

Parkland Update – April 8, 2021

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1. PRLS Updates:

Interlibrary Loans Update

Provincial ILL service will be continuing as normal during this return to reduced service levels, including patron access to Relais and material delivery between nodes through courier.

2. PLSB Updates:

Understanding the Public Library Operating Grant Webinars

To help municipal and intermunicipal library boards understand the Public Library Operating Grant and the application process, the PLSB will be doing several webinars in April. They are scheduled for 90 minutes sessions to ensure there is plenty of time for questions:

- Friday, April 16 – 2:00-3:30 pm ([link to webinar](#))
- Monday, April 19 – 10:30 am-12:00 pm ([link to webinar](#))
- Monday, April 26 – 6:30-8:00 pm ([link to webinar](#))
- Wednesday, April 28 – 1:30-3:00 pm ([link to webinar](#))

You do not need to register to attend, just click the link at the appropriate time. All webinars will cover the same topics, and will not be recorded.

3. Library News:

Get Your TD Summer Read On – June 13-26

TDSRC is encouraging library members to open their registration for this year's TD Summer Reading Club on any date between June 13 and 26. They're aiming to launch the Kids' Site on June 15. While this year's [Get Your Summer Read On](#) will look very different compared to previous years, it's key to letting your community know when and how to register for the Club.

Alberta Culture Days Grants

Apply to become an official community celebration site during Alberta Culture Days. The intake for 2021 grant applications is now open. Alberta Culture Days will once again be celebrated from September 1-30 to align with, and compliment, Month of the Artist. Further information and details can be found on the [Government of Alberta website](#).

4. Resources:

Government of Alberta Budget 2021 Analysis

The provincial government's Fiscal Plan for 2021 includes recurring themes of economic

recovery, economic growth, and job creation. Although the nonprofit sector has a large role to play in recovery, it remains unmentioned in the Budget 2021 Fiscal Plan. The Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations partnered with the Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations to prepare this [budget analysis](#) as it relates to the nonprofit sector in Alberta.

ORCA Book Publishers Writing Contest

ORCA is holding a [contest for writers between the ages of 8-13](#) on the subject of "How Do You Find Home?". The deadline for [submissions](#) is May 16, 2021. Orca Books also has a lot of [great materials to support library programming](#). These materials are all free and can be shared with your library users.

Virtual Programming Resource Roundup

While social distancing guidelines are in place, archives, libraries, and museums have the opportunity to meet people where they are: online. [Click here](#) for some examples and resources for conducting successful virtual programs.

Call Number Podcast: Supporting Seniors During the Pandemic

With libraries closed or operating at reduced hours because of the COVID-19 pandemic, outreach is essential to let the community know that the library is still there for them and providing essential services. That outreach is particularly important for older adults, many of whom rely on the library not just for materials but often as a lifeline. On Episode 60, [Call Number with American Libraries](#) looks at library outreach to seniors during this pandemic.

Social Media 101: Keys to Reaching Your Entire School Community Webinar – April 13

Social media has always been an important tool for reaching your school community. However, during the pandemic, it took on a critical new role as virtual communication became the best way for schools to stay connected with students, staff and parents. In this webinar on Tuesday, April 13 at 1 pm, Caroline Carr and Christina Samek lead a crash course on how to become your best social media self. [Use this link to register](#).

Building News Literacy for Tweens and Teens Webinar – April 21

Children are exposed to more news at earlier ages through parents and teachers, students and friends, and digital devices. Join Tom Bober, on Wednesday, April 21 from 12-1 pm, to gain an understanding of tweens' and teens' news literacy realities. [Use this link to register](#).

Answering Your Questions: Volunteerism & Insurance Webinar – April 21

Join Wanita Quaia for a special Volunteerism & Insurance edition of Answering Your Questions. Over this 60-minute session on Wednesday, April 21 at 12 pm, Wanita will shed light on insurance-related challenges and questions organizations face when recruiting and maintaining volunteers. [Use this link to register](#).

Keep it Fun! Engage Youth in Your Community with Book Clubs Webinar – April 28

This webinar on Wednesday, April 28 from 2-3 pm features Drayton Valley Library, a library that does not run traditional book clubs for tweens and teens. Instead of focusing on WHAT to read, their youth book club focuses on the LOVE of reading and encourages kids to participate in whatever works best for them — whether a book talk, participation in contests or playing book-related games. [Use this link to register.](#)

Soaring, the Indigenous Youth Empowerment Gathering – May 5-6

Indigenous students can [register](#) right away for this free virtual 2-day event on May 5 and 6. The event shares information about career and post-secondary education options. Youth can connect with top potential employers in Canada as well as visit the virtual trade show, see panel discussions and watch Indigenous performers.

You can stay up-to-date by visiting our [Support Site](#), which includes past Updates and current resources, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).