

Spring BOOK SALE

Downtown Branch - Snell Auditorium

Buy gently used books, DVDs, CDs and more
at great prices and support the Library!

Members Preview Sale

Wednesday, April 24

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

Get special treatment and shop
the sale before anyone else!

Memberships available to buy at
the door - \$10 single or \$20 family.

4 Day Public Sale

Thursday, April 25

10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 26

10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 27
& Sunday, April 28**

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

*Cash Only
please!*



Book bags available at Member Services for \$3, or bring your own.

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

CONTACT US



403-346-4576



inquiries@rdpl.org



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.

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

No registration required!

Storytimes are
now **DROP-IN!**

Baby Fun Storytime

Ages Birth - 18 Months

Join us for songs and rhymes for your little ones, and meet other parents!

Downtown Branch

Mondays

April 8 - May 13

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

Dawe Branch

Thursdays

April 11 - May 16

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

Timberlands Branch

Fridays

April 12 - May 17

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

Toddler Fun Storytime

Ages 18 Months - 3 years

Stories, rhymes, and songs for toddlers and their caregivers.

Downtown Branch

Tuesdays

April 9 - May 14

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. OR 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Dawe Branch

Thursdays

April 11 - May 16

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

Timberlands Branch

Fridays

April 12 - May 17

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

Preschool Fun Storytime

Ages 3-5

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

Timberlands Branch

Tuesdays

April 9 - May 14

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

Downtown Branch

Wednesdays

April 10 - May 15

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. OR 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Dawe Branch

Thursdays

April 11 - May 16

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

Community PLAYDATE!

Ages 2 - 5

Timberlands Branch

Friday, May 24

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Come play!

Join us for a fun and social hour of discovery, exploration, and imaginary play.

This program is drop-in, but registration is encouraged at rdpl.org/events



Storytime en español

Ages 3 to 6 and their parent or caregiver
Niños de 3 a 6 años y sus padres o guardianes

Downtown Branch

Tuesdays

April 9 - May 14

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

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

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 Jardín. La registraci3n es
requerida para el programa.

Cuentos en
español!

Український клуб Katrusia

Ukrainian Club Katrusia

Dawe Branch

Every second and
fourth Thursday

Spring session:

April 11 - June 27

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 the Ukrainian
language and culture. Registration at
rdpl.org/events is required for the entire
spring session from April 11 - June 27.

Весела
програма
українською
мовою

Find us on Social Media!



Drop-in

Family Storytimes

Collicutt Centre Branch

Thursdays

April 7 - May 16

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

Drop in for stories, rhymes and activities
for families of all ages!

Registration not required!

NEW
Storytimes

at the Collicutt Branch!

Thunderbird Learners

Ages 3-6

Downtown Branch

Saturdays, April 13, April 27,

May 11, May 25

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us for cultural literacy programs hosted
by Red Deer Native Friendship Society for
children and their parents or caregivers,
featuring Indigenous stories, songs, and
activities! Register for one or all sessions at
rdpl.org/events or phone 403-346-4576.

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



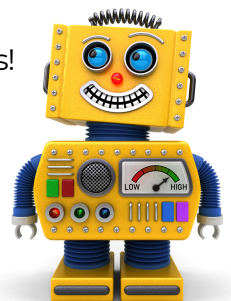
Borrow toys,
board games,
activity backpacks,
puzzles & more!

Visit the Toy Lending Library at
the Downtown Branch and
browse our collection of
puzzles, board games, and toys!

Can't make it Downtown?

Browse rdpl.org and
place a hold for pickup
at another branch!*

**Note: Toy Library items cannot be
picked up at the Collicutt Branch,
and we are unable to send some
larger items to other branches.*



Summer
Reading Quest

Epic Adventure Awaits

Kick-off Party!

Timberlands Branch
Friday, June 28
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Red Deer Public Library is kicking off the 2024 Summer Reading Club in style this year with a BIG party!

Play, eat cake, and pick up your Summer Reading Quest while you're at it!

This is the perfect opportunity to pack and enjoy a picnic in the park and enjoy a **free day of fun!**



**Bouncy
Castle!**



**Face
Painting!**



**Outdoor
Games!**

**Join us and
kick-off your
summer adventure
with RDPL!**

Join RDPL Staff for fun at the



Central Alberta
**Children's
Festival!**

Rotary Recreation Park
4501 - 47A Ave.
Friday, May 31
& Saturday, June 1
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Stop by Red Deer Public Library's Storytelling Tent for stories, puppet shows, and activities!

Find full details at
centralalbertachildrensfestival.ca

KIDS' BACKPACKS & KITS

Check out this unique collection of backpacks and kits to get kids excited about reading!

Backpacks contain books, toys, and activities on many favourite subjects such as gardening, STEAM, Indigenous teachings, and more.



Browse these and other fun kits at rdpl.org/kits



KIDS' PROGRAMS

Register online at rdpl.org/events

STEAM Programs at the Libratory!

Downtown Branch

Wednesday, April 3 - 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
A-Maze-ing Science!

For ages 9 - 12

Learn and practice basic coding by working together to build mazes and testing them out with simple robots!

Friday, April 26 - 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Crime Science

For ages 9 - 12

Work together to solve a crime using clues and forensic science experiments!

Saturday, May 11 - 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
STEAM at the Library: Family Edition

For ages 5+ and their parents/caregivers!

Tornadoes, volcanoes and rockets, oh my! Try out some of our favourite STEAM experiments. *Children younger than 9 must have an adult remain in the program with them.*

Register for STEAM programs online at rdpl.org/events or phone 403-346-4576.

Pokémon League

Ages 6 to 12

Dawe Branch

Wednesdays

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

Do you want to be the very best, like no one ever was? Then come out and join other trainers for a fun afternoon of everything Pokémon! Our league promotes friendship, communication skills, and fair play.

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

Reading Connection Family Book Club

Ages 7 to 12 and their grownup(s)

Timberlands Branch

Select Wednesdays

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Kids choose the book they want to read related to each month's theme, and their grownup reads it too! Meet up and discuss the book with other families.

Monthly themes:

April 24 - Environmental Fiction

May 22 - Mystery

June 26 - Summer

Register at rdpl.org/events or phone 403-346-4576.

Sign up on our website to receive

Book Bundles!

Borrow staff-selected books for:

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 of your choice!

New titles chosen every two weeks.

Bundles include activity ideas & literacy tips!

Register at rdpl.org/bookbundles

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

Youth Literacy Program

Sit, Stay, Read with Katja!

Ages 6 to 12

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



Children who struggle with reading will benefit and tackle their challenges in the presence of an accepting, non-judgmental animal companion!

Programs at both branches are perfect for kids who want to attend this program after school. A variety of reading materials will be available.

Pick the time that works for you and come one time or every week at the same time to read to Katja in her reading nook.

Dawe Branch

Tuesdays

April 16 - June 4

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays

April 18 - June 6



TIME SLOTS AVAILABLE:

🐾 3:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

🐾 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

🐾 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information on the benefits of this program, check out this blog post:
rdpl.org/blogs/post/why-read-to-a-dog

Register to read with Katja at rdpl.org/events
or by phone at 403-346-4576

Read to Katja anytime at home!



Take home your own
Katja stuffie and
support the library!
Each stuffie comes
with their own service
dog vest and a Katja
colouring book!

\$25
each

Available at the Dawe,
Downtown, and
Timberlands Branches.
Limited supply.

Thunderbird Learners

Ages 7 to 12

Downtown Branch

Saturdays, April 6, April 20,

May 4, May 18

Snell Auditorium

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Join us for cultural literacy programs hosted by Red Deer Native Friendship Society for children 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 at rdpl.org/events or phone 403-346-4576.*

Also check out Thunderbird Learners for ages 3 - 6 on page 4.

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

Grades 5 to 8

Dawe Branch

Select Tuesdays

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

This program is for builders who enjoy the challenge and precision of LEGO® set builds.

April 23 - Builder's Choice

Choose from the Library's full collection of LEGO sets! Get a chance at a set you missed or re-build a favorite!

May 7 - Star Wars Special Edition

May the Fourth be continued! Build Star Wars vehicles and ships. *Register at rdpl.org/events or phone 403-346-4576 for the above programs.*

LEGO® at the Library: Middle School MOCs

Grades 6 to 8

Dawe Branch

Friday, April 26

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

This program is for builders who enjoy the creative challenge of free building LEGO® and constructing MOCs (My Own Creation). *Registration required at rdpl.org/events or by phone at 403-346-4576.*

stuffie SLEEPOVER



at the Timberlands Branch!

Friday, June 7
10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Come enjoy storytime with your stuffie before leaving it for a sleepover. You can come back on Saturday, June 8 to pick it up and find out about the adventures they had!

Register at rdpl.org/events

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Register online at rdpl.org/events

Special Guest Storytimes:

The People in Your Neighbourhood

All ages welcome

Downtown Branch

Saturday, June 8

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join for this unique, all ages storytime as we welcome Alice with Waskasoo Park (Kerrywood Nature Centre and Fort Normandeau). Enjoy stories and crafts with a nature theme!

Speed Cubing Club

All ages welcome

Dawe Branch

Sundays, April 14, May 12, June 9

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. Maybe you've never solved a Rubik's Cube before, but would like to learn how, you're welcome to come and see how it's done!

Homeschool Spelling Bee

All ages welcome*

Downtown Branch

Friday, May 24

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

Test your spelling skills as a contestant or cheer on spellers as part of the audience. Contestants will spell words based on their ages so children and youth of any age can compete. *Children younger than 10 must have an adult remain in the program with them. Register to secure your spot and receive the spelling list at rdpl.org/events.

STEAM in the Library: Family Edition!

For ages 5+ and their parents/caregivers

Downtown Branch

Saturday, May 11

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tornadoes, volcanoes and rockets, oh my! Try out some of our favourite STEAM experiments with your family! Children younger than 9 must have an adult remain in the program with them.

Register online at rdpl.org/events or phone 403-346-4576.

Lit Line - 403-342-9100

All ages

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

April - Poem of the Day

Take a moment for the poem of the day!

May - Asian Canadian Trivia

Hear things you may or may not know about the contributions of this diverse community to life in Canada.

June -Daytripping

Phone the Lit Line for a daytrip recommendation!

Stay in the loop!

Get the latest info about library events, 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

Let's get



Gardening for Beginners

Thursday, April 11 - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This workshop is for anyone who is thinking of starting a garden. By the end of the workshop you will have the skills and seeds to start your own garden.

Downtown Green Roof Walking Tour

Monday, June 17 - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Join Cynthia Pohl, Living Lands Landscape + Design, as we tour two biodiverse green roofs within walking distance of the Downtown Library Branch. These landscapes designed by Cynthia are thriving examples of the way we can design for native pollinators.

RDPL's Community Seed Library

rdpl.org/seedlibrary

RDPL's popular seed library is back! And thanks to community members who donated seeds for this project, the library has a large variety of vegetable, herb and flower seeds, free for library members. Browse the seed catalogue and reserve your seeds for this year's garden! *Available while quantities last.*



TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

For full details, visit rdpl.org



RED DEER QUEER
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Cosponsored programs

Registration
not required

Rainbow DnD

Ages 12+

Dawe Branch

Saturdays, April 27, May 25, June 29

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.

Crochet Workshop hosted by RDQCA

Ages 12+

Dawe Branch

Tuesdays, April 9, 23, May 14, 28

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

These workshops offer an opportunity for those
interested in learning the craft of crochet to
acquire new skills in a friendly and supportive
environment. *Please bring your own supplies.

Queer Art Club

Ages 12+

Dawe Branch

Thursdays, April 4, May 2, June 6

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!

meet
AND
mingle

**Looking for new friends,
or just a night out?**

*Come to our friend
meet-up at the library!*

Mingle with others looking for friendship
and conversation and enjoy relaxed
and easy fun with games and activities.

Refreshments will be served.

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

Ages 50+

Downtown Branch

Tuesday, April 16

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

Young Adults

Dawe Branch

Tuesday, May 28

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

See rdpl.org for full details

Crib, Cards, Coffee, & Conversation

Timberlands Branch

Sundays, April 21, May 19, June 16

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.

Adult  **storytime** 

AT RED HART BREWING

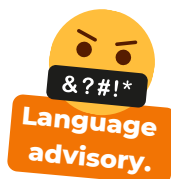
488 McCoy Drive

Tuesday, June 11

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

Regrettable life choices... we all have one or two (or more!) life choices we have made that we regret. Some people have written about their life choices for our entertainment, and we'd like to share some of our favourites with you! Join us for another Adult Storytime, because why should kids have all the fun? **Register at rdpl.org/events**

**For ages
18+ only!**



Bring, Brag, Break

Timberlands Branch

Saturdays, April 13,

May 11, June 8

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Join Red Deer Alberta Genealogical Society members in this program to bring an aspect of your research to share, to brag about what you have unearthed, or to seek assistance breaking down a research wall.

Red Deer Branch

ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

CNIB Programs at the Library

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Tuesdays, April 9,

May 14, June 11

Tech Help

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

This program is for anyone using assistive technology or anyone with questions on using this technology for the first time.

Café

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Connect with others who are living with sight loss. Join us for coffee, conversation, and support.

Registration required at www.rdpl/events or phone the library at 403-346-4576.



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!

BONUS! REEL STORIES: Every so often, "Part of the Story" will feature bonus episodes about new release movies, all time favourites (and not so favourites), and everything in between.

Find it wherever you stream your podcasts!

LAW & MONEY

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

Get Money Smart! Financial help sessions by the Credit Counselling Society

Register at rdpl.org/events for each session to receive the Zoom program links.

Making Cent\$ of Money (Budgeting 101)

Via Zoom

Tuesday, April 16

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

Participants will learn the 7 steps to budgeting which will help them take control of their finances and give them peace of mind. These steps include goal setting, expense tracking, saving and paycheque planning.



75 Ways to Save on Household Expenses

Via Zoom

Tuesday, May 14

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

Participants will gather tips on how to save on various household expenses including utilities, transportation, groceries and personal items. Participants will also be encouraged to share their best practices with each other.

Budget Breakers

Via Zoom

Thursday, June 6

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

Participants will learn about the common reasons budgets break and strategies they can put in place to eliminate them from everyday worry.

Find us on Social Media!



Ask a Lawyer

Dawe Branch

Mondays, April 15,

May 27, June 17

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.

***Registration required at rdpl.org/events**

Registration is only 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, please contact the Central Alberta Community Legal Clinic at 403-314-9129.

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

ARTS & CULTURE

Register (if required) at rdpl.org/events

First Thursday Concert Series

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. **Register at rdpl.org/events**

April 4 - Sharon Braun, mezzo soprano and Cheryl Cooney, piano

May 2 - Trio Brio: Joyce Howdle, clarinet, Val Sherman, flute and Cheryl Cooney, piano with a mostly Mozart program including a few surprises!

June 6 - Red Deer Chamber Singers

Red Deer Readers' Theatre Society

Ages 16+

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays,

April 18, May 16, June 20

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join us for theatre fun reading and performing scripts. No fees and no 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.

Evening Artistry

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Tuesday, June 18 or Wednesday, June 19

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

No experience required! This session we are going to create a landscape using an iron scrubber and other tools. **Register at rdpl.org/events**

Sip n' Stitch

Dawe Branch

Thursdays, April 18, May 16, June 20

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Cosponsored by Under the Elm Yarnery.



Trash to Treasure Crafts

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Tuesday, May 7

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

Create pine cone flowers to celebrate spring!

Register at rdpl.org/events

Breaking Cover by Red Deer Players

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Saturday, May 11

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

Play title: *When Someone Knows Your Usual* by Keri Halfacre

Enjoy rehearsed staged readings showcasing plays by Alberta-based writers. This free performance allow playwrights to hear their work out loud in front of an audience.

Donations gratefully accepted at readings. Full play descriptions at rdpl.org. Questions? Contact reddeerplayers@gmail.com

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



ARTS & CULTURE

Register (if required) at rdpl.org/events

Travel Memories

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Select Wednesdays

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

Hear local guest speakers talk about their travel adventures on the first Wednesday of each month. Register at rdpl.org/events

April 3 - Karen Carle - Colombia

May 1 - Brenda Meding - Turkey

June 5 - Jessica Dinan - Bali and Indonesia

Symphony at the Snell

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Saturday, May 25

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Red Deer Symphony Orchestra's next Symphony at the Snell performance will be a family-friendly concert with Mandy and Morgan McKee.

Please register at rdso.ca.

Paging All Writers

Downtown Branch

Level 2

Wednesdays

April 24, May 29, June 26

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

A casual meetup for writers in Red Deer and Central Alberta to socialize and talk about writing. Registration encouraged. Light refreshments will be served. Register at rdpl.org/events or by phone at 403-346-4576.

Reel Stories: Films @ RDPL

Downtown Branch

Level 2

Tuesdays & Thursdays

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



Join us for FREE screenings of some of our favourite films. Drop in to enjoy the company of other film lovers. Viewer discretion is advised.

Selected titles:

April 2 - Sicario

April 4 - The Other Guys

April 16 - The Bourne Identity

April 18 - Logan Lucky

April 30 - Hidden Figures

May 2 - Mad Max: Fury Road

May 14 - Rear Window

May 16 - Alien

May 28 - Booksmart

May 30 - Ex Machina

June 11 - School of Rock

June 13 - Atomic Blonde

June 25 - Book Club

June 27 - Crazy Rich Asians

Listen to the latest episode of Part of the Story: Reel Stories wherever you stream your podcasts!

The logo for Kanopy, featuring the word "kanopy" in a white, lowercase, serif font. Below the text is a horizontal bar with four colored segments: red, orange, yellow, and black.

Watch feature films, documentaries, and TV series for **all ages** streaming free on your favourite device, including your smart tv!

Sign up with your library card
and start streaming today!

rdpl.org/resources-types/movies

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Check each event for registration info

SMART Recovery

Downtown Branch

Mondays (except holidays)

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

Join SMART Recovery for support for individuals seeking abstinence from addiction using self-management and recovery training. Trained volunteer facilitators lead effective mutual support group discussions. For more information, visit smartrecovery.org or contact cory.smartrecoveryreddeer@gmail.com



Downtown Walk & Talk

Downtown Branch

Tuesdays

12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Explore the city and have conversations with new friends. Led by library staff, this fun and easy does it walking group meets every Tuesday. Join us! *Weather permitting.*
Register at rdpl.org/events or 403-346-4576

Healing Hearts

Bereavement Support Group

Register for location

Mondays

April 29, May 27, June 24

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 required by email at:

healingheartsreddeerandarea@gmail.com



Red Deer Cancer Connect

Dawe Branch

Day Sessions:

Tuesdays, April 2, May 7, June 4

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Evening Sessions:

Tuesdays, April 16, May 21, June 18

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, facilitated by a Wellspring Alberta leader, offer a safe space to connect with others and learn support strategies.

Register online:

wel.gametime.net/cne/public/list

or phone 1-866-682-3135.

To find out more visit: wellspringalberta.ca



May We Suggest...?

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!

Apply online
or get a form at
any branch!

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

Practicing Gratitude

Timberlands Branch

Monday, April 15

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



Canadian Mental
Health Association
Mental health for all

Come learn what gratitude is, how it works, and how it contributes to our overall well being. We will also learn how to get the most out of our practice, and even take some time to be grateful together.

Register at rdpl.org/events

Creative Writing for Wellness

Timberlands Branch

Monday, May 13

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



Canadian Mental
Health Association
Mental health for all

Come write with us! No experience is required. Writing is good for your brain and wellness. Spend time writing on a prompt from poetry, then listen to each other's writing (reading what you wrote is optional, of course) and highlight the strengths and creativity displayed by our fellow writers. This group is open to all levels of writing. Everyone can create! **Register at rdpl.org/events**

ParticipACTION Community Challenge: Choose Your Own Adventure!

June 1 - June 30

Help Red Deer become Canada's most active community while being a part of the story, choosing and completing your favourite literary quest charted in the Red Deer trail system!

Go on a *Bear Hunt* with your kids, start *The Incredible Journey* with your pet or climb *Mordor's Mount Doom* right here in Red Deer with *Choose Your Own Adventure* Kits to Go! Every step counts so pick your Choose Your Own Adventure kit to get reading, get moving, and get winning!

Watch our social media or check rdpl.org for the mindful movement library program options and StoryWalk® schedule!

Fancy Women BIKE RIDE



SUNDAY, JUNE 9

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Collicutt Centre Branch

Get ready for the Fancy Women Bike Ride! It's more than just a bike ride – it's about women coming together to feel empowered and break down stereotypes.

By hopping on a bike, we're showing that anyone can ride, no matter what they wear or how fast they go.

Plus, we're making sure bikes are seen on the roads and considered in city planning.

This ride is all about unity and showing that cycling is for everyone, no matter who you are or where you're from.

So join us and let's pedal together!

Dress as fancy as you see fit and win prizes for the fanciest bike rider!

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ADULT LITERACY

Visit rdpl.org/adult-literacy

Skills for Learning

Dawe Branch

Mondays and Wednesdays

April 10 - May 1

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

This FREE learning opportunity will support foundational learners in building confidence, developing an identity as a learner, advocating for themselves, and engaging in foundational and other learning. In this class, learners will be able to

strengthen their communication skills in a learning setting to support the use of those skills in the day-to-day tasks and responsibilities. Call 403-346-2533 or email adulthit@rdpl.org to register.



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



adulthit@rdpl.org



Dawe Branch (56 Holt Street)



Library Giving Day

Library Giving Day is a one-day fundraising event with the goal of encouraging people who depend on and enjoy public libraries to donate to their local library.

This Library Giving Day, help keep your library a vibrant place for our community to learn, grow, and thrive!

Your donation can help:

Expand our collection of books & ebooks

Provide free programs for all ages across all branches

Support the literacy and learning needs in our community

... and much more!

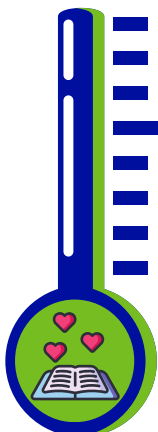
Help us reach our fundraising goal!

Donate online:
rdpl.org/donate



Donate in person at the Downtown, Dawe, or Timberlands Branch!

2024 Goal: \$2000!



BOOK CLUBS

Register at rdpl.org/events

Any Book Book Club

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays, April 11, May 9, June 13
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Love to read? Want to share your latest great read or find new recommendations? This book club is for you! New members are always welcome!

Happy Ever After Book Club

Online via Google Meet

Select Mondays
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join library staff on Google Meet to discuss romance titles.

April 29 - *Beast Behaving Badly* by Shelly Laurenston

May 27 - *Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute* by Talia Hibbert

June 24 - *Kit McBride Gets a Wife* by Amy Barry

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

Past Pages Book Club

Downtown Branch

Select Tuesdays
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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

April 2 - *The Embroidered Book* by Kate Heartfield

May 7 - *The Heretic Queen* by Michelle Moran

June 4 - *The Wicked City* by Beatriz Williams

On the Same Page Book Club

(formerly Fireside Readers Book Club)

Downtown Branch

Waskasoo-Kiwanis Meeting Room
Select Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

April 17 - *The Overstory* by Richard Powers

May 15 - *Looking for Jane* by Heather Marshall

June 19 - Readers' Choice - members will select books for 2024/2025

Last Chapter Book Club

Timberlands Branch

Select Tuesdays
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Although dying is an essential part of life, it's an uncomfortable topic that most people avoid. With no idea what will happen when we die and a strong desire to sidestep the conversation, death and end-of-life care are truly important discussions that we need to have. We invite participants to bring their curiosity as we discuss and share end-of-life books, media, and resources.

April 9

I'm Glad My Mom Died by Jennette McCurdy

May 14

Being Mortal by Atul Gawande

June 11

Two Lives of Lydia Bird by Josie Silver

Be sure to
register!



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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!

April - *Angels' Blood*

by Nalini Singh

May - *Lost Boy*

by Christina Henry

June - *The City Beautiful*

by Aden Polydoros



Join the
Discord

Reading Connection Family Book Club

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

Timberlands Branch

Select Wednesdays

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Kids choose the book they want to read related to each month's theme, and their grownup reads it too! Meet up with other families to share what you thought about the book you chose.

April 24 - Environmental Fiction

May 29 - Mystery

June 26 - Summer







Red Deer Public Library Home Service

Can't come to the library due to illness, a physical or visual disability, or mobility issues?

Red Deer residents who are unable to visit the library for three months or more are eligible for this free library material delivery service.

Once accepted into the Home Service program, a volunteer will bring materials every three weeks, and also return items to the library.

The following materials can be delivered:

-  Fiction and non-fiction books in large print, regular print, or audiobook format.
-  A variety of magazines.
-  DVDs and music CDs.
-  Applicable members can borrow DAISY audiobook discs and DAISY players.

How to apply:



email: homeservice@rdpl.org



phone: 403-346-4576 extension 1501



online: rdpl.org/home-service



Hotline
by Dimitri Nasrallah

APRIL 1 to APRIL 30

This year's One eRead Canada pick is *Hotline* by Dimitri Nasrallah, with the French version translated by Daniel Grenier. The eBook is available in French and English and the audiobook in English from April 1 – 30.

Hotline will be available in April without waitlists or holds so that all Canadians can read along at the same time. Download a copy during the month and join the discussion in English or French – or both!

Stay tuned for information on online events taking place on April 24th and April 26th.

Happy *Birthday* to RDPL!

You're Invited!

**On April 23, join us as we
celebrate our 110th birthday!**



To: Everyone!

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 23 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Downtown, Dawe, or Timberlands Branch

Details: It's our birthday! Join us for a slice of cake, enter to win some sweet swag, and take a look back on some of our favourite memories from the past 110 years!

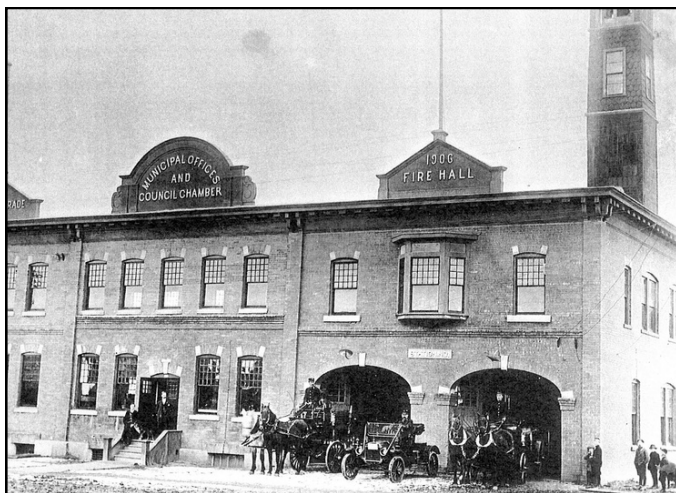
RSVP: Not required! Drop in any time between 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Let's take a walk down memory lane! ***A brief history of RDPL's Downtown Branch***

Red Deer Public Library was one of the first four libraries to be established under the Libraries Act of Alberta. On April 23, 1914, By-Law No 363 brought the Red Deer Public Library into being.

Later that year, on September 1, 1914, the Library was created. Its first home was in the Board of Trade Building in what was then City Hall, pictured below:



RDPL's first home in the Board of Trade Building.

Red Deer Public Library's first librarian, Ina Greene, was hired in 1914 at the age of 17. The first Board of Directors consisted of J.F. Boyce, H.H. Gaetz, F.C. Whitehouse, and Alderman J.T. Watson, and their first meeting took place on Saturday, May 2, 1914, with Red Deer Mayor S.N. Carscallen also in attendance.

The Library had a number of other homes in the first half of the century, but a new Library became an election issue in the mid-1960s.



*Ina Green,
RDPL's first librarian.*



*RDPL in 1953. Future
home of Parson's Clinic.*

After some controversy, a new one-story library was built to celebrate Canada's Centennial in 1967, which is now the main floor (Level 2) of the adult portion of today's Downtown Branch. This new facility was made possible thanks to the generosity and vision of long-time trustee Charlie Snell and his wife, Librarian Mabel Snell.



Above: RDPL's Centennial Library, built in 1967

Right: Checking out a book in the Centennial Library, 1970

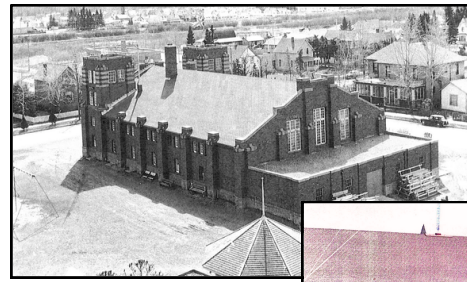


A second storey was added to the building in 1979, thanks in part to a contribution from the Bower Family. Below is a snapshot of the construction in progress.



Building the second storey of RDPL

If you've ever visited the Downtown Branch, you know that the facility expands beyond the Centennial Building to the east, and this side of the library has a very interesting history! Going back in time once again, the Red Deer Armoury was built in 1914 to muster troops for WWI.



*Red Deer Armoury/
Firehall #1*



In 1961, the building was converted into Fire Hall No. 1, and continued to be used as a firehall until 1991, when RDPL purchased the building.

The old Armoury/Firehall became RDPL's new Children's Department! Named the Firehall Fun Factory, it opened to the public in late 1994. Soon after, many renovations were made to the existing library, including the addition of the 'Kinsmen Link,' which connected the Children's library with the renovated Adult spaces in the Centennial building, as well as the addition of the new Snell Auditorium, where many library programs take place today!



Packed house at the Children's Library Grand Opening!

And that's just the beginning! With more renovations Downtown since then, and the addition of the Dawe, Timberlands, and Collicutt Branches, RDPL is rich with history and also constantly adapting to meet the needs of our community!

We can't wait to see where the next 110 years takes us!

To learn more, visit rdpl.org/library-history

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