

Public library in Sangudo to stay put

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The Sangudo Public Library will continue to call the Sangudo Community School home for the foreseeable future, thanks to an agreement in principle the library board made with Northern Gateway School Division.

Kevin Andrea, superintendent for Northern Gateway School Division said it was time to update the agreement, as it had not been looked at for a number of years.

"The current agreement had to be literally chiseled out of the rock and dusted off because no one had looked at it in over 20 years," Andrea said.

The new agreement is similar to the one the Northern Gateway School Division has with the Fox Creek Public Library.

The agreement states the library board will pay the Sangudo Community School \$2,000 a year for the lease of the facilities the library uses in the school. The school is to use these funds specifically for the operation or purchases that will enhance their school library.

In exchange the Northern Gateway School Division will be responsible for the maintenance, heating and cleaning of the library space.

During school hours the Sangudo Community School will have the exclusive use of the library. Students of the school will also continue to receive a free membership at the public library.

Andrea said the decision to close the public library during school hours was a decision the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board made.

"When the public library is open they want one of their librarians present. They only have the budget to staff the library for a certain number of hours."

Andrea noted that having the public library open after school also benefits the Sangudo Community School and its students.

"The school really can not have the public walking into the school library in the middle of a library class or another school activity," Andrea said.

Besides having different hours, the school and public libraries will maintain separate operating budgets and capital expense budgets.

The agreement, which the Northern Gateway School Division, approved unanimously at their regular board meeting on Aug. 28 still has to be ratified by the library board.

Andrea said he expects the library board will pass and sign the agreement at their next board meeting.

Workshop to teach children to enjoy the music

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Learning how to play a musical instrument can be difficult and stressful.

Paul Coates, hopes to alleviate some of those difficulties for Whitecourt children who are currently learning or would like to learn how to play a musical instrument when he comes to town on Sept. 9.

Through his three-hour musical workshop, called 'Calming the Practice Monster,' Coates said he

can lessen the stress and anxiety a student feels about the whole practice or homework part of learning to play an instrument.

"The common perception is that practice is something you have to suffer through if you want to learn a musical instrument," Coates said.

"When a student starts to feel stress about practicing they start to get discouraged and can even start to hate practicing."

This not only affects the student but the whole negative attitude gets passed down to their music teacher and even their parents, Coates

said.

"This whole process is about breaking down the negative assumptions and perceptions about practicing," Coates said. "It's about bringing everyone together, the student, parents and music teacher, and making music fun."

Coates does this through a number of interactive methods including free improvisation at the piano, word games and question and answer periods.

Some of the topics Coates touches on during the workshop are language use, time management and preconceived notions and assumptions.

"The skills students learn from this workshop can help them with more than learning how to play an instrument but with how to deal with their school homework as well," Coates said. "If you want to calm the practice or homework monster you must take the time to acknowledge, empower, inspire and listen to each other instead of simply measuring by what you get done."

Coates will be at the Skyview Alliance Church with his 'Calming the Practice

Monster workshop on Sept. 9 at 1 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$30 per person. A parent/teacher combo (1 parent or teacher with a child) is also \$30. A musical team (music teacher, student & parent) is \$45. To register for the program parents can go online at www.monster-workshops.com. For those wishing to register at the door there will be an additional \$5 fee.



Paul Coates of Regal Monster Productions

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LOCATIONS

- September 05 Hilltop High School
- September 06 St. Mary School
- September 07 St. Joseph School
- September 08 Hwy 43
- September 09 Hwy 43
- September 10 Percy Baxter School
- September 11 Pat Hardy School

- Additional locations may be photo enforced on the above dates.
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