Library Programming for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

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Welcome to your last session of SALC 2017!

What We’ll Be Covering

● Who We’re Serving
● The AB PL Pulse
● Current Programming in AB
● MHPL’s Experience
● Programming Ideas
Note:

This presentation is best enjoyed while referencing the related handout.
Who We’re Serving

A brief chat about intellectual and developmental disabilities
Intellectual Disability
3 Major Criteria
First Criteria

Intellectual Functioning

Intelligence
Reasoning

Learning

Problem Solving

Reading  Math  Visual Processing
Auditory Processing  Motor Skills  Writing  Language

Diagram showing the interrelation between reasoning, learning, and problem solving.
Second Criteria

Adaptive Behaviour

A collection of everyday skills
Third Criteria

Age of Onset of Disability

The beginning of the disability
Developmental Disability
Developmental Disability

Cognitive (intellectual)

Physical
Age of Onset of Disability

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Intellectual Disability vs. Developmental Disability

Intelligence
Everyday skills
Begins before 18

Cognitive
Physical
Both
Begins before 22
The AB PL Pulse
Research & Findings
## Find a Library

### Search Term/Phrase

![Search Term/Phrase](image)

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Electronic Query
(Email & Contact Forms)

July 13 - August 9

Libraries contacted: 254
Responses received: 68
Phone Query
(follow-up calls)

August 13 - November 13

Libraries contacted:
186

Responses received:
178
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No one in community with disabilities
Low attendance at previous programs
Other agencies in the community currently offer targeted programming
Large centre nearby
Inaccessible to individuals that use wheelchairs
Libraries responding with answer of “No, but...”

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Barrhead Public Library
Bashaw Municipal Library
Berwyn Municipal Library
Blue Ridge Community Library
Clive Public Library
Coadsle Public Library
Darwell Public Library
Drayton Valley Municipal Library
Fort Assiniboine Public Library
Grande Prairie Public Library
Grimsby Municipal Library
High River Centennial Library
Lethbridge Public Library
Magrath Public Library
Manwayne Public Library
Millarville Community Library
Millet Public Library
Morinville Community Library
Olds Municipal Library
Raymond Public Library
Red Deer Public Library
Redwater Public Library
Rochester Municipal Library
Rocky Mountain House Public Library
Rockyford Municipal Library
Sheep River Library
Spirit River Municipal Library
St. Albert Public Library
Standard Municipal Library
Strathmore Municipal Library
Sylvan Lake Municipal Library
Three Hills Municipal Library
Valhalla Community Library
Vegreville Centennial Library
Whitecourt and District Public Library
Wildwood Public Library

37 Libraries
(14.6%)
Inclusive Programming
Free Use of Programming Space
Inclusive workplace
Would offer a program if there was a need or request
Non-Participating Libraries

8 Libraries

(3%)
Kristen
Three Hills Library
Programming & Front Counter

"I THINK WE GENERALLY HOPE THAT OUR
PROGRAMS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO A LARGE VARIETY
AND SPAN OF FOLKS, BUT IT IS GOOD TO BE
INTENTIONAL IN OUR PLANNING AND HOW WE
APPROACH PROGRAMMING."
Current Programming in Alberta

What’s happening around the province
A weekly drop-in program (1.75 hrs)

45 minutes - Wii gaming

15 minutes - Break

45 minutes - Tales for the Tall
Present: Self-directed activities & resources in branch
Chromebooks & iPads
Games, puzzles and colouring activities available
Past: Staff-led program using kits

Wasn’t well attended

Difficult to engage support staff
Talking Book Club (Special Services, Central Library)

New audiobook acquisitions

Staff read item descriptions to attendees

Past: Individuals with visual impairments

Present: Includes individuals with disabilities
Past: Music & Motion / Storytime

Program was requested by community member

Local musicians

Music = songs for seniors (primarily)

Early childhood storytime when music unavailable
Present: Program not currently offered
   Community member moved
   Attendance declined
   Program may be revisited in future
Targeted programming done by community librarians
Interact with local agencies and organizations
What do organizations want and/or need?
What barriers are in the organization’s way?
Community librarians…

Offer modified versions of in-branch programs

Programming usually takes place off-site

All programming is collaborative (staff and community librarians making decisions)
Partnership with local organization (LINX)

Monthly one-hour program held at the library

Hosting responsibilities shared by two LPL staff

Initially hosted together

Currently host separately
Programming is similar to a storytime

Game, craft, movement activity, story / stories

Memory games quite popular

Spot the difference games (smartboard)
Past: Weekly summer program (partnership)

Meant to address a need and promote library

1st week on-site, 2nd week off-site

On-site: Movie, game, puzzles, magazines, etc.

Off-site: Giant games, magazines, puzzles, etc.
Present: Programming not currently being offered

Staff member who suggested (and hosted) 2016 summer program is currently a full-time student

Hopes program will be offered again in future
Present: Afternoon Activities (weekly; 90 minutes)

Programming is on-site and off-site

Off-site: tours, outdoor activities

On-site: Guest speakers, movies, painting, etc.

Guest speakers = most popular program
MHPL’s Experience

How our program began and what our experience has been
Serves 63,000+ people (2015 Municipal Census)

14,809 members (December 2015)
Wednesday Activity

Programming That We Initially Offered
Wednesday Activity
Programming Spaces

Honor Currie Room (x2)
Former Library Theater (x2)
Legion Room (x1)
Our Current Activities
Adult Colouring
Bingo
Board Games
Carnival Games
Crafts
Dance Party

Karaoke
Movies
Painting
Sing-Alongs
Story Times
Your Future Experience

Helpful suggestions for starting your own targeted programming
Is there a need in your community?
Are there any support agencies in your community or surrounding areas?
What programming are prospective attendees interested in?
What type and/or size of programming space is available?
How often can you and/or will you offer the program?
Library Programming for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

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