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READING BINGO - A CHALLENGE TO OUR YOUTH

Reading is one of the most important things that we can do for our developing brains. Not only does reading enrich our lives and make us smarter but it also allows us to travel to new worlds without ever having to leave our homes or spend a dime.

Every time you read, your brain absorbs new information, and while you may not use it right away, you never know when it might be useful.

Remember, while you may someday lose your job, your possessions, your money - your knowledge can never be taken from you!

February is 'I Love To Read' month and the Alix

Public Library is challenging it's youth to a Reading Bingo competition!

The rules are simple:



**KEEP
CALM
AND
READ A
BOOK**

Pick up your 'Bingo' sheets at the library and decide if you want to go for corners, a line, an X or a full square.

Then, pick out the books

you want that correlate to your bingo squares. For example: one square might be 'A Book With A Yellow Cover' while another square might be 'A Book With A Cat In It'.

When you have finished reading a book, bring it to the Library to get your bingo square stamped!

When you have a bingo, turn your sheet into the Library to claim your prize!

When choosing what lines you want to do, keep in mind that the harder the bingo, the better the prize!

Winners can have their names in the April newsletter (with parent approval)!

Let's Get Reading!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

On February 14th, every year, all around the world, people exchange cards, flowers and gifts in the name of St. Valentine.

But who was this mysterious Saint and how did he become associated with this romantic holiday?

There are many myths about him. One legend contends that he was a priest who served in 3rd century Rome.

When Claudius II, emperor at the time, got it into his head that single men made better soldiers, he outlawed marriage for young men, hoping more of them would

become soldiers without the distraction of a wife.

Valentine defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.

When his actions were discovered, Claudius had Valentine executed.



BIRTHDAYS & 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 you have a birthday or anniversary and would like to see it here, drop in or call the library.

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LIONS NEWS

The Lion's Club would like the community to know that they can donate their old eye glasses to people in need. The drop boxes can be found at the Alix Library, the Village Shoppe and the Drop-In Centre. They would also like to thank the Drop In Centre for their ongoing support of this important program over the last few years.

ARENA NEWS

Drop in to the Alix Arena for their FREE Community Skate program.

This wonderful program runs Fridays @ 3:30 - 4:45 PM & Sundays @ 12 - 2 PM

There is also FREE shinny hockey after public skate!

We would like to thank this months sponsor for it's generous donation!

FCSS NEWS

It's still cold out there and your gently used coat donations are greatly appreciated. Drop them off at the FCSS office, behind Potluck Café.

Always having food to eat is something most of us take for granted. We forget, as we scrape our leftovers into the garbage, that some people will go hungry tonight. FCSS is accepting your non-perishable food items.

POST OFFICE NEWS

The 2016 Coin Collector Gift Sets are in! Come down to the post office to pick up your themed collection. Canada, New Baby, Wedding, and more. \$19.99/set.

Planning a wedding? The Post Office offers personalized, one-of-a-kind stamps. You can even have your own picture on them! Find out more at www.picturepostage.ca

SCHOOL NEWS

Valentine's Day

Teen Dance

Friday February 12th, 2016

Alix Community Hall

8 PM - Midnight

Ages 12 -18

\$5 per person

No Entry After 10 PM

No Exceptions



The Alix Village Shoppe NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

The commitment would be a three hour shift either 10 - 1 or 1 - 4, Tuesday - Saturday.

If you can even cover just one shift a month, they would be very grateful and happy to have the help!

Please, if you have the time, there is no better local cause you can give it to. Proceeds from the Shoppe go to help

Experience dōTERRA

Naturally safe,
purely effective
essential oils

Join us for a Cooking with Essential Oils class and learn how you can add incredible flavour to your meals with healthy, pure, co-impact sourced oils.

Where: Alix Youth Centre
When: Tues, Feb 9th @ 6:30PM

This class is free. Everyone is welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS

February 1-16: Reading Bingo - collect a row, X, box or corners bring your card in and win a prize

February 9, 11 & 13: Free Drop-in Valentine Crafts - all day. Crafts, cookies and hot chocolate available Saturday the 13th for Family Day.

February 11: Book Club @ 8pm, the library.

February 16 : Alix Public Library Board AGM 6:30 @ the library.

If you have suggestions for items the library should consider purchasing, please let us know.

Just a reminder, the Library's Book Sale is on all year long. Come and pick out a bag or box of titles for any donation amount. Thank you for your support.

The Lion's Foundation Of Canada has placed a drop box at the Library to collect your used eye glasses for charity. Please donate. No cases. Thank you.

NEW & NOTABLE

Ash & Silver - Carol Berg

Dust & Light - Carol Berg

Hidden Summit - Robyn Carr

Now or Never - Michele Bardsley

Runaway Vampire - Lynsay Sands

Silvered - Tanya Huff

Unleashing - Shelly Laurenston

DVD's

Black Butler - Season 2

*"READING
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BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP - S.J WATSON

Memories. They make us who we are. They are all we have of the past, of ourselves and they shape who we will be in the future.

So what if you lost yours every time you went to sleep? What if you woke up every morning a new person, a person you didn't know, didn't trust and possibly didn't even like?

What if, on top of all of that, the one person you were supposed

to trust, supposed to love, wasn't telling you the whole truth?

This is what Christine goes through every morning when she wakes up with no memory of the past twenty years.

When she looks in the mirror, she sees a stranger, an old woman. When she speaks, the voice her not her own. When she looks down at her wrinkled, aged hands, she is horrified.

Told in a series of Christine's secret journal entries, Before I Go To Sleep is a psychological thriller that begs the question: Are we more than our memories?

Exceptional research and poignant storytelling, based partly on true experiences of amnesia patients, this is a winner for first time novelist S.J Watson, reaching #7 on the New York Times Bestsellers List.

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GET UP AND GO, ALIX!

Winter Walk Day!

February 3rd, 2016

Meet @ Alix Community Hall @ 12:30 PM

We will be walking down Main St, down Lake St, Across the front of the School to Railway Ave, up to Main Street and back to the Community Hall.

Track your steps at uwalk.ca along with 160,000 Albertan's who show the rest of Canada that Alberta knows how to embrace winter!

The more people walking the better, not only for our health and the environment but coming together also helps strengthen our community!

Come on out!

THE IMPORTANCE OF WALKING

Sitting is the new smoking. That's a powerful statement being made by more and more health professionals today.

The average Canadian spends more than half their day on their rump - at the computer, watching TV or at the office.

It's not enough just to get your recommended 30

minutes of exercise. That's only 2% of your day. What about the other 98%?

There are lots of things you can do to halt a sedentary lifestyle and it all starts with walking!

Don't like walking in the winter? Come out to the Alix Community Hall for



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LEARNING,
ENTERTAINING,
CREATING,
DO IT ALL AT THE LIBRARY.

The Alix Library continues to thank the Village Office for graciously printing the Alix Telegraph.

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/alixlibrary.

Hours: Tuesday 10:00 - 4:00

Thursday 2:00 - 8:00

Saturday 10:00 - 4:00

The Telegraph is available at the Alix Public Library, the Alix Village Office, Post Office, The Pantry, Home Hardware, Alix Foods, the Village Shoppe, Lori's Little Luxuries, Potluck Café, Alix Hotel Restaurant and Moonwalkers.

VILLAGE NEWS ...

Dog Licenses:

After January 31st, dog licenses will increase to \$30 for altered and \$50 for unaltered. **It is the law to license your dog.** A responsible pet owner makes for a happy community!

Snow/Ice removal:

It is the responsibility of the owner or occupant of a business or residence to ensure that snow and ice are removed from the adjacent sidewalk(s) **within 48 hours** of formation.

Bylaw # 279/98:

Due to difficulties clearing snow, "No Parking Bans" will

be strictly enforced. The owner/operator of any vehicle parked in a signed snow plowing/removal zone must remove their vehicle **within 12 hours** of sign placement or be towed at the owner/operator's expense.

Meet Your Mayor!

Drop by the Village office anytime to make an appointment to meet your newly appointed mayor Arlene Nelson.

She would love to hear your comments, concerns and questions, as well as any ideas you have on how to improve our amazing community!

FAMILY DAY 2016

Monday February 15th

Join us for hot dogs, hot chocolate, bon fire and marshmallows!

@ the end of Main St beside the Alix Lake Entrance

Noon - 1 PM - Hot Dogs

Noon - 4 PM - Hot Chocolate, Fire & Marshmallows

1 PM - 4 PM - Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides

Toboggan Hill is open! Bring your own toboggan or sled and slide all day! [hill located by Alix Lake Boat Launch]

Sponsored by: Western Financial Group, Servus Credit Union and Village Of Alix

VALENTINES DAY

Library Activities:

February 9, 11 & 13

Drop in to make a Valentines Day Craft! The Alix Public Library will be having a drop in craft for you and your children to complete.

This year we will have different animals made from hearts.

We will also have cookies and hot chocolate on Saturday the 13th for both Valentines Day and Family Day (February 15th). Come in and enjoy a little craft time with the kids while you warm up with some yummy hot chocolate!