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Canadian Library Month - celebrate the evolution

Innovative. Transformative. Connected. Alberta's libraries are evolving to meet the needs of an increasingly information-driven society.

Canadian Library Month in October marks an opportunity to celebrate the evolution, as the province's libraries shift to such innovations as digital and downloadable books, music, movies, magazines, Internet access, electronic databases, eReaders, gaming and reaching out to a new generation of library users via social media such as Twitter and Facebook.

"Alberta's libraries are responding to the needs of incredibly diverse communities," says Clive Maishment, CEO of The Alberta Library. "From metropolitan areas to rural hamlets, from research-intensive universities to colleges of art and design, Alberta's libraries are places where people increasingly learn, engage and connect with each other."

With over 38 million in-person and online visits per year, Albertans are using their local public libraries more than ever.

Academic libraries, school libraries and special libraries also add immensely to the creativity and personal, professional and academic growth of Albertans, serving everyone from students to faculty and those in the corporate, government, and non-profit sectors.

The Alberta Library symbolizes the provincial library community's commitment to creating a library system that meets the needs of all Albertans. With the support of the Alberta Government, the province's libraries are working together to create one of the most progressive and dynamic library systems in North America.

As a result of collaboration, Albertans at even the smallest library have access to millions of resources.

And that's something to celebrate.

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