



## Wapiti Regional Library

### Wapiti Libraries Offer Take-and-Make Programming



Winter Penguin Take and Make Craft kit at Nipawin Public Library.



Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest at Melfort Public Library.



Craft in a bag at Leoville Public Library.

Unable to conduct in-house programming due to COVID-related restrictions, Wapiti's branch libraries quickly adapted by offering a variety of activities designed to take place outside the library.

The White Fox Public Library provides a weekly Storytime kit that contains a book and related activity. Every Wednesday, the Leoville Public Library offers themed craft bags containing instructions and all required materials for some creative fun at home. Likewise, the Nipawin, Birch Hills, and Reid-Thompson Public Libraries regularly provide preschoolers with craft bags.

The Archerwill Public Library hosted a writing contest, and kids in Wakaw participated in their library's 12 Days of Christmas Activities hosted on Facebook. Families in Debden were challenged by the library to help a Gingerbread person 'escape' by disguising him or her as a favorite book character.

Christopher Lake, Shell Lake, and Paddockwood Public Libraries partnered with PA Regional KidsFirst to offer free Build a Bear kits containing everything needed to make a stuffed animal.

Many other Wapiti branch libraries offer similar programs that help young patrons and families enjoy library services by engaging in literary and creative activities at home. Wapiti salutes its innovative and energetic Branch Librarians who continue to dedicate themselves to the enrichment of their communities.

### Outdoor Story Stroll Celebrates SK Library Week

Celebrating Saskatchewan's Library week in late October turned to the outdoors as Shellbrook Public Library hosted a Story Stroll that took participants the length of the community's Main Street.

Over 100 children registered for the program which consisted of 11 stations along the street. Each station featured a portion of a story book about a pumpkin's adventures. Families and individuals strolled the route to enjoy the entire book.

"Our Story Stroll was an innovative and exciting way for children and adults to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time," said Branch Librarian Dian Campbell.

The Story Stroll was made possible by a grant from The Saskatchewan Library Association.

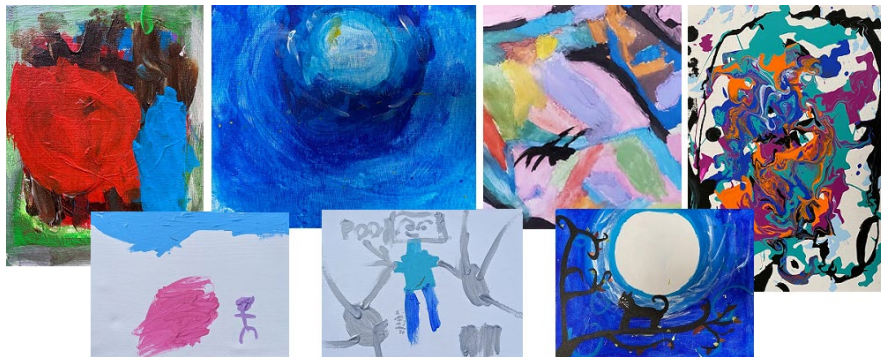


### Virtual Art Gallery Engages Community

With many libraries migrating former in-house programs to online platforms, the Marcelin Public Library was no exception, hosting a Virtual Art Gallery. In November, patrons were invited to submit images of their artwork to the library via email. Then, at the end of the month, all entries were posted on the library's Facebook page for everyone's enjoyment.

Submissions were divided into three age group categories, giving patrons the chance to exhibit their creative talents while experiencing the satisfaction of participating in a community-wide project.

"Our first Virtual Art Gallery was a success," said Program Coordinator Amanda Froese. "We received some wonderful works of art from our Kids Club participants from the ages of 1 - 10. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share!"



## Christmas Book Countdown Promotes Family Literacy



Winter holiday evenings are perfect for family reading, and that is what the Tisdale Community Library is promoting with its 12 Day Christmas Book Countdown this month. For children ages 7 and under, the program provides a bundle of 12 festively wrapped books, ready to be opened and read, one each day, for the 12 days preceding Christmas.

First, parents registered their children for the program, then, early in December, the library staff set to work selecting an assortment of books for each child's bundle. Once each book was wrapped, bundles were assembled then tied up with festive ribbon, ready for mid-month pickup by excited children who look forward to unwrapping each day's book to read with their family.

The St. Brieux and Arborfield Public Libraries went one step further by offering 24-book bundles for families to unwrap and read beginning December 1st. The finale will be discovering the final book together on Christmas Eve.

## Library's Contest Celebrates Holiday Season at a Distance



Patrons of the Leask Public Library were not left out of holiday fun this year. While pandemic conditions restricted in-house programming, the library countered with a remote Christmas Gingerbread House contest.

To begin the fun, a family member dropped into the library to pick up a take-and-make kit. At home, the family gathered to assemble and decorate their gingerbread house. Upon achieving perfection, they snapped a photo of the house, and then sent the photo to the library.

Branch Librarian Beryl Peake wrote an identifying symbol on each photo she received, and then mounted all photos on the inside of a library window. The entire community will judge the entries by pausing at the window to choose which house they think should win. To vote, they simply write the photo's identifying symbol on a piece of paper, then drop it into the library's drop box. The grand winner will be announced at the end of December.

This program was made possible by a grant from the Leask Affinity Credit Union.

[Visit our Website](#)

