

The RISE Team has two new members!

Please join us in welcoming Denise Fung and Lynne Thorimbert, two new library consultants who will be taking care of Marigold Library System's RISE libraries.

Denise comes to Marigold from her existing position at Burlington Public Library where she has a lot of front-end public library experience. She graduated from the University of Toronto Library School.

Lynne is a recent graduate from the University of Western Ontario. She brings to the position a business consulting background.

Welcome to the team Lynne and Denise!



Share your comments on our new look!

RISE Coffee Breaks Continue

Don't forget to sign up for the RISE Coffee Breaks - weekly, informal training sessions to help you develop your skills with the RISE equipment. They're also a great way to practice and the perfect time to ask questions.



Discover...

The RISE Network is partnering with the University of Lethbridge to offer both their **Discovery Lecture Series** as well as their **University Scholars Series**. These public lectures are available via video conference at libraries across southern Alberta.

For a full list of the upcoming lectures, visit the RISE wiki.

Author Hazel Hutchins comes to Standard Library...by video conference!

Standard Library's very first videoconference program was held on February 2, 2010 with author Hazel Hutchins. Our audience turnout was good. We displayed posters advertising the event around the village and notice of the upcoming presentation was put in the newspaper. During the session, Hazel's passion for writing for children was infectious. She had loads of well organized, practical information for budding writers. Her personal experiences on how stories are born were very entertaining. She took us through the entire process from idea to published book and it was an eye-opener for many in the audience. Our patrons took advantage of the interactive aspect of the presentation and felt quite comfortable asking questions. Hazel was kind enough to send a transcript of her presentation to the library and copies are available for interested parties. This program has generated a keen interest in using videoconferencing as a resource here in Standard. We are hoping to see Hazel back for another videoconference session. Thank you to all who made this program possible.
[This program was presented from Canmore Public Library]

Sharon Duffala, Library Manager
Standard Municipal Library



Wasps, Beetles and Manure in the Library?

In early February, farmers and ranchers from across southern Alberta learned new ways to control pest flies affecting cattle as well as which beetles are most effective in degrading cattle dung. The information was presented by scientists from the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research Centre in Lethbridge. One library manager recounts her experience: *[The patrons that came] really enjoyed it. My parents were here and they had heard about these wasps being used in the States, however they didn't really know anything about them. After the presentation they were going to look into buying some wasps and trying it. Finding out that they were so small and they didn't bother animals or people really helped, especially with all the grandchildren running around the farm in the summer! I think that they will be telling more people in the community about the session. I actually heard my dad telling people about it at a party we were at Saturday night!*

For more agricultural programming, check out Lethbridge Public Library's *There's More to Farming Than the Weather* UFA Speaker Series. This series is available in libraries across southern Alberta via the RISE Network.



Coming Soon!

The RISE Network will soon be launching a **new website** that will replace the current RISE wiki. As well as providing access to how-to's, troubleshooting tips and contact information, the new website will feature an interactive calendar to make finding available programs easier than ever!

Watch for the new website later in the spring.