**Marigold Making a Difference Award 2021 SPECIAL EDITION**

**~ Tell Your Library’s Story ~**

Marigold Library System’s ***Making a Difference Award***recognizes and celebrates excellence and innovation in library service. The Award traditionally acknowledges a library and team who are proud of an achievement in an area such as programming, outreach, advocacy and public relations, partnerships, and innovative use of technology.

*Because COVID-19 has derailed and disrupted libraries from providing these traditional services in 2020, Marigold would like to focus the 2021 award on stories about initiatives and impacts from your library on staff, patrons, volunteers, stakeholders, etc. that demonstrate your library’s value.*

**Criteria**

* Identify and detail one story about your library’s service, programs, initiatives, or partnerships that demonstrate how your library was valuable to your community during 2020.

**Possible topics for your story**

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| * Advocacy * Community Partnership * Impactful Ideas and Successes in Increasing Cardholders * Innovative Programming | * Innovative Service * Innovative Use of Technology * Intellectual Freedom * Outreach * Public Relations and Marketing |

**Rules**

1. Nominations must be submitted to one of the contacts below by **February 12, 2021**.
2. Nominations may be made by member library staff or board members.
3. Nominations must be signed by the board chair.
4. Nominations should follow the template provided.

**How to apply**

1. Use the attached form as a template for your nomination (include information in as many fields as possible).
2. The Advocacy Committee of the Marigold Library Board will consider every nomination based on the criteria above and will choose the award recipient(s).
3. Awards will be presented to the winning library boards at the virtual Marigold Member Libraries’ Workshop on **May 12, 2021**.
4. A winner and an honourable mention from a small, medium, and large library will be chosen. Each winner will receive a plaque and a monetary award of **$750** and each honourable mention will receive a certificate of recognition and a monetary award of **$250** to be used at the local Library Board’s discretion.

Libraries will be grouped according to community population size:

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| **SMALL** | **MEDIUM** | **LARGE** |
| * Acadia | * Banff | * Airdrie |
| * Acme | * Crossfield | * Canmore |
| * Beiseker | * Drumheller | * Chestermere |
| * Berry Creek | * Hanna | * Cochrane |
| * Bighorn | * Irricana | * High River |
| * Carbon | * Oyen | * Okotoks |
| * Carseland | * Sheep River | * Strathmore |
| * Cereal | * Three Hills |  |
| * Consort | * Trochu |  |
| * Delia |  |  |
| * Empress |  |  |
| * Gleichen |  |  |
| * Hussar |  |  |
| * Linden |  |  |
| * Longview |  |  |
| * Millarville |  |  |
| * Morrin |  |  |
| * Rockyford |  |  |
| * Rumsey |  |  |
| * Standard |  |  |
| * Youngstown |  |  |

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| ***Winners of the Awards in 2020:*** | ***Honourable Mentions of the Awards in 2020:*** |
| ***Small – Bighorn Library for their Rocky Mountain Animals Book Project*** | ***Small – Linden Municipal Library for their Indigenous Peoples Sleepover*** |
| ***Medium – Banff Public Library for their Social Wellness program*** | ***Medium – Three Hills Municipal Library for their Maker Kits*** |
| ***Large – Airdrie Public Library for Gill-bert the Reading Fish*** | ***Large – Chestermere Public Library for their Preschool Storytime program*** |