



# Kari Tanaka

*Non-academic  
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I moved to Lethbridge in 1995 to attend the UofL, always knowing that I was born to be an English major, but falling in love with business, management, and human resources along the way. While completing my undergrad, I was fortunate to land the best part time job ever at B. Macabee's Booksellers where my love of literature, business, and community blossomed, a love that I was able to carry forward into my role as Gift Shop Manager at the Galt Museum, and into my multiple roles at the UofL Bookstore, including Custom Coursepack Coordinator, Trade Book Buyer, Course Materials Manager/Retail Analyst, and now, Bookstore Manager.

Working on campus inspired me to pursue a Masters of Business Administration, Project Management, not because I wanted to manage a project but because I wanted to learn how multiple stakeholders successfully work together towards a common goal. My interest in change management and organizational behavior mirrors my interest in literature, all of which require listening, learning, and seeing things through the perspectives and experiences of others.

Lethbridge and the UofL are home for me and my family so I am passionate about fostering empathy and understanding and building safe, inclusive communities for all.