

June 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 <i>Daddy & Me</i> 10:30 & 11:30 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 <i>Storytime</i> 11am | 8 | 9 <i>Storytime</i> 2pm | 10 <i>Kids Craft Club</i> 10:30 & 1:00 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 <i>Storytime</i> 11am | 15 | 16 <i>Storytime</i> 2pm | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 <i>SRP Registration Begins</i> | 21 <i>Storytime</i> 11am | 22 | 23 <i>Storytime</i> 2pm | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 <i>Storytime</i> 11am | 29 | 30 <i>Storytime</i> 2pm <i>Author Visit</i> 5-7 pm | <i>Canada Day</i> <i>Library Closed</i> | |

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Booker's Buzz

YOU ASKED, WE PROVIDED....

Welcome to the Strathmore Municipal Library's first monthly newsletter. Inside you will find out information about up and coming programs and get new resources available at the library.

MANGO IS HERE!

Have you always wanted to learn a new language, but didn't want to pay to take a course to learn? Never fear! Mango is here! Mango is a language learning software that you can use right in your own home!

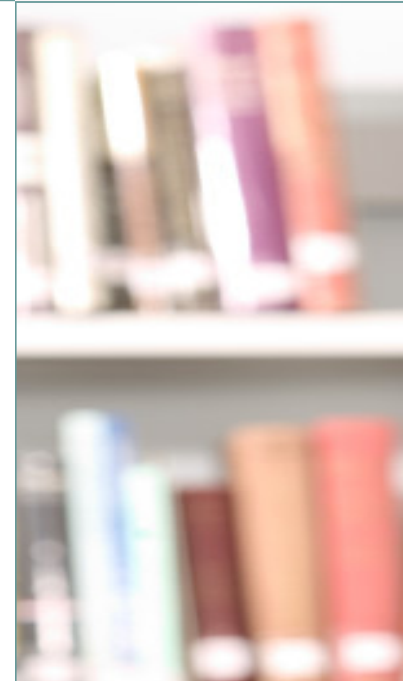
Mango features over 30 of the world's most popular languages as well as several customized courses for English Language Learners.

Learning a language should be fun! Each of the mango lessons incorporates interactive tools and rich imagery that eliminates boredom and keeps you engaged. Go as fast or as slow as you want, and customize your experience by using the tools that you find most helpful. You'll see progress with every lesson and be encouraged to keep talking.

Each Mango lesson is focused on practical, common conversation skills and includes instruction on vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, AND culture. The lessons are written and developed by native-speaking teachers who understand the nuances of the language and the culture. They know what skills and information you will need at each stage of your learning process.

Because Mango focuses on practical speaking skills, you'll be speaking after just one lesson! In no time flat you'll be able to navigate all sorts of everyday situations — get directions, order a meal, make new friends — the possibilities are endless!

Go to www.tracpac.ab.ca under e-resources to check out this great new tool!



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COOL WAYS TO USE YOUR LIBRARY CARD:

- Plan your next vacation!
- Research the purchase of a new car!
- Find a new recipe!
- Prepare your resume!
- Get new ideas for decorating your house!
- Borrow an audio book for your next car trip!

SPLASH! CELEBRATE SUMMER!

Lively scenes of children playing in and around water are brought to mind with this year's theme *Splash! Celebrate Summer*.

Building sandcastles at the seashore, fishing off the end of a dock, setting off in a canoe or just splashing around in a local pool are all part of the fun this summer.

Get ready to dive into another fun filled summer program!

Summer Reading Program registration begins on June 20 and the program will start on July 6!

More details to come in June.

Ages 2-12 years.



“Outside of the dog, a book is a man’s best friend. Inside of the dog, it is too dark to read.”

Groucho Marx

TEEN SUMMER READING EXPERIENCE!

Grand Prize is winner's choice of one of the following: Kobo e-Reader, Flip Ultra HD Camcorder, \$150 shopping mall Gift Card, or an 8G iPod Nano!



Teen Summer Library Experience! May 1 to August 31, 2011

Fun and prizes all summer long at your library! Complete reading challenges and activities to win prizes and enter to win the Grand Prize draw! For teens 12-18.

For program details and to REGISTER ONLINE, grab a brochure from your library, get out your library card, and go to teensBOOKingit.weebly.com.

AUTHOR VISIT THURS. JUNE 30, 5-7 PM

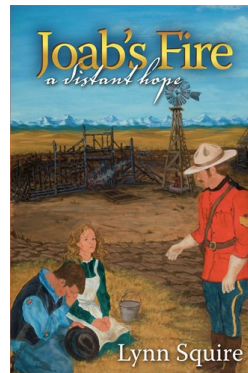
Can a NWMP officer keep Abaddon from destroying his career and his life?

Join Author Lynn Squire and Illustrator Darlene Crane on Thursday, June 30 from 5-7pm.

Lynn, a former Strathmore resident, will be available to sign her upcoming book *Joab's Fire: A Distant Hope*. In addition to author Lynn Squire, Cover Artist Darlene Crane will be on hand to showcase some of her new artwork.

To learn more about Lynn, visit her website at

www.lynnsquire.com.



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AT YOUR LIBRARY

The library is pleased to announce that in the month of June our new Adaptive workstation will be available for use to the public. What is an adaptive workstation? An adaptive workstation is a computer equipped with assistive software and hardware designed to support people who have difficulty using a regular computer.

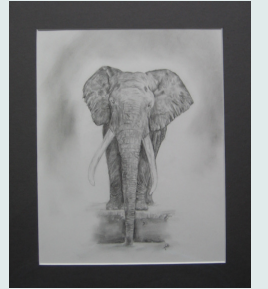
Our new adaptive workstation will include:



- **24" LCD Monitor.** This large monitor will help those with poor visibility to see.
- **BIGtrack trackball.** This bright large 3" trackball will help to make mouse movements easy and accurate. Equipped with oversized buttons, the assistive mouse will help make mouse clicks simple for those with poor motor control.
- **Large Key Keyboard.** This keyboard improves readability and reduces eye-strain with high-visibility letter and numbers.
- **Word Q (English and French).** This program is designed for those who struggle with writing and for those who just want to get their ideas on the page. Each user will create their own customized profile that will assist them in becoming a more successful writer. A great tool for students who struggle with writing obstacles such as typing, spelling and punctuation; Word Q will work with the user to improve their writing skills. After using Word Q, users will become more confident in areas of writing, reading, comprehension and pronunciation.
- **Read & Write Gold.** This text to speech software will read aloud the words on the screen simply by highlighting them! A program that is invaluable to people with visual impairment and learning disabilities; Read & Write Gold bring accessibility to a whole new level. The customizable toolbar seamlessly works with programs such as Microsoft Word, Internet Explorer, and Adobe Reader, allowing users the support tools they need for reading, writing, studying, and research.

For more information about our new adaptive workstation, check out our website, or call Carmen at the library. We'd be happy to give you an orientation on this exciting new program!

Art In the Library



Come check out the beautiful art showcase by local artist Lianne Kerpel. Lianne's artwork is for sale or she will prepare custom art work just for you! 15% of all proceeds will be donated to Youth with a Mission (YWAM) Compassion DTS. This program provides assistance and support to girls and women at risk, especially those who have been victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

