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Spring Program Guide

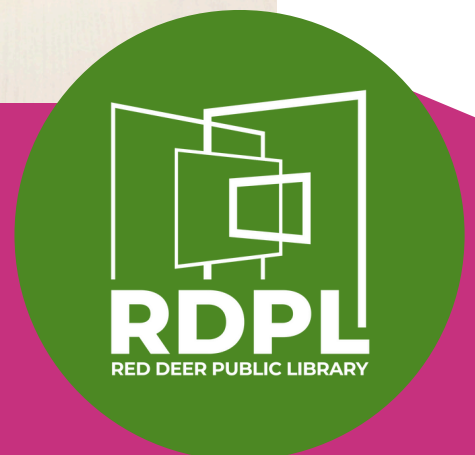
Which book should everyone in Red Deer read?
Flip the page for details on our Red Deer Reads finalists!



SPRING 2025
April - June

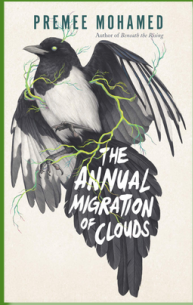
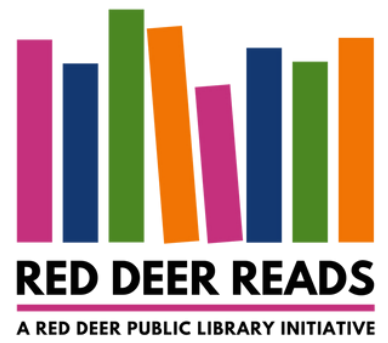
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Your guide to all things RDPL



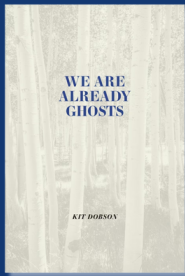
Red Deer Reads 2025!

Read the nominees, vote for your favourite, then get ready to meet the author of the winning title this fall!
Learn more at rdpl.org/reddeerreads



***The Annual Migration of Clouds* by Premee Mohamed**

In post-climate disaster Alberta, a woman infected with a mysterious parasite must choose whether to pursue a rare opportunity far from home or stay and help rebuild her community.



***We Are Already Ghosts* by Kit Dobson**

The Briscoe-MacDougall families vacation at the same lakeside cabin every five years, catching up on life's joys and inevitable bad times. As the novel's characters mature, grow and develop, they help one another cope with the ever-changing world around them.



***Prairie Edge* by Conor Kerr**

Prairie Edge is a frenetic, propulsive crime thriller that doubles as a sharp critique of modern activism and challenges readers to consider what "Land Back" might really look like.

Would you like free copies of the books?

Join the Red Deer Reads 2025 BOOK CLUB!
Full details on page 16.

Voting opens



Voting closes



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Spring BOOK SALE

Downtown Branch - Snell Auditorium

Buy gently used books, DVDs, CDs, vintage books and more!
All proceeds support the library!

FRIENDS MEMBERS ONLY SALE

Wednesday, May 14 - 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Memberships available at the door: Individual: \$10 or Family: \$20 Check rdpl.org for details.

PUBLIC SALE DAY 1

Thursday, May 15
10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SALE DAY 2

Friday, May 16
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SALE DAY 3

Saturday, May 17
10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SALE DAY 4

Sunday, May 18
10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



50% OFF
all items in the
Friends' Book Shop

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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

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

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, registration is not required.

Baby Fun

Ages Birth - 18 Months

Join us for songs and rhymes perfect for babies! Baby Fun is a great opportunity to socialize and meet other parents!

MONDAYS

Collicutt Branch

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

March 31 to May 12

(no program April 21)

TUESDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

April 1 to May 13

(no program April 22)

THURSDAYS

Dawe Branch

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

April 3 to May 8

(no program April 24)

FRIDAYS

Timberlands Branch

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

April 4 to May 16

(no program April 18, 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!

THURSDAYS

Collicutt Branch

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

SATURDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

Soveniatko: Ukrainian Storytime

Ages 3 - 6

Приєднуйтеся до нас на інтерактивний час читання, де Ваші діти поринуть в українські дитячі книги та казки. Українською та англійською мовами. Enjoy music, songs, crafts, and games. This program is in Ukrainian and English. Registration required at rdpl.org/events

MONDAYS

Dawe Branch

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

(no program April 21)

Toddler Fun

Ages 18 Months - 3 years

Stories, rhymes, and songs for toddlers and their caregiver. Registration not required.

TUESDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

April 1 to May 13

(no program April 22)

THURSDAYS

Dawe Branch

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

April 3 to May 8

(no program April 24)

FRIDAYS

Timberlands Branch

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

April 4 to May 16 (no program April 18, 25)

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.

April 1 to May 13

(no program April 22)

WEDNESDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

April 2 to May 14

(no program April 23)

Neurodiversity Awareness Month:

Sensory Storytimes

Ages 3 - 5

Join us for sensory-focused, inclusive storytimes structured to create a comfortable space for all children to enjoy stories, songs, and play. Though these storytimes are specialized for neurodivergent children, they're great for all preschoolers.

WEDNESDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Check out the Sensory Room for Adults Program on page 12!

KIDS' PROGRAMS

Register at rdpl.org/events

Magical Cat Adventure!

Ages 5 - 7 with parent/caregiver

Downtown Branch

Sunday, April 13

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

Children will listen to an exciting cat story, learn interesting facts about cats, and then build their very own "cat castle" from cardboard boxes at this fun, hands-on program.

Spaces are limited so register early!

Registration required!

Mindfulness for Kids

Ages 6 - 12

(under 10 with parent/caregiver)

Downtown Branch

Saturday, April 5

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

In this kid-friendly session, Bhante Suseela, meditation teacher at Alberta Insight Meditation Centre, will share simple mindfulness exercises such as breathing, walking, loving-kindness, and stories.

Also check out *Mindfulness for Adults Program* on page 9!

Registration required!

After School Club:

Monday Crafternoons!

Ages 9 - 12

Timberlands Branch

Mondays, April 14, 28,

May 12, 26, June 9, 23

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

Are you interested in learning to craft, making art (or a mess!), and showing your beautiful creations to others? Join us to learn how to crochet, draw, paint, sculpt clay and more!

Supplies are first come, first served.

Registration required!

Get Growing Together

Ages 6 - 12 with parent/caregiver

Downtown Branch

Saturday, May 10

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

Get growing together as a family and join us for this workshop on starting a children's garden. You bring the enthusiasm and we will bring some seeds and materials to get you started!

Registration required!

Pokémon League

Ages 6 - 12

(under 9 with parent/caregiver)

Dawe Branch

Wednesdays, April 2 - June 28

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 required!

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

Therapy Dog Appreciation Day



Dawe Branch
Saturday, April 12
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Join us at Red Deer Public Library for Therapy Dog Appreciation Day, a special event celebrating the comfort, joy, and companionship therapy dogs bring to our community!



Meet Katja!

Our beloved facility dog, Katja, will be here to greet visitors, share cuddles, and demonstrate the important work she does at the library. Whether you're a longtime fan or meeting her for the first time, this is the perfect chance to get to know her and learn about how she supports readers of all ages.

Make Crafts!

Get creative with dog-themed crafts and activities to celebrate our four-legged friends.

Enjoy Tea & Cookies!

Enjoy a cozy atmosphere with warm tea and sweet treats while you relax and chat about the benefits of therapy dogs.

Whether you're curious about Katja's role, love dogs, or simply want to enjoy a heartwarming afternoon, Therapy Dog Appreciation Day is the perfect way to celebrate the magic of therapy dogs. Drop in, say hello, and make some paws-itively wonderful memories!

See you soon!

Love, Katja



KIDS' PROGRAMS

Register at rdpl.org/events

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

Ages 10 - 14

Dawe Branch

Tuesdays, April 1, 29

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

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

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

April 29: Star Wars Special Edition - Build small scale versions of Star Wars vehicles and ships.

Registration required!

Readers' Theatre Children's Performance

Everyone Welcome!

Timberlands Branch

Saturday, April 5

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us to listen to these children's "radio plays" performed by Readers' Theatre participants.

Alexander Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday
by Judith Viorst

Alexander's grandparents gave him a dollar-and he was rich! There were so many things he could do with that money. He could buy all sorts of things. But somehow the money began to disappear...

The Legend of Slappy Hooper - An American Tale
by Aaron Shepard

Slappy Hooper was the world's biggest, fastest and best sign painter during the great depression, but he was too good-his pictures keep coming to life!

Drop-in program!

Youth Literacy Program

Sit, Stay, Read with Katja!

Ages 6 - 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, April 1 - May 27

Timberlands Branch

Wednesdays, April 2 - May 28

(no program May 7)

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!



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

ALL AGES

Programs for everyone!

Lit Line: 403-342-9100

All ages

Phone the lit line to hear a different message every day.

April - Book recommendations for fiction with neurodivergent characters.

May - Test your geography skills with countries and capitals.

June - Recommendations for books by Indigenous authors.

Symphony at the Snell

All ages

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Saturday, May 10

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Save the date for this free musical event when the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra comes to the Snell. RSVP for this free concert at www.rdso.ca.

Registration opens April 11.

Registration required!

RED DEER
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Speed Cubing Club

All ages

Dawe Branch

Sundays, April 13, June 8

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!

Registration required!

Thunderbird Learners

All ages

Downtown Branch

Saturdays, April 5, 12 May 3, 10

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.

Registration required!

Central Alberta

19th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Recreation Centre Park – 4501-47A Avenue

Stop by the RDPL
Storytelling Tent for
stories, puppet shows
and activities
during the festival!



TEEN PROGRAMS

Check out these drop in programs for youth!

Teen Café

Downtown Branch
Level 2

SELECT TUESDAYS

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

Drop-in after school to hang out.
Snacks and fun provided!

April 8 - DIY Stickers	April 22 - Board Games
May 6 - Anime Club!	May 20 - Craft Corner
June 3 - DIY Buttons	June 17 - Film & Food!

FREE
SNACKS!

NEW Any Book Book Club: Teen Edition

Downtown Branch
Level 2

Saturdays, April 12, May 10, June 14

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Come talk about books IRL with library staff and fellow teens to get recommendations and share favourite reads. Registration encouraged but not required. New members are always welcome!

Learners 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



Teen Advisory Discord

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



Programs Cosponsored with
**Queer Neighbours
Society of Red Deer**

Queer Art Club

Dawe Branch

Thursdays, April 3, April 24, May 1, May 22

June 5, June 26

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

April 26, May 31, June 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 their Discord server. **Ages 12+**

QNSRD Youth Group

Downtown Branch

Wednesdays

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

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

New day
and time!

Diverse
Voices
at RDPL
A place for all.

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

Mindfulness for Adults

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium

Saturday, April 5
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Register for this session on mindfulness practice with Bhante Suseela, meditation teacher at Alberta Insight Meditation Centre.

Check page 4 for a Mindfulness program for children held the morning of April 5.

Registration
required!

Bring, Brag, Break

Timberlands Branch

Saturdays, April 12,
May 10 and June 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

Puzzles, Puzzles, Puzzles!

Downtown Branch

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

April 29

Register with three friends for a team puzzle competition.

May 27

Meet someone new! Register yourself and we will put you on a team for a team puzzle competition.

June 24

Register as a team (or register and we will put you on a team) for this scramble competition. Start building one puzzle and when the timer rings, move on to complete part of a different puzzle. Keep moving through the puzzles in the room until one is completed.

Registration required at rdpl.org/events



MORE Book Bundles for Adults!

Staff-selected books to borrow
(and fun surprises to keep!)

Take advantage of this free, popular service! 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!

SPRING

April showers bring
May flowers... and
also our Spring book
bundles!

Opens April 7th

SUMMER

Celebrate Canada
with a book bundle
of amazing Canadian
authors.

Opens June 30th



SCAN
HERE!

Find us on Social Media!



ARTS & CULTURE

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

First Thursday in the Snell

All Ages

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.

April 3 - Violinist Roberto Cani (concertmaster of the LA opera) and Pianist Derek Chiu

May 1 - Students from the Edmonton studio of Miriam Mahood

June 5 - Jeremy Doody, classical guitarist

Registration
required!

Paging All Writers

Adults

Downtown Branch
Level 2

Wednesdays, April 23, May 14, June 11
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, April 17, May 15
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

We 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.

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Travel Memories

Adults

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!

April 2 - Fairytale inspired Bavarian forest, where your book comes to life!

May 7 - The Camino Frances route starts in France and ends at the coast of Spain.

Let's Get Analog: Commonplace Books

Downtown Branch - Level 2

Monday, May 12
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Come and learn about the idea of commonplacing as a way to get off your notes app, and make a journaling system that works for each individual based on interests.

Register at rdpl.org/events.



ARTS & CULTURE

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

Brick Books: Adult Craft Night

Adults

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium

Tuesday, May 6
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join us to create custom books out of landscaping bricks! Draw and paint the cover of your favourite book to create a unique décor piece.

Please bring your favourite book along so you can get all of the details right!

Our programmers will be in touch via email, asking for your book jacket selection, so we can have it printed in the correct dimensions prior to the class to help you transfer the likeness onto your brick. Please note: there may be limited availability of some paint colours, so consider having a few book jacket options as a backup. Registration is required.



Swing in Rhythm: Open Practice

Adults

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium

Mondays
April 7, May 5, June 2
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



RED ACES

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! Registration not needed. *Cosponsored by Red Aces Dance Club.*

Sip n' Stitch

Adults

Dawe Branch

Thursdays
April 17, May 15, June 19
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



A casual gathering for stitchers of all kinds to socialize and work on projects. Cosponsored with Blissful Yarn Creations. Registration not required.



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 can apply for Home Service. You will be partnered with a volunteer who will bring books or audiobooks to you every three weeks and return these to the library for you. There is no cost for this service.

How to apply:

✉ email: homeservice@rdpl.org

☎ phone: 403-346-4576 extension 1501

🌐 online: rdpl.org/home-service

Adult Storytime at Red Hart Brewing

Adults

Red Hart Brewing
488 McCoy Drive
Tuesday, June 10
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Join us for a celebration of all things Canadian, featuring Canadian books and authors, with our trademark quirky experiences and sense of humour! Sorry, not sorry. Beverages available for purchase. For ages 18+ only. Language advisory. Registration required at rdpl.org/events

HEALTH & WELLNESS

For more information, visit rdpl.org

Styled to Ride

A Fancy Women Bike Ride Event
Adults

Collicutt Branch
Sunday, June 15
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Registration
required!



Get active, get stylish, and take to the streets in your fanciest activewear!

Join us for Styled to Ride, a vibrant and empowering cycling event where fashion meets movement.

This is your chance to celebrate the joy of biking while expressing your unique style - whether it's bold and glamorous, retro and chic, or effortlessly sporty.

This ride isn't just about getting from point A to B, it's about making a statement! We encourage participants to wear their best and fanciest active outfits, blending fitness with flair. Whether you ride in a flowy dress, stylish jumpsuit, or bright athleisure, the focus is on feeling fabulous while being active.

Who can join? Everyone! This event is open to all women and supporters who love cycling and celebrating movement in style. Come pedal with us in style, make new friends, and inspire more women to get on their bikes. Let's roll together—fashionably and actively!



Cosponsored with:



Red Deer Cancer Connect

Adults

Dawe Branch

Tuesdays (daytime session)
April 1, May 6, June 3
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesdays (evening session)
April 15, May 20, June 17
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Registration
required!



Cancer Connect is an informal gathering open to any adult participants living with cancer – those diagnosed and caregivers/supporters.

Register online: wel.gametime.net/cne/public/list or phone 1-866-682-3135.

SMART Recovery

Adults

Downtown Branch

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



Drop-in and join SMART Recovery for support for individuals seeking abstinence from addiction using self- management and recovery training. For more information, visit smartrecovery.org or contact corrisa.smartrecoveryreddeer@gmail.com

Neurodiversity Awareness Month: Sensory Room for Adults

Downtown Branch

Wednesdays, April 2 & 9
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Experience an adult sensory room with lighting, textures, sounds, and scents to promote relaxation, emotional regulation, and a sense of well-being. This room is beneficial for adults with autism, PTSD, anxiety, dementia, or sensory processing challenges, but anyone can benefit. **Registration not required.**

See page 3 for *Sensory Storytime for kids!*

LEGAL & FINANCIAL

Adult programs at RDPL

Ask a Lawyer

Dawe Branch

Mondays, April 28, May 26, June 16
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Have a Legal Question? Volunteer lawyers from the Central Alberta Community Legal Clinic (CLC) 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.

Special Drop-in Criminal Law Sessions

Downtown Branch
Mondays April 7, May 5, June 2
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Contact the CLC at 403-314-9129 with questions or for more information on the above programs.



CRA Support Clinic

Downtown Branch

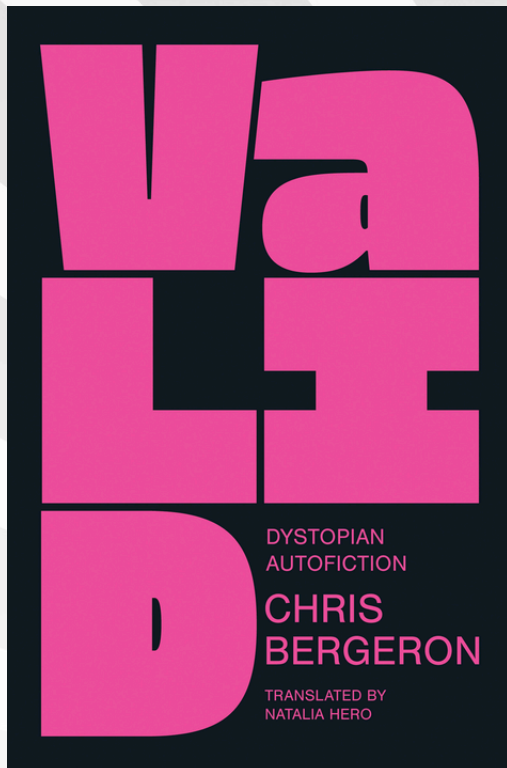
Thursday, May 29
12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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 letter received from CRA,
- and/or getting general questions about your CRA account answered?

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.

Registration not required.



One eRead Canada 2025

April 1st - 30th



This year's One eRead Canada pick is *Valid* by Chris Bergeron, with the English translation by Natalia Hero. The eBook will be available in French and English and the audiobook in English from April 1st - 30th.

'Valid' 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 in April.



Join the **Facebook Book Club** and discuss the book with readers across the country!
www.facebook.com/groups/OneEreadCanada

BOOK CLUBS

Unique book clubs for all types of readers!

Any Book Book Club

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays,

April 10, May 8, June 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

Select Mondays

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join library staff on Google Meet to discuss romance titles.

April 28 - *Dating Dr Dil* by Nisha Sharma

May 26 - *Someday I'll Find You* by C.C. Humphreys

June 30 - *A Soul to Keep* by Opal Reynes

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.

April 1 - *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

May 6 - *Weyward* by Emilia Hart

June 3 - *The Hangmans Daughter* by Oliver Pötzsch



On the Same Page Book Club

Downtown Branch

Waskasoo Room

Select Wednesdays

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

Whether you've read these or not, please come and join in the discussion of this season's selected favourites.

April 16 - *Cabin Fever: The Harrowing Journey of the Cruise Ship Zaandam at the Dawn of a Pandemic* by Michael Smith & Jonathan Franklin

May 21 - *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

June 18 - *Readers' Choice* - Help us choose next season's book picks! Readers will vote on book suggestions. Everyone welcome!

ParticipACTION Community Challenge

Mayor Walk

Downtown Branch

Wednesday, June 25

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Join Mayor Ken Johnston, RDPL and Move Your Mood for a special Downtown Walk & Talk to wrap up the ParticipACTION Community Challenge June 1 - 30.

You can help Red Deer win \$100,000 and reclaim the title of the Most Active Community in Canada!

Track your organization or individual activity through the ParticipACTION website to help Red Deer win!

Book Club Kits for ALL AGES!

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





**SPECIAL
AUTHOR
EVENTS!**

BOOKS & BANNOCK Book Club

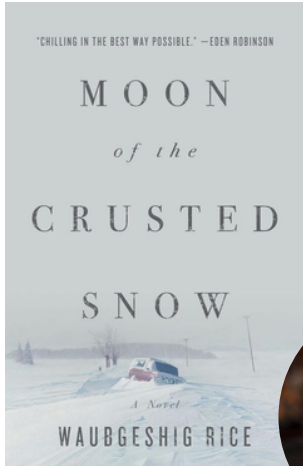
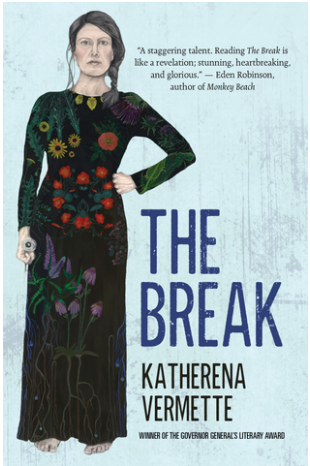


▶ **Red Deer Public Library** ▶ **Downtown Branch**

Join the Red Deer Native Friendship Society and library staff to discuss books by Indigenous authors. Explore the history, culture and experiences of Indigenous and Two Spirit peoples. Ages 16+ are welcome to attend.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS with 2 authors!

Meet authors Waubgeshig Rice (May) for a virtual presentation and Cree Nomad (June) in-person! Registration required at rdpl.org/events or phone 403-346-4576.



Tuesday, April 15

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

The Break
by Katherena Vermette

Tuesday, May 20

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

Moon of the Crusted Snow
by Waubgeshig Rice

Sunday, June 15

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

Hey, June
by Cree Nomad



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Last Chapter Book Club

Timberlands Branch

Tuesdays, April 15, May 13, June 10

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.

April 15 - *The In-Between* by Hadley Vlahos

May 13 - *The Collected Regrets of Clover*

by Mikki Brammer

June 10 - *Nothing to Fear* by Julie McFadden, RN

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!



April - *In the Garden of Beasts*

by Erik Larson

May - *The Coldest Girl in Coldtown*

by Holly Black

June - *The Left Hand of Darkness*

by Ursula K. Le Guin

Read or Reread Book Club:

Chief Inspector Gamache Series

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

April 28

A Trick of the Light, The Beautiful Mystery

May 26

How the Light Gets In, The Long Way Home

June 30

The Nature of the Beast, A Great Reckoning

Read or Reread Book Club:

Jane Austen

Timberlands Branch

Wednesday, May 28

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 to discuss *Mansfield Park* in May!

16+



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Red Deer Reads **BOOK CLUB**

Downtown Branch 📖 Select Wednesdays 📖 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Read all of the Red Deer Reads 2025 shortlist selections!

Come discuss the remaining 2 books in the club ahead of the final vote to select the winning title!

APR
02

We Are Already Ghosts
by Kit Dobson

JUNE
04

Prairie Edge
by Conor Kerr

FREE BOOKS!

The first ten participants at each meeting will receive a copy of the selected title to keep.



Cozy Evenings

Затишні Вечори

Dawe Branch (56 Holt St.) ☕ Thursdays, April 17, May 15, June 19 ☕ 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Join us for Zatyshni Vechory, an informal and friendly evening club designed especially for Ukrainian seniors.

These gatherings provide a comfortable space to share stories, make new friends, and enjoy warm tea with delicious treats. Whether you want to chat, reminisce, or simply relax in good company, our club is the perfect place to unwind.

Each meeting features engaging conversations, light entertainment, and a cozy atmosphere filled with laughter and hospitality. Come enjoy an evening of warmth, friendship, and Ukrainian traditions!

Тепла зустріч для українських літніх людей, де можна поспілкуватися та насолодитися приємною атмосферою за чашкою чаю.

Приєднуйтеся до Затишних Вечорів – затишного клубу для українських людей старшого віку, де панує дружня атмосфера та тепло спілкування. Це місце, де можна поділитися спогадами, знайти нових друзів і просто насолодитися приємним вечором за чашкою чаю та смаколиками.

На кожній зустрічі на вас чекають цікаві розмови, легкі розваги та атмосфера, сповнена сміху та гостинності. Запрошуємо вас провести вечір у колі добрих людей та українських традицій!

ADULT LITERACY

Call 403-346-2533 or email adultlit@rdpl.org to register.

Cloud Computing

Dawe Branch

Tuesday, April 8

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

Cloud Computing has become an integral part of modern technology, enabling individuals to access, store and manage data with unprecedented ease.

However, the rapid implementation and (forced) take-up of the technology has left some confusion as to what constitutes Cloud Computing and how best to access and interact with the facilities that are available.

This workshop will look at the 3 key Cloud Computing providers used by individuals and explore the services that are provided by each of them and the financial costs of using one provider over another. If you use a Smart Phone, Tablet or a computer, then you are using Cloud Computing.

Registration
required!

Skills For Learning

Dawe Branch

Fridays

March 14 - May 2 (no class April 18)

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.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. Individuals will be encouraged to take learning risks without fear of shame or judgement, set clear goals and adopt practical strategies to achieve them. Participants will also be supported to embrace challenges in learning and develop positive relationships in a learning community. 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.

Registration
required!

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.

Basic skills may include literacy, numeracy, basic digital skills, English Language Learning, and skills for learning.

For information on becoming a learner, or volunteering as a tutor, contact the Adult Literacy Program:

Pronunciation Class

Dawe Branch

Mondays and Wednesdays

April 23 - May 14

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

Join us to improve your pronunciation skills and overcome common problems with English pronunciation. Gain confidence in your ability to communicate in English. You must be at Level 4 to participate. Cost is \$25 per person.

Registration
required!

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

 adultlit@rdpl.org

 Dawe Branch (56 Holt Street)

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