2024

FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

STRATHCONA COUNTY
LIBRARY

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Lifelong Learning

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PROGRAM REGISTRATION
Begins 9:30 am, Saturday, August 17

New for cardholders!
Log into your library account and look for "**My Events**". This new feature lets you manage all of your programs in one place.

Three ways to register

1. At sclibrary.ca   📅 Programs & Events ⌄

2. By phone   Call **780-410-8600**

3. In person   Visit the **Bookmobile** or the library's **Information Desks**

How to read our program descriptions

Program Title
Registration (registered or drop-in) and Format (online or in-person)
(audience)
Program description.
Location (Strathcona County Library, Community Hall, etc.)
Day   Time   Date

Programs are **free** unless costs are listed.

Library cards are not required to register or attend.

Most programs offer a waitlist to join if they fill up.

Library employees may take photos at programs and events for use in library publications, public reports, and on library social media channels

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Centre in the Park
Public Parking

Public parking for the Centre in the Park area is managed through an integrated parking system by Strathcona County. The district has over 1,300 public parking stalls.

Check the County's website for parking information, maps and updates.

Go to **strathcona.ca** and search for Parking.

Land acknowledgement
We recognize that Strathcona County Library is located on Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of the Otipemisiwak Métis, the traditional home of the Nehiyawewak, Papaschase, Nakota Sioux, Tsuut'ina, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Métis peoples. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land over many centuries and for the opportunity for all of us to live, work, and play here in a spirit of cooperation and commitment to our treaty obligations. Acknowledging the wrongs done to Indigenous peoples that are part of our shared national history, we dedicate ourselves to moving forward in the spirit of partnership, reconciliation and collaboration.

Family Tech Time: Music and Sound

Drop-in
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Experiment with sound recording and editing, music-making technology and more. Drop in any time during the program.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Sep 11

Partridge Hill Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Wed	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Oct 2

Strathcona Olympiette Centre

Day	Time	Date
Tue	2:30 - 4:00 pm	Nov 12

Family LEGO

Drop-in
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Join us for some self-guided LEGO play for the whole family. We'll bring the LEGO (and DUPLO for the little ones), and you bring your imagination!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 12

Family Tech Time: Augmented Reality

Drop-in
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Augmented reality brings new life to science, art and more. Drop in any time during the program and try out this exciting technology!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Oct 9

Antler Lake Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Thu	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Oct 17

Halloween Crafts

Drop-in
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Join us for some spooktacular fun! Create a witch's broomstick, a Halloween wreath or a spooky window scene.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Oct 23

Family Discovery Hour: Spooky STEM Spectacular

Registered
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Make a candy catapult and see how far you can launch candy pumpkins! Create a thaumatrope to view a creepy optical illusion. Supply kits will be available with registration starting Tuesday, October 1.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Thu	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Oct 24

Family Dance Party: Dress Up

Registered
(For ages 2 and up with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
Wear your costume and show off your dance moves in this special family dance party. Featuring child and parent-friendly music, come boogie along to your favourite songs.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Oct 25

PJ Party

Registered
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Feeling the Halloween burnout? Come to the library dressed in your favourite PJs. Enjoy a mini storytime and craft, followed by a short movie and healthy snack to get you ready for the day and over that Halloween sugar.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:00 - 10:45 am	Nov 1

Family Tech Time: Art

Drop-in
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Explore making art with coding, AI and other technology tools! Drop in any time during the program.
Brookville Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Mon	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Nov 4

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Nov 13

Drop-in Crafts

Drop-in
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Get ready to unleash your creativity as you explore different craft projects for kids. Join us for simple crafts and let your imagination soar!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	10:00 - 11:45 am	Nov 14

Christmas Crafternoon

Drop-in
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Spend a family afternoon together making holiday-themed ornaments and crafts to take home. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies with us! Visit the Bookmobile and browse our collection of holiday books.
North Cooking Lake Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Sun	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Nov 24

Family Discovery Hour: Snowflake Science

Registered
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Explore the science of snowflakes and create some stunning snowflakes of your own using hygroscopy and solubility. Supply kits will be available with registration starting Tuesday, November 12.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Thu	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Dec 5

Unsilent Night

Registered
(For teens, adults, seniors, and families)
Participate in a 45-minute electronic swirling sound walk through Broadmoor Park and beyond. Spread joy and light to brighten the long winter night! Deck yourself out with twinkle lights, a cell phone and (optional) amplifier/speaker. See more details about how to participate when you register.
Offsite TBD

Day	Time	Date
Thu	7:00 - 8:15 pm	Dec 19

Noon Year's Eve Party

Registered
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Put on your fancy outfits and party hats and count down to the New Year with us! Join us for dancing, crafts, photos and a special celebration when the clock strikes noon.
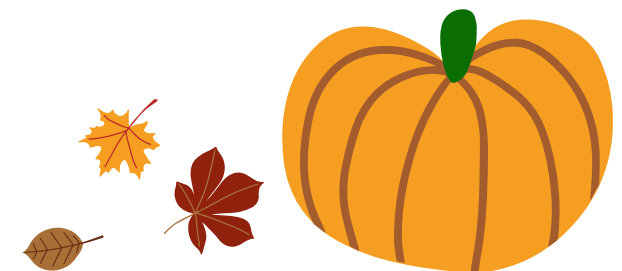**Strathcona County Library**

Day	Time	Date
Tue	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Dec 31

HOMEWORK PATHFINDERS

Use Homework Pathfinders to find books and online resources on curriculum topics!

These lists will guide you to information on rocks and minerals, shapes and measurement, Canadian explorers, Greek and Roman mythology and much more.

Find Homework Pathfinders in the Discovery Zone or at **sclibrary.ca/homework-help**

Weekly Drop-in Programs

Unfortunately, storytime programs cannot accommodate childcare or preschool groups of six or more children. Please contact **preschool@sclibrary.ca**, and we'll be happy to book a custom library visit for your group.

Baby Laptime
Drop-in
(For ages birth - 12 months with an adult. No older siblings please)
Join us for a lively program filled with songs and rhymes that you and your little one can enjoy together. Support your baby's early literacy development while connecting with other families in the community.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	11:00 - 11:30 am	Sep 3 - Dec 10
Wed	1:30 - 2:00 pm	Sep 4 - Dec 11
Thu	1:30 - 2:00 pm	Sep 5 - Dec 12

No programs Nov 12 - 14

Baby Mingle
Drop-in
(For ages birth - 18 months with an adult. No older siblings please)
Looking to get out of the house and meet other parents and babies? Join us on Mondays for Baby Mingle! Enjoy a safe space for your little one to explore while you meet and mingle with other new parents. Drop in any time during the program.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Mon	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Sep 9 - Dec 9

No program Sep 30, Oct 14 & Nov 11

Fun for Ones
Drop-in
(For ages 12 - 24 months with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
Discover songs, stories and more with your toddler. Enjoy time after the program to socialize with others.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	11:00 - 11:30 am	Sep 4 - Dec 11

No program Nov 13

Toddler Time
Drop-in
(For ages 1 - 3 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
This active program is filled with songs, rhymes, stories and lots of movement for little ones on the go.
Develop early literacy skills and make new friends in the community.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Mon	11:00 - 11:30 am	Sep 9 - Dec 9
Tue	9:45 - 10:15 am	Sep 3 - Dec 10
Wed	9:45 - 10:15 am	Sep 4 - Dec 11

No programs Sep 30, Oct 14 & Nov 11 - 13

Family Storytime
Drop-in
(For ages 3 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
Designed for preschoolers and their caregivers, this drop-in program is filled with engaging stories, music and activities that support imagination and early literacy development.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Mon	9:45 - 10:15 am	Sep 9 - Dec 9
Wed	11:00 - 11:30 am	Sep 4 - Dec 11

No programs Sep 30, Oct 14, Nov 11 & Nov 13

Rise and Shine Storytime
Drop-in
(For ages birth - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
Kick off your weekend with the whole family and enjoy stories, music and movement activities that support early literacy and language development.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Sat	10:00 - 10:30 am	Sep 7 - Dec 14

No program Nov 16

Bookmobile Family Storytime
Drop-in
(For ages birth - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
Join us for a fun, engaging half hour of stories, songs, rhymes and activities selected for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers. Pop into the Bookmobile while you are there!
Brookville Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Tue	10:00 - 10:30 am	Sep 24 - Oct 29

South Cooking Lake Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Thu	10:00 - 10:30 am	Nov 7 - Dec 12

Literacy At Play
Drop-in
(For ages 1 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
One of the best ways for children to develop early literacy skills is through play! Connect with your child while exploring play-based early literacy activities. Drop in any time during the program.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	9:30 - 11:30 am	Sep 5 - Dec 12

No program Nov 14

Preschool Storytime
Registered
(For ages 3 - 5, unparented)
Explore the world through stories, rhymes and musical activities designed to support early literacy development and school readiness. This program is for children ready for an independent experience without their caregiver.
Note: We require that a parent/caregiver stay in the children's area of the library for the duration of the program.
Strathcona County Library
Session 1

Day	Time	Date
Tue	11:00 - 11:30 am	Sep 3 - Oct 15
Wed	9:45 - 10:15 am	Sep 4 - Oct 16

Please register for only one series per session.
Registration opens Aug 17.
Session 2

Day	Time	Date
Tue	11:00 - 11:30 am	Oct 22 - Dec 10
Wed	9:45 - 10:15 am	Oct 23 - Dec 11

No programs Nov 12 & 13
Please register for only one series per session.
Registration opens Oct 1.

Infant CPR
Registered
(For adults)
Learning how to respond in an emergency could save your child's life. This free class, led by a certified Strathcona County Emergency Services educator, is ideal for expecting parents and parents/caregivers of children under the age of one. You're welcome to bring along your baby if they're not actively walking. *Presented by Strathcona County Emergency Services.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Mon	10:00 - 11:00 am	Sep 16
Tue	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Nov 19

Using Felt Stories and Songs
Registered
For parents, caregivers, and childcare providers.
Are you looking for a new way to share stories with the little ones in your life? Join us for an information session about the benefits of felt board stories, tips for presenting them, and practical methods for making your own.
This workshop is for adults only.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	6:30 - 7:15 pm	Sep 24

Sleepy Babies
Registered
(For ages birth - 12 months with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome with close supervision)
Put on your PJs and let's get cozy for a special Baby Laptime filled with rhymes, songs and stories that are perfect to include in your little one's bedtime routine.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	6:00 - 6:30 pm	Sep 25
Thu	6:00 - 6:30 pm	Nov 21

Please register for only one session.

Family Yoga
Registered
(For ages 3 - 6 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
Come on a journey of imagination and creativity through movement! This fun program, designed for children and their caregivers, will include basic yoga poses, mindfulness activities, physical movement and storytelling.
Presented by Glow Yoga Kids, a yoga, mindfulness and creative movement company.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:00 - 11:00 am	Sep 27
Fri	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Oct 4

Please register for only one session.

Parachute Playtime
Registered
Let's move, play and learn with the parachute! Parachute play promotes social growth, imaginative play and communication skills.
Strathcona County Library
Toddler session
(For ages 2 - 3 with an adult)

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:00 - 10:45 am	Oct 4

Preschool session
(For ages 4 - 5 with an adult)

Day	Time	Date
Fri	6:30 - 7:15 pm	Nov 8

Who's Hooting
Registered
(For ages 1 - 3 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
Join us for a special storytime all about our feathered friends. We'll sing songs, read stories and create a bea-hoot-iful craft to take home.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	9:45 - 10:15 am	Oct 11
Fri	11:00 - 11:30 am	Oct 11

Please register for only one session.

Dragons, Unicorns, and Mermaids… Oh My!
Registered
(For ages 3 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
Join us for a magical storytime all about amazing mythical creatures. We'll sing songs, read stories and create a magical creature of our own to bring home!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	9:45 - 10:30 am	Oct 18
Fri	11:00 - 11:45 am	Oct 18

Please register for only one session.

Fire Safety for Preschoolers
Registered
(For ages 3 - 5 with an adult)
This interactive program outlines foundational fire safety messages in an energetic way to provide an appropriate learning experience for preschool-aged children. Topics include "Stop, Drop and Roll," what to do if you hear a smoke alarm, and the role of firefighters in our community. Participants will go home with basic fire safety skills and educational materials to share with their family. *Presented by Strathcona County Emergency Services.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	1:30 - 2:15 pm	Oct 18

Glow-in-the-Dark Storytime
Registered
(For ages 3 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
Put on your pajamas, grab a glow stick, and enjoy glow-in-the-dark stories in this storytime with a twist!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	6:00 - 6:45 pm	Oct 22

The Great Pumpkin Escape
Registered
(For ages 3 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
Ready, set, BOO! Decipher clues and puzzles to assemble the missing pumpkin pieces in this escape room.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	9:45 - 10:30 am	Oct 25
Fri	11:00 - 11:45 am	Oct 25

Please register for only one session.

Jungle Babies
Registered
(For ages birth - 12 months with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome with close supervision)
Get ready to roar with this special Baby Laptime! We will learn rhymes, songs and stories that are perfect for little ones who love tigers, elephants and other jungle animals.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Sat	1:30 - 2:00 pm	Oct 26
Fri	6:00 - 6:30 pm	Nov 29

Please register for only one session.

Tiny Hands: Basic Baby Sign Language
Registered
(For ages birth - 12 months with an adult. No older siblings please)
Learn how to use Baby Sign Language through rhymes, songs and stories. Baby Sign Language is a great communication tool to support the relationship between you and your baby.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Sat	2:00 - 2:45 pm	Nov 2

Pirate Party
Registered
(For an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
Arrr! Grab your pirate hat and set sail on an adventure across the high seas. Enjoy a pirate-themed storytime and keep your eyes peeled for treasure!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Sat	1:30 - 2:15 pm	Nov 16
Fri	9:45 - 10:30 am	Nov 22

Please register for only one session.

Let's Pretend…
Registered
(For ages 1 - 3 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
Learn through play as we unleash the power of our imaginations to embark on an enchanting journey of pretend! This interactive storytime includes songs and a loose parts activity.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	9:45 - 10:30 am	Dec 13
Fri	11:00 - 11:45 am	Dec 13

Please register for only one session.

New!

WONDERBOOKS
These picture books have built-in audio players so kids can listen to the book as they read along. You'll find stories, nonfiction, and books with sing-along audio. Find them with the Read Along Sets in the Enchanted Forest.

Junior Book Club
Registered
(For grades 3 - 6)
Join us as we discuss great reads from our monthly theme. Pick a book related to the theme, enjoy fun activities and make new friends.
Strathcona County Library
Funny Characters

Day	Time	Date
Wed	3:00 - 4:00 pm	Sep 4

Suspenseful Reads

Day	Time	Date
Wed	3:00 - 4:00 pm	Oct 2

Animal Stories

Day	Time	Date
Wed	3:00 - 4:00 pm	Nov 6

Cozy Tales

Day	Time	Date
Wed	3:00 - 4:00 pm	Dec 4

Craftaganza
Registered
(For kindergarten - grade 6)
Do you love to craft and create? Join us for a quirky, abstract crafting session and create something you never expected! Each session will focus on different materials.
Strathcona County Library
Wooden craft sticks

Day	Time	Date
Thu	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Sep 19

Paper bags and paper plates

Day	Time	Date
Thu	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Oct 17

Painting

Day	Time	Date
Thu	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Nov 28

Pirate Palooza
Registered
(For kindergarten - grade 3)
Search for treasure, make your own pirate flag, and learn about some real-life pirates in this arrr-mazing program!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Mon	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Sep 9

At Home Alone
Registered
(For ages 9 - 12)
There is no "right" time for your child to be left alone in the home; the child must feel comfortable with the situation and feel ready for the responsibility. The At Home Alone program covers a variety of topics including general safety, the value of 9-1-1, dealing with different types of emergencies, potential hazards in the home, and some brief first aid.
Presented by Laura Hender, Community Safety & Preparedness Coordinator with Strathcona County Emergency Services.
South Cooking Lake Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Wed	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Sep 11

Brookville Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Mon	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Sep 23

Mad Science: Up, Up, and Away!
Registered
(For kindergarten - grade 6, parents welcome)
Join us for a special event where a mad scientist will introduce us to the principles of air and pressure. Watch in awe as they demonstrate an exothermic reaction. There may even be a hovercraft floating by! *Presented by Mad Science of Northern Alberta.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Sat	2:00 - 2:45 pm	Sep 21

Animals of the Outback
Registered
(For grades 2 - 6)
Australia is home to so many fascinating, strange, unique animals, from the roly poly quokka to the deadly box jellyfish. Join in fun games to learn about the habitats, life cycles and behaviours of these amazing animals.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Oct 4

Homeschool Hangout: STEM Challenge with LEGO
Registered
(For grades 2 - 6)
Learn about what makes bridges strong, then challenge yourself by building a LEGO bridge that can withstand an enormous weight!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	10:00 - 11:00 am	Oct 10

Fall Feast of Words: Joel A. Sutherland
Registered
(For grades 4 - 7, parents welcome)

For over 20 years, kids across Canada have delighted in the spooky stories of the Haunted Canada series. *Haunted Canada: The Graphic Novel* will bring these blood-curdling tales to vivid life! Meet award-winning author Joel A. Sutherland to enjoy spine-tingling tales, learn hair-raising history, ask your burning questions, and get your book signed by the author.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Sat	2:00 - 3:15 pm	Oct 19

Colourful Light Creations
Registered
(For grades 3 - 6)
Learn about the science of light and colour as you make your own 3D glasses, a magnified magnet image for your fridge, and a stained glass piece for your window.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Nov 12

Homeschool Hangout: Crafty Hour
Registered
(For grades 2 - 6)
Inspired to create? Let us give you some crafty ideas so you can make your own original masterpiece.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	10:00 - 11:00 am	Nov 21

Family Code Night
Registered
(For grades 2 - 6 with an adult)
Kids and their adults learn together through self-guided games that give hands-on experience with coding.
Games are geared towards beginner coders.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Dec 10

November Break
Keep busy while school is out with these programs!

Drop-in Crafts
(For children of all ages with their adults)
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Family Tech Time: Music and Sound
(For children of all ages with their adults)
p. 4

Family Tech Time: Art
(For children of all ages with their adults)
p. 4

Colourful Light Creations
(For grades 3 - 6)
p. 11

Beginner Dungeons and Dragons for Tweens
(For grades 5 - 8)
p. 13

Mario Kart Tournament
(For grades 7 - 12)
p. 13

Tween Hangout
Registered
(For grades 5 - 8)
Join us for a variety of fun activities and snacks.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 20, Dec 11

Anime Club
Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Join other anime enthusiasts for activities, snacks and anime watching!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 28

Teen Writing Group
Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Connect over Zoom with other teens who share a passion for writing.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Tue	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Sep 24, Oct 29, Nov 26

Teen Dungeons and Dragons
Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Get ready for an epic fantasy adventure at the library. This session is a stand-alone adventure perfect for both the newcomer and the experienced player. *A pizza dinner will be served.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Sep 13
Mon	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Nov 4

Please register for only one session.

Teen Art Attack: Doodle Mural
Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Come help us fill our paper mural with epic doodles and designs.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Mon	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Sep 16

Throwback Crafts
Drop-in
(For ages 10 and up)
Try something new or relive your childhood with these totally rad 90s crafts. We'll have gimp bracelets, sand art, tie-dye, and Perler beads, plus we'll be pumping up our favourite 90s jams and enjoying some retro snacks.
Ardrossan Recreation Centre - Cedar Room

Day	Time	Date
Mon	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Sep 16

Teen Trivia Night
Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Are you a real know-it-all? Come prove it by answering some tricky questions and climbing your way to the top. Winners will get prizes and everyone gets pizza.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Oct 3

Pizza and Pages
Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Enjoy a pizza dinner and chat about what you've read and enjoyed. Library staff will also have reading suggestions to share with you.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Oct 16

Make Your Own Theme Song
Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Do you have the music in you? Then come and create your own theme song with us using GarageBand! *No music experience necessary.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Oct 23

Family Murder Mystery: Murder at the Luau Party
Registered
(For grades 5 - 12 with their adults)
Local magician Darby Cerulean is hosting a poolside luau for all the hottest celebrities and socialites in Sun City, and you're invited. Grab your lei and your grass skirt—this will be a party to die for! *Pizza and snacks will be provided.*
Antler Lake Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Fri	5:00 - 7:30 pm	Oct 25

Swiftie Soiree: The Tortured Poets Department
Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Taylor is coming to Canada, so let's celebrate all things Tortured Poets Department. Come for pizza, games, trivia and amazing prizes.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Nov 8

Beginner Dungeons and Dragons for Tweens
Registered
(For grades 5 - 8)
Want to try D & D but don't know where to start? Come join us for a shortened D & D session ideal for beginners. *All supplies will be provided.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Nov 13

Mario Kart Tournament
Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Calling all Mario Kart Masters! Here's a chance to show off your drifting skills and take home the crown. *A pizza dinner will be served.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Nov 14

Breakout Box: Wild About Reading
Registered
(For grades 5 - 8)
Oh no! You were so absorbed in reading *The Wild Robot* that your boat crashed and you've become stranded on a deserted island, just like the robot in the book! Solve the puzzles to get back to safety, but beware: you only have one hour to sift through the debris before the tide returns to sweep all of the clues back out to sea.
Ardrossan Recreation Centre - Cedar Room

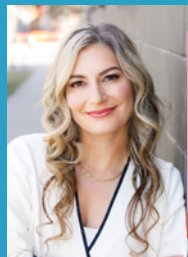| Day	Time	Date
Mon	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Nov 18

Fall Feast of Words

Join us for our annual fall author series!

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Natalie Sue with *I Hope This Finds You Well*
Registered | Teens, adults, and seniors | Strathcona County Library
Thu Oct 10 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Natalie Sue's debut novel is a wickedly funny office comedy about an admin worker who accidentally gains access to her colleagues' private emails. *I Hope This Finds You Well* is a sparkling take on loneliness and love beyond our computer screens.

Photo credit Colleen Morris

Joel A. Sutherland with *Haunted Canada: The Graphic Novel*
Registered | Grades 4 - 7, parents welcome | Strathcona County Library
Sat Oct 19 | 2:00 - 3:15 pm
For over 20 years, kids across Canada have delighted in the spooky stories of the Haunted Canada series. *Haunted Canada: The Graphic Novel* will bring these blood-curdling tales to vivid life! Meet Joel A. Sutherland to enjoy spine-tingling tales, ask your burning questions, and get your book signed.
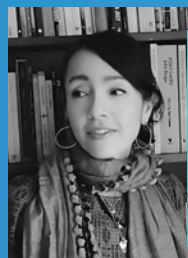
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Jay Ingram with *The Future of Us*
Registered | Teens, adults, and seniors | Strathcona County Library
Tue Oct 22 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Jay Ingram is well-known to Canadians from his years as the host of CBC's *Quirks & Quarks* and Discovery Channel's *Daily Planet*. His newest book, *The Future of Us*, pulls back the curtain on what our future might look like, as cutting-edge science changes what we eat, where we live and who we might ultimately become.

Photo credit David Wall

Kyo Maclear with *Unearthing*
Registered | Teens, adults, and seniors | Online
Sat Nov 2 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Kyo Maclear captured a 2023 Governor General's Literary Award for *Unearthing*, an unforgettable personal memoir. When a DNA test reveals a deeply-buried family secret, Maclear becomes a detective of her own life, carefully unravelling the mystery, and eventually confronting much larger questions about relationship and kinship.

More details at **sclibrary.ca/fall-feast**

Arts & Crafts

Craft Circle
Registered
(Teens, adults, and seniors)
Come craft with us! The library is hosting a weekly Zoom crafting circle where you can connect with fellow craftspeople for conversations and laughter, as you work on your own project.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Every Mon	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Sep-Dec

Throwback Crafts
Drop-in
(Ages 10 and up)
Try something new or relive your childhood with these totally rad 90s crafts. We'll have gimp bracelets, sand art, tie-dye, and Perler beads, plus we'll be pumping up our favourite 90s jams and enjoying some retro snacks.
Ardrossan Recreation Centre - Cedar Room

Day	Time	Date
Mon	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Sep 16

Alberta Culture Days:
The Culture We Carry
Register through Strathcona County Recreation Online reconline.strathcona.ca or call Gallery@501 at 780-410-8585
(Adults and seniors)
Celebrate Culture Days with a free night of art and learning! Enjoy a guided tour of an exhibition at Gallery@501, exploring family, culture and memory. Then head into the studio to create found poem collages inspired by the exhibit and your lived experiences. *All supplies included*. This program is a partnership between the Gallery@501 and Strathcona County Library.
Course ID 34973
Gallery@501

Day	Time	Date
Thu	6:00 - 8:30 pm	Sep 19

Winter Crafts
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Enjoy a relaxing evening, crafting winter decor for your home.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Mon	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Nov 18

Make and Learn Day
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Strathcona County Library

Fun with Improv
Say "yes" to learning the basic concepts of improvisational theatre. This participatory workshop will use simple games to introduce the core techniques of making up a story as you go along, including agreement, confidence building, and breaking out of your comfort zone.

Day	Time	Date
Sat	9:45 - 11:45 am	Sep 14

Play Keyboard
Learn to play three chords, a popular melody and get started on your own musical journey. Facilitated by music instructor Jan Janovsky, M.Mus. *No experience necessary. Instrument provided.*

Day	Time	Date
Sat	12:30 - 1:00 pm	Sep 14
Sat	1:15 - 1:45 pm	Sep 14
Sat	2:00 - 2:30 pm	Sep 14

Start Nålebinding
Learn the first steps of Nålebind, a Norse fabric creation technique that predates knitting and crocheting. Facilitated by Sandi Lawson, Viking reenactor and heritage skill instructor. *No experience necessary. All materials provided.*

Day	Time	Date
Sat	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Sep 14

Visible Mending
Learn how to fix rips and tears by hand with decorative stitching. We'll cover simple ways to strengthen material against future wear and tear, while also adding colour and style. Led by local crafter Marlaina Breckenridge. *Bring your ripped item to mend. Basic hand stitching skills required. All sewing supplies provided.*

Day	Time	Date
Sat	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Sep 14

Play Your Ukulele
Do you have a ukulele but never really got going with it? Join ukulele facilitator Jade Kim to learn strumming techniques and some basic chords. Jade will have you making music in no time!

Day	Time	Date
Sat	3:00 - 4:30 pm	Sep 14

Writing & Storytelling

The One-Hour Writer's Retreat
Registered
(Adults)
Join with peers to celebrate or commiserate the early stages of a literary career. This discussion group is for new writers seeking their first publication credit, to those who have yet to publish their second book. Find opportunities for networking, craft development, and awareness of industry opportunities while gaining skill in manuscript critique.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
4th Thu	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Sep-Nov

Reading the Land
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
This two-part creative writing workshop led by local poet Elaine Ries (B.A.), invites people into a space of deeper connection with the lands they inhabit. The first session explores how people can engage with the land through creative writing. Between sessions participants are encouraged to visit a piece of land they love and to write poetry there. In the second session, participants will have the option to share and discuss their writing and experiences with one another. This workshop is in partnership with the Writing the Land project.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Sun	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Sep 22 & 29

Stories for Adults
Storytelling Alberta
Connecting through story

Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Attend a gathering of enthusiastic oral storytellers as they share tales tall and true! Lend an ear or tell your own story among friends. Powered by Storytelling Alberta Strathcona and hosted by the library. For more information visit **storytellingalberta.com/strathcona**
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date	Theme
Wed	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Sep 25	Dig Deeper
Wed	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Oct 23	In Between Times
Online			
Wed	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Nov 27	Charms & Good Luck

Writer in Residence: Wrap Up Celebration
Registered
(Teens, adults, and seniors)
Celebrate a year of rich writing and craft development with an evening of featured and open mic readings from local emerging authors, hosted by outgoing Writer in Residence, Katie Bickell. Come ready to celebrate as we reflect on and say an early farewell to 2024.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Dec 5

Book Clubs

Meet new people and enjoy lively discussions featuring a variety of entertaining and diverse reads. Everyone is welcome whether you've read the selected book or not. A limited number of books will be available at the main floor Information Desk one month before the program.

You'll find upcoming titles at **sclibrary.ca/programs**.

Diehards Book Club
Drop-in
(Teens, adults, and seniors)
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
3rd Tue	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Sep-Dec

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club
Drop-in
(Adults and seniors)
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
4th Tue	3:00 - 4:00 pm	Sep-Nov

Thursday Afternoon Book Club
Drop-in
(Adults and seniors)
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
1st Thu	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Sep-Dec

Art Lovers Book Club
Register through Strathcona County Recreation
Online reconline.strathcona.ca or call Gallery@501 at 780-410-8585, $5 per person
(Adults and seniors)
Enjoy a fun afternoon talking about books and making art! You'll spend the first hour discussing a novel with library staff, then head to the Gallery@501 art studio to create your own artwork, inspired by what you've read.
All supplies included and no experience required.

Bad Cree by Jessica Johns
A supernatural horror story featuring a young Cree woman, haunted by dreams in the wake of her sister's untimely death. In the studio you'll make a relief print. Course ID 34860

Day	Time	Date
Sun	2:00 - 5:00 pm	Oct 27

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid
An aging movie star with a scandalous past tells all to a journalist who slowly uncovers why she's been chosen to write the tale. In the studio you'll make a pastel drawing. Course ID 34861

Day	Time	Date
Sun	2:00 - 5:00 pm	Nov 24

Craftsy

Find it in Libby.

Access over 1300 self-paced video lessons in drawing, knitting, photography, quilting and more! Use the free Libby app or website and look for "Extras" to get started.

sclibrary.ca/craftsy

Better U
Registered
(Seniors)
Strathcona County Library
Join us every month to discuss, learn, and make new connections. Better knowledge means Better U!

Senior Road Safety
In this information session, an instructor from the Alberta Motor Association will talk about what to do when aging begins to impact driving skills. Learn about age-specific hazards, vehicle safety, and tips for driver fitness that you can use to correct issues you may experience behind the wheel.

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:00 - 11:30 am	Sep 20

Fall Watercolour Painting
Explore the vibrant colours of fall in this beginner-friendly, hands-on painting session. Local artist Katie Tilbury will teach techniques to help you capture the beauty of the changing season and express yourself through watercolours in a fun, supportive environment. *All supplies provided.*

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:00 - 11:30 am	Oct 18

The Science of Wine Tasting
Dr. David Wishart (PhD Molecular Biophysics) will present on the science behind wine tasting, and fill us in on the latest scientific advancements in wine chemistry and sensory evaluation. *(Note: there will be no alcohol at this event.)*

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:00 - 11:30 am	Nov 15

Carolling
Embrace the season with spirited carolling and festive fun! Our accompanist will play and lead a selection of favourite carols while you sing along.

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:00 - 11:30 am	Dec 20

Games & Recreation

Chess Meetup
Drop-in
(All ages)
Stop by the library to play a quick (or not-so-quick) game of chess. Open to all ages and skill levels.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Every Wed	3:00 - 5:00 pm	Sep-Dec

Board Game Gathering
Drop-in
(Adults)
Join us for an evening of gaming and socializing with other board game enthusiasts. Every month, library staff will teach a featured game. You can join in the featured game, bring and play your own games or try other games from our collection. All skill levels are welcome.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date	Featured Game
Thu	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Sep 19	Ticket to Ride
Thu	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Oct 17	Libertalia: Winds of Galecrest
Thu	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Nov 21	Wingspan
Thu	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Dec 19	Azul

Memory and Board Games
Registered
(Seniors)
Let's meet and improve our memory! Enjoy some board games and memory exercises to help keep your grey matter sharp.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
2nd Fri	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Sep-Dec

Dungeons & Dragons
Registered
(Teens and adults)
Grab your dice and get ready to play Dungeons & Dragons, the classic role-playing game of swordplay and sorcery. Each session will offer a stand-alone adventure, where you'll solve puzzles, battle mythical creatures, and make crucial choices. Whether you're a seasoned adventurer or new to the game, gather your courage and prepare for an unforgettable journey!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
4th Sat	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Sep-Nov

Family Murder Mystery: Murder at the Luau Party
Registered
(Grades 5 - 12 with their adults)
Local magician Darby Cerulean is hosting a poolside luau for all the hottest celebrities and socialites in Sun City, and you're invited. Grab your lei and your grass skirt—this will be a party to die for! *Pizza and snacks will be provided.*
Antler Lake Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Fri	5:00 - 7:30 pm	Oct 25

Movies & Music

Monday Movie Matinee
Drop-in
(Adults and seniors)
Enjoy a film at the library on the last Monday of the month. Titles and run times announced at the beginning of each month. *Films are not suitable for children.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Last Mon	2:00 - 4:30 pm	Sep-Nov

September program Sep 23

Unsilent Night
Registered
(Teens, adults, seniors, and families)
Participate in a 45-minute electronic swirling sound walk through Broadmoor Park and beyond. Spread joy and light to brighten the long winter night! Deck yourself out with twinkle lights, a cell phone and (optional) amplifier/speaker. See more details about how to participate when you register.
Offsite TBD

Day	Time	Date
Thu	7:00 - 8:15 pm	Dec 19

Health & Wellness

Intro to The Nia® Movement Technique
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Join Mona Lisa Beatty, certified Nia® instructor, for an introduction to the movement, music and magic of the Nia® Technique. Kick off your shoes, take in soulful music and step into this uniquely crafted holistic movement experience combined with mindfulness practices. Nia® is for everybody and every body, regardless of age, health or fitness level. *Wear loose clothing and bring a mat or towel and water bottle.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Sep 18

Complexities of Sexual Pain
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Up to 80% of women experience disruptive sexual pain during their lifetime, which can lead to decreased sex drive, reduced pleasure, challenges with identity, and strain in romantic relationships. Crystal Tracy is a provisional registered psychologist and sexual health advocate, specializing in treating complex sexual pain disorders. She will discuss several sexual pain conditions, the challenges associated with the pain, and available treatment options.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Mon	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Oct 21

Reimagining Self-Worth
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Explore and challenge your limiting beliefs about your worth. Through a blend of creativity, journaling and group discussion, you'll engage in a transformative process aimed at uncovering the roots of negative self-perceptions and envisioning a path toward a more empowered and self-accepting identity. Facilitated by coach and educator Larissa Russel.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Nov 12

Yoga for Seniors
Registered
(Seniors)
Embrace the serenity found in movement with yoga led by Neve Deol, certified Yoga Instructor. Participate in a yoga class tailored especially for seniors. Merging a collection of standing, seated, kneeling, and reclining postures at a soothing pace, you'll leave feeling tranquil and renewed. Worried about kneeling or reaching the floor? No worries! Alternative postures are offered to ensure everyone can experience the benefits. *Please bring a yoga mat or large towel for this barefoot practice.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	10:00 - 11:00 am	Nov 26

Travel & Culture

Travel Club
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Join fellow travellers for a fun afternoon program, sharing travel tips and favourite destinations.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
1st Fri	3:00 - 4:30 pm	Sep-Nov

Uzbekistan: An Unusual Travel Experience
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
To John Woollard's delight, he received an astonishing welcome in a rural village in Uzbekistan (a country astride the famed Silk Road) that had hosted a group of wandering Mennonites 140 years ago. Hear about this encounter, and enjoy stories and photos of the architecture, economics, lifestyle and UNESCO site in this now thriving, modern nation.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Oct 24

Biking and Hiking Austria
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Seasoned traveller Bill Reynolds will share urban-rural highlights of a self-planned, six-week Austrian trip. Enjoy the photos and experience of a biking trip, hiking inn to inn and visiting cultural and historic places including Vienna.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Nov 26

Computers & Technology

Tech News Discussion Group
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Stay ahead of the curve in the ever-evolving world of technology. Join our staff for a lively and informative conversation about the latest news from the tech world—and how it impacts us. Bring your questions and ideas!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
2nd Tue	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Sep-Dec

Tech Troubleshooting
Drop-in
(Adults and seniors)
Having trouble with your digital devices? Drop in for some assistance on the first Saturday afternoon of each month. We can help solve lots of problems, and for the ones we can't, we can help diagnose the issues so you know where to go next. *Bring the tablet, phone, laptop or other device that's giving you troubles and drop in any time between 1 and 4 pm.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
1st Sat	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Sep-Dec

Getting Started with Android
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
We'll cover the basics in this two-session program: using your device's touchscreen, connecting to the internet and downloading apps. *Please bring your fully-charged Android phone or tablet. (No Apple devices please.)*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Sep 3 & 10
Thu	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Nov 7 & 14

Getting Started with Windows
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
We'll cover the basics in this two-session program: navigating the desktop, connecting to the internet and downloading apps. *Please bring your fully-charged Windows 11 laptop or tablet.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Sep 18 & 25
Tue	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Oct 22 & 29

Getting Started with Apple Devices
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
We'll cover the basics in this two-session program: using your device's touchscreen, connecting to the internet and downloading apps. *Please bring your fully-charged Apple iPad or iPhone.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Oct 3 & 10
Wed	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Nov 27 & Dec 4

Intro to Password Management Tools
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
How can you make your online life more secure? One great way to start is by using better passwords. In this online session for beginners, we'll discuss how to create stronger passwords and—more importantly—how to use apps to remember them.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Tue	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Sep 17

Next Steps with Password Management Tools
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Already know a little bit about password managers and ready to try one? We'll help you get started setting one up on your device. *Please bring your fully-charged phone, tablet or laptop.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Sep 20

Intro to Apple Photo Management
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Apple devices come with plenty of tools for taking and sharing pictures. Learn the basics of organizing, backing up and sharing photos on (and off) your iPhone or iPad.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Thu	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Oct 24

Intro to Online Privacy Tools
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
As more of life moves online, it's important to know how to protect your confidential information. Join our online discussion of some tools and techniques you can use to keep your private information private.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Wed	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Nov 6

Next Steps with Online Privacy Tools
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Already heard about online privacy tools and ready to try some? We'll help you to get started setting some up on your device. *Please bring your fully-charged phone, tablet or laptop.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Nov 8

Intro to Windows Photo Management
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Windows 11 includes an assortment of tools to help you organize and share pictures. Join us online to learn the fundamentals of organizing, backing up and transferring photos from your camera or phone to a Windows computer.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Tue	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Nov 19

Rural Seniors' Tech Series
Registered
(Seniors)
Join us for a series of classes that will help you feel more confident using your device and keep you safely navigating the Internet. Each week we will explore a different topic in a one-hour class, with plenty of time for questions and hands-on activities. Seniors at any skill level are welcome!
Deville North Cooking Lake Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Tue	10:00 - 11:00 am	Oct 1 - 22

Josephburg Senior Citizens' Drop-in Centre

Day	Time	Date
Tue	10:00 - 11:00 am	Nov 5 - 26

Friend Better: How to Improve Your Facebook Experience
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Facebook has changed and users are noticing more ads, new AI features, and different privacy concerns. In this presentation, library staff will share some tips and tricks that you can use to improve your experience.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Oct 9

Travelling with Your Technology
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
There are many tech gadgets designed to make travel easier and more fun, but it's hard to know what's helpful and what might be a waste of luggage space. In this overview, we'll talk about current gadgets and apps—to help you decide what to bring along and what to leave at home.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Oct 18

Digital Security for Seniors
Registered
(Seniors)
You've probably heard about email scams that target seniors, but scams can happen in all kinds of online environments. Learn how to recognize scams and protect yourself.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Nov 28

History & Genealogy

Family Tree Trackers: Techniques for Digitizing and Organizing Photos
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Learn digitization techniques to preserve tangible elements of the past—photos, letters, and memorabilia—so they'll be accessible for future generations. Family Researcher Ellen Thompson-Jennings will provide step-by-step guidance on how to digitize, organize, and preserve your family history effectively. We'll discuss overcoming obstacles, what tools you can use and how to get started.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Sep 12

Family Tree Trackers: Hudson Bay Company Archives
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
The Hudson's Bay Company Archives is home to the records that document all of the Company's activities such as fur trading, exploration, land sales and the retail stores. This orientation session will provide an overview of the Archives and its uses, as well as its database and online resources. Bring your questions!
Online

Day	Time	Date
Thu	1:30 - 3:00 pm	Oct 10

Family Tree Trackers: Across the Border
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Discover with Kathryn Lake Hogan, UE, PLCGS, what can be found in Canada-US border entry records, and why every family historian should be researching them. Bring your ancestors' border crossing stories to share after the presentation.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Thu	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Nov 14

Scottish Genealogy Help
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Researching your Scottish family tree? Sociologist Allison McKinnon will give you guidance about the principles, techniques and resources available to you.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	10:00 - 11:30 am	Sep 17
Tue	10:00 - 11:30 am	Oct 15

Alberta Railway Fever
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
At the turn of the 20th century, Alberta was swept up in railway fever. For thirty years, no part of the province was left untouched by this mode of transportation. Learn about what emerged in the wake of the railway fever, from railroad and history enthusiast Gary Buchanan.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Oct 29

Fears No Foe: A History of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
For more than a century, residents of Strathcona County have served in the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. The Regiment's history and achievements parallel many stages of Alberta's development as a province. As we approach Remembrance Day, join us for a fascinating talk with Captain (Ret'd) Rick Dumas, VP of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Military Museum.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Nov 6

Irish Genealogy Workshop
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
There are a lot of challenges involved in researching Irish genealogy and professional genealogist Colleen Murray is ready to help! Submit your research roadblock in advance, and Colleen will walk through a live demo, tackling as many queries as possible. She will also cover tips for planning your research, using online resources and travelling to Ireland to do genealogy research.
Online

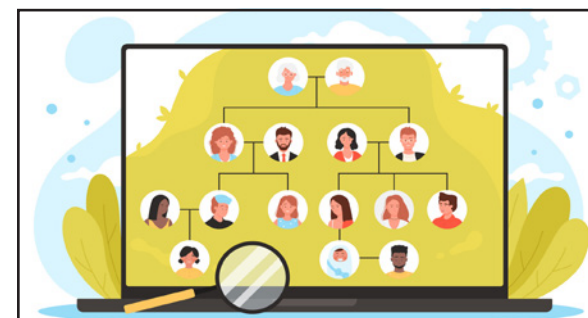| Day	Time	Date
Tue	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Nov 19

Yule Time Tales
Registered
(Teens, adults, and seniors)
In the coldest, darkest time of the year we shovel away the snow to reveal the funniest, loveliest, and silliest stories from Edmonton's early days. Catch of a whiff of what Paul Kane was served for Christmas dinner, what John Welch discovered about New Year's, and how Peter Erasmus made Fort Edmonton sit up and take notice! Presented by Thomas Long, former Fort Edmonton historian.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Mon	7:00 - 7:45 pm	Dec 9

Genealogy Tutor
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Researching your family tree? Book an hour of one-on-one help with a genealogy expert! You'll get guidance about the principles of genealogy, techniques for research and learn about the resources available to you.

sclibrary.ca/faqs/genealogy-research

Indigenous

Introduction to Cree Language
Registered
(Teens, adults, and seniors)
The Cree Language is the essence of Métis-Cree culture and identity. Métis elder and teacher Dan Cardinal is fluent in both Michif and Cree languages. Through personal stories and formal instruction Dan will provide an overview of dialects, kinship terms, and examples of the ways Cree language influences ways of knowing and understanding the world. *Prior knowledge of Cree is not required.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Sep 26

Learn @ Your Library

Path to World War II
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Strathcona County Library

From the ashes of World War I, countries around the globe tried to rebuild their economies and lives, only to be confronted by the Great Depression. This economic crash undermined democracy, clearing the way to power for dictators like Hitler and Mussolini. Before long, diplomatic confrontation and a new arms race set the stage for another world war in 1939. Join speaker Brent Bennett, U of A History graduate, for a far-ranging look at this momentous era of history.

The World Order 1919-1934
At the end of the Great War, the victorious Allied countries drew up the Treaty of Versailles and constructed a new world order. The roaring Twenties witnessed some boom years and a fragile global recovery. This ended with the Great Depression that led to "have not" countries like Germany, Italy, the Soviet Union and Japan, rebelling against the established liberal democratic order.

Day	Time	Date
Sun	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Oct 20

Appeasement 1935-37
England took the lead in a policy of appeasement to peacefully meet the grievances of Hitler and Mussolini. London tried to bring Germany and Italy back into the international order to rebuild the international system. At the same time, a civil war broke out in Spain, Japan attacked China, and Italy invaded Ethiopia. Nations began to build up their armaments and accelerated the arms race.

Day	Time	Date
Sun	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Oct 27

Munich 1938
In September 1938, the world was again on the brink of war over the fate of Czechoslovakia. In a final effort to reach an understanding, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain flew to meet Adolf Hitler in Munich for a conference. The Czech nation was sacrificed in the interests of peace, but only a year later Germany invaded Poland and started World War II.

Day	Time	Date
Sun	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Nov 3

Jobs, Money & Law

Work Search
Registered
(Adults)
Learn traditional and non-traditional work search strategies that you can apply for job search success in the ever-changing work world. This session includes traditional and hidden job markets. *Presented by BGS Career Ventures.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Sat	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Sep 7

Understanding Probate
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
This discussion, led by lawyer Andrew McLaughlin, will include what probate is, why it's necessary and how the recent changes at the Court will affect your Executor. Bring your questions!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	7:00 - 8:15 pm	Sep 10

Introduction to Investment Basics
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Investment planning includes setting goals, understanding the risks and learning about the types of investment options. Presented by Crystal Kelly, Financial Planner.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Mon	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Sep 16

Resume & Cover Letter Writing
Registered
(Teens, adults, and seniors)
Are you looking for work? Join the library's Resume Tutor for this small group workshop, and learn how to make your resume and cover letter stand out! Be sure to bring your current resume and any job postings you find interesting.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Sat	10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Sep 21

Personal Directives and Enduring Powers of Attorney
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
This discussion, led by lawyer Andrew McLaughlin, will include what these documents are, why they're necessary, what you can do with them and what happens if you don't have them.
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Day	Time	Date
Tue	10:00 - 11:00 am	Sep 24

Is Self-Employment for You?
Registered
(Teens and adults)
Gain an understanding whether self-employment is for you and weigh out the risks, rewards and opportunities. *Presented by BGS Career Ventures.*
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Day	Time	Date
Sat	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Oct 5

Financial Ratios and Why They Matter to Your Business
Registered
(Adults)
This 60-minute session is for small and medium-sized business owners and managers. After the session you'll be able to use financial ratios to answer critical questions like: How profitable is my business? How do my profits compare to the industry? Can we pay the bills? *Presented by Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.*
Online

Day	Time	Date
Mon	7:00 - 8:15 pm	Oct 7

Interview Skills
Registered
(Teens and adults)
All successful job applicants must get through one critical stage: the job interview. Join the library's Resume Tutor to learn all about how to make a great first impression.
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Day	Time	Date
Sat	10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Oct 19

Resume Gaps and Extended Leaves
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
There are many reasons why a job seeker may have gaps in their work experience: caregiving, parental leaves, recovery from disability, etc. Join our Resume Tutor for tips on ways to minimize or explain lengthy leaves in your work history, while emphasizing your value as a candidate.
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Day	Time	Date
Sat	10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Nov 9

Cooking & Food

The Feasting Season: Part One
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Join author and food critic Judy Schultz to explore 500 years of winter feasts in Canada, including the first Thanksgiving (which was in Newfoundland), the Order of Good Cheer at Port Royal and Christmas in Fort Edmonton circa 1848. Please bring along a family recipe reserved for special autumn-to-winter parties.
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Day	Time	Date
Tue	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Sep 17

The Feasting Season: Part Two
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Fall suppers, fowl suppers, perogy suppers, and the best of potlucks. Share favourite recipes and cookbooks among other food lovers. Judy Schultz, food critic and writer, will lead the discussion on decking the halls and tables, dishes adopted and adapted, cookie swaps, and the battle of the definitive tourtière. Please bring along a recipe reserved for Christmas, Hanukkah, Solstice, or other winter celebrations in your family.
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Day	Time	Date
Wed	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Oct 16

Newcomers

English Conversation Circle
Drop-in
Practice your English speaking and listening skills with a friendly volunteer.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Every Mon	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Every Month
Every Wed	9:30 - 10:30 am	Every Month

Drop-in English
Drop-in
Improve your English. All levels welcome.
No registration needed, $10 if you can pay.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Every Wed	7:00 - 8:45 pm	Every Month

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Fort Saskatchewan & Strathcona County

EiSA Edmonton IMMIGRANT SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Grazyna Pakos
Library Settlement Practitioner

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Are you new to Canada?
Grazyna can help you to do things like:
• Find a place to live
• Set up your bank accounts
• Obtain government documents, like an Alberta Health Card, Social Insurance Number (SIN), Driver's License, Canada Child Tax Benefit
• Assess your work skills, get accreditation and licensing
• Help students adjust to a new school

*Citizenship and Immigration Canada has partnered with the Edmonton Immigrant Services Association and Alberta libraries to offer the **Library Settlement Services** program. The objective of this program is to connect newcomers to services and resources in the community, through a Settlement Practitioner based in a local library.*

Home & Garden

Autumn in the Garden
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Join Merril Lasby from Strathcona County's Horticulture Department to learn about fall planting, and preparing your garden for winter.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Sep 4

Timeless Treasures
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Uncover the hidden stories and significance of local heirlooms with the help of Johanne Yakula, CPPAG certified appraiser and educator, and Strathcona County Museum and Archives' Alessandra Hood, Collections and Archives Coordinator. Sign up to bring your antique for evaluation by experts in both local history and appraisal. The audience will hear about the history of these items and learn a few tips about what each expert looks for when evaluating an item for sale or donation to a museum.

You can register to bring an antique or be part of the audience. *If you sign up to bring an item, Library staff will reach out to you for a short paragraph about what the item means to you, details about the age/condition/origin of the item, and a few photos to send to our experts in advance of the program. Items can be refused at the discretion of library staff.*
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Day	Time	Date
Sat	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Sep 21

Dealing with Difficult Neighbours
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Learn strategies you can use with difficult neighbours, renters, landlords or family members. This workshop is facilitated by Strathcona County Community Mediation. Bring your questions!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Oct 3

Long-Term Harvest Storage
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Despite Alberta's short growing season, we can produce a lot of food. How can we keep the produce fresh? How do we keep it for the long term? Denise O'Reilly, farmer and forest technician, will cover some basic and advanced ideas including root cellars. Bring your questions!
Online

Day	Time	Date
Tue	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Oct 8

Where is My House? GIS Digital Mapping in Strathcona County
Registered
(Adults and seniors)
A Geographic Information System (GIS) is a smart map that integrates location data (where things are) with all types of descriptive information (what things are like there). GIS lets you see how things are connected in space, like how a new road might affect traffic patterns, how a flood might impact certain neighborhoods, or when your street will be cleared of snow. Strathcona County uses this cutting-edge technology for planning and decision-making, and this is YOUR chance to meet the County's GIS professionals. They'll show you the different kinds of maps they work with, and explain how you can use them yourself, to learn more about your community, your neighbourhood, or even your own house!
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Day	Time	Date
Wed	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Nov 20

Exam Proctoring
Get your exam supervised at the Library!
Resident $50 + GST
(Strathcona County and Fort Saskatchewan)
Non-Resident $75 + GST
For more information or to book an exam time, email us at proctor@sclibrary.ca
Please provide two weeks' notice.

Find us at these community events!
Christmas in the Heartland (Sat Nov 30)
Christmas in the Country (Sat Dec 7)

BOOKMOBILE FALL SPECIAL VISITS (Mon Aug 26 to Fri Dec 20)

Mondays
Fultonvale/Strathcona Olympiette Centre
8:30 - 9:30 am (Sep 9 - Dec 9, no visit Sep 30, Oct 14, Nov 11)

Tuesdays
Brookville Community Hall
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursdays
South Cooking Lake Community Hall
9:30 - 11:00 am

Hastings Lake Community Hall
11:30 am -12:30 pm (begins Sep 12)

Fridays
Fultonvale/Strathcona Olympiette Centre
11:00 am - 12:00 pm (begins Sep 13, no visit Dec 6)
Deville/North Cooking Lake Community Hall
12:30 - 2:00 pm (no visit Dec 6)

'Part of the Service, Part of the Community'

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE
Proud to deliver library services to a location near you!

Monday
Deville/N Cooking Lake Comm Hall	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Brookville Community Hall	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Ardrossan Recreation Complex	6:45 - 8:15 pm

Tuesday
Strathcona Olympiette Centre	2:30 - 3:30 pm
Hastings Lake Community Hall	4:00 - 5:00 pm
Ministik (Old school parking lot)	5:15 - 6:00 pm
South Cooking Lake Comm Hall	6:15 - 7:30 pm
Colchester Community Hall	7:45 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday
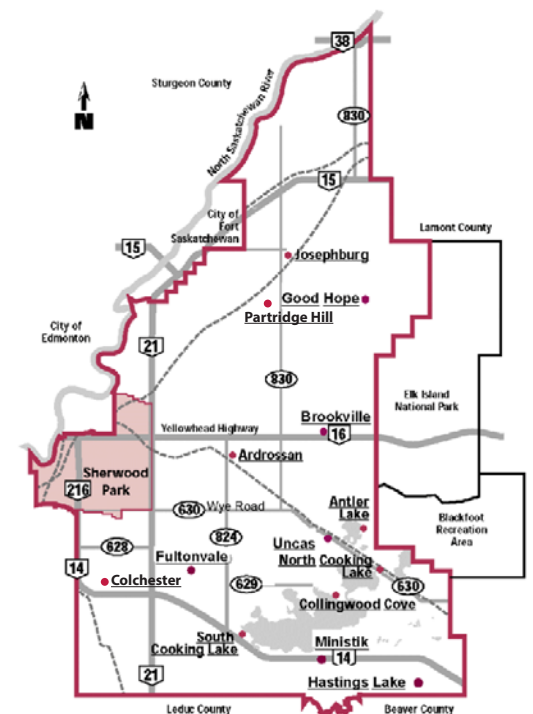|	
Partridge Hill Community Hall	4:00 - 5:00 pm
Good Hope Community Hall	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Moyer Rec Centre Josephburg	7:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday
Collingwood Cove	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Uncas (Country Mercantile Store)	5:00 - 6:30 pm
Antler Lake/Uncas Comm Hall	7:00 - 8:00 pm

Bookmobile Holiday closure: Sat Dec 21 to Sun Jan 5
Bookmobile service resumes: Mon Jan 6, 2025

RETURN BINS

Central Library	Outside - right of entrance Inside - right of entrance Parkade - P1 near the public elevators
Ardrossan Recreation Centre	West side near the curling rink
Bethel Transit Centre	Southwest corner
Bookmobile	Any stop
Fort Saskatchewan Public Library	Outside - south entrance Inside - right of entrance
Millennium Place	East entrance near the teen area
Emerald Hills Leisure Center	Inside - right of entrance

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