

# Be the Connection: Collaborating for Success--Librarians' Conference 2019

**Date(s):**

Oct 24, 2019

**Session Location:**

Radisson Hotel Red Deer, 6500 67 St., Red Deer, AB

**Registration Fee:**

\$120.00

**About the Conference:**

Join us for our annual Librarians' Conference! See you there!

**Schedule:****9:00 am to 10:15 am****9:00 AM - 10:15 AM - Keynote: Islands No More**

Living in a small town, author / illustrator / calligrapher and library technician, Judith Graves knows what it's like to feel like you're the only one "doing what you do". And let's face it, often times you really ARE the only one in close proximity. Especially as library staff which are often referred to as "islands" - individuals or small groups functioning within larger organizations. Thankfully, we have access to online tools and resource to help build connections to others, to share knowledge, to build support systems, and help each other succeed. Through online connections Judith has collaborated with authors and artists across Canada and internationally, to publish novels, complete screenplays, sell artwork, and run a small publishing house. Physical location is no longer a limit. If we reach out to learn and share our knowledge forward...we'll be islands no more.

**10:30 am to 11:45 am****10:30 AM - 11:45 AM - Fall 2019 Children's Books--Speed Dating Style!**

The Dewey Divas And Dude are trade and library sales reps from Toronto who will present highlights from their new fall line up of children's picture books, novels and nonfiction titles.

**10:30 AM - 11:45 AM - Fundamentals of Building an Essential Collection**

Are you a new librarian and just starting out? Maybe you have inherited an old collection and can see it needs a little TLC. Or maybe you've been tasked to build a new library collection. Either way, it's important that your given the tools that will assist you in developing a library collection that meets the needs of your staff and students, is age-appropriate, aligns with the curriculum and most importantly, interesting! This session will cover the four major components of building an essential collection; Inventory, Assessment, Selection and Weeding. It is our goal to provide you with strategies that will make collection development easier and more purposeful.

**10:30 AM - 11:45 AM - Genrefying your Library**

Have you ever noticed that book stores organize their books into genres? Have you ever thought wow I wish I could do that in my library? Well then this session is for you! In 1 hour you will hear from 3 librarians who have a genrefied collection. Learn how to genrefy your collection, the pros/cons and the lessons learnt.

**10:30 AM - 11:45 AM - Grazy Beautiful Letters: Cursive in the Learning Commons**

When Judith noticed students struggling to read book covers due to decorative (or even simple!) cursive fonts, she knew something had to change. If cursive wasn't being fully explored in class - there was time for it to shine in the library. For several years she has incorporated cursive into her elementary school learning commons via a "Writing Club" that combines creative writing, illustration, and lettering. Students compose cohesive designs featuring empowering and positive messages on paper, windows, and mirrors throughout the school. In this hands-on session you'll learn some of the basic letterforms using CRAYOLA markers. Everyone will leave with a nifty completed piece of word art. It's writing AND drawing all in one fun workshop that will hopefully inspire you to continue making crazy beautiful letters with your students.

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**10:30 AM - 11:45 AM - Vendor Displays**

Visit the vendor displays and have a shopping experience!

**12:30 pm to 1:45 pm**

**12:30 PM - 1:45 PM - Beyond the Google Grab-bag: Supporting Division II Students with Authoritative Resources**

If your student's research process begins and ends with Google, you are not alone. But do you ever worry just what will pop up in Google's grab bag of search results? We know that students should be accessing information beyond Google, but from where? Learn Alberta's Online Reference Centre (ORC) is a \$1.2 million collection of curricular-aligned digital resources licensed on behalf of all K-12 staff, students and parents in Alberta. Join this session to learn about the ORC's engaging resources that directly align with the grades 4-6 Alberta curricula, and why the ORC is a one-stop-shop for authoritative information for students.

**12:30 PM - 1:45 PM - How to Support Students with Emotional/Behavioural Needs Outside of a Classroom**

This session will help individuals who spend time with students outside of the classroom understand what a child's behaviour is telling us about their emotional needs and what you can do to support them.

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**12:30 PM - 1:45 PM - Toss or Repair?**

What do I do with a damaged book? Should I repair? Toss? In this session, we will talk about the deciding factors in repairing vs tossing and what are the essential tools for repairing books. Looking at the different repair methods we will determine which is the best method and the best tools for different scenarios. Participants will leave with a set of skills and resources that will help them in the daily maintenance of their library collection.

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**12:30 PM - 1:45 PM - Virtual Reality Field Trips in the Learning Commons**

Come take a tour without leaving the Learning Commons! From a Skype visit with Jane Goodall to sending Virtual Valentines to New York City, from visiting the rain forest to Google mystery maps. Students get the opportunity to learn and interact with other students, teachers and experts around the world using Flip-grid, google hangouts, Skype, Padlet that are curriculum based.

**2:00 pm to 3:15 pm**

**2:00 PM - 3:15 PM - Alberta School Library Technicians present: No bystanders allowed! Shout from the rooftops about the amazing work you are doing.**

With the change in government and the fear of budget cuts, promoting the services you provide your school community needs to be in the spotlight. Come prepared to share and create promotional materials, and get inspired. Let's breakaway from the traditional librarian shushing stereotype, embrace that #futurereadylibrarian movement and start shouting from the rooftops about what we can and are doing for students.

**2:00 PM - 3:15 PM - Inquiring Minds: Authoritative Resources for Division III & IV Inquiry and Research Projects**

Support your Division III and IV Secondary Humanities, IB and AP learning with the Online Reference Centre (ORC). Accessible from anywhere with an internet connection, the ORC is a \$1.2 million collection of authoritative, digital resources licensed on behalf of all K-12 staff, students and parents in Alberta. ORC resources can help prepare students for undergraduate research and independent inquiry projects, offering support for everything from Fine Arts, Mathematics, and Science, to English Language Arts, Social Studies, and the IB program.

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**2:00 PM - 3:15 PM - Reluctant Readers, a Brainstorming Workshop**

In this workshop, participants will be faced with several reluctant reader scenarios faced by librarians. Working together, participants will come up with ideas & strategies on how best to engage with reluctant readers. Come prepared to participate!

**2:00 PM - 3:15 PM - Vendor Displays**

**2:00 PM - 3:15 PM - What's New with Awesome Alberta Authors?**

In this session, participants will explore some of the rich books and authors based right here in Alberta. They will get a wide selection of suggestions for various age groups from K-12 as well as information about spotting the gems in the self published world. The session will also cover author talks and how to get authors more engaged and involved in your school libraries.