

Parkland Regional Library News

Message from Interim Director



I don't think anyone could have predicted our year so far in Parkland Regional Library. This year we have seen libraries move (Neudorf), reopen (Kamsack), and even, sadly, close (Bredenbury). We have seen staff leave our region but also join our team. But this has not stopped our incredible librarians from achieving greatness! Having now served as Interim Director I have been able to see all of the amazing people and

libraries in Parkland and the impact we are having on our communities. While I used to think we were a busy region, I now know it to be true.

So, as we launch into winter and the holiday season I am excited to see how our wonderful libraries continue to bring joy, knowledge, and fun to everyone who enjoys their library. Whether it is a paperback in front of the fire, a new series on Kanopy with the family, or a friendly storytime with the children in our lives, we will keep being there for those who need us with a smile and a good recommendation about what to read next!

Yuri Forbes-Petrovich
Parkland Regional Library Interim Director
Yorkton Public Library Branch Manager

Happy Saskatchewan Library Week from PRL Exec

Lani Best, Englefeld, Chair
Juanita Brown, Yorkton
Pam Hall, RM Saltcoats
Morris Karakochuk, RM Foam Lake

Kirby Korchinski, Balcarres, Vice
Courtney Piontek, RM Wallace
Lorraine Sobchyshyn, Wadena
Chris Wyatt, Yorkton
Garry Yanke, RM Churchbridge



Upcoming Events

November 2

Semi Annual Meeting
Parkland Regional Library

1:00 p.m.
Elfros Hall, Elfros, SK

Inquiries to:
meeting@parklandlibrary.ca

All Delegates Please Attend!

Coffee and Registration
begins at noon.



PRL Celebrates
All Library Staff
Growing their libraries every day!

Message from PRL Library Board Chair

Being a part of the Parkland Regional Library Executive Board has been both exhilarating and exhausting. The current board is working diligently to implement policy and procedure to ensure the future successful operations of our Region. We have purchased a new facility for headquarters and are optimistic our staff will be housed in a safer, healthier location very soon! Management has been working tirelessly to improve the organizational structure and ensure it is functioning ethically and efficiently. On behalf of the executive board, thank you for your support of our work – learning a lot as we go, and for your continued support of Libraries.

Lani Best

New Location for Headquarters at 362 Sixth Ave N!



Headquarters is moving to the north end of Yorkton. The building has been purchased. Moderate renovation plans are being finalized. The drivers are excited to have an indoor garage. The staff is looking forward to weather-tight windows... and no maple bugs! The Building Committee will give an update at the Semi-Annual meeting in November.

As we celebrate Saskatchewan Library Week...

Why Libraries?



- Free Access to a Vast Array of Print and Digital Resources
- Community and Cultural Engagement
- Educational, Literacy, and Learning Support
- Innovation and Technology Access
- Health and Wellness Resources
- Safe and Inclusive Spaces
- Preservation of Local History and Culture

Congratulations!

Librarians, Retired in 2024

As we say farewell to the following branch librarians, we thank them for their service to the patrons of the Parkland Library Region and wish them all the best in the future.

Helen Mottershead

Dysart Branch, March 13

Gloria Erickson

Churchbridge Branch, May 3

Kim Kizlyk

Kelvington Branch, June 18

Corrine Zawyrucha

Annaheim Branch, July 31

Stay Tuned!

Service Award Recipients will be announced at the Semi-Annual Meeting. Congratulations to our long-serving branch librarians.

Has Your Branch Been In The NEWS?

Be sure to tell us so we can share the good news!

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Celebrating all the good things that happen in our libraries every day!

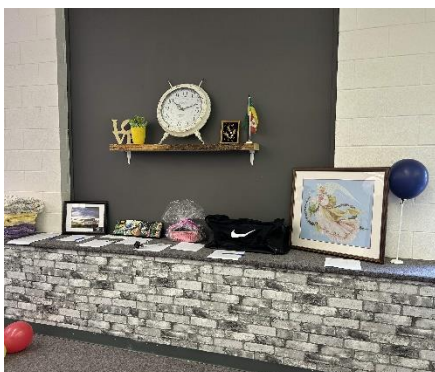
Neudorf Celebrates Grand Re-Opening

Neudorf Branch Moves to North Valley Elementary School

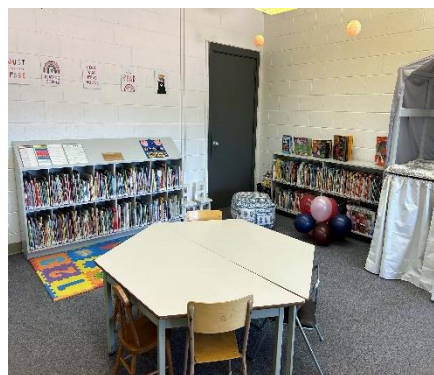


Neudorf Library Board Chair Haley Kingsley along with local board members and staff join with Jamie Schutz, Village of Neudorf, for the ribbon cutting ceremony on July 27, 2024, at the grand re-opening celebrations.

Neudorf Branch celebrated their grand re-opening with food, fun, and entertainment on July 27th. PRL wishes to acknowledge the efforts of a hard-working local library board and staff who finalized an agreement with the Village of Neudorf, Prairie Valley School Division, and PRL. These dedicated volunteers then painted and decorated the new space before moving every book and every shelf to the new location.



Silent Auction Items in the Display Area



Children's Area

Town of Foam Lake 100th Anniversary

As the Town of Foam Lake celebrated its 100th Anniversary this summer, branch librarian Robyn Beatty drew crowds to the library all summer long with a host of summer programs. Summer fun began with the TD Summer Reading Club StoryWalk. Stations with Cubelets were set up in the library to the delight of younger patrons. A Family Fun event was held on July 31 featuring the Mobile Early Learning unit with indoor and outdoor learning activities. In August, Beatty obtained funding from SaskTel and Sask Library Association to bring the Go! Science, the Sask Science Centre summer program to the branch.



Tributes were paid to Robyn Beatty for her service to the community. A feature article "She's A Real Gem!" in the *Foam Lake Review* quoted PRL Interim Director, "Parkland Regional Library is incredibly proud of the work Robyn is doing. We see nothing but a bright future for Robyn, Foam Lake, and the Foam Lake Library that are bringing so much joy and enrichment to so many lives."

What's New with Kanopy?

- Critically-acclaimed films
- Popular TV series
- PBS and BBC shows
- Kanopy Kids, a curated educational and entertainment collection just for children, complete with parental controls
- Classics from Criterion and others
- Movies in non-English languages
- Compelling documentaries
- *The Great Courses* instructional video series



What's New with LinkedIn Learning?

- A modern, online learning platform teaching in-demand skills that can benefit all employees
- Learn the most relevant skills with business, creative & tech courses
- New courses added each week
- Easy access: Just click on LinkedIn Learning banner on Parkland's website
- Unlimited access after logging in with your library card number and PIN
- URL: <https://www.linkedin.com/learning-login/go/prlsk>
- Develop skills to move your career and business forward
- Choose your interests and get a customized list of course suggestions just for you!



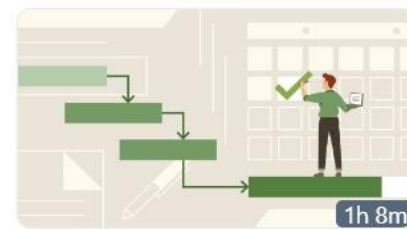
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