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The LINK
Your guide to all things RDPL

FALL 2022
September - December

Book Clubs are back!
Join one today!
See page 11 for details.
The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was created to learn about, to remember, and to honour the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Films for all ages will be shown throughout the day at the Downtown Branch to help create a better understanding of this tragic history. Family Learning Centres will be set up at each branch offering topical stories, guided discussion questions, and activity sheets. Wear orange to raise awareness of the devastating impacts of residential schools and to honour the thousands of survivors.

If you have been affected by the residential school system and need help, you can contact the 24-hour Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419.
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**LOCATIONS**

**Downtown Branch**
4818-49 Street

**Dawe Branch**
56 Holt Street

**Timberlands Branch**
300 Timothy Drive

*Bower Mall Pop-up Branch* 
4900 Molly Banister Drive

**BOWER MALL UPDATE**

*the last day to visit our Bower Mall Pop-up Branch is Friday, October 14! Visit page 3 for information about an upcoming special event to help us wrap up our time at this location.

**HOURS**

Downtown, Dawe, & Timberlands Branches

- **Monday - Thursday**
  10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

- **Friday**
  10 p.m. - 5 p.m.

- **Saturday**
  10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Sundays & Holidays**
CLOSED

**Bower Mall Pop-up Branch**

Open during Bower Place Shopping Centre Hours (until October 14)

Note: Library hours subject to change, check rdpl.org for updates.

Questions? Contact us! 403-346-4576 inquiries@rdpl.org rdpl.org
Join us for

A Taste of Red Deer Public Library

in celebration of

CANADIAN LIBRARY MONTH

Help us kick off Canadian Library Month in style, and get a taste of everything Red Deer Public Library has to offer!

- Get a FREE Library Card!
- Enjoy FREE Literacy Mocktails!
- Play our banana piano!
- Enjoy fun family-friendly activities!
- ...and more!

Saturday, October 1
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Bower Place Centre Court
Baby Fun Storytime
Ages Birth - 18 Months
Timberlands Branch
Thursdays
10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Join us in-person for songs, rhymes and meet some new parents!
Session 1: September 15 - October 20
Session 2: November 3 - December 8

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3-5
Join us for stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for preschoolers and their caregivers. Build literacy skills, make new friends and have fun!
Timberlands Branch
Tuesdays
10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Session 1: September 13 - October 18
Session 2: November 1 - December 6

Toddler Storytime
Ages 18 Months - 3 years
Stories, rhymes, and songs for toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years) and their caregiver.
Downtown Branch
Tuesdays
10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Session 1: September 13 - October 18
Session 2: November 1 - December 6
Dawe Branch
Dawe Branch
Thursdays
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Session 1: September 15 - October 20
Session 2: November 3 - December 8

PJ Fun Storytime
Ages 3 to 5
Online Via Zoom
Wednesdays:
September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, November 9 & 23, and December 7
6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Wear comfy PJs and snuggle up for rhymes, songs, and bedtime stories. Program is held every second week. Registration required to receive the program link.
Creative Outlet
Ages 9 - 12
Dawe Branch
Tuesdays
October 18 and November 22
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Make fun and simple projects at this new art program. All supplies provided.
October 18 - Pen & Ink Pumpkins
Use doodles and patterns to design a unique mini-pumpkin decoration.
November 22 - Winter Solstice Lantern
Create a colourful faux stained glass lantern.

LEGO® City Challenge
Ages 9 - 12
Dawe Branch
Tuesdays
October 4, November 8, December 6
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
LEGO® lovers, build sets from our extensive LEGO® City collection!
October 4 - LEGO® City Space Race
October 8 - LEGO® City Rescue Fleet
November 8 - LEGO® City Winter Village

Pokémon League
School Age
Dawe Branch
Wednesdays
September 14 - November 30
3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Do you want to be the very best, like no one ever was? Join other trainers for a fun afternoon of everything Pokémon!

Reading Pals: Sit, Stay, Read & Play!
Dawe Branch
Saturday, October 15
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Timberlands Branch
Saturday, November 12
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Learn dog safety skills and play literacy-based games with Katja, the library's facility service dog in training! Program is geared towards children aged 6 - 10 and their families. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Registration required at rdpl.org/events

Grab and go staff selected books!

Children's Book Bundles
Go online and sign up to borrow quality, curated book bundles for the baby, toddler, or preschooler in your life!
Get a new bundle every two weeks.
rdpl.org/bookbundles

Reading PALS
Book Bundles
Are you looking for books to support both your child's interests and reading level? Reading Pals Book Bundles will provide books geared towards fun reading, solo reading and buddy reading.
rdpl.org/reading-pals-book-bundles
Celebrate Alberta Culture Days!
SEPTEMBER 1 - 30

Mini-Book Necklace
Ages 16+
Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium
Tuesday, September 13
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Create a mini-book necklace for yourself, or as a gift!

Creative Writing Workshop with Robin Stevenson
Ages 15 to 30
Dawe Branch
Thursday, September 22
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Join award-winning Canadian author Robin Stevenson for a workshop that will explore how participants can use their own experiences and curiosity to create compelling writing and convincing characters.

Family Author Visit with Robin Stevenson
Ages 4+ and Families
Downtown Branch
Saturday, September 24
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Join us for storytime with Robin Stevenson, as she reads her picture books, *Pride Colors* and *Pride Puppy*. Robin will talk about storytelling and the meaning of pride, followed by an activity where you'll create a story together!

This special event is made possible by the Olson Memorial Celebration of Books. Registration required.

Mini-Book Necklace
Registration required!

Creative Writing Workshop with Robin Stevenson
Registration required!

For ages 18+ only!

Adult Storytime
AT RED HART BREWING

488 McCoy Drive
Tuesday, September 20
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Why should children have all the fun?
Join your favourite librarians to hear some bedtime stories for adults.
Beverages are available for purchase. Registration required at rdpl.org/events.

Part of Alberta Culture Days!
ADULT PROGRAMS
For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

Readers' Theatre
Timberlands Branch
Thursdays
September 15, October 20, November 17
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Participate in on-stage theatrical presentations without the need to memorize scripts or attend many months of rehearsals. We invite you to join us in the fun and excitement of preparing and performing interesting tales for interesting people. Join the Red Deer Reader's Theatre Group for fun and informal acting opportunities!

Questions?
Contact Lorraine from RDRTS at lprox@shaw.ca or 403-357-7614 or Lorna at deschners@shaw.ca or 403-347-1066

The Ugly Spudling: A Tater Story
Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium
Saturday, October 22
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
This engaging program created by Waskasoo Environmental Education Society includes an interactive theatre-style story and activities on food waste for Waste Reduction Week. Registration required.

Pub Style Trivia @ Famoso
5016 51 Ave.
Tuesday, November 22
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Come out with your team to play some pub style trivia at Famoso Neopolitan Pizzeria! Reserve a table for your team by calling Famoso at 587-273-3744.

Red Deer Public Library
Home Service
If you are a library member who can't come into the library due to age, illness, or disability, the Home Service Program might be for you. You will be partnered with a volunteer who will select materials and bring them to you every three weeks. Volunteers will also return any of your borrowed materials to the library.
To apply for this free service, contact the Home Service Coordinator at homeservice@rdpl.org or 403-346-4576 extension 1501.

Volunteer with RDPL's Home Service Program
Become a Home Service Volunteer and we will pair you with someone who cannot come into the library. You will bring library materials to them every three weeks and return materials to the library for them. The two of you will set the time to meet and exchange materials. Volunteers must be 18 years of age, have transportation and complete an application process with references and police check. Please contact homeservice@rdpl.org.
Travel Memories

See the world as featured guest speakers share presentations on their travel adventures.

Program held the first Wednesday of each month
Downtown Branch (Snell Auditorium): 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7
West Kootenay with Karen
Hot springs, hiking, mountain scenery and ferry rides across the picturesque Arrow Lakes are highlights of beautiful British Columbia.

OCTOBER 5
To be announced

NOVEMBER 2
Canada with Love Part 2 with Olive
Discover Alberta’s own backyard, and then be immersed in the rich history of the Great Northern Peninsula in Newfoundland!

DECEMBER 7
Ireland’s Dingle Way with Anita & Jane
This is a wonderful hike on the Dingle peninsula which stretches 48 km into the Atlantic on the SW coast of Ireland. You can also bike or drive between villages.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR TRAVEL STORIES?
Contact pmclaughlin@rdpl.org to be a featured speaker!
Launching Your Career Workshop
Dawe Branch
Saturday, September 24
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
In this workshop you will learn how to reflect on your skills, connect those skills to the rapidly changing world of work, and plan your future career.

Job Hunt: The Next Level
Register for one or all three workshops hosted by RBC On Campus – Red Deer Polytechnic in partnership with Red Deer Public Library.

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1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
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Bibliocommons
Downtown Branch - Level 2
Thursday, September 22
6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Learn all about Bibliocommons, our community-contributed, user-friendly catalogue. From creating your account to placing holds, and renewing items, familiarize yourself with the basics. **Must be a library member to attend.** Registration required.

Interlibrary Loans
Downtown Branch - Level 2
Thursday, October 27
6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
This session will focus on the interlibrary loan process. Leave the evening with confidence to search, place, or cancel interlibrary loans. **Must be a library member to attend.** Registration required.

Libby
Downtown Branch - Level 2
Thursday, November 24
6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Learn how to search, download, and read or listen to a digital book or audiobook. **Must be a library member to attend.** Registration required.

Rock Your Brand Linkedin Workshop
Dawe Branch
Saturday, October 22
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
This workshop will help adults and youth develop strategies and learn tips on how to best build their LinkedIn profile, expand their network, and start connecting with professionals in their chosen career path.

Your Brand Matters Workshop
Dawe Branch
Saturday, November 26
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Learn how to build awareness of your brand and use it effectively throughout your career.
First Thursdays in the Snell
Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium
12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Join us for free noon-time classical concerts! Bring your lunch and enjoy free coffee or tea courtesy of our in-library coffee shop Café Noir.

Schedule:
September 1
Central Alberta Chamber Orchestra
October 6
Pianist Boris Konovalov
November 3
Remembrance Day program presented by Downtown
December 1
Claude Godin Groove Ensemble

Bitter Harvest Film Screening
Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium
Saturday, November 26
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
To mark Ukrainian Famine and Genocide Memorial Day, attend a screening of the film, Bitter Harvest directed by George Mendeluk.

Lit Line • 403-342-9100
Phone each month for info on unique topics.

- September: Science Trivia Quiz
- October: Daily Book Recommendations
- November: Riddles
- December: Christmas Song Trivia Quiz

Registration required!

Stay in the loop!
Our new email newsletter service just launched! Get the latest about library events, new programs & services, staff picks, and other library news delivered right to your inbox. You get to choose your preferences, so your library emails will be tailored to suit your interests!
Sign up at: rdpl.org/eNewsletter

Find us on Social Media!
Learn about RDPL programs and services, watch program videos, see library-related pics and MORE!

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**Happy Ever After Book Club**

**Virtual Via Google Meet**

Mondays

September 26, October 24, November 28, December 19

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join us to discuss selected romance titles.

September 26 - *A Lady for a Duke* by Alexis Hall
October 24 - *My Mechanical Romance* by Alexene Farol Follmuth
November 28 - *Maggie Moves On* by Lucy Score
December 19 - *Choose Your Own Holiday Romance*

Join the Facebook group, or email cbrown@rdpl.org for the meeting link.

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**Fireside Readers Book Club**

**Downtown Branch**

Snell Auditorium

Wednesdays

September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join us to discuss books chosen by Fireside Readers Book Club members. We read a wide range of books, both fiction and non-fiction, from classics to current best sellers.

September 21 - *Saturday* by Ian McEwan
October 19 - *Woman They Could not Silence* by Kate Moore
November 16 - *Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good
December 21 - *Where I Belong* by Alan Doyle

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**Afternoon Delight Book Club**

**Downtown Branch**

Tuesdays

October 4, November 1, December 6

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.


October 4 - *Bayou Book Thief* by Ellen Byron
November 1 - *I’ll Be You* by Janelle Brown
December 6 - *Dial A for Aunties* by Jesse A Sutanto

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**Any Book Book Club**

**Timberlands Branch**

Thursdays

September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Love to read? Want to share your latest great read or find great recommendations? This book club is for you! Please join the group on Facebook for info and updates.

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*Considering starting your own book club? WE CAN HELP!*

**Sign out RDPL’s Book Club Kits!**

Choose from 24 adult and young adult kits complete with 10 books, discussion questions, and more to help you host amazing book clubs with your friends.

Go to rdpl.org and search ‘Book Club Kits’ to see what we have to offer, and happy book clubbing!
Join library staff Alyssa (@catsandbookstacks) and Claire (@whatcsees) to buddy-read selected titles and chat all things books on our Discord!

**RENDZEVOURS READER**

A Discord Book Club

Join the Discord today, and keep watch for our first title announcement, with the inaugural buddy read starting in October!

Download the free Discord app and scan the QR code to join.

**OCTOBER**
The Marsh King's Daughter by Karen Dionne

**NOVEMBER**
Upgrade by Blake Crouch

**DECEMBER**
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Join Discord!
Sugarplum Storytime
Downtown Branch
Tuesday, December 13
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wear your pjs and join us for holiday-themed puppet shows, crafts and snacks! For all ages (8 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

Winter Window Kit to Go
All ages
Dawe Branch
Available starting Thursday, December 8
During library hours (first come, first served!)
Add some winter whimsy to the long nights with snowflake window art. Create your own designs or use the included stencils to create a winter scene on a window or mirror.

Evening Artistry - Christmas Edition!
Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium
Tuesday, November 29
5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Elf on the Shelf
Dawe Branch
December 1 to 23
During library hours
The Elf on the Library Shelf is back at the Dawe Branch! There are prizes every day in our Book Advent Calendar for anyone who spots him in the Dawe Branch and enters the draw.

Red Deer Polytechnic CanCode WORKSHOPS with Red Hot Science
Thursday, November 10 - Dawe Branch
Learn coding strategies and tips from coding pros! Registration required. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.
Turning Point: What's an Overdose?
Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium
Tuesday, September 27
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Join Turning Point's Overdose Prevention Program to learn about the opioid poisoning crisis, which has impacted thousands of Albertans from all walks of life. Hands-on naloxone training and a naloxone kit will be provided to each participant.

Downtown Walk & Talk
Downtown Branch
Tuesdays
September 13 - October 18
12:15 pm - 12:45 pm
Explore Downtown! This adult walking program led by RDPL staff will help you enjoy the Downtown core. You can stay connected to other people, grab new books from our displays, and get activity into your day with our ½ hour walk.

Beginner Adult Yoga
Via Zoom
Wednesdays
September 21 to December 7
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Explore mindful movement, stillness and reflection from the comfort of your own home. All levels and abilities welcome.
SCHEDULE:
September 21 - Yang/Yin
September 28 - Slow Flow
October 5 - Yin
October 12 - Yang/Yin
October 19 - Slow Flow
October 26 - Yin
November 2 - Yang/Yin
November 9 - Slow Flow
November 16 - Yin
November 23 - Yang/Yin
November 30 - Slow Flow
December 7 - Yin

Slow Flow: Hatha style class focusing on mobility while linking movements.
Yin: Passive and longer holds of postures to target connective tissues.
Yang/Yin: Blend of movement and stillness

Watch our social media for Health Café, a series of health-related programs cosponsored with the Red Deer Primary Care Network. Check rdpl.org for upcoming, monthly video presentations by PCN professionals.
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Sale!

4 DAY SALE! November 17-20
Downtown Branch - Snell Auditorium

Thursday, November 17
10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 18
10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 19
10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 20
10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

CASH ONLY PLEASE.

NEW!

Gift wrapping available! See rdpl.org for full details.

Do you have books you don't need?

Donations of books, vinyl records, DVDs, and CDs accepted at the Downtown Branch during library hours. We are unable to accept Reader's Digest, textbooks, or Encyclopedias.
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Register online at rdpl.org/events

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**Chess Club**

All ages  
Downtown Branch - Level 2  
Mondays  
September 12 - December 12  
*No club on October 10 and 31*  
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Join our chess club! Players of all skill levels are welcome. Cosponsored by the Alberta Chess Association. Registration required.

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**Star Wars Reads Day: The Halloween Edition**

All ages  
Dawe Branch  
Saturday, October 29  
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate Star Wars Reads Day with activities, crafts and prizes! Open to Star Wars fans of all ages and costumes are encouraged. Registration required.

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**Learn about the International Day of Persons with Disabilities**

All ages  
Streaming Live on our Facebook Page  
Thursday, November 24  
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Break down barriers to accessibility and inclusion with *Voice of Albertans with Disabilities*, an interactive presentation aimed at creating awareness and understanding of people living with disabilities. Presenters, local residents living with disabilities, will discuss ableism, appropriate language and behavior, dignity, spoon theory, and etiquette.

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**International Day of Persons with Disabilities Panel Discussion**

All ages  
Downtown Branch  
Snell Auditorium  
Thursday, December 1  
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Come and meet a panel of people with disabilities who are working and living in Red Deer and learn about available library accessibility services.

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**Part of the Story**  
Red Deer Public Library’s Official Podcast

Tune in as we chat about books, movies, music, pop culture, libraries, Red Deer happenings, and more. Watch for new episodes the third Thursday of every month!

**NEW! REEL STORIES**

Every so often "Part of the Story" will feature chats on new release movies, all time favourites (and not so favourites), and everything in between.
Adult Literacy Programs

In-person program

**Conversation Class for New Arrivals from Ukraine (Level 1)**

Downtown Branch  
Waskasoo/Kiwanis Meeting Room  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
September 6 - October 27  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Learn everyday listening and speaking skills as well as vocabulary. Cost is $40 per person. Class is limited to 15 participants.

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**Intro to Computers**

Dawe Branch  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
September 13 - 29  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

This 6-session learning opportunity will teach you computer basics, Internet safety, ways to search for information, and how to format documents. Cost is $30 per person. The class is limited to 8 participants.

Online program

**Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP-General)**

Via Zoom  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
October 17 - November 16  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Participants will work on strategies and skills to be successful when taking a CELPIP test. Cost is $50 per person. The class is limited to 12 participants.

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**Conversation and Vocabulary Class (Levels 3-4)**

Via Zoom  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
November 21 - December 14  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

This class will focus on everyday listening and speaking skills as well as vocabulary. Cost is $30 per person. Call 403-346-2533 or email adultlit@rdpl.org to register. The class is limited to 12 participants.

Phone 403-346-2533 or email adultlit@rdpl.org to register for Adult Literacy programs.

To learn more about becoming a student or volunteer contact:

**Alla, Carolyn, Lois, or Michelle:** 403-346-2533

**adultlit@rdpl.org**

Dawe Branch (56 Holt Street)
In 2021, RDPL launched Another Story, our Young Adult Magazine highlighting young and emerging local writers, artists, and photographers.

Another Story is a free magazine published twice a year in the Spring and Fall showcasing creative works, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, photography, art & more.

BIG NEWS! Moving forward, we will be accepting submissions from creators of all ages (kids, teens, and adults!)

Go to rdpl.org/anotherstory and fill out the submission form for our Fall 2022 issue of Another Story! DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1.

Questions? Email anotherstory@rdpl.org.
I didn’t move to Red Deer until I was school aged. Weeks were busy in a family with three young children. But weekends? Weekends meant a visit to the library. Way back when (never mind how many years precisely), I remember getting my library card, and having it be the only thing in my small wallet, (and this was in the days of thin plastic cards, and a typed name on the front). My siblings and I were allowed as many books as we could carry, and the three of us had to choose one movie for the week. Now, those of you with siblings can probably imagine how those “negotiations” would have gone between us, and yet, I don’t remember the disagreements, only the excitement of coming up the stairs (as the Children’s Library was in the basement), with my small stack of books and my hand tightly clutching my library card ready for checkout.

My stacks are much larger these days, and they have had some real gems mixed in. Obviously, in celebration of CLM, I *have* to give you some recommendations of books I have thought about long after reading, that you too can place on hold and hopefully enjoy as much. They aren’t in any particular order, and without further ado (though I do love ado), here they are:

"Libraries are a place where everyone is welcome. Where you can quietly browse, or chat with a staff member about your or their latest read, and where you can hear new groups of our smallest readers being excited by their tiny stacks of books."
The first book I have for you is one I knew I was going to recommend before I even started writing this article. Understanding (even in a small way) where we – I mean us humans – have been has given me comfort in how far we’ve come. So, may I present *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari. Have you read this book? You definitely should. I listened to the audiobook for the first time in 2018, and I still think about this book at least twice weekly. There is a riveting chapter on wheat production – I’m not being facetious. I think about that chapter the most. I love consuming non-fiction literature through audio, and this was a fantastic listen. I have since read or listened to different parts over the years, and still enjoy it every single time.

If you are in the mood for some nostalgia, and some *feelings* definitely get into *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy. This book is a quick read that seems rather simplistic upon first glance. It lovingly makes some of our most human emotions accessible for readers of all ages. I first read this sitting on the living room floor at my best friend’s house, tearing up with each turn of the page. It is not only beautifully written, and uniquely illustrated – the “font” used is the author’s actual writing. It allows for such an intimate reading experience to read a final product that looks like notes carefully left for just you – their “only” reader.

*Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari

*The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy
How to be a Heroine, Or, What I’ve Learned From Reading Too Much by Samantha Ellis

How to be a Heroine, Or, What I’ve Learned From Reading Too Much by Samantha Ellis was *literally* written for me. I often think about what books have made me. Which little sayings, what lessons, what memories – how did I become who I am. This book is the exploration of that thought. It’s fun to read along and think of books that you’d write for your own story (yes, this is what I think about for fun – it’s allowed).

To be honest, and I am sure some of you have experienced it too – the library was lost to me in my middle and high school years. In hindsight, I still don’t know why. However, in my early twenties, I thought to apply for a temporary summer position, and here I am 14 years later.

You may be asking yourself, "Why am I telling you this?" I mention it because the library can be what you need at the time you need it. It is a constant companion of the community you live in even when you are not reaching back.

Libraries are a place where everyone is welcome. Where you can quietly browse, or chat with a staff member about your or their latest read, and where you can hear new groups of our smallest readers being excited by their tiny stacks of books.

During difficult or uncertain times libraries often see an uptick in usage. (I know some of you may want me to cite my sources, but I promise , it has been proven true). These are those times right now for many people.

The library is reaching out – reach back. You are welcome here. Happy Canadian Library Month!

For more reading recommendations, visit rdpl.org/books!
Get ready for our 
BOOK FAIRS!
Buy books and support the library!

DAWE BRANCH
September 20 - 24

TIMBERLANDS BRANCH
December 6 - 10

Book Fairs are open during library hours.
Buy children’s books and support Red Deer Public Library! Support for this vital literary fundraiser is key to obtaining new library books and resources. Shop hundreds of quality books with a wide assortment geared to all reading levels. Books make GREAT GIFTS!

PLUS enter for a chance to win $50 in books - $25 for your family and $25 for your child’s classroom! See you at the Book Fairs!

May We Suggest…?
We’ll make a personalized reading list just for you!

Receive a personalized reading list with hand-picked recommendations based on your preferences! Available for readers of all ages.

1. Go to www.rdpl.org
2. Click on ‘Services’
3. Click on May We Suggest…?
4. Fill out the form!

Staff will contact you when your list is ready. Questions? Email programs@rdpl.org or phone 403-346-4576.

TECH HELP
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