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Booker's Buzz

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Book Sale - March 3 & 4

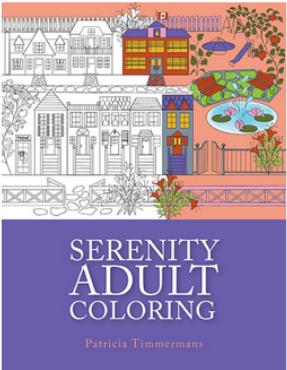
Mark your calendars as the library is hosting another big book sale! We will have a great selection of books for all ages! Doors open on Friday, March 3 at 12:00pm and run that day until 7:00pm.

Can't make it on Friday? Don't worry! We will be back selling great books on Saturday, March 4 from 10:00am-5:00pm. Hope to see you there!



Artist Visit - March 11

Love colouring? Join us on March 11 from 1-3 for a visit with local artist Patricia Timmermans! She will be selling and signing her colouring book, *Serenity Adult Coloring*. 20% of each copy sold will go to the non-profit organization, Dogs with Wings, who provides seeing eye dogs to those in need.



Hard Cover: \$25.00 Soft Cover: \$15.00
 Cash or cheque accepted.


Food For Fines is back! - March 1-31

The Strathmore Municipal Library recognizes that the need for support in our community has increased in these tough economic times; therefore, we are pleased to announce the return of our popular Food for Fines program. Here is your chance to clear off those nasty overdue fines and help families in need.

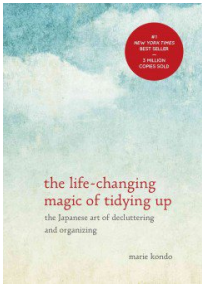
From now until March 31, for every non-perishable food item you bring to the library, we will waive \$2.00 of overdue fines. Please note that Food for Fines may only be used for overdue fines and cannot be used for lost items, service fees, or credit toward future overdue fines. As the Wheatland County Food Bank accepts several non-food items, we will also accept items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and kleenex as part of our Food for Fines campaign. Don't have fines? Donate anyway! Help us reach our goal of 1000 items.



Director's Corner - Alexis McKenzie

 March will officially mark the coming of spring, and with it, spring cleaning! Enough time has passed that perhaps your New Year's resolutions have lapsed (like mine have), but a fresh start would still feel great. De-cluttering to the rescue! And I've got just the books to help you out:

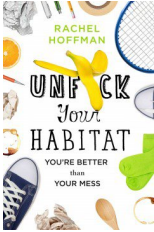
“The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up” by Marie Kondo has been translated into over 20 languages and is an international bestseller. Why? Because it works. Even my mom (a self-proclaimed “saver”) found that this book helped her to create some space in the cluttered corners of her home. Kondo’s book tells the reader how to part with gifts, guilt, and more! Definitely worth getting on the wait-list for this still very popular book.



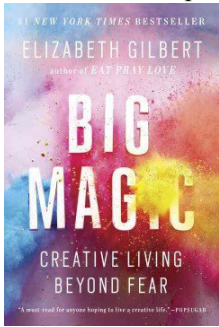
If you’ve already de-cluttered and you just need to do spring cleaning, check out the new book “Unf*ck Your Habitat: You’re Better than Your Mess” by Rachel Hoffman. This book

started as a Tumblr, then a website, then an app – and now, due to popular demand, the book! The tagline is: “Terrifying motivation for lazy people with messy homes.” All I can say is that it works and that without it, I would never remember to clean the tops of my baseboard heaters.

Are you looking to step into the shoes of someone that has already been through the cleaning and culling process? I recently finished reading “Everything that Remains” by Joshua Fields Millburn, one of the writers of the popular blog www.theminimalists.com. On their website, Millburn and Ryan Nicodemus write about their transition from consumerist corporate drones to free-spirited minimalists. They’re full of tips and tricks, like how in a minimalist’s closet, everything is their favourite piece of clothing. There is no room in their lives for the unloved item. The book “Everything that Remains” focuses more on Millburn’s personal journey, but is definitely inspiring if you’re keen to keep your items from owning your life.



Not into the minimalist craze and your house is already clean? Focus on developing your creativity this month. Our workshops and programs at the library can give you some hands-on instruction: last month we did multiple Crafternoons and also a terrarium-building workshop. This month, we’re hosting a book-folding workshop or you can pick up the book “Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear” by Elizabeth Gilbert (who wrote “Eat, Pray, Love”). This book will help you tap into your muse and remove the fear that keeps you from acting on your creative thoughts. It has been called both “inspiring” and “liberating” and is recommended for anyone who believes there may be more to themselves that they’d like to discover.



Happy exploring, this March! I hope these books help you create space in your life for whatever makes you happy.

Choose Your Own Winter Escape - Karla Mallach



The reality is this: Alberta winters are long. While some have a deeper affinity for snowmen, windshield scraping and sub-zero temperatures than others, we can all agree that sometimes a diversion or excursion becomes necessary for us to keep on keepin’ on. So, welcome to Choose Your Own Winter Escape—where adventure awaits without leaving the comfort of your home! Here are a few engrossing literary landscapes and settings to get you started on your journey. Prepare to be transported into inviting places and engaging perspectives.

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You settle more closely into the deep, plush armchair—perfectly suited for comfort, but not cozy enough that you doze off. A demure flame flickers in the fireplace beside you and the rattle of branches on the window is the only indication of the frigid outdoor temperatures. On a table to your left sit three identically wrapped novels, each with a single word, cleanly scrawled, upon brown, indistinct paper packaging. Package A reads “Mystery” in bold capitals, while Package B displays a flawless, cursive “Timeless” along it’s spine. Package C simply states “Purpose” in small, neat script. Pick the novel that appeals to you most and proceed to the corresponding letter below.



A. The novel beneath the paper wrapping is *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón, a haunting and immersing story that follows an antiquarian book dealer’s son through the streets of Barcelona, as he is pulled into the mystery and madness surrounding a rare book. The author distinctly uses the strange and shadowy world of Barcelona to draw you into the narrative, and fascinate you from start to finish. B. Set in an undefined time, which makes for all sorts of imaginative world building, *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman is the escape beneath Package B. The novel of the much-beloved movie classic is a timeless adventure that plays with fairy tale convention and satire, drawing you in to a world that is as inviting and charming as it is exciting and intense.

C. While this is a different take on ‘escape’, *A Dog’s Purpose* really does transport you to a different world and perspective. It literally immerses you into a dog’s mind and allows you to explore our world in a brand new way. An insightful and heartwarming escape into the world through a dog’s eyes, this narrative cleverly commentates on our own humanity and search for purpose, while highlighting the beautiful bonds of canine companionship.

Edible Book Contest returns April 1

Do you love books? And food? And prizes?

Entries will be accepted from 5pm on March 31 to 12:00pm on April 1.



If you've answered "yes" to any of these questions, you'll want to participate in our third annual Edible Book Day Contest! We are challenging you to create the coolest edible book creation and join us for this fun and tasty competition!

The International Edible Book Day Festival is held annually around April 1 in several countries around the world. April 1st is the birthday of French gastronome Jean-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin (1755-1826), famous for his book *Physiologie du goût*, a witty meditation on food. April fools' day is also the perfect day to eat your words and play with them as the "books" are consumed on the day of the event. This festival is a celebration of the ingestion of culture and a way to concretely share a book; it is also a deeper reflection on our attachment to food and our cultural differences.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories:

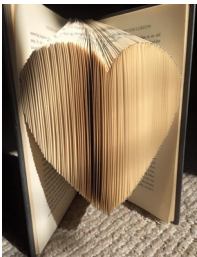
- 15 Years and Under - 1st Place Prize \$50.00 Toys "R" Us Gift Card.
- 16 Years and Over - 1st Place Prize \$50.00 Crossiron Mills Gift Card
- Family - 1st Place Prize \$50.00 Calgary Zoo.

Runner up prizes will also be awarded.

Looking for a little inspiration? Check out the Books2eat website at www.books2eat.com and select albums.

Book Folding Class Fundraiser - Tuesday, March 28

Session 1 3:30-6:00pm (beginner) 4:00-6:00pm (advanced)
Session 2 6:30-9:00pm (beginner) 7:00-9:00pm (advanced)



Back by popular demand! The library welcomes back Deb Murray of Larock Images who will be teaching beginner & advanced book folding classes.

Newcomers to book folding will create a beginner book heart (left) in a 2.5 hour class. Past participants will create an advanced inverted book heart (right) in a 2 hour class.

To reserve your spot, please register in person at the library. Open to participants 14 years and up.

Registration will run from March 1 to 5:00pm on Saturday, March 25. Limit of 20 people per session. Tickets \$40.00 each. All supplies are included!

Are you interested in helping the library fundraise by teaching a unique crafting class? Contact Alexis or Carmen by phone at 403-934-5440 or by email at asmlibmgr@marigold.ab.ca.



Today I'd like to sit and read. Forget I have a job I need. Ignore the things I have to do. And just enjoy a book or two.

