

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Winter Program Guide



Picking up STEAM in 2026!

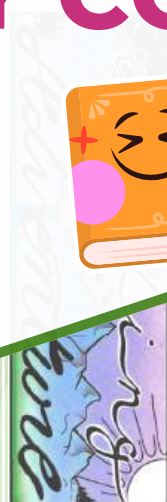
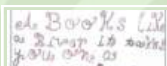
Discover Little Learners Preschool Fun, Red Hot Science, STEAM at the Libratory, STEAM Kits, and more!

WINTER 2026
January - March

The LINK

Your guide to all things RDPL





WORLD BOOKMARK DAY CONTEST!



**Are you
an artist?**

Your artwork could be turned into
a bookmark and given out at
Red Deer Public Library!
PLUS get 25 of your bookmarks
professionally printed to give
to friends and family!

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!**

**Deadline:
January
31, 2026**

**Winners
receive an
RDPL SWAG
BAG!**

**Winners will
be announced
on World
Bookmark
Day on
February 25.**

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Downtown Branch 4818-49 Street	Timberlands Branch 300 Timothy Drive
Dawe Branch 56 Holt Street	Collicutt Branch 3031-30 Avenue

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 CLOSURES

Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day
Monday, February 16 - Family Day

The Collicutt Branch is open 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
most holidays. Check rdpl.org for details.

CONTACT US

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ALL AGES FAMILY EVENT

Downtown Branch
Saturday, February 7
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join Ubuntu and RDPL as we celebrate Black History month with stories, activities and crafts, with special guests from our community! All ages welcome. No registration required.



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Find out about library events, new programs & services, staff picks, and other library news delivered right to your inbox.

Sign up at: rdpl.org/eNewsletter

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Please note: Children aged 8 and under must be supervised by an adult during programs and while in the library.

Baby Fun

Ages Birth - 18 Months

Join us for songs and rhymes babies love while socializing and meeting other parents!

THURSDAYS

Dawe Branch

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

Jan. 15 - May 14

FRIDAYS

Timberlands Branch

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

Jan. 16 - May 15

(No program Jan. 23 & Apr. 3., but join us for Preschool Playdate Jan. 23! See below.)

Toddler Fun

Ages 18 Months - 3 years

Stories, rhymes, and songs for toddlers.

Downtown Branch Dawe Branch

TUESDAYS

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

Jan. 13 - May 12

THURSDAYS

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

Jan. 15 - May 14

What's happening at RDPL? Find us on Social Media!



Preschool PLAYDATE!

Timberlands Branch
Friday, January 23
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

For kids 5 and under with a caregiver.

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

Little Learners Preschool Fun

Ages 3-5

Join us for this special storytime series that integrates a read-aloud book with fun STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) activities, specially geared to inspire curiosity and ignite the imagination of your preschooler!



TUESDAYS

Dawe Branch

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

Session 1: Jan. 13 - March 3

Session 2: March 17 - May 5

WINTER WONDERLAND

Dawe Branch

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

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

For ages 2 - 5

Join us for fun winter-themed activities full of discovery, exploration, and imaginary play.



**Come
PLAY!**

Preschool Fun

Ages 3-5

Join us for songs and stories for preschoolers and their caregivers. Build literacy skills, make new friends, and have fun with us!

WEDNESDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

January 14 - March 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!

MONDAYS

Collicutt Branch

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

Jan. 12 - March 30

THURSDAYS

Collicutt Branch

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

Jan. 8 - March 26

FRIDAYS

Timberlands Branch

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

Jan. 16 - March 27

(No program Jan. 23.

Alternatively, join us for
Preschool Playdate that day!
See pg. 3)

SATURDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

Soveniatko:

Ukrainian Storytime

Ages 3-6 with parent/caregiver

Dawe Branch

MONDAYS

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Jan. 12 - March 30 (no program Feb. 16)

Приєднуйте 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 мовою.

Join us for this interactive storytime filled with Ukrainian children's books and folktales. This program is delivered in Ukrainian.

Registration
required!

Book Bundles!

Borrow a stack of staff-selected books!

BABIES

TODDLERS

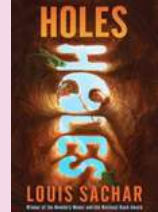
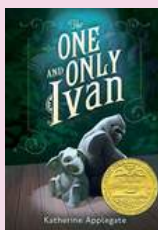
PRESCHOOLERS

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! Includes take-home activities! New titles chosen every two weeks.

Register at rdpl.org/bookbundles

Children's Book Club Kits

perfect for teachers and homeschoolers!



Kits contain multiple copies, discussion questions, author information, and more! Browse titles online and find them at the Dawe Branch.



Family Literacy Day 2026

Make mealtime family learning time.



Celebrate Family Literacy Day by joining us at one of our **Tuesday, January 27** Early Literacy Storytimes, listed below, and pick up a special Kit-To-Go on this year's theme, "Make Mealtime Family Learning Time!"

While supplies last.

Toddler Fun

Downtown Branch

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

Little Learners

Preschool Fun

Dawe Branch

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



CELEBRATE

These Favourites!



Winnie the Pooh Day!

Dawe Branch
Sunday, January 18
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
All ages welcome

Celebrate Winnie the Pooh and friends for A.A. Milne's Birthday with a fun afternoon of Hundred Acre Wood activities!

Paper Bag Princess Day: Dare to be Brave!

Downtown Branch - Saturday, March 7 - 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
All ages welcome

Join us to celebrate Canadian author Robert Munsch and his iconic picture book, *The Paper Bag Princess*. We'll have dragon and princess themed activities, stories, puppet shows and more! Registration is encouraged.



KIDS' PROGRAMS

Register at rdpl.org/events

LEGO® at the Library Ready, set, build!

Grades 5 - 8

Dawe Branch

Select Tuesdays

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

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

January 27

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

February 24

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

March 24

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

Registration
required!

Does your whole family love LEGO®?

Join LEGO® at the Library - Building Families!
See page 8 for details

After School Club: Monday Crafters!

Ages 6+ (adult caregiver must
remain with children 8 and under)

Timberlands Branch

Select Mondays

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? Let's create together!

January 19: Construction Paper Portraits

March 16: Origami

Crafts may be subject to change.

Registration
required!

Crafternoon: School's Out Edition

Ages 6+

Timberlands Branch

Wednesday, February 18

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Unleash your creativity during our special edition Crafternoon to celebrate taking a break from school! This program is for all school-age children, but children 8 and under must have an adult with them.

Drop-in
Program!



Dawe Branch

Select Sundays

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

Using a combination of simple yoga poses and storytelling, children get the chance to move, stretch, and relax in a playful and calming environment. Bring your own yoga mat or borrow one of ours.

January 25 - Magical Unicorn Yoga

Join our magical adventure with sparkly unicorns and their shiny friends.

February 15 - You are a Lion!

In this playful yoga storytime we will go on a wild adventure through the savanna with fun animal poses.

March 15 - Bear & Bunny's Gentle Yoga Adventure

Join Bear and Bunny as they explore the forest through movement and friendship.

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!

Pick the time that works for you and come one time, or every week at the same time, to read to Katja in her reading nook. **Reserve your spot at rdpl.org/events.**

Registration required!

► **Dawe Branch**
Tuesdays,
January 13
to March 31

► **Timberlands Branch**
Wednesdays,
January 14
to March 26



Time Slots available:

3:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Tween Café at Dawe

Ages 9 - 12

Dawe Branch

Wednesdays

January 7 - March 18

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

NEW



Come to our hangout for a different activity each week. Pop in for movies, Legos, crafts, and more. See the web event at rdpl.org for full details.

Youth Literacy Book Bundles!

**STAFF SELECTED BOOKS
FOR KIDS IN GRADES 1 TO 12**

Are you looking for books to support both a youth's interests and reading level? Youth Literacy Book Bundles will provide books geared towards fun reading, solo reading and buddy reading.

Register at rdpl.org/youth-literacy-book-bundles

STEAM at the Libratory:

Family Nights!

For ages 5+ and their parents

Drop-in Program!

Downtown Branch

Select Thursdays

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

Bring the whole family for fun, creative, and sometimes weird, science-based activities.

Children younger than 9 must have an adult remain in the program with them.

January 15

LEGO® Science

Conduct science experiments and challenges using everyone's favourite building bricks.

February 19

Snow Science

We'll be making experiments, enjoying activities, and taking on challenges featuring snow and ice.

March 19

Disaster Science

Volcanoes, tornadoes and earthquakes, oh my!



RADIO-CANADA

ATELIER

**JOURNALISTE
D'UN JOUR**

Avec Radio-Canada



*Red Deer Public Library
(Main Branch)*

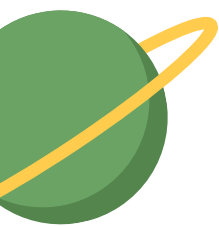
Mercredi 18 mars, 18h à 20h

Raconte des histoires qui changent le monde!

Découvre les métiers de journaliste, réalisateur, vidéaste et plus.

**INSCRIS-TOI
C'EST GRATUIT!**





RED HOT Science



Fun, educational programs to appeal to budding scientists!

Registration
required!



RED HOT SCIENCE

Timberlands Branch

JenTris
ages 7-10

FRIDAY
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

January
16

JenTris is the educational game that blends the real-world challenge of Jenga with the strategic block-stacking of Tetris. JenTris strengthens fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination through engaging play.

Feathered Flight
ages 7-10

FRIDAY
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

February
20

Have you ever wondered how our fine feathered friends actually fly? Join us for an interactive workshop where we will explore the fancies of feathered flight together. Each child will take home their own glider!

Rock-Paper-Scissors: Circuits!
ages 9-11

THURSDAY
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

March
19

Rock-Paper-Scissors with a twist! Using the motion detector on a micro:bit processor board, the participants will learn how to use Microsoft's block code programming language to create a small game they can play with others.

Dawe Branch - For ages 10+

Tensegrity
Floating Tables

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

January
22

Kids will build a mini floating table while learning the strengths and weaknesses of an object built on tensegrity principles. At the end of the workshop, they will be able to take their "floating" table home.

Holograms

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

February
26

Take home your own hologram! Discover the magic of bending and bouncing light in this unforgettable experience where students get hands-on in creating their very own holograms using recycled materials.

Wireless
Door Opener

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

March
26

This workshop provides students with an introduction to the methodologies used for wirelessly controlling a motorized door, such as a garage door. Prior experience in block-level coding recommended.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Fun for the entire family!

Speed Cubing Club

All Ages

Dawe Branch

Sundays

January 11, February 8, March 8

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

How fast can you solve a Rubik's Cube? Have you heard of "Speed Cubing"? Anyone interested in meeting other cube enthusiasts is invited to come for an afternoon of puzzle-solving fun! Test your skills in a non-competitive, casual environment and learn tips from fellow cubers. Don't own a cube? We would be happy to let you use one during the meetup!

Registration
required!

LEGO® at the Library

Building Families

All Ages

Dawe Branch

Fridays, February 20,
March 20

2 p.m. - 3:30 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.

Registration
required!

Lit Line: 403-342-9100

All ages

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

January - Name the Collective Noun

February - Winter Olympics Trivia

March - Women in History Trivia



All ages
welcome!

POKÉMONDAY

Friday, February 27
Downtown Branch
ALL DAY LONG!

We can't wait to celebrate
Pokémon Day at the library!

Play
Pokémon
Safari!

Find the
hidden
Pokéball!

Enter a
prize
draw!

POKÉMON CENTRE

Friday, February 27

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Play Pokémon Go following a route on your own or with RDP Librarian and catch the Pokémon lured to the Pokéstops and gyms near the Library. Then come to the Pokémon Centre in the basement of the Downtown Branch. You can heal, manage, and trade your Pokémon there and Nurse Joy will have treats for you and your Pokémon.

Ukrainian NEW YEAR Tea Party

**Holiday Tea
and Refreshments**

**Explore Cherished
Ukrainian Customs**

Beautiful Costumes
(wear your own if you'd like!)

**Dawe Branch
Saturday, January 10
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Join us for a joyful celebration of the Ukrainian New Year!
Enjoy New Year's carols, festive costumes inspired by folk
characters, and posivannia, a traditional grain-scattering activity.
Celebrate warmth, community, and Ukrainian traditions with us!

Українське Новорічне Чаювання Запрошуємо вас на
святкування Українського Нового року! На вас чекають
традиційні солодощі, запашний чай та улюблені новорічні
звичаї, порадіємо святковим костюмам у народному стилі.
Діти матимуть особливу роль у посіванні — давньому обряді
засівання зерном з побажаннями здоров'я, щастя та
добробуту в новому році. Одягайте маски чи костюми, якщо
бажаєте, та відсвяткуйте тепло, спільноту й українські традиції
разом з нами!

TEEN PROGRAMS

Check rdpl.org/events for full details.

Teen Café

Downtown Branch

Select Tuesdays

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

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

January 13 - Construction Paper Silhouettes

January 27 - Beaded Keychains

February 10 - Film & Food

February 24 - Uno Extravaganza

March 10 - Mario-a-Polooza

March 24 - Origami



Any Book Book Club: Teen Edition

Downtown Branch

Saturdays January 10,
February 14, March 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 is encouraged at rdpl.org/events, but not required.

New members are always welcome!



WATCH THE OLYMPICS & PARALYMPICS

at the Downtown Branch with CBC/Radio-Canada!

February 6 to 22 AND March 6 to 15

Get into the spirit of the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Games by joining us on Level 2 of the Downtown Branch, for screenings of the CBC/Radio-Canada broadcast on a big screen! All ages welcome!



Program is
for everyone!



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



Rainbow DnD

Ages 12+

Dawe Branch

Saturdays: January 31, February 28,
March 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.

QNSRD Youth Group

Ages 13 - 20

Downtown Branch

Meets on the first, third and
fourth Wednesday of each month

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

Join QNSRD's weekly Youth Group for activities,
games and community. Keep up to date! Follow
QNSRD on Instagram, Facebook and Bluesky.



RADIO-CANADA

Reporter-in-Residence:

March 16-20, 2026

Radio-Canada s'installe à Red Deer!

Nous sommes ravis d'accueillir Laurence
Taschereau, journaliste en résidence de Radio-
Canada, qui travaillera à partir de la bibliothèque
du 16 au 20 mars.

Laurence est là pour se concentrer sur les histoires
locales de Red Deer qui comptent pour vous.
Avez-vous une histoire, une personne
intéressante ou une perspective unique que
la ville devrait connaître?

Venez partager vos nouvelles! C'est une occasion
fantastique d'interagir directement avec une
journaliste nationale.

Radio-Canada is coming to Red Deer!

We're excited to welcome Laurence Taschereau,
Radio-Canada's reporter-in-residence, who will be
working from the library from March 16th to 20th.
Laurence is here to focus on local Red Deer stories
that matter to you. Do you have a story, an
interesting person, or a unique perspective
the city needs to hear?

Stop by and share your news! This is a fantastic
opportunity to interact directly with a reporter.



Dino 101:

For ages
13+

**DINOSAUR
PALEOBIOLOGY**

Dino 101: Dinosaur Paleobiology is a 12-lesson course teaching
a comprehensive overview of non-avian dinosaurs.

DOWNTOWN BRANCH 🦕 THURSDAYS 🦕 JANUARY 15 TO APRIL 9 🦕 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Register to be part of this Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) course offered by University of
Alberta. We will meet weekly to review the module videos and readings as a group and complete
the online course together in twelve weeks. One of the University's Science MOOC Coordinators
will be checking in from time to time to share his expertise on this topic.

**Space is limited so commit to completing this course with
us and register at rdpl.org/events or 403-346-4576.**



ADULT PROGRAMS

Arts & Culture

Sip n' Stitch

For Adults

Dawe Branch

Third Thursday of each month
January 15, February 19, March 19
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Cosponsored by Blissful Yarn Creations.



Cozy Evenings

Затишні Вечори

For Ukrainian Seniors

Dawe Branch

Third Thursday of each month
January 15, February 19, March 19
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Ukrainian seniors are welcome to join us, connect with others, and enjoy warm conversations together over tea. Тепла зустріч для українських літніх людей, де можна поспілкуватися та насолодитися приємною атмосферою за чашкою чаю.

Roots and Branches:

Genealogy at the Library

For Adults

Timberlands Branch

Saturdays: January 31, February 28, March 28
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Dig into your family history and watch your tree grow! Join Red Deer Alberta Genealogical Society each month for a thirty minute deep dive into genealogy tools, tips, and techniques followed by hands-on help with your own research. Whether you're just starting or experienced, we're here to help you find the next leaf.

Red Deer Branch
ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

First Thursday in the Snell

For Adults

Downtown Branch

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

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

January 8

University of Alberta Pianist Roger Admiral

February 5

Works by Milhaud, Cooney and Schikele performed by Heather Ensley, violin; Joyce Howdle, clarinet; and Cheryl Cooney, piano.

March 5

Pianist Tong Wang

Registration required!

Puzzles, Puzzles Puzzles!

For Adults

Downtown Branch

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

January 26 - Register with three friends for a team puzzle competition.

Note: ONE team member will register your team, choosing "4" as the number of attendees.

February 23 - Meet someone new! Register and be put on a team for a team puzzle competition.

March 23 - Register as a team or register and we'll put you on a team for this scramble competition. You start building one puzzle and then the timer rings and you move on to complete part of a different puzzle. You keep moving through the puzzles in the room 'til one of the puzzles is done.

Registration required!

Paging All Writers

Downtown Branch

Wednesdays

January 28, February 25, March 25

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

A casual meetup for writers in Red Deer and Central Alberta to socialize and talk about their writing. Registration is encouraged but not required.



Symphony at the Snell

For Adults

Downtown Branch

Saturday, March 7

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Join the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra for a concert featuring RDSO Principal Flute player Lucie Jones and guests. For free tickets to this performance and program details check www.rdso.ca

RED DEER
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

TOLKIEN READING DAY 2025

Downtown Branch
Wednesday, March 25
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

12+

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.

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



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

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

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

Creative Writer's Support Group

Downtown Branch

Wednesday, February 11

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

Do you write fiction, poetry, or non-fiction, but don't know where to get thoughtful and specific feedback from other writers? Look no further than the Creative Writer's Critique Meet-Up: a workshop for writers of all genres and experience-levels to give and receive feedback on their latest projects! From listening to feedback to crafting specific and helpful suggestions for peers, you'll learn the fundamentals of workshoping, connect with fellow writers, and take your writing to the next level. **You will submit writing beforehand for program leaders and peers to create feedback for, so please register as early as possible!**



Swing in Rhythm: Open Practice

For Adults

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Mondays: January 12,
February 9, March 9

6:30 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!
Registration not needed.

Cosponsored by Red Aces Dance Club.



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!

January 7 - Suzanne Hermary: Jordan, Petra

February 4 - Olive Frenette: Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands)

March 4 - Brenda Meding: Madagascar

Meet Someone Making it in Music

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium
Select Fridays



Register for the following speaker sessions with Red Deer Blues Society. Meet professionals in music who will share their experience, tips and tricks with you. And bring your questions!

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

January 16: Jesse Roads, Deer City Records

February 20: Curtis Phagoo, Bassist and recording artist

March 20: Carl Stretton, C-note Sound Production and Technical Services

Youth Session: For ages 12+: 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Adult Session: For ages 18+: 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Reader's Theatre

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays

January 15, February 19, March 19
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

We welcome 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.



Adult Storytime at Red Hart Brewing

For Adults

Red Hart Brewing
488 McCoy Drive
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Choose from Tuesday, February 24
OR Thursday, February 26

What's Love Got to Do with it?

Join us as we read stories featuring some of the most heartwarming and hilarious relationship situations.

Beverages available for purchase.

For ages 18+ only. Language advisory.

Registration required at rdpl.org/events

Red Deer Players
Presents:
Breaking Cover

Downtown Branch
Sunday, March 29
12 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.



The Kiss

by Fleur Jacobs

New Play Reading

In 1800s Pennsylvania, an Amish woman and an Irish tinker share a fleeting connection that challenges faith and awakens buried desire. Free admission.

Talk-back with playwright to follow.

Details on Red Deer Players Society's

Instagram: @RedDeerPlayers

Let's Speak CREE

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Join RDPL and our special guest, Elder Linda Ophus, for this program that revitalizes Indigenous language and culture. Open to all who are interested in learning more about Cree language and culture.

The program will continue learning that began in the Fall, but new members are always welcome!

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

DOWNTOWN

Tuesdays

Jan. 6 to Apr. 28
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Jan. 8 to Apr. 30
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

TIMBERLANDS

Wednesdays

Jan. 7 to Apr. 29
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

REEL STORIES

Join us for FREE BIG SCREEN MOVIES
at the Downtown Branch.

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



TUESDAYS

JAN. 13	JAN. 27	FEB. 10	FEB. 24	MAR. 10	MAR. 24
					

THURSDAYS

JAN. 15	JAN. 29	FEB. 12	FEB. 26	MAR. 12	MAR. 26
					

Movies shown are appropriate for adults.
Titles subject to change without notice.

VIEWER DISCRETION ADVISED

Red Deer Cancer Connect

Dawe Branch

Day Sessions:

Held the first Tuesday of each month
January 6, February 3, March 3
11 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Evening Sessions:

Held the third Tuesday of each month
January 20, February 17, March 17
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Cancer Connect is an informal gathering over coffee, tea, and snacks which is open to any adult participants living with cancer, those diagnosed, and their caregivers and supporters. These sessions, facilitated by a Wellspring Alberta leader, offer a safe space to connect with others and learn support strategies.

Register online (registration link available in event listing at rdpl.org/events) or by phone 1-866-682-3135.

To find out more visit: wellspringalberta.ca

Slide into the Library!

For Adults

Downtown Branch

Wednesday, March 11
6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Share your thoughts on an incredibly niche topic through a silly or serious PowerPoint presentation, or simply join us as an audience member to enjoy all the presentations! We'll provide full technical support to help presenters bring their ideas to life.

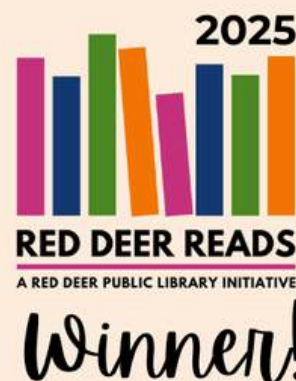
Registration is required for both attendees and presenters. Presenters must also submit a brief pitch of their topic for review beforehand. Once registered, presenters will receive a guide with presentation requirements, submission deadlines, and other helpful details.

Pitch your
idea here!



Join us in celebrating the winning author of Red Deer Reads 2025, Conor Kerr! Conor will share insights into his award-winning book, *Prairie Edge*, followed by an audience Q&A and book signing. Light refreshments will be provided. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event for \$20 (cash only).

*This event has been rescheduled from Fall 2025. **Registration required.***



Meet the 2025 Red Deer Reads winning author!

ADULT LITERACY

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

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Dawe Branch

Thursday, January 8

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

Learn to differentiate between Machine Learning and Generative AI and discover where these technologies are used, including: employment, retail, medicine, entertainment and education. Discuss the moral and ethical considerations of using these emerging technologies and how bias affects the results that AI generates, along with environmental impact and personal information issues associated with using these technologies. Explore features of ChatGPT, Gemini, Grok and Copilot if you have a Microsoft 365 License.

Digital Skills Class: High-Beginner Level

Dawe Branch

Mondays and Thursdays

February 23 - March 19

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

Are you comfortable with computer basics but feel you need more practice with technology? This 8-session learning opportunity will take you to the next level. Join us to learn more about file management, creating and saving documents, formatting text, creating and using tables, finding and inserting images into documents, using Google Docs, Google Sheets, and other tricks to improve your digital skills.

Cost is \$30 per person.

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

Registration
required!

Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP-General) Bootcamp

Dawe Branch

Saturdays January 17 and 24

and Sundays January 18 and 25

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Spend two full weekends learning and practicing for the CELPIP-General test! You will work on strategies and skills to be successful when taking the test. You must be at Canadian Language Benchmark 4 to participate. Cost is \$70 per person. Phone 403-346-2533 or email adultlit@rdpl.org to register.

Registration
required!

Adult Literacy Program Volunteers Needed

About the Adult Literacy Program

Adult learners are matched with volunteer tutors who meet once a week for two hours. The program provides support to Literacy and Foundational Learners. Skills may include literacy, numeracy, basic digital skills, English Language Learning, and skills for learning.

Why Volunteer?

We are in great need of volunteers to support this essential community program! We offer training and ongoing support to all of our tutors, and we can assure you that volunteering will be a unique and rewarding experience! To learn about becoming a volunteer, contact:



rdpl.org/adult-literacy



adultlit@rdpl.org



Dawe Branch (56 Holt Street)



403-346-2533



LEGAL & FINANCIAL

Register at rdpl.org/events if required.

Service Canada Presentation:

Canadian Dental Plan and Canada Disability Benefits

Online via Teams
Thursday, January 8
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.



Find out about the Canadian Dental Care Plan and Canada Disability Benefit. Learn what are the eligibility requirements, how to apply, and your next steps. This presentation is online through Teams. You do not need to download an app to watch this presentation. Register at rdpl.org/events

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Presentation: Benefits and Credits for All

Downtown Branch

Wednesday, January 21
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

This presentation contains information about: Canada Child Benefit, GST Credit, Canada Workers Benefit, Disability Tax Credit, and Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP). You'll also learn how and when to contact the CRA, what to do if you have received a letter from the CRA, and how to deal with scams and frauds. Registration required at rdpl.org/events

Alberta Securities Commission Starting Your Investment Journey

Online via Zoom
Thursday, February 5
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Join us as we explore the benefits of starting your investment journey and how to start and avoid common investing mistakes and fraud. Register at rdpl.org/events to get the program link.

Legal Information Seminars

Dawe Branch

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

February 12 - Family Law

Understand legal rights and obligations, matrimonial property division, child/spousal support, custody/access, court procedures & more.

March 12 - Wills, Power of Attorney, and Personal Directives

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



Ask a Lawyer

Dawe Branch

Mondays: January 19,
February 23, March 16
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Volunteer lawyers will provide up to half an hour of free legal advice in family, civil, and criminal law. First-come, first-served is not guaranteed as lawyers do not practice in all areas of law.



Access to Justice Week

Downtown Branch

February 2 - 6, 2026

Join us for these free programs during Access to Justice Week.

Monday, February 2 @ 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.:

Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Presentation

Tuesday, February 3 @ 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.:

Access to Justice Week: Ask-a-Lawyer

Friday, February 6 @ 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.:

Employment Law Presentation



BOOK CLUBS

Unique book clubs for all types of readers!

Past Pages Book Club

Dawe Branch

Tuesdays

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Join us for a relaxed afternoon of book talk and good company. Everyone is welcome, whether you've read the book or not.

Pull up a chair and join the conversation!

January 6 - *The Amalfi Curse* by Sara Penner

February 3 - *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

March 3 - *The Impossible Thing* by Belinda Bauer

Books & Bannock Book Club

Downtown Branch - Level 2

Select Tuesdays

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

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 20 - *Nationhood Interrupted* by Sylvia McAdam

February 17 - *The Truth According to Ember* by Danica Nava

March 17 - *The Strangers* by Katherena Vermette



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).



Happy Ever After Book Club

Virtual via Google Meet

Mondays

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join us to discuss selected romance titles.

January 26 - *Collide* by Bal Khabra

February 23 - *Behooved* by M. Stevenson

March 30 - *Savor It* by Tarah DeWitt

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

Any Book Book Club

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays

January 8, February 12, March 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!

Any Book Book Club: Teen Edition

Downtown Branch

Saturdays January 10,
February 14, March 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 is encouraged at rdpl.org/events, but not required.

New members are always welcome!



Reader Rendezvous: a Discord Book Club

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



Join the Discord!

January - *Midnight at the Electric*

by Jodi Lynn Anderson

February - *8 Lives of a Century-Old Trickster*

by Mirinae Lee

March - *Yumi and the Nightmare Painter*

by Brandon Sanderson

Last Chapter Book Club

Timberlands Branch

Select Tuesdays

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

Join library staff to read from a variety of selections that discuss dying as an essential part of life.

Death is an uncomfortable topic that most people avoid.

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 6 - *Here One Moment* by Lianne Moriarty

February 3 - *The Friend* by Sigrid Nunez

March 3 - *All the Living and the Dead*

by Hayley Campbell

On the Same Page Book Club

Downtown Branch

Select Wednesdays

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

You're among friends! Whether you've read the books or not, come join us for a fun evening discussing these book club picks voted as this season's favourites.

January 21 - *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

February 18 - *Finding Flora* by Elinor Florence

March 18 - *Fire Weather: The Making of a Beast*

by John Vaillant

Read or Reread Book Club:

Banned Books

Timberlands Branch

Select Wednesdays

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join library staff to discuss selected banned books titles.

January 28 - *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

February 25 - *Snow Falling on Cedars*

by David Guterson

March 25 - *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

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Spring Book Bundles

For
adults

Spring is coming and
so are our 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.

Bundles include 4 library books plus
other bookish goodies handpicked just
for YOU by RDPL staff!

Quantities are limited, so don't wait!

Note: It will take us a few days to
assemble your bundle. We will contact
you when it is ready for pickup.



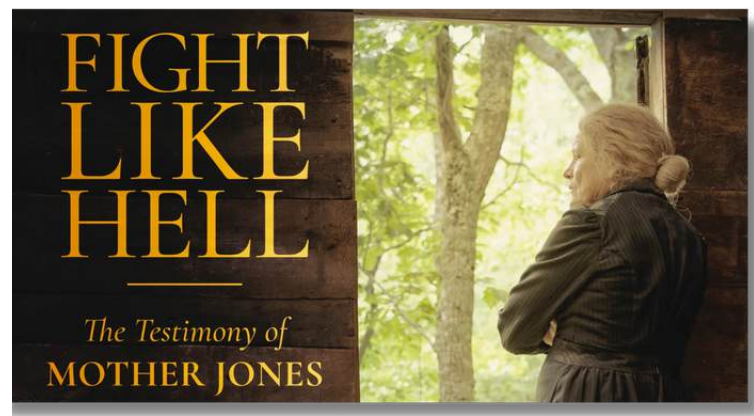
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Register for bundles
starting March 23 at 10 a.m.



INTERNATIONAL *Women's* DAY

Sunday,
March 8



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

Celebrate International Women's Day by joining us for a film screening about a remarkable woman, Mother Jones. Drawn from her autobiography, letters, speeches, and interviews, the film, *Fight Like Hell: the testimony of Mother Jones* is an award winning film on this bold labour activist, Mary Harris Jones.





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**Challenge yourself to
read 26 books in 2026!**

Look for monthly prompts to help
you decide on titles, and submit your
progress lists quarterly to be entered
to win bookish prizes!

Check rdpl.org/books for full details.

If you want to connect with other
challenge participants, join the
Reader Rendezvous Discord!

