

SUMMER  
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# PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

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## AN UPDATE FROM THE STACKS

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### LIBRARIES & COMMUNITY

On June 15, 2023 our communities experienced a devastating loss. Families and friends lost loved ones in a tragic accident. Dauphin Public Library lost patrons and true long time friends of our library.

On behalf of Parkland Regional Library Trustees and staff, I would like to thank the friends and family who have made donations to Dauphin Public Library in memory of those lost.

Libraries hold a special place in our communities. They are a place to gather, support literacy and lifelong learning, and seek entertainment. We will miss connecting and visiting with our patrons and will plan a special project in their honour and memory.

Parkland Regional Library can accept financial donations to our libraries with the support of our municipal partners who issue charitable tax receipts on behalf of their local library.

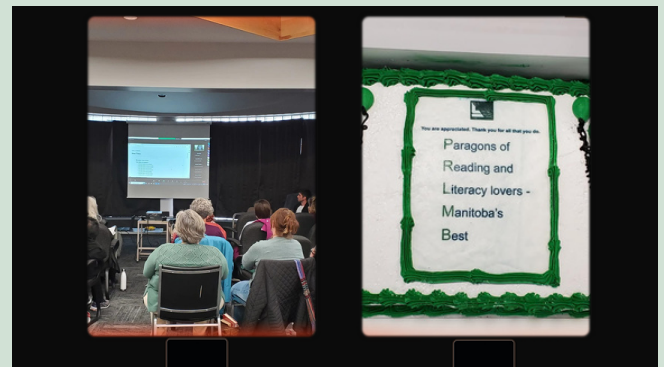
Thank you for supporting Dauphin Public Library and Parkland Regional Library.

Sincerely,  
Alison Moss, Director



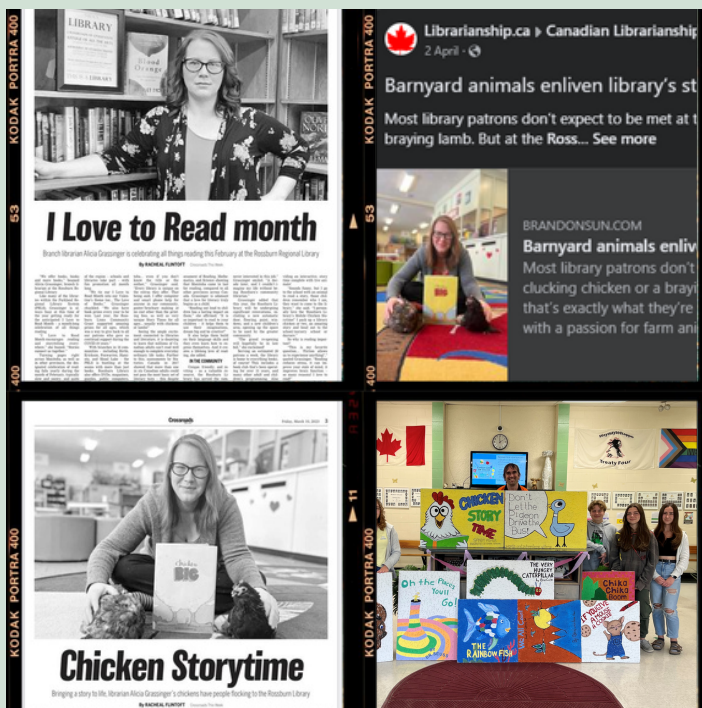
## ANNUAL STAFF GATHERING

This spring we were able to align our annual staff gathering with the Manitoba Library Association (MLA) conference that occurs every two years. This year's conference theme was Access and Accessibility. The MLA conference has continued to be in a virtual format which worked well for PRL this year. We were thrilled that 25 PRL librarians and administrative staff were able to gather in Dauphin Public Library and participate in the conference sessions. It is a pleasure to see everyone in person.



## ROSSBURN!!

Have you been to the Rossburn Regional Library lately!? Our Librarian, Alicia, has been busy and the world has been watching! In addition to leading a large renovation of the interior space, she has been busy hosting unique library programming that has drawn interest from the national stage. A story in the Brandon Sun about Barnyard Storytime was highlighted on Canadian Librarianship. Local high school students partnered with the library to create unique artwork on the children's area ceiling tiles recreating favorite book covers. This little library continues to flourish and we credit Alicia for that success.



## MANITOBA UNDERGROUND OPERA



Dauphin Public Library was thrilled to host The Bremen Town Musicians this summer.

## GLADSTONE LIBRARY

As usual there are all kinds of wacky things underway lead by Shelley, Gladstone Librarian.

While there will always be surprises in Gladstone, the critters are a staple. Patrons are always appreciative of Shelley and her creativity.

"The librarian is awesome! She puts sooo much thought and effort into the summer programming. We love the various themed activities she offers."

## SUMMER FUN

Many of our branches participate in the TD Summer Reading Club. A big hit everywhere is the Story Walk program. This is a great way to read a story and enjoy the summer.

Summer programming is always diverse across the region. There are critters, story times, infant programming, daycare visits, day camp visits, book clubs, film clubs, scavenger hunts, camp outs, Art 4 Kids, yoga, theme parties, crafts, and activities you can take home to complete. A big shout out to the Librarians and volunteers for going over and above and sharing their creativity!

## ART 4 KIDS

Erickson District Library is once again hosting four children's outdoor art classes this summer. A big shout out to Librarian Mary and Artist Jewel for fostering the arts and literacy in your community.



 **RECYLED CRAFT NIGHT**

Roblin & District Library will be hosting craft night using our outdated magazines to make various art pieces. Register with your library card for an evening of fun

## OCHRE RIVER LIBRARY

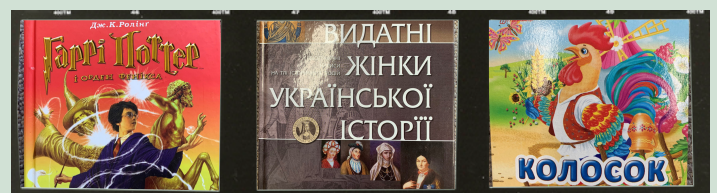
Jenine, Ochre River Librarian, is a force to be reckoned with. Her ideas and enthusiasm have fostered a welcoming and vibrant local community library. From yoga to book clubs, there is something for everyone. A group of youth asked for a book club similar to the adult club, and so she made it happen. Thank you to all of our patrons that supported the summer book sale that helps fund programming at the library!

## UKRAINIAN COLLECTION

Dauphin Public Library gratefully accepted a significant donation from a local patron for Ukrainian collection development. We have had the pleasure of working with a volunteer who recently came from the Ukraine to bring this initiative to life.

## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

A big thank you to Christopher Bentley, Birtle Library, Stephanie Parkinson, Foxwarren Library, and Myrtle Chase, Roblin & District Library for your years of service. Stephanie and Myrtle enjoy your retirement (though we know its not absolute - thank you for continuing to support us)! We were pleased to have Marlene Disher, Foxwarren Library and Holly Hart-Harder, Roblin & District Library, join our team.



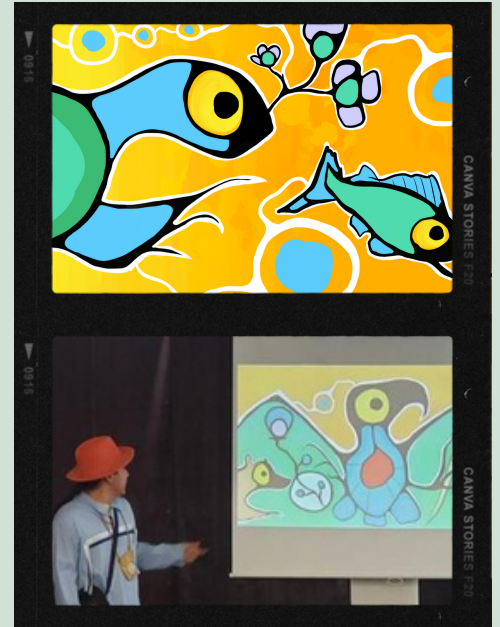
## TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

Dauphin Public Library received funding from the Dauphin and District Community Foundation, Fusion Credit Union, Rotary Club and trail development partners to refresh the exterior of our building. Five authentic artworks have been created by Patrick Paul. This initiative contributes to our nation's ongoing social discourse about Truth and Reconciliation. Libraries play an important role in this conversation. The turtle, a central figure in the artwork, symbolizes truth, and that healing is a slow process that will take many generations. Patrick's artwork is full of emotion and is visually uplifting. The Woodland style he paints in is colourful and joyful. Interconnectedness is at the centre of this style of painting.

## LIBRARY - MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS

Gwenda, Birch River & District Librarian, is partnering with the Rural Municipality of Mountain to provide a free fun family day in Birch River to promote and utilize municipal services. In the morning there will be a water themed story time and activities at the library, followed by lunch and an afternoon of free swimming at the local pool.

Municipal staff and our Trustee, Nestor Rizok have enthusiastically made this partnership possible.



## SIGLUNES DISTRICT LIBRARY

Oh the distances they will go. Jude, Siglunes Librarian has made it her mission to take library out to patrons across her vast service area. Thank you for taking the story walk on the road.

## MERFOLK PARTY

Tara, Dauphin Public Librarian hosted a very successful Merfolk Party. There were 110 children counted in the first hour of the program. The library was hopping! Stations included crafts, games, slime, photobooth, and treats!

