

# notJust BOOKS!

The Sundre Municipal Library Newsletter

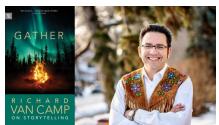
September 2022

# Author Talks @ the Library

The library is pleased to announce two author events happening at the library this month. No registration is required.

## **Richard Van Camp**

Richard is a Dogrib Tlicho writer of the Dene nation from Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Canada. He is best known for his 1996 novel The Lesser Blessed, which was adapted into a film by director Anita Doron in 2012. He is the author of 26 books.



Richard's talk on reclaiming family medicines will be based on his recent book, *Gather*. This author presentation will be virtual and held in the library living room.

## Wednesday, September 14 @ 6:30 PM

## Tim Kirby & Cindy Palin

Tim Kirby is a local author who has worked in a variety of jobs, including serving as chaplain with the Legion, in hospitals and with police/fire departments. He is the author of Last Moments: Living, Dying & Death which tells the stories of real people who lived, loved, and suffered before their death. Tim will explore his experiences with some of these people and the impact they have had on his life.



Cindy Palin is a local author, composer and musician passionate about writing for and celebrating people in her community and around the globe. She is the author of *When Gran Got Sick*, which tells the story of a child's journey through her grandmother's cancer diagnosis. This is Cindy's third children's book, her first on the topic of grief.



This talk is presented in partnership with Sundre Palliative Care.

Wednesday, September 21 @ 6:30 PM.

## Joke of the Month

What is a tree's least favorite time of year?



Answer: Sep-timber!

## \*\*NEW\*\*

#### FALL HOURS

Sundre Library will be returning to our full hours as of Sept 6.

Tuesday 9 - 5 PM

Wednesday 12 - 8 PM

Thursday 12 - 5 PM

Friday 12 - 5 PM

Saturday 11 - 3 PM



## From the Manager's Desk...

"What do you want to be when you grow up, Mom?" my young son asked me many years ago. "I want to be a librarian," was my reply, picturing a quiet peaceful existence surrounded by books. An appealing contrast to the life I was leading as a busy primary school teacher. I would never have imagined that soon after retiring from my first career an opportunity

would arise to work as the programmer and then later the manager at Sundre Library!

Dream come true? You bet! But life in the library was not what I had pictured. Gone are the days of "Shhhhh! You're in a library!" Libraries of the 21<sup>st</sup> century are bustling places. Yes, there are books - lots of them - but as those of you who hang out in our library know, there are many other types of resources as well: public computers, internet access, eResources, reference assistance, and programs - LOTS of programs - for all ages. In many ways, working at the library has proved as busy and satisfying as teaching!

However in the past months, I've come to realize it's time for me to make some life changes, including retirement. My last day will be September 16.



During my time at the library there has been lots to celebrate: our 70<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2019; a wide variety of successful children's and family programs; beautiful art exhibits and interesting author talks; craft nights; our successful Books2Eat fundraisers; the renovation of our computer area; and partnerships with many community organizations resulting in events like the Photo Scavenger Hunt, Halloween Extravaganzas, and Summer Kick-off, and programs like Books for Babies and Tech Tutoring.

Of course, there have been challenges, too. Covid restrictions and mandated closures lasting 8 months in total come to mind. And yet... we learned we are only limited by our imagination. Our creative staff came up with all kinds of innovative ways to take the library to our community, from curbside service to online programs to take home craft and wellness kits. Silver linings.

It's been a privilege to be part of a creative and dynamic team - the library staff, our volunteers, the Library Board and the Friends of the Library Society - who constantly seek ways to serve our patrons and the community at large. I am inspired by their dedication and commitment.

The library has enjoyed the support of the Town of Sundre and Mountain View County, local businesses and community groups, and donors large and small. Thank you for your belief in Sundre Library and its programs.

I leave knowing the library is in good hands. The Library Board has announced that my colleague Joy Willihnganz will be moving into the manager position. It will be exciting to see how she brings her creativity, organizational skills and collaborative spirit to her new role.

Thanks to all who have made my second career so enjoyable and satisfying!

~ Karen Tubb

# Summer Programming Wrap Up

This summer the library was able to offer a variety of summer programs for patrons of all ages, amongst them old favorites and some new offerings.

Our Summer Reading Club saw dozens of kids through the door for stories, crafts and activities to encourage literacy throughout the summer. Thank you to Sundre Forest Products for their continued sponsorship of this annual program.

Our Adult Reading Challenges provide games and activities for adults to participate in over the summer with chances to win some great prizes. Thank you to Elk & Owl for providing the gift certificate for our Grand Prize draw.

Our Storywalk® was once again up along Main Avenue West and showcased a variety of new stories thanks to a generous donation from Sundre Dental Clinic.

A new feature to our 2022 programming was Tech Tuesday afternoons which gave families the opportunity to drop in and try some different type of technologies, including Virtual Reality, Sphero Robots, Wii Games, and Minecraft. These very popular programs were made possible through the generous support of Xplornet.

Our Tech Tutoring program, which helps adults and seniors navigate challenges with their personal tech devices, was also able to continue through the summer, also thanks to the generous support of Xplornet.

Please join us in saying thank you to these businesses and organizations for their support in bringing these programs to life!







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# Programming for Kids, Teens & Adults

\*See our website for more information and details on how to register.

## **Music & Movement**

Sundre Library is pleased to welcome MVFRN for a Music & Movement program for 0-5 year old children & their parents. This 5 week program runs Wednesdays, September 14—October 12 from 10:00—12:00 noon. The music portion of the program runs 10:00—10:30 am, followed by a stay, play and visit time until noon. Registration required. Call for more details.

## Just for Teens! \*\*COMING SOON\*\*

Watch for TEEN TAKEOVER GAMES NIGHTS starting up in October and running once a month for the school year. Teens get to take over the library after hours for a night of games, food and fun. This event is hosted in partnership with MVFRN.

## Genealogy

Genealogy sessions resume Tuesday, September 20 @ 9:30 am. Join others as you learn how to effectively research your roots. Classes will run the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

## TECH TUTORING

Do you have questions about how to use your laptop, tablet or IPAD? Library staff and volunteers are available to provide TECH TUTORING for FREE. Call the library or stop by the circulation desk to book your appointment for one-on-one help using your own computer or device.

## **DIY Autumn Dried Arrangement**

Join local gardening enthusiast Susan Bentley as she guides you through creating a one-of-a kind dried grass/flower arrangement to celebrate the autumn season. Participants will craft their own arrangement with dried and dyed materials of their choosing.

## Wednesday, September 28 @ 6:30 PM

Cost of the program is \$15 with all materials provided. Please call the library to register (required) as space is limited. Participants will need to bring good kitchen scissors or garden snips to the class.













## End of Summer Goodbyes

Summer has come to a close and that means it is time for us to say goodbye to our summer staff as they prepare for future adventures. We are grateful to have had the help of these young people and wish them all the best!

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Summer Coordinator \*Made possible through Canada Summer Jobs Grant



## **Taylor Schepella**

Tech Tutoring/Tech Tuesday Student/Assistant \*Made possible with the support of:



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9:00-5:00 PM

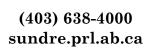
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