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NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter Development

This newsletter serves as a way to showcase library training and programming resources developed across western Canada. It's produced by the *Library Toolshed Working Group*.

If you would like to contribute ideas or articles to the newsletter please contact Brian Lin, blin@thealbertalibrary.ab.ca

The Year in Review - The Library Toolshed in 2017

2017 was an eventful year for the Library Toolshed. It saw the launch of a new user interface and look and feel. We also had over 60 presentations added from library conferences such as the Alberta Library Conference, BC Library Conference, Saskatchewan Libraries Conference and Netspeed.



The content accessed in the Library Toolshed continues to be diverse and reflect the wide array of services libraries provide including Summer Reading Programming, assistive technology, emerging technologies and more!

Here are the top 5 Resources accessed in 2017:

- [Canada 150 Public Library Resource Guide](#)
- [Don't Let the Pigeon Touch the Book](#)
- [All Technology is Assistive \(But Not Always Accessible\)](#)
- [3D Printing in the Library](#)
- [Deconstruction Day](#)

Saskatchewan Quick Picks

PS4 Virtual Reality Gaming: Teen Programming
<https://librarytoolshed.ca/content/psvr-makerspace-kit>

Virtual reality is a new immersive gaming experience that can also be used to provide educational and training opportunities. The newly released PlayStation VR (PSVR) offers a relatively simple entry point that most patrons can use. This manual is all you need to start your own program. Southeast Regional Library has included guidelines, permission form, quick start instructions and playing guide.



Maker Kit Staff Feedback Survey

Thinking about creating evaluation surveys for your maker kits? Look no further. Check out the staff and patron evaluation forms created by Palliser Regional Library:

Staff survey: <https://librarytoolshed.ca/content/maker-kit-staff-feedback-survey>

Public survey: <https://librarytoolshed.ca/content/make-kit-public-feedback-survey>

Adding Items to The Library Toolshed

Are you thinking about adding items to the Library Toolshed? Here are a few quick pointers:

- Check to see if there are any resources on the Toolshed similar to the ones you want to add first
- Make sure that you are able to download the resources once it has been published (if it does not work, you can try uploading it again)
- If you would like to have your resource added to the main page, make sure you add a “Front Page” image:
- If you have any questions or suggestions don't hesitate to contact us at support@librarytoolshed.ca
- If you think have created a resource that would benefit other libraries, please add it! Sharing is Caring!

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Library Conference Season is almost here!

Are you presenting at an upcoming library conference? The Toolshed is an excellent repository for hosting your presentation or poster from your conference. Check out some of the great presentations currently hosted on the Toolshed such as:

- [Libraries Literacy and Inclusion](#)
- [Empowering Albertans to Deal with their Family Law Issues: Using LegalAve.ca in your Library](#)
- [Extending Library Services to On-Reserve Populations: The First Year](#)
- [Community Redevelopment Toolkit](#)

You can see all of the conference presentations hosted on the Toolshed here: <https://librarytoolshed.ca/browse/presentations>

If you would like to add a presentation but don't see your conference listed, just e-mail us at support@librarytoolshed.ca.

When you ready sign up for an account on the Toolshed here: <http://librarytoolshed.ca/user/register> and add your presentation here: <https://librarytoolshed.ca/node/add/conference-presentation>