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RED DEER LIBRARY BOARD
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2016
Waskasoo-Kiwanis Meeting Room

AGENDA

Welcome & Chair's Remarks

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Approval of Consent Agenda

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31. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
32. Report from the Planning & Finance Committee
 - a. Approval of Financial Statements of April 30, 2016
33. Report from the Personnel & Administration Committee
34. Friends of the Library report
35. Acceptance of the Managers' reports & Library statistics

Items for Decision

32. Planning and Finance Committee
33. Personnel and Administration Committee

Strategic Discussion and Board Development

Adjournment



RED DEER LIBRARY BOARD
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2016
Timberlands Branch

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Tanya Handley, Lionel Lustgarten, Colleen Nederlof, Jim Taylor, Mark Waters, Verda Lee Gilchrist, Vanessa Gilbertson, Sylvia Bolkowy and Christina Wilson (CEO)

Regrets: Jackie Ammeter, Anita Thomas

Welcome & Chair's Remarks

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

There were no conflicts of interest to declare

MOTION: To accept the consent agenda as presented
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Question regarding the increased circulation of the Other Languages collection for adults and decrease in children's from 2015 to 2016. Christina explained that two years ago the Red Deer Public Library received a \$5000 Fund Adjustment Request from the City of Red Deer that was used to fund the expansion of the Other Languages collection for adults and teens and thus the increase is a reflection of the larger collection available to adults.

Question regarding the decrease in the number of adult and youth programs offered at the Downtown Branch in 2016 in comparison to 2015 whilst at the same time, those programs that are offered have seen an increase in attendance. Reason for decrease in number of programs offered at Downtown Branch is due to staffing limitations but the programs that are offered are the most successful ones and the increased attendance is a reflection of that. In addition, the Timberlands Branch has seen an increase from 2015 because they only started offering adult programs this year. The Dawe Branch is most successful in terms of programming due to their

innovative outreach programs and the fact that they are attached to a community centre. The Adult Literacy Program offered at Dawe also helps to increase awareness of the other programs offered and many of the participants take part in the other programs as well.

Items for Decision

26. Planning and Finance Committee

Upcoming budget and directions: Christina has met with the Community Service Staff, City of Red Deer regarding the Agency letter which explains the guidelines for developing the operating and capital budgets, instructing agencies to keep within or under a 3% increase. Reason for restrictions is due to the economy and to allow the City to budget for a tax increase of 1.5%. Items that will have a significant effect on the operating budget include accommodating the CUPE agreement, staffing the Timberlands Branch and staffing the Information Technology department. In addition, some assistance in regards to Human Resources support is needed and we have been researching the costs of hiring a consultant to deal with legacy Human Resources issues. Cost of Human Resources Consulting will be between \$25,000 and \$40,000.

The Budget is due to the City on June 9, 2016 and Sylvia and Christina will meet with the City to discuss first and then present the budget to the Board for approval. The budget will be submitted along with the Plan of Service to demonstrate that our budget is achieving the goals of our plan. The Agency Letter outlines a change in the way that all department and agency budgets are presented to City Council. In the past, budget requests from the library would be sent straight to City Council at a public meeting. Now the requests will be included in the consideration of the whole budget before it is presented to City Council. This new process will still provide City Council with a report of what is requested and what is approved (or not approved) but will not be part of the public meeting. The City will be seeking feedback from the library on how well the new process works in the future.

Question regarding differences in Interest revenue from 2015 to 2016. Decrease is due to the fact that we have less cash in the bank as well as our interest rate is now under 1% whereas it was previously around 1%.

Question regarding Computer Operations expenses that appear to be operational but are actually capital costs. Capital costs are included in Computer Operations because it is not a grant, but is an in and out transaction with no amortization in which we spend the funds and then bill the City of Red Deer. In addition, these costs are expensed through Computer Operations because it is the Information Technology department that is charged with these projects.

Marketing Support expenses are high because we received the invoice from the Children's festival. In addition, General and Admin expenses are still high due to the invoice from the auditors. The LAPP audit that is done every three years will happen next week and we have just renewed our three year contract with Café Noir.

The contract for 2016 funds is held up by the process to create a lease agreement between the City and the Library Board for the land under the fire hall portion of the Library. In order to move forward with the contract, the City of Red Deer legal department is working to resolve this long-standing issue by either providing the Downtown Branch with the title for the land or a lease agreement. Having a lease agreement or title is very important for insurance purposes and because it will enable us to apply for grants that we have previously not been qualified for.

MOTION: To approve the April 30, 2016 financial statements.
GILCHRIST/ BOLKOWY / CARRIED

27. Personnel and Administration Committee

As a result of deliberations, the Personnel and Administration Committee has decided that it is more convenient to conduct the CEO evaluation in August/September rather than June.

MOTION: That a Memorandum of Understanding be signed between the Board and the CEO to move the timing of the annual CEO evaluation from June to August/September.
LUSTGARTEN / WATERS / CARRIED

The expectation that Library Board Committee members participate in bargaining conflicts with the Code of Conduct Policy 2.10 (i.e.: the Board will refrain from direct involvement in library operations) and it is recommended that paragraphs relating to Board membership on the CUPE bargaining committee 2.3.6.1.7 and 2.3.6.2.5 be deleted.

MOTION: That the statement “contributes a committee member to the Contract Negotiating team of the Board and takes a lead role in the negotiating process” in Policy 2.3 of the Policies and Procedures Manual be deleted.
LUSTGARTEN / WATERS / CARRIED

Concerns were brought forward that the statement “recruits, selects and appoints the CEO” in Policy 2.3 does not match the practice that is currently followed. The Personnel and Administration committee would like this statement to be changed to “recruits and makes recommendations to the Library Board on the appointment of the CEO.” This will still leave room for a subcommittee if necessary, but it is the Board’s job to make the appointment not the Personnel and Administration Committee. This way policy will match practice.

MOTION: That the statement in Policy 2.3 that the P&A committee “Recruits, selects and appoints the CEO” be changed to “Recruits and makes recommendations to the Library Board on the appointment of the CEO”
GILCHRIST / GILBERTSON / CARRIED

For Information: The Personnel and Administration committee has appointed a subcommittee made up of the CEO (Christina), Deputy CEO (Cory), Board Chair (Jim) and one other Board member (Lionel) which will serve to make recommendations on the structure and format of Board policies and procedures. This will help to ensure that bylaws, policies and procedures are clearly defined and located in the proper documents.

Strategic Discussion and Board Development

A tour of the Timberlands Branch took place from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and was conducted by Candice Putnam, Manager, Timberlands Branch.

Highlights from the Alberta Library Conference:

- Vanessa's Highlights – Free membership panel discussion was most important and interesting. This may be a direction that the Red Deer Library Board would like to move toward as many other libraries are currently offering this.
- Jim's Highlights: Most interesting was the presentation on program design. Thought it might be worthwhile to bring Sarah in for a staff development day or some other event to speak to staff about program design.
- Mark's Highlights: Enjoyed the presentation about pairing high school students with senior citizens in order to teach the seniors how to use social media (Facebook and YouTube in particular). The theme of the presentation was getting the library to be a leader in the community. This may be something we would like to implement in the future.

Adjournment

Mark motioned to adjourn at 7:39

Society of the Friends of the Red Deer Public Library

June 2016 Report to the RDPL Board

Grants to the Library

The Friends approved grants totaling \$7,900 to the Library at the June meeting.

- \$1,500 for Red Deer Reads (plus \$6,000 from an earlier grant that will be re-directed to this initiative).
- \$2,000 to contribute to the costs of bringing two authors from eastern Canada for the Olson Memorial Celebration of Books.
- \$4,000 for Reading Pals at the Dawe Branch to help fund two summer students who will be assisting children with reading.
- \$400 for a Firehall Fun Factory Lego table for the downtown branch.

Readers Theater

The Friends are considering a Readers Theatre proposal from former Friends Board member Lionel Lustgarten. A member of the Board, Larissa Fulawka (a school teacher by profession), has experience with Readers Theatre and is very interested in exploring this concept and helping the Friends host a project.

Casino Application

The Friends seem to have jumped through all the hoops and expect the Casino License application to be approved in the near future. At that point, the Friends will “get on the list” for a future casino (two to three years from now).

Anita Thomas
RDPL Board Liaison to the Friends
June 14, 2016

CEO's Report, May 2016

Visit a Comfortable Space

One of our key capital projects was completed with the installation of a new telephone system, installed over the weekend of May 28 to 29, and launched on May 30. This was a large scale project, requiring weeks of careful planning by project leader, Nicole Charles, the Information Technology staff (Randy Chenoweth and Rob Bastell), the vendor, Unity Systems and Cory Stier. A model system was set up in the Snell Auditorium so that it could be fully tested and then this became the "training lab" for all Library staff who were trained in-house during the last week of May. The entire implementation team and Ben Smeets worked over the weekend to set up the system in all three branches so that it would be ready for use on Monday, May 30. Installing the new telephone system was similar to a computer system migration, containing many considerations and it was launched successfully due to the planning involved. Priority services and service areas were addressed initially and now we are learning to use the capabilities of the Library's new and improved telephone system. From the public's perspective, there are fewer telephone numbers to know to reach key services and you reach a person more quickly.

RDPL By the Numbers

Overall circulation remained positive throughout May at all 3 branches. Timberlands was closed an extra day over the long weekend (Friday, May 20), due to a scheduled power outage. Timberlands customers endured the challenges of road closures and construction for several days in May and yet the use of the collection has continued to increase over last year. It's interesting to note that the percent increase in both Dawe and Timberlands circulations closely matches their physical visits.

Worth noting is that 18% of all checkouts are done by customers using one of the four selfcheckout machines. Dawe is the clear leader, with 28% of their total circulation done by customers; Downtown's selfcheckout use (16%) has almost caught up to Timberlands (17%) as of May, 2016.

The increase in the use of the Library's collection of Daisybooks reflects public response to new titles and is also due to several initiatives spearheaded by Donna Stewart, Adult Services staff to promote the collection and also, with the help of Sue Choi, Technical Services, to improve access to the collection through a cataloguing project that makes them more accessible in Bibliocommons, the library's social catalogue. Daisybooks are a unique format that serves print disabled customers.

Staffing Changes

Nicole Charles, Manager, Information Technology accepted a position as the Assistant Director, Bruce County Library, Ontario in May. Nicole was hired as the Information Technology Librarian by Red Deer Public Library five years ago in December, 2010). RDPL was fortunate to attract Nicole into this position from her role at the University of Alberta working in interlibrary loans. Soon after starting, she began managing the IT staff and has been instrumental in the success of many major projects including installing the security system, the telephone system, upgrading technology infrastructure and planning for the Timberlands

Branch. Nicole was also a member of the Library Association of Alberta's council and was noted for her stellar work in re-developing their website. Staff had many opportunities to bid Nicole a fond farewell and we all wish her well in this challenging new role in Ontario. Cory Stier, Deputy CEO, will take on the management of the IT department in the interim. There are no plans to hire a new IT Librarian, but instead to hire an additional IT Specialist to assist with work in the Department.

Community

Congratulations to the Friends of the Library who received the Gabriele Schreiber "Friends of the Year" Award, from the Friends of Canadian Libraries (FOCAL). Named for Gabriele Schreiber, the award rewards Friends groups for their "impressive support of public libraries" and commemorates the memory of Ms. Schreiber, a former member who was a book sales representative for Penguin Books of Canada for 20 years and then S&B Books from 2005 to 2008. Sponsored by Penguin Random House Canada, the award is \$1,000.00 worth of books for the library and a plaque for the Friends. The books will be used to "pay it forward" and support the Youth Services Department's innovative "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program, it's generous gift from our Friends group and a fitting homage to the memory of Ms. Schreiber. The plaque will be displayed in the Tom Stevens Friends of the Library Book store, Downtown.

The Alberta Library (TAL)

At the May 20 TAL Executive meeting the new version of TALOnline was demonstrated. TAL staff are working to develop a low cost search engine that will be effective for the public and be sustainable by TAL and its membership. This development follows from a membership decision made at the April TAL Board meeting to move away from a third party product and develop a search strategy that TAL can support with its current resources. The federated search solution achieves the goals of being low cost, without the need for member libraries to regularly upload records to a union database and will be available soon to overlap with the current version of TALOnline.

Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC)

The spring meeting took place in Ottawa at the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) building. It was a very full agenda featuring a presentation from Dr. Guy Berthiaume, Librarian and Archivist for Canada who presented LAC's strategic plan for national library and archives services, including the challenges faced world-wide. Of note is the plan for Ottawa Public Library and LAC to collaborate on the building of a new, shared space, location to be determined, in Ottawa. Agenda items included briefs from: Canada's Heritage Minister (Call for Changes in the Digital Age), Competitive and Affordable Internet Charges and CULC's role in the Canadian Federation of Library Associations (IFLA).

Canadian Library Association (CLA) National Forum

Held in Ottawa, between the Senate and LAC, CLA held its last conference, shaped as a policy forum. As you can see from the program (left, below) and the closing session slide, RDPL support as a conference sponsor was truly appreciated. With Coquitlam Public Library, RDPL co-sponsored the Wi-Fi connection for delegates at this last CLA conference.



ON-SITE PROGRAM

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2016 CLA AWARD RECIPIENTS

Award for the Advancement of Intellectual Freedom in Canada	Richard Braddy and Gal Chodbook-Costello
CLA Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award	Alexis Schrader
CLA Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award	Rebecca Jones
CLA/OCLC Award for Innovative Technology	Edmonton Public Library Capital City Resource Edmonton Local Music
CLA/Kan Macdonald Mentorship Award	Sara Gibbs



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The National Forum program was excellent, with several thought provoking sessions on the “Our Changing Landscape”, “Library Responses to the Actions of the Truth and Reconciliation Report” and “Convergence of Archives, Museums and Libraries”. The CLA book awards were given out to Erin Bow for “The Scorpion Rules”, Kenneth Oppel for “The Nest” and Sydney Smith’s “Sidewalk Stories”. (The latter is our “Trail Tales” book at Kerrywood Nature Centre.) Keynotes were delivered by Wilton Littlechild, a wise and witty TRC commissioner from Wetaskiwin and Dr. Guy Berthiaume, who launched Canada’s National Heritage Digitization Strategy at the conference. Ottawa was exciting with lots of activities on the hill daily, including the raising of the rainbow flag and a blanket ceremony in front of the Peace Tower, complete with a drumming troupe (see below).



Library Statistics - May 2016

	MAY 2016	May 2015	% Difference	2016 YTD	2015 YTD	% Difference
CIRCULATION						
Total Circulation	72,922	66,105	10.3%	382,408	349,628	9.4%
Adult Materials	37,523	33,659	11.5%	195,463	174,934	11.7%
Paperback	1,760	1,798	-2.1%	8,770	9,383	-6.5%
Fiction	5,189	5,861	-11.5%	25,351	25,487	-0.5%
Non-Fiction	4,674	3,272	42.8%	22,984	17,152	34.0%
Large Print	1,256	1,238	1.5%	6,294	6,462	-2.6%
Teen	2,280	1,937	17.7%	13,881	13,010	6.7%
Audio-visual	17,943	15,661	14.6%	95,204	82,597	15.3%
Magazines	1,191	835	42.6%	4,872	4,192	16.2%
Other Languages	13	14	-7.1%	285	89	220.2%
Daisy CDs	129	31	316.1%	317	258	22.9%
eBooks	3,088	3,012	2.5%	17,505	16,304	7.4%
Children's Materials	15,703	16,079	-2.3%	89,082	92,199	-2.9%
Paperback	1,446	1,731	-16.5%	7,443	7,818	-4.8%
Non-Fiction	1,555	1,752	-11.2%	8,007	8,784	-8.8%
Other Languages	207	226	-8.4%	1,533	1,766	-13.2%
Fiction	1,363	1,208	12.8%	6,620	6,806	-2.7%
Easy	6,173	6,943	-11.1%	32,304	35,598	-9.3%
Audio-visual	3,507	2,993	17.2%	27,047	26,384	2.5%
Magazines + Comics	492	497	-1.0%	2,542	2,186	16.3%
eBooks	960	729	31.7%	3,586	2,857	25.5%
Timberlands Circ	6,657	4,927	35.1%	34,648	23,272	48.9%
Dawe Circulation	13,039	11,440	14.0%	63,215	59,223	6.7%
Visits-Timberlands	4,999	4,116	21.5%	25,819	20,876	23.7%
Downtown	27,040	19,535	38.4%	125,853	88,651	42.0%
Dawe	14,776	14,387	2.7%	67,422	64,018	5.3%
Website Visits	59,526	43,625	36.4%	353,610	192,175	84.0%
Total Visits	101,342	77,547	30.7%	546,885	344,844	61.6%
Interlibrary Loans						
ILL In	414	323	28.2%	2,014	1,643	22.6%
ILL Out	213	174	22.4%	1,251	1,062	17.8%
Total	627	497	26.2%	3,265	2,705	14.7%
New Memberships	708	704	0.6%	3,379	3,662	-7.7%
Renewals	227	283	-19.8%	886	1,013	-12.5%
Total	935	987	-5.3%	4,265	4,675	-11.7%

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REFERENCE						
Adult Total	6,541	6,241	4.8%	33,477	27,964	19.7%
Juv Total	1,563	1,560	0.2%	9,072	8,387	8.2%
Timberlands Total	465	661	-29.7%	3,417	2,631	29.9%
Dawe Total	1,220	1,439	-15.2%	5,216	5,390	-3.2%
Total Ref						
Questions	9,789	9,901	-1.1%	51,182	44,372	15.3%
Database Queries	1,825	1,398	30.5%	9,112	12,377	-26.4%
Total Questions	11,614	11,299	2.8%	60,294	56,749	9.3%
PROGRAMS						
Adult Programs	16	19		63	91	
Attendance	219	247		1,236	1,083	
Youth Programs	46	58		230	261	
Attendance	1,294	1,919		6,296	6,597	
TL Programs	106	90	0	506	421	
Dawe Programs *	81	75		458	340	
Attendance	1,863	1,726		9,075	7,451	
TL Attendance	1,936	1,632		10,403	8,600	
Library Programs	249	242	2.9%	1,257	1,113	12.9%
Attendance	5,312	5,524	-3.8%	27,010	23,731	13.8%
VOLUNTEER HOURS						
Friends	42	34		261	319	
Library *	844	687		4,137	3,329	
Library Board	97	81		293	285	
Total	983	802	22.6%	4,691	3,933	19.3%
PUBLIC INTERNET						
Timberlands	310	275		1,591	1,368	
Adult Sessions	2,935	2,659		14,182	13,074	
Youth Sessions	506	217		1,827	1,098	
Dawe Sessions	1,143	1,073		5,608	5,746	
Total Sessions	4,894	4,224	15.9%	23,208	21,286	9.0%
* Includes						
Adult Literacy						
Stats						
Tutors	186	99	87.9%			
Hours	788	633	24.5%	3,545	3,040	16.6%
Students	294	130	126.2%			
Hours	805	616	30.7%	3,472	2,794	24.3%

Red Deer Public Library Managers Reports, May, 2016

A. Learning and Literacy

- Member Services (MS) held a staff meeting, focusing on self-directed training options and how best to move the department forward, keeping the organization's Plan of Service in mind. Amazing ideas and a commitment to excellence was evident with the participation of the staff. MS has already begun planning for training within the department as well as bringing some great ideas about the growth of our department to fruition.
- Holly Poskus and Laura McLaren are our 2016 Summer Reading Coordinators. This year our Summer Reading Club is largely online with the acquisition of the Bibliocommons Kids Summer Site. Children and families will be able to register online with or without a library card and track their reading, make their own reading goals, create an avatar, create lists and quizzes and earn badges. It's the gamification of summer reading since children are growing up tech savvy and online games hold appeal. We are also promoting intrinsic rather than extrinsic motivation to get children reading for their own satisfaction and sense of accomplishment, rather than for little plastic prizes. We will be offering books as prizes for registering online, and children will also earn online badges for attending programs at all three branches.
- Adult Literacy held a tutor training session on May 24, facilitated by Carol Smyth on teaching vocabulary and it was attended by 13 tutors.
- Alberta Advanced Education reviewed the Adult Literacy grant application for July 2016-June 2017 and it was approved.
- MS staff completed training on the new phone system with much thanks to the Information Technology (IT) Services Department. The new system is working very well and MS staff are doing a great job!
- Claire Brown, who has been part of the Member Services Department for 8 years, accepted a new position as Timberlands Branch Assistant. She already has lots of exciting programming ideas that will be implemented in the months and years to come, including many ideas for engaging adult audiences at the branch.

B. Access and Inclusion

- As of June 1, 2016, children and teen memberships will not expire until their 18th birthday. This change in procedure is a significant step forward for the Red Deer Public Library to reduce barriers to children, teens and their families. Thanks to Kareena, Manager, Member Services, who moved this forward in time for the June 1 launch of the Children's and Teen Online Summer Reading Club, to Janet Pierce, Promotions Assistant, for a quick and clean re-working of the registration form, and to Cory, Deputy CEO, for his support and for quickly putting it up on the RDPL website.
- The annual Human Library was held at the Dawe Branch as a part of the Knights in Training (formerly "Grow Boys") event for Grade 5 boys from Red Deer and area. 18 Living Books were read by roughly 100 boys and, as always, it was very moving and gratifying experience for both Living Books and Human Library readers.
- Amy Desjarlais, Manager, Teen Services, hosted a "Technoliteracy and Technology at the Library" presentation to approximately 100 boys as part of the annual Knights in Training event at the Dawe branch. Ben Smeets offered the boys a "tech toy play-time"

session as part of the presentation, giving the boys an opportunity to have some hands-on fun with RDPL's growing collection of tech toys.



C. Community

- Lois Prostebby, Adult Literacy Manager, met with Duane Moleni the new Local Immigration Partnership Coordinator to share what each of us do.
- Lois attended the Settlement Services Network meeting hosted by Catholic Social Services. Terms of Reference were discussed regarding the purpose of this working group.
- Tatiana Tilly, Manager, Dawe Branch, Candice Putnam, Manager, Timberlands Branch, Amy, and Janet represented the library and promoted the health literacy programs and collections at the City of Red Deer's Wellness, Safety & Security Day 2016.
- Amy presented Teen Summer Reading Club information sessions to students grades six through twelve, at St. Francis and St. Thomas Middle Schools and Notre Dame High School over the month of March.
- On Wednesday, May 25, Briana Ehnes, Manager, Adult Services, co-hosted Red Deer's first Cookbook Book Club. This is a partnership between the Red Deer Public Library and The Cooking Room, and allows customers to register (and pay) for an entire evening of conversation, cooking tutorials, and tasting (and wine!), all centered around a particular cookbook. May was focused on Julia Child, and the class sold out with over 24 people in attendance. More Cookbook Book Club classes will be offered this fall, with registration opening in late summer (www.thecookingroom.com). It is hoped that getting out into the community for a program like this will allow us to showcase our fabulous cookbook collection, and encourage new customers to come use the library.
- On Saturday, May 28, Briana and Donna Stewart, Library Assistant, Adult Services, attended the Farmer's Market. We brought with us new LINQ program guides, the Red

Deer Reads ballot box (as it was the last weekend to vote), and information about other RDPL programs and services. We gave away RDPL bags and pens, and talked with over 20 people that morning. The market provides the library with a fantastic opportunity to be visible in the community and connect with people in the city, and in the future we should strive to be there on a more regular basis. It would be amazing to be able to sign people up for cards on the spot, and would really increase the number of interactions we have with people throughout the morning (and the number of people who come visit the library - either in person, or virtually).

D. Relationships

- Tatiana finalized the details of the partnership with Alberta Health Services in regards to housing PLAY backpacks at all three branches. The signage is being created right now and the PLAY backpacks will be promoting physical literacy to Red Deer families.
- Amy is now a member of the Red Deer RCMP's High Risk Youth Coalition and had the opportunity to speak to a group of Community Policing Officers and youth support workers from local shelters and group homes about RDPL's programs and services for teens, at the May meeting.
- Amy collaborated with the Red Deer Youth Justice Committee to provide opportunities for two teens to complete community service hours and learn about RDPL's programs and services as part of a program aimed at reconnecting high-risk youth with their community.
- Lucinda Sheardown, Dawe Branch Assistant, piloted Yoga Families Saturday program at the Dawe Branch in partnership with Alberta Health Services. The participants not only had a great yoga session infused with stories but also learned how to make healthy snacks.



- Plans continue to move forward with the shared Digital Learning Lab between RDPL's Timberlands Branch and Ecole Barrie Wilson School. After ordering and experimenting with sample tech toys, the school has decided to use their designated funds to purchase Lego Wedo Kits and Dot & Dash Robots. These tech toys will be housed in the Timberlands Library and will be accessible to EBWS staff and students as well as RDPL staff and customers. Additional Digital Learning tools and resources will be added by both parties as funds become available.

E. Fun

- This year's Red Deer Public Library presence at the Central Alberta Children's Festival included 15 staff and volunteers putting in over 100 "person hours" in the RDPL Storytelling Tent. We reached at least 800 people (children, parents, grandparents) with 15.5 hours of continuous stories, songs, and puppet shows, in addition to promoting our Summer Reading Club. This was the 10th anniversary of Red Deer's Children's Festival, and RDPL has been a proud participant and financial contributor for all of these years.



- The Teen Services Department hosted a "Community Corner" table at the Tsurucon Anime and Multimedia Convention at Festival Hall. Amy Desjarlais, Jessica Dinan, Ben Smeets and Niru Raghavan interacted with roughly 200 convention attendees, giving away over 100 graphic novels in celebration of Free Comic Book Day (May 7th) and distributing teen card registration forms and Summer Reading Club promotional materials.

F. The Arts

- Briana has been attending Alberta Culture Days committee meetings. The Red Deer Reads Kick-off event, happening on September 30, will be part of the AB Culture Days weekend, so the library is working to coordinate our event with everything else happening in Red Deer that weekend.