



**Creating a vibrant community
that celebrates the *Arts***

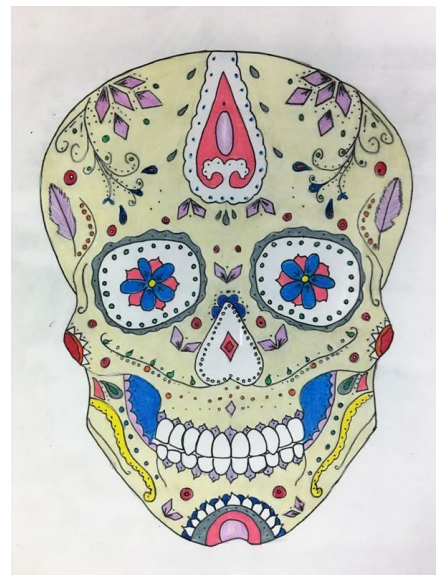
**The 32nd Middle Schools, Awesome Art Show,
in the Kiwanis Gallery!**

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are pleased to present, **The 32nd Middle Schools, Awesome Art Show, held in the Kiwanis Gallery from April 25 to May 22, 2017.**

From TV shows to celebrities to the world around them, Middle School students see the world with unique eyes. What will catch their eye this year?

Featuring Students from Eastview, Central, Gateway, West Park and Glendale Middle Schools, this annual exhibit delights its audience with a eclectic variety of works expressing these young students' talents as they experiment with different subject matter, styles, techniques and media. Come see what is new!

First Friday Red Deer Opening Reception: May 5 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Come and meet the students and enjoy their interesting artwork.

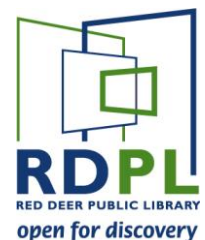


Sugar Skull
Pencil Crayon/Ink
Annika de Klerk, Grade 8
Eastview Middle School



Owl
Scratch Art
Jamie Barnes Grade 8
West Park Middle School

First Friday Red Deer is sponsored by the Red Deer Downtown Business Association



Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to present our 2017 Scholarship Award Winners and the Emerging Artist Award.

The Princess Margaret Scholarship for Post-Secondary Students of \$500.00 is awarded to the top scoring submission from a post-secondary student. This scholarship is awarded to Emilie Tobias, of Lacombe, AB. Ms. Tobias is a second year student in the Visual Arts Diploma program at Red Deer College, graduating this spring. She plans to attend the Alberta College of Art in the fall and work towards her Bachelor of Fine Arts. Her visual artwork focuses on the use of found objects in sculptural pieces.

The Canada Centennial Scholarship for Post-Secondary Students of \$500.00 is awarded to the top scoring submission from a post-secondary student in a media other than that awarded to the Princess Margaret Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to Erin Pettifor of Red Deer, AB. Ms. Pettifor is currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting at the University of Alberta. A previous award winner, Ms. Pettifor exemplifies the dedication of a young, upcoming artist who strives to perfect her craft. Toward that end, Ms. Pettifor will be gaining stronger musical theatre skills by attending Opera NUOVA's Ten Day Operatic Intensive and the Manitoulin Conservatory for Creation and Performance this summer. Her drive and dedication will carry her far in her chosen career path in the theatre.

The Canada Centennial Scholarship for Secondary Students of \$500.00 is awarded to the top scoring submission from a secondary school student. This scholarship is awarded to Kaili Connolley of Lacombe, AB. Ms. Connolley is a Grade 12 student from Ecolé Secondaire Lacombe Composite High School graduating this spring. She plans to continue her art education by attending the University of Alberta Bachelor of Fine Arts program and has already received conditional acceptance into the program based on her portfolio. Her visual artwork shows a strong sense of understanding concepts and innovative use of materials well beyond her years. Ms. Connolley is an exemplary student and volunteers with several community and school initiatives in Lacombe.

We are pleased to announce the winner of our 2017 Emerging Artist Award, Rueben Tschetter!

Rueben is a filmmaker with a BA in Communications and Culture (honours) from the University of Calgary. He is the director and CEO of CACHE Productions in Red Deer. His body of work includes over 25 short films and videos produced since 2012. His work can be found at www.thecacheproject.ca. Among other projects, he was involved with the Central Alberta Refugee Effort's Journeys of Hope production for Alberta Culture Days in 2016.

Currently Rueben is winding up CACHE Productions' second broadcast license with TELUS Optik Local. Five short films from The CACHE Project will be released in the summer of 2017. His long-term goal is to bring more recognition to the filmmaking industry in Central Alberta. Toward this end, he has plans to create a network for local filmmaking talent to produce, write and direct films that complement our Central Albertan culture and identity.

We wish him well in his future endeavours.



Rueben Tschetter, 2016
Photograph by Jeff Stoke,
Red Deer Advocate

Red Deer Public Library:
Opening a new chapter
Interview by Paul Cowley

Was it ever just about the books?

Red Deer Public Library was always more. And in our fast-paced digital world it is much, much more.

“We see ourselves as the community’s hub,” says Christina Wilson the library’s chief executive officer “We’re a place to meet. We’re a place to stimulate your imagination, express your creativity and satisfy your curiosity.”

The bricks and mortar library is only a part of its presence. The library has branched out to several social media platforms, runs a busy website and has computers and free wifi available for patrons.

Overseeing it all are staff who are dedicated to expanding the library’s place in the community.

“The role of the library has really changed from being a warehouse of books to being a people space,” says Christina.

The Kiwanis Gallery operated by the Red Deer Arts Council, which features the works of local artists, is part of that. Other art is found throughout the library.

“People are probably our most valuable resource here. Our people are our community connectors.”

The library has made it its mission to help, inside and outside its stacks.

“We’ve put more staffing time to outreach, getting outside the walls of the library.”

That means boosting the library’s profile at community events and encouraging the community to come into the library. Another branch was opened in Timberlands to joining the G.H. Dawe Community Centre branch.

Literacy programs like Storytime are always popular but the library is also tackling digital literacy.

“We are experiencing a digital shift. You see it in our collections. We have expanded our e-collections with e-magazines, e-music, online learning programs, such as Mango, our language learning program.”

“Google was our uber moment -- back in the mid-2000s. That was the panic -- ‘Oh my God. Somebody is digitizing all the books in the world, how are we going to deal with this?’

“And we shifted. We became more dynamic and we’re continually on this path. I think that shows how resilient public libraries are.”

To learn more, visit: <https://www.rdpl.org/about/plan-of-service>

I am the Arts



Christina Wilson, CEO, outside the Red Deer Public Library with Sound the Alarm sculpture. Photo by Jannie Ypma, retired RDPL staff member.

At Red Deer Public Library (RDPL) we value:

- Learning & Literacy
- Access & Inclusion
- Community
- Relationships
- Fun
- The Arts

These values underlie the five Service Responses of RDPL's Plan of Service.

We are the Red Deer Public Library

We are proud to call Red Deer home.

Join us in discovering the best our city has to offer.

Upcoming Exhibit in the Kiwanis Gallery:

May 24 to June 17

Hang-ups and Insights: The 9th Annual IB and AP Art Show with Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School and Hunting Hills High School

Tidbits from April 24 meeting's open discussions:

Cronquist Tea House opens May 2, 2017, 11 am – 5 pm, Tuesday to Fridays. Call for reservations.

Benefit On The Bridge – Fundraiser for **CentreFest** is being held on CPR Walking Bridge, Saturday, May 27th at 8 pm with music by – The Overdue Blues Band - Tickets available at the Black Knight Inn Ticket Center.

Volunteers - CentreFest is looking for volunteers to do set-up and take-down for this event, please call 403-872-3361 or email info@centrefest.ca to express interest.

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