

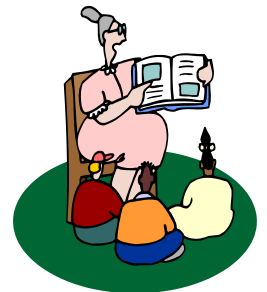


The RISE Review

The RISE Project is happy to announce that video conferencing has successfully been up and running in all 78 libraries since September 17th, 2009. RISE Consultants and library staff have been working hard to spread the word about the new service and it seems to be catching on! In the last two months, the RISE Network has had over 90 scheduled video conference sessions. There have been meetings, story times, a gardening workshop, health information sessions and author visits, just to name a few.

Not only have there been a large number of programs, but they have also been well-attended by library patrons and community members. For example, the Law @ Lunch sessions, put on by Lethbridge Public Library and Lethbridge College's Public Legal Education Program, have had up to 60 participants and some of the story time sessions have entertained nearly 40 children. Keep up the good work everyone! Only with your continued support and cooperation can we ensure that this becomes a useful and sustainable library service.

For information on programs available via video conference, visit the RISE Wiki (<http://wikirise.pbworks.com>) or contact your local RISE consultant.



Upcoming Programs in December



Books Make the Best Presents! A Book Talk

Hosted by Lethbridge Public Library
December 9, 2009 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us for an hour of book talks profiling the newest and coolest titles for everyone on your list: kids, parents, friends, grandparents, etc.

Simply Harp: a Christmas Event
Hosted by Taber Public Library and Rural Sustainability Initiative
December 10, 2009 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

This event will feature music from Simply Harp and the Choralaires, as well as a theatrical performance by the Taber Players. Join us for an evening of Christmas cheer.



Humanitarian Relief in the High Andes of Peru: Making a Difference One Life at a Time

Hosted by Raymond Public Library
December 9, 2009 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Southern Alberta Society for High Andes relief is a non-profit volunteer organization whose mission is to raise funds to benefit street children and women in Cusco, Peru. The organization raises funds to ensure that the Pichu Alto Shelter and Alcedies' Street children will be able to support their children who arrive in need of care. Members of the organization will give a presentation on their latest trip to Peru, things they have accomplished, and their goals for the organization.



RISE Success Stories – *Highlighting great uses of the RISE Network* **Fitness comes to the library!**

On Saturday, November 14, 2009 patrons gathered in 6 libraries across southern Alberta to learn how to improve their posture and increase core fitness using a stability ball. The session, hosted by the Raymond Public Library, was the first fitness session to be offered through the RISE Network and it was a hit!

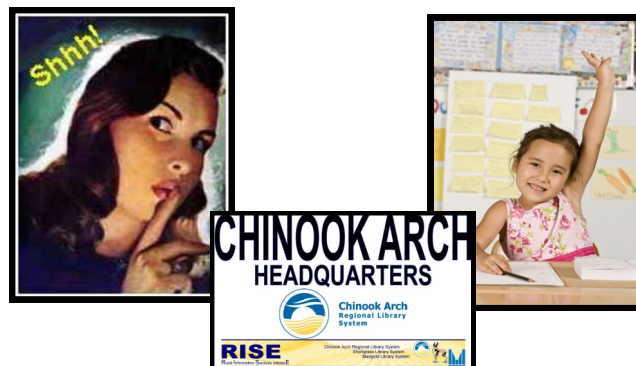
Participants received instruction from a personal trainer free from their libraries. Participating by video conference gave those patrons without access to fitness classes a chance to learn new techniques that they can do at home. Those who took part are looking forward to more sessions like this one.



Video Conference Etiquette

Video Conference programming is picking up across southern Alberta. To make sure everyone has a positive experience, try to follow these simple tips.

1. Keep your microphone muted unless you would like to say something.
2. Position the camera so that as many participants as possible are visible on camera.
3. Raise your hand if you would like to say something.
4. Keep your library's sign visible so that other sites can identify you.
5. Don't forget the remote audience! Try to include both the local and remote participants.
6. Do your best to restate questions and comments made at the local site to ensure that remote sites have heard them.
7. Speak in your normal tone, but be sure to position the microphone close to those who will be speaking.
8. Try to avoid pacing and fidgeting, as this can be distracting.
9. Assume you are always on camera, even if you are not speaking.
10. Notify your consultant or IT department immediately if you encounter problems.



Mute! Use your sign! Raise your hand!
