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Ms. Lorraine Brauer  
Chairperson, Village of Hines Creek Library Board  
c/o Hines Creek Municipal Library  
Box 750  
High Prairie AB T0H 2A0

Dear Ms. Brauer,

I am pleased to announce the call for nominations for the annual Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Library Service. These awards formally recognize exemplary services at public libraries and promote knowledge-sharing within Alberta's library community.

The YOU Libraries Award will also continue in 2019. This award is adjudicated by a popular vote, open to all Albertans. A jury will select up to four winning submissions that demonstrate excellence and/or innovation in library service, to receive the Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Library Service. All nominations that meet the Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Library Service criteria will be automatically eligible for the YOU Libraries Award.

Nominations will open on December 3, 2018, and the submission deadline is February 25, 2019. Nomination forms and additional details will be available at [www.albertalibraries.ca](http://www.albertalibraries.ca). Winners will be notified by early April 2019 and announced at the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper from April 25-28, 2019.

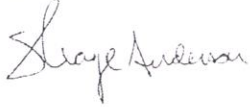
If you have any questions regarding the awards program, please contact Karen Petch, Branch Information Co-ordinator, Public Library Services Branch, toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-427-9709, or at [libraries@gov.ab.ca](mailto:libraries@gov.ab.ca).

I would like to again recognize the 2018 award recipients: the City of Camrose Library Board for their Snacks in the Stacks program; Town of Carstairs Library Board for their Annual Parenting Fair; Town of Morinville Library Board for their Indigenous Canada Learning Circle (also the YOU Libraries Award Winner); and Parkland County Library Board for their WiFi Hotspots.

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Thank you for your work in ensuring public libraries are recognized as an integral part of vibrant communities across Alberta. I look forward to hearing and celebrating your stories.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shaye Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Hon. Shaye Anderson  
Minister of Municipal Affairs

cc: Honourable Margaret McCuaig-Boyd, MLA, Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley  
Her Worship Hazel Reintjes, Mayor, Village of Hines Creek  
Ms. Myah Adams, Library Manager, Hines Creek Municipal Library