

August 2009



PRL Update

News from headquarters

Staff Meetings

Parkland has a staff meeting once a month, usually the second Wednesday of the month from **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** During this time, the phone will direct you to voice mail. There will be a staff meeting on **Wednesday, August 12th**. Thank you.

Office Closures

Parkland Regional Library will be closed on **Monday, August 3rd**.

Fall Van Schedules

The schedules for the fall van runs for **public** libraries will be sent to you via your van runs in late July. There are two separate schedules, the regular van run schedule is on white paper and the ILL van run schedule is on blue paper. The **school** van schedules will be mailed to the schools at the end of July.

The first week of the fall van schedule begins on August 31st

Summer Reading Club Statistics

Reminder: all libraries participating in the TD Summer Reading Club need to submit their statistics to Sharon at PRL by the end of the summer. The statistics and evaluation form can be found on the SRC website (<http://www.td-club-td.ca>; click on 'Adults', 'Librarians', then 'Staff Manual' for a copy of the form).

Help meet the Arts Day Challenge ~Arts activities in 100 libraries~

Municipal Affairs Minister Ray Danyluk has challenged public libraries to become key celebration sites for Alberta Arts Days (September 18-20). His goal is to have arts activities in 100 libraries during this 3 day period.

Be one of the 100 libraries by celebrating arts activities in your community. These could include partnerships with arts organizations resulting in events, library programs with an arts focus, art exhibits in the library, displays of Alberta books and artifacts, author

readings or storytelling, or any innovative activity showcasing the arts.

It is important to communicate ideas and plans before Arts Days and to document the activities that happen. Ken Feser at Alberta Municipal Affairs will be tracking the planned activities and recording results. Please send any information about your Arts Days plans to Ken (780-415-0296, ken.feser@gov.ab.ca).

Please also share your plans on PRL's Programming/Event Ideas forum at www.prl.ab.ca/forum

Managing Dated VDX Requests

Chinook Arch staff is in the process of cleaning up old requests in VDX. They are using the message function in VDX to enquire if older requests are still required, so please check your VDX message queue and respond appropriately. You may wish to contact the patron to see if an item is still needed.

Have you noticed dated requests sitting in your Pending queue? Or stale

requests with a status of *Will Supply?* If your patron still wants the book, you can contact ILL Services at PRL by phone or email (ill@prl.ab.ca) and we will follow up on the request with the lending partner. If your patron is no longer interested in that title, you can initiate cancellation of the request by using either the *Terminate Request* or *Cancel* actions.

ILL Best Practices

Principle 4 of the Provincial Resource

Sharing Network Policy for Alberta Public Library Boards, **January 2009** reads: *Resource sharing supplements local services and resources and is not a substitute for local development.* This means, in part, that libraries **should not** be requesting books through ILL if there are local copies that can be requested in Horizon. Unless a PRL book is held only by a school library and that library cannot lend it, the patron must place a hold in the PRL catalogue,

not request the item via TAL Online or ask staff to make an ILL request. Requests are normally identified as “Check Manual” in your Idle queue if VDX finds the item in the PRL catalogue. In such a case, staff should COMPLETE the VDX request and place a hold for the patron in Horizon. If you need assistance with this process, please contact ILL Services by phone or email (ill@prl.ab.ca).

Celebrating 50 Years!

Parkland staff entered a float in the Lacombe Days Parade in celebration of PRL’s 50th Anniversary!



EMPTY Shelves in the Newly Acquired Queue!

Well, the Technical Services team at PRL has done it again. We emptied the shelves out of newly acquired items.



This is the second time in two years.

And, so far, this year we have not had to call for a moratorium on process only material. Hopefully, this will hold true for the entire year!

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Top 10 Requested Titles in PRL Catalogue

Requests	Copies	Ratio	Bib#	Collection	Title
63	23	2	648758	af	Finger lickin' fifteen /
61	44	1	349836	af	My sister's keeper : a novel /
41	19	2	652695	af	Black Hills /
39	17	2	652609	af	Swimsuit : a novel /
36	20	1	637815	af	LOST SYMBOL [NYP, SEPT 15/09]
34	17	2	640515	af	The 8th confession /
31	11	2	650935	af	Knockout /
24	21	1	640508	af	Vision in white /
23	16	1	618043	af	AN ECHO IN THE BONE / [NYP SEPT. 2009]
23	19	1	650912	af	Take two /

Top 10 Titles with Highest Ratio of Requests

Requests	Copies	Ratio	Bib#	Collection	Title
21	1	20	642993	dvd	The reader Le liseur /
12	1	12	650408	dvd	Confessions of a shopaholic
11	1	11	645404	anf	Act like a lady, think like a man : what men really think about love, relationships, intimacy, and commitment /
9	1	9	22171	af	Such good people /
18	2	9	643040	dvd	The curious case of Benjamin Button L'étrange histoire de Benjamin Button /
8	1	8	600881	dvd	Carolina moon
8	1	8	651065	dvd	Hotel for dogs Palace pour chiens /
8	1	8	18122	af	Keeping Faith : a novel /
7	1	7	625279	dvd	Then she found me Mère sur prise /
7	1	7	606687	af	Night pleasures ; Night embrace /