



The RISE Review

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RISE Project Update

The RISE Project is very excited to announce that we have reached system completion! After a long summer of installations, all 81 locations now have their video conference units! The installations all went relatively smoothly thanks to our technicians from MTS Allstream and your cooperation. We have all really appreciated your patience throughout this process.

Now, let the programming begin!

Remember to check out the RISE wiki as this is where information on programming, project updates and contact information can be found for RISE (<http://wikirise.pbworks.com>).

Upcoming Events

For more information on these events visit <http://wikirise.pbworks.com>

RISE Launch—Celebrating Information Services

Chinook Arch Library Board, Marigold Library Board and Shortgrass Library Board invite you to a ribbon cutting event to celebrate the launch of **RISE – the Rural Information Services initiative.**

*Please join us **October 8 at 12 noon**
for the ribbon cutting and cake at one of these sites:*

Chinook Arch Headquarters: 2902 7th Ave N, Lethbridge

Marigold Headquarters: 710 2nd Street, Strathmore

Shortgrass Headquarters: 2375 10th Ave S, Medicine Hat

Airdrie Public Library: 111, 304 Main Street, Airdrie

Brooks Public Library: 420 1st Ave West, Brooks

Claresholm Public Library: 211 49th Ave W Claresholm

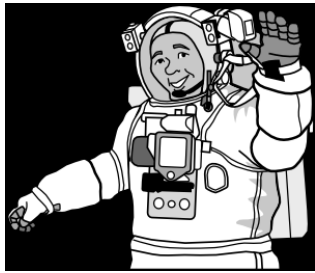
Hanna Public Library: 202 1st Ave W Hanna

Medicine Hat Public Library: 414 1st St. SE, Medicine Hat

Milo Public Library: 116 Centre Street, Milo

The Launch will also feature a variety of programming for your patrons. If you would like to view the ribbon cutting, you can visit one of the above sites or tune in via video conference. **To view the ribbon cutting from your library or to participate in any of the available programming, please contact your RISE Consultant.**

RISE Success Stories – *Highlighting great uses of the RISE Network*



Sarah Assmus, summer programmer at Airdrie Public Library writes of her experiences with NASA:

"We booked a program called "Humans in Space" on one of our SRP Fun Fridays. On the day of the program, I am almost certain that our staff's level of excitement matched, if not surpassed the excitement of the children. When we connected to the Glenn Research Centre, they started off by broadcasting a LIVE feed from the space station. It was surreal to view! The quality of the technology was incredible; it was as if the presenter was right there with us, answering our questions. He was even able to hear a question asked by the shy voice of a small boy in the back of the room. It was an amazing experience and really opened our minds to the possibilities of RISE. We look forward to all that this technology will provide for the future."

Another RISE Success Story!

Last week, Vauxhall Public Library hosted an "historic" event! The library was proud to host their first ever video conference session—a visit from artist Jeff de Boer. Mr. De Boer spoke to a group of local Grade 5 students about his work as an artist, and particularly about his travelling exhibition entitled, "The Fantastical World of Jeff de Boer." This event was not only a first for Vauxhall library, but for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition and for the Alberta College of Art and Design. The children and organizers were all really excited about this opportunity. It was a memorable first for all involved.

For more information on Jeff de Boer, please visit his website—www.jeffdeboer.com. If you would like to see Jeff's exhibition, visit the Vauxhall Public Library.

