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FEBRUARY FRENZY - ACTIVITIES IN ALIX

Family Day is Monday, February 20th, and the Village of Alix invites you to come out and enjoy all of the wonderful festivities we have to offer! This holiday celebrates the importance of families, and family life, to people and their communities.

Roast hotdogs over an open fire, and toast marshmallows for dessert! 12-4 PM

Enjoy delicious Chili & Buns, generously supplied by the Alix Evangelical Free Church. 12-4 PM

Take part in a horse-drawn sleigh ride around town. 1-3 PM

All activities will take place at the end of Main Street.



Family Sliding Derby!

Rules:

You and your family build a sled using only the following materials:

Tape

Cardboard

Plastic Garbage Bags

Paint & Markers

In order to win, your sled needs to make it all the way down the hill, carrying one, or more, persons.

Have fun building your creations! We can't wait to see what you all come up with!

The Derby will take place on Family Day, at the end of Main Street (Toboggan Hill)

Winter Walk Day!

Wednesday February 1st.

Join us at the Alix Community Hall @ 12:30 pm.

Starts at the Community Hall, up Main Street, down Lake Street, past the school and back to the Hall.

Valentine's Day Teen dance

Thursday February 9th @ the Community Hall, 8 pm to Midnight

Ages 12-18

\$5.00 per/person

Snacks, Prizes and Chocolate Roses!

No Re-Entry after 10 pm

THE SHARING CIRCLE - EVERYONE'S INVITED!

When: Thursday February 2
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Where: Alix MAC School

Staff and students at Alix MAC School are thrilled to welcome Red Deer author Theresa "Corky" Larsen-Jonasson to our school.

"Corky" will be presenting her book, *The Sharing Circle*, with our K-8 student population.

We encourage the public to join us for this session if you are able to attend.

Theresa "Corky" Larsen-Jonasson has helped

schoolyard bullies empathize with their victims by bringing both parties into a sharing circle.

This age-old form of conflict resolution is the theme of Larsen-Jonasson's first children's book, appropriately titled: *The Sharing Circle*.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Feb 1 - Wilbur Blomgren, Maureen O'Connor, Loretta Tensen, Jim Barclay, Cory Brayford

Feb 2 - Barry Gillert, Rose Richardson, Devon Mehle

Feb 4 - Bill Russell, Amber Russell, Ashley Russell

Feb 5 - Terry Fehr

Feb 7 - Hans Butz, Rachel Duffin, Emily Tensen

Feb 12 - Sheila Smith

Feb 14 - Pam Spearing, Rob Waddy

Feb 16 - Neil Gilliat

Feb 17 - Earl Slack

Feb 19 - Carmen Cattelier

Feb 20 - Doug Humphrey

Feb 24 - Tom Maynard, Holly Buelow,

Feb 25 - Violet Leitch-Andrews

Feb 26 - Alyssa Waddy

Feb 27 - Dan Dumont, Betty Priegnitz

If we have missed anyone you think should have their birthday announced - Please let us know.



“We lose ourselves in books, but we find ourselves too.”

BUFFALO LAKE NATURE CLUB

Our next meeting is February 16 @ 7 pm at the lower hall of St. George's Anglican Church, 4817-51 Ave., Stettler. The topic will be Animal Track Pattern & Sign Identification. Everyone welcome and more information is available by phoning Chris @ 403-740-3636 or at buffalolakenature.com.

February 17-20 Great Backyard Bird Count. gbbc.birdcount.org

ENTER TO WIN!

Did You Know ??

When the Alix Arena was built, Canada was still using the British Flag!

Come into the Alix Library, and tell us what year that was. Your name will be entered in a draw to win a Bugatti Leather I-Pad Case! (approx. \$80)

FREE MOVIES

Join us at the Alix Community Hall every PD day for a FREE kids movie!

February 10 : Zootopia 12:30 - 3:30 PM

February 24: Beauty and the Beast 12:30 - 3:30 PM

Free Popcorn, provided by Alix Recreation Dept.

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LOCAL COMEDY CONCERT

In celebration of Alix's 110th, and Canada's 150th, birthdays, the Alix Public Library Presents:

The Arrogant Worms : The First Farewell Tour

Tuesday March 14, 2017 @ Alix Community Hall 7:30 PM (doors open 7 PM)

Tickets: \$30/ea

Tickets available at Alix

Public Library, Alix Village Office, Alix Home Hardware or online at alixpublic.prl.ab.ca

The Alix Lion's Den will be running a cash bar, and the Friends Of The Alix Public Library Society will be serving finger food, so bring a little cash with you.

As well, the Library will have a Donation Jar if you would like to make a charitable donation.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Feb 1 - Report Cards for K - 12
Feb 2 - Author Visit for K-8

Feb 10 - Canyon Ski Trip

Feb 14 - Valentines Day

Feb 17 - Hockey Night in Alix

Feb 20 - Family Day (No School)

Feb 21 - Day In Lieu (No School)

Feb 22 - PD Day (No School)

Feb 23 & 24 - Teachers' Convention/Support Staff Con-

BOOK CLUB MOVIE

Alix Classic Book Club will be presenting a movie viewing of their latest book, Lorna Doone.

When: March 2 7 PM

Where: Alix Public Library

Join us for this free showing, free drinks and snacks.

There is still time to order the book from the Library!

LIBRARY NEWS

Come out and enjoy doing a Valentine crafts free - February 14

Come out and enjoy doing a Family Day craft free - February 18th

Some of the services offered at the library include:

- Books - fiction, non-fiction, adult through to the little ones.
- Audiobooks
- Music CD's
- DVD's - movies and

non-fiction titles

- Computers - Free
- Print, copy's and scans done. (colour/b&w)
- Free WIFI
- Magazines
- e-services for books, magazines, audio books, graphic novels, comics, movies and tv shows.

A reminder that the Library's Book Sale runs all year long. Come and grab some titles for a donation.

NEW & NOTABLE

ARRIVING THIS MONTH:

FICTION:

Big Bad Beast - Shelly Laurenston

City of the Lost - Kelley Armstrong

Safe People - Henry Cloud

FOR KIDS:

C is for Canada - Mike Ulmer

Choose your own adventures 4 bk set - R. Montgomery

Stick Dog - Tom Watson

If you have an idea for what the library should order, please let me know.

~ Terry



BOOK REVIEW: BEFORE THE POISON BY PETER ROBINSON

This has to be the best mystery/historical fiction book I have read this year.

Set in 2010-11, an ex-pat returns from LA to live in a house built a few hundred years before, in the Yorkshire Dales near Richmond.

He soon starts to investigate the history of the house and past occupants and thus becomes obsessed with the Fox family and the murder and hanging at Leeds Jail in 1953.

What happened to the owners of the house during WW II and afterwards to lead to this fateful event? A time period and events that I have previously read little about were woven into the story.

The experiences and heroism of the Queen Alexandra nurses whilst serving in the Far-East; the Japanese treatment of them and civilians, the trauma and

brutality they witnessed and were subjected to.

Several reference books are included at the back, some of which I hope to be able to obtain and read.

1950's morality and secret hush-hush war details are part and parcel of this amazing story when the story moves to the European war front in war-torn and near decimated

France.

The story is beautifully written and has several interesting references to old movies and classical music as the main character is a composer for movies and as such a lover of both.

Several geographical places are described and fine wines and local food options. The book kept me gripped and

entertained throughout and the ending was revealed slowly and expertly.

A satisfying read for the end of the year, or for the beginning of a new one.

Written By: Tracey Billson

Disclaimer: Book reviews are the opinion of the writer and do not necessarily represent the opinions of the Alix Public Library, and the Alix Public Library Board.

ALIX BOOK CLUB

After a brief hiatus, Book Club is back in action!

Join us for light discussion, a new book choice, yummy treats, wine and coffee/tea.

When: February 23rd @ 7PM

Where: Alix Public Library

Book Club is free, and everyone is welcome. Come one, come all. (Minors must bring a parent or guardian as alcohol is present.)

CLASSIC BOOK CLUB

Classic Book Club is currently reading Lorna Doone by R.D. Blackmore.

Come to the Library and order yourself a copy!

Due to the extensive length of this book (approx. 700 pages), there will be no February meeting.

Next Meeting: March 2nd @ 7 PM @ Alix Public Library

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Here, there be dragons.....

Join us for an epic adventure! Play as a sneaky Rogue, a powerful Warrior, or a spellcasting Wizard!

When: February 18th 11 AM—3 PM

Where: Alix Public Library

Ages: 14+



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The Alix Public Library would like to thank the Village of Alix Office and Staff for graciously printing this Newsletter. It is very much appreciated.

The Alix Public Library has served the community for 100+ years. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our ability to help our patrons. If you have any ideas, programs or courses you would like to see here at the library please let us know.

You can follow us on Facebook as well at www.facebook.com/alixtelegraph.

Hours: Tuesday 10:00 - 4:00
Thursday 2:00 - 8:00
Saturday 10:00 - 4:00

Newsletters are available at:

The Alix Public Library, Village Shoppe, Village Office, Potluck Cafe, The Pantry, Post Office, Alix Hotel, Moonwalkers, Alix Foods, Lori's Little Luxuries and Alix Home Hardware.

Online Copies available @ alixpublic.prl.ab.ca/about-us/newsletters

To have an event, birthday, anniversary, meeting, etc. added to the newsletter please contact the Library or Amie Saunders with your information.

POKER RALLY & X-MAS TREE BURN

Sunday February 12 / 2017

The 2017 Alix Cutter Poker Rally & X-Mas Tree Burn is almost here! Join us for a fun day of activities!

Registration:

@ Alix Ag Grounds
10:20 AM—12 PM

Come out for our 1st Annual X-Mas Tree Burn @ 2 PM (Brought to you by the Alix Fire Department & Alix Ag Society)

Free Hot Dogs & Free Hot Chocolate!

Saddle Horses Welcome!

For more information, call
Terry Allan @ 403.747.3649

FIBRE OPTIC RESIDENTIAL INTERNET FOR ALIX!!

More than a decade ago, Axia and the Government of Alberta partnered to create Alberta's SuperNet – a reliable, fibre network that connects urban centres and rural Albertans with each other and the world.

AxiaFibreNet is an Alberta company that is looking for 40 new Alberta communities to make the switch to Fibre Optic residential internet.

In order for Axia to put the effort and money into building the network and laying the cable, they want to see interest from 30% of the community.

This plan would cost Alix and it's taxpayers nothing! All we would pay is our monthly fees (\$59/25mbps, \$79/50mbps, \$99/100mbps)

To add your name and address to their list, go to

www.axia.com/alberta

This will not sign you up for their service. It is only to give them an idea of how many people in Alix want affordable, reliable, fast internet service.

Fast internet speeds are important. In order to keep up with schools in bigger cities like Red Deer and Edmonton, we need to be able to offer our children the same online capabilities so they can connect with the world and reach their goals.

This is the same internet service that the Alix Public Library runs on. Come on down to sample our lightning fast speed. You will never want to go back to regular "high" speed internet.

Let's bring our beautiful, growing community into the 21st century. Vulcan, AB already made the switch. Let's be next!