In the News...

The Magic of Finland’s Baby Boxes Comes to Canada

3 Ways to Responsibly and Compassionately Respond to Panhandling

Basic Skills and Poverty By
The Center for Community Solutions

More about the film: Where is Home?
The Lethbridge premiere of the film will be held at the Lethbridge Public Library on January 14th @ 7pm. Facebook event link

Also happening at the Lethbridge Public Library:
Lecture Series—Home is Where the Heart is Divided
The City of Lethbridge, public and community stakeholders are supporting Lethbridge Immigrant Services in the successful settlement of Syrian Refugees in our community. Currently 9 families including 37 children have been welcomed to Lethbridge. A total of 240 are expected by the end of February 2016.

A Steering Committee has been formed to work collaboratively to successfully settle, welcome, and include people in our community. We are now hosting Community Agency meetings to provide updates, plan education programming and share resources to better meet the needs of the newcomers. These meetings are open to any agency that is interested. Commencing Jan. 13 and every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall. Deborah Chenery, ED, CMHA is the agency representative on the Steering Committee.

Helpful Links

⇒ Lethbridge Family Services—Immigrant Services
⇒ Lethbridge Response to Refugees
⇒ Alberta’s Response to Refugees
⇒ Canada’s Response to Refugees
⇒ UNHCR’s Response to Refugees
Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming professional development opportunities, events and conferences

January

January: Click here to see the Alberta Healthy Living Calendar
January 11: Strengthening Families Together Workshop
January 18: Lethbridge Public Library at 7:30 p.m. “Freedom, Restriction, and the Navigation of Adolescent Space: A Comparison of Two Migrant Experiences” By Erin Spring, Institute for Child and Youth Studies, U of L
January 20—26: Solidance Community Dance Class
January 21: Exploring Systems Responses to Homelessness Webinar
January 27: Adjust the Mirrors and Turn on the Headlights: Revisiting the Current Debates on Muslims from 7—9 p.m.
January 29: Closing date for the YWCA Women of Distinction Award (Click for Nomination Form)

February

Feb: Alberta Healthy Living Calendar
Feb 1: Lethbridge Public Library at 7:30 p.m. “Undocumented Deities: Guatemalan Maya Migrants and Religion in Southern California” By Jamie MacKenzie, Department of Anthropology, U of L
Feb 8: Lethbridge Public Library at 7:30 p.m. “The Lines That Separate: The Long History of borders and Exclusion” By Sheila McManus, Department of History, U of L
Feb 23: Legendary Astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Chris Hadfield Bring Pioneering Space Exploration Experiences Down to Earth at 2nd Greatness in Leadership Event
Feb 26: Black History Month event from 5—9 p.m.
Feb 27: Black History Month event from 1:30—5 p.m.

March

March 1: Alberta Healthy Living Calendar
March 1: Nomination deadline form for The Leaders of Tomorrow Gala which will be on April 13th, 2016.
March 4: Nomination form for Nominations for Grade-A educators now open

May

May 4-6: 7 Cities Housing and Homelessness Conference
May 12: D. Mark Ragins the Recovery Model Seminar Full Day and Evening
Hyperlinks
Each section provides hyperlinks for ease of access. Click on the hyperlink to retrieved the information for the specific topic.

Government & University News

Government of Canada

Government of Alberta
Alberta Government News and Events
- Alberta Expands Access to Life-saving Naloxone
- Alberta Welcomes Final Report of Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- Alberta Welcomes Federal Action on missing and murdered Indigenous Women
- Minister of Human Services Responds to OCYA Report

Make Your Views on Payday Lending Heard

Alberta Open Data Portal - The portal makes data the provincial government collects, publicly available

University of Lethbridge
University of Lethbridge People Plan
- 2 New PhD Programs: The Population Studies in Health PhD and The Cultural, Social and Political Thought graduate degrees
- University of Lethbridge joins the Little Lethbridge Library Movement
- University Highlights for the week of January 18—23

Opportunities, Insights and New Resources

Insights
Free Children’s Books From First Book Canada
Faith in Action Against Homelessness
Action to End Poverty in Alberta
Homeless Charter of Rights
Homeless Hub: Addressing Core Housing Need in Canada, Let's End Child Poverty for Good, Call on the Federal Government to make Housing a Priority

Funding Opportunities
Taking Action Against Elder Abuse Coordinated Community Response Grant
Opportunities, Insights & New Resources…

Residential Access Modification Program (RAMP)
Community Grants for Caregivers Project
New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) Grant
YMCA Stay at Home Parent Subsidy
Community Living Scholarship
Recreation and Culture: Fee Assistance Program

Newly Released Plans and Reports
Human Rights and Poverty Reduction Strategies—Canada Without Poverty
Aboriginal Relations 2014—2015 Annual Report
Affordable Housing Breathes New Life into Old Buildings
A Safe Place to Live: Towards a Housing First Framework for Youth

Videos, Webinars/Seminars and Workshops
University of Calgary Social Work Professional Development: Fall 2015 Program
HPS Webinar: Intensive Case Management in Practice, the City of Lethbridge
Planning for Aging in Place Series
Professional Parenting
Mental health Promotion Committee presents: Dr. Mark Ragins;
   May 12, 2016: Evening workshop
   May 12, 2016: Full day workshop

Toolkits
The Money Matters Program—Handouts for Community Programs
Homeless Youth and Higher Education
72 Hour Emergency Kit
Canadian Red Cross First Aid and CPR eNews
Building Corporate Relationships—a Toolkit for Non-profits
Removing the Barriers to Young Women’s Participation in Local Government
Opportunities, Insights & New Resources

Working with the Media—information sheet
7 Cities Housing and Homelessness Conference

Updates and Newsletters

The Promise Bulletin
Vibrant Communities Calgary
The Homeless Hub: Homelessness is Only One Piece of My Puzzle
Stats Canada — The Daily
20,000 Homes Campaign launched
Canadian Social Research Newsletter
CMHC: Affordable Housing in Canada October 2015
The Chronicle of Higher Education
Canadian Housing and Renewal Association
Interfaith Food Bank
Vibrant Communities Calgary
Employment & Volunteer Opportunities

Afterschool Program Assistant—Closes Jan. 22, 2016

Community Foundation (Lethbridge and Southern Alberta) Job posting and Job description - Closes Jan. 18, 2016

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