

October 2020



NEW HOURS OCT 20, 2020

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Closed</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9:00 - 3:00 (Closed For Lunch)</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>9:00 - 3:00 (Closed For Lunch)</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>12:00 - 3:00</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>1:00 - 4:00 (Curbside Only)</i>

FINES RETURN OCT 13, 2020

For the past 6 months the Falher Library has waved all late fees because of the situation with Covid-19. Now that we have returned (mostly) to normal, we will be reinstating fines on Oct 13, 2020. Please return any late books you may have. If any are missing or damaged contact us and we can work together to come up with a solution.

RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

Since we are open again please feel free to come into the library and renew your membership. However, if you are not comfortable coming in you can find a membership form here and you can drop it off with a check in our book return located outside the building.

Registration Form: <https://falherlibrary.ab.ca/Using-the-Library/Membership-and-Borrowing>

RELAIS D2D

Have you searched through TRAC for a certain book but were unable to find it? Or maybe you need textbooks for school? With Relais D2D you can find and place holds on books from ALL OVER ALBERTA including Colleges and Universities.

Check it out here: <https://alberta.relaisd2d.com/custom/alberta/site/login.html>

Board Update for October 2020 Library Newsletter

In July, we asked you to *IMAGINE that the Falher Library / Bibliothèque Dentinger and the Falher Library CERC are CLOSED in 2021*, and then we asked for you to join the Board to help ensure this did not happen.

Thanks to four new members' of our communities belief that "Life is Better With Library", and their personal commitments to join the Board, we will be able to provide public library services in 2021.

Our sincere thanks to outgoing Board member, Hillary Reid, who has moved from the region, but remained active on the Board to ensure our viability during this Board recruitment campaign.

The Board's priorities for 2021 will be threefold:

1. To support a safe return to increased public operations in a COVID-19 environment.
Many thanks to the Friends of the Falher Library Society, who have received approval from AGLC to use existing gaming funds raised to buy COVID-19 supplies for the library through June 2021.
2. To continue to enlist, train and support new trustees to ensure effective transition and governance when existing long-serving trustees terms expire in 2021; and
3. To work with our municipalities, partners, patrons, clients & area residents to prepare for the future by:
 - Assessing community needs for 2022+ that the public library can help support:
 - *A critical part of this will be advocacy within the community by the Board, Staff and volunteers, and hearing back from all of you about the impact of public library services on your families, either directly, or as part of a formal community needs assessment process.*
 - *If the services we provide are not vital to ratepayers (who fund the majority of the operating costs to provide this public service), we're not doing our job as a public library / Board.*
 - Confirming municipal support for public library services and the best way to provide them (Intermunicipal Library Board for the Town of Falher and the Village of Donnelly) / other);
 - Confirming the provision of ongoing / new contract services (CERC / other); and finally,
 - By preparing our Plan of Service for 2022+ for municipal acceptance.
 - *In an upcoming period of reduced provincial funding for all municipal services, our Plan of Service will set and prioritize our library service responses based on the needs assessment, and will result in adjustments to staffing, services and fees to match our plan to our public funding.*

If you have questions, please contact Board trustees directly (see below); respond to the Board email at falherregional.im.libraryboard@gmail.com; or leave a text or voice message on our Board recruitment number (780-837-4092), and we will get back to you.

From the Falher Regional Intermunicipal Library Board

<u>Current trustees in alphabetical order</u>			
8 appointed by the Town of Falher, and 2 by the Village of Donnelly, as noted			
James Bell	Rita Boulet (Donnelly)	Jackie Hockey	Vacancies (1 Falher) We have a candidate-in waiting for our final vacancy.
Valérie Bell	Lindsay Brown	Raoul Johnson	
Nonthanee (Mai) Noosri-Bérubé (Donnelly)	Diane Gervais	Natasha Smit	

Note to Supporters of the Friends' Christmas Cash Calendars

The Friends of the Falher Library Society board members would first like to thank you for your unwavering past support for this remarkably successful and welcomed annual fundraiser. However, due to the Covid-19 risk to you, our valued supporters, and to our devoted Friends' sales team, the Friends have decided to cancel this year's 2020 Christmas Cash Calendar.

Our Christmas Cash Calendar fundraiser has become a celebrated tradition for the Friends for nearly a decade! Which is why the decision to cancel this year's Christmas Cash Calendar was undeniably not an easy one. We thank you for your understanding and we encourage you to remain hopeful that we will be able to continue this much anticipated fundraiser in 2021.

Friends of the Falher Library

Bee A Friend

