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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](http://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.

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

## ARENA NEWS

### Alix Free Skate & Shiny Schedule

Free Public Skate @ Alix Arena  
Fridays @ 3:30 - 4:45 PM  
Sundays @ 12 - 1 PM

Free Shiny @ Alix Arena  
Fridays @ 7 - 8:30 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Come out and celebrate the Alix Arena's 70th Birthday!! Free Public Skate 12-2, Cake cutting 2-2:30, Shiny 2:30-4:30. Come and enjoy cake, hot dogs and comradery.

### ATTENTION!

### PD DAY FRIDAYS!!

Exciting news! We have extended the public skate / shiny times on PD day Fridays! We will have:

Shiny 12:00-2:00

Public skate 2:00-4:30

Shiny 7:00-8:30

## FAMILY LITERACY DAY THANK YOU ALIX!

Come on out and enjoy the extended hours! Family Literacy Day is January 27th. To mark this important day of family connection and literacy, the Alix Public Library is joining with other libraries in Alberta to see which city, town, village or hamlet has the most competitive literary community.

On January 27, we are asking you to "Read For 15". It can be anything from a recipe, story time, quiet time, the newspaper, a magazine, you name it and report your literary effort to the library. You can do so on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/alixlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/alixlibrary)) or by emailing [alixpublic@prl.ab.ca](mailto:alixpublic@prl.ab.ca), or even dropping into the library the next day to personally let us know. If you read to a group, each member of the group is counted. So have fun and let us know that you and yours did "Read For 15"!

December 3th was host to many, many wonderful events in Alix. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the town.

The Alix Parade of Lights was also a success. Thank you to everyone who decorated their vehicles and came out. It was quite a spectacle!

The Alix Senior's Dinner was a huge success! Thank you to the volunteers and everyone who helped make it a great event.

Special Thank You to the ladies at the Village Office who always seem to find the time to print this publication for me.

~ Terry

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# ALIX TELEGRAPH

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## AXIA - MAKE OUR VILLAGE A FIBRETOWN!

Did you know that Xplornet has bought out Platinum Communications, limiting our internet choice to only them?! It doesn't have to be that way.

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.

Today, Axia continues to operate the SuperNet and is committed to delivering world-class quality, connectivity, and choice to communities in rural Alberta.

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

Incredible speeds, unlimited data, no outages or delays due to weather guaranteed!

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)

We shouldn't have to suffer the slow, unreliable speeds and uninterested customer service of Xplornet and now we don't have to!

To add your name and address to their list, go to [www.axia.com/alberta](http://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!

## ALIX VOLUNTEERS - THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all the wonderful people who volunteer their time to help others and make this community great!

You are the heart of this town and without you we would not have wonderful events like the Senior's Din-

ner and the Pancake Breakfasts, not to mention the benefits of the Village Shoppe which is run completely by volunteers.

Becoming a volunteer is the most selfless and appreciated act a person can do. No matter if it's big or small,

time or money, we all have something to give!



HAPPY NEW YEAR

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



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| Jan. 1 - Alfred Widmann, Vicky Barclay              | Jan. 14 - Jake Van Ringen                         |
| Jan. 2 - Lyalla Ironside                            | Jan. 15 - Lori McKay, Joan Fletcher               |
| Jan. 3 - Macklin Wipf, Sven Svendsen                | Jan. 17 - Chloe Wilton                            |
| Jan. 4 - Ken Tjensvold                              | Jan. 18 - Dean Maltais, Seth Hackworth            |
| Jan. 7 - Norm Stone                                 | Jan. 19 - Jane Hushagen                           |
| Jan. 9 - Greg Kellar, Daphne Schultz                | Jan. 22 - Shaelee Santee                          |
| Jan. 11 - Ron McIntosh, Kendal Guynup               | Jan. 25 - Doug Howitt, Keisha Ryan                |
| Jan. 12 - Tyson Beebe, Gord Stevens, Joanne Schmidt | Jan. 26 - Lana MacDonald                          |
| Jan. 13 - Eunice Matier                             | Jan. 29 - Joan Garding, Paul Wipf, Carolyn Bryant |
|   | Jan. 30 - Shawn Raabis                            |

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



### BAND NEWS

The Mom's Pantry fundraiser was a huge success again this year. Thank you to all who sold and ordered in support of the band program. These funds will go toward new music, instrument repair, technique books, reeds, valve oil, music folders, cork grease, transportation costs and concert tickets. A huge thank you to Karen

Grose who headed up this fundraiser and did all the organizing of orders and pick up. Without the community, our program would not be sustainable - THANK YOU!

The Senior Concert Band boarded the 50 passenger Frontier Bus Line and had 2 very successful band performances on the New Cap Stage in West

Edmonton Mall on Thursday, December 1. We thank the Band Society for funding the transportation for this concert opportunity!

The Senior Concert Band also represented the Alix MAC School exceptionally well at the Administrator's Christmas Luncheon in the Ponoka Wolf Creek Division Office

on Wednesday, December 14. We were pleased to share our musical talents with all administrators and central office staff and enjoyed pizza and pop after our performance. A huge THANK YOU to Greg, Renee and Lucas Moulton for hauling all our equipment in their truck and trailer unit.

### BOOK REVIEW - A DOG'S PURPOSE BY W. BRUCE CAMERON

The beloved fifty-two week New York Times bestseller by W. Bruce Cameron, A Dog's Purpose is now a major motion picture from Amblin Entertainment in association with Walden Media and distributed by Universal Pictures! This remarkable story of one endearing dog's search for his purpose is directed by Academy Award nominated director Lasse

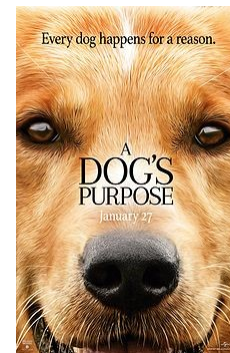
Hallström and stars Dennis Quaid, Britt Robertson, Josh Gad, K.J. Apa, Juliet Rylance, John Ortiz, Luke Kirby, and Peggy Lipton.

Heartwarming, insightful, and often laugh-out-loud funny, A Dog's Purpose is not only the emotional and hilarious story of a dog's many lives, but also a dog's-eye commentary on human relationships and the

unbreakable bonds between man and man's best friend. This moving and beautifully crafted story teaches us that love never dies, that our true friends are always with us, and that every creature on earth is born with a purpose.

Bailey's story continues in "A Dog's Journey", the charming New York Times

and USA Today bestselling direct sequel to "A Dog's Purpose." ~ Goodreads review



### LIBRARY NEWS

Library will reopen January 3 @ 10 a.m.

Jan. 27 - "Read for 15" Come out and help Alix record the most people reading on Jan 27 - Family Literacy Day.

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:
- Seventh Plague - James Rollins
  - War Hawk - James Rollins
  - Boomer's Bucket List - Sue Pethick
  - Princess in Black and the Hungry Bunny Horde - Shannon Hale

If you have an idea for what the library should order, please let me know.  
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*"You can't buy happiness, but you can buy books, and that's kind of the same thing."*

### THE READ FOR 15 CHALLENGE!

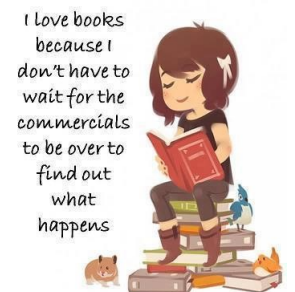
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know. If you read to a group, each member of the group is counted. Come on Daycares and Mom's & Tot groups, read and report! So have fun and let us know that you and yours did "Read For 15"!

Last years winner was Donalda with 85% of there population reading. Can Alix do as good? Lets try and see.



I love books because I don't have to wait for the commercials to be over to find out what happens

### 25 OF THE MOST POPULAR (AND COMMONLY BROKEN) NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

25. Lose Weight
24. Exercise
23. Quit Smoking
22. Quit Drinking
21. Get a new job
20. Get out of debt
19. Save money
18. Eat Healthier
17. Get Organized
16. Spend more time with family
15. Manage stress better
14. Enjoy life to the fullest
13. Stop procrastinating
12. Travel
11. Improve a relationship
10. Learn a new language
9. Have better sleep
8. Spend less time on Facebook
7. Spend less time watching TV
6. Get rid of old clothes
5. More biking



If you have thoughts of any of these resolutions, be determined and realistic about your chances. Try and find New Year's Resolutions that you are determined to succeed at and don't let yourself get distracted. Good Luck!!