



The RISE Review

We're Fully Launched!

On October 8th, 2009, RISE made its debut to the people of Southern Alberta with a full day launch event. Between 10 AM and 4 PM more than half of the libraries in Southern Alberta participated in or watched a video conference program or event. The programs included a Ribbon Cutting (attended via video conference by various local and provincial politicians, library board members, staff, library supporters and members of the media), a gardening workshop, as well as virtual visits to the Royal Tyrrell Museum and Dinosaur Provincial Park, just to name a few. It was an exciting day for everyone involved in the project and we would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Launch a success. We're one step closer to making this new video conference network an invaluable part of library service in Southern Alberta.

The RISE Launch Event marked the transition from implementation of the network to a focus on programming and outreach. For information on programs now available via video conference, visit the RISE Wiki (<http://wikirise.pbworks.com>).



Upcoming Programs in **November**



November 2nd, 2009

6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Alzheimer Society Progressive Family Learning Series Part Four: End of Life Care

November 3rd, 10th, 12th, 2009

10:00 AM—10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime—presented by Cearagh, Katimavik Lethbridge volunteer

November 4th, 18th, 25th, 2009

12:00 PM—1:30 PM

Law @ Lunch—presented by Public Legal Education (Lethbridge College) and Lethbridge Public Library

Storytime by Video Conference!

Chinook Arch is proud to present **storytime via video conference!** Cearagh Vessey, Chinook Arch's Katimavik volunteer has been delivering preschool storytimes for young RISE library patrons for the last few weeks over the RISE Network. Her storytimes, intended for children ages 3-5, have been a real hit! She involves puppets, finger plays, rhymes and songs as well as some great picture books. These storytimes will continue into November and December—check the RISE wiki for specific dates and times.



Glossary of VC Terms

Bandwidth: Bandwidth refers to the amount of information that can be transmitted over an information channel. High bandwidth allows graphics to load more quickly and ensures that picture and sound will be clear. Problems with bandwidth can cause packet loss.

Codec: The word Codec is short for Coder-Decoder. A codec is a piece of videoconferencing hardware that codes the outgoing video and audio signals and decodes the incoming signals. The codec converts analog-signals to digital signals and compresses the digital signals. Incoming audio and video must be decompressed and converted from digital back to analog.

Multi-point Video Conference: A video conference between more than two sites. The sites must connect via a video bridge. Multi-point conferences must be arranged by a consultant. (compare to a point-to-point conference)

Point-to-point Video Conference: A video conference between two sites. These can be initiated using the remote control. (compare to multi-point conference)

Video Bridge: A computerized switching system which allows multi-point conferencing.

(Source: www.twice.cc/glossary.html)
