

## Rural Library Corner

Podcast Script for Nov 28<sup>th</sup>

### 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, I will highlight some of our programs, talk about an exciting outreach program, interview Donna Webster, Executive Director from Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Center and focus on two e-resources which people can access from home with their library card.

*Music - Adding the Sun*

### Services & Initiatives



- **Freeding** allows Library Members to download eBooks straight to their PC, iOS and Android devices. The Freeding eBook collection includes most genres, with a focus on general non-fiction (travel, crafts, cooking) and has 50,000 titles always available for checkout.



- **Freegal** is a great resource that allows Lac La Biche County Library Members to download 3 songs a week plus stream 5 hours of music per day straight to their PC, iOS and Android devices.

- With our Pop-Up Libraries service on hold due to COVID19... the Lac La Biche County Libraries are proud to announce a family literacy opportunity for residents of Beaver Lake Cree Nation, Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement, Heart Lake First Nation and Kikino Métis Settlement. We will be distributing free **Family Literacy & Activity Packages** to each community to hand out before Christmas. This package will include: child, teen, & adult coloring pages, a children's book, a chapter book, a young adult book, a book geared for adults, a family craft with supplies, and a gift card. Once the packages have been dropped off to the community arrangements can be made for pick up at your communities designated location.

*Music - Mana Two Part 2*

### Program Highlights



- **Library Con** Do you like science fiction, fantasy, steampunk, comics, gaming, or anime? Then come join us at our Annual Library Con on January 9th from 11-3:30pm.

This is a pop culture convention so... don your cape, grab your mask, jump in your TARDIS and join us at the Stuart MacPherson Public Library where we will have activities for all ages including a costume contest.

The theme this year is Disney.



# Musical Instrument Lending Library

Lac La Biche County Libraries



Funding provided by:



- During Library Con event we will also be unveiling our Musical Instrument Lending Library. This collection provides library members an opportunity to borrow a variety of instruments at no cost. The Musical Instrument Lending Library is made possible with funding from the Kimberley Foundation.

## STEAMPUNKERY:

### A STEAM Program

#### Chocolate Class



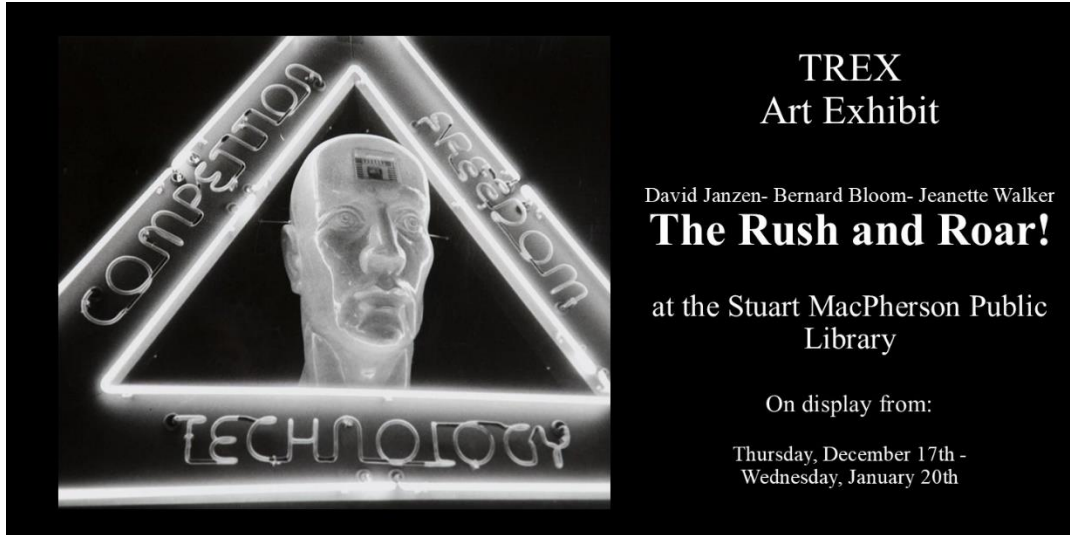
Stuart MacPherson Public Library

Wild Rose Room  
December 14, 2020  
4:30pm—6:30pm



### STEAMPUNKERY: A STEAM Program

will be held on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Join us at the main branch in the Wild Rose Room to create tasty treats at our annual chocolate making class. Space is limited so call the library at 780-623-7467 to reserve your family/cohort table.



- **TREX Art Exhibit - The Rush and Roar**

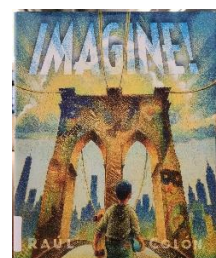
The Rush and Roar! opens a window on the past in order to comprehend and give context to current events and trends. Inspired by the 1920s, often described as the Roaring Twenties, this exhibition utilizes the visual arts to explore some of the political, economic, technological and social/cultural changes which occurred in western Euro-North American societies during the 1920s and continue to have ramifications into the twenty-first century. The travelling exhibition The Rush and Roar! presents art works from the collection of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts which, made throughout the century since the Roaring Twenties, demonstrate the import of societal changes during that period and provide context for the rush and roar of the present age. <https://www.youraga.ca/exhibitions/rush-and-roar>

*Music - Aquarium*

## **New Additions**

- **Imagine by Raul Colon**

After passing a city museum many times, a boy finally decides to go in. He passes wall after wall of artwork until he sees a painting that makes him stop and ponder. Before long the painting comes to life and an afternoon of adventure and discovery unfolds, changing how he sees the world ever after.



- **King and the Dragon Flies** by Kacen Callender

It would be easier if King could talk with his best friend, Sandy Sanders. But just days before he died, Khalid told King to end their friendship, after overhearing a secret about Sandy- that he thinks he might be gay. "You don't want anyone to think you're gay too, do you?" But when Sandy goes missing, sparking a town-wide search, and King finds his former best friend hiding in a tent in his backyard, he agrees to help Sandy escape from his abusive father, and the two begin an adventure as they build their own private paradise down by the bayou and among the dragonflies. As King's friendship with Sandy is reignited, he's forced to confront questions about himself and the reality of his brother's death.



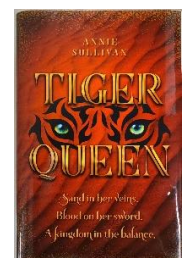
- **On the Side of Angels** by Jose Kusugak

Jose Kusugak had a typical Arctic childhood, growing up playing games, enjoying food caught by hunters, and watching his mother preparing skins. But he was one of the first generation of Inuit children who were taken from their homes and sent to live in residential schools. In this moving and candid memoir, Jose tells of his experiences at residential school and the lifelong effects it had on him.



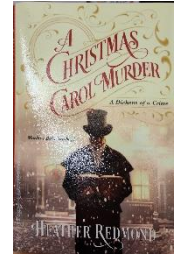
- **Tiger Queen** by Annie Sullivan

Kateri, an arrogant warrior princess, has to fight in the arena against her suitors to win her right to rule, and she is desperate to prove to her father that she is strong enough to take over his throne and rule the kingdom. But when she finds out her final opponent, she knows she cannot win. Kateri flees to the desert to train under the enemy she hates the most and the only one who might be able to give her a shot at winning. But what Kateri discovers in the desert twists her world—and her heart—upside down.



- **A Christmas Carol Murder** by Heather Redmond

London, December 1835: Charles and Kate are out with friends and family for a chilly night of caroling and good cheer. But their blood truly runs cold when their singing is interrupted by a body plummeting from an upper window of a house. They soon learn the dead man at their feet, his neck strangely wrapped in chains, is Jacob Harley, the business partner of the resident of the house, an unpleasant codger who owns a counting house, one Emmanuel Screws. Ever the journalist, Charles dedicates himself to discovering who's behind the diabolical defenestration. But before he can investigate further, Harley's corpse is stolen.



*Music – Midnight Tale*

### **Local Community Information**

- Welcome to Donna Webster, Executive Director of the Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Center.
- Interview with Donna Webster (a few points will be highlighted in these notes)

### **Questions:**

1. What does your role with the LLB Canadian Native Friendship Center entail?

Oversees operations, programs and services that the LLB Canadian Native Friendship Center has developed. Human resources and records management are part of her daily duties. This organization is run by a volunteer Board that are connected to their community.

2. What does your organization offer?

Friendship Centers have existed in Canada for the last 50 years with 21 one in Alberta. Centers have involved in these communities to deliver unique programs based on the needs.

Local programs and services include:

- Access to Internet, faxing services and printing
- Looking for someone to talk to
- Culturally specific programs
- Family support program which addresses all the needs of people coming into the center

- Waskaysoo Community Food Bank
- New program Kookum's Kitchen will help families learn how to traditionally preserve and stock away food supplies
- Elder's Support programming provides groceries and prescription delivery to seniors plus support on how to connect with friendly and friends via virtual means
- Indigenous Learners Supports works with adult learners in the Community and help them connect with opportunities for post secondary or certificate training
- The monthly preschool program Let's Play Metewetan presented in partnership with FSCC Young Family Connections and Lac La Biche County Libraries is scheduled to resume in the new year
- Indigenous Youth Services Program provides after school activities for ages 10-18 years old
- Partnering with JA Williams High School to mentor students to ensure their success
- New program the Lac La Biche Center is called Indigenous Parenting which brings together activities for parents to be introduced to Indigenous traditional practices of parenting
- There are three social workers onsite available for those who need additional emotional support
- Indigenous Spirit Creation hosts two tee-pee camping sites at Sir Winston Churchill Park and co-host with Hideaway Adventure Grounds four Métis comfort camping sites
- Their retail store sells products that have been designed, developed and owned by Indigenous artisans and companies both locally and throughout the province

3. How do you know you are reaching your target audience and goals?

- Seeing the number of participants accessing their programs and coming back regularly clearly shows that they are meeting community needs

4. What events are currently running?

- Indigenous Parenting starts in November and will be held on Tuesdays from 4-6:30pm and Thursdays from 1-3:30pm
- Youth Programs run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4-8pm

5. Are your services and programs open to all?

Everyone is welcome to attend the programs and services at the center.

6. Where are you located?

10105 Churchill Drive, Lac La Biche three building down from the Royal Canadian Legion

7. How can people contact the LLB Canadian Native Friendship Center?

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-4pm

Phone: (780) 623-3249

Email: [communications@llb-cnfc.com](mailto:communications@llb-cnfc.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/llbcnfc>

8. Is there anything else you wish to add?

Look forward to working with all their partners and new opportunities.

### **Wrap Up**

- I am glad you could join 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 preschool partner programs, interview Chasity Desjarlais from the KMS Family Resource Network and focus on 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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