

Janet Hancock is an educator who worked for approximately 40 years in 8 schools, and at Alberta Education developing the Senior High English Language Arts Program of Studies and as an English Language Arts Consultant for Edmonton Public Schools.

Janet loves young people. She was honoured to work with an amazing team of teachers to open Lillian Osborne High School, which was the first new high school to open in 25 years for Edmonton Public Schools. The Edmonton Public Library supported the Lillian Osborne Community in numerous ways but especially in providing books for the new school library and in creating published anthologies written by students new to Canada, who shared their stories of what it is to be a new Canadian.

Janet is passionate about literacy. She is thrilled about the amazing work that the Edmonton Public Library does to enhance literacy especially by targeting families at risk through their outreach program with three social workers who work out of specific libraries and assisting new Canadians through Settlement Practitioners to find a new home in Canada.