



## Tribute to the Memorial Park Library

When Terry Sas, the sales rep. from Frameguild invited me to participate in a national picture frame competition with the theme “shadowbox & creativity” I thought this is an opportunity for me to put some found military objects in a meaningful display.

The military figures; from my dad’s childhood would be much more meaningful if it was connected to a story. The Central Memorial Park Library in Calgary contains many stories and with it being named in honour of Canadian soldiers I connected my two themes in a shadowbox frame.



The placement of the objects was to tell a story with design and information; an object frame is a visual study, but the objects and photos needed an introduction; which I found at [http://calgarypubliclibrary.com/calgary/historic\\_tours/corner/mpl.htm](http://calgarypubliclibrary.com/calgary/historic_tours/corner/mpl.htm).



The “drawer pull” was purchased at Lee Valley Tools, I labeled it with the date the library was built. It offers an authentic look of a library card file drawer, plus some information. A tribute to a library I felt needed books, the archives department at the Calgary public library sent me the titles of books that were read during the early 1900’s and located a few antique postcard images which I printed for this tribute.



Thanks to my fellow craftsman friend, a book binder, I was able to put the book titles on three small leather book spines, and the title of a book I found in my dad’s collection on a small leather book cover.



I have the frame vertical as though you’re reading a page from a book, top to bottom, left to right. The story was becoming a little too organized so I chose to angle the “Soldier’s Handbook” so it may look as though it was being read or used. The book is not open because it is blank

inside the original book has a white & black paper cover; the red leather book cover shown in the frame I thought is more appealing to a library collectable theme.

This year happens to be Calgary Public Library's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary; a perfect time to show off that the Central Memorial Park Library is special for more than just books.

I hope that you enjoy the visual story.

Susan Fae Haglund.  
The Art Tree art framing & consulting Ltd.

Attached is the letter that was sent to me informing that I won third place in the National Shadowbox Picture Frame Competition with Frameguild.



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Susan Fae

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Dear Susan,

Congratulations on being awarded the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in our 'Let's Get Creative' Memory Keepsake Framing Competition. Your winning piece 'Tribute to Memorial Park Library, Calgary' showed a great deal of imagination and creativity in creating a beautifully framed tribute to your community.

Thank you for creating such a wonderful inspirational piece and for entering our contest.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Gula".

Sincerely,  
Terry Gula  
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