



Wapiti Regional Library

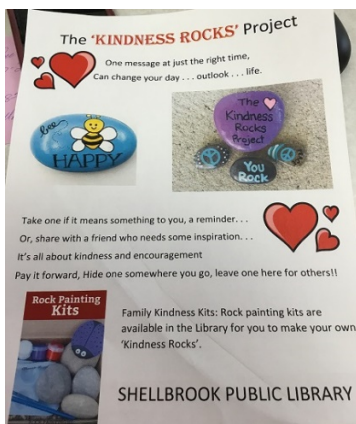
Wapiti Launches TD Summer Reading Club

After the pandemic-impacted school year, participation in Wapiti's summer reading program is even more essential for children to help prevent learning loss that can occur during the summer holiday months. Well aware of this need, Wapiti's libraries are now busy registering children for the annual TD Summer Reading Club. In conjunction, Wapiti has partnered with Young Canada Works to hire a Summer Programming Assistant who will create and publish digital content for extra summer learning fun. This will include storytimes, crafts, and science experiment videos that will be regularly posted on [Wapiti's YouTube channel](#).



Once registered for the [TD Summer Reading Club](#) kids can participate online by reading ebooks and web comics, writing jokes and stories, and viewing author/illustrator readings and workshops. Along with these online activities, kids read at home, including anything from print materials to listening to audio books. They keep track of their reading in a log given them by their local Branch Librarian upon registration. And that's where Wapiti's Reading Challenge program comes in. For every 5 items read, the child earns one entry into a draw for some super prizes. All entries are sent to Wapiti's Regional Office where the final draw will be made on August 30.

This year, Wapiti is pleased to have its program sponsored by Canadian Tire, SaskTel, United Library Services, and Whitehots, all of whom donated prizes that provide extra excitement and inspiration for our young readers. Our thanks and appreciation to these companies who value childhood literacy.



Families Spread Kindness to Neighbors

Arming patrons with rocks and paint, the Shellbrook Public Library hosted a take-and-make program that was all about spreading encouragement.

While the library provided materials, families put their creativity to work, painting rocks with messages designed to uplift. Once a rock was decorated, the family happily plotted their delivery, deciding on who they could cheer with their rock messages. Whether delivered in person or anonymously, the Kindness Rocks showed the participants the joy of giving.

The project immediately caught on and in the end, the town was sown with Kindness Rocks.

"We had 43 paint kits go out," said Branch Librarian Dian Campbell, "but many more patrons just took rocks [to decorate]. We received lots of positive comments. There were members of the community that were so happy to receive a message of hope and kindness."