

Hello Everyone!

As we leave the “cool” weather of February behind, lets look forward to a warmer March!

My name is Matthew Ryan Rankin, and I am the new Director of Library Services for Fort Saint John Public Library!

I grew up in Central Ontario, specifically a small town called Penetanguishene on the shores of Georgian Bay (Part of Lake Huron).

Education-wise, I went to Wilfrid Laurier University for my BA (graduating in 2011), and to the University of Western Ontario for my MLIS.

Since 2013, I have worked in Public Libraries. Prior to coming out to FSJ, I lived in Southeastern Saskatchewan in the city of Weyburn. My general hobbies include computers, reading, hiking, biking, astronomy, and drawing.

As I get familiar with my position, I am confident we can implement some great projects together. I am extremely interested in further developing Branch Technology (buying makerspace kits, etc.), diversifying the collection to meet community needs (including purchasing items in new subject areas, etc.), and getting as involved in the community as possible.

I love hearing ideas, and concerns on how the library is operating, so feel free to continue to speak with Marilyn, and myself.

I look forward to working with and learning from the Board and Staff!

P.S. Here is a picture of my cat Knight.

