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New digital resources available through libraries

Two new databases will provide Albertans with access to resources to help them grow personally, professionally and academically, thanks to the Alberta Government's recent investment in digital services.

Starting July 1st, Canadian Points of View Reference Centre and Career Cruising will be available through all members of The Alberta Library consortium, which includes public libraries, regional library systems, academic libraries and special libraries.

The new databases are part of a core suite of resources that provide member libraries with authoritative, quality digital content. The Alberta Library also recently added Mango language learning software to its core suite of resources.

"These new digital licenses were chosen collaboratively by the library community to provide users with practical and effective tools," says Julia Reinhart, Director of the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network, an integral part of The Alberta Library.

Canadian Points of View Reference Centre provides students with in-depth information on over 100 key topics of interest, from human rights to substance abuse. The resource provides material from a broad range of views, giving students a foundation to develop persuasive arguments and essays, understand controversial issues and develop analytical thinking skills.

Career Cruising is a career guidance and planning tool that can help anyone find the right career path by exploring education and training options. The site provides information on hundreds of occupations and features real-life interviews, assessment tools, access to college, university and apprenticeship information and a personal portfolio tool with a built-in resume builder.

Mango language learning software, Canadian Points of View Reference Centre and Career Cruising are all made possible by the Alberta Government's one-time grant of \$790,000, announced in April 2011.

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