

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring Program Guide

Get ready for a
ROAR-ing good
time at your
library this spring!



SPRING 2026
April - June

The **LINK**

Your guide to all things RDPL





ROAR

into reading!

Summer Reading Club Kick-Off Party!

For ages 3 - 12

**Timberlands
Branch**

Thursday,
June 25
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

- 👉 Test your T. rex agility with an inflated obstacle course!
- 👉 Transform into your favourite prehistoric creature with free face painting!
- 👉 Explore paleontology play stations and learn how to dig like a real fossil hunter!
- 👉 Pick up your official Reading Rex Passport to track your summer reading adventures!
- 👉 Enjoy cool treats and dino-themed surprises, (while supplies last).

Get ready to stomp, chomp, and ROAR into an unforgettable summer of reading adventures!

We're thrilled to partner with the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery (MAG) for an afternoon packed with dino-sized fun for kids and families.



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TECH HELP

Get help using your tech device.
Learn how to access RDPL's Digital collection, interlibrary loans, language learning resources and more.

Sign up on
our website



rdpl.org/techhelp

Book over
the phone



403-346-4576

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

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

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday
Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday
Monday, April 6 - Easter Monday
Monday, May 18 - Victoria Day

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

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rdpl.org/eNewsletter

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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

Find more exciting programs at rdpl.org

Baby Fun

Ages Birth - 18 Months

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes for babies (ages 0-18 months) and their parents or caregivers. Baby Fun is a great opportunity to socialize and meet other parents!

Drop-in program! No registration required.

THURSDAYS

Dawe Branch

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

Weekly until May 28 (No program May 14).

FRIDAYS

Timberlands Branch

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

Weekly until May 29 (No program April 3).

Toddler Fun

Ages 18 Months - 3 years

Stories, rhymes, and songs for toddlers.

Downtown Branch

TUESDAYS

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

Weekly until May 26

Dawe Branch

THURSDAYS

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

Weekly until May 28 (No program May 14).

Preschool Fun

Ages 3-5

WEDNESDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

Weekly until May 27

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

Little Learners Preschool Fun

Ages 3-5

TUESDAYS

Dawe Branch

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

March 17 - May 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!

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.

Weekly until May 25.
(No program Apr. 6 or May 18).

THURSDAYS

Collicutt Branch

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

Weekly until May 28.

FRIDAYS

Timberlands Branch

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

Weekly until May 29.
(No program Apr. 3).

SATURDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

Weekly until May 30.

Soveniatko: Ukrainian Storytime

Ages 3-6 with parent/caregiver

Dawe Branch

MONDAYS

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Weekly until May 11 (No program April 6).

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 мовою.

Join us for this interactive storytime filled with Ukrainian children's books and folktales.

This program is delivered in Ukrainian.

Registration
required!

KIDS' PROGRAMS

Check rdpl.org/events for more information.

Stretch & Stories

Ages 5+ with an adult

Dawe Branch

Sundays

April 19, May 17, June 7

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

Please join us for fun, family yoga mixed with interesting stories. No yoga experience is needed and no registration required! We can provide yoga mats, or you're welcome to bring your own.

Monday Crafternoons!

Ages 6+ (under 9 with an adult)

Timberlands Branch

Mondays

April 13, May 11, June 8

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

Registration encouraged.

Are you interested in learning to craft, making art (or a mess), and showing your beautiful creations to others? Let's create together! Registration is encouraged as supplies are limited.

Book Bundles For 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

Jungle Adventure!

Ages 5+ (and their caregivers)

Downtown Branch

Tuesday, April 21

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

Join us for a jungle adventure with a storytime, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and more!



School's Out Science!

Ages 8+ (under 9 with an adult)

Downtown Branch

Wednesday, April 8

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

Join us for fun and messy science featuring our favourite experiments and activities! No registration required!



Sign up today!

Receive a FREE book just for registering!

...and more rewards along the way!

Details at rdpl.org/1000-books

CENTRAL ALBERTA 20th Annual Children's Festival

June 5 and 6 - Recreation Park

We're going to
be at the festival!

Join us in our
Storytelling Tent for
stories, puppet shows,
activities and more!



centralalbertachildrensfestival.ca



LEGO® at the Library

Ready, set, build!

Grades 5 - 8

Dawe Branch

Tuesday April 14

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

Re-Creator MOC Challenge - Pick a set and build your own MOC (My Own Creation) using only the parts in the set.

This program is for builders who enjoy the challenge and precision of LEGO® set builds. Participants will build sets from our extensive LEGO® City collection.

Registration
required!

SPECIAL

May the Fourth Be With You
STAR WARS EDITION!

Downtown Branch

Monday, May 4

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

For Grades 5 - 8

Build small scale versions of machines, vehicles, star ships from our special Star Wars LEGO® collection.



STEAM at the Libratory:

Family Edition!

For ages 5+ and their parents

Downtown Branch

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.

Registration not required.

Bubble, Bubble, POP!

Thursday, April 23

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

Join us for fun and messy bubble and balloon experiments.

It's ALIVE!

Saturday, May 23

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Explore some of the science behind growing plants and flowers.

Tween Café at Dawe

Ages 9 - 12

Dawe Branch

Wednesdays

April 1 - June 24

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



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.

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. We offer a variety of hand-selected reading materials for kids to read.

Reserve your spot at rdpl.org/events.



Dawe Branch

Tuesdays,

April 14 - June 2



Timberlands Branch

Wednesdays,

April 15 - June 3

(No sessions April 29,

May 13, May 27)



Time Slots available:

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

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

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

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

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Check rdpl.org for full details.

Speed Cubing Club

All Ages

Dawe Branch

Sundays

April 12, May 10 and June 14

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!

Bright Minds: Dino 101 with Gavin Bradley

All Ages

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Saturday, May 9

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

University of Alberta lecturer, Gavin Bradley, teaches introductory paleontology classes and is the coordinator of the Faculty of Science Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), including Dino 101. Please join us for his Dino 101 lecture!

Registration
required!



403-342-9100

All ages

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

April - Poem of the Day

May - Dino Bites

June - 30 Ways to BEE Kind to Pollinators

Canadian Multiculturalism Day: Break Bread with Us!

All Ages

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Saturday, June 27

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us to sample breads from around the world as we break bread with members of the many cultures in our community. Come by anytime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Escape the Ghosts of Gastown

All Ages

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Saturday, May 2

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

Choose a 20 minute time slot for you and your team of 3 to 6 people, to solve the riddles of the room and escape the ghosts. Registration required at rdpl.org/events. The room design is based on Jessica Renwick's book, Ghosts of Gastown. Find it at rdpl.org!



Bright Minds: Writing for Kids with Jessica Renwick

All Ages

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Saturday, May 30

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Meet local author Jessica Renwick as she shares her books and what it's like to be a published children's author. Jessica's recent book, Ghosts of Gastown was nominated for a 2026 Silver Birch Award.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Check rdpl.org 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.

April 21 - Lego Challenge!

May 5 - Revenge of the 5th Star Wars DIY

May 19 - DIY Painted Plant Pot

June 2 - Help Us Make a Rainbow Heart Garland

June 16 - Film & Food



Any Book Book Club: Teen Edition

Downtown Branch

Saturdays

April 11, May 16, June 13

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!



Programs Cosponsored with Queer Neighbours Society of Red Deer

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.



Rainbow DnD

Ages 12+

Dawe Branch

Saturdays

April 25, May 30, June 27

12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Is normal DnD not queer enough for you? Why not try Rainbow DnD! Their current campaign is designed to welcome any number at any time. For more information, join their Discord server.



Part of the Story

Red Deer Public Library's Official Podcast

Tune in as we chat about books, movies, music, pop culture, libraries, Red Deer happenings, and more. Watch for new episodes the third Thursday of every month!

BONUS! REEL STORIES: Every so often, "Part of the Story" will feature bonus episodes about new release movies, all time favourites (and not so favourites), and everything in between.

Find it wherever you stream your podcasts!

ARTS AND CULTURE

Programs for Adults and some 16+

Sip n' Stitch

For Adults

Dawe Branch

Third Thursday of each month

April 16, May 21 and June 18

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

April 16, May 21 and June 18

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

April 25, May 30, June 27

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.



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.

April 2

The Trumpet Through the Ages presented by Karen Gustafson, trumpet and Cheryl Cooney, piano

May 7

Juno nominated pianist Katherine Dowling

June 4

Violinist Cara Wing with pianist Mathew Whitfield performing Vivaldi's Four Seasons

Registration required!

Puzzles, Puzzles, Puzzles!

For Adults

Downtown Branch

Select Thursdays

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

April 30 - Register with three friends for a team puzzle competition. Note: ONE team member will register your team, choosing "4" attendees.

May 28 - Meet others! Register yourself and be put on a team.

June 25 - Register as a team or alone and be put on a team for this scramble competition. Start building one puzzle and then move on to complete part of a different puzzle. Keep moving through the puzzles in the room 'til one of the puzzles is completed.

Registration required!

Adult Storytime at Red Hart Brewing

For Adults

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



Choose from Tuesday, May 26 OR Thursday, May 28

Being a parent is rewarding, but also challenging, and sometimes funny! Come listen to stories like "Don't Make Me Turn This Car Around" and "What Did You Just Stick Up Your Nose?" that celebrate the parent and child bond. Beverages available for purchase. For ages 18+ only. Language advisory. Registration required at rdpl.org/events

New Play Reading:

After the Garden by Jeremy Robinson

For Adults

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium

Sunday, May 3
12 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.



A Youth Pastor named Ryan has a crisis of faith as he navigates his way through his new position at a bustling new Mega-Church. Free admission and talk-back with playwright to follow. More information on our Instagram: @RedDeerPlayers

Reader's Theatre

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays: April 16, May 21, June 18
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Join us for fun and camaraderie while reading and performing scripts, without having to memorize lines or attend frequent rehearsals.

No fees and no previous theatre experience necessary. Contact Lorna at deschners@shaw.ca or 403-347-1066 for more information.

Symphony at the Snell

For Adults

Downtown Branch

Saturday, April 11
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.



Save the date for this free Red Deer Symphony Orchestra event. Check for details at www.rdso.ca.

Swing in Rhythm: Open Practice

For Adults

Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium

Mondays
March 30, May 11, June 8
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.*

Paging All Writers

Downtown Branch

Wednesdays
April 29, May 27, June 24
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Join this casual meetup for writers in Red Deer and Central Alberta to socialize and talk about their writing. Registration is encouraged at rdpl.org/events, but not required.

Dino Dash @ RDPL!

Downtown Branch

Thursday, May 21
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Dress up in your best dino costumes (inflatable preferred!) and register your team to compete in a series of challenging Dinosaur-themed competitions, featuring obstacle courses, scavenger hunts, trivia and more! Program is for ages 16+ and each team must include at least one adult.

Please note: some challenges will be outdoors, so each team must have at least one member as their designated "dinosaur wrangler" who will lead their team and ideally not be in an inflatable costume. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed team!



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 1 - Karen Drok, Newfoundland and Labrador

May 6 - Ann Lange, China

Travel Memories



Summer Solstice

Book Bundles for Adults

Get ready for another batch of great books and fun goodies!

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.



« **SCAN
HERE!**

Register for bundles starting
Sunday, June 21 at 10 a.m.

Free Try-It Out Day:

Bike Repair & Tune-Up Café

Dawe Branch

Saturday, May 30

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Part of the Active Library: Free Try-It Wellness Series.
Cosponsored by Red Deer Association for Bicycle
Commuting.*

This practical cycling activation day reduces
barriers to active transportation and helps families
prepare for the summer cycling season.

Participants will receive free basic bike tune-ups,
tire checks, chain cleaning, and safety advice. Local
bike shop partners will offer short workshops on
saddle, handlebar, and frame adjustments.

Additional activities include:

- Bike rodeo stations for all ages
- Short bike ride route around the
Dawe Centre on a protected trail
- A free adult bike draw (in partnership with the
Optimist Club)
- Promotional support for the 2026
ParticipACTION Community Challenge
- Information about the library's summer Fancy
Women Bike Rides

This event serves as an opportunity for anyone
wanting to start or return to biking in an accessible
and supportive environment.

Let's speak Cree! = Nehiyawe tan

For Adults

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.

New members are always welcome!

Choose from the following:

Downtown Branch - Waskasoo Meeting Room

Tuesdays

until April 28

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays

until April 30

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Timberlands Branch

Wednesdays

until Apr. 29

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required at rdpl.org/events



FRIENDS OF THE RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY



SPRING BOOK SALE

Downtown Branch - Snell Auditorium - April 22 to 26

FRIENDS MEMBERS ONLY SALE

Wednesday, April 22 - 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Memberships available at the door: \$10 for an individual or \$20 for a family.

PUBLIC SALE DAY 1

Thursday, April 23 - 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SALE DAY 2

Friday, April 24 - 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SALE DAY 3

Saturday, April 25 - 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SALE DAY 4

Sunday, April 26 - 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Bring your own bags, or purchase some from Member Services.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Programs to inspire active living

Red Deer Cancer Connect

Dawe Branch

Day Sessions:

Held the first Tuesday of each month

April 7, May 5, June 2

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

Evening Sessions:

Held the third Tuesday of each month

April 21, May 19, June 16

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 at rdpl.org/events or phone 1-866-682-3135. To find out more visit: wellspringalberta.ca

Registration
required!

Wellness Exchange

For Adults

Downtown Branch - Snell Auditorium

Wednesdays, April 8, May 6, May 13, June 3, June 17

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

This free program through Recovery Alberta is for any adult interested in improving their skills to cope with change, manage daily stressors, and increase overall well-being. Attend any topic that interests you or attend all five.

April 8 - Problem Solving

May 6 - Positive Activities

May 13 - Managing Reactions

June 3 - Helpful Thinking

June 17 - Healthy Connections



Scan QR code to register or go to
redcap.link/wellnessexchange2026

Fancy Women Bike Ride

* Centrefest Weekend Ride *

Sunday, June 28

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Meet at the Collicutt Centre

Register at rdpl.org/events

This joyful community ride kicks off the Fancy Women Bike Ride summer season during Centrefest weekend. Starting at the Collicutt Centre, participants will cycle together along accessible trails and downtown streets, finishing with a relaxed picnic in City Hall Park.

The ride emphasizes, fun, and togetherness, welcoming cyclists of all experience levels.

The pace is social and supportive, with time to connect, take photos, and enjoy the festival atmosphere.

Suggested dress code:

Centrefest-inspired flair encouraged! Think bright colours, playful patterns, summer dresses or skirts (bike-friendly), flower crowns, scarves, and joyful accessories. Comfort and self-expression come first! Heels not required, smiles are encouraged.

ROUTE:

Collicutt Centre → Kerry Wood Nature Centre Trails
→ Downtown → City Hall Park for Picnic



LEGAL & FINANCIAL

Registration required at rdpl.org/events

Ask a Lawyer

Dawe Branch

Mondays: April 20, May 25, June 15
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Have a legal question?

Volunteer lawyers from the 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 Community Legal Clinic at 403-314-9129.



Investing in Crypto

Online via Zoom

Thursday, May 7

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.



Registration required!

Crypto has grown in popularity in the news, online and even in our social circles. Join us as we walk through what cryptocurrencies are, what they do and the major considerations and risks you should understand before investing. Registration is required at rdpl.org/events to get the program link.

Legal Information Seminars

Dawe Branch

Select Thursdays

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

April 9 - Family Law

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

May 14 - 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



FREE TUNES

with Freegal!

Save money on costly music subscriptions by using Freegal!
Stream up to 12 hours of music per day and download up to 3 songs per week FREE with your library card!

TRY IT TODAY!

rdpl.freegalmusic.com



ORDER YOUR SEEDS!

March 21 to June 21

Borrow three packets of open-pollinated seeds for free! 'Borrow' seeds from the Community Seed Library, grow them in your garden and at the end of the season, let a few plants 'go to seed.' From those plants, collect seeds and return one or two packets of seeds to the library to keep the collection growing. Browse the seed catalogue at rdpl.org/seedlibrary and order your favourites!



National Volunteer Week is April 19 to 25!

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS.

THANK YOU

FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!



Adult Literacy



Library Board



Friends



Youth Literacy



Home Service

ADULT LITERACY

Register at 403-346-2533 or email adultrlit@rdpl.org.

Digital Skills: Advanced Level

Dawe Branch

Mondays and Thursdays

April 20 - May 14

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

Registration
required!

This 8-session course has been designed to extend your Word Processing and Spreadsheet skills so that you are better able to support business with their formal documents/reports and data analysis/presentation. Word Processing: Use Text Styles and Outline Numbering to create automated Table of Contents. Customised Headers and Footers to reflect document sections, similar to chapters in books. Embed dynamic graphs, charts and statistical data from Spreadsheets into documents (if the underlying data changes, this is reflected in the document). Spreadsheets: Use Statistical IF, AND, OR, COUNTIF, SUMIF to evaluate if data meets given conditions. Use SUBTOTAL to perform calculations on filtered sets of data. Use LOOKUP functions to return data that meet given criteria. Use PIVOT TABLES and GRAPHS to instantly summarize, analyze, explore, and present large datasets without complex formulas. Cost is \$30 per person.

Skills for Learning

Dawe Branch

Wednesdays and Fridays

March 25 - April 22

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Registration
required!

This FREE learning opportunity will support foundational learners in building confidence, developing an identity as a learner, advocating for themselves, and engaging in foundational and other learning. In this class, the participants will be supported to trust that they can contribute valuable knowledge and skills to their 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.

Make a difference in your community!

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



adultrlit@rdpl.org



Dawe Branch (56 Holt Street)



403-346-2533

BOOK CLUBS

Unique book clubs for all types of readers!

Past Pages Book Club

Dawe Branch

Select 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!

April 7 - *The Boxcar Librarian*

May 5 - *Between Shades of Gray*

June 2 - Choose your favourite book of the year

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.

April 21 - *The Prairie Chicken Dance Tour*
by Dawn Dumont

May 19 - *Bad Cree: a novel* by Jessica Johns

June 16 - *The Summer of Bitter and Sweet*
by Jen Ferguson



Happy Ever After Book Club

Virtual via Google Meet

Mondays

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join us to discuss selected romance titles.

Join library staff to discuss selected romance titles.

April 27 - *The Wall of Winnipeg and Me*
by Mariana Zapata

May 25 - Choose Your Own Pre-2000s Historical Romance to read and share with the group.

June 29 - *A Worthy Opponent* by Katee Robert

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

April 9, May 14, June 11

7 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, April 11,

May 16, June 13

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!



The Palace Project

Introducing the Palace Project, an e-reading experience developed by and for libraries. RDPL is proud to be among the first libraries in Canada to pilot the Palace App!

Learn more at
rdpl.org/palace-project



Reader Rendezvous: a Discord Book Club

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

April - *The Killer Inside Me* by Jim Thompson
May - *Independence* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
June - *The Ruins* by Scott Smith



Join the Discord!

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 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.

April 7 - *Hey, June* by Cree Nomad
May 5 - *We All Want Impossible Things* by Catherine Newman
June 2 - *Looking for Alaska* by John Green

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.

April 29 - *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison
May 27 - *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky
June 24 - *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer

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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.

April 15 - *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro
May 20 - *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters
June 17 - Join us to vote on nominated titles for next season's book club.

Find us on Social Media!



We are pleased to announce the selection for 2026's One eRead / Un Livrel Canada initiative is «*Ce que je sais de toi*» / *What I Know About You* by Éric Chacour with the English translation by Pablo Strauss. Access the eBook by logging into Libby, or Cantook with your library card between April 1–30, 2025. The book is available in both English and French as an eBook and Audiobook with no holds or waitlists.

Mark your calendar as we bring you this national, bilingual, digital book club April 1 – 30, 2026.



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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.

Visit rdpl.org/books, or visit the main desk at any of our branches to submit your name for a chance to win a quarterly prize.

Online form and in-person slips for the first quarter will be available after March 20, 2026 until April 7, 2026.

NOTE: Please keep your tracking sheets to submit for the grand prize at the end of 2026.

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



Escape the Ghosts of Gastown

a program
for all ages



**Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium
Saturday, May 2
11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Choose a 20 minute time slot for you and your team of 3 to 6 people to solve the riddles of the room and escape the ghosts. **Registration required at rdpl.org/events.** The room design is based on Jessica Renwick's book, *Ghosts of Gastown*. Find it at rdpl.org!

Bright Minds:
**Writing for Kids with
Jessica Renwick**

All Ages

**Downtown Branch
Snell Auditorium
Saturday, May 30
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.**



Meet local author Jessica Renwick as she shares her books and what it's like to be a published children's author. Jessica's recent book, *Ghosts of Gastown* was nominated for a 2026 Silver Birch Award.