

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fall Program Guide

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origin story.
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FALL 2026
September - December

The LINK

Your guide to all things RDPL



Olson Memorial Celebration of Books
invites you to a special author visit with

SANDRA LAMOUCHE

THURSDAY

October

22

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Downtown Branch Children's Department All Ages Welcome!

Sandra Lamouche, a champion Hoop Dancer and picture book author, is a Nehiyaw Iskwew (Cree Woman) from Bigstone Cree Nation who shares culture and stories through art, music, dance and books. We are thrilled to welcome her to Red Deer to read from her picture books, and to share her language, culture and hoop dancing with us! The program is geared to elementary school aged children, but all are welcome to attend. No registration required.



OCTOBER IS
**CANADIAN
LIBRARY
MONTH** 

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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](tel: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

September 7 - Labour Day
September 30 - Collicutt and Dawe Branch hours: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
October 12 - Thanksgiving Day
October 30 - Staff Development Day
November 11 - Remembrance Day
December 25, 26 - Christmas Day and Boxing 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
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rdpl.org/eNewsletter

Please NOTE:

Programs may be adjusted, rescheduled, relocated, or cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. For the most up-to-date information, please visit our website or contact the library before attending.

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

NEW

Register at rdpl.org to get email reminders and early literacy tips!

Baby Fun

Ages Birth - 18 Months

Join us for a gentle and joyful introduction to early literacy. Through tickle rhymes, wiggle songs, and simple stories, we foster early brain development and bonding between child and caregiver. A great way to meet other families with little ones in a fun and relaxed environment that supports your child's language, literacy, and social skills.

THURSDAYS

Dawe Branch

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

Session 1: Sept. 17 to Oct. 22 (No program Oct. 29)

Session 2: Nov. 5 to Dec. 3

FRIDAYS

Timberlands Branch

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

Session 1: Sept. 18 to Oct. 23 (No program Oct. 30)

Session 2: Nov. 6 to Dec. 11

Toddler Fun

Ages 18 Months - 3 years

Designed especially for busy toddlers and their caregivers, this interactive storytime includes stories, rhymes, movement and songs to support early language development and physical literacy. We will share early literacy strategies to build vocabulary, comprehension and a love of books.

TUESDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

Session 1: Sept. 15 to Oct. 20 (No program Oct. 27)

Session 2: Nov. 3 to Dec. 8

THURSDAYS

Dawe Branch

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

Session 1: Sept. 17 to Oct. 22 (No program Oct. 29)

Session 2: Nov. 5 to Dec. 3

See page 5 for the Dec. 10 Winter Wonderland program!

Preschool Fun

Ages 3-5

Perfectly tailored for children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers, this fun and engaging storytime helps to build early literacy skills, develop kindergarten readiness and encourage learning through play! Each session will also include tips and strategies to support school readiness and instill a love of reading.

WEDNESDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

Session 1: Sept. 16 to Oct. 21 (No program Oct. 28)

Session 2: Nov. 4 to Dec. 9 (No program Nov. 11)

Special Storytime: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation storytime on September 30.

See page 11 for details.

FRIDAYS

Timberlands Branch

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

Session 1: Sept. 18 to Oct. 23 (No program Oct. 30)

Session 2: Nov. 6 to Dec. 11

Preschool Yoga Storytime

Ages 3-6

Join us for this fun, interactive program designed for children ages 3 to 6 and their caregivers. Children will practice basic yoga movements, while listening to stories, learning rhymes, and singing songs. Registration is required.

TUESDAYS

Dawe Branch

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

Session 1: Sept. 15 to Oct. 20 (No program Oct. 27)

Session 2: Nov. 3 to Dec. 8

Find us on Social Media!



WHY storytimes are so important!

Early literacy storytimes are crucial because they establish the foundational skills children need before they learn to read and write. Through interactive reading, singing, and talking, storytimes build vocabulary, phonological awareness, and print knowledge while fostering a lifelong love of learning and a stronger bond between child and caregiver. The primary reasons early literacy storytimes are so important include:



1

Vocabulary and Language Development: Listening to stories and songs introduces children to new, exciting words and sentence structures they might not hear in everyday conversation.

2

Pre-Literacy Skills: Storytimes model essential concepts about print, such as how to hold a book, turning pages, and reading from left to right, along with letter knowledge and sound recognition.

3

Cognitive and Social Growth: Group storytimes enhance listening skills, focus, and concentration. They also help children develop emotional intelligence and empathy by exploring new characters and situations.



4

School Readiness: A strong foundation in language and listening makes learning to read in formal schooling much smoother.

5

Caregiver Empowerment: Library storytimes help parents and caregivers learn how to integrate reading, singing, and playing into their daily routines at home.



Every time we talk, sing, read, play, and write with our children, we are building their brains.



Stories & More for Littles

Ages 0-5 with parent/caregiver

Join us for a fun and interactive storytime which helps develop language and pre-reading skills in children up to age five. Enjoy short stories, songs, rhymes, and movement activities which build early literacy and social skills.

MONDAYS

Collicutt Branch

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

Session 1: Sept. 14 - Oct. 19 (No programs Oct. 12 & 26)

Session 2: Nov. 2 - Dec. 7

THURSDAYS

Collicutt Branch

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

Session 1: Sept. 17 - Oct. 22 (No program Oct. 29)

Session 2: Nov. 5 - Dec. 10

SATURDAYS

Downtown Branch

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

Sept. 19 - Dec. 12

**Check out the special hour-long
Stories & More programs below!*



Special Saturday Stories & More!



International Talk Like a Pirate Day!

Downtown Branch - September 19 - 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Arrr! Celebrate International Talk Like A Pirate Day with crafts, stories and a treasure hunt! Dress-up is encouraged! For young pirates and their grownup pirates.



Bat-tastic Halloween!

Downtown Branch - October 31 - 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Celebrate the International Day of the Bat with a special bat-themed Halloween storytime. We'll have puppet shows, stories, crafts and "trick or treating" around the library! (while supplies last). Costumes encouraged!



Pete the Cat Storytime!

Downtown Branch - November 7 - 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join in our special fun-filled storytime about everyone's favorite cool cat, Pete The Cat! You'll be 'feline' groovy with stories, songs, and activities.

Soveniatko: Ukrainian Storytime

Ages 3-6 with parent/caregiver

Dawe Branch

MONDAYS

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Session 1: Sept. 14 - Oct. 19

(no program Oct. 12 & 26)

Session 2: Nov. 2 - Dec. 7

Registration
required!

Приєднуйтеся до нас на інтерактивний час читання, де Ваші діти поринуть в українські дитячі книги та казки. Для дітей віком від 3 до 6 років та їхніх батьків або опікунів. Програма проводиться українською мовою.

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

This program is delivered in Ukrainian.

Winter Wonderland

Dawe Branch

Thursday, December 10

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.



Join us for stories, songs and much more at this special wintery-themed storytime for ages 0-5!

Note: this program will replace the usual drop in Toddler Fun this week.



BOOK BUNDLES!

BABIES

TODDLERS

PRESCHOOLERS

Borrow a stack of staff-selected books!

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

KIDS' PROGRAMS

Full details at rdpl.org/events

Mindfulness for Kids

Ages 7 - 12*

Downtown Branch

Saturday, September 26

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

In this kid-friendly session, Bhante Suseela will share simple mindfulness exercises such as breathing, walking, loving-kindness, and stories.

Please register for this free program.

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

Also see page 19 for a Mindfulness for Adults program.

Registration
required!



LEAGUE OF LIBRARY LEGENDS!

Downtown Branch

For ages 9-12

Select Mondays

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



We're looking for Library Legends!!

Love books, love learning, love the library?

If you would like to create with crafts, dabble in drama, fiddle with food and take a whack at writing, this group is for you. Library staff aim to spark creativity and connections in a fun, safe, screen free environment. Join the RDPL League of Local Library Legends!

Registration recommended at rdpl.org/events

September 14 - Manga Mayhem

October 5 - Legendary Players

November 9 - Write your Way Out

December 7 - Cookie Castles

Tween Café

Ages 9 - 12

Dawe Branch

Wednesdays September 2, 16, October 14, 28,

November 25, December 9

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

Come to our tween hangout for a different activity. Pop in for movies, Legos, crafts, and more.



Alberta CULTURE DAYS

Threads That Connect Us:

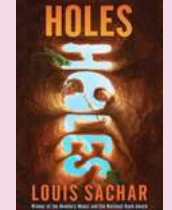
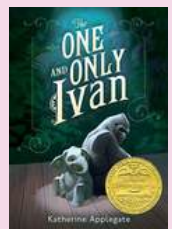
Take-Home Kits for Kids!

September 1 - 30

In honour of Alberta Culture Days and Ukrainian Heritage Month, Red Deer Public Library presents Threads That Connect Us: Take-Home Kits for Kids to celebrate Ukrainian embroidering traditions through crafts, and activities. These kits will be available at all three RDPL branches throughout September while supplies last.

Children's Book Club Kits

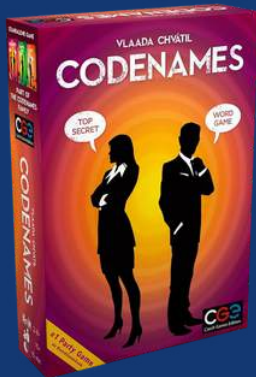
perfect for teachers and homeschoolers!



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

YOUTH LITERACY

GAMES NIGHT



Thursday, October 29

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Red Deer Public Library

Dawe Branch

Join a fun, family-friendly evening celebrating reading, learning, and play!

This special event welcomes Youth Literacy learners, volunteer tutors, and anyone curious about the Youth Literacy Program to come together for an evening of interactive literacy games, teamwork challenges, and wordplay fun. Registration not required.

For ages 6 to 12. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

STEAM at the Library:

School-aged Science!

For ages 9+

Downtown Branch

Tuesday, October 13

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

POP Science! Join us for our favourite science experiments, challenges and activities geared to kids aged 9 and up. No registration required.

STEAM at the Library: Family Edition

For ages 5+

Downtown Branch

Select Thursdays

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bring the whole family for fun, creative and sometimes weird science-based activities geared to ages 5 and up and their parents. Children younger than 9 must have an adult remain in the program with them. No registration required!

October 1 - A-MAZE-ing science - Create and test your own mazes using Lego, recycled materials, robots and more!

November 5 - Sweet Science - Discover the sweet science of candy and sugar!

LEGO® at the Library

Ready, set, build!

Ages 9 - 12

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 using our extensive LEGO® collection.

September 22

Construction Machines - Build LEGO® heavy equipment used in building and demolition.

October 27

Monster Mash Up - Build LEGO® monster trucks, haulers, and off-road vehicles, or design your own.

November 24

Race Car Roundup - Start your engines! Choose a LEGO® race car set to build or build your own.

SPECIAL Family Program! LEGO® at the Library - Building Families. See page 11 for details.

Registration
required!

SCHOOL'S OUT

Dragon Academy

Ages 5+

Downtown Branch

Friday, November 27

1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Calling all dragon enthusiasts! Join us for an afternoon of dragon activities including a scavenger hunt, craft, and more! For school age kids and families.

Youth Literacy Programs

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.

Registration
required!

Dawe Branch

Tuesdays

October 13 -

December 15



Timberlands Branch

Wednesdays

October 14 -

December 16

Time Slots available:

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

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

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

International Literacy Day:

Adult Literacy and Youth Literacy Open House

See what our literacy programs are all about at this informative and fun open house.

See page 10 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



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

**Red Deer Public Library
Downtown Branch - Level 2**

Select Tuesdays
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

September 8
BUTTON
MAKING

September 22
HOBBIT DAY
CRAFT

October 6
BEAD
KEYCHAINS

October 20
HALLOWEEN
MOVIE

November 3
DISCARDED
BOOKS COLLAGE

November 17
BOARD
GAMES

December 1
SHRINKY
DINKS

December 15:
FILM AND
FOOD


Program end
time extended
for movie!

ADULT LITERACY

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

Conversation Café

Dawe Branch

Wednesdays

September 23 - November 4

(no session Sept. 30)

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

Are you looking for opportunities for authentic conversation with Canadians? Here's your chance! Please join us for our program, "Conversation Café", where you will be matched with a Canadian for meaningful conversation and vocabulary practice. Our skilled facilitator will have many resources and topics available to inspire conversations, and to help build vocabulary.

We look forward to having you join us for a cup of tea and great conversation.

You must be at CLB Level 5 to participate.

Phone 403-346-2533 or email

adultlit@rdpl.org to register.

Funding for the Adult Literacy
Program provided by:



Introduction to Computers

Dawe Branch

Mondays and Thursdays

September 14 - October 8

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

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

International Literacy Day: Adult Literacy and Youth Literacy Open House

All Ages

Dawe Branch

Wednesday, September 16

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

International Literacy Day champions the universal right to education every September 8. Established by UNESCO in 1966, this day reminds us of literacy's importance for dignity and human rights. Come to the Dawe Branch to learn about our Adult and Youth Literacy programs and how you can be a part of someone's literacy journey!

Volunteers Needed!

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

To learn more about becoming a volunteer, contact:



Alla, Iryna, Jenny, Michelle, or Yuliia: 403-346-2533



adultlit@rdpl.org



Dawe Branch (56 Holt Street)

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Fun for the entire family!

LEGO® at the Library:

Building Families

All Ages

Dawe Branch

Friday, September 18

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. Please register ONE TIME for your whole family.

Registration
required!

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:

Special Storytime

All Ages

Downtown Branch

Wednesday, September 30

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

As part of our collective journey of reconciliation, join Elder Linda Ophus for a special story time to honour and celebrate language and culture that residential school systems attempted to erase. Stories and crafts are geared to children but open to all ages to attend. Participants are encouraged to wear orange as a symbol of the Indigenous children harmed and lost in the residential school system and as a reminder that "Every Child Matters."

Lit Line: 403-342-9100

All ages

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

September - Who's Who in Greek Mythology

October - Bat Trivia

November - World War I and II History Trivia

December - Christmas Lit Quiz

Where's Waldo? At the Library!

All ages

Downtown Branch

Friday, October 9

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Where's Waldo?

Find him at Red Deer Public Library!

Join us for an afternoon of crafts, stories and scavenger hunts celebrating the ever-elusive Waldo and his friends. Be sure to wear your best red and white stripes. Prizes will be given for the best Waldo look-alike! No registration required.



STAR WARS READS DAY



October 25 marks one of our favourite days: Star Wars Reads Day, a global celebration of books for Star Wars fans. All ages are welcome to join us and celebrate everything Star Wars!

Dawe Branch

Sunday, October 25

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

ACTIVITIES!

PRIZES!

Celebrate Star Wars Reads Day with activities, crafts and prizes! Come in costume, make crafts, build Lego Star Wars pod racers, play Star Wars trivia and win prizes! Open to Star Wars fans of all ages and costumes are encouraged.

DRESS IN COSTUME!

ARTS & CULTURE

Register at rdpl.org/events if required.

Alberta CULTURE DAYS

Deer Writers & Readers Fest

Adults

Downtown Branch

Saturday, September 19

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

Deer Writers & Readers Fest celebrates Alberta's vibrant literary culture by bringing together readers, writers, editors, and other creative professionals for a day of panels, workshops, and networking opportunities.

The event highlights Alberta authors and literary voices, with a particular focus on writers from Central Alberta, while offering accessible opportunities for community members to explore storytelling, publishing, and creative expression.

Paging All Writers

Downtown Branch

Wednesdays

September 30, October 28, November 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 encouraged but not required.

Create a Puzzle Wreath

Adults

Downtown Branch

Tuesday, November 17

6 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

What do you do with puzzles that are missing pieces? Turn them into a puzzle wreath! Come upcycle puzzle pieces into a decorative wreath. Register at rdpl.org/events

Registration
required!

AGES
16+

Aging in Place

Adults

Downtown Branch

Wednesdays

October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 18, December 16
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Please join us as we follow a toolkit containing questions, checklists and resources to help you make choices for a positive experience as you age. This Toolkit was adapted from the Aging in Place checklist prepared by the Forum of Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers Responsible for Seniors.

Adult Storytime at Red Hart Brewing

For Adults

Red Hart Brewing

488 McCoy Drive

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

Tuesday, October 27 OR Thursday, October 29
"As per my previous email"...this one is all about the highs and lows of work!

Tuesday, December 3 OR Thursday, December 8
Join us to celebrate all the wonders of the season! The falls, the frigid weather, the family fights, the festivities that fail - all wrapped up in a festive bow, sure to tickle your funny bone.

Beverages available for purchase.

For ages 18+ only. Language advisory.

Registration required at rdpl.org/events



Learner's License Practice Tests

Practice makes perfect! Use the Alberta Learner practice tests through Drivers Ed Hub to study for your Class 7 written test.

rdpl.org/learning-tools/new-drivers



HINDU HERITAGE MONTH



Celebrate Hindu Heritage Month with programs about Hindu traditions, arts and culture throughout November.
Programs are held at the Downtown Branch in the Snell Auditorium.

Special CONCERT



Thursday, November 12 - 12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Enjoy this special Hindu Heritage Month concert featuring Sunanda Harish & Mukund Shankar.
Please register at rdpl.org/events.

Hindu Heritage Month CELEBRATION



Sunday, November 15 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Hindu Cultural Society of Central Alberta, Hindu Heritage Society and COHNA welcome everyone to a community celebration of Hindu Heritage Month with a program of folk dances, songs, and skits.

MEHNDI



Wednesday, November 18 - 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Register at rdpl.org/events for a fifteen minute session with a Mehndi artist who will share the cultural significance and application of this art form, a design to the skin with a temporary stain.

Let's Speak Cree!

Nehiyawe tan

For Adults

Downtown Branch

Tuesdays: September 1 - December 15

(no program September 15)

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

Thursdays: September 3 - December 17

(no program September 17)

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

Timberlands Branch

Wednesdays: September 2 - December 16

(no program September 16 & 30 and November 11)

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

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

Programs repeat so choose from either the Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday programs.

Registration
required!

Spoken Word Poetry Night

Downtown Branch

Tuesday, November 10

6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Welcome to Red Deer Public Library's first ever spoken word poetry night!

Poetry performances are a great way to explore the world of poetry and spoken word; to be inspired, meet new people, feel creative, and have fun. Come listen to great poetry, cheer on the performers or speak your own words.

All levels and abilities are welcome.

No registration required for audience members!

There are some rules:

- Performances are limited to three minutes
- You must perform original work.
- This is an adult presentation and due to the personal nature of submissions, subjects may not be suitable for children.

Performing poets, please register by emailing Shannon at programs@rdpl.org.

Registration
required!

First Thursday in the Snell

For Adults

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

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.

September 3 - Renowned concert pianist Boris Konovalov

October 1 - A concert featuring the young, virtuoso recorder player Anya Delafield

November 5 - Performers TBA

December 3 - Soprano Cara Lianne McLeod and pianist Neville Bowman perform jazz, pop, blues, and a touch of classical music

Registration
required!

Sip n' Stitch

For Adults

Dawe Branch

Thursdays: September 17,

October 15, November 19, December 17

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.



Día de los Muertos

Day of the Dead: a celebration of Latin American Culture

Timberlands Branch

Sunday, November 1

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



CAILA, Central Alberta Inclusive Latin Association, is sharing a tradition common in Latin America to celebrate Dia de los Muertos, Day of the Dead - the decorating of calaveras or sugar skulls. If you want to learn more about this tradition you can join us for this program.

We will be decorating calaveras as we learn about the meaning of this iconic treat.

Ages 12+. Registration required.



Puzzles, Puzzles Puzzles

For Adults

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Select Thursdays

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

September 24 - September 24 - Register with four friends for a team puzzle competition. Note: ONE team member will register your team, choosing "5" attendees.

October 29 - Meet others! Register yourself and be put on a team.

November 26 - 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 until one of the puzzles is completed.

We Need Your Seeds!

September 1 to December 21

The Community Seed Library is accepting seeds this Fall.

Please share the open-pollinated seeds you have saved and dried, filling in a form for every kind of seed you donate and bringing the seeds in a sealed envelope with the form inside to any branch. Your donated seeds will be shared with the community in the spring of 2027!

Donation forms can be picked up at any branch or printed from rdpl.org/seedlibrary.

Registration
required!

Cozy Evenings

Затишні Вечори

For Adults

Dawe Branch

Thursdays: September 17, October 15,

November 19, December 17

6 p.m. - 7:30 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.

Bright Minds: Non-conflictual Social Activism with Daniel Fried

Downtown Branch

Saturday, October 3

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Registration
required!

"Would you be more easily persuaded by someone who sat down with you for a conversation, or by someone who yelled angry accusations at you from across a barricade?"

Join us as Professor of East Asian Studies at the University of Alberta, Daniel Fried, shares the principles of non-conflictual social activism as contained in his new book, *The Activist: A Daoist Protest Manual*. Space is limited so please register at rdpl.org/events for this interactive talk on a new kind of social activism.

FALL Book Bundles for Adults!

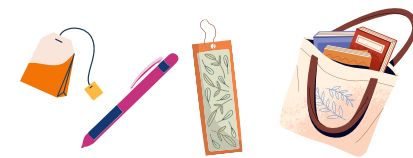
It's Library Month! Get a bundle of books and some bookish goodies.

Here's how it works:

- Fill out the form at rdpl.org/adult-book-bundles or scan the QR code, 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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OCTOBER IS
CANADIAN
LIBRARY
MONTH

Register for bundles starting Monday, October 19 at 10 a.m.

Bring, Brag, Break:

Genealogy at the Library

For Adults

Red Deer Branch
ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Timberlands Branch

Saturdays: September 12, October 10,

November 14, December 12

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Join Red Deer Alberta Genealogical Society members and bring an aspect of your research to share, brag about what you have unearthed or seek assistance breaking down a research wall.

Slide into the Library

For Adults

Downtown Branch

Wednesdays

September 16, November 4

6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Join us for a night of wildly niche passions and unexpected expertise, all brought to life through engaging PowerPoint presentations from guest presenters in our community! Our presenters are ready to share their thoughts on their chosen topics – some serious, some lighthearted, all entertaining.

Come be part of the audience and experience the fun as each presenter takes the stage to dive deep into their chosen niche. Whether you come to learn something new, laugh a little, or simply support your friends, you won't want to miss this lineup.

Registration
required!

May We Suggest...?

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

- 1 Go to www.rdpl.org
- 2 Click on 'Services'
- 3 Click on May We Suggest...?
- 4 Fill out the form!

Staff will contact you when your list is ready.
Questions? Email programs@rdpl.org or
phone 403-346-4576.

Programs Cosponsored with

Queer Neighbours Society of Red Deer



Queer Myths Busted

All Ages

Downtown Branch

Monday, September 28

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

One part presentation, one part question and answer session. No question is off-limits!

Presented by Queer Neighbours Society of Red Deer (QNSRD).

QNSRD Youth Group

Ages 13 - 20

Downtown Branch

Meets on the 1st, 3rd and 4th

Wednesday of each month

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.



Rainbow DnD

Ages 12+

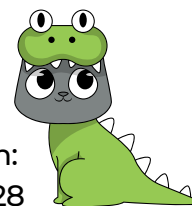
Dawe Branch

Meets the last Saturday of every month:

September 26, October 31, November 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.



Transgender Parent Day

All Ages

Downtown Branch

Snell Auditorium

Sunday, November 1

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

Come join us for Transgender Parent day, a celebration and supportive session where parents of Transgender people can come and talk about their experiences and share their successes in helping their sons/daughters through the transition years.



Red Deer Public Library Home Service

If you are a library member who cannot come into the library due to age, illness or disability, the Home Service Program might be a good fit for you!

Red Deer residents who are unable to visit the library for three months or more are eligible for this free library material delivery service. Once accepted into the Home Service program, a volunteer will bring materials every three weeks, and also return items to the library.

The following materials can be delivered:

-  Fiction and non-fiction books in large print, regular print, or audiobook format.
-  A variety of magazines.
-  DVDs and music CDs.
-  Applicable members can borrow DAISY audiobook discs and DAISY players.

How to apply:

-  email: homeservice@rdpl.org
-  phone: 403-346-4576 extension 1501
-  online: rdpl.org/home-service

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).



Readers' Theatre

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays: September 17, October 15,
November 19, December 17

6:30 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.



Seniors' Information Fair

Collicutt Centre

Tuesday, September 29

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Come see us at the Collicutt Centre as we share the programs and services the Library has for you and check out the Collicutt Branch of Red Deer Public Library. This branch is primarily self-serve, and is open during all Collicutt Centre hours.

Swing in Rhythm: Open Practice

For Adults

Downtown Branch Snell Auditorium

Mondays: September 14,
October 19, November 9,
December 7

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.



Check out our huge collection of jigsaw puzzles for all ages at rdpl.org, and take one home today!



Travel memories



Program is
held the first
Wednesday
of each
month.

SEE THE WORLD!

Join our special guests
in the Snell Auditorium,
Downtown Branch, for
presentations on their
exciting travel destinations.



Nahanni River in the NWT

September 2
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Meet Faye and hear
about her adventures
in this beautiful part
of Canada.



Tanzania and Zanzibar

October 7
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Gord & Deb chat about
their ultimate "bush-
and-beach" vacation to
this unique, culture-
filled locale.



Greenland, Iceland, & Norway

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

Randy is back!
Hear all about his
northern experiences
featuring his amazing
photography.



Rankin Inlet

December 2
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Visit the land of the
midnight sun with
Olive Frenette and
Bob Patterson.



For more information or to be a guest presenter, contact lweselak@rdpl.org.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

For full details, visit rdpl.org/events

Tweed Ride and Tea

A Fancy Women Bike Ride Event

For Adults

Meet at Collicutt Branch

Sunday, September 6

12 p.m. - 3 p.m.



Put on your best tweed and join us for a charming ride to Dawe Branch, where a perfect English afternoon tea awaits. Vintage style, good company, and a leisurely cycle: it's the perfect fall outing. Don't miss the prize draw for a local bike shop gift card, made possible by ParticipACTION grant funding!



Get informed with online newspapers and magazines from around the world, in the language in which they are published!

Access in-library or at home!
rdpl.org/resources-types/eNews

Red Deer Cancer Connect

Dawe Branch



Day Sessions:

Held the first Tuesday each month:

September 1, October 6,

November 3, December 1

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

Evening Sessions:

Held the third Tuesday of each month:

September 15, October 20, November 17,

December 15

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:

wel.gametime.net/cne/public/list

or phone 1-866-682-3135.

To find out more visit: wellspringalberta.ca



Registration
required!

Mindfulness

Downtown Branch - Snell Auditorium



for Kids

**under 10 with an adult*

Saturday, September 26

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

In this kid-friendly session, Bhante Suseela will share simple mindfulness exercises such as breathing, walking, loving-kindness, and stories.

for Adults

Saturday, September 26

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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



Friends of the Library



fall BOOK SALE

**Friends
Members
Only
Sale**

**Wednesday,
October 21**
4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday,
October 24**
10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Public
Sale
Day 3**

**Public
Sale
Day 1**

**Thursday,
October 22**
10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday,
October 25**
10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Public
Sale
Day 4**

**Public
Sale
Day 2**

**Friday,
October 23**
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

CASH ONLY!
Bags available to buy
at the main desk or
bring your own.

 **Friends Memberships available at the door.** Shop the sale before the general public and other perks! Individual \$10 - Family \$20. Details at rdpl.org



Donations of gently used books, graphic novels, comics, DVDs and CDs welcomed during regular business hours. Large donations at the Downtown Branch only please.

LAW & MONEY

Register at rdpl.org/events if required.

Public Legal Information Seminars

Dawe Branch

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

Thursday, September 24

Family Law

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

Thursday, October 22

Wills, Power of Attorney, and Personal Directives

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

Tuesday, November 10
Employment Standards

Covers all of the rules and responsibilities for both employees and employers. Explains hours of work, overtime, breaks, holidays, vacations, job protected leaves, and termination. This presentation provides important information on workplace rights and labour laws.

Tuesday, December 8

Tenant Rights and Responsibilities

Whether you are currently renting, or looking to move out on your own for the first time, this presentation will help you learn about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant. Includes topics such as: move-in/move-out lists, types of leases, eviction notices, and more.

Registration
required!



Ask a Lawyer

Dawe Branch

Mondays: September 21, October 19,
November 16, December 7
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. For more information, please contact the Central Alberta Community Legal Clinic at 403-314-9129.



CRA Support Clinic

Downtown Branch

Thursday, September 10 &
Wednesday, November 18
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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

- Getting tax slips so you can file your tax return
- Printing your notice of assessment
- Help updating your address or phone number.
- Help understanding any letter received from CRA.
- 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.



Free movie streaming service
featuring movies for all ages!
rdpl.org/kanopy



WAR MEMORIALS TOUR

Downtown Branch - November 5 to 10



Pick up a Red Deer Revealed Self-Guided Tour of Red Deer's War Memorials and take a walk through the downtown seeing it in a new way.

This guide book, published by The City of Red Deer, contains a map and details of the War Memorials. Copies are limited.



BOOK CLUBS

Unique book clubs for all types of readers!

Happy Ever After Book Club

Virtual via Google Meet

Mondays

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join us to discuss selected romance titles.

September 28 - *Funny You Should Ask*

by Elissa Sussman

October 26 - *The Blonde Identity* by Ally Carter

November 30 - *The Game Changer*

by Lana Ferguson

December 21 - Choose your own holiday romance

Join the Facebook group, or email

cbrown@rdpl.org for the meeting link.

New members are always welcome!

Last Chapter Book Club

Timberlands Branch

First Tuesday of each month

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

Across cultures and communities, death is

frequently surrounded by silence and

uncertainty. Many of us are taught to avoid

conversations about loss, grief, and dying.

We aim to change that, one book at a time, with

hand-selected titles that will comfort, inspire and

educate. This book club is for anyone interested

in gathering to discuss books related to dying.

September 1 - *Under The Whispering Door*

by TJ Klune

October 6 - *Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova

November 3 - *Death Interrupted* by Blair Bigham

December 1 - *How to Survive a Bear Attack*

by Claire Cameron

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.

September 15 - *Moon of the Turning Leaves*

by Waubgeshig Rice

October 20 - *The Buffalo Hunter Hunter*

by Stephen Graham Jones

November 17 - *Halfbreed* by Maria Campbell

December 15 - *A Steady Brightness of Being*

edited by Sarah Sinclair and Stephanie Sinclair

Registration is recommended (but not required).



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, join us for a fun evening discussing

these book club picks voted as this season's

favourites. Our book club returns with a virtual visit

from award-winning author Brett Popplewell.

We are excited to discuss his national bestseller

Outsider: An Old Man, a Mountain, and the Search

for a Hidden Past.

September 16 - Virtual Visit with Brett Popplewell

October 21 - *The Forgotten Daughter*

by Joanna Goodman

November 18 - *A Woman in the Polar Night*

by Christiane Ritter

December 16 - *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi



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Keep reading this fall to win prizes with this unique Reading Challenge!

Are you still on track to complete your 26 reads in 2026? We hope so!

Enter for the third quarterly prize starting September 28 - October 9!

Enter at rdpl.org/books,
use the QR code below, or pick
up your tracker sheet from Dawe,
Downtown or Timberlands.



Keep your challenge sheet until the end of the year to submit for the grand prize! Final submissions accepted beginning December 1.

Any Book Book Club

Timberlands Branch

Thursdays

September 10, October 8,

November 12, December 10

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!

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!

September - *The Cartographer's Secret*

by Tea Cooper

October - *Shutter Island* by Dennis Lehane

November - *The Society of Unknowable Objects*

by Gareth Brown

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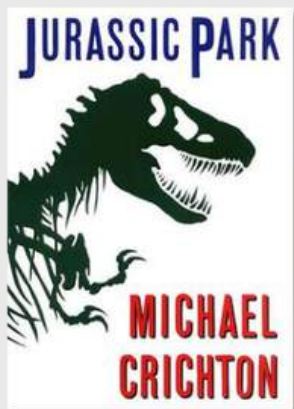
Book Club

Timberlands Branch

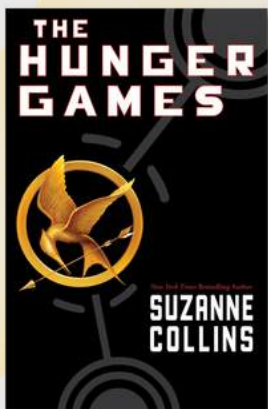
Select Wednesdays

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Do you love seeing your favourite books adapted on screen? Join this book club to discuss books that became films or tv shows. Talk about the changes, which is better, and everything in between.



September 30



October 28



November 25



December 23

Hello Winter!

Celebrate winter with these festive, frosty programs!



Winter Wonderland!

**Dawe Branch
Thursday,
December 10
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

Join us for stories, songs and much more at this special wintery-themed storytime for ages 0-5!

Note: this program will replace the usual drop in Toddler Fun & Baby Fun this week.



Indigenous Winter Solstice Storytime

**Downtown Branch
Saturday,
December 19
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

Gather around as we share stories that honour the deep connection between Indigenous communities and the changing seasons, fostering an appreciation for nature and heritage. Our special guest, Theresa "Corky" Larsen-Jonasson, will introduce us to her traditions of oral winter storytelling.



Happy Noon Year Dance Party!

**Downtown Branch
Thursday,
December 31
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Kids just want to have fun! Put on your party clothes and count down to noon with us! Come celebrate the New Year with dancing, crafts and more at this family event.

Sugarplum Storytime

Ages
5+

**Downtown Branch
Monday, December 14
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

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



OCTOBER IS CANADIAN LIBRARY MONTH



Explore the possibilities with
your FREE* library card!

**Red Deer residents only.*

Canadian Library Month is a celebration of the libraries that connect their communities through learning, discovery, and belonging. Look for the Canadian Library Month icon beside special programs and events celebrating library love, the freedom to read, and the vibrant spaces where everyone is welcome!



join

the Red Deer Public Library community
on our **website & social media!**

rdpl.org



be a part of the story