

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fall Program Guide

CELEBRATING
ONE YEAR AT
THE COLLICUTT
BRANCH!
*See page 26
for details!*

BE A PART
OF THE
Story
AT RDPL

FALL 2024
September - December



The **LINK**

Your guide to all things RDPL



We're having

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**BIRTHDAY
PARTIES!**

**FAMILY
FUN!**

**PRIZE
DRAWS!**

**FREE
Refreshments!**



**FREE
Birthday Cake!**



**FREE
Family Activities!**



10

30

Timberlands Branch is 10!

**Sunday, October 20
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

Has it been 10 years already?!
Stop by and see what makes our
third location in the cozy Ecole
Barrie Wilson School so special!

Dawe Branch is 30!

**Saturday, November 2
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

Take a walk down memory lane with
us as we look back on 30 years serving
the community with displays,
activities, and fun for the whole family!

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LIBRARY HOURS

Downtown, Dawe, & Timberlands Branches

Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Fri: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Weekends: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Holidays: CLOSED

Collicutt Branch

Mon-Fri: 5:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. | Weekends: 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Holidays: Varies, but typically 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Downtown Branch
4818-49 Street

Timberlands Branch
300 Timothy Drive

Dawe Branch
56 Holt Street

Collicutt Branch
3031-30 Avenue

CONTACT US

 403-346-4576  inquiries@rdpl.org

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rdpl.org/eNewsletter

CULTURE DAYS



Mad Hatter Afternoon Tea Party

WE'RE ALL MAD HERE!

Dawe Branch
Sunday, September 29
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Get ready for a whimsical, whirlwind afternoon at the library! Dive down the rabbit hole and join us for an unforgettable adventure in Wonderland, where every teacup holds a story.

Registration is required at rdpl.org/events



Lindy Hop Story Dance Workshop

Downtown Branch
Saturday, September 21
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We're thrilled to invite seasoned Lindy Hop enthusiasts to a unique one-day workshop hosted by Alberta's esteemed Lindy Hop instructors Arta Seify and Paige Grant.

Admission is free! This workshop is cosponsored with Red Aces Dance Club. *Registration is required at rdpl.org/events*

Local Author Fair

Downtown Branch
Sunday, September 22
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Step into the world of literary creativity at our Local Author Fair, where local authors will showcase and sell their works, and connect with readers like you! Whether you're searching for a new favorite author or eager to support local talent, this event offers a unique opportunity to meet the minds behind the books.

Check rdpl.org for featured authors. Books may be available for purchase at the event.

Find more Culture Days events!

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

CULTURE DAYS

FEATURED AUTHOR WRITING WORKSHOP

Conflict, Chaos, and Your Nemesis with Leslie Greentree

**Downtown Branch - Snell Auditorium
Sunday, September 22 - 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**



ABOUT *me*

Leslie Greentree is the author of two short story collections: *Not the Apocalypse I Was Hoping For*, which was shortlisted for a High Plains Book Award, and the award-winning collection *A Minor Planet for You*. She has written two poetry books: *go-go dancing for Elvis*, which was shortlisted for the 2004 Griffin Prize for Poetry, and *guys named Bill*.

Leslie is also an occasional essayist and playwright, and is currently working on a novel.

We may duck behind chairs and fake terminal illness to avoid conflict in real life, but when we're creating it on the page, conflict is a storyteller's best friend. And what's a story without a good (bad) nemesis and a healthy dollop of chaos?

Through discussion and writing exercises, we'll dig into the energy these nasty but necessary elements add to every story, and the ways you can harness these forces of evil for your own nefarious writerly purposes.



EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Drop-in storytimes at all branches

Baby Fun

Ages Birth - 18 Months

Join us for songs and rhymes perfect for babies!

MONDAYS **NEW**

Collicutt Branch

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

Session 1: September 9 to October 14

Session 2: October 28 to December 2

TUESDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

Session 1: September 10 to October 15

Session 2: October 29 to December 3

THURSDAYS

Dawe Branch

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

Session 1: September 12 to October 17

Session 2: October 31 to December 5

FRIDAYS

Timberlands Branch

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

Session 1: September 13 to October 18

Session 2: November 1 to December 6

Stories & More for Littles **NEW**

Ages 0-5

Join us for stories, rhymes, and activities for littles of all ages and their parents or caregivers!

THURSDAYS

(starts September 5)

Collicutt Branch

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

SATURDAYS

(starts September 7)

Downtown Branch

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

Toddler Fun

Ages 18 Months - 3 years

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

Downtown Branch

TUESDAYS

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

Session 1: September 10 - October 15

Session 2: October 29 - December 3

Dawe Branch

THURSDAYS

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

Session 1: September 12 - October 17

Session 2: October 31 - December 5

Timberlands Branch

FRIDAYS

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

Session 1: September 13 - October 18

Session 2: November 1 - December 6

Preschool Fun

Ages 3-5

Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for preschoolers and their caregivers.

TUESDAYS

Dawe Branch

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

Session 1: September 10 - October 15

Session 2: October 29 - December 3

WEDNESDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

Session 1: September 11 - October 16

Session 2: October 30 - December 4

kanopy

Movie streaming service
NOW with kids movies!
rdpl.org/kanopy

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Cultural Storytimes for Preschoolers

Cree Circle Time: **NEW**

a Cree Language and Culture Storytime
Ages 3 - 6 with parent/caregiver

Downtown Branch

WEDNESDAYS

11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Session 1: September 11, 18, 25,
October 2

Session 2: November 6, 13, 20, 27

Join RDPL, Red Deer Native Friendship Society's Thunderbird Learners program, and our very special guest Elder Linda Ophus, as we learn Cree language and culture through stories, activities and play.

No prior Cree language or heritage is required – all are welcome!

Registration
required!

Thunderbird Learners

Ages 3 to 6

Thunderbird Learners is combining with Cree Circle Time and will be joining the fun with indigenous stories, songs and activities!

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



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

Soveniatko - Ukrainian Storytime

Ages 3 - 6 with parent/caregiver

MONDAYS

Dawe Branch

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Session 1: September 16 to October 7

Session 2: November 4 to November 25

Приєднуйтеся до нас на інтерактивний час читання, де Ваші діти поринуть в українські дитячі книги та казки. Протягом години ми розвиваємо любов до читання і мовних досліджень за допомогою музики, пісень та ігор. Для дітей віком від 3 до 6 років та їхніх батьків або опікунів. Програма проводиться українською та англійською мовами.

Join us for this interactive storytime filled with Ukrainian children's books and folktales, fostering a love for reading and language exploration with music, songs, crafts and games. This program is delivered in Ukrainian and English.

Registration
required!

Cuentos y Cantos

Spanish Storytime

Ages 3 - 6 with parent/caregiver

MARTES, TUESDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

SESSION 1: September 17 to October 8

SESSION 2: November 5 to November 26

Ven y disfruta cuentos, cantos y otras actividades con nosotros! Para familias con niños de 3 a 6, este programa es totalmente en español, el entendimiento y comprensión del idioma es necesario.

Come and enjoy stories, songs and other activities with us! This program is delivered completely in Spanish, so understanding of the language is necessary.

Registration
required!

KIDS' PROGRAMS

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

Pokémon League

School Age (Registration required)

WEDNESDAYS

Dawe Branch

September 4 - December 18 (no club Oct. 16 & 23)
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!

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

Grades 5 to 8 (Registration required)

TUESDAYS

Dawe Branch

September 24,
October 22, November 26
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

This program is for builders who enjoy the challenge and precision of LEGO® set builds. September 24 - Under Construction - Build LEGO® versions of heavy equipment used in building and demolition.

October 22 - Monster Mash - Build LEGO® monster trucks, haulers, and off-road vehicles.
November 26 - Wings & Wheels - Fly or drive? Builders choice for Wheels & Wings night.

Elf on the Shelf

All ages

Dawe Branch

December 1 to 23
During library hours

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

Thunderbird Learners

Ages 7 to 12 (Registration required)

SATURDAYS

Downtown Branch

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SESSION 1: September 14, 21, 28, October 5
SESSION 2: November 2, 16, 23, 30

Join us for cultural literacy programs hosted by Red Deer Native Friendship Society and geared to children ages 7 to 12 years 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.

Also check out *Thunderbird Learners/Cree Circle Time for ages 3 - 6 on page 6!*



STEAM in the Libratory: Family Edition

Ages 5+ (Registration required)

Children ages 8 and under must have an adult remain in the program with them.

SATURDAYS

Downtown Branch

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

September 28 - LEGO® Science

Join us for experiments using everyone's favourite building blocks, LEGO®!

October 19 - Mad Scientist!

It's weird, it's gross, it's ALIVE!
Experiment with mad science!

November 23 - Sweet Science

Bring your family for sugar science and candy creations!

Be sure to register!



rdpl.org/events

KIDS' PROGRAMS

Children ages 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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! There will be a variety of reading materials available. Register for individual sessions OR come back each week to read to Katja!

Dawe Branch

Tuesdays, October 1 - December 10

Timberlands Branch

Wednesdays, October 2 - December 11

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.

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



Registration required!

Escape the Library

Ages 9+

Can you escape the library? Come try our escape room! Solve a variety of puzzles to complete your task within 45 minutes. Each team must consist of at least one adult. Register your team of 4 to 6 players in one of the available time slots.

Registration required!

Dawe Branch

Saturday, November 16

- 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.
- 1:15 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- 2:15 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday, November 17

- 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.
- 1:15 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Timberlands Branch

Saturday, November 23

- 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.
- 1:15 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- 2:15 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday, November 24

- 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.
- 1:15 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Sugarplum Storytime

Downtown Branch

Thursday, December 19
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wear your PJs and join us for holiday-themed puppet shows, stories, activities, and crafts!
Ages 5+ (Children ages 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Registration required.



Wild Robot Party!

Dawe Branch

Friday, November 8
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Celebrate the release of the movie, *Wild Robot*, based on the popular book series, with a party featuring all things robots! For ages 8+. Registration required.



ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Register online at rdpl.org/events

Homeschool Spelling Bee

All ages

Downtown Branch

Friday, December 13

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.

Register at rdpl.org/events to secure your spot and receive the spelling list.

**Children younger than 10 must have an adult remain in the program with them.*

Registration
required!

Storywalk® Week

All ages

Dawe & Timberlands Branches

November 10 to 16

During library hours

Celebrate StoryWalk® Week with us!

Visit our 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!

Chess Club

All ages

MONDAYS

Downtown Branch

September 16 - December 9

(No program October 14 or November 11)

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

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

Registration
required!

Lit Line - 403-342-9100

All ages

Phone the lit line to hear a different message every day based on these themes!

September - Test Your Science Trivia Skills

October - Learn a Spanish Word a Day

November - Celebrate Hindu Heritage Month with things you may or may not know about this diverse and vibrant community!

December - *Snow Big Deal* Snow Trivia

Speed Cubing Club

All ages

Dawe Branch

Sundays, September 8,

October 13, November 10, December 8

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!

Registration
required!

HALLOWEEN Spooktacular!

Timberlands Branch

Wednesday, October 30

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

Ages 5+

Ghosts and ghouls, wear a costume and join us for some stories, a puppet show and a BOOtiful craft.

Registration
required!



Fancy Women Bike Ride Tweed and Tassel Tour!

Collicutt Branch

Sunday, September 22

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

For Adults

Exciting news cycling enthusiasts and fashionistas! The Tweed and Tassel Tour is back with a fabulous twist - the Fancy Women Bike Ride: Tweed Edition!

Join us for a stylish ride through the city as we pedal in our finest tweed and tassels. Whether you're donning your best vintage attire or simply coming as you are, this event promises a delightful blend of elegance and fun.

We are thrilled to announce that the talented Jenn McIver of *Wild Fae Photos* will be joining us to capture the extravagance of our event!

Register at rdpl.org/events



Bring your props, strike a pose, and get ready for some fabulous photo ops after the bike ride!



STAR WARS READS DAY



HALLOWEEN EDITION

All ages - Everyone Welcome!

Dawe Branch

Saturday, October 26

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

Celebrate Star Wars Reads Day with activities, crafts and prizes! **Children under 9 must have an adult remain in the program with them.*

CREEPY
crafts and
activities

ALL AGES
are welcome
to attend

PRIZES
Costumes
encouraged

TEENS ONLY!

Young Adult Programs

Teen Café **NEW**

Downtown Branch
Level 2

Select Tuesdays

3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Drop-in after school to hang out, have fun, and eat snacks!

September 10 - Button Making

September 24 - Anime Club!

October 8 - Make a Junk Journal

October 22 - Film and Food

November 12 - Cereal Box Notebook Holder

November 26 - Anime Club!

December 10 - Cupcake Ornaments & Nightmare Before Christmas

**FREE
SNACKS!**

Teen Advisory Discord **NEW**

Join us on the library's Teen Discord for discussions, giveaways, and to have your say in what the library can do for you!



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

Youth Literacy Book Bundles!

**STAFF SELECTED BOOKS
FOR KIDS IN 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

ADULT PROGRAMS

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

Bring, Brag, Break

Timberlands Branch

Saturdays, September 14, October 12,
November 9, December 14
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Join Red Deer Alberta Genealogical Society members and bring part of your research to share, brag about what you have unearthed or seek assistance breaking down a research wall. Registration not required.

Red Deer Branch
ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Discover Your Family Tree

Timberlands Branch

Saturdays
September 21 to November 9
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Please register for this eight week course with the Red Deer Alberta Genealogical Society. By the end of this course, you'll know how to really dig up your family roots, understand the art of fact-checking, and begin uncovering hidden family history. Get ready to weave together a family tapestry spanning generations!

Registration
required!

55+ Social Club - Drop-in

Timberlands Branch

Mondays, September 30, November 25
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join us for socializing and good old fashioned fun with games and activities for those aged 55+. Refreshments provided.

September 30 - Bingo Fun Night

Free bingo, and we provide the daubers. Bring your own lucky charm!

November 25- Hallmark Movie Night

Can you find the holiday movie clichés? Spot them all and you could win a prize!

Registration not required.

NEW

Adult Fall Reading Book Bundles!

STAFF SELECTED FICTION OR
NON-FICTION BOOKS FOR ADULTS

Requests accepted beginning October 7.

Take the pressure off of choosing your fall reads and let us pick for you! **Fill out the form at rdpl.org/adult-book-bundles, (or scan the QR code below),** to receive a book bundle in the genre of your choice, which includes 4 library books plus other bookish goodies handpicked just for YOU by RDPL staff!

Quantities are limited, so don't wait! It will take us a few days to assemble your bundle – we will contact you when it is ready for pickup.



SCAN
HERE!

Light Reading

Downtown Branch
Level 2
November 1
to March 31

Brighten your day by reading beside a therapy light, a treatment for SAD, (Seasonal Affective Disorder).



CNIB @ the Library

Presented by Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB).

TECH HELP

Downtown Branch - Snell Auditorium
Tuesdays, September 10, October 8,
November 12, December 10
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

This program is for anyone with questions on using assistive technology or for help using it for the first time. Register online at www.rdpl.org/events or phone 403-346-4576.

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

May We Suggest...?

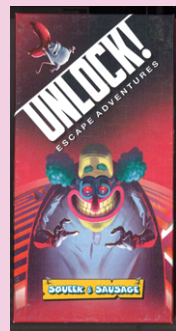
Receive a personalized reading list with hand-picked recommendations based on your preferences! Available for readers of all ages.

- 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.

Book Club Kits

Looking for your next great book club pick? We've got your back! Our book club kits contain ten copies of a given title (and discussion questions), so you don't have to worry about tracking down copies for your group to read!



Want to play a game?

RDPL boasts a great collection of board games. Search for them in our catalogue, or pop into the Downtown Branch and have some fun with your friends and family!

Like Jigsaw Puzzles?

Check out our HUGE collection of puzzles on Level 2 at the Downtown Branch!

Youth Literacy Program Volunteers Needed

We match English and French 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. We offer training and support to our tutors for this unique and rewarding experience! If you're interested, contact us by phone, email, or in person!

Phone: 403-346-4576 ext. 8524 **Email:** youthlit@rdpl.org

Visit: Dawe Branch, Red Deer Public Library, 56 Holt St. (in the G.H. Dawe Centre).



CELEBRATE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Orchestrating Change

Downtown Branch - Snell Auditorium
Tuesday, December 3
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

In celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we are proud to present the film "Orchestrating Change." This inspiring documentary tells the remarkable story of Me2/Orchestra, the world's only orchestra created by, and for, individuals living with mental illness, and their supporters. Me2/Orchestra's mission is to erase the stigma surrounding mental health, one concert at a time. Through music, the orchestra brings hope, joy, and a sense of community to its members, proving mental illness doesn't define one's ability to contribute meaningfully to society. This year's theme for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024 is "Transformative Solutions for Inclusive Development: The Role of Innovation in Fueling an Accessible and Equitable World," which emphasizes the need for innovative approaches to create a world where everyone, regardless of their abilities, can thrive and contribute. Join us for this moving and uplifting film, and help us celebrate the strength and resilience of those living with mental illness as we explore transformative solutions for a more inclusive and equitable world.

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By showcasing this film, we aim to highlight the importance of inclusion, understanding, and support for individuals with mental health challenges.
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ARTS & CULTURE

Register (if required): rdpl.org/events or phone 403-346-4576

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 5 - Pianists Boris Konavolov and Irina Konavolov

October 3 - Rick Moore joined by Carl Stretton and Jeremy Doody

November 7 - Jazz by 'Downtown'

December 5 - Soprano Iryna Korobkova with Pianist Aliaksandra Bulai

Registration
required!

Paging All Writers

Downtown Branch
Level 2

Wednesdays, September 25,
October 30, November 27, December 18
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

This casual meetup is for writers in Red Deer and Central Alberta to socialize and talk about writing. Registration encouraged but drop-ins welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Registration
required!

Breaking Cover presented by Red Deer Players

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium

Select Saturdays

(dates TBA - check rdpl.org for full details)

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.

For more information, contact reddeerplayers@gmail.com

Sip n' Stitch

Dawe Branch

September 19, October 17,
November 21, December 19
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A casual gathering for stitchers of all kinds to socialize and work on projects. Cosponsored by Under the Elm Yarnery. Registration not required.



Symphony at the Snell

Downtown Branch

Saturday, November 2

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. AND 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Prepare for a spectacularly spooky musical event when the RDSO comes to the Snell. From creepy classics to frightening favourites, this all-ages performance will be full of chills, thrills, and maybe even some tricks and treats!

RSVP for this free concert at www.rdsoc.ca - Registration opens October 1.

RED DEER
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA



Celebrate Hindu Heritage Month at the Downtown Branch with programs about Hindu traditions, arts, and culture throughout November.



Diwali Delights: a Celebration

Saturday, November 9
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.



Join Sarb Akal Music Society of Calgary for a vocal & instrumental performance of traditional Indian music. Then experience the magic of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, with stories, music and crafts and try an Indian delicacy.

Unity in Diversity: a Cultural Program

Saturday, November 16
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.



Celebrate Hindu Heritage Month with a program of folk dances, songs, and small skits by Red Deer artists. *Presented by the Hindu Cultural Society of Central Alberta.*

Cultural Workshops

Saturday, November 23
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Explore Hindu heritage with this afternoon of activities! **Registration required for each workshop.**

Sari Draping Workshop

Register for a 30 minute workshop on sari draping.

Mehndi Workshop

Book 15 minutes with a Mehndi artist and get a simple henna design on your hand.

Dance Workshop

Register for a 30 minute session with Abhivyakti Dance School demonstrating an array of dance forms and a workshop on Garba, a traditional folk dance from the western state of Gujarat.



SPECIAL THEMED Stories and More for Littles



Downtown Branch
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 9

Diwali Lights

Saturday, November 16

My Drum

Saturday, November 23

My Sari



Phone the Lit Line in November to learn about Hindu heritage and culture:

403-342-9100

ARTS & CULTURE

Register at rdpl.org/events

Travel Memories

Downtown Branch

First Wednesday of each month
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

September 4 - Thailand with Robert

October 2 - Solar Eclipse with Randy

November 6 - Canoe Trip with Faye

December 4 - Galápagos Islands with Maureen

Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign Commemorative Quilt Reception

Downtown Branch

Saturday, October 5
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Registration
required!

Join GrammaLink-Africa Red Deer for the opening reception of this Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign quilt commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. There will be brief remarks and refreshments. Following the reception, the quilt will be exhibited in the Library throughout October.

Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign Commemorative Quilt

Downtown Branch

October 5 - October 31

View the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign Quilt exhibited in the Library throughout October. The quilt commemorates the twentieth anniversary of the Stephen Lewis Foundation and is titled *Nurturing Generations Under the Canopy of Sisterhood*.

NEW Speaker Series

bright minds

Bringing you and an expert together
to explore a compelling topic.

Canada's British Home Children Almost Forgotten...Almost!

Downtown Branch
Saturday, September 28
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us for *Canada's British Home Children Almost Forgotten... Almost!* a presentation by author and historian Susan Brazeau.

This presentation honours the lives of these children on British Home Child Day.

"Between 1869 and 1948 Great Britain sent approximately 100,000 children to Canada as indentured workers. Their average age was 12. It is estimated that 10 to 12% of Canadians are descended from these children, yet most Canadians know nothing about them."

– Susan Brazeau, BA, MA-IS

Trapped by the High

Downtown Branch
Tuesday, November 26
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

For anyone interested in, or affected by addiction, please join us as author Timothy W. Parker, PhD shares his research on addiction and the brain as contained in his book, *Trapped by the High: What Addiction is and How it Changes the Brain*. This presentation is held during Addictions Awareness Week, November 24-30.

Winter Festivals

Around the World

Join us and our partners on select Saturdays this winter to learn about, and participate in, exciting cultural celebrations! Registration not required.



Indigenous Winter Solstice Storytime

DOWNTOWN BRANCH
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the enchanting tales of the Indigenous Winter Solstice. Gather around as we share stories that honour the deep connection between Indigenous communities and the changing seasons, fostering an appreciation for nature and heritage.



Kwanzaa Celebration:

Embracing Unity and Creativity

DOWNTOWN BRANCH
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Discover the principles of Kwanzaa – unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Engage in lively discussions, artistic expressions, and festive activities that reflect the essence of this empowering celebration.



New Year Celebration

DAWE BRANCH
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Welcome to the most anticipated event of the year – our New Year Celebration! Join us for a day filled with glitz, glamour, and the promise of new beginnings. Bring your dancing shoes and twist, jive and shake in the new year at this all ages, family New Year celebration.



Ukrainian Koliadky Party

DOWNTOWN BRANCH
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us for traditional Ukrainian Christmas carols followed by tea with traditional Eastern European treats.



ARTS & CULTURE

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

Readers' Theatre

Ages 16+

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays, September 19, October 17,
November 21, December 19

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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. New members always welcome. Contact Lorraine at lsprox@shaw.ca or 403-357-7614 or Lorna at deschners@shaw.ca or 403-347-1066 for more information.

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 22 - Join our library staff as we delve deep into the raw, messy, and often humorous aspects of familial relationships at our Adult Storytime: Dysfunctional Family Edition.

December 17 - Get ready to jingle all the way to laughter at our Adult Storytime: Hilarious Holiday Hijinks! From quirky family gatherings to mischievous mishaps, these stories are sure to tickle your funny bone and brighten your festive season.

Registration required at rdpl.org/events



RED DEER QUEER
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Programs
Cosponsored
with Red Deer
Public Library

For ages



Queer Art Club

Dawe Branch

Thursdays, September 5,
October 3, November 7, December 5
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!

Rainbow DnD

Dawe Branch

Saturdays, September 28, October 26,
November 30, December 28
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

Dawe Branch

Tuesdays, September 10, 24
October 8, 22 November 12, 26, December 10
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.

ADULT LITERACY

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

International English Language Testing System (IELTS-Academic)

Online via Zoom

Mondays and Wednesdays

November 6 - December 11

7:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

In this 11-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 (this fee could be waived or reduced in cases of financial need). Call 403-346-2533 or email adultlit@rdpl.org to register.

Introduction to Computers

Dawe Branch

Mondays and Thursdays

September 16 - October 10

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

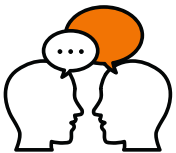
This 8-session learning opportunity will teach you computer basics, Internet safety, ways to search for information, and how to format documents. Cost is \$30 per person (this fee could be waived or reduced in cases of financial need). Call 403-346-2533 or email adultlit@rdpl.org to register

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.



To learn more about becoming a volunteer, contact:



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



adultlit@rdpl.org



Dawe Branch (56 Holt Street)

Funding provided by:



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Sale!



5 DAY SALE! October 23 - 27

Downtown Branch - Snell Auditorium

FRIENDS MEMBERS' PREVIEW SALE

*Memberships available to buy at the door.
See rdpl.org/friends for full details.*

Wednesday, October 23

4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SALE

Thursday, October 24

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

Friday, October 25

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

Saturday, October 26

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

Sunday, October 27

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

CASH ONLY PLEASE!

50% off Friends Book Shop SALE!

Downtown Branch
December 2 - 8

Get half off anything in the Book Shop
during this special pre-holiday sale!



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Register at rdpl.org/events

Red Deer Cancer Connect

Dawe Branch

Tuesdays (daytime session)
September 3, October 1,
November 5, December 3
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays (evening session)
September 17, October 15,
November 19, December 17
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Cancer Connect is an informal gathering open to any adult participants living with cancer – those diagnosed and caregivers/supporters. Register online: <https://wel.gametime.net/cne/public/list> or call 1866 682 3135. To find out more visit: <https://wellspringalberta.ca/>

Collicutt Walk & Talk

Collicutt Branch

Thursdays, September 5 - December 19
11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Get off the track, get outside and join us for fresh air, fitness and friends. Meet at the Collicutt Branch and head outside with library staff as we walk the neighbourhood. This program is stroller and walker friendly!

FASD Presentation

Downtown Branch

Monday, September 23
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder affects us all. Join us for a presentation to talk about FASD, how it happens, prevention, access to assessment and diagnosis, and how to support Individuals and caregivers. Bring your questions, and let's talk.



Healing Hearts

Bereavement Support Group

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. Contact Healing Hearts Red Deer & Area: healingheartsreddeerandarea@gmail.com



SMART Recovery

Downtown Branch

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, 30
October 7, 21, 28
November 4, 18, 25
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Drop-in and 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 contactcory.smartrecoveryreddeer@gmail.com

Downtown Walk & Talk

Downtown Branch

Tuesdays
September 3 - December 17
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.



Explore the city and chat with new friends! Led by library staff, this fun and easy does it walking group meets every Tuesday. Join us! Program runs weather permitting.

LEGAL & FINANCIAL

Register at rdpl.org/events

Ask a Lawyer

Dawe Branch

Mondays, September 16, October 21
November 18, December 9
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.

Register at rdpl.org/events 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.

Questions? Contact the Central Alberta Community Legal Clinic at 403-314-9129.

Ask an Immigration Advocate

Dawe Branch

Thursdays,
September 26, November 28
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.



Need help with an immigration matter? We're offering a free 20-minute meeting to discuss your immigration matter with an Immigration Advocate. These sessions can give you the information you need to move forward with your immigration matter, or answer any questions that you might have during the immigration process.

Register at rdpl.org/events

Please bring your own interpreter, if needed.

For more information, contact Community Legal Clinic at (403) 314-9129 or toll-free at 1 (877) 314-9129.

Public Legal Information Seminars

Dawe Branch

Select Thursdays
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



September 12 - Family Law

This seminar will help you to understand your legal rights and obligations as well as such things as division of matrimonial property, child and spousal support, custody and access, mediation and court procedures.

November 7 - Wills, Power of Attorney, and Personal Directives

This seminar will answer the basic questions people have about Wills, Personal Directives and Powers of Attorney. Understand what each document does and how to incorporate them into your estate planning to manage your affairs in the future.

Register for these sessions at rdpl.org/events

Money Matters

Online via Zoom

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



September 10 - Food and Finance

Participants will learn how to create healthy and financially sustainable meal plans and tips on frugal meal plans.

October 8 - Christmas without Credit

Participants will learn how to plan ahead to avoid a debt hangover in January.

November 5 - Home Ownership: Are You Ready?

Participants will learn about the costs involved in purchasing and maintaining a home, what is required to qualify for a mortgage, and decide whether renting or owning is better for them.

Registration required at rdpl.org/events

BOOK CLUBS

Unique book clubs for all types of readers!

Any Book Book Club

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays, September 12, October 10,
November 14, December 12
6:30 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 30, October 28,
November 25, December 16
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join library staff on Google Meet to discuss romance titles.

September - *The Art of Scandal* by Regina Black
October - *A Hunger Like No Other* by Kresley Cole
November - *Kiss an Angel* by Susan Elizabeth Phillips
December - Choose Your Own Holiday Romance
Join the Facebook group or email cbrown@rdpl.org for the meeting link.

Past Pages Book Club

Downtown Branch

Tuesdays, September 3, October 1,
November 5, December 3
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.

September - *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez
October - *Crow Mary* by Kathleen Grissom
November - *Kill Her Twice* by Stacey Lee
December - *The House is on Fire* by Rachel Beanland

On the Same Page Book Club

Downtown Branch

Wednesdays, September 18, October 16,
November 20, December 18
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 - *Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery* by Scott Kelly
October - *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict
November - *Knife: Meditations After An Attempted Murder* by Salman Rushdie
December - *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan

NEW!



Books & Bannock BOOK CLUB

Downtown Branch

Tuesdays, September 17, October 15,
November 19, December 10
6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Join the Red Deer Native Friendship Society and library staff for this new book club to discuss books by Indigenous authors. Explore the history, culture and experiences of Indigenous and Two Spirit peoples. Selections available in multiple formats.

September - *VenCo* by Cherie Dimaline
October - *Never Whistle at Night* edited by Shane Hawk
November - *A Grandmother Begins the Story* by Michelle Porter
December - *Crow Winter* by Karen McBride

7 Habits Book Club **NEW**

Timberlands Branch

Wednesdays, September 11,
October 9, November 13, December 11
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Have you read a self help book but wondered how to start applying it? Self improvement is easier when you are with like-minded people and have support and encouragement. Apply the steps in this book and work on improving productivity, relationships and overall well-being. Registration required (you only need to register once, which will cover the duration of the book club).

Last Chapter Book Club

Timberlands Branch

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

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

September - *Lily and the Octopus*
by Steven Rowley

October - *When Breath Becomes Air*
by Paul Kalanithi

November - *Briefly Perfectly Human*
by Alua Arthur

December - *From Here to Eternity*
by Caitlin Doughty

Reader Rendezvous: A Discord Book Club

Join library staff Claire (@whatcsees) to buddy read selected titles and chat all things books on our Discord.

Join our server today!



September - *I'm Waiting for You* by Kim Bo-Young

October - *All the Truth That's in Me* by Julie Berry

November - *Stone Blind* by Natalie Haynes

December - *A Rover's Story* by Jasmine Warga

Community Seed Library

Time to donate your seeds

September 1 - December 21



Red Deer Public Library's Community Seed Library is accepting seed donations until December 21!

Please share the open-pollinated seed you have saved and dried. Fill in a form for each type 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



Find us on Social Media!



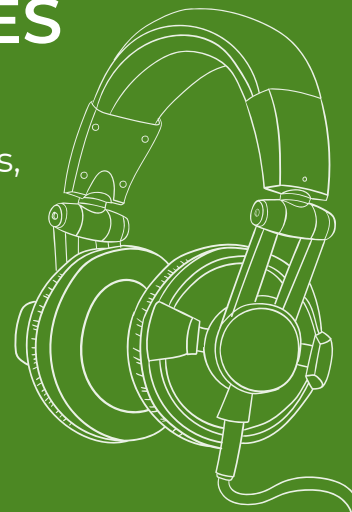
PART OF THE STORY & REEL STORIES

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.

Search for *Part of the Story: Red Deer Public Library's Official Podcast* wherever you stream your podcasts.



RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

REEL STORIES

DROP IN AND WATCH FREE
MOVIES ON A BIG SCREEN!

LEVEL 2 - DOWNTOWN BRANCH

Join us for screenings of some of our favourite films
select Tuesday and Thursday evenings!

TUESDAYS

5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.



THURSDAYS

5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.



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Celebrating One Year of Community Connection at the Collicutt Branch!



Community Feedback

The data speaks volumes, but it's the personal stories and feedback from our community that really highlight our branch's impact. We recently conducted a survey to collect your feedback, and we're excited to share some of the insights we've gathered. Here are a few highlights from the survey results:

"I definitely use my library card so much more because of this new location!"

"This is a great expansion of library services and good use of Red Deer tax payer funds."

"An incredible addition to the South end of the city! Love it!"

"PLEASE keep this location! My kids are reading more!"

"It is so amazing with young kids. We go there frequently all throughout the year and it makes it so easy to pick up and return books."

"We love this location and hope it will continue to be there!"

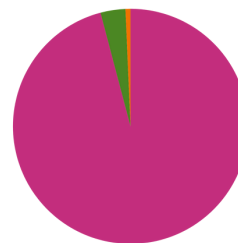
Time Flies When You're Having Fun!

Can you believe it?! Our Collicutt Branch has already been open for a year! As we look back on the past twelve months, it's clear that our mini branch has quickly become a vibrant hub of activity and connection in the community.

Since opening our doors on August 30, 2023, the Collicutt Branch has been bustling with excitement and engagement. Here's a snapshot of the amazing impact we've made in just one year*:

- **71,000 Visits and Counting:** We've welcomed over 71,000 visitors through our doors. Each visit is a testament to the community's enthusiasm and to the branch's role as a convenient connection to basic library services.
- **22,500 Items Checked Out:** Our customers have borrowed over 22,500 items, including books, DVDs, and holds sent from other library branches. It's been incredible to see our collection being enjoyed by so many!
- **800+ Program Attendees:** From our Grand Opening Celebration to Drop-in Storytimes, Walk & Talk programs, and special events, over 800 people have participated in our diverse range of library programs. The energy and joy at these events have been truly inspiring.

**Data from the first ten months of service, August 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024.*



We asked: Do you think RDPL should continue to have a library branch in the Collicutt Centre?

- Yes (95.9%)
- It doesn't matter to me (3.4%)
- No (0.7%)

Future Plans for the Collicutt Branch

As we celebrate this milestone, we're excited to announce that **the Collicutt Branch is here to stay!** We'll continue to operate with our self-serve model, making library access convenient and flexible for everyone. Looking ahead, we're thrilled to introduce new programs, bring in fresh items for browsing, and explore potential new service options at this location in the future.

Thank you for making our first year a success. Your support and enthusiasm have been invaluable! We'd also like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the amazing Collicutt Centre staff for their warm welcome and continued assistance. We couldn't do this without you!

Here's to many more years of learning, discovery, and community at the Collicutt Branch!

Learn more at rdpl.org/locations/Collicutt

October is

CANADIAN LIBRARY MONTH

Celebrate all things library!

All month long, libraries and library partners across Canada are raising awareness of the valuable role libraries play in Canadians' lives.

More than just a place to find books, libraries promote cultural awareness, engage in the community, provide educational programs, support freedom of expression, and so much more.



Watch for **displays** and **prize draws** at all RDPL branches and celebrate Canadian Library Month with us!

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books, toys, activities

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for all ages

BOOK CLUBS
various genres

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for all ages

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INDIGENOUS & MORE**

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