We’ve come a long way since 1914!

We’re Celebrating our 110th Birthday!

The LINK
Your guide to all things RDPL
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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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.

CONTACT US
403-346-4576
inquiries@rdpl.org
rdpl.org
Sign up for our email newsletter!
rdpl.org/eNewsletter

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

**No registration required!**

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**Storytimes are now DROP-IN!**

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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 Jardin. La registración es requerida para el programa.

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.

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!

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.

Sign out a backpack full of fun!

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.

Book Bundles!
Borrow staff-selected books for:

BABIES

TOODLERS

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 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

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

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

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.

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 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: 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.
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
**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 Normandieu). Enjoy stories and crafts with a nature theme!

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**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!

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**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 recieve the spelling list at rdpl.org/events.

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**STEAM in the Libratory: 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.

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**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!

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**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
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

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.
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.

Bring, Brag, Break
Timberlands Branch
Red Deer Branch
Alberta Genealogical Society
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.

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.

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

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.

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

Find us on Social Media!
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

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

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

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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!

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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
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!
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.
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.
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!

Cosponsored by:
ADULT LITERACY
Visit rdpl.org/adult-literacy

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!

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 adultlit@rdpl.org to register.

Alla, Lois, Jenni or Michelle: 403-346-2533
adultlit@rdpl.org
Dawe Branch (56 Holt Street)
BOOK CLUBS

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! rdpl.org/events
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

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

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

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.
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:

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.
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.

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!

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

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