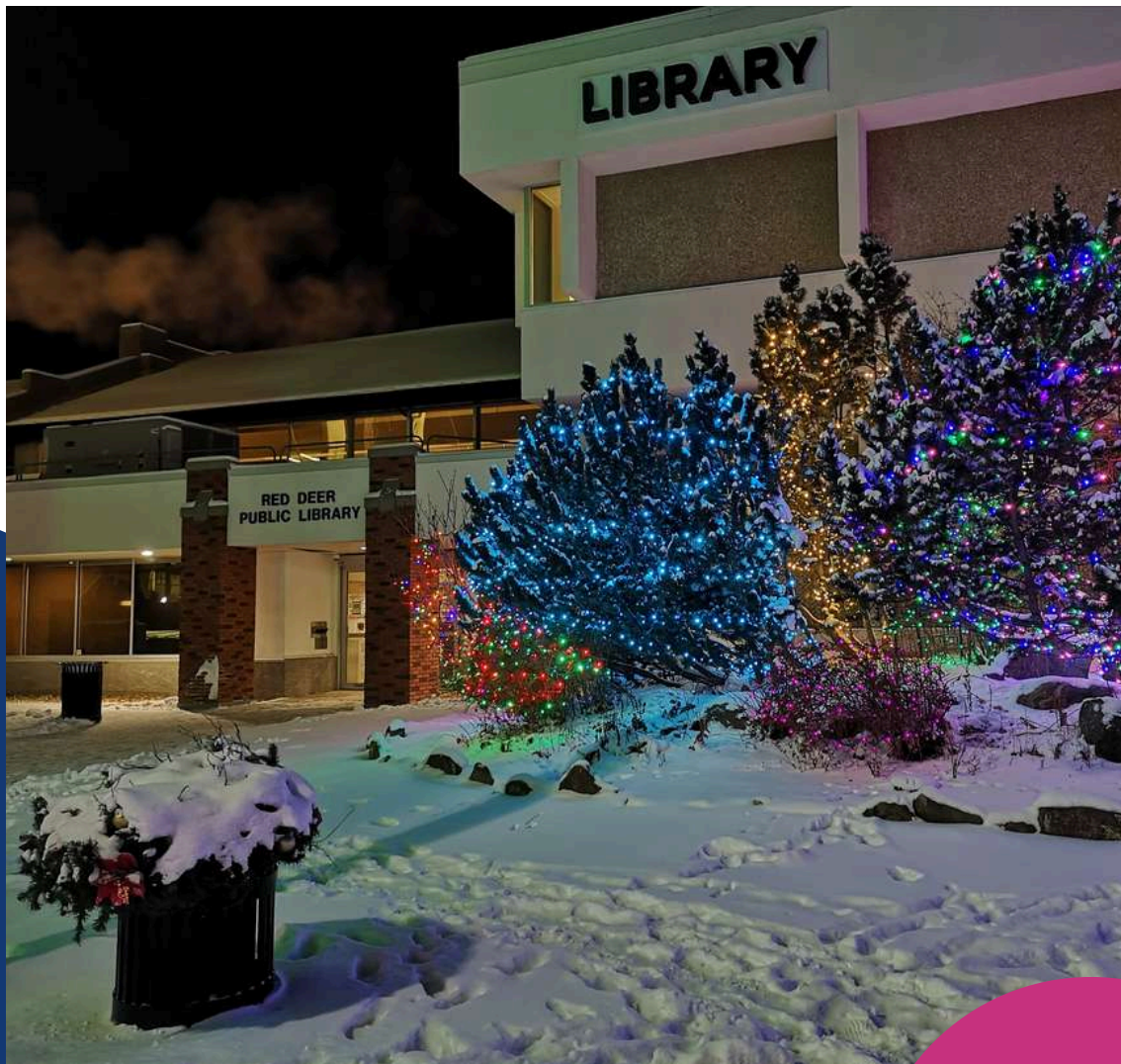


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Winter Program Guide



WINTER 2025
January - March

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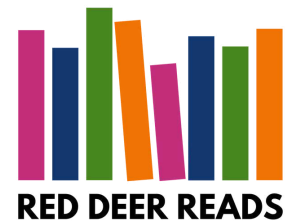
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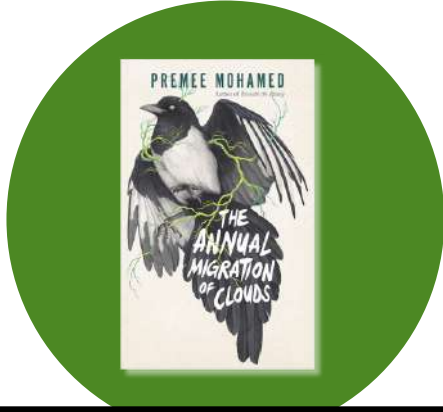
It's back!

RED DEER READS

A RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY INITIATIVE



Announcing the 2025 Red Deer Reads Nominees!



The Annual Migration of Clouds
by Preme Mohamed



We Are Already Ghosts
by Kit Dobson



Prairie Edge
by Conor Kerr

Read them all and vote for your favourite!

Then get ready to meet the author of the winning title this fall!

Voting opens June 5, 2025. Deadline is July 5, 2025.

Read the books with us!

Red Deer Reads **BOOK CLUB**

Downtown Branch | Select Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Read all of the Red Deer Reads 2025 shortlist selections! Come discuss each title's merits ahead of the final vote to select the Red Deer Reads 2025 winning title.



The Annual Migration of Clouds
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FREE BOOKS!
First ten participants at each meeting will receive a copy of the selected title to keep.

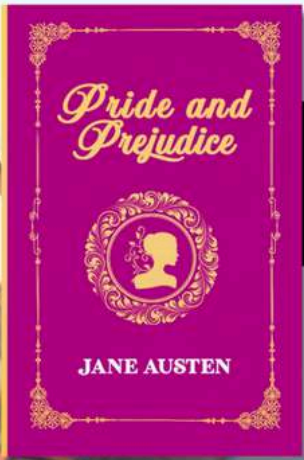
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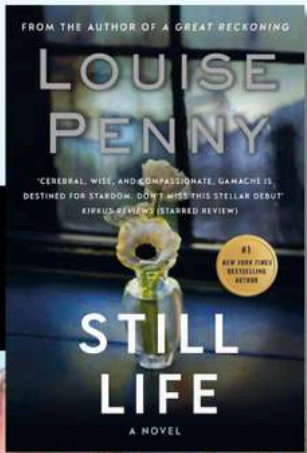
READ

or Reread

Book Clubs



Jane Austen



Inspector Gamache

See page 18 for details

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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

Monday - Friday: 5:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Weekends: 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Holidays: 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

🌐 rdpl.org ✉ Sign up for our eNewsletter!
rdpl.org/eNewsletter

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Drop-in storytimes at all branches

Baby Fun

Ages Birth - 18 Months

Join us for songs and rhymes perfect for babies!
Registration not required.

MONDAYS

Collicutt Branch

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

January 6 to May 12

(no program February 17 and April 21)

TUESDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

January 7 to May 13

(no program February 18 and April 22)

THURSDAYS

Dawe Branch

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

January 9 to May 15

(no program February 20 and April 24)

FRIDAYS

Timberlands Branch

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

January 10 to May 16

(no program February 21, April 18, and April 25)

Stories & More for Littles

Ages 0-5

Join us for stories, rhymes, and activities for littles of all ages and their parents or caregivers!
Registration not required.

THURSDAYS

(starts January 2)

Collicutt Branch

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

SATURDAYS

(starts January 4)

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. Registration not required.

Downtown Branch

TUESDAYS

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

January 7 to May 13

(no program February 18 and April 22)

Dawe Branch

THURSDAYS

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

January 9 to May 15

(no program February 20 and April 24)

Timberlands Branch

FRIDAYS

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

January 10 to May 16

(no program February 21, April 18 and April 25)

Preschool Fun

Ages 3-5

Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for preschoolers and their caregivers. Build literacy skills, make new friends and have fun with us!
Registration not required.

TUESDAYS

Dawe Branch

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

January 7 to May 13

(no program February 18 and April 22)

WEDNESDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

January 8 to May 14

(no program February 19 and April 23)

KIDS' PROGRAMS

Fun for your little ones!

Soveniatko: Ukrainian Storytime Ages 3-6 with parent/caregiver

Dawe Branch

Mondays, January 6 to May 12
(no program February 17 & April 21)
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

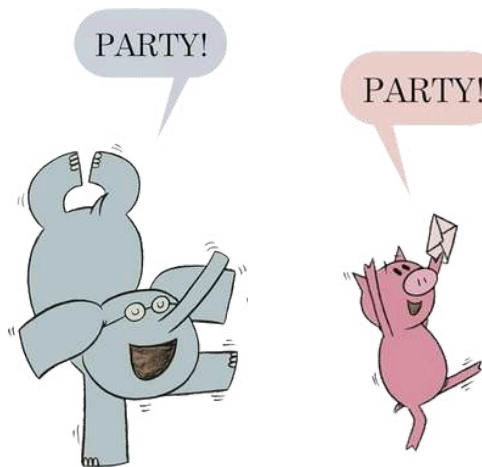
Registration
required!

Приєднуйтеся до нас на інтерактивний час читання, де Ваші діти поринуть в українські дитячі книги та казки. 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. Enjoy music, songs, crafts, and games. This program is delivered in Ukrainian and English.

Ages 4+

Elephant & Piggie Party!



Timberlands Branch

Friday, March 14
2 p.m. - 3 p.m..

We are having a party for no reason other than we love Elephant and Piggie as much as you do! Join us for puppet shows, activities, and a craft. Registration not required.

Dawe Community Playdates Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver

Dawe Branch

Saturdays, January 25 & March 22
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Come play! Join us for a fun and social hour of discovery, exploration, and imaginary play. Activities are suitable for ages 2 to 5. Registration not required.



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

Timberlands Branch
Sunday, January 26
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Make a "box" car and
watch a movie!
Designed for ages 4-6.



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

SCHOOL'S OUT FAMILY GAME DAY!

CANDYLAND

SORRY!

MINI-GOLF

**Downtown Branch
Tuesday, February 18
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

FOR ALL AGES

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

**LOOKING FOR A
FAMILY ACTIVITY
OVER SCHOOL
BREAK?**

Challenge your family and friends to a round of Library Mini-Golf or GIANT versions of your favourite board games! Register at rdpl.org/events.



KIDS' PROGRAMS

Register at rdpl.org/events

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

Grades 5 to 8

SELECT TUESDAYS

Dawe Branch

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



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

January 28 - Search & Rescue Fleet - Build LEGO City emergency vehicles and equipment.

February 25 - Space Explorers- Create your own sci-fi inspired projects or choose a robot or space themed set to build.

April 1 - Creator Adventure - Pick a LEGO® Creator 3-in-1 set and choose your own building adventure!

LEGO® at the Library: Building Families

Dawe Branch

Friday, February 21

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.



This program is for builders of all ages and their caregiver. A variety of sets and free build options make this a great option for families with siblings at different building levels.

CULINARY KIDS For ages 9 to 12



Timberlands Branch
Friday, February 21
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.



Do you enjoy cooking? Come and chop, slice and dice as we make a vegetable soup.

Note: knives will be used!

Registration required.

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, January 14 - March 18

Timberlands Branch

Wednesdays, January 15 - March 19

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



STEAM at the Libratory: Family Edition Bubble, Bubble, Pop!

Ages 5+

Downtown Branch

Saturday, March 8

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.



Join us for experiments using bubbles, balloons, bubblegum and more! Activities will be geared to ages 5 and up and their parents.



ALL AGES

Programs for everyone!

Lit Line: 403-342-9100

All ages

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

January - Resolve to start one of these simple daily habits.

February - Be romanced every day with a line from the pages of a book.

March - Learn a new French word every day of Francophonie Month.

Let's Speak Cree! = Nehiyawe tan

All ages

THURSDAYS

Downtown Branch

January 2 - May 1

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

Join RDPL and our very special guest, Elder Linda Ophus, as we learn Cree language and culture together. Register at rdpl.org/events.



World Bookmark Day Contest!

Deadline: January 31, 2025

Your artwork could be turned into a bookmark and given out at Red Deer Public Library!

Pick up a bookmark design sheet at any branch of RDPL, or print one off at rdpl.org/bookmark-day Contest is open to artists of all ages!

Winners will be announced on World Bookmark Day on February 25!



Chess Club

All ages

MONDAYS

Downtown Branch

Level 2

January 13 - March 31

No program February 17

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.



Speed Cubing Club

All ages

Dawe Branch

Sundays,

January 12, February 9, March 9

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

Come for an afternoon of puzzle-solving fun! Test your skills and learn tips from fellow cubers. If 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!



Thunderbird Learners

All ages

Downtown Branch

Saturdays, January 18, 25,

February 1, 8, March 1, 8, 15, 22

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

Join us for these special programs hosted by Red Deer Native Friendship Society and geared to children of all ages and their parents or caregivers. Explore Indigenous stories, games and activities, and enjoy unique crafts.



**Programs
all day for
ALL AGES!**



POKÉMONDAY

Celebrate Pokémon all day long!

Downtown Branch

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 27

**Play
Pokémon
Safari!**

**Find the
hidden
Pokéball!**

**Enter a
prize
draw!**

**Play
Pokémon
Go**
with RDP
Librarian!*

**LIVE STREAM
Pokémon
Presents**

Celebrate Pokémon Day by joining us for battling, activities, and prize draws! *Play Pokémon Go with RDP Librarian and catch the Pokémon lured to the Pokéstops and gyms you can visit near the library. Gotta catch 'em all! Drop-in program. Registration not required.

POKÉMON **BATTLE STATION**

**Downtown Branch
Thursday, February 27
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
For all ages***

Register for a 30 minute session with library trainers to learn to play or strengthen your skills. No cards required for beginner sessions. For all ages. *Children ages 8 and under must have an adult remain in the program with them.

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

POKÉMON **League!**

**Dawe Branch
Wednesdays
3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
For ages 9 to 12**

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.

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

Teen Café

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!

January 14 - Anime Club!

January 28 - Board Game Fun

February 11 - Pom Pom

Key Chain Monster

February 25 - Film and Food

March 11 - Shrinky Dink Magnets

March 25 - Anime Club!



Join Ubuntu and RDPL as we celebrate Black History Month with stories, activities, and cultural programs all month long.

Programs feature special guests from our community!

Program location varies. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Downtown Branch
Saturdays,
February 1 and 8

Ubuntu-Mobilizing Central Alberta
#102 4807 50 Ave.
Saturdays,
February 15 and 22

Celebrating Families! WINTER DAY CAMP

For families who have trouble with substance use

Downtown Branch
February 18 - 22, 2025
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Program is for parents and their children!



Activities:

- Healthy Living Sessions
- Arts & Crafts
- Traditional Games
- Snacks & lunch provided
- Celebration at end of week
- Gift for families that attend until graduation

For more information contact:
melissa@rdnfs.com or phone
403-340-0020

Register here



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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

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, and we can assure you that this will be a unique and rewarding experience for you! If you are 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)



ADULT PROGRAMS

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

Bring, Brag, Break

Timberlands Branch

Saturdays January 11, February 8, March 8
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

bright minds

Speaker Series

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

Artificial Intelligence

Downtown Branch

Thursday, February 6
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Doug Dorian will talk to us about Artificial Intelligence, exploring the benefits and the pitfalls of AI. Please register at rdpl.org/events or phone 403-346-4576.

Light Reading

Downtown Branch Level 2

Available until
March 31

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



We've added new Book Club Kits!

Looking for more great book club picks? 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!



Winter Book Bundles for Adults

STAFF-SELECTED BOOKS TO BORROW
(AND FUN SURPRISES TO KEEP!)

Requests accepted beginning January 20

Turn Blue Monday into a Feel Good Monday by signing up for our Winter Book Bundles!

Here's how it works:

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!



SCAN
HERE!

ARTS & CULTURE

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

First Thursday in the Snell

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium

First Thursday of each month
12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.

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

January 2 - Mezzo soprano Sharon Braun, soprano Angela Siemens, and pianist Dale Wheeler

February 6 - Prairie Debut Touring Artists, Orontes Guitarists

March 6 - Trio Brio (Cheryl Cooney, Joyce Howdle, and Val Sherman) will be joined by members of the Central Alberta Chamber Orchestra.

Registration
required!

Paging All Writers

Downtown Branch
Level 2

Wednesdays, January 29,
February 26, March 26
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
encouraged!

Readers' Theatre

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays, January 16,
February 20, March 20
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Always welcoming new members in Red Deer and area to join us for fun and camaraderie while reading and performing scripts, without having to memorize lines or attend frequent rehearsals. No fees and no previous theatre experience necessary.

Contact Lorna at deschners@shaw.ca or 403-347-1066 for more information.

Ages 16+
welcome!

Sip n' Stitch

Dawe Branch

Thursdays, January 16,
February 20, March 20
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A casual gathering for stitchers of all kinds to socialize and work on projects. Registration not required.

kanopy

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

Symphony at the Snell

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium

Saturday, March 15
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Save the date for this free musical event when the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra comes to the Snell with a bit o' the Irish in their program.

RSVP for this free concert at www.rdso.ca – Registration opens February 17.

RED DEER
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA



ARTS & CULTURE

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

Adult Storytime at Red Hart Brewing

Red Hart Brewing
488 McCoy Drive
Tuesday, February 4
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.



"Paws" your busy life and come listen to our staff share stories that celebrate the quirks and antics of our beloved pets and the rest of the animal kingdom. Beverages are available for purchase. For ages 18+ only. Language advisory.

Registration required at rdpl.org/events

Swing in Rhythm: Open Practice

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium
Mondays

January 13, February 3, March 10
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

An open practice space for Lindy Hop dancers of all levels to connect in a relaxed environment. Participants can social dance, work on specific moves, or learn something new. Enjoy the joy of dance with fellow enthusiasts!

Cosponsored by Red Aces Dance Club



Travel Memories

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium
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!

February 5 - Olive Frenette, Iles de la Madeleine
March 5 - Brenda Meding, Africa



Programs Cosponsored with Red Deer Queer Community Association

Queer Art Club

Dawe Branch

Thursdays, January 2 and 23,
February 6 and 27, March 6 and 27
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! **Ages 12+**

Rainbow DnD

Dawe Branch

Meets the last Saturday of every month
Saturdays January 25, February 22,
March 29, April 26
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 their Discord server. **Ages 12+**

NEW RDQCA Youth Group

Downtown Branch
Meets weekly on Fridays
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Join RDQCA's weekly Youth Group for activities, games and community geared to youth aged 13 to 20.



Find more 2SLGBTQIA+
events, books, resources,
& more at rdpl.org/pride!

An Astonishment of Stories:

Author Reading with Kirti Bhadresa & Samantha Jones!

Saturday, January 4 | 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Downtown Branch, Snell Auditorium

Join Red Deer Arts Council for an afternoon of literary inspirations from two recently published Alberta authors with connections to Red Deer!

Enjoy readings from Kirti Bhadresa's *An Astonishment of Stars: Stories*, and Samantha Jones' new collection of poetry, *Attic Rain*.

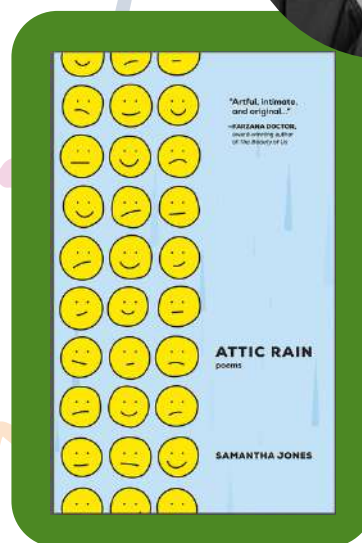
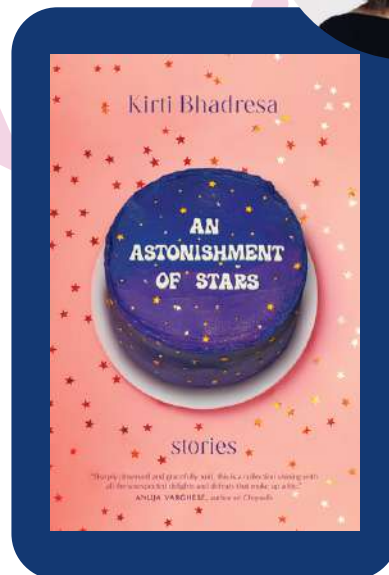
Learn more from these exciting writers through a conversation with author Fran Kimmel and get your own copy of the books signed by the authors.

Attic Rain

In *Attic Rain*, Samantha Jones' debut poetry collection, the Calgary-based poet and writer puts obsessive-compulsive disorder centre stage, emphasizing themes of self-doubt, anxiety, and negotiation for control. The poems are part of an ongoing act of resilience and an honest account of moving through a world obsessed with normality.

An Astonishment of Stars

An Astonishment of Stars by Kirti Bhadresa is a beautifully written short story collection that charts the lives of racialized women as they navigate their relationships, aspirations, and the burdens of memory and expectations.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

For more information, visit rdpl.org

SMART Recovery

Downtown Branch

Mondays except holidays
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



Red Deer Cancer Connect

Dawe Branch

Tuesdays (daytime session)
January 7, February 4, March 4
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays (evening session)
January 21, February 18,
March 18
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. Facilitated by a Wellspring Alberta program leader, these sessions offer a safe space to connect with others.

Register online:

<https://wel.gametime.net/cne/public/list>
or phone 1-866-682-3135.

To find out more visit: <https://wellspringalberta.ca>

February 23 - March 1, 2025

FREEDOM TO READ WEEK



Celebrate your freedom to read what you want to read!

Freedom to Read Week is an annual event that encourages Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom.

Freedom to read can never be taken for granted. Even in Canada, a free country by world standards, books and magazines are banned at the border, and schools and libraries are regularly asked to remove books and magazines from their shelves.

Few of these stories make headlines, but they affect the right of Canadians to decide for themselves what they choose to read.

At RDPL, we take this freedom seriously and we will continue to always protect your right to read anything you want.

Learn more at
freedomtoread.ca

NEW

The Athletic

SPORTS NEWS!

In-depth, personalized sports journalism, courtesy of Red Deer Public Library!

The Athletic, a New York Times company, delivers in-depth sports coverage of your favourite teams and leagues. Access includes everything from breaking news and live commentary to long-form features, exclusive interviews, podcasts, and more.

Activate your complimentary access today!

rdpl.org/resources/sports



LEGAL & FINANCIAL

Register at rdpl.org/events

Ask a Lawyer

Dawe Branch

Mondays

January 20, February 24, March 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.

Clients are required to fill out an intake sheet at the event before seeing a lawyer. First-come, first-served 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.



Legal Information Seminars

Dawe Branch

Select Thursdays

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

February 13 - 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.

March 20 - 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 at rdpl.org/events



CRA - Newcomers

Downtown Branch

Level 2

Thursday, January 23

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

New to Canada? This presentation will discuss Residency Status, the Canada Child Benefit, Disability Tax Credit, GST, Canada Workers Benefit, Climate Action Incentive, and Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP).



CRA Support Clinic

Downtown Branch

Level 2

Thursdays, January 23, March 20

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Do you have a low to modest income and a simple tax return, and need help with the following?

- Getting tax slips so you can file your tax return.
- Printing your notice of assessment.
- Help updating your address or phone number.
- Help understanding a letter received from CRA.
- Getting general questions about your CRA account answered.

If you answered yes, then please join us!

*Please note: you will need to know your SIN number and have valid photo identification with you in order for CRA to access the account.



CRA - Scams

Downtown Branch

Level 2

Thursday, March 20

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

In 2024, over \$500 million dollars were lost to scammers pretending to be from the government. This presentation will teach you what a scam is, how to recognize a scam, and how to protect yourself.



Ask a Lawyer - Special Session for Access to Justice Week

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Tuesday, February 4

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Get free legal advice during Access to Justice Week!

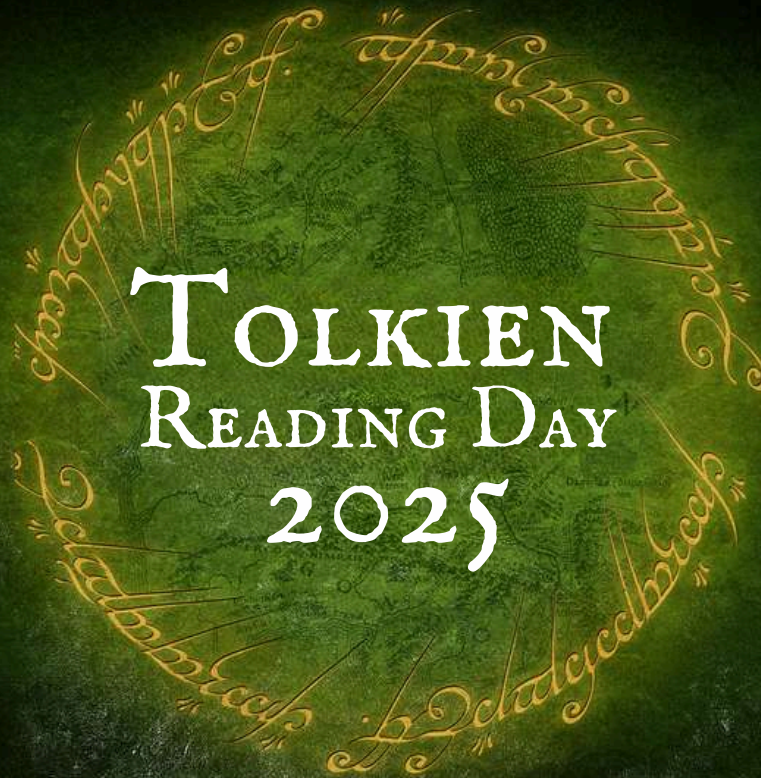
Have a legal question?

Volunteer lawyers provide 30 minutes of free legal advice in family, civil, and other areas of law.

No registration required, walk-in only, first come, first served.

Please note that appointments are not guaranteed due to large volumes of people.

For more information, please contact the Central Alberta Community Legal Clinic at 403-314-9129.



TUESDAY, MARCH 25 | DOWNTOWN BRANCH | 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Assemble your team of Tolkien fans to solve riddles, defeat challenges, and save Middle-Earth!

This program is geared to adults but teams can include children ages 12+ as long as there are adults as part of the team.

Start times are staggered, and teams can begin the quest any time after 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.

**REGISTER AT [RDPL.ORG/EVENTS](https://rdpl.org/events)
OR BY PHONE AT 403-346-4576**

Strangers from distant lands, friends of old. You have been summoned here to answer the threat of Mordor. Middle-Earth stands upon the brink of destruction. None can escape it. You will unite or you will fall!

BOOK CLUBS

Unique book clubs for all types of readers!

Any Book Book Club

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays, January 9,
February 13, March 13
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

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

Join library staff on Google Meet to discuss romance titles.

January 27 - *Bookshop Cinderella*

by Laure Lee Guhrke

February 24 - *Dragon Bound* by Thea Harrison

March 31 - *Happily Never After* by Lynn Painter

Join the Facebook group, or email
cbrown@rdpl.org for the meeting link.
New members are always welcome!

Past Pages Book Club

Dawe Branch

Select Tuesdays
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.

January 7 - *Blind Tiger* by Sandra Brown

February 4 - *Jane Steele* by Lyndsay Faye

March 4 - *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner

NEW
LOCATION!

On the Same Page Book Club

Downtown Branch

Waskasoo Room

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

Voted as this season's favourites, learn about these fantastic books if you haven't already read them. Come gush with us if you have. We're always welcoming new faces.

January 15 - *The Woman with the Cure*

by Lynn Cullen

February 19 - *A Gentle Rain of Compassion*

by David R. Shlim

March 19 - *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*

by V.E. Schwab

Books & Bannock Book Club

Downtown Branch

Level 2

Select Tuesdays
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
For ages 16+

Join the Red Deer Native Friendship Society and library staff to discuss books by Indigenous authors that explore the history, culture and experiences of Indigenous and Two Spirit peoples. Selections available in multiple formats.

January 21 - *Our Voice of Fire* by Brandi Morin

February 18 - *Love After the End: an Anthology of Two-spirit and Indigiqueer Speculative Fiction* edited by Joshua Whitehead

March 18 - *Making Love With the Land*

by Joshua Whitehead



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Last Chapter Book Club

Timberlands Branch

Tuesdays, January 14, February 11, March 11
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Although dying is an essential part of life, it is 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. You are welcome to participate even if you haven't read up on death and dying.

January 14 - *One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin

February 11 - *The Well-lived Life*
by Gladys McGarey

March 11 - *The Good Women of Safe Harbour*
by Bobbi French

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!



January - *The Overnight Guest*
by Heather Gudenkauf

February - *The Lonely Hearts Book Club*
by Lucy Gilmore

March - *Clown in a Cornfield* by Adam Cesare

Read or Reread Book Club:

Chief Inspector Gamache Series

NEW

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium

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

Step into - or back into- the world of Three Pines this year. Starting in January, we will read, or reread, the complete series by Louise Penny, meeting once a month to discuss two titles in the series, play Gamache trivia for prizes, and sample a treat. Register at rdpl.org/events

January 27 - *Still Life, A Fatal Grace*

February 24 - *The Cruellest Month, A Rule Against Murder*

March 31 - *The Brutal Telling, Bury Your Dead*

Read or Reread Book Club:

Jane Austen

NEW

Timberlands Branch

Select Wednesdays
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Step into - or back into - the world of Jane Austen to celebrate the 250th anniversary of her birth in December 2025! Join us every second month throughout the year for a discussion of each of her finished works.

January 29 - *Pride & Prejudice*

March 26 - *Emma*



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.

How to apply:

✉ email: homeservice@rdpl.org

☎ phone: 403-346-4576 extension 1501

🌐 online: rdpl.org/home-service

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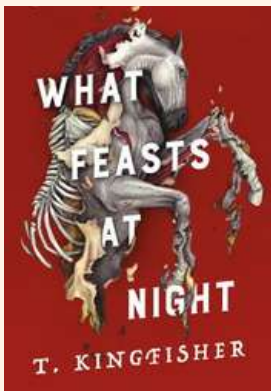


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Library > Staff Picks

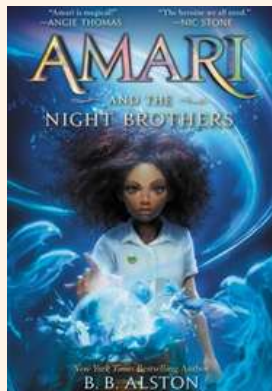
Best of 2024

- RDPL STAFF FAVOURITES -

These are the books we loved the most in 2024.



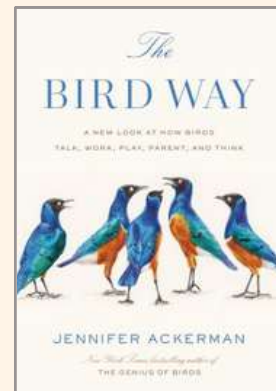
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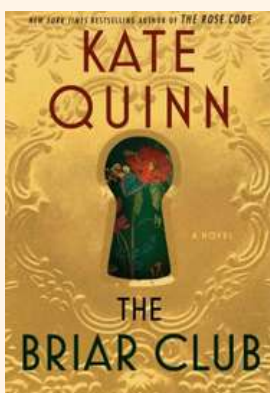
Sarah's pick



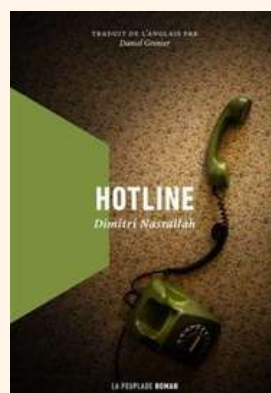
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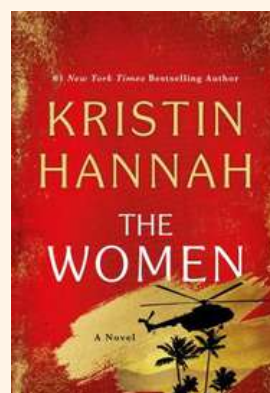
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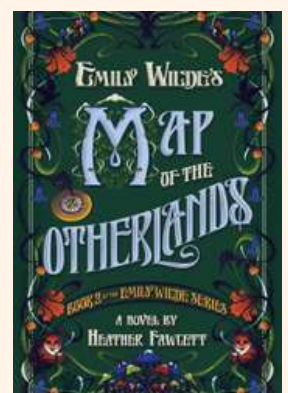
Amy's pick



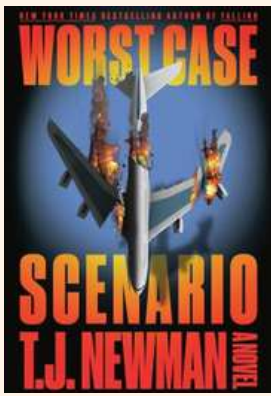
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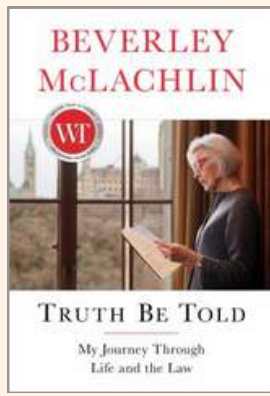
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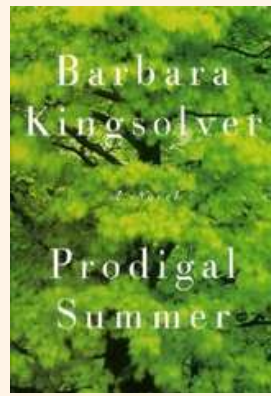
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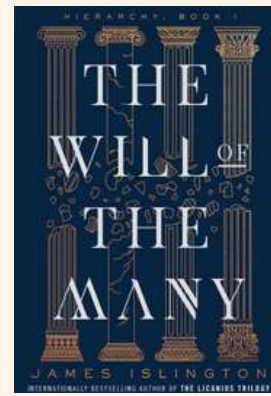
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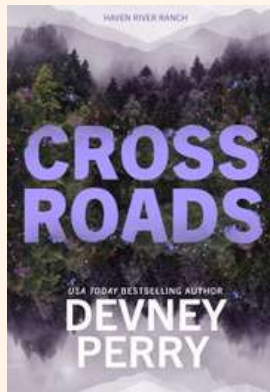
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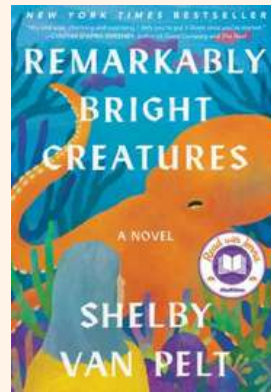
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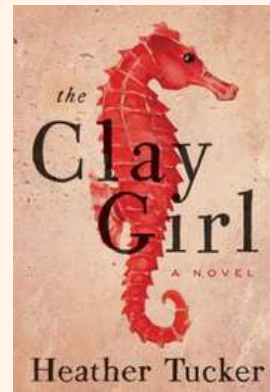
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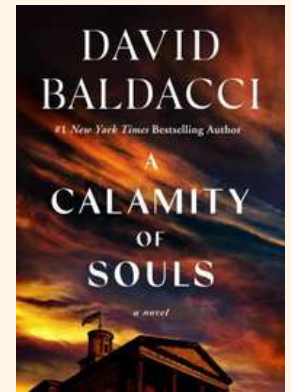
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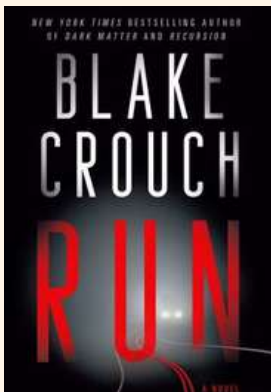
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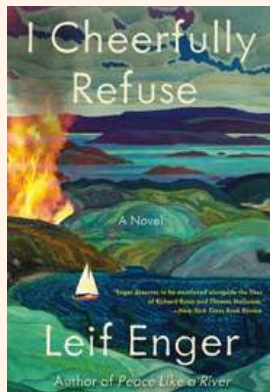
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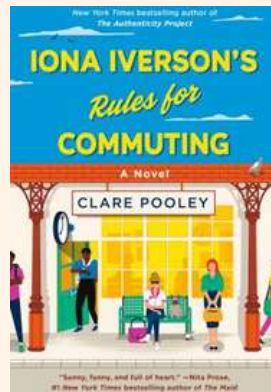
Joanne's pick



Cher's pick



Jason's pick



Erin's pick



Simon's pick

Because I Can't Pick One:

A 2024 Year in Reading Wrap Up

When asked to pick just one or two standout reads for this list, well-known RDPL bibliophile Claire faced the ultimate challenge: narrowing it down. Spoiler alert—she couldn't! Instead, she went full literary rebel, crafting her own top picks roundup. Find out which titles made this coveted list on our website at rdpl.org/blogs

Get ready to expand your TBR pile!



ADULT LITERACY

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

Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELP-IP-General)

Online via Zoom

Mondays and Wednesdays

January 8 - February 12

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

Participants will work on strategies and skills to be successful when taking a CELPIP test. Cost is \$70 per person (this fee could be waived or reduced in cases of financial need). You must be at Canadian Language Benchmarks 4 to participate. Call 403-346-2533 or email adultlit@rdpl.org to register. The class is limited to 15 participants.

NEW! Conversation Café

Dawe Branch

Wednesdays

February 5 - March 26

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

All levels of English are welcome! Join us for a hot drink and lots of conversation! A VERY skilled teacher will lead you through different conversation topics and help you improve your English language skills. You will learn new vocabulary and practice English with other Canadians. Phone 403-346-2533 or email adultlit@rdpl.org to register.

About the Adult Literacy Program

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

Volunteers Needed!

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



To learn more about becoming a volunteer, contact:

 Alla, Amy, Iryna, Jenni, or Michelle: 403-346-2533

 adultlit@rdpl.org

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Join us for screenings of some of our favourite films select Tuesday and Thursday evenings! Viewer discretion advised.

TUESDAYS

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



THURSDAYS

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



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