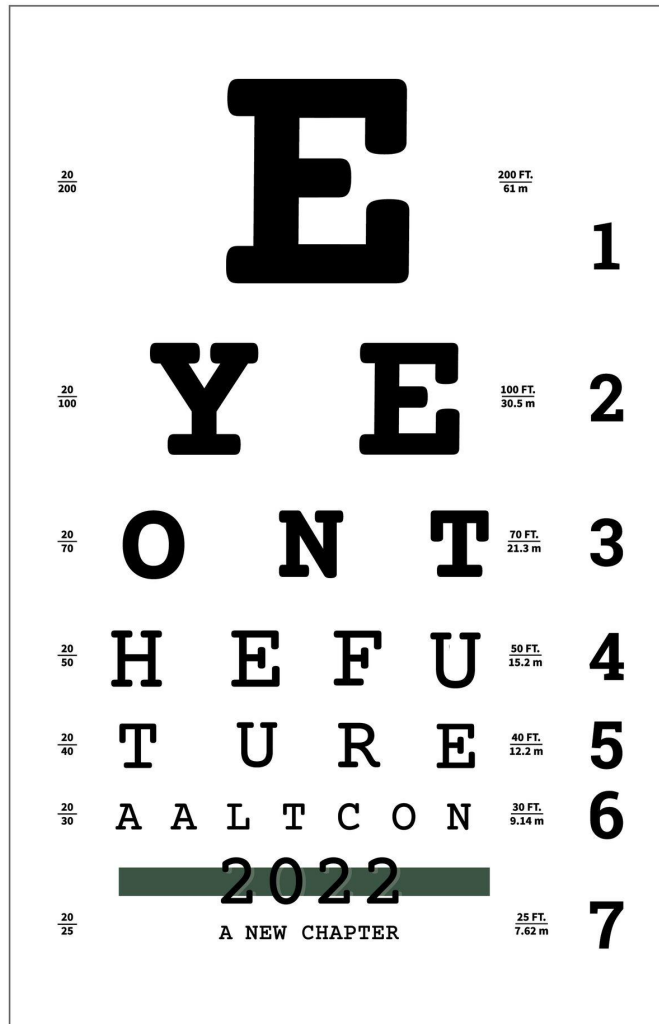


The Alberta Association of Library Technicians

Present :

46.5 Annual AALT Conference

March 31st-April 3, 2022



**Coast Hotel and Conference Centre
Canmore, Alberta**

EYE ON THE FUTURE

(A New Chapter)

The AALT Conference Committee welcomes you to the 46th Annual Conference of the Alberta Association of Library Technicians. The 2022 theme is EYE ON THE FUTURE - A New Chapter .

We are embracing this theme by filling the program with a variety of interesting sessions, dynamic speakers, and interactive activities planned with you in mind!

A library is an ever changing place. Covid changed our workspaces and our lives. Where do we go from here? We all have to be adaptable in how our jobs work, and blend into the lives of our target audience. How do we fit in? What can we learn going forward?



This year's conference venue is the **Coast Canmore Hotel and Conference Centre** located in Canmore, Alberta.

<https://www.coasthotels.com/hotels/ab/canmore/coast-canmore-hotel-and-conference-centre/>

Canmore was named in 1884 by Donald A. Smith, an employee of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The name originates from a town on the northwest shores of Scotland named in honor of King Malcolm III of Canmore. Canmore is very well known for the Three Sisters and Ha Ling Peaks.

During the conference, the committee will be pleased to answer any questions that you may have. Be sure to stop by the registration table and say **Hello!** Both during and prior to the conference you are welcome to contact us at conference@aalt.org


Thank you,

Marti Beamish
AALT 2022 Conference Chair

COVID RULES AND GUIDELINES WILL BE SET CLOSER TO THE DATE ACCORDING WITH THE PROVINCE AND AHS GUIDELINES

Important Information

How to Register:

Online:	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/aalt-2022-eye-on-the-future-a-new-chapter-registration-120844472069	Payments can be made by MasterCard or Visa 
Cheque	AALT Conference 2022	40 Sunvale Crescent SE Calgary, AB T2X 2S6

Fees:

Full conference fees include admission to all sessions, breakfasts, and lunches as well as Saturday dinner and Sunday brunch. The Mix and Mingle on Thursday and Saturday dinner both have a cash bar.

Cancellations are subject to a \$50.00 service fee. No-shows may receive a refund of up to 30% of the fees paid with a written explanation of absence.



All Early Bird Registrants will be entered to win a FREE 2023 AALT Conference registration!

Early Bird (register by December 31, 2021)

- ▣ \$375 Member
- ▣ \$440 Non-member
- ▣ \$250 Student - Member

Regular Full Conference (register by March 16, 2022)

- ▣ \$425 Member
- ▣ \$510 Non-member
- ▣ \$275 Student Member

Single Day Price includes breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks and sessions. Please let us know which day you will be attending.

- ▣ \$150 Member
- ▣ \$250 Non-member
- ▣ \$100 Student

Meals:

Full conference fees include all breakfasts, lunches, the Saturday Topsy Trivia dinner and Sunday brunch.



* Please note any dietary restrictions at registration.

Conference Check-In:

Conference check-in will take place in the Wild Rose Foyer, Coast Canmore Hotel.

Conference Information Desk hours are:

Thursday 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday 08:00 - 09:00 AM, 10:00 - 10:45 AM, 12:00 - 12:45 PM, 3:15 - 4:00 PM

Saturday 08:00 - 09:00 AM, 10:00 - 10:45 AM, 11:45 - 12:55 PM, 2:00 - 2:45 PM

Accommodation:

Coast Canmore Hotel: 511 Bow Valley Trail, Canmore, Alberta

Room type	Conference rate per night
Comfort King	\$119.00*
Comfort 2 Queen	\$119.00*
Extra adult policy beyond single or double occupancy*	\$20.00 per night per adult

- Available three days before and after the event subject to availability.
- Check in after 4:00 pm, check out by 11:00 am.

*Rates are subject to the 2% Tourism Improvement Fee (TIF), total, and then add the 4% Tourism Levy and 5% Federal Goods and Services Tax (GST). Conference delegates are responsible for their own room, taxes, and incidental charges.

Room bookings

- Toll free number: 1-800-716-6199 or 403-678-3625

Parking: Included in hotel rate

Conference Bus:

Pick-up - Thursday, March 30th, 2022

Edmonton:

Pick-up: Walmart South Edmonton Common at 11:00 a.m.

Parking: Free in Walmart Parking Lot

Note: Walmart takes no responsibility for vehicles left in the parking lot

\$100 round trip

Red Deer:

Pick-up: Peter's Drive IN at 1:30 p.m. (bus will arrive at 1:00 with a ½ hour free time to pick-up refreshments) 131 Leva Avenue

Parking: At your discretion, AALT assumes no responsibility- it might be best to be picked up and dropped off

\$75 round trip

Calgary:

Pick-up: SAIT (1301 - 16th Ave NW) at 3:30 p.m. <http://www.sait.ca/about-sait/campus/campus-map>
Pick up for the bus will be at the end of 14th Ave NW , on Boyce Crescent. CT Train stop is a 3 min walk.

Parking: Overnight parking is only permitted in the P1 parking lot on the south side of campus, The cost is \$11 per day.

\$50 round trip

Return - Sunday, April 3rd, 2022

Bus will depart Banff at 11:15 a.m. Drop off times are approximate.

Calgary: Drop-off: 12:30 p.m.

Red Deer: Drop-off: 2:30 p.m.

Edmonton: Drop-off: 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Note:

- Space is limited
- Scheduled times are dependent on stops, passenger loading/unloading times
- Bottled water and small snacks will be provided for the trip to Banff; bottled water will be provided for the return trip. The bus may stop for refreshments in Red Deer, depending on arrival time
- All passengers will have to sign a liability waiver

Pick-up locations and other bussing updates will be sent to the email used when you registered for the Conference.

Keynote Speaker: Richard Van Camp

I'm excited to say that Richard will be speaking to us all three mornings. Richard will encourage and inspire us with his topic "**Gathering and Sharing Family Medicines, Stories, Books and Hope for the Future**"

Super Session Saturday @ 1:00

Jay Bardyla - COMICS! An Origin Story.

It is time to convene, great Champions of Literacy, and learn of the origins of comics!

In order to forge a path for the readers of tomorrow we need to examine this mighty tool that has exploded on to your shelves and into the hands of citizens of all ages!

We'll review terminology, hear scandalous tales from comics' yesterday, and we'll showcase the books that will inspire the masses for the future!

Fear not – there will be handouts!

And other resources!

It will be fun!



Event Schedule

Thursday, March 31st, 2022

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Conference Check-In / Information Desk
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	“Unmasked; or not” wine and cheese mingle

Friday, April 1st, 2022

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Conference Check-In / Information Desk - table will be hosted before Keynote and during coffee breaks		
7:00 am - 7:45 am	Morning Yoga with Wildheart		
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast		
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Keynote: Richard Van Camp		
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.	Coffee / Vendors		
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	1A	1B.	1C
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch		
1:10 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.	2A	2B	2C
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	3A	3B	3C
3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Coffee / Vendor		
3:50 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.	4A	4B	4C
5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Mobile Escape		

Saturday, April 2nd, 2022

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Conference Check-In / Information Desk - table will be hosted before Keynote and during coffee breaks		
7:00 am - 7:45 am	Saturday Morning Yoga with Wildheart		
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast		
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Keynote: Richard Van Camp		
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.	Coffee/Vendors		
10:45 - 11:45: a.m.	5A	5B	5C
11:45 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.	AGM / Lunch		
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Super Session with Jay Bardyla - COMICS! An Origin Story		
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.	Coffee/Vendors		
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	6A	6B	6C
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Free Time (AALT Board Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.)		
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	<i>Dinner with Topsy Trivia!!</i>		
	Your table is your team - compete for prizes and bragging rights!		

Sunday, April 3rd, 2022

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Conference Wrap-Up
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Keynote: Richard Van Camp
11:00 a.m.	Checkout Time
11:15 am	Bus Leaving

Session Descriptions

Friday, May 01, 2020

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1A - Tell Me What Is Real - Robert McClure

In a post-truth era of alternative facts, fake news, and endless opportunity for us to share our opinions online, the ability to ascertain the veracity, and credibility of information has found renewed importance. Looking to the future, library professionals are well suited to help others find credible information, but first we must learn how to do so ourselves. Through this session, library staff will learn various techniques to identify dependable information created by credible sources, and how to pass these on to their clientele.

1B - Who Are The Friends of the Library - Crystal Friars and David Guba

Learn how the Stettler Friends of the Library Society expanded their fundraising focus on more than just book sales. During the 2018-2019 year, the Stettler Friends launched two new fundraising initiatives that have helped advocate for the Stettler Public Library and at the same time raise money for the Library. This session focuses on the Christmas Wine Survivor and Historic Ghost Walk events and the learning curves that the Stettler Friends of the Library Society has experienced along the way.

1C - Beyond The Booktalk - Valerie Viccars

Feeling stuck or bored trying to figure out what to do for your next booktalking presentation? Discover some fresh new ideas for crafting your next talk! Once you have the basics of delivering a book talk, this session takes you to the next level; putting it all together to create an engaging and unforgettable full book talk presentation. Learn tips on how to assemble and shape a presentation around a variety of themes or delivery methods. You will take away some fresh ideas, and be able to share your successes with the group.

1:10 - 2:10 p.m.

2A - Naughty, Nice, or Nixed: A Censorship Redux - Deb Cryderman and Clayton Tiro-Burns

An overview of censorship in libraries, including the censorship we commit ourselves, and that which our community imposes upon us. We'll explore how misinformation can be a form of censorship. We will wrap up with a practical exercise so everyone can play.

2B - Closing The Cultural Gap - Brandi Roper

Learn how the Stettler Public Library partnered with local Hutterite colony schools to build a relationship and spark a love of reading among children. An initial adventure into unknown territory, this outreach program has been wildly successful in building relationships with local communities, and has resulted in increased in-person visits to the library. This session will focus on lessons learned while establishing and running this outreach program, and will look at strategies that have worked to build relationships and expand community participation.

2C - Moving the Glenbow Library and Archives - Brenna Burwash

In 2019, the Glenbow's library and archives began their move to its new home at the University of Calgary. This presentation will cover how the move was planned and executed, along with some of the challenges encountered.

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

3A - Show Your Value In The Learning Commons - Dawn Dickson

Librarians are the key to the success of any Learning Commons. In the current climate of changing priorities for education, we need to show our value in the school Learning Commons more than ever! So much of what we do is invisible to our staff and administration. Ideas on how to reveal the magic you perform on a daily basis so your hard work is seen and appreciated.

3B - Get the Money, Honey! - Hailey McCullough

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in economic upheaval, leaving businesses and organizations, including libraries, struggling with budget decreases. Library staff must now get creative with other ways to fund their libraries. This conference session will examine the different methods library professionals can utilize to obtain library funding, looking at what needs to be fulfilled in a post-pandemic world. Come learn about sponsorships, donations, grants, and more.

3C - Great Reads K-4 - Valerie Viccars

Learn about all the best new books for early readers! This session surveys literature for young kids (Grades K-4) including picture books, beginning readers, chapter books and kids non-fiction. Come away enthused about kidlit and ready to help young children learn to love reading.

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

4A - Storytelling and Character Building - Carrie Stanton

How to build a story, add some memorable characters, good/bad/nasty/heroic, and everything in between. We will also explore illustrations and your story. What kind of a writer are YOU? Let's capture your best work with words!

4B - Programming: Meeting the curriculum needs of your students - Kathleen Conroy

This session will demonstrate how programming in your Learning Commons is an essential element in providing both educational outcomes as well as creating a welcoming space within the school. Several program ideas will be shown how they can be used across grade levels with slight tweaks. Be prepared to do some hands-on activities!

4C - Hello. This is a Chatbot. - Sarah Stephens

In the Fall of 2021, MRU Library introduced ivy.ai into their service offerings. Learn about the planning, set up, brain training, staff training, and user feedback from our first semester.

5:00 - 9:00 PM

Mobile Escape - <https://www.mobileescape.ca/rooms-calgary-mobile-escape-unit>

Have you always wanted to try an escape room? Will beginner's luck be your friend? Maybe you are an old pro, and want to claim top spot? Whichever the case, are you able to raise the submarine in time, or will luck be on your side in the Egyptian tomb? Grab a friend or two, or three and give it a go. If you have traveled alone, you will be paired up with another. I promise you will have fun! Sign up today. 2 - 6 people per room, per time slot. Prizes will be available.

Saturday, May 02, 2020

10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

5A - Great Reads for Teens - Valerie Viccars

Learn about the latest and greatest books for teens! This session surveys popular and award-winning young adult literature, covering various genres as well as books at a variety of reading levels. Come away enthused about YA Lit, and ready to help teens learn to love reading.

5B - How to be a Shift Disturber: Breaking down Barriers in Libraries - Deb Cryderman and Hailey McCullough

Customer Service is our most valuable marketing tool. Learn how everyone in the library has a role in providing exceptional customer service and the impact it has on the patron experience, satisfaction, and retention. There will be a small role-playing portion to this presentation (volunteer of course!)

5C - Weeding and "Genre-fying" Your Fiction Collection - Dawn Dickson

Has your collection grown out of control? Is it hard to find the good books in your collection that are relevant for your readers? Then it's time to weed out the old and icky to make room for the new and nice. After you've finished weeding, it is the perfect time to separate your fiction collection in genres. This will make it easier for your students and staff to find the books that they love. Tips on where to start and how to get it done.

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

6A - Great Reads for Grades 5-9 - Valerie Viccars

(Grades 5-9) including popular and award winning chapter books, and kids non-fiction.

6B - Empty Space to Learning Space - Annette Bennett

Annette will show you a presentation on what was done, what didn't work and what worked. She will also explain how she engages students in taking care of their space and wanting to be in that space. Keeping in mind every school situation is

different. The take away from this presentation would be getting and brainstorming ideas together on how to improve our learning spaces.

6C - The Convenient Library - Sarah Stephens

In Fall 2021, Mount Royal University Library added bookboxes to their complement of services. Bookboxes are distributed around campus to meet the students where they are. Come join a discussion about how we got from ideas to implementation.

Keynote & Session Biographies

Richard Van Camp



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Richard Van Camp is a proud Tlicho Dene from Fort Smith, NWT. He is the best-selling author of 26 books in just about every genre. His novel, *The Lesser Blessed*, is now a feature film on Amazon movies and CBC Gems. You can visit Richard on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, SoundCloud, YouTube and at www.richardvancamp.com

Jay Bardyla - Jay has created a thriving community of literate nerds throughout Alberta. As a co-owner of the Edmonton-based Happy Harbor Comics (1999-2019), he helped build an innovative and international award-winning business that offered a variety of opportunities to artists, writers and educators.

Happy Harbor visited hundreds of schools and libraries to spread the joy of comics, creativity and literacy, also donating more than \$10,000 worth of comics back to libraries with their Comic Book Fair program. His store was also the first in Canada to develop and maintain a Comics Artist-in-Residence program, which supported creators financially as well as creatively.

After a brief hiatus Jay has returned to the world of pop culture with his new shop Rolling Tales. With some modern tech and a refreshed outlook on how to share the world of comics, this new enterprise will work to bring even more comics to the masses.

He continues to sit on the Board of Directors for the Comics Legends Legal Defense Fund and We Are Here Canada, is an occasional guest instructor at Pixel Blue Art College, and a regular presenter and Keynote Speaker at Library conferences across the Province.

Valerie Viccars is a Family Literacy Librarian and certified Parent-Child Mother Goose teacher. She obtained her Masters in Library and Information Studies in 2005. Prior to branching out on her own, Valerie was the Manager of Early Literacy and Children's Services at the Calgary Public Library. She began the At Home with Mother Goose program as a way to provide more flexibility in early literacy programming for busy parents and caregivers. Along with early literacy programming, she also delivers adult education training on topics such as children's literature and programming skills.

Sarah Stephens graduated from the SAIT LIT program in 2004 and has worked in a variety of positions at Mount Royal University ever since. She is currently the Head, User Services and Engagement managing the Public Services team. Sarah is a longtime member of AALT and has served on the Board of Directors many times, twice as President.

Robert McClure accepted his first library job in 2006 and has been having fun ever since. As the CEO of Yellowhead County Libraries, Robert thrives when collaborating with other community groups, and enjoys facilitating professional development sessions for his staff and convincing non-library users to sign up for a library card. Away from the library, he enjoys spending time with his dog, his cat and his partner when she isn't busy working as a perioperative Registered Nurse."

Hailey McCullough is the Head of Adult Services at Grande Prairie Public Library. She holds a Bachelor's degree in English Literature and Creative Writing, as well as a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of Western Ontario. Hailey enjoys taking on special projects that make a difference in the community and having meaningful conversations that spark ideas, collaborations, and solutions. When she's not working, Hailey can be found reading thrillers, playing video games, or daydreaming about her next tattoo.

Deb Cryderman is the Director of Grande Prairie Public Library. She believes in breaking barriers and saving the naughty books. She sometimes swears in her presentations.

Brandi Roper is the Outreach Program Coordinator for the Stettler Public Library. A valued member of the Stettler Public Library team since 2012, Brandi has a passion for outreach and is instrumental in getting previously underserved communities excited about literacy.

Dawn Dickson began her career as a teacher and then moved into the school library. The library is her happy place. She has been working in libraries at the Calgary Board of Education for ten years in both elementary and middle school environments. She has successfully evolved libraries into learning commons in both settings. Dawn loves the library and wants you to as well!

Annette Bennett has worked with the Calgary Board of Education for 15 years. 10 of those years has been as the “Learning Commons Captain” for two middle schools. She finds it very rewarding to “hook” students on books and have them hangout with her in their Learning Space.

Brenna Burwash

Kathy Conroy is a high school librarian with the Calgary Catholic School Board. Kathleen has worked in school libraries for 10 years and before that was a public librarian for 7 years. Her Learning Commons focuses on three goals: students becoming effective users of digital information; creative makers through inquiry and problem solving; and readers for life. Kathleen has presented at local association events in Montreal on best practices in school libraries. She has also given professional development sessions to staff and board library colleagues. In her spare time, she likes to read, camp, hike in the Rockies and play board games.

Clayton Tiro-Burns is the Information Services Assistant at Grande Prairie Public Library. He holds a Library and Information Technology diploma from Nova Scotia Community College. Clayton enjoys helping people with problems, and talking about books. When he's not working, Clayton can be found at home reading fantasy novels or playing Go.



Vendors - We have some wonderful vendors this weekend - please take time to stop by (have your passport signed for a prize) and say hello. Build your collection by helping to support local authors, take some time for yourself by supporting local entrepreneurs, and in the end supporting the conference overall.