Newcomer's Guide to Camrose (All ages)
May 6 @ 5:00: Camrose Essential Services
May 13 @ 5:00: Conversation Circle
May 24 @ 2:00: Bowling at Tabb Lanes & Lounge
May 27 @ 5:00: Communicating Safely for Newcomers



Our Hours:

Monday 10-7
Tuesday 10-8
Wednesday 10-7
Thursday 10-7
Friday 10-6
Saturday 11-4

Closed May 17 & 19

Special Events

Life Skills 101: Bike Maintenance
May 13 @ 5:30 (16+)

The Bike Shop of Camrose will share
info about buying, maintaining, and
fixing manual & e-bikes!

Resist Painting Family Workshop
May 11, 10 AM to noon

@ Chuck MacLean, 4809 52 Street.
Space limited; call or email to register

**Lunch & Learn with Camrose
Interagency**

May 12 @ Noon; BYO Lunch

Join staff from Association of
Communities Against Abuse to find out
resources available in Camrose and
Area.

For Cricut's Sake (16+): Wooden Signs
May 20 or 22 @ 5 PM

Space is limited; call or email to
register.

For program and service info:

Phone: 780.672.4214

Web: prl.ab.ca/camrose

Email: cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca

Unless otherwise noted, programs and events
are FREE and on a drop-in basis. For
registered programs, please email or call us.

**SATURDAY MAY 3
11 AM TO 1 PM**

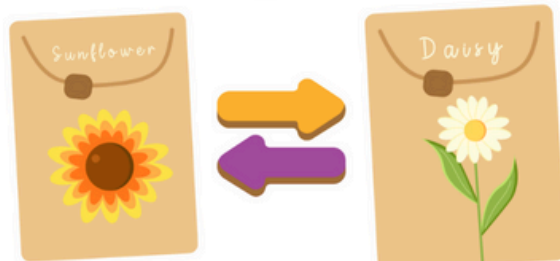
Free Comic Book Day

BUTTON MAKING, FREE COMICS & SALE
FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Join us at
QUANTUM COMICS
4939 49 Street

**CAMROSE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Community Seed Swap



Join us for a garden celebration
with free art activities for all ages!

May 10, 1:00 to 3:00 PM
at Camrose Public Library

Hosted in partnership with



Ribbon Skirts

For people of all backgrounds aged 16 & up
BYO-Lunch; some refreshments will be provided
Workshop held as part of the Indigenous Beading Circle programs

Elder Myrna Yellowbird will be sharing teachings and history of the ribbon skirt to start off each workshop, for which everyone is welcome to join.

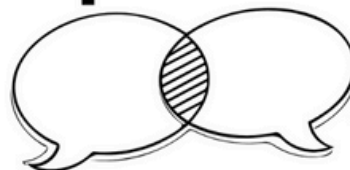
Choose between
Saturday May 24 11 am to 4 pm
or
Saturday May 31 11 am to 4 pm

Registration opens May 1st
Call 780-672-4214 or email cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca

**CAMROSE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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Speed Friending



Thursday May 29
5 PM to 6:30 PM
at the Camrose Public Library

Chat with a variety of others for brief, timed conversations in a casual & friendly atmosphere!
For everyone ages 18+!

Space is limited - drop ins are welcome, but
registration is highly recommended!
Head to recoverycollegecamrose.ca to register for free!



1-on-1 Tech Help

Need assistance with some technology basics? Please call us or email cpltechhelp@prl.ab.ca to book your free 1 hour appointment!



Technology Services

24/7 Electronic resources:

Visit prl.ab.ca/elibrary to check out electronic print materials, audio books, learning resources, and resume building software. Use your library card and PIN to log in.

April 2025 Library Statistics

YTD daily visit averages (and hourly based on operational hours in brackets)

Mondays: 395 (avg of 44/hr)

Tuesdays: 413 (avg of 41/hr)

Wednesdays: 394 (avg of 44/hr)

Thursdays: 331 (avg of 37/hr)

Fridays: 315 (avg of 45/hr)

Saturdays: 252 (avg of 50/hr)

Circulation	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	Under/ Over 2024	% Chg. Over 2024
Adult Material	5044	5889	21559	23069	-1510	-7%
Young Adult Material	332	508	1397	1788	-391	-22%
Juvenile Material	4649	4943	20781	19454	1327	7%
Relais Items Borrowed	108	146	606	518	88	17%
Relais Items Sent	31	27	114	130	-16	-12%
Total	10164	11513	44457	44959	-502	-1%

Econtent	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	Under/ Over 2024	% Chg. Over 2024
Cloud Library/RBDigital	409	491	1714	2073	-359	-17%
Overdrive	1486	1108	5971	4896	1075	22%
Total	1895	1599	7685	6969	716	10%

Circulation by Residence	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	Under/ Over 2024	% Chg. Over 2024
City of Camrose	8337	9735	35057	36706	-1649	-4%
County of Camrose	2162	2117	9589	8161	1428	17%
Outside City/County	9	50	220	363	-143	-39%
ME	93	7	96	145	-49	-34%
Total	10601	11909	44962	45375	-413	-1%

Miscellaneous	Apr 2025	Apr 2024	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	Under/ Over 2024	% Chg. Over 2024
Visitors	8103	9868	33670	33544	126	0%
WiFi Users	10400	10472	38857	36824	2033	6%
Internet Users	926	1173	3911	4124	-213	-5%
Exams	21	31	78	107	-29	-27%
Total	19450	21544	76516	74599	1917	3%

Selection of Service Responses

1. Social Engagement: Developing Relationships and Ending Isolation
2. Connect to the Online World: Public Internet Access
3. Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning
4. Visit a Welcoming Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Programs	Apr 2025		2025 YTD		Participants	
Service Response	Sessions	Participants	Sessions	Participants	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
1	31	215	120	851	1199	706
2	7	14	30	60	831	422
3	59	712	222	2734	1951	1,944
4	20	346	82	1784	2047	1,944
Advocacy	0	0	3	3821	4207	3,434
Total	117	1287	457	9250	10235	8,450