

Fort Saskatchewan Public Library

Spring Programs

Registration begins Monday, March 18

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon-Thu: 9am to 8pm

Fri: 10am to 6pm

Sat: 10am to 5pm

Sun: 1pm to 5pm

CLOSED

Mon, Apr 1 (Easter Monday)

Mon, May 20 (Victoria Day)

Fri, Jun 7 (Staff Development Day)

Sundays starting June 30



Youth Writing Contest

(ages 12-18)

Attention all young writers aged 12 to 18! Submit your original poems or short stories to participate in our youth writing competition. See page 5 for more information.

Submit entries May 15-31

Program Calendar:



Local Author Fair!

(adults & families)

Mark your calendars! The Local Author Fair is a great opportunity to meet local authors and stock up on some great books perfect for summer reading or gift giving. Authors will be tabling with their books for sale and there will be a variety of author readings and talks throughout the day. Drop in any time between 1:30 and 4:30 pm. Are you a local author who'd like to participate? Contact Emily at espringer@fspl.ca.

Sun, Jun 16

1:30-4:30pm

Drop In.

Did you
know our
programs are
all FREE?

Pride Week @ The Library

Queering Your Reading Shelf

(adults)

Hear about an exciting variety of recent fiction, nonfiction and poetry by authors who range across the rainbow of the LGBTQIA2S+ spectrum in this virtual presentation by Lindy Pratch, voracious reader with eclectic tastes and a passion for Canadian and marginalized voices.

Mon, Jun 10

7-8pm

Registered.

Virtual.

Craft-a-ganza: Pride Edition

(ages 10 & up)

Bracelets, buttons, and bling – oh my! This casual drop-in program is the perfect way to express yourself during Pride Week. We're opening up our craft cupboards with the supplies needed to make some unique Pride-themed craft creations. Just bring your creativity and ideas!

Tue, Jun 11

3:30-5pm

Drop in.

Early Literacy

Monday

Baby Rhyme Time (0-12 months)

9:30-10am

Baby Rhyme Time (0-12 months)

1:30-2pm

Tuesday

Alphabet Soup (ages 3-5)

9:30-10:15am

Toddler Play Time (ages 1-3)

11-11:45am

Wednesday

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Toddler Play Time (ages 1-3)

11-11:45am

Thursday

Fun For Ones (ages 1-2)

9:30-10:15am



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, Apr 8 - May 13

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, Apr 2 - May 14

9:30-10:15am

OR

Wed, Apr 3 - May 15

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, Apr 2 - May 14

11-11:45am

OR

Wed, Apr 3 - May 15

11-11:45am

Registered.

Fun For Ones (ages 1-2)

Building early literacy skills through weekly songs, stories and fun for the whole family! This program is designed for young toddlers.

Thurs, Apr 4 - May 16

9:30-10:15am

Registered.

New Programs for June

Baby Sign (ages 6-18 months)

Did you know that using signs with little ones can decrease frustration while increasing communication and bonding? This 4 week program introduces caregivers on how to use simple signs with their babies. Join us for fun and interactive songs, rhymes and signing with your baby. Program content runs approximately 30 minutes/week with time afterwards for questions and practice.

Mon, Jun 3-24

9:45-10:30am

Registered.

Move and Do for Ones and Twos (ages 12-36 months)

Songs, stories, activities and play that are perfect for the under 3 set! A great way to meet other families while your little one has an opportunity to develop skills and try new things.

Mon, Jun 3-24

11-11:45am

Registered.

Families

Saturday Springtime

Storytimes

(families with young children)

These Saturday family storytimes celebrate all things Spring with books, songs, activities and simple crafts. Activities are most suitable for preschool aged children.

Sat, Apr 13, May 11, Jun 8

10:30-11:15am

Registered.



Medieval Marvels

(families)

Learn more about medieval times and try your hand at some medieval machines like catapults and trebuchets. This program is most suitable for kids ages 9 and up. Parents are welcome to attend - please register every person who will be attending. Don't forget to also register for the Medieval Arms and Armour program at 2pm – a cool opportunity to view items from the collection of the Knights of the Northern Realm.

Sat, Apr 20

12:30-1:45pm

Registered.

Camping with Babies and Toddlers

(ages 0-3)

Presented by Parks Canada, this is a great way to connect with other parents and find the right camping tips that will work for your family. Gain ideas on how to best introduce your little one to camping while sharing strategies. This program is a fun and casual way to discuss camping while your little one plays and explores along with you.

Thu, Jun 6

10-11am

Registered.

Medieval Arms & Armour

(families)

Experience the life of a knight by learning about medieval arms and armour from Sir Thomas of Strathcona with the Knights of the Northern Realm, a local 14th century living history group. Please register to guarantee a spot - drop-ins are welcome if space permits. Due to the length of this program and its content, this program is most suitable for families with older kids and adults.

Sat, Apr 20

2-3:30pm

Registered.



Drop In

LEGO Wall

(families)

Let your imagination run wild! Build, craft, play and explore with our LEGO Wall. Building families, fun and friendships at your library!

Sun, Apr 7 - Jun 9

*except Apr 28 & May 26

1:30-4:30pm

Drop in.

Legacy Park Family Festival

(families)

Flock to the festival that honours friends, family, and community! See details at <https://www.fortsask.ca/en/things-to-do/family-festival.aspx>

Join us for games and a sneak-peek in what's in store for you this summer at the library!

Sat, Jun 1

11am-4pm

Drop in.

School Age

STEM Sundays

(families)

New!

NEW! Join us for these family times focused on STEM (science, tech, engineering and math)! Kids will have a chance to learn and experiment through creative and fun science and tech activities. Try new things and meet new friends! NOTE: These programs are most suitable for K-6 school aged kids. Please register to guarantee a spot - drop-ins are welcome if space permits.

Sun, Apr 28, May 26, Jun 23

2-3:30pm

Registered.



Mind Games: Train your Brain!

(ages 6-12)

Calling all brainiacs! Exercise your brain with brain teasers, riddles, and fun brain games. Learn more about how your amazing brain works and test your skills!

Thu, May 16

2-3:30pm

Registered.

Homeschool Club

(ages 5-9 & 10+)

Discover, learn, and grow by experimenting with the Homeschool Club! We're on a mission to make education exciting. Explore aerodynamics, robotics, coding, and the scientific method while fostering critical thinking and social skills. Join a community of like-minded learners and embark on a journey where fun and knowledge go hand-in-hand.

Fri, Apr 12, May 10, Jun 14

Junior (5-9): 1:30-2:30pm

Senior (10+): 2:45-3:45pm

Registered.

Early Out Wednesdays

(ages 5-12)

Join us for fun projects and enriching activities that are sure to spark creativity and imagination with a wide range of STEAM activities from art to robotics. Please register for these programs to guarantee your child a spot. Drop-in attendance is dependent on space and supplies.

Wed, Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5

2:30-3:30pm

Registered.

Fun with Fruits (and Veggies)!

(ages 5-8)

We'll share fun stories and activities that are all about delicious fruits and vegetables. Try out some crafts, like making stamps, using different fruits and veggies. We'll even be able to taste test while we're playing with our food! Please note: things might get messy, so please dress in your play clothes.

Fri, May 3

1-2pm

Registered.



Spring Into Art, Junior Artists

(ages 5-9)

Join other junior artists as we create beautiful spring tulips in watercolour, inspired by Paul Cezanne.

Fri, May 17

11am-12pm

Registered.



Tweens & Teens

After School Gaming and Tech Club

(ages 10 & up)

Level up your problem-solving skills with Gaming and Tech Club! Dive into the world of video, board and table top games and even robotics. Uncover the art of strategy, game design, and coding. Hone your skills, boost your hand-eye coordination, and unlock the magic of creative thinking. At Gaming Club you either win or you learn. Please register to guarantee a spot - drop-ins are welcome if space permits.

Tue, Apr 2 - Jun 25

3:45-5:00pm

Registered.

Youth Writing Contest

(ages 12-18)

Calling all youth authors ages 12 -18! Enter your original poem or short story (max 1500 words) into our youth writing contest. Please submit your entries by email, between May 15 and May 31, to youth@fspl.ca. Be sure to include your name, a short bio, phone number and email address on your entry. Limit of one entry per category (poem and short story) per person. A panel of local authors will judge entries anonymously with a prize available for the winning short story and winning poem. Winners will be announced at the June 16 Local Authors Fair. We can't wait to read your writing!

Submit entries between May 15-31

Spring Into Art, Senior Artists

(ages 10-12)

Join other senior artists as we create beautiful water lilies in watercolour, inspired by Claude Monet.

Fri, May 17

1-2:30pm

Registered.



Craft-a-ganza: Pride Edition

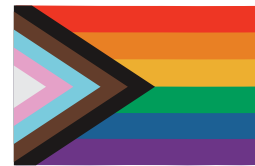
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Cram-a-thon

(grades 7-12)

Cram-a-thon is a special night where the library opens its doors just for teens studying for finals and exams! The library will be open after hours on the evening of Fri June 14 for students only. Find a spot in the library for group study or study solo in designated quiet areas. Take a break with pizza, snacks and some rejuvenating activities generously provided by Fort Saskatchewan Youth Council! NOTE TO PARENTS: This is a drop in evening and youth will be free to arrive and leave the library on their own accord.

Fri, Jun 14

6-10pm

Drop in.



Keep up-to-date

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



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Adults

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 are interested in encouraging feedback, join us.

Tue, Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4

6:30-7:45pm

Drop in.

Resume Tutor

(adults)

Unlock the potential of your career with our Resume Tutor, empowering individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to create compelling and impactful resumes and cover letters. Please bring your current resume and any job listings you want to apply for. Call the Library at 780-998-4275 to book your free, one-on-one appointment.

Tuesdays

11am-2pm

Wednesdays

4-7pm

Registered.

Knitting & Crochet Circle

(adults)

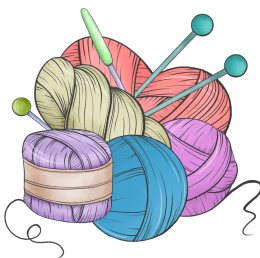
Join other local crafters for conversation and work on your individual project. Crochet and knitting lessons are not provided. Please bring your own supplies.

Fri, Apr 5 - Jun 28

*except Jun 7

3-4pm

Drop in.



Roots to Research: One-on-One Genealogy Help Sessions

(adults)

Get started on your genealogy journey with information on the resources that are available and how to use them. Book a one hour one-on-one session with our genealogy expert by calling 780-998-4275 or register in-person at the front desk. Availability varies; registration is required.

Wednesdays

2-4pm



Book Club

(adults)

Join other avid readers keen to discuss shared reads and all things books and reading! Our monthly book club is great way to expand your reading tastes and get some unique recommended reading. Email espringer@fspl.ca with any questions or to join book club. Our upcoming books are:

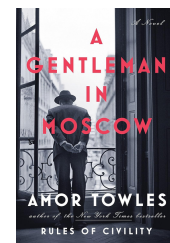
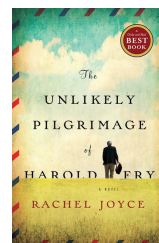
April 10 – The Dalai Lama's Cat by David Michie

May 8 – The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce

June 12 – A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

6:30-7:30pm

Drop in.



Tech Help

(adults)

Need help learning how to use your device, the internet or social media? Book a 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.

Mondays

1-3pm

Thursdays

4-6pm

Adults

DIY Die-Cut Cards: Hot Air Balloon Theme

(adults)

Learn how to design beautiful cards with other local crafters. Participants will learn scrapbooking skills and learn how to use the library's die cut machine. We'll be designing cards with an attractive hot air balloon theme that are perfect for celebrations like birthdays or Mother's or Father's Day. No prior knowledge required.

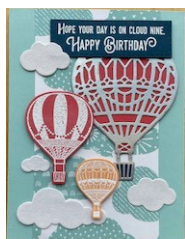
Thu, Apr 25

2-3pm

OR

6:30-7:30pm

Registered.



Carbon Farming: Turn Your Yard into a Sink!

(adults)

Carbon is essential plant food. It's all around us. Mark Stumpf-Allen, Organic Master Gardener, helps us understand its many forms and how it cycles. Learn many ways to capture CO2 and put it to work for you. Build better soil and a better future! Presented virtually via Zoom.

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(adults)

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Mon, Jun 10

7-8pm

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Virtual.

Who Built Alberta? A Capsule History of Alberta's Working Class

(adults)

Enjoy an overview of Alberta's working class history by Dr. Alvin Finkel, president of the Alberta Labour History Institute. The talk includes the history of strikes and hunger marches 1919-1995, how they shaped this province's development and a comparison with today's state of affairs. Presented virtually via Zoom.

Mon, Apr 29

7-8:30pm

Registered.

Virtual.

Digital Literacy

The Understand IT and Discuss IT digital literacy classes are a great way to learn the basics about new and emerging technologies and then take the discussion further on areas like ethics and contemporary issues. This Spring we are focusing on AI (Artificial Intelligence).

Understand IT: Artificial Intelligence

(adults)

Have you heard about AI and ChatGPT, but you aren't quite sure what they are? Join us for a basic understanding on terminology, pitfalls and potentials of Artificial Intelligence.

Thu, Apr 18 OR Mon, May 6

2-3pm

Registered.

Discuss IT: Artificial Intelligence

(adults)

The pace with which AI is growing and its applications to our daily lives (both good and bad!) can feel impossible to keep up with. This class is a conversation on ethical issues and some of the current challenges and directions of AI.

Mon, May 27 OR Thu, Jun 6

6-7pm

2-3pm

Registered.

Adults

Parenting Fireside Chats with iRelate

(adults)

These chats are a great way to meet other parents facing similar parenting challenges. Join us to share ideas, strategies, and learn about different parenting techniques and approaches. Please register for these programs by calling FCSS at 780-992-6267 or by visiting their website. Sessions are located at the Library.

Apr 9 - Teaching Boundaries to Our Youth

Apr 16 - Building up Self Esteem in Our Children

Apr 23 - How Do I Support my Children Through Divorce and Separation?

6-7:30pm

Register via FCSS



Financial Literacy Programs

(adults)

Check out these great financial literacy programs on a range of topics that will help you save money, manage your budget, and plan ahead for the future. These programs are offered virtually via Zoom.

Apr 3, 7-8:30pm - Wills and Estate Planning with CPA Michelle Coleman

May 16, 7-8 pm - Food and Finance presented by the Credit Counselling Society

Jun 25, 7-8pm - 75 Ways to Save on Household Expenses presented by the Credit Counselling Society

Registered.
Virtual.

Language Classes

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, Apr 4 - Jun 27

6-8pm

Drop in.

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, Apr 8 - Jun 24

6:30-7:30pm

Drop in.

***No class May 20**



Community Adult
Learning & Literacy Society
Fort Saskatchewan & Strathcona County

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.