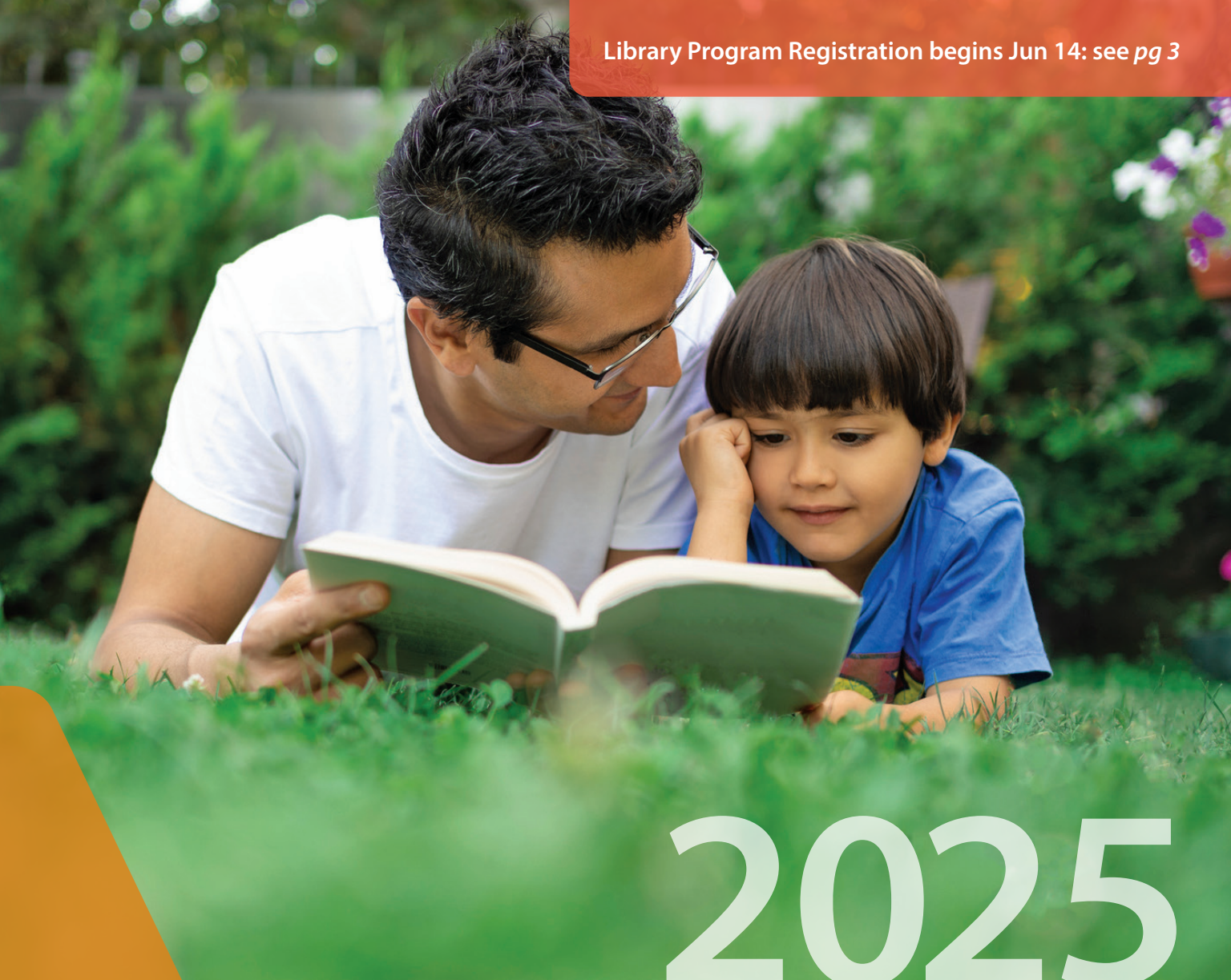


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2025

SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE



STRATHCONA COUNTY LIBRARY

sclibrary.ca

Your **LIBRARY** is... Summertime



Browse our shelves to inspire your summer projects, whether you're gardening, building or travelling...

Load your digital device instead of your carry-on with the latest editions of **Bon Appetit, Vanity Fair, GQ** and more. You'll find them at sclibrary.ca/pressreader.

Keep your little people entertained with unlimited **Kanopy Kids** content, from sclibrary.ca/kanopy.

Learn something new! Try some bite-sized training videos on painting, writing and photography from **LinkedIn Learning** at sclibrary.ca/linkedin.


Get a **free library card** at sclibrary.ca/get-card. Register it with ME Libraries at melibraries.ca to borrow and drop off books at any public library in Alberta!

Heading out of town? Ask us how to **extend your loans** and **pause your holds**.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION Begins 9:30 am, Saturday, June 14

Three ways to register

1. At sclibrary.ca

 Programs & Events ▾

Log into your library account to manage your program registrations

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.



Each season, the library schedules outdoor programs, but we are aware that environmental conditions are not always cooperative. Prior to an outdoor program, staff will monitor for conditions like very high or very low temperatures, heavy rain or snow, and residual smoke from fire situations. If it becomes clear that running a program outdoors poses a risk to the health and safety of patrons and staff, we reserve the right to cancel or reschedule that program.

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

Personal information is collected under authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 33c and is used to administer programs and services. We respect your privacy and are committed to protecting the personal information you share with us. Strathcona County Library works with some 3rd party vendor systems, some of which have servers located in the U.S.A. If you have questions about the collection and use of your information, please contact the CEO at 780-410-8606.

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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.



KIDS

Drop by the game table in the library any time. Roll the dice to set sail and read or listen your way to earning some treasure!

ON THE BOOKMOBILE

Drop by the bus to spin the ship's wheel and chart your adventures. Track them in your reading log and trade 'em in for bounty!

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**Summer
Wrap-up Party**
Mon Aug 25
Details on pg 6

TEENS

Make this summer extra fun with challenges that earn you prizes! Every activity you complete gets you a draw entry for the gift basket of your choice.

ADULTS

Spice up your summer with our weekly challenge in person or online. It's easy to win from wherever you are! Thank you to Inter Pipeline for their generous sponsorship of the Adult Summer Challenge.



TO PLAY

Visit the library's **Main Floor Information Desk**, the **Bookmobile**, or see sclibrary.ca/summer-games for details.

Visit us at local farmers' markets this summer!

Join the library staff at their booth for a fun-filled experience with valuable information and engaging crafts for kids. It's a fantastic way to support local farmers, connect with the community, and keep little ones entertained and learning. Don't miss out on this perfect summer activity!

Ardrossan Farmers' Market

Day	Time	Date
Tue	4:30 - 7:30 pm	Jun 3 - Sep 30

South Cooking Lake Farmers' Market

Day	Time	Date
Thu	4:30 - 7:30 pm	Jun 19 - Sep 11

Make a Fairy Garden

Drop-in

(For children of all ages with their adults)
Create a magical fairy garden or a scary pirate garden—imagined just by you! Plant a flower and create a world within your pot. *All supplies provided.*

North Cooking Lake Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Mon	3:00 - 5:00 pm	Jun 30

South Cooking Lake Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Thu	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Jul 3

Brookville Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Tue	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Jul 8

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
Wed	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Jul 2
Thu	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Jul 17
Tue	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Jul 29
Mon	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Aug 18

Supersized Play

Drop-in

(For children of all ages with their adults)
Get ready for larger-than-life fun at Broadmoor Lake Park! The library is breaking out supersized versions of classic games like Jenga, Connect Four and Snakes & Ladders which you can enjoy as part of Strathcona County's Play Days. *In the event of inclement weather, this event may be cancelled.*

Broadmoor Lake Park

Day	Time	Date
Wed	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Jul 9
Thu	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Aug 7

Family Tech Time: Robots and Coding

Drop-in

(For children of all ages with their adults)
Learn about robots and block-based coding languages! Drop in any time during the program.

Strathcona County Library

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

Summer Fun Bingo Night

Registered

(For children of all ages with their adults)
Enjoy prizes, snacks and fun for the whole family at this bingo night!

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Jul 11



In a hurry? Love surprises?

Check out a surprise bag of books hand-picked for your child's age group!

Enchanted Express Bags are perfect for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

Discovery Bags are packed with awesome reads for elementary kids.

Pirate Party

Drop-in
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Arrr Matey! Chart your course and sail over to your nearest community hall. Join us for pirate-themed activities and have a swashbuckling good time. Come if ye dare!

North Cooking Lake Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Mon	3:00 - 5:00 pm	Jul 14

Brookville Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Tue	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Jul 15

South Cooking Lake Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Thu	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Jul 17

Cool Crayons and Pastels

Drop-in
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Bring the whole family to an afternoon of creative colouring, with crayons for the little ones and pastels for the older kids. There will be colouring sheets and different techniques to try.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Jul 23

Beppie In Concert

Registered
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Get up and sing! Get up and dance! You're invited to an interactive concert with JUNO-nominated children's artist Beppie! Beppie's music is fun, high-energy and modern. Her live show features dance, hip-hop, country, jazz and rock, and she will surely get your feet moving!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:00 - 10:45 am	Jul 25

Family Discovery Hour: Paddle Boat Science

Registered
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Make a simple, wind-up paddle boat and see how far it can go. Can we modify it to go faster? Go straighter? Float better? Kits will be available with registration starting Monday, Jul 7.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:00 - 11:00 am	Jul 25

Family Tech Time: Circuits

Drop-in
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Learn about circuits and conductivity through hands-on activities. Drop in any time during the program.
Strathcona County Library

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

Family Discovery Hour: Crafts Ahoy!

Registered
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Any pirate worth their salt has a hook and a trusty pet parrot! Grab yer bag o' booty and join us online for a morning of pirate-themed crafts. Kits will be available with registration starting Tuesday, Aug 5.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:00 - 11:00 am	Aug 13

Family Movie Night: The Pirates! Band of Misfits

Drop-in
(For children of all ages with their adults)
To win the Pirate of the Year Award, Pirate Captain (Hugh Grant) and his crew must battle a wicked queen (Salma Hayek), save a young scientist (David Tennant), and stay true to their love of adventure! Popcorn and drinks will be provided.
This animated film is rated G by the Alberta Film Classification Office (some mild vulgar expressions and slapstick).
Antler Lake/Uncas Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Fri	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Aug 22

Summer Reading Game Wrap-Up Party

Drop-in
(For children of all ages with their adults)
Celebrate a spectacular summer of reading with us! Drop in any time during the program for activities and crafts.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Mon	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Aug 25

Weekly Drop-in Programs

Unfortunately, preschool 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	Jul 8 - Aug 19
Thu	1:30 - 2:00 pm	Jul 10 - Aug 21

Little Wiggles in the Garden

Drop-in
(For ages birth - 18 months with an adult, older siblings welcome)
The ARAS Community Growing Patch is a perfect place to meet and mingle with other new parents in a garden atmosphere. There's shelter available, and you can drop in any time during the program.
ARAS Community Growing Patch
(southeast corner of Wye Road and RR 222)

Day	Time	Date
Wed	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Jul 2 - Aug 27

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	Jul 7 - Aug 18
Tue	9:45 - 10:15 am	Jul 8 - Aug 19

No program Aug 4

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	Jul 7 - Aug 18

No program Aug 4

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 literacy activities. Drop in any time during the program.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	10:00 - 11:30 am	Jul 10 - Aug 21



Unfortunately, preschool 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.

R.E.A.D. with the RCMP

Drop-in

(For ages 2 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)

Visit the library on the first Friday of the month for storytime with a special guest from the RCMP. Enjoy fun, interactive stories read by Constable Cheri-Lee Smith, and we'll end the morning with a craft!

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:00 - 10:30 am	Jul 4, Aug 1

Camping with Babies and Toddlers

Registered

(For parents and caregivers)

Connect with other parents and get tips to introduce your little ones to camping. *Suitable for parents with children ages 5 and under, but this program is for adults only. Presented by Parks Canada.*

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Jul 4

Sweet Treats Storytime

Registered

(For ages 3 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)

Enjoy a storytime about cakes, pies, and cookies! Satisfy your sweet tooth with a treat at the end of the program.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Sat	10:00 - 10:45 am	Jul 5

Baby Sensory Play

Registered

(For ages birth - 12 months with an adult. No older siblings please)

Explore the five senses in this fun-filled baby program! We'll start with rhymes and songs, then enjoy sensory-themed playtime and a simple craft.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Mon	1:30 - 2:15 pm	Jul 7
Sat	10:00 - 10:45 am	Aug 9

Please register for only one session.

Toddler Block Party

Drop-in

(For ages 1 - 3 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)

Ready, set, build! Bring your family and visit stations featuring various types of building blocks. Little ones are encouraged to use their imaginations and learn through play. Drop in any time during the program.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	10:00 - 11:30 am	Jul 16



Use your library card to stream movies, TV shows and animated picture books!

Log on to Kanopy, then **click on "Kids"** to start watching.

sclibrary.ca/kanopy

Intergenerational Storytime with Sherwood Care

Registered

(For ages birth - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)

Make a special connection with seniors in our community by joining us for an intergenerational storytime in the beautiful outdoor gardens at Sherwood Care. Enjoy stories and songs, followed by refreshments and a chance to mingle with Sherwood Care residents. *Meet us at the library's main entrance at 10:00 am and we'll walk to the venue as a group, or meet us at Sherwood Care.*

Sherwood Care (2020 Brentwood Blvd.)

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:30 - 11:30 am	Jul 18
Fri	10:30 - 11:30 am	Aug 15

We're Going on a Picnic!

Registered

(For ages 3 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)

Pack up your lunch and a picnic blanket, and join us for a delicious food-themed storytime! We'll meet at the library and walk over to Broadmoor Lake Park for our storytime, then end with a special treat.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Jul 23

A Beary Berry Good Day

(For ages 4 - 12 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)

See pg 10 for details.

Robot and Machine Play and Learn

Drop-in

(For ages 3 - 6 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)

Visit play stations to explore the world of robots and machines with your child! Drop in any time during the program.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	10:00 - 11:30 am	Jul 30



DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF PLAY!

Play is more than fun—it's how kids learn best. Visit the library's Enchanted Forest to explore, imagine and grow!

MARKET STAND

Run a store, open a zoo, or cook up something fun with toys perfect for imaginative play.

PUPPET THEATRE

Grab a puppet and put on a show! It's a fun way to be creative and tell your own stories.

DISCOVERY TABLE

With tabletops for DUPLO, trains and light play, there's always something new to build and explore.



Quest for the Lost Treasure

Registered

(For students entering grades 1 - 3 in the fall)
Ahoy, matey! Play games and discover clues that lead your crew to the hidden treasure!

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Jul 3
Thu	3:00 - 4:00 pm	Jul 3

Please register for only one session.

Reader's Theatre: The Picky Picnic

Registered

(For students entering grades 3 - 6 in the fall)
If you dream of the stage, join us for reader's theatre! Meet other young actors in a welcoming, beginner-friendly environment where we'll get comfortable with our parts over three weeks. *In order to grow with their groups, registrants must plan to attend all three sessions.*

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Jul 8 - 22

Paint Outside the Lines

Registered

(For students entering grades 3 - 6 in the fall)
Create a colourful masterpiece that's as bright and expressive as you are! This vibrant and exciting painting class is led by local artist Lucy Cook, who believes that creativity has no limits.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Jul 10

Hockey Hat Trick

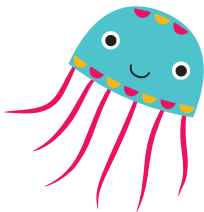
Registered

(For students entering grades 1 - 6 in the fall)
Join the team and get ready for a fun time celebrating our favourite game! Learn hockey trivia, play fun games, and design your own team jersey.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Mon	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Jul 14
Mon	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Jul 14

Please register for only one session.



Will It Float?

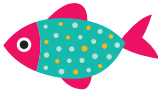
Registered

(For students entering grades 1 - 3 in the fall)
What makes things sink and what allows them to float? Learn about the science behind buoyancy and have fun playing "who would win" with different objects!

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:00 - 11:00 am	Jul 18
Fri	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Jul 18

Please register for only one session.



Aventures animales

Registered

(For students entering grades 1 - 3 in the fall)
Explorons le monde animal à travers des histoires et activités. Join us for this French program that explores the animal world.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Jul 24

Coding Quest

Registered

(For students entering grades 4 - 6 in the fall)
Develop coding skills through games and challenges. We'll be using block-based coding languages suitable for both beginners and experienced coders.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	10:00 - 11:00 am	Jul 25
Fri	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Jul 25

Please register for only one session.

A Beary Berry Good Day

Registered

(For ages 4 - 12 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
Enjoy an interactive story that follows Ursa, a young grizzly bear cub living in Banff National Park. Join Ursa on her big adventure as she encounters other animals and humans! Find out if she can rely on her instincts to remain a wild and healthy bear. *Presented by Parks Canada.*

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Sat	10:00 - 10:30 am	Jul 26

Young Coders

Registered

(For students entering grades 1 - 3 in the fall)
Play games that help you understand coding concepts like commands and algorithms, then get some hands-on practice!

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Fri	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Aug 1
Fri	3:00 - 4:00 pm	Aug 1

Please register for only one session.

Symmetry Art

Registered

(For students entering grades 4 - 6 in the fall)
Visit different stations to create symmetrical art pieces using colourful shapes, different types of paper and digital art tools.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	10:00 - 11:00 am	Aug 6

Elephant and Piggie Party!

Registered

(For students entering kindergarten - grade 3 in the fall)
Dress up as your favourite character from the books and come join the party! We'll have games, crafts, snacks and plenty of fun to let your inner Piggie or Gerald shine.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Aug 6
Wed	3:00 - 4:00 pm	Aug 6

Please register for only one session.

Fossil Finders and Shell Seekers

Registered

(For students entering grades 1 - 3 in the fall)
Learn how fossils and shells are made and where to find them. We'll be making fossil and shell-themed crafts, and we may even dig for dinosaur bones!

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Mon	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Aug 11
Mon	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Aug 11

Please register for only one session.

Young Author and Artist Camp

For ages 9 - 12.

August 11 - 15, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Register through Recreation, Parks and Culture at strathcona.ca/registration

Calling all budding artists and authors! Join author Debby Waldman for a camp all about folk tales, fairy tales, and your own tales. Author Debby Waldman has written three picture books based on folk tales, and she'll show you how to write your own. Start from scratch and write a folk tale from your own imagination, or write a new character into an established folk tale, or put a new twist on an old tale. Debby will help you to hone your skills with fun writing games and exercises to get your creative juices flowing. Includes all supplies and a behind-the-scenes tour at Strathcona County Library.

This program is presented by Gallery@501 Art Studio and co-sponsored by Strathcona County Library.

LEGO Stop Motion

Registered

(For students entering grades 4 - 6 in the fall)
Build some awesome LEGO creations, then use a stop motion app to bring them to life!

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Aug 20
Wed	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Aug 20

Please register for only one session.

GRADE ONE READING KITS

If you're in grade one during June 2025, your special Grade One Reading Kit is ready and waiting for you. The kit is free and contains fun activities that will keep you reading all summer long!

Visit sclibrary.ca/grade-one-reading-kits for details about kit pick-up.

Thank you to Enbridge for their generous sponsorship and support of the Grade One Reading Kits.



Teen Movie Afternoon: Wonka

Registered
(For grades 7 - Adult)
Kick off summer with a screening of Wonka! As you watch the whimsical journey of young Willy Wonka, enjoy a delicious candy bar—because no Wonka experience is complete without something sweet!

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Jul 3

Teen and Parent Paint Night

Registered
(For grades 7 - Adult)
Get creative with extraordinary local artist Lucy Cook, and enjoy a fun night out with Mom, Dad or a special adult in your life. No painting experience necessary. All supplies are provided.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Mon	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Jul 7

Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Registered
(For students entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall)
Get ready for an epic fantasy adventure at the library! Solve the puzzles, beat the monsters and emerge victorious with your squad. *For the two-day campaign, participants must attend both sessions.*

Strathcona County Library

Two-Day Campaign

Day	Time	Date
Thu & Fri	1:30 - 4:30 pm	Jul 10 & 11

One-Day Campaign

Day	Time	Date
Tue	2:00 - 5:00 pm	Aug 5

Please register for only one campaign.

Starry Sky Paint Party

Registered
(For students entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall)
Follow along to create a beautiful night sky painting lit up with a simple LED circuit.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Jul 16

Mini Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens

Registered
(For students entering grades 5 - 8 in the fall)
All the fun of Dungeons & Dragons in half the time! Join us for a shorter D&D session open to beginners and seasoned players.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Mon	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Jul 21
Tue	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Aug 12

Tween & Teen Piratepalooza

Drop-in
(For ages 10 - 18)
Avast ye! Welcome aboard for drop-in crafts, games and snacks that will shiver yer timbers.

Brookville Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Mon	4:30 - 6:00 pm	Jul 21

Pizza and Pages: Books to Film

Registered
(For students entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall)
Are you a book purist or a movie enthusiast? Join us to eat pizza and debate whether the book or the film is better!

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	12:30 - 1:30 pm	Jul 22



Teen Summer Challenge

June 26 - August 24

Complete challenges to enter your name in a draw for the gift basket of your choice!

To play, pick up your game package at the library's **main floor Information Desk**, the **Bookmobile**, or sclibrary.ca/summer-games.

Tween Slime Time

Registered
(For students entering grades 5 - 8 in the fall)
Get ready for some nifty chemical reactions because it's time for slime! Mix up your own batch of ooze to take home.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Jul 30

Anime Trivia Night

Registered
(For students entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall)
Calling all anime fans! This is your chance to prove you know your stuff by answering some tricky trivia. Winners will get prizes and everyone gets pizza.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Jul 31

Tween & Teen Breakout Box:

A Pirate Treasure Hunt

Registered
(For ages 10 - 18)
You've found clues left behind by a band of pirates planning to divvy up the loot they plundered while sailing the seven seas. Can you open the box and retrieve the lost treasure before the pirates do?

Partridge Hill Community Hall

Day	Time	Date
Wed	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Aug 6

Mario Kart Tournament

Registered
(For students entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall)
Calling all Mario Kart masters! Here's a chance to show off your drifting skills and take home the crown. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers.

Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Aug 14



Discover your next great read!
Not sure what to read next? We can help!

BOOKLISTS

Explore our booklists to uncover new books and hidden gems in the genres you love.
sclibrary.ca/great-reads-teens



YOUR NEXT 5 READS

Want something picked just for you? Tell us what you like, and we'll send you a list of books we think you'll enjoy!
sclibrary.ca/next-five-reads



Book Clubs

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club

Drop-in
(Adults and seniors)
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 a month before the program, and you'll find upcoming titles at sclibrary.ca/programs
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
4 th Tue	3:00 - 4:00 pm	Jul-Aug

Quiet Book Club

Drop-in
(Adults)
Quiet Book Club offers a tranquil alternative for book lovers who enjoy the idea of a book club, but often scramble to finish the book or don't want the pressure of conversation. Bring whatever book you're reading and spend an uninterrupted hour reading in our cozy library chairs. You have the option to socialize and share afterwards, or just keep reading!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
2 nd Wed	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Jul-Aug

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.

Day	Time	Date
Every Mon	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Jul-Aug



Home & Garden

Dealing with Gardening Challenges

Registered
(Adults)
Planting your garden is the easy part! What do you do when trouble shows up? Gardening Educator Charlene Schneider will talk about about pests and disease, weather challenges, soil health, weed management, maintenance and garden planning/ landscape design. This program is based on audience participation, so be sure to bring your own questions!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Jul 23

August Garden Checklist: Tips From a Master Gardener

Registered
(Adults)
What needs to be done in the garden in August? Master Gardener Dale Ford will share task lists and his best tips for collecting seeds, planting late season crops and preparing for next year.
Strathcona County Library

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

History & Genealogy

Historic Festival 2025
Deep Roots: Five Generations of the Burnett Family Farm



Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Meet Dawnelle Lea, a 4th generation member of the Burnett family, whose Strathcona County farm has been in operation for 124 years. Dawnelle will share stories, photos and facts about the people, producers and eras that this local landmark has witnessed.
Strathcona County Library

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

Pioneering Spirits: The Origins of Worship in Strathcona County

Registered
(Teens, adults, and seniors)
Local history researcher Barbara Flowers will talk about how early settlers in Strathcona County (previously called the Salisbury District) gathered in homes and churches to build community. Barbara will share insights into the people and the places of the time.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Sat	2:30 - 3:30 pm	Jul 12

Get Started with Ancestry.ca (Library edition)

Registered
(Adults and seniors)
This beginner session will help you find records, online books and more on Ancestry.ca (Library edition).
Strathcona County Library

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

Overcoming Genealogy Roadblocks

Registered
(Adults and seniors)
In this cooperative session, we'll brainstorm for new search strategies and resources that can help you move past genealogy roadblocks.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Jul 29

Get Started with FamilySearch

Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Learn tips on how to search for ancestors with the online resource *FamilySearch*. As a *FamilySearch* affiliate, our library can provide you with free access to historical records like vital statistics and census data.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Aug 27



Genealogy Tutor

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

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	Jul-Aug

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
2 nd Fri	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Jul-Aug

Dungeons & Dragons

Registered
(Teens and adults)
Grab your dice and get ready to play 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
4 th Sat	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Jul

Introduction to Square Dancing

Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Don't know your do-si-do from your promenade? Join square dance caller Wayne Russell to learn the basics of this fun and social form of dance!
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Jul 10

Introduction to Renaissance Dance

Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Join instructors Jeanette Dunnett, Cath Jackel and Leslie Johnson for a fun and interactive Renaissance dance class. Learn beautiful traditional dances from Renaissance England, France and Italy! *No previous dance experience or partner required for this adult class.*

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

Science & Nature

Camping 101

Registered
(Teens and adults)
From setting up a tent to camp cooking, learn basic camping knowledge and skills to help you feel confident and prepared for your next trip. This workshop is designed for beginner and intermediate campers. *Presented by Parks Canada Learn-to-Camp team.*

Day	Time	Date
Thu	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Jul 3



Learn @ Your Library:
Introduction to Astronomy

Registered
(Adults)
Strathcona County Library
Human beings have gazed at the night sky for millennia, captivated by what it tells us about our place in the universe. Join Dr. Brian Martin, Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy at The King's University, for this three-part lecture series on the history—and exciting future—of astronomy.

Wonders of the Night Sky

Alberta's sky is filled with amazing things to see on a dark night with the naked eye. In this session, we'll learn about the basic motions of the sun, moon, stars, and planets, as well as how to capture beautiful pictures of the Northern Lights, the Milky Way, and other celestial wonders.

Day	Time	Date
Sun	3:30 - 5:00 pm	Aug 3

How a Brother and Sister Created
Modern Astronomy

Professional musicians by day and amateur astronomers by night, William and Caroline Herschel transformed not only the tools of astronomy but also our knowledge of the universe. In this session, we will learn about the birth and growth of modern astronomy, from 18th century "island universes" to the James Webb Space Telescope.

Day	Time	Date
Sun	3:30 - 5:00 pm	Aug 10

Big Ideas in Astronomy

Modern astronomy stretches the limits of the human imagination – from black holes and an expanding universe to the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. Our lecture series will close with a talk exploring these and other provocative ideas in astronomy since the turn of the last century, including the question "Are we alone?"

Day	Time	Date
Sun	3:30 - 5:00 pm	Aug 17

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.*

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

For more information call/text the Community Adult Learning and Literacy Society (CALLS) 780-667-8441 or visit whatdidyoulearntoday.ca



Grazyna Pakos
Library Settlement
Practitioner

email: gpakos@shawbiz.ca
call: 780-717-7704

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.

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
2 nd Tue	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Jul-Aug

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
1 st Sat	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Jul-Aug

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
Wed	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Jul 9 & 16

Getting Started with Windows 11

Registered
(Adults and seniors)
New to Windows 11? Learn how it works in this two-session program. We'll cover 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
Tue	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Jul 22 & 29

Getting Started with Android

Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Let's start from the beginning in this two-session program: using your Android 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
Thu	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Aug 7 & 14

Getting Started with Canva

Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Canva is a popular "graphic design for non-graphic-designers" app that makes it easy to create digital images for social media posts and more. In this course we'll work through some of the pretty things you can make with a free Canva account. *Please bring your fully-charged tablet or laptop.*
Strathcona County Library

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

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 up password manager on your device. *Please bring your fully-charged phone, tablet or laptop.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Thu	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Jul 17

Canadian Alternatives to Big Tech

Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Global networks are hugely important to running our digital lives, but how do we use technology in a more localized way? This class will examine Canadian alternatives to big technology platforms for email, cloud storage and photo management, as well as how to use technology to identify Canadian products and services.
Strathcona County Library

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



Digital device giving you trouble?
Try a one-on-one appointment with a **Tech Helper** to provide you with personalized troubleshooting advice.

TO BOOK

- Call **780-410-8600**
- Visit a library Information Desk or ask at the Bookmobile
- Go online at sclibrary.ca/tech-help and look for the *"Book a Tech One-on-One Appointment"* button

Jobs & Money

Job Loss Strategies: Generating Opportunities
Registered
(Adults)
Losing a job can be one of life's most stressful experiences. This workshop offers strategies and resources for navigating the emotional and practical steps you'll need to take in the first few weeks following a job loss. We'll also cover pointers for exploring your options as you move forward. *Presented by BGS Career Ventures.*
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Sat	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Jul 19

Deals & Discounts for 50+

Registered
(Adults and seniors)
Take advantage of exclusive savings and learn where to find the best deals on everyday expenses for the 50+ crowd. Share your own money-saving tips and discover new resources for discounts on travel, dining, retail, and services in this interactive discussion.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Tue	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Jul 22

Retirement Income Drawdown

Registered
(Seniors)
Join Ken Doll from the Financial Planners Association of Canada, and learn some strategies for figuring out the best way to draw income from your investments in retirement.
Online

Day	Time	Date
Thu	10:00 - 11:30 am	Aug 14

Tasty & Thrifty:
A Community Recipe Exchange

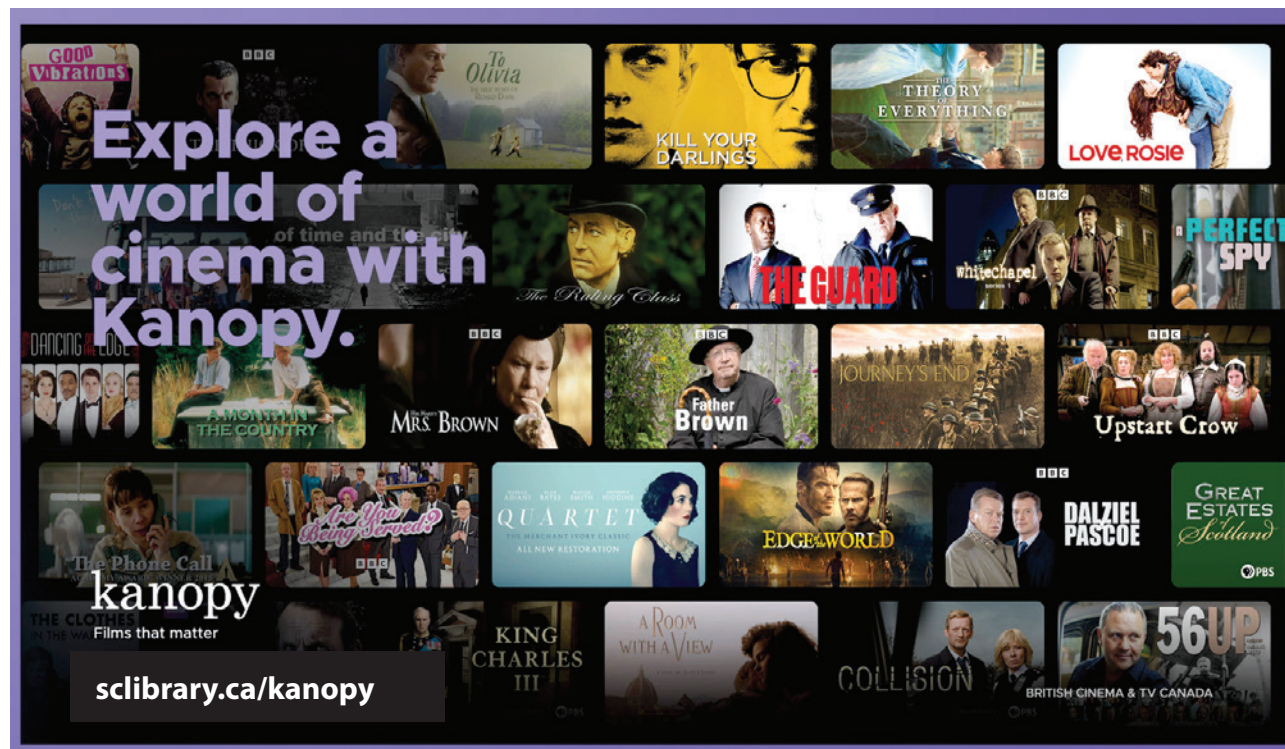
Registered
(Adults)
Join your neighbours to share your favourite affordable meal plans, recipes and cooking tips that help you to save money.
Strathcona County Library

Day	Time	Date
Wed	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Aug 20

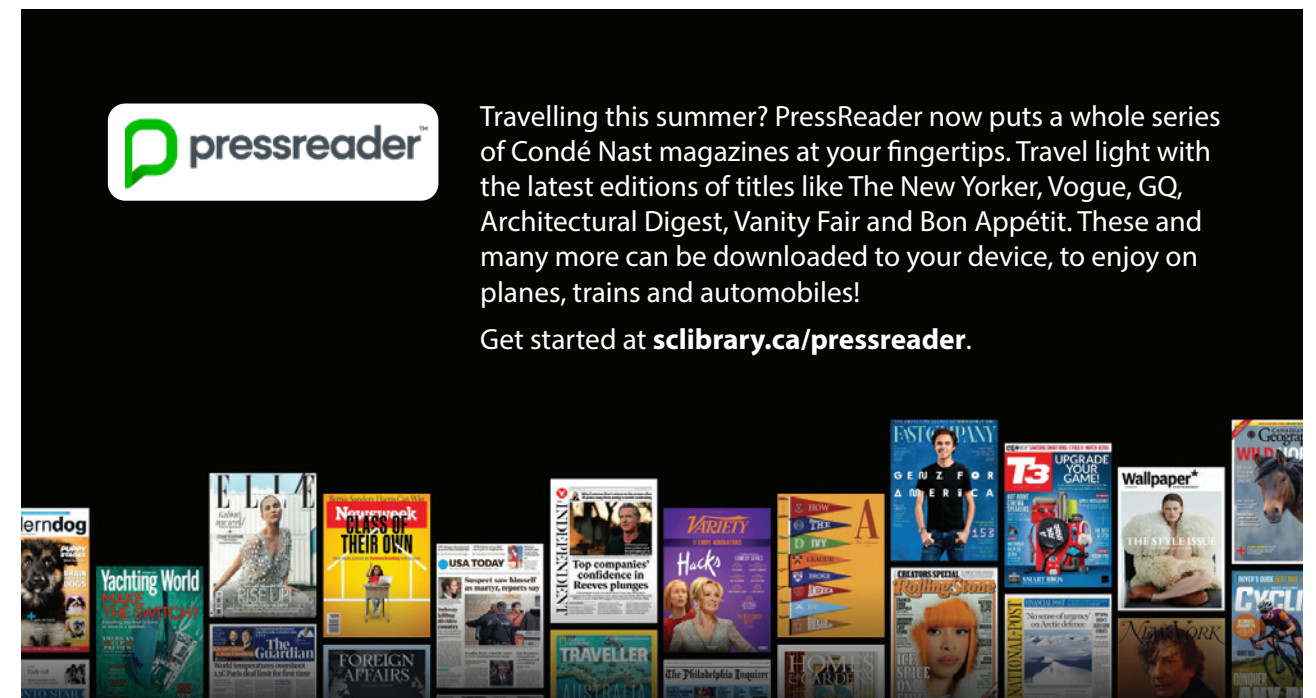
Resume & Cover Letter Writing

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	Aug 23



Stream Free with Your Library Card





Welcome to the Bookmobile!

"Part of the Service;
Part of the Community"

Get Growing with Your Library!

This summer, we're teaming up with the ARAS Community Growing Patch (ardrossanag.ca)—a fantastic space for families to get hands-on with food and gardening! Reconnect with growing, share ideas, teach the kids, and experience the magic of nature—all without the full start-to-finish responsibility. Programs take place Saturdays at 10:00 a.m., offering a relaxed way to enjoy gardening together.

Find us at 22177 Wye Road (southeast corner of RR222 & Wye Road).

Visit us at local farmers' markets this summer!

Join the library staff at their booth for a fun-filled experience with valuable information and engaging crafts for kids. It's a fantastic way to support local businesses, connect with the community, and keep the little ones entertained and learning. Don't miss out on this perfect summer activity!

Ardrossan Farmers' Market

Tuesdays, Jun 3 - Sep 30, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

South Cooking Lake Farmers' Market

Thursdays, Jun 19 - Sep 11, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Looking for family fun? Check out this sampling of rural fairs in Strathcona County! A great way to celebrate community, enjoy activities, and make memories!

Ardrossan Pancake Breakfast and Parade

Saturday, Jun 14

Colchester Summer Sizzler

Saturday, Jun 22

Antler Lake County Fair

Saturday, Aug 9

South Cooking Lake Trail Days

Saturday, Aug 17

Summer heat and smoky air can be challenging. On tough weather days, we may stay at one location offering shelter. If we cancel service, you'll find updates on Facebook, Instagram, and sclibrary.ca. Call us at **780-410-8615** for day-to-day updates.

BOOKMOBILE SPECIAL VISITS (starting June 30)

Tuesdays

Brookville Community Hall

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursdays

St. Luke Catholic School

9:00 - 9:30 am

South Cooking Lake Community Hall

9:30 - 11:00 am

Fridays

Collingwood Cove Playground

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Deville/North Cooking Lake Community Hall

12:30 - 2:00 pm

'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

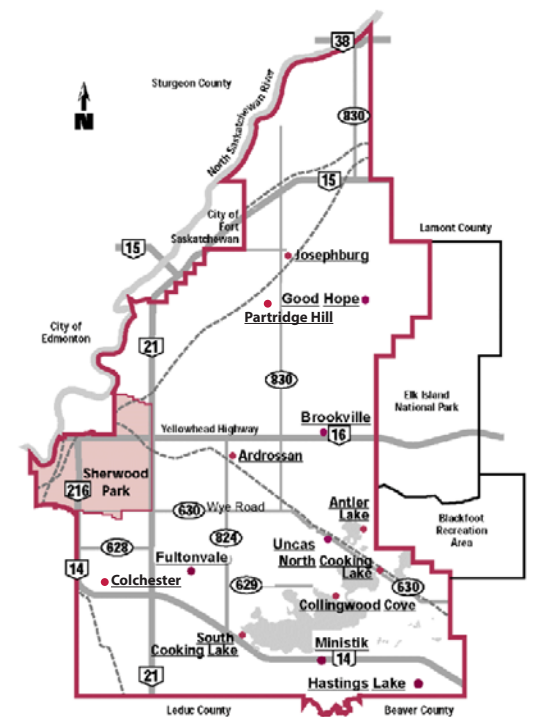
Moyer Rec Centre Josephburg 7:00 - 8:00 pm

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





LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Fri	9:30 am - 9:00 pm
Sat	9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sun	1:00 - 5:00 pm
CLOSED DAYS	
Canada Day	Tue Jul 1
Heritage Day	Mon Aug 4
Labour Day	Mon Sep 1

RETURN BINS

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

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