



Wapiti Regional Library

Kids Celebrate Canada's Agriculture Day With Living Necklace Kits

Wanting to help her community recognize [Canada's Agriculture Day](#) on February 23, 2021, Archerwill Branch Librarian Robin Toews organized Living Necklace kits designed to give kids a hands-on introduction to the amazing world of seeds and germination.

Toews ordered free kit contents from [Agriculture in the Classroom Saskatchewan](#), then with the help of volunteer Mrs. Rose Gandzalas,

organized the contents into individual kits. Along with a lesson guide and instructions, each kit contained a cotton ball, plastic bag, string, and a seed - everything needed to create a Living Necklace from which the seed sprouted, bringing the necklace alive. To include a reading element and make the kit even more interesting, Toews added the book, *Alex's First Seed*, a story tracking the adventures of Alex the earthworm as he learns about soil and his role in helping plants grow.



Volunteer Rose Gandzalas created kits that kids then put together.

Advertising caught the attention of grades K - 4 teachers at the local school who requested 50 kits. Once word spread, staff at the daycare facility requested 10 more. Overall, the program was a successful, positive response to all the effort expended by Toews and Gandzalas on behalf of their community.

Humboldt Seniors Enjoy Stories Via Phone

Reid-Thompson Public Library

Is offering a short story
reading by phone on
Mondays at 2:00pm



This service is **FREE!**



Anyone can join, but the story is
suited to those who are 60+

In January 2021, the Reid-Thompson Public Library in Humboldt initiated a new off-site program for seniors: listening to a reading over the phone.

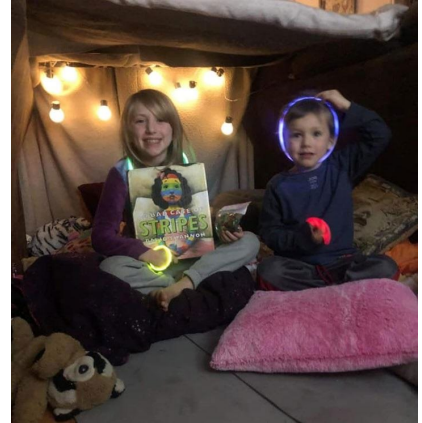
The weekly program presented a short story that could be read by a library staff member within a 30-minute period. Pre-registered patrons were given a phone number which they used to join a conference call in order to listen, and then discuss the story.

A local senior's care home joined the program so its residents could listen to the readings. It became so popular that the home has adopted the idea, following the library's lead with its own, similar program customized to meet specific group needs within the facility.

Family Fort Night Moves Home for 2021

In past years, to celebrate Family Literacy Day in January, the Melfort Public Library invited families to bring materials into the library for an evening of fort construction (blankets draped over furniture was always popular), then reading together as a family inside their private forts.

This year, the "Read Around the World" themed Family Fort Night moved home with the library providing a kit containing fort-reading essentials: glowsticks, activity sheets, a snack, and five books, two of which have their setting in foreign countries, two bedtime stories, and another just for fun. Twenty-five families picked up kits with many then sharing their activity by submitting a photo for posting on the library's Facebook page.



Outdoor Story Stroll Takes Porcupine Plain

Scott Park in Porcupine Plain has taken on a new function this season. It is now host to a story stroll that entices families to follow the path, stopping at each station along the way, reading the story as they go. Parents are encouraged to have their child read the text out loud, then discuss what happened on the pages displayed at each station. To entice and encourage family literacy, Porcupine Plain Public Library staff change the featured story every two weeks. The library's plan is to maintain the story stroll so it is available throughout 2021.



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