

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fall Program Guide

EXCITING NEWS!

**Visit us at our
new Collicutt
Centre Branch!**

*See page 4
for details!*

FALL 2023
September - December



The LINK

Your guide to all things RDPL





The Friends of the
Red Deer Public Library

Fall

5 DAY Book Sale

Downtown Branch - Snell Auditorium

FRIENDS MEMBERS ONLY SALE

Wednesday, October 18 - 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Memberships available at the door: \$10 for an individual or \$20 for a family.
Members receive a foldable tote. Check rdpl.org/friends for details.

PUBLIC SALE DAY 1

Thursday, October 19
10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SALE DAY 2

Friday, October 20
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SALE DAY 3

Saturday, October 21
10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SALE DAY 4

Sunday, October 22
10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



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Attending an awesome, free library program?! Unless otherwise stated, program registration is required. Register online at rdpl.org/events

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rdpl.org



Sign up for our email newsletter!
rdpl.org/eNewsletter

LOCATIONS

LIBRARY BRANCHES

Downtown Branch
4818-49 Street

Dawe Branch
56 Holt Street

Timberlands Branch
300 Timothy Drive

Collicutt Branch
3031-30 Avenue



DAWE, DOWNTOWN, & TIMBERLANDS BRANCH HOURS

Monday to Thursday
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Stat Holidays
CLOSED

COLLICUTT BRANCH HOURS



Monday to Friday: 5:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturdays & Sundays: 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Holiday Hours: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Alberta Culture Days

September 2023

Discover • Experience • Celebrate



Celebrate Culture in September

Kits to Go!

**Kits available beginning
September 13, while supplies last.**

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Kits to Go - filled with information and crafts
for families to honour and learn together
about the survivors of Residential Schools,
those children who never returned home,
and their communities.

Pick up your Kit to Go at any RDPL branch.

Bead and Share

**Downtown Branch
Saturday, September 16
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Ages 16+**

Learn, share, and practice beading
techniques used by many Indigenous bead
artists. Create an Orange Shirt pin to wear on
September 30 or create a pin to welcome in
the autumn season. Materials provided.

Register at rdpl.org/events

Ribbon Skirt Workshop

**Dawe Branch
Saturday, September 23
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Ages 16+**

Ribbon Skirts are a symbol of resilience, survival,
and identity. Come to a ribbon skirt making
workshop led by a local Indigenous maker to
create your own ribbon skirt. Materials provided.

Register at rdpl.org/events

Author Festival

A Book Launch and Market
hosted by Red Deer Arts Council

**Downtown Branch
Sunday, September 24
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Ages 16+**

Red Deer Arts Council and RDPL are excited
to present three newly published authors with
readings, a panel discussion, and a market
featuring local authors discussing their works
available for purchase. Meet Ruth Dyck
Fehderau, Astrid Blodgett, and Lori Hahnel.

Phone 403-348-2787 for details.

Register at rdpl.org/events

Find more Culture Days events!

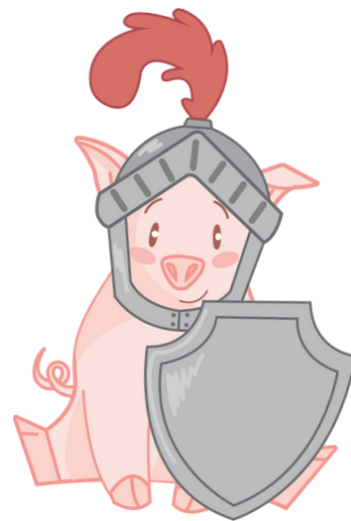
Visit reddeerartscouncil.ca to find out about
events taking place all month long in Red Deer!



Mickey & Francis:

An Epic Quest

Alberta Culture Days
Scavenger Hunt



September 1-30, 2023 | reddeer.epicquest.ca

Join Mickey the Beaver and Francis the Pig, two beloved Red Deer icons, for an all ages, fun adventure in celebration of Alberta Culture Days! All September long, take part in a Downtown Red Deer Scavenger Hunt at your own pace, with FANTASTIC prizes up for grabs!

'Mickey & Francis: An Epic Quest' is brought to you by:



Learn AND Earn! Fun for Everyone!

Not only can you win awesome prizes, but it's also a great way to get outside, explore local hot spots, learn about Red Deer's culture & history, and have fun!

**Alberta Culture Days®
September 2023**
Discover • Experience • Celebrate

Register your team at reddeer.epicquest.ca beginning September 1!

**Big
News!**

RDPL @ Collicutt!

Red Deer Public Library is piloting a new library branch in the Collicutt Centre!

Opening at the end of August! What to expect:

- >> Open ALL Collicutt Centre hours!
- >> Holds pickup WILL be available (which means you can order materials from our other library branches and pick them up at the Collicutt Branch!)

- >> Small browsing collection with an assortment of library materials for kids, teens, and adults.
- >> Primarily a self-serve branch.
- >> Free & plentiful parking!

We are so excited to bring library services to southeast Red Deer!

Full details can be found at rdpl.org/locations/COLLICUTT



EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Register online at rdpl.org/events

Baby Fun Storytime

Ages Birth - 18 Months

Join us in-person for songs, rhymes and meet some new parents!

Downtown Branch

Tuesdays

11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Session 1 - September 12 to October 17

Session 2 - October 31 to December 5

Dawe Branch

Thursdays

11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Session 1 - September 14 to October 19

Session 2 - November 2 to December 7

Timberlands Branch

Fridays

11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Session 1 - September 15 to October 20

Session 2 - November 3 to December 8

Registration required!

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 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Session 1: September 12 - October 17

Session 2: October 31 - December 5

Thursdays

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Session 1: September 14 - October 19

Session 2: November 2 - December 7

Dawe Branch

Thursdays

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Session 1: September 14 - October 19

Session 2: November 2 - December 7

Timberlands Branch

Fridays

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Session 1: September 15 - October 20

Session 2: November 3 - December 8

Registration required!

Sign up on our website to receive

Book Bundles!

Borrow a stack of staff-selected books!

BABIES

TODDLERS

PRESCHOOLERS

Tired of trying to find great books for your kids? Let us choose them for you! Sign up online, then pick up your pile of books from the holds shelf at the branch you choose!

New titles chosen every two weeks.

Bundles include activity ideas & literacy tips!

Register at rdpl.org/bookbundles

NEW

YOUTH LITERACY- GRADES 1 TO 12

Youth Literacy Book Bundles for school-aged kids provide books geared towards individual reading levels, fun reading, solo reading, and buddy reading.

Register at rdpl.org/youth-literacy-book-bundles

PJ Fun Storytime

Ages 3 to 5

Online Via Google Meet

Wednesdays:

November 1, 15, December 6, 20

6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Wear comfy PJs and snuggle up for rhymes, songs, and bedtime stories. Program is held every third week beginning in November.

Registration required to receive the program link.

Registration required!

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Register online at rdpl.org/events

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5

Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for preschoolers and their caregivers. Build literacy skills, make new friends and have fun!

Registration required!

Timberlands Branch

Tuesdays

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Session 1: September 12 - October 17

Session 2: October 31 - December 5

Downtown Branch

Wednesdays

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. AND

11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Session 1: September 13 - October 18

Session 2: November 1 - December 6

Dawe Branch

Thursdays

1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Session 1: September 14 - October 19

Session 2: November 2 - December 7

Український клуб Katrusia

Ukrainian Club Katrusia

Ages 3-5

Dawe Branch

Thursdays, October 12, 26,

November 9, 23, December 14, 28

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Український клуб "Катруся" пропонує програму для дітей дошкільного віку, орієнтовану на збереження і розвиток української мови та культури.

Ukrainian Club "Katrusia" offers a program for preschool children that will focus on fostering and developing Ukrainian language and culture.

Registration required!

Thunderbird Learners

Ages 3-6

Downtown Branch

Saturdays

October 7, 14, 21, 28

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us for cultural literacy programs hosted by Red Deer Native Friendship Society for children ages 3 to 6 years and their parents or caregivers, featuring Indigenous stories, songs, and activities! Register for one or all sessions!

Also check out Thunderbird Learners for ages 7-12 on page 8!

Registration required!



Storytime en Español

Ages 3-6

Downtown Branch

Tuesdays, October 3, 17, 31,

November 14, 28, December 12

1:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Niños de 3 a 6 años y sus padres o guardianes. Ven y disfruta cuentos, rimas y actividades interactivas en español con nosotros! Este programa es para familias y sus niños quienes hablan español en casa o están matriculados en programas de español inmerso en Prekinder o Jardin. La registraci3n es requerida para el programa.

Join us for fun and interactive stories, rhymes, and activities in Spanish! This program is geared to families whose children speak Spanish at home or are enrolled in a Spanish-language Pre-K or Kindergarten program.

Registration required!

KIDS' PROGRAMS

Register online at rdpl.org/events

Creative Outlet

Ages 10 to 14

Downtown Branch

Tuesday, October 17

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Make Galaxy Pumpkins, a fun and simple art project for all artistic abilities! All supplies included.

Registration
required!

Creative Outlet: Family Edition!

For ages 10 to 14 with an adult

Downtown Branch

Tuesday, December 5

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Pom Pom Gnome Felt Garland:

Make a winter-themed garland with yarn, felt, and twine! All supplies included.

Registration
required!

Scholastic Book Fairs

Dawe Branch - September 11 - 16

Timberlands Branch - December 5 - 10

Sales held during library hours

Buy some great children's books and support RDPL! For every \$10 spent at the book fair, \$6 goes directly to the library! Find hundreds of quality books with a wide assortment geared for all reading levels.

 **SCHOLASTIC**

SCHOOL'S OUT! Dragonfest!

For ages 9+

Dawe Branch

Thursday, November 9

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for all things dragons! Enjoy activities, games, trivia, and crafts based on your favourite dragon series! Register at rdpl.org/events for this super fun program!

Youth Literacy Program

Sit, Stay, Read with Katja!

Ages 6 to 12

Dawe Branch

Mondays, October 2 - November 27

(no program October 9)

At the Dawe Branch, you can register for individual sessions OR come back each week to read to Katja!

Timberlands Branch

Session 1: Thursdays, October 5, 19, 26, November 2

Session 2: Thursdays, November 9, 16, 23, 30

At the Timberlands Branch, choose one time slot per session and come each week for four weeks at the same time to read to Katja!

TIME SLOTS AVAILABLE (both locations):

- 3:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Do you want to read to a furry friend? Katja, our library's facility dog in training is all ears!

Children who struggle with reading will benefit and tackle their challenges in the presence of an accepting, non-judgmental animal companion! There will be a variety of reading materials available. For more information on the benefits of this program, find *Why Read to a Dog* on our website: rdpl.org/blogs/post/why-read-to-a-dog

Volunteers Needed for our new Youth Literacy Program

We match volunteer tutors with kids in grades 1-5 who need help with their reading skills, and youth English learners in grades 6-12 who wish to improve their reading comprehension and academic vocabulary. Tutor training and support provided for this unique and rewarding experience! Phone 403-346-4576 ext. 8524, email youthlit@rdpl.org or stop by the Dawe Branch for details.

Registration
required!

KIDS' PROGRAMS

Register online at rdpl.org/events

Pokémon League

School Age

Dawe Branch

Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27,
October 4, 11, 25, November 8, 15, 22, 29
3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Do you want to be the very best, like no one ever was? Come out and join other trainers for a fun afternoon of everything Pokémon!

Registration
required!

LEGO® at the Library: Ready, Set, Build!

Ages 9 to 14

Dawe Branch

Tuesdays, October 24,
November 28
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

This program is for builders in Grades 5-8 who enjoy the challenge and precision of LEGO® set builds.

October 24 - Search & Rescue Fleet
November 28 - Roadworks

Registration
required!

Speed Cubing Club

All ages welcome!

Dawe Branch

Sundays, September 10, October 8,
November 12, December 10
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Have you heard of "Speed Cubing"? Come for an afternoon of puzzle-solving fun! Test your skills and learn tips from fellow cubers. Want to see how a cube is solved? Join us and see how it's done!

Registration
required!

Thunderbird Learners

Ages 7 to 12

Downtown Branch

Saturdays, November 4, 18, 25,
December 2
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us for cultural literacy programs hosted by Red Deer Native Friendship Society for children ages 7 to 12 years old and their parents or caregivers. Listen to stories, learn Indigenous songs and games, enjoy unique crafts, explore the Medicine Wheel and 7 Grandfather Teachings, and participate in storytelling! Register for one or all of the sessions.

Also check out Thunderbird Learners for ages 3-6 on page 6!



Registration
required!

STEAM Fun in the Libratory!

Ages 9 to 12

Downtown Branch

Fridays, October 6, November 10,
December 8
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

October 6 - Slimy Science

Come try your hand at some slimy, gooey, and slippery fun experiments with us!

November 10 - Disaster Science

What a disaster! Bend water, make a twister, or erupt a volcano! Come and learn to make your own mini-sized natural disasters.

December 8 - Sugar Rush Science

What's sweeter than sugar? Sugar science of course! Come and experiment with all types of sugars to create some pretty sweet things!

Registration
required!

Welcome *Winter*

Elf on the Shelf!

Dawe Branch

December 1 to 23

The Elf on the Library Shelf is back! There are prizes every day in the Book Advent Calendar for anyone who spots him in the Dawe Branch and enters the draw. Ask at the Dawe Branch for more details.



1 to 23

Family Winter Fun with Katja!

Dawe Branch

12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Drop in and meet Katja, the library's facility service dog, and other families! Have fun at 'Minute to Win It' Winter Fun stations, play family games, and celebrate winter! Children must be accompanied by an adult.



December 2

Merry Grinchmas!

Timberlands Branch

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Celebrate Christmas in Grinchy style as we play games and watch the animated movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (1966) while eating a cookie you decorated and drinking hot chocolate. Register at rdpl.org/events



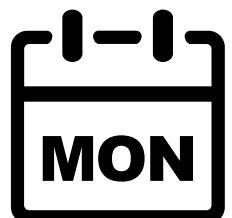
December 3

Sugarplum Storytime

Downtown Branch

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wear your PJs and join us for holiday-themed puppet shows, stories, activities, and crafts! For ages 5 and up (8 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Register at rdpl.org/events



December 18



ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Register online at rdpl.org/events

Special Guest Storytimes:

The People in Your Neighbourhood

All ages welcome

Downtown Branch

Select Saturdays

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us each month for a unique, all ages storytime as we welcome a special guest from the Red Deer community with stories, crafts, and learn about what our guests do in our city!

September 9 - Ayaa Musuya with RDNFS

October 14 - Medicine River Wildlife Centre with Otis the Owl, or one of his animal friends!

November 4 - RCMP Municipal Policing Services – Youth and Community Action Team

Storywalk® Week

All ages welcome

Dawe, Downtown, & Timberlands Branches

November 12 to 18

During library hours

Check out StoryWalk® Week with us! Visit our Downtown, Dawe, or Timberlands Branch at any time to connect reading with movement as you read our self-paced StoryWalk® (indoors!). Enter to win a fantastic prize after completing the story!

Board in the Library

All ages welcome

Timberlands Branch

Sunday, September 10

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Sunday afternoon feeling long? This is the program for you! Come and share some relaxing time with your family and friends while playing some board games.

Homeschool Meetup

All ages welcome

Downtown Branch

Fridays, October 13, November 17, December 15

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Are you a homeschool family? Meetup with other homeschool families at the Library!

October 13 - Sharing Resource Recommendations

Bring a resource you recommend and sample some of the resources RDPL has to borrow.

November 17 - Sharing Book Recommendations

Come with a book to recommend and fill up your reading list with new titles to try.

December 15 - Sharing Cookies

Bring cookies with recipes to share.

Star Wars Reads Day:

Halloween Edition

All ages welcome

Dawe Branch

Saturday, October 21

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.



Chess Club

All ages welcome

Downtown Branch

Mondays, September 11 to December 11

(no program October 9)

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Join our chess club! Players of all skill levels are welcome. Co-sponsored by the Alberta Chess Association.

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

Rainbow DnD

Ages 12+

Dawe Branch

Saturdays, September 30,
October 28, November 25, December 30
12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Is normal DnD not queer enough for you?
Why not try Rainbow DnD! Our current campaign is
designed to welcome any number at any time. For
more information, join the Discord server.



Queer Art Club

Ages 12+

Dawe Branch

Thursdays, September 7,
October 5, November 2, December 7
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Work on your own project or just chill with a colouring
book. Share your passion, chat with fellow artists or
just come for the tea! Presented in partnership with
Red Deer Queer Community Association.



RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

REEL STORIES

FILM SCREENINGS AT THE DOWNTOWN BRANCH

Join us for screenings of some of our favourite films on select Tuesday
afternoons and Thursday evenings! Drop in to enjoy the company of
other film lovers. Check rdpl.org/events to see which films are playing
each day. You can also listen to the latest episode of Part of the Story:
Reel Stories wherever you stream your podcasts!

TUESDAYS

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

September 12, 26, October 10, 24
November 21, December 19

THURSDAYS

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

September 14, 28 October 12, 26,
November 9, 23 December 7, 21



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The world's finest cinema, streaming
free with your library card!

Try this new movie streaming service, with
hundred of titles available! Learn more at:
rdpl.org/resources-types/movies

ADULT PROGRAMS

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

Crib, Cards, Coffee and Conversation

Timberlands Branch

Sunday, November 5

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Drop in, meet new people, and have a game or two with others who enjoy games! Registration not required.

Drop-in!
Registration
not required.

Who is a Veteran?

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Thursday, November 9

7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Register for this compelling talk by social anthropologist Dr. Anne Irwin as she shares her insights on this question. Dr. Irwin has taught courses in military anthropology both at the University of Calgary and at the University of Victoria.

Registration
required!

Lit Line - 403-342-9100

All ages

Phone the lit line to hear interesting monthly topics. New messages daily!

September - Be Prepared! Complete one task every day and be prepared for emergencies in 30 days.

October - 31 Things I Never Knew About My Library

November - 30 Picture Books to Read This Month

December - Name That Christmas Tune

Learner's License Practice Tests

Practice makes perfect! Use the Alberta Learner practice tests through Drivers Ed Hub to study for your Class 7 written test.

rdpl.org/learning-tools/new-drivers

Travel Memories

Downtown Branch

Select Wednesdays

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

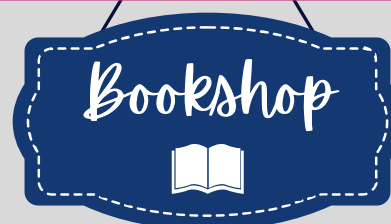
October 4 - Join Simon as he recounts his journey to Middle Earth! From Auckland to Queenstown, he toured filming sites for the Lord Of The Rings, The Hobbit, and The Rings Of Power.

November 1 - Anita Thomas & Jane Goddard visit Ireland. This is a wonderful hike on the Dingle Peninsula, which stretches 48 km into the Atlantic on the southwest coast of Ireland. The area can also be seen by biking or driving between villages.

December 6 - Paul and Lyndal Meyette talk about the highlights of Spain, exploring Seville, Cordoba, Madrid, Bilbao, and San Sebastian as well as the National Parks of Northern Spain.

Registration
required!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Need materials but can't wait for the Friends' annual book sales? You can buy gently used books for all ages at the Downtown Branch Bookshop any time during library hours. Stop by and check out the amazing collection of books, CDs, and DVDs!

Donations of gently used materials are accepted at any branch, however larger donations are only accepted at the Downtown Branch where there is a cart you can use to bring books in from your vehicle.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Join us for these programs to recognize and celebrate those with disabilities.

AFTERNOON TEA & TALKS

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium

Thursday, November 30
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Drop-in for tea, cookies, and talks about how we can make the city better for people with disabilities!

LET'S TALK ABOUT SERVICE DOGS!

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium

Thursday, November 30
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

To celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we are inviting you to talk about service dogs in our communities. As service dogs have become more commonplace, so too have problems that can result from a lack of understanding about service dog training, working functions, and access to public facilities. Come and meet a panel of service dog teams, service dog trainers, and puppy raisers living in Alberta. Learn more about Katja, the library's facility dog and programs with Katja that are available at your library.

ARTS & CULTURE

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

First Thursday in the Snell

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

First Thursday of each month

12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us for free music concerts! Bring your lunch and enjoy free coffee or tea courtesy of The Library Café.

September 7 - Boris Konavolov and Irina Konavolov perform a program of two and four hand piano music.

October 5 - Tracy Skeet-Brook presents a program of Celtic music.

November 2 - Performance by Violinist Veronique Mathieu and Pianist Stephanie Chua.

December 7 - Enjoy a program of jazz favourites with Red Deer's own 'Downtown'.

Registration
required!

Evening Artistry:

Found or Recycled Materials

Downtown Branch

Session 1: September 19 or 20

Session 2: November 21 or 22

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

These sessions are all about painting on found or recycled materials.

September - Dot Painting

Learn how to dot paint paint on rocks or tiles! Registration required. Supplies provided, but if you have dot painting tools, please bring them.

November - Glass Painting

Paint a winter scene on a bottle! Add some fairy lights for a warm winter glow. Supplies provided.

Registration
required!

Symphony at the Snell

Check the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra website at www.rdso.ca for details on an upcoming performance at Red Deer Public Library this fall.

RED DEER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sip n' Stitch

Dawe Branch

Thursdays, September 21, October 19,
November 16, and December 21
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A casual gathering for stitchers of all kinds to socialize and work on projects.

Registration not required.

Cosponsored by Under the Elm Yarnery.



Trash to Treasure Crafts

Downtown Branch

Tuesday, October 10

5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Recycle used CDs and DVDs into a mosaic art piece! Supplies included.

Registration
required!

NaNoWriMo

Downtown Branch

Saturdays, November 4, 18, 25

12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Calling all writers! Join us each Saturday in November as we socialize, snack, and sprint our way to 50,000 words for this year's NaNoWriMo. For every 1000 words written, participants can enter for a chance to win a writer's prize bundle!

Registration
required!

ARTS AND CULTURE

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

Adult Storytime at Red Hart Brewing

Red Hart Brewing
488 McCoy Drive
Select Tuesdays
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Get out of the house and come to these fun, outreach events! Beverages are available for purchase. For ages 18+ only. Language advisory.

October 24 - Did you feel a chill running up your spine? You might be listening to spooky stories read by your favourite library staff. There will be a prize draw for those who come in costume!

December 19 - Join some of your favourite librarians as they read hilarious and fun holiday stories for adults. There will be a prize draw for those who dress in their ugly holiday sweater or fabulous holiday PJs!

Registration required at rdpl.org/events

Check out our huge collection of jigsaw puzzles for all ages at rdpl.org, and take one home today!



Get informed with online newspapers and magazines from around the world, in the language in which they are published!

Access in-library or at home!

rdpl.org/resources-types/eNews

Red Deer Readers' Theatre Society

Ages 16+

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays, September 21, October 19,
November 16, December 14
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Always welcoming new members to join us for fun and camaraderie while reading and performing scripts, without having to memorize lines or attend frequent rehearsals!

No fees and no previous theatre experience necessary. Contact Lorraine at lsprox@shaw.ca or 403-357-7614 or Lorna at deschners@shaw.ca or 403-347-1066 for more information.

Breaking Cover presented by Red Deer Players

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium

Select Saturdays
12 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Breaking Cover is a series of rehearsed staged readings, showcasing plays by Alberta-based writers that are nearly performance ready. The purpose of these readings is to allow the author to hear their work out loud and put their work in front of an audience.

It provides an opportunity to get our community involved in the process of play creation, as actors, directors, authors, and audience members.

October 14 - *Boom Baby* by Natalie Meisner
November 25 - *I Ain't So Tough* by Rose Scollard

For more information, contact reddeerplayers@gmail.com

Registration
required!

ADULT LITERACY

For more information, visit rdpl.org/adult-literacy

International English Language Testing System (IELTS-Academic)

Dawe Branch

Mondays and Wednesdays

October 16 - November 22

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

In this 12-lesson course, work on strategies and skills to be successful when taking the IELTS-Academic exam. You must be at Canadian Language Benchmark 5 to participate. Cost is \$70 per person.

Introduction to Computers

Dawe Branch

Mondays and Thursdays

October 19 - November 9

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

This 7-session learning opportunity will teach you computer basics, Internet safety, ways to search for information, and how to format documents.

Cost is \$35 per person.

To attend a program, phone 403-346-2533 or email adultlit@rdpl.org to register.

About the Adult Literacy Program

Red Deer Public Library's Adult Literacy Program matches adult learners with volunteer tutors who meet once a week at the library or online for two hours. The program provides support to Literacy and Foundational Learners. Basic skills may include literacy, numeracy, basic digital skills, English Language Learning, and skills for learning.

Volunteers Needed!

We offer training and ongoing support to all of our tutors, and we can assure you that volunteering with the Adult Literacy program will be a unique and rewarding experience! Please consider volunteering with this life-changing, award-winning, program.



Funding provided by:



To learn more about becoming a volunteer, contact:



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



adultlit@rdpl.org



Dawe Branch (56 Holt Street)



GARDENING TOGETHER Harvest Exchange

Dawe Branch Patio
Saturday, September 16
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Share a meal of hot dogs, explore the harvest salad bar on the Dawe patio and talk to Shelley Cooper, Alberta Health Services Nutritionist about different ways to add more vegetables into your daily meals.

There will be activities for kids and families.

Bring your harvest bounty to donate to the harvest exchange if you have extras or stop by the Dawe Branch to pick some locally grown vegetables donated by local growers. The harvest exchange will be available all day.

Gardening Together Family Kit to Go

Receive a seed starting mix for tasty microgreens, instruction on how to grow them at home, and other exciting materials generously provided by Alberta Health Services and Primary Care Network. Kits are available at all three branches **while supplies last starting September 16.**

Feed YQF

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Register for these free workshops on producing, processing and preserving food in Red Deer. **Check rdpl.org for full details.**

SEED SAVING

Thursday, September 28

DEHYDRATING

Thursday, October 26

WINTERIZING, SPROUTING AND MICROGREENS

Thursday, November 23

FOODS IN THE COMMUNITY

Thursday, December 28

Feed 500



Capstone
Friday, September 15
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



This community event is organized by the Kerry Wood Nature Centre and ReThink Red Deer with food sourcing and preparation provided by the Red Deer Food Bank.

COMMUNITY SEED LIBRARY

The Community Seed Library is accepting seeds from June 21 - December 21, 2023! Please share the open-pollinated seed you have saved and dried. Fill out our online form for every kind of seed you donate and bring the seed in a sealed envelope, with the form inside, to any RDPL branch. Donation forms can be picked up at any branch or printed from rdpl.org/seedlibrary

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Register at rdpl.org/events

Healing Hearts Bereavement Support Group

Register for location

Mondays, September 27,
October 30, November 27
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Healing Hearts bereavement support is offered by *Moms Stop The Harm*, a group of parents, spouses, siblings, and friends who have lost a loved one to substance-use-related harms. Healing Hearts is a free, open format, peer-led model of support. Registration is required by email at:
healingheartsreddeerandarea@gmail.com



Downtown Walk & Talk

Downtown Branch

Tuesdays
September 5 to January 2
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Explore the city and enjoy great conversation while walking with RDPL staff. This group meets every Tuesday for a casual stroll about town. Join us! *Weather permitting.*

Registration
required!

Beginner Adult Yoga

Online via Zoom

Wednesdays
September 6 to December 13
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Explore mindful movement, stillness and reflection from the comfort of your own home. All levels and abilities welcome.

Registration
required!

Journaling for Wellness

Timberlands Branch

Wednesday, October 4
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

During this program, a guest speaker from the Canadian Mental Health Association will offer an introductory session on getting started and the different types of journaling.

Registration
required!

SMART Recovery

Downtown Branch

Mondays (except holidays)
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join SMART Recovery on Mondays at the Downtown Branch for support for individuals seeking abstinence from addiction using self management and recovery training. For more information, visit smartrecovery.org or contact cory.smartrecoveryreddeer@gmail.com



La Leche League - Local Peer to Peer Support



Timberlands Branch

Wednesdays, September 13, October 11,
November 8, December 13
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join this monthly drop-in meeting for breastfeeding and expectant parents facilitated by an accredited La Leche League Leader covering a different topic each month. For more information, visit lllc.ca/red-deer.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Financial & Legal Programs

Ask a Lawyer Mondays

Dawe Branch

Mondays, September 18,
October 16, November 20, December 18
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Have a Legal Question? Volunteer lawyers from the Central Alberta Community Legal Clinic will provide up to half an hour of free legal advice in family, civil, and criminal law. **Note:** Registration is used to determine the number of lawyers needed for the event; it is not a booked appointment. Clients are required to fill out an intake sheet at the event before seeing a lawyer. First-come, first-serve is not guaranteed as lawyers do not practice in all areas of law. For more information, contact the Central Alberta Community Legal Clinic at 403-314-9129. *Register at rdpl.org/events*



Disability Tax Credits (CRA)

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium
Wednesday, October 4
6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Learn about the Disability Tax Credit. What is the eligibility? How do you apply? What other benefits and credits are available for persons with disabilities and their caregivers?

Registration
required!

Recognizing & Avoiding Investment Scams

presented by Alberta Securities Commission

Online via Zoom

Thursday, November 2
6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

In 2022, Canadians lost more than \$530 million to scams and fraud, with investment fraud being the largest contributor. Join the Alberta Securities Commission as they walk through how you can recognize, avoid and report those too good to be true investment opportunities. Learn to safeguard your hard-earned money and invest suitably for yourself.

Registration
required!



Find us on Social Media!

Learn about RDPL programs and services, watch program videos, see library-related pics and MORE!



Red Deer Cancer Connect at the Dawe Branch



Daytime Tuesdays

September 5, October 3,
November 7, December 5
12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Evening Tuesdays

September 19, October 17,
November 21, December 19
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Cancer Connect is an informal gathering over coffee, tea and snacks which is open to any adult participants living with cancer, those diagnosed, and their caregivers and supporters. These sessions offer a safe space to connect with others and learn support strategies. The program is facilitated by a Wellspring Alberta leader and co-sponsored by Red Deer Public Library. Register online: wel.gametime.net/cne/public/list or phone 1-866-682-3135. To find out more visit: wellspringalberta.ca

ADULT PROGRAMS

Register at rdpl.org/events

CNIB at the Library: Tech Help

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Tuesdays, September 26,

October 31, November 28

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Aaron Herras, Accessible Technology Program Lead with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, will share his expertise with you in this tech help program for anyone using assistive technology or anyone with questions on using this technology for the first time. Register online at rdpl.org/events or phone the library at 403-346-4576 and we will register you for this program.

Registration
required!

CNIB at the Library: Cafe

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Tuesdays, September 26,

October 31, November 28

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Connect with others who are living with sight loss. Join us for coffee, conversation, and support. Register online at rdpl.org/events or call the library at 403-346-4576 and we will register you for this program.

Registration
required!

Meet & Mingle Ages 50+

Dawe Branch

Tuesday, November 7

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Looking for new friends, or just a night out? Come to our friend meet up! We welcome those aged 50 years and up to mingle with others looking for friendship. Organized conversations will become relaxed and easy as you go through the paces of dynamic fun rounds. Refreshments will be served.

Registration
required!



TECH HELP

Get help using your tech device. Learn how to access RDPL's Digital collection, interlibrary loans, language learning resources and more.

Sign up on our website



rdpl.org/techhelp

Book over the phone



403-346-4576

Need materials? Try our 24/7 online library!

Borrow thousands of eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines on your phone or tablet for free with your library membership!

Go to rdpl.overdrive.com or download the Libby App and start borrowing today! Need help? Book a tech help appointment with our staff, pop in to any branch, or phone us at 403-346-4576.



BOOK CLUBS

Book discussion clubs for all ages!

Any Book Book Club

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays, September 14, October 12,
November 9, December 14
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! New members are always welcome!

Happy Ever After Book Club

Online via Google Meet

Mondays, September 25, October 30,
November 27, December 18
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join library staff on Google Meet to discuss romance titles.

September 25 - *Indigo Ridge* by Devney Perry
October 30 - *The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches* by Sangu Mandanna
November 27 - *Role Playing* by Cathy Yardley
December 18 - Choose a Holiday Romance
Join the Facebook group or email
cbrown@rdpl.org for the meeting link.

Past Pages Book Club

Downtown Branch

Tuesdays, October 3, November 7,
December 5
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Join library staff to discuss historical fiction. This new book club focuses on books written about times short and long passed. Selections available in multiple formats.

October 3 - *The Circus Train* by Amita Parikh
November 7 - *The Library of Legends* by Janie Chang
December 5 - *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead

NEW!

On the Same Page Book Club

(formerly Fireside Readers Book Club)

NEW!

Downtown Branch

Wednesdays, September 20, October 18,
November 5, December 20
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Please join us, even if you haven't read or completely read the book we're discussing. Newcomers welcome!

September 20 - *Cloud Cuckoo Land*

by Anthony Doerr

October 18 - *The Story of Us*

by Catherine Hernandez

November 15 - Meet the author!

Revery by Jenna Butler

December 20 - *Princess Elizabeth's Spy*

by Susan Elia MacNeal

AUTHOR VISIT!

Reading Connection Family Book Club

For kids ages 7 to 12 and their grownup(s)

Timberlands Branch

Wednesdays, September 27,
October 25, November 22
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

NEW!

Kids get to choose the book they want to read related to each month's theme, and their grownup reads it too! Families can join in person or use the virtual link emailed out 30 minutes before the program.

September 27- books about school

October 25 - spooky stories

November 22 - picture books

Book Club Kits for ALL AGES!

Choose from a selection of kits for **adults, teens or kids!** Kits come with books, discussion questions, and more. Go to rdpl.org and search 'Book Club Kits' or pop into the Downtown Branch and browse the Book Club Kits collection!

BOOK CLUBS

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Reader Rendezvous: A Discord Book Club

Join library staff Alyssa (@catsandbookstacks) and Claire (@whatcsees) to buddy read selected titles and chat all things books on our Discord! Join the Discord today, and keep up with all the bookish things at RDPL and beyond!

Link to join Discord: <https://discord.gg/RAYJrXwhGt>

September - *The Postscript Murders* by Elly Griffiths

October - *Sawkill Girls* by Claire Legrand

November - *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich

December - *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps

Last Chapter Book Club

Timberlands Branch

Tuesdays, October 10,
November 14, December 12,
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

NEW!

Although dying is an essential part of life, it is an uncomfortable topic that most people avoid. We invite participants to bring your curiosity as we discuss and share end-of-life books, media, and resources. You are welcome to participate even if you haven't read up on death and dying.

October 10 - *With the End in Mind*
by Kathryn Mannix

This book describes the possibility of meeting death gently, with forethought and preparation, and shows the unexpected beauty, dignity, and profound humanity of life coming to an end.

November 14 - *The Art of Dying Well*
by Katy Butler

Each chapter features different end-of-life-related themes and exemplary real-world anecdotes of how people cope with different age-related difficulties, with an emphasis on the mental as well as physical aspects of coping with old age and the associated infirmities.

December 12 - *What Does it Feel Like to Die?*
by Jennie Dear

Dear provides answers to hard-to-ask questions about how to decide where to die, what it feels like to die, how to manage pain and medication, how to accept "life's finality," and how to leave a legacy.

Lives

Fully Lived:

a speaker series



Downtown Branch

Select Thursdays, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join us for a conversation with these remarkable people who will share their experiences living life in crescendo.

Centenarian

Wietske Altmann

Thursday, September 14

Military Researcher

Dr. Anne Irwin

Thursday, October 12

Writer & Thought Explorer

Dr. Jane Ross

Thursday, November 16

Pianist and Composer

Cheryl Cooney

Thursday, December 14

Registration required at rdpl.org/events
or by phone at 403-346-4576.

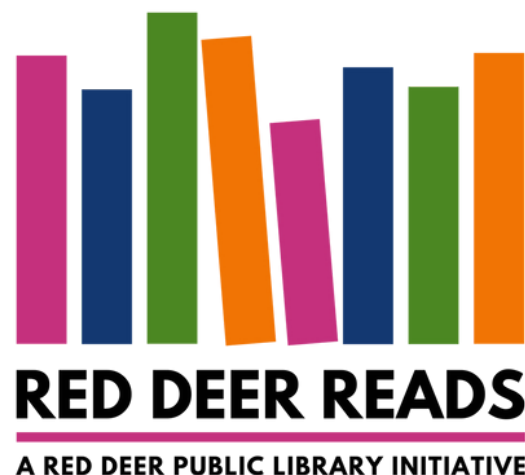
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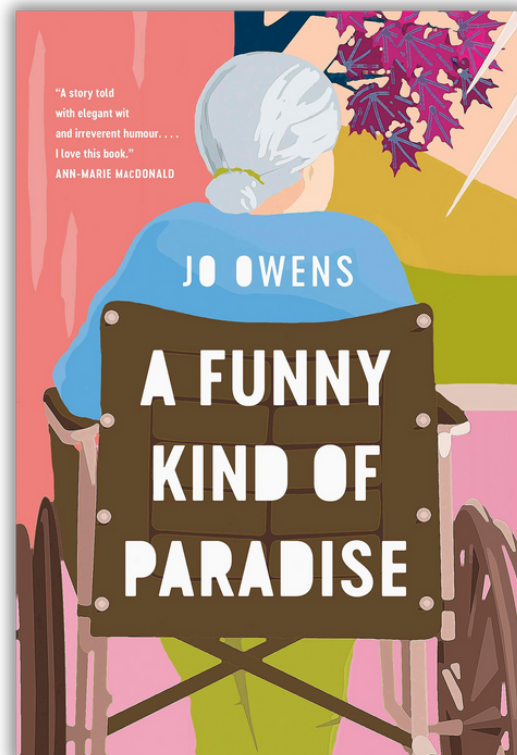


Meet the 2023 Red Deer Reads winning author!



DOWNTOWN BRANCH
LEVEL 4
7 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Join us for an exciting evening with our 2023 Red Deer Reads winning author, Jo Owens, celebrating her debut novel, **A Funny Kind of Paradise.**



Watch for full details! Register at rdpl.org/events