

Rural Library Corner

Podcast Script for Aug 26th

Introduction

- Hello and welcome to the Rural Library Corner's Podcast. I am your host Maureen Penn, Library Director for Lac La Biche County Libraries.
- Rural Library Corner highlights Lac La Biche County Libraries' programs, initiatives, new releases and features interviews with local community members and groups. Even online "our libraries are your place to be".
- In this episode, we will showcase our preschool programs, our new website and talk about two new e-resources which people can access from home with this library membership.

Music - Adding the Sun

Services & Initiatives

- **Our New Website** is now up and running! This is a one stop shop where you can find program information, apply for a free library card, check out our services, see what the staff are reading, access provincial and local e-Resources, see our upcoming Plan of Service, search TRACPac (online catalogue) and even subscribe to our events calendar. The website llbcl.ca also has links to various online registration forms, the weekly newsletter and showcases our podcast entitled Rural Library Corner. We will be releasing a video on our YouTube channel to help our members navigate the site.
- **Brainfuse** can be accessed with your free library card. Students from kindergarten up to grade 12 can receive learning support including live tutoring sessions. There is also support for university courses, adult learners, and resume writing. One can even create customized study aids.
- **Creativebug** is an educational video resource that focuses on arts & crafts. The videos are produced by artists and creative experts who have a lifetime of practice and proven teaching techniques. One new class is added each week and all classes come with downloadable patterns, templates, and recipes.

Music - Mana Two Part 2

Program Highlights

A poster for an "Alice in Wonderland Escape Room" event. The top features a decorative border of red roses. The title "Alice in Wonderland Escape Room" is written in a large, black, gothic-style font. Below the title, the text "Stuart MacPherson Public Library" is in red. Further down, it says "Team registration is required. Please call 780-623-7467 to book your start time. For ages 10 and up." The event dates and times are listed in red: "Thurs, Sept. 24th 4 - 8pm" and "Fri, Sept. 25th 11 - 6pm", separated by an ampersand. On either side of the text are illustrations of the White Rabbit from Alice in Wonderland, holding a scroll and a pocket watch.

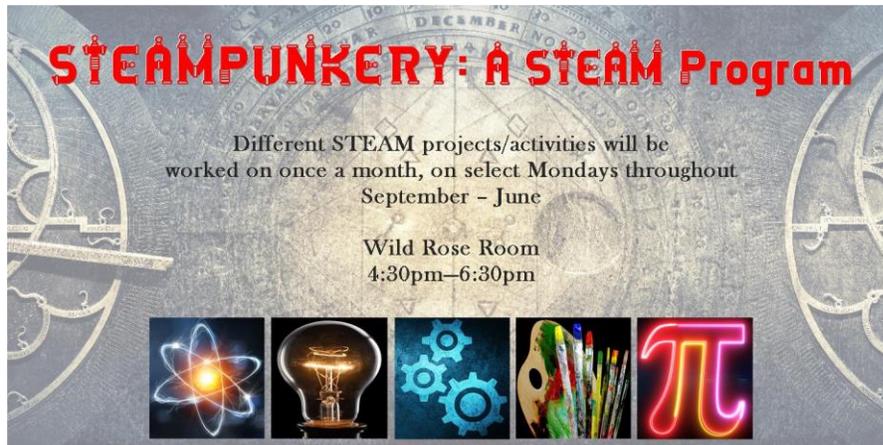
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- **Alice in Wonderland Escape Room** will be held on Thursday, September 24th from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm & Friday, September 25th from 11:00-6:00pm at the Stuart MacPherson Public Library. This will be our 5th Escape Room and teams must register in advance by completing the online form - <https://short.libcl.ca/EscapeRoom>. Knowledge of "Alice in Wonderland" is not required! This event is free and for ages 10 and up.

A poster for "STEAMPUNKERY: A STEAM Program". The background is a collage of steampunk-themed images including gears, a clock face, and a pocket watch. The title "STEAMPUNKERY: A STEAM Program" is in large, red, block letters. Below the title, the text reads: "Different STEAM projects/activities will be worked on once a month, on select Mondays throughout September - June". The location and time are listed as "Wild Rose Room 4:30pm-6:30pm". At the bottom, there are five small icons representing different STEAM fields: a glowing atom, a lit lightbulb, interlocking gears, a paint palette with brushes, and the Greek letter pi (π) in a glowing font.

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Wild Rose Room
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- **STEAMPUNKERY: A STEAM Program** will be held monthly on select Monday evenings starting on September 14th at 4:30. Join us at the main branch in the Wild Rose Room to create your every own lava lamp. If you are unable to make it that evening and wish to build it at home, we will have kits plus an instructional video uploaded to our Youtube channel prior to the event.

- **Preschool Programs**

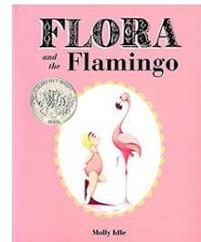
All preschool programs, including our partner ones, will not resume until the new year. In the meantime, our Children's Programmer will take the lead in creating videos to accompany these programs so parents can follow along at home once they do resume. In October, we will add to our Right at Home program offerings which are posted weekly on our YouTube channel with a notification on social media.

Music - Aquarium

New Additions

- **Flora and the Flamingo** by Molly Idle

In this wordless picture book, Flora and her graceful flamingo friend explore the trials and joys of friendship through an elaborate synchronized dance. The book is filled with humour, as well as a twist, a turn, and even a flop as these unlikely friends learn how to dance together in perfect harmony.



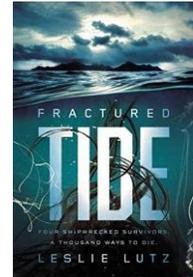
- **The Year We Fall from Space** by Amy King

Liberty Johansen is going to change the way we look at the night sky. Most people see the old constellations, the things they have been told to see. But Liberty sees new patterns, pictures, and possibilities but she is an exception. Liberty feels like her whole world is falling from space. Can she map a new life for herself and her family before they spin too far out of reach?



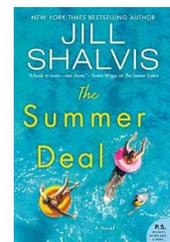
- **Fractured Tide** by Leslie Lutz

Sia practically grew up in the water scuba diving, and wreck dives are run of the mill. Take the tourists out then explore and uncover the secrets locked in the sunken craft. But this time ... the dive goes terribly wrong. When Sia reunites with a handful of survivors, she sees it as the first sign of light. But even the island they are on isn't what it seems.



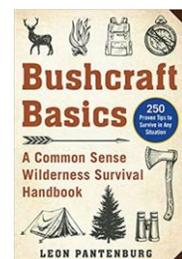
- **The Summer Deal** by Jill Shalvis

Brynn Turner desperately wishes she had it together, but her personal life is like a ping-pong match that has left her scared and hurt after so many attempts to get it right. In search of a place to lick her wounds and get a fresh start, she heads back home where she could have real connections, possibly love, and a future—if she can only learn to let go of the past.



- **Bushcraft Basics** by Leon Pantenburg

This book delivers practical tips and anecdotes for readers who are looking to improve their outdoor skills and prepare for every potential disaster. Drawing from his personal experience as an avid outdoorsman and years as a journalist, the author lays out easy-to-follow steps to prepare for both short and long-term survival situations.



Music – Midnight Tale

Local Community Information

- Welcome to David Schultz who is here to talk about the Lac La Biche District and Chamber of Commerce and an exciting new program that will encourage people to shop locally.
- Interview with David Schultz (a few points will be highlighted in these notes)

Questions:

1. What is your role with Lac La Biche District and Chamber of Commerce?

Serve as a Director on the Board and team lead for the County Dollar program.

2. What is the County Dollars program?

A program to provide an incentive to shop locally. It is like a gift certificate that can be used at participating local businesses.

3. How does the program work?

Lac La Biche District and Chamber of Commerce is contacting businesses regarding this program in Lac La Biche County. This card can be used as bonus, prizes and they come in \$25 denominations.

4. What are the benefits for the retailer and the community?

Benefits both the shopper and business. The business giving the certificate know that the money will be spent locally, win for the customer because they received this gift/bonus and a win for the community because the money circulates in our own area.

5. What are the response expectations?

Lac La Biche District and Chamber of Commerce has been contacting businesses about this program and when businesses receive a certificate, they in turn take it the Chamber office to be reimbursed. This program is not just limited to business in fact all organizations can buy these County Dollars at the Lac La Biche District and Chamber of Commerce office and give them to volunteers or employees. In fact, individuals can purchase them to give to family members for birthdays, anniversaries etc.

6. When do you expect this program to start?

No specific date has been set yet, but they are looking at the beginning of September.

7. How can people find out more about this program?

Visit the Lac La Biche District and Chamber of Commerce website - llbchamber.ca.

8. Where will the County dollars be available for sale?

At the start the County Dollars will only be for sale at the Lac La Biche District and Chamber of Commerce office.

9. What are the benefits of joining the Lac La Biche District and Chamber of Commerce?

A group of businesses that add their voices together to make changes, promotion of local businesses, provides access to shared discounts and programs. This organization can advocate as a group and this was effective when they requested that the Alberta Government make policy changes in relation to hotels and the tourism industry.

- David Schultz highlighted his Window Washing Warriors business which provide services to business and residents alike. He loves to promote other local businesses and his hometown.

Wrap Up

- Thank you for joining me today and if you wish to review the notes for today's podcast or get more information about Lac La Biche County Libraries visit our website – llbcl.ca.
- In our next episode, I will highlight some of our programs, talk about future outreach plans and talk about two e-resources which people can access from home with their library card.
- We encourage you to subscribe and share our monthly podcast with others.
- Until next time... I am Maureen Penn for Lac La Biche County Libraries "our libraries your place to be."

Music - Fuzzball Parade

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