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Fort Saskatchewan Public Library

Fall Programs

Registration begins Saturday, August 19

Happy Holidays Specials
(ages 3-6 and their families)

Join us for a wide range of fun holiday themed stories, crafts and activities - a perfect way to make lasting memories!
See Page 3 for more information.
Registered.

Program Calendar:

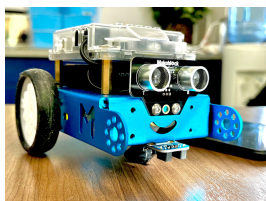### Try Cyber Robotics with the Cyber Eagles Team
(ages 7-9)

Kids can experience the magic of Mbot robots and Scratch block programming with the Cyber Eagles Youth Robotics team.
See page 3 for details on this educational and entertaining program.
Registered.

Annual Library Book Sale

Come visit our annual book sale and stock up on some bargains. Items are just $1 each! Don't forget to bring your own bag or purchase a high quality canvas library bag at the reduced price of $15.
Sat, Nov 4
10am - 4pm
and
Sun, Nov 5
1-4pm
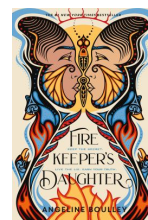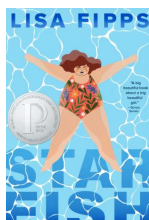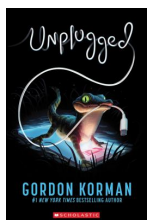

Young Reader's Choice Award

YRCA is an annual international children's book award. Read from a selected list of books and vote for your favorite. Anyone can read but only students can vote! Check our website for this year's list and voting page. Let the adventure begin!

Vote until April 15, 2024

Children

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Early Literacy Programs

Monday
Baby Rhyme Time
(0-12 months)
9:30-10am
*No class Oct 9 & Nov 6

Baby Rhyme Time
(0-12 months)
1:30-2pm
*No class Oct 9 & Nov 6

Tuesday
Alphabet Soup
(ages 3-5)
9:30-10:15am
*No class Nov 7

Toddler Play Time
(ages 1-3)
11-11:45am
*No class Nov 7

Wednesday
Alphabet Soup
(ages 3-5)
9:30-10:15am
*No class Nov 8

Thursday
Toddler Play Time
(ages 1-3)
9:30-10:15am
*No class Nov 9

Family Storytime
(ages 2-5)
1:30-2pm
*No class Nov 9

Friday
Family Storytime
(ages 2-5)
10:30-11am
*No class Nov 10

Baby Rhyme Time
(0-12 months)

Encouraging bonds through stories, songs, rhymes, bounces and tickles. This program runs for 30 minutes - families are welcome to stay and visit afterwards.
Mon, Sep 11 - Dec 4
9:30-10am
OR
1:30-2pm
Registered.

Alphabet Soup
(ages 3-5)

Developing school readiness skills through stories, crafts and letter recognition for children ages 3 to 5. Parents welcome.
Tue, Sep 12 - Dec 5
9:30-10:15am
OR
Wed, Sep 13 - Dec 6
9:30-10:15am
Registered.

Toddler Play Time
(ages 1-3)

Fostering pre-literacy through stories, colouring, play and music for children ages 1 to 3. This is a parented program.
Tue, Sep 12 - Dec 5
11-11:45am
OR
Thu, Sep 14 - Dec 7
9:30-10:15am
Registered.

Family Storytime
(ages 2-5)

Building early literacy skills through weekly songs, stories and fun for the whole family! This is a parented drop in program.
Thu, Sep 14 - Dec 7
1:30-2pm
Fri, Sep 15 - Dec 8
10:30-11am
Drop in.

Did you know?
Our popular Alphabet Soup is also available online! See fspl.ca for details.

The Library will be closed Oct 9. No Early Literacy Programs during Fall Break, Nov 6-10.

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Registered Programs

Happy Halloween! A Happy Holidays Special
(ages 3-6 and their families)

Celebrate the season with a variety of fun Halloween themed stories, crafts, and activities. These programs are most suitable for children 3-6 years old, but families with children of other ages are welcome to attend.
Sun, Oct 29
2-3pm
OR
Mon, Oct 30
6:30-7:30pm
Registered.

Trick or Treat at the Library
Be sure to drop by the library for a spooktacular treat and photo op on Saturday October 28 from 1-3pm

Happy Christmas! A Happy Holidays Special
(ages 3-6 and their families)

Celebrate the season with a variety of fun Christmas themed stories, crafts, and activities. These programs are most suitable for children 3-6 years old, but families with children of other ages are welcome to attend.
Tue, Nov 28
6:30-7:30pm
OR
Sat, Dec 2
2-3pm
Registered.

Artfully Good! November Break Art
(ages 5-8 & 9-12)

Our talented and creative Donna will lead students in creating three different daily art projects in this mini-camp style program that will see kids creating some stunning and unique original artwork.
Nov 7 - 9
Junior (5-8): 11am-12pm
Senior (9-12): 1-2pm
Registered.

Happy Noon Year! A Happy Holidays Special
(ages 3-6 and their families)

Celebrate the new year with a variety of fun New Year's Eve themed stories, crafts, and activities. These programs are most suitable for children 3-6 years old, but families with children of other ages are welcome to attend.
Thu, Dec 28
11:30am-12:30pm
OR
Tue, Jan 2
11:30am-12:30pm
Registered.

Homeschool Club
(ages 5-9 & 10+)

Join fellow homeschoolers for fun, learning activities with a STEAM focus.
Fri, Sep 29, Oct 27, Nov 17, Dec 8
Junior (5-9): 1-1:45pm
Senior (10+): 2-2:45pm
Registered.

Try Cyber Robotics with the Cyber Eagles Team
(ages 7-9)

This exciting program pairs children up with members of the Cyber Eagles youth robotics team. Children will get a good introduction to Mbot robots and Scratch block programming that all lead up to a fun mini robotics competition. Choose from either Nov 4 OR Nov 25.
Sat, Nov 4 OR Nov 25
10:30am-12:30pm
Registered.

Children

Drop In Programs

Early Out Wednesdays
(ages 5-12)

On most early dismissal days, you can join us for fun projects and enriching activities that will be sure to spark your creativity and imagination!
Wed, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6
2:30-3:30pm
Drop in.

LEGO Wall Drop-In
(ages 5-12)

Let your imagination run wild! Build, craft, play and explore with our LEGO Wall. Building families, fun and friendships at your library!
Sun, Sep 10 - Dec 17
*Except Oct 29
1-4:30pm
Drop in.

Trick or Treat at the Library

We're excited about Halloween! Drop by the library for a spooktacular treat and photo op! Be sure to visit downtown businesses for even more Halloween treats.
Sat, Oct 28
1-3pm
Drop in.

Teens

FSPL Time for Teens
(ages 12-17)

We'll get together for things like playing awesome video games, discussing anime and manga, picking up skills for making cool content on TikTok and YouTube, and more!
Thu, Sep 21, Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec 14
4-5pm
Drop in.

Information about all our programs can be found on our website at fspl-ca.libcal.com

Programs for Parents

Navigating "New Math" for Parents: Raising a Successful Math Student
(adults)

School library technician and numeracy lead, Jennifer Milanovic, will provide valuable information to caregivers on how to help build children's mathematical skills. Find out what exactly 'new math' is, why it is important, and how it works! This program is designed for caregivers of elementary-aged students. Kids can hang out in the Makerspace and enjoy supervised activities while caregivers learn next door.
Wed, Nov 22
6:30-7:30pm
Registered.

Raising Financially Fit Kids
(adults)

Parents will learn some easy to implement techniques to teach kids about savings, giving, and spending. Presented virtually by the Credit Counselling Society.
Thu, Oct 26
7-8pm
Registered.

Did you know?
Cardholders have free access to SOLARO which provides 24/7 homework help for Alberta students in grades 3-12. See fspl.ca for details

Registered Programs

Living with Chronic Pain and Chronic Conditions
(adults)

Learn about some of the resources and free virtual classes available for people living with chronic pain and illness conditions.
Presented by Alberta Health Services.
Wed, Sep 20
2-3pm
Registered.

Book Club
(adults)

Book lovers unite! Read new and interesting books with a fun and welcoming group!
Wed, Sep 13
Summer Reading Round-Up: Come ready to share your favourite reads from the summer. The October book club selection will be provided at this meeting.
Wed, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13
Book selections to be determined.
7-8pm

Digital Literacy

Digital Literacy Classes
(adults)

Introduction to iPhone/iPad
Sep 15 & 22
2-3:30PM
Registered.

Introduction to Android phones & tablets
Oct 13 & 20
2-3:30PM
Registered.

Introduction to Windows 10 & 11
Nov 24 & Dec 1
2-3:30PM
Registered.

Head to page 8 for more information on digital literacy classes.

Drop In Programs

Writer's Group
(adults)

The Group provides positive, constructive feedback and shares knowledge and thoughts on the craft of writing. All levels and genres are welcome.

If you have an interest in writing, are already working on a writing project or interested in encouraging feedback, join us.

Tue, Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5
6:30-7:45pm
Drop in.

Knitting & Crochet Circle
(adults)

Join other local crafters for conversation and work on your individual project.

Crochet and knitting lessons are not provided. Please bring your own supplies.

Fri, Sep 1 - Dec 29
3-4pm
Drop in.

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Adult

Virtual Financial Literacy Classes

Raising Financially Fit Kids
(adults)

Parents will learn some easy to implement techniques to teach kids about savings, giving, and spending. Presented by the Credit Counselling Society.

Thu, Oct 26
7-8pm
Registered.

Investigating Energy Providers
(adults)

We will explore everything about energy usage and providers. Is regulated service or a contract better for gas or electricity service? How can we save on energy costs? Irena Struk, Consumer Education Specialist from the Utilities Consumer Advocate office, will explain the difference between regulated rate and competitive contract services. Bring your energy saving tips for the round table.

Tue, Nov 14
7-8:30pm
Registered.

Virtual Programs

The First Lady of Fort Edmonton
(adults)

Louise Umphreville was the most powerful Metis woman on the prairies. She owned a vast herd of horses, lived in the largest building west of Hudson's Bay, and held a position of authority over the women and children of Edmonton. Fort Edmonton historian, Thomas Long explores what we know of Louise and her life, labours, tragedies, and legacy.

Tue, Sep 26
7-8:30pm
Registered.

A Good Night's Sleep
(adults)

Learn ways to address common sleep disturbance issues and create an atmosphere for deep, healing slumber, so you can wake up refreshed and ready to face whatever the day may bring. Provided by Kim Silverthorn, Counsellor, BA, RPC, MPCC, CT

Wed, Nov 1
7-8:30pm
Registered.

Did you know?

Settlement Services for Newcomers to Canada
(In partnership with Edmonton Immigration Services Association)

Our Settlement Services Practitioners connect newcomers to available services and resources in the community. Register with a practitioner directly -
Mondays: Nacereddine Lakhdari, Settlement Practitioner at NLakhdari@eisa-edmonton.org or 780-916-1533.
Thursdays: Riza Tuiza, Settlement Practitioner, at RTuiza@eisa-edmonton.org or 780-991-8223.

Availability varies. Please contact a Settlement Services Practitioner to book an appointment.

Partnered Programs

Information Series for Older Adults at Pioneer House
(adults/seniors)

The Library will be sharing relevant library resources at these great information sessions being offered by Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and expert presenters from the community. These programs all happen at Pioneer House and are organized by FCSS.

Tues Sept 5: Benefits of Pre-Planning Funeral Arrangements
Presented by First Memorial Funeral Services
Tues Oct 3: Hearing Health
Presented by Canadian Hard of Hearing Association
Tues Nov 7: Fall Prevention: Spot the Hazard
Presented by Alberta Health Services
Tues Dec 5: Eye Health and Eye Care
Presented by Alberta Association of Optometrists
1-2pm
Drop in.

Language Classes

English Conversation Circle
(adults)

CALLS English Conversation Circles offer a comfortable place to practice English conversation skills in an informal group setting with other language learners as well as native English speakers.
Phone/text 780-667-8441 for more info.
Mon, Sep 11 - Dec 11
6:30-7:30pm
Drop in.
*No class Oct 9

French Conversation Circle
(adults)

Join us for casual and fun conversations, en français! Any and all levels are welcome to participate as much or as little as you want! It's a great way to keep up your French and to learn more!
Thu, Sep 7 - Dec 21
6:45-7:45pm
Drop in.

ESL Board Games
(adults)

Practice your English with board games and good company! Games are provided. Call/text CALLS 780-667-8441 for more information.
Wed, Sep 13 - Dec 13
6:30-7:45pm
Drop in.

Drop-In English Classes
(adults)

Join Althea from CALLS to learn English on Thursdays from 6-8pm.
Phone/text 780-667-8441 for more info.
Thu, Sep 14 - Dec 14
6-8pm
Drop in.

What is Tech Help?

Tech help appointments give one-on-one support for electronic devices or using online programs. Bring your fully charged phone, tablet, eReader, laptop or other small device to your appointment.

Your digital literacy tutor will teach you how to navigate your device and troubleshoot any issues you have, so that you feel more comfortable using your device.

We can help with:
- **Basic computer skills**
- **How to use your laptop**
- **Smartphones and tablets**
- **Library e-resources**

If we can't fix your problem, we will refer you to someone who can.

Tech Help
(adults)

Need help learning how to use your device, the internet or social media? Book a one-hour one-on-one training session with one of our digital literacy experts! Call 780-998-4275 to register or ask in person at the front desk.

Wed, Sep 6 - Dec 27
Thu, Sep 7 - Dec 28
1-3pm

Keep up-to-date

We post information about programs, our eResources and reading related content.

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Digital Literacy

Introduction to iPhone/iPad
(adults)

We will explore the basics in this 2-session tech training: using the touchscreen, exploring settings, connecting to the internet, and downloading apps.

Please bring your fully charged Apple phone or tablet.
Fri, Sep 15 & 22
2-3:30pm
Registered.

Introduction to Android phones & tablets
(adults)

We will explore the basics in this 2-session tech training: using the touchscreen, exploring settings, connecting to the internet, and downloading apps.

Please bring your fully charged Android phone or tablet.
Fri, Oct 13 & 20
2-3:30pm
Registered.

Introduction to Windows 10 & 11
(adults)

We will explore the basics in this 2-session tech training: navigating the desktop, connecting to the internet, and downloading apps.

Please bring your fully charged Windows laptop or tablet.
Fri, Nov 24 & Dec 1
2-3:30pm
Registered.