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Chess Meetup**Drop-in**

(For 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

Every Wed, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Apr-Jun

Family Tech Time: Photography and Movies**Drop-in**

(For children of all ages with their adults)

Try out green screen, stop motion and more! Drop in any time during the program.

Strathcona County Library

Mon Apr 13, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Partridge Hill Community Hall

Wed Apr 22, 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Family Discovery Hour:**Blast Off with a Straw Rocket****Registered**

(For children of all ages with their adults)

Ready, set, blast off! Build your own straw rocket and explore the science of gravity, forces and trajectory. Kits will be available with registration starting Mon Mar 30.

Online

Thu Apr 16, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

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

Tue Apr 21, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Tue May 19, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Celebrate Earth Day!**Drop-in**

(For all ages)

Learn more about the Antler Lake area, meet local nature enthusiasts and deepen your understanding of the environment. Discover what's happening locally and how you can become involved. Enjoy some refreshments and more!

Antler Lake Community Hall

Thu Apr 23, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**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.

Deville North Cooking Lake Community Hall

Mon Apr 27, 3:30 - 4:45 pm

Brookville Community Hall

Mon May 25, 5:00 - 6:15 pm

Strathcona County Library

Mon Jun 15, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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!

Hastings Lake Community Hall

Tue May 5, 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Strathcona County Library

Mon May 11, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Ardrossan Recreation Centre Cedar Room

Mon Jun 1, 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Mr. Matt's Musical Party!**Registered**

(For ages 3 - 12 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)

Kick off the summer with local children's musician and early childhood educator, Mr. Matt. Go on a musical adventure with songs that will get the whole family moving and grooving!

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Thu Jun 25, 10:00 - 10:30 am

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

ROLLING TALES POP CULTURE

Sat May 2, All Day
Free Comic Book Day is an annual event that sees participating organizations across the globe give away special comic books for free! We'll be taking part this year, with selections for kids, teens and adults—while quantities last.
Free Comic Book Day is happening in partnership with Rolling Tales Pop Culture.

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.

WEEKLY DROP-IN PROGRAMS**Baby Laptime****Drop-in**

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

Songs, rhymes and stories that help your baby grow and learn.

Strathcona County Library

Wednesdays, Apr 8 - Jun 10, 11:00 - 11:30 am

Thursdays, Apr 9 - Jun 11, 1:30 - 2:00 pm

Rural Baby Buddies**Drop-in**

(For ages birth - 18 months with an adult. Older siblings welcome)

Looking to get out of the house and meet other parents and babies? 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, and visit the Bookmobile while you're there!

South Cooking Lake Community Hall

Thursdays, Mar 5 - Jun 25, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Toddler Time**Drop-in**

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

A high-energy program filled with songs, rhymes, stories and lots of movement for busy toddlers.

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Mondays, Apr 13 - Jun 8, 11:00 - 11:30 am

Tuesdays, Apr 7 - Jun 9, 9:45 - 10:15 am

Wednesdays, Apr 8 - Jun 10, 9:45 - 10:15 am

*No program May 18***Family Storytime****Drop-in**

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

Stories, songs and fun activities for preschoolers and their families.

Strathcona County Library

Mondays, Apr 13 - Jun 8, 9:45 - 10:15 am

*No program May 18***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 for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers. Pop into the Bookmobile while you're there!

South Cooking Lake Community Hall

Thursdays, Apr 2 - May 7, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Brookville Community Hall

Tuesdays, May 12 - Jun 16, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Rise and Shine Storytime**Drop-in**

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

Kick off your weekend with a lively program filled with stories, songs and rhymes.

Strathcona County Library

Saturdays, Apr 11 - Jun 13, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Literacy at Play**Drop-in**

(For ages 1 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)

Spend quality time with your child as you learn and play together! Enjoy self-guided activities that help build early language and reading skills. Drop in anytime during the program.

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Thursdays, Apr 9 - Jun 11, 10:00 - 11:30 am



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Preschool Storytime

Registered

(For ages 3 - 5, unparented)

An unparented storytime just for preschoolers, featuring stories, songs and interactive activities that help prepare them for school. *Caregivers do not stay in the room, but they must stay in the children's area of the library during the program.*

Strathcona County Library

Session 1

Wednesdays, Apr 8 - May 6, 11:00 - 11:30 am

Thursdays, Apr 9 - May 7, 9:45 - 10:15 am

Please register for only one series per session.

Registration opens Mar 14.

Session 2

Wednesdays, May 13 - Jun 10, 11:00 - 11:30 am

Thursdays, May 14 - Jun 11, 9:45 - 10:15 am

Please register for only one series per session.

Registration opens Apr 22.

Let's Move, Baby!

Registered

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

Bounce, lift and rock your way into fun! Let's sculpt your literacy skills while you strengthen your bond with baby. Baby leotards welcome.

Strathcona County Library

Mon Apr 13, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

Pajama Storytime

Registered

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

Wear your favourite pajamas and curl up for a cozy storytime at the library. Each month features a new theme—come to one or come to all!

Strathcona County Library

Thursdays, Apr 16, May 14, 6:30 - 7:00 pm



Groupes de jeux en français/French Playgroups

L'inscription n'est pas obligatoire/Drop-in

(Pour les enfants de 0 à 6 ans/For ages 0 - 6)

Comptines, bricolages et activités thématiques. Le tout en français! Une trousse de participation vous sera offerte. Nursery rhymes, crafts, and themed activities. All in French! A participation kit will be provided.

This program is presented by l'Institut Guy-Lacombe de la famille.

For more information, please call 780-468-4882 or email info@iglf.ca.

Strathcona County Library

Saturdays, Apr 18, May 16, Jun 20, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Babies and Blockbusters

Drop-in

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

Enjoy a free matinee at the library! There will be lots of toys for the babies, and we'll keep the lights dimmed, subtitles on, and the sound at a comfortable level. Feel free to bring a blanket, stroller or baby carrier for maximum comfort. Snacks are welcome, too! Check our website for upcoming films.

Strathcona County Library

Mondays, Apr 20, May 11, Jun 8, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Storytime Pick-Me-Up

Registered

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

Get through the afternoon lull with lively stories, music and interactive activities.

Strathcona County Library

Mon Apr 27, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

Tue May 26, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

Mini Music with Mr. Matt

Registered

(For ages birth - 24 months with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)

Sing, dance and wiggle along with accomplished children's musician and early childhood educator Mr. Matt in this fun-sized musical performance made just for little listeners!

Strathcona County Library

Tue Apr 28, 1:30 - 2:00 pm

Infant CPR

Registered

(For adults)

Learning how to respond in an emergency could save your child's life. This free class 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

Thu Apr 30, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

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

Fridays, May 1, Jun 5, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Hello-Bonjour Storytime

Drop-in

(For ages 1 - 3 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome) Stories, songs and rhymes in English and French for families who are curious about introducing an additional language at home. Storytime will be led primarily in English with simple French vocabulary introduced throughout. Join us for one, two, or all three sessions!

Strathcona County Library

Fridays, May 15, May 22, May 29, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Read in Many Languages!

Children's French

Discover books, music and movies for babies to school-age kids.



Children's World Languages

Explore a growing collection including books in Ukrainian, German, Spanish and Portuguese.



Outreach to Preschools and Childcare Centres

Our Early Literacy Librarian can arrange outreach storytime programs for preschools, childcare centres and parent groups.

For more information, email us at preschool@sclibrary.ca



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Read-along books, including French and Spanish.

BookFlix

Video versions of storybooks paired with nonfiction, including Spanish.

Kanopy Kids

Read-along storybooks and movies, including Spanish and Hindi.

Junior Book Club**Registered**

(For grades 3 - 6)

Join us to discuss great reads from our monthly theme! Pick a book related to the theme, enjoy fun activities and make new friends.

Strathcona County Library**Mystery**

Wed Apr 1, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Funny Stories

Wed May 6, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Maker Kids**Registered**

(For grades 4 - 6)

Hang out with other kids who enjoy creating and inventing while doing fun, hands-on activities. Each month will focus on different materials and skills.

Strathcona County Library**Makey Makey**

Wed Apr 15, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Screen Printing

Wed May 20, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Green Screen Photography

Wed Jun 17, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

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 a different theme.

Strathcona County Library**Earth Day**

Thu Apr 23, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Spring Things

Thu May 21, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Mindful Choices**Registered**

(For grades 5 - 7)

Are you ready to take control of your life and excel in school? Join our Mindful Choices Youth Program, and discover how to blend mindfulness into your everyday decisions. Learn powerful techniques to handle life's challenges with ease and boost your resilience. Explore, grow and become the best version of yourself! Offered in partnership with Strathcona County Family and Community Services.

Strathcona County Library

Wednesdays, Apr 8 - 29, 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Springtime Stories and Stretches**Registered**

(For kindergarten - grade 3)

Join us for an educational yoga experience where nature and animals are part of the practice. Move like a rabbit, frog or snake, then have fun with a spring animal scavenger hunt!

Strathcona County Library

Tue Apr 14, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Waste Management 101**Registered**

(For grades 4 and up, parents welcome)

Just in time for Earth Day, learn about waste management with a Strathcona County expert who'll offer handy tips on waste reduction and lead us in some fun, hands-on activities.

Strathcona County Library

Sat Apr 18, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Code a Funny Face Filter**Registered**

(For grades 4 - 6)

Explore AI in a fun and safe way by building an interactive Scratch project with face sensing. Make objects follow your face to create the silliest face filter ever!

Strathcona County Library

Tue Apr 28, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Writer in Residence:**One Cool Thing to Make Your Stories Better****Registered**

(For grades 3 - 6)

How do you make your stories come alive? Put a little of your life into them! This workshop will help kids identify wacky, funny, interesting, unique parts of their own lives and show them how to use the wonderful things they already know to make their stories more delightful.

Strathcona County Library

Sat May 2, 2:00 - 3:15 pm

Green Thumbs**Registered**

(For grades 4 - 6)

Join plant enthusiast Teryn Riddell for an informative lesson on all types of plants, then roll up your sleeves to start a potted plant of your own to take home!

Strathcona County Library

Sat May 9, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Pirate Palooza!**Registered**

(For kindergarten - grade 3)

If you've ever wanted to be a pirate, now's your chance! Search for treasure, make your own pirate flag, and learn about some real-life pirates in this arrr-mazing program!

Strathcona County Library

Tue May 12, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Transitioning to Junior High:**A Practical Workshop for Grade 6 Students****Registered**

(For grade 6)

Join us for an evening where you'll learn tips for starting grade 7 with confidence. We'll talk about learning preferences, ways to handle stress and simple life skills that make the move to junior high easier. There will be short activities, time to ask questions and a chance to meet others who are starting grade 7. Plus, pizza is included! Presented in partnership with Strathcona County Family and Community Services.

Strathcona County Library

Thu May 28, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Homeschool**Homeschool Hangout:****Symbols and Secret Codes****Registered**

(For grades 2 - 6, parents welcome)

From hieroglyphics to morse code, symbols are all around us. Have fun creating a binary code necklace, writing your name in hieroglyphics and inventing your own secret code!

Strathcona County Library

Thu Apr 9, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Homeschool Hangout:**Math Mindbenders****Registered**

(For grades 2 - 6, parents welcome)

Expand your mind with shapes, patterns and other math concepts and have fun while you learn!

Strathcona County Library

Thu May 7, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Rural Homeschool Art Hangout**Registered**

(For grades 1 and up with an adult)

Connect with other homeschool families and experience the joy of art! Local artist and retired teacher Anita Aldie will lead students as they explore art using various mediums and techniques.

Deville North Cooking Lake Community Hall

Fridays, Apr 10, May 15, Jun 12, 1:00 - 2:30 pm



NEW

Beginning Reader Grab Bags

Beginning Readers are great for kids who are learning to read! Use our new grab bags to explore which reading levels are the best fit for your child.

Grab bags are available in three levels:

Pre-reader, Level 1 and Level 2.

Find them in the Enchanted Forest.

**GRADE ONE READING KITS**

If you're in grade one during June 2026, we have a special Grade One Reading Kit for you! The kit is free and contains fun activities that will keep you reading all summer long!

Kits are available starting June 1. Visit sclibrary.ca/grade-one-reading-kits for details about kit pickup.



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

Tween Hangout**Registered**

(For grades 5 - 8)

Join us for a variety of fun activities and snacks!

Strathcona County Library

Wednesdays, Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Fandom Club**Registered**

(For grades 5 - 12)

Gather with other teens to discuss different fandoms and participate in fandom-themed activities. A new fandom every month!

Strathcona County Library**K-Pop**

Mon Apr 13, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Star Wars

Mon May 25, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Readers' Theatre Club**Registered**

(For grades 5 - 12)

No costumes, no props, no memorizing lines—just fun! Develop your reading, self-expression and public speaking skills in this no-pressure theatre club where you'll learn how to present dramatic readings of written stories. *No theatre experience necessary and snacks will be provided.***Brookville Community Hall**

Mondays, Apr 13 - May 11, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Teen Writing Group**Registered**

(For grades 7 - 12)

Connect over Zoom with other teens who share a passion for writing.

Online

Tuesdays, Apr 28, May 26, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Teen Dungeons & 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

Thu Apr 9, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Let Your Radiance Shine!**Registered**

(For grades 7 - 12)

Discover simple ways to exfoliate and hydrate for smooth, glowing skin while learning how caring for yourself can boost confidence and self-esteem. This program is all about feeling good in your own skin and celebrating self-care. *Presented in partnership with Strathcona County Family and Community Services.***Strathcona County Library**

Wed Apr 15, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Mini Dungeons & Dragons**Registered**

(For grades 5 - 12)

All the fun of Dungeons & Dragons in half the time! Join us for a smaller D&D session open to beginners and seasoned players.

Strathcona County Library

Wed Apr 22, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Wed May 27, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Murder Mystery Party**Registered**

(For grades 7 - 12)

Join us for an evening of mystery and intrigue where you'll become a detective trying to uncover clues, interrogate suspects, and solve the case! A pizza dinner will be served.

Strathcona County Library

Thu Apr 30, 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Tween Game: Magical Kitties**Registered**

(For grades 5 - 8)

Every magical kitty has a human and every human has a problem. Come together with your fellow magical kitties to save the day! This game is a cat-themed role playing game, much like Dungeons & Dragons, and is suitable for younger players.

Strathcona County Library

Fri May 1, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Pizza and Pages: Fantasy**Registered**

(For grades 7 - 12)

Come chat about magical worlds, epic quests and unforgettable characters. A pizza dinner will be served.

Strathcona County Library

Thu May 7, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Bad Art Afternoon**Registered**

(For grades 5 - 12)

Leave your good taste at home and let your creativity run free! We'll provide the wacky materials, you make the bad art. At the end of the program, vote for the "best" bad art and the artist will go home with a tremendously tacky award!

Partridge Hill Community Hall

Wed May 20, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Teen Movie Night: Superman (2025)**Registered**

(For grades 7 - 12)

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a Teen Movie Night! Come check out the newest Superman movie at the library. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Strathcona County Library

Fri May 22, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Volunteer Opportunities**Summer Reading Game Volunteers**

Grades 7 - 12

If you enjoy working with children, then we need you! Volunteer at the Children's Summer Reading Game and help kids finish this year's adventure. Application forms will be available at the Information

Desk and on our website at sclibrary.ca/teens beginning in May. Application deadline: June 14, 5:00 pm**Teen Volunteer Book Reviews**

Grades 7 - 12

Love sharing your thoughts on books? Earn volunteer hours by submitting reviews of recently published books!

Visit sclibrary.ca/teens for details or email us at teens@sclibrary.ca**Pride Month****Share Your Pride Community Bunting Banner**

May 1 - 31

Decorate a triangle bunting flag with fabric markers! Pick up a triangle and markers from the main floor Information Desk, create a design that shows what Pride Month means to you, and return it to our staff to be added to our community banner. Check out our banner on Show Your Pride Day on June 3!

Drop-In Crafts: Show Your Pride**Drop-in**

(For all ages)

Join us for a colourful, creativity-filled celebration of Pride! All ages are invited to drop in any time during the day to make a variety of crafts, including contributing to our community bunting banner. *Presented in partnership with Volunteer Strathcona.***Strathcona County Library**

Wed Jun 3, 9:30 am - 9:00 pm

Rainbow Wall Hanging**Registered**

(For grades 5 - 9)

Celebrate Pride by joining us to make a macrame rainbow wall hanging. *Presented in partnership with Volunteer Strathcona.***Strathcona County Library**

Wed Jun 3, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Pages of Pride: Expressing Your True Self Through Journalling**Registered**

(For adults and seniors)

Explore your queer identity, creativity, and pride through guided writing prompts, art journalling and reflection, led by coach and educator Larissa Russell in a welcoming, supportive space. Celebrate self-expression and the 2SLGBTQI+ community. *Bring your favourite writing pen. All other material provided.***Strathcona County Library**

Mon Jun 15, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Visiting with Relatives**Drop-in**

(For adults)

Come for tea and bannock with ihkwew (Two-Spirit person) Chantelle Gray and their relatives. Join us in circle to share stories and learn together about Indigenous queerness in a safe, inclusive space. All are welcome to smudge at the start of the program.

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Sat Jun 20, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Pride in Every Button: Art, Stories, Community**Registered**

(For teens, adults, and seniors)

Join us for a welcoming Pride celebration! Create your own sewing button art, share stories, and connect with community members and allies in a relaxed, creative space. All identities welcome!

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Tue Jun 23, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Indigenous Events

Celebrate National Indigenous History Month at the library this spring, and look for more programs throughout the year!

Three Sisters Planting Experience

Registered

(For all ages)

Come plant the Three Sisters (corn, beans and squash) in the traditional way of working with the land. Chantelle Gray of Mâskwa Medicine will lead us in both ceremony and planting. Learn about companion gardening the Indigenous way, and find out more about the ARAS Community Growing Patch. This is a hands-on program—come prepared to play in the dirt!

ARAS Community Growing Patch

Sat Jun 6, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

History of the Métis in Alberta

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

The Métis people have a long and storied history in Alberta. Join a Knowledge Keeper from Michif Cultural Connections to learn more about how the Métis have shaped the history of our area.

Strathcona County Library

Mon Jun 8, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Traditions in Tunes:

Celebrating Métis Music and Dance

Drop-in

Let's get moving, laughing and learning together with Felice Gladue from MetisALIVE! In this high-energy Métis cultural experience filled with music, dance, and story, we'll move to the lively tunes of the Métis fiddle, clap along to the crooked beat, and listen to animated stories that bring Métis traditions to life.

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Elementary session

(For kindergarten - grade 6, parents welcome)

Tue Jun 9, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Preschool session

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

Tue Jun 16, 10:00 - 10:45 am



Family Discovery Hour:

Drumming, Songs and Storytelling

Registered

(For children of all ages with their adults)

Join Cree/Métis storyteller, musician, artist and Knowledge Keeper Chantal Chagnon for an hour of Indigenous stories, songs and teachings. Let's sing and learn together in a spirit of reconciliation!

Online

Thu Jun 11, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Explore Voices of the Land

Drop-in

(For teens, adults, and seniors)

Voices of the Land is a digital platform that supports communities to create, share, discover and celebrate local Indigenous perspectives across Alberta. Join coordinator Helena Cairns to take part in a drop-in digital storytelling experience and learn more about this initiative.

Strathcona County Library

Wed Jun 17, 1:30 - 4:00 pm

Walking with the Land:

Indigenous Perspectives and Stories

Registered

(For adults)

Explore the unique Beaver Hills region, a special place rich in biodiversity and cultural heritage. Join Pamela Billey, from the Beaver Hills Biosphere, and a local Indigenous Elder, for a guided walk along the Beaver Hills Biodiversity Trail. Learn about the area's ecology and how Indigenous peoples have historically interacted with this land to sustain their communities.

Offsite TBD

Sat Jun 20, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Indigenous Quillwork

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Quillwork is a traditional art form practiced by First Nations and Métis communities, using porcupine quills to adorn clothing, footwear, and household items. Join Michif Cultural Connections to explore the history and techniques of quillwork, and create your own unique piece using beautifully dyed porcupine quills.

Strathcona County Library

Thu Jun 25, 1:30 - 4:00 pm

Visiting with Relatives

Drop-in

(For adults)

Come for tea and bannock with ikhwew (Two-Spirit person) Chantelle Gray and their relatives. Join us in circle to share stories and learn together about Indigenous queerness in a safe, inclusive space. All are welcome to smudge at the start of the program.

Strathcona County Library

Sat Jun 20, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Writing & Storytelling

The One-Hour Writer's Retreat

Registered

(For adults)

Join your peers to celebrate or commiserate as you work through the early stages of a literary career. This discussion group is designed for a range of writers: from those seeking their first publication credit all the way to those who are working towards publishing their second book. Find opportunities for networking and craft development, learn about industry opportunities, and gain skills in manuscript critique.

Strathcona County Library

4th Thu, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Apr-Jun

Stories for Adults

Registered

(For 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

Wed Apr 22, 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Soundtrack

Wed May 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Found Family



Writer in Residence: Click, Clack, Beep, Boop - Writing for Video Games

Registered

(For teens and adults)

How do you tell a story when someone else gets to make all the choices? What does it mean to be in control of the controller? Join video game industry professionals for tips and tricks on how to make your vision come alive, from the meaning of mechanics to how to thread your ideas through a dialogue tree.

Online

Wed Apr 8, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Celebration of Poetry

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Celebrate National Poetry Month with an afternoon of poetry hosted by Writer in Residence David Berry and featuring two local poets. An open mic session will be included for those who are interested in sharing their own work. *Co-presented with the Edmonton Poetry Festival.*

Strathcona County Library

Sat Apr 18, 2:00 - 4:00 pm



Writer in Residence: What We Talk About When We Talk About (and to) AI

Registered

(For teens, adults, and seniors)

Join Writer in Residence David Berry and our Digital Literacy Librarian for a discussion about how AI tools like ChatGPT and art generators can affect creators. Learn where and when AI tools can be useful, and take part in a lively discussion about how to maintain the integrity of art in an AI world.

Strathcona County Library

Tue Apr 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Creative Writing to Cope with Stress and Build Resilience

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Join Edmonton Public Library Writer in Residence Alexis Marie Chute to learn ways to cope with stress and anxiety through the healing power of writing. Creative writing exercises will be presented for personal reflection and betterment. Participants will leave equipped to apply the exercises in compassionate self-care and in their community.

Strathcona County Library

Wed May 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Seniors' Week: Writing from Your Life

Registered

(For seniors)

Everybody has a story to tell. Find out how to use the techniques of literary essays to share stories from your own life. In this program with Writer in Residence David Berry, we'll explore sources of inspiration, discuss effective story structure, and practice methods for clarifying your message so you can say exactly what you mean. Whether you're writing a complete memoir or just sharing a memory, join us to make your story come alive.

Strathcona County Library

Wed Jun 3, 2:00 - 3:30 pm



Pages of Pride: Expressing Your True Self Through Journalling

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Explore your queer identity, creativity, and pride through guided writing prompts, art journalling and reflection, led by coach and educator Larissa Russell in a welcoming, supportive space. Celebrate self-expression and the 2SLGBTQI+ community. *Bring your favourite writing pen. All other material provided.*

Strathcona County Library

Mon Jun 15, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Authors & Experts

Learn @ Your Library:

Gender, Power, and Videogame Culture

Registered

(For adults)

Strathcona County Library

We're excited to welcome game scholars Dr. PB Berge and Adeline K. Piercy for this series on the friction between gender, power, and design in video games, from *Ms. Pacman* to *Animal Crossing*. We'll travel from the "games for girls" marketing of the 1990s to the modern rise of cozy farming games, before finishing with a look at the radical designers breaking all the rules to build a new future for (or perhaps even beyond) the game industry.

Histories of Girlhood and Masculinity in Videogaming

This session with Dr. PB Berge will offer a lively tour of video game history, looking at how gender has been embedded in games from the start. We'll explore the industry's awkward and fascinating lineage of gendered games, from *Barbie Fashion Designer* to the *Nintendo Knitting Machine*, and consider how the design and marketing of the "games for girls" movement shaped today's ideas about contemporary geek masculinity and who games are for.

Sun Apr 12, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The New "Gamer Girl" and Patriarchy in Pastels

Cozy games like *Stardew Valley* and *Animal Crossing: New Horizons* exploded in popularity during the pandemic, drawing in young, gender-diverse audiences with cute visuals and low-stress, domestic gameplay. Yet succeeding at these feel-good games often depends on money-making, land-owning, and constant expansion. This presentation with Adeline K. Piercy asks whether the cozy gamer girl movement truly fosters a more inclusive gaming culture for women and queer folk, or simply repackages old gender roles and colonial ideas in softer colours.

Sun Apr 19, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Playing in the Unplayable: Gender Wars, Corporate Greed, and the Zine Revolution

Marginalized game makers are facing two entangled crises: mass layoffs across the gaming industry and a rising tide of cultural backlash against diversity. In this final talk with Dr. PB Berge, we'll discuss the link between labour, gender, and the rise of "anti-game" creator communities. By resurrecting the DIY zine ethos of the 90s, creators are building unplayable "anti-games"—projects that are small, broken, or refuse to be played—and embracing a radical democratization of game making.

Sun Apr 26, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Plan Your Final Farewell Service

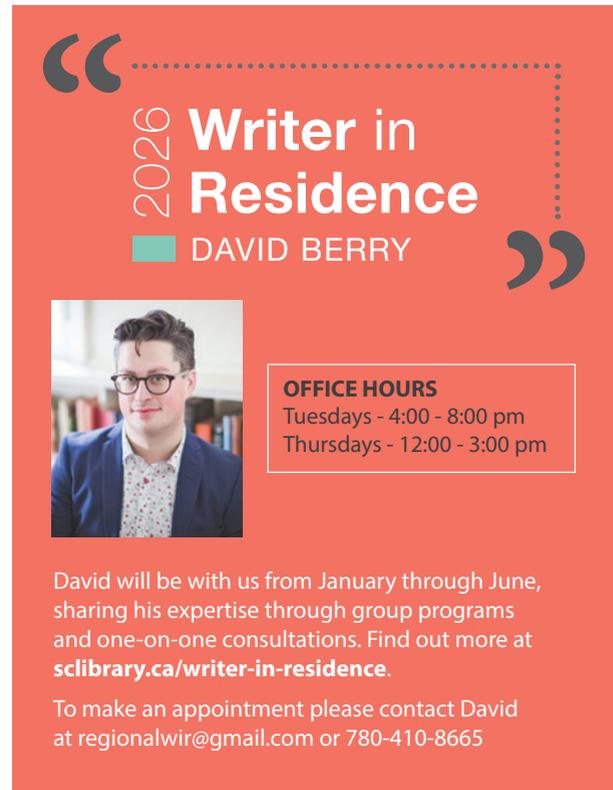
Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Plan a meaningful final farewell. Pastor Aaron Linville offers guidance on creating your own memorial service from a Christian perspective, including what makes a service personal and comforting. Aaron will share tips for planning your service—making it easier for the people you leave behind, when the time comes. Adults of all ages are welcome to participate.

Strathcona County Library

Wed Apr 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm



2026 **Writer in Residence**
DAVID BERRY



OFFICE HOURS
Tuesdays - 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Thursdays - 12:00 - 3:00 pm

David will be with us from January through June, sharing his expertise through group programs and one-on-one consultations. Find out more at sclibrary.ca/writer-in-residence.

To make an appointment please contact David at regionalwir@gmail.com or 780-410-8665

Movies & Music

Monday Movie Matinee

Drop-in

(For 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

Last Mon, 2:00 - 4:30 pm, Apr-May

Book Clubs

Meet new people and enjoy lively discussions about a variety of entertaining and diverse reads. Everyone is welcome whether or not you've read the selected book for the month. 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

Monday Afternoon Book Club

Drop-in

(For adults and seniors)

Strathcona County Library

3rd Mon, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, Apr-Jun

May program May 11

Diehards Book Club

Drop-in

(For teens, adults, and seniors)

Strathcona County Library

3rd Tue, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Apr-Jun

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club

Drop-in

(For adults and seniors)

Strathcona County Library

4th Tue, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Apr-Jun

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Drop-in

(For adults and seniors)

Strathcona County Library

1st Thu, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Apr-Jun

Quiet Book Club

Drop-in

(For 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

2nd Wed, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Apr-Jun

Arts & Crafts

Craft Circle

Registered

(For 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

Every Mon, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Apr-Jun

Origami Circle: Craft, Connect, Create

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Join us for a relaxed social evening of folding and creating together, led by origami instructor Tara Woltjen. Each participant contributes to a community garland while reflecting on the power of creativity and connection.

Strathcona County Library

Mon Apr 27, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Pride in Every Button: Art, Stories, Community

Registered

(For teens, adults, and seniors)

Join us for a welcoming Pride celebration! Create your own sewing button art, share stories, and connect with community members and allies in a relaxed, creative space. All identities welcome!

Strathcona County Library

Tue Jun 23, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Travel & Culture

Travel Club

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Join fellow travellers for a fun afternoon program, sharing travel tips and favourite destinations.

Strathcona County Library

1st Fri, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, Apr-Jun

April program Apr 1

Alberta Staycation: Unique Experiences

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Discover the hidden gems close to home! We'll explore Alberta's local wonders, from quirky attractions to unique stays. Bring your suggestions and join us for travel tips and ideas to make your next staycation unforgettable.

Strathcona County Library

Tue Jun 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Computers & Technology

Tech News Discussion Group

Registered

(For 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 everyone. Bring your questions and ideas!

Strathcona County Library

2nd Tue, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Apr-Jun

Tech Troubleshooting

Drop-in

(For 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 3 pm.

Strathcona County Library

1st Sat, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Apr-Jun

Getting Started with Android

Registered

(For 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

Thu Apr 2 & Thu Apr 9, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Thu May 28 & Thu Jun 4, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Getting Started with Apple Devices

Registered

(For 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

Mon Apr 13 & Mon Apr 20, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Wed Jun 10 & Wed Jun 17, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Getting Started with Windows 11

Registered

(For 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

Thu Apr 30 & Thu May 7, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Tue Jun 9 & Tue Jun 16, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Getting Started with Canva

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Canva is a popular graphic design app that makes it easy for non-designers to create 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

Thu Jun 25, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Intro to Google Photo Management

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

The Google Photos app includes an assortment of tools that can help you take pictures and share them with others. Learn the fundamentals of organizing, backing up and sharing photos with your phone/tablet/computer and Google.

Strathcona County Library

Wed Apr 29, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Intro to Password Management Tools

Registered

(For 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

Tue May 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Intro to Apple Photo Management

Registered

(For 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.

Strathcona County Library

Fri May 29, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Digital Security for Seniors

Registered

(For 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 a variety of scams and protect yourself.

Strathcona County Library

Wed May 13, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Handling Misinformation Online

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

We've all seen inspiring and infuriating things online, but how can we be sure they're real? Come learn about how to spot misinformation, disinformation, infotainment and more, so you know what you're sharing with others.

Strathcona County Library

Wed May 20, 2:00 - 3:30 pm



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

Cooking & Food

What's Cooking? Vintage Cookbooks and Recipes of the 1930-50s

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Step back in time with food historian Kesia Kvill! You'll explore culinary history through vintage cookbooks, and have an opportunity to share your own classic recipes or cookbooks. Come and enjoy a lively discussion on the food traditions of the past!

Strathcona County Library

Mon Apr 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Wild Kitchen: Foraging and Cooking from Nature's Pantry

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Step into culinary adventure with forager Sandy Herbert-Simpson! Discover how to identify, ethically harvest, and cook with wild foods from your own backyard, turning nature's pantry into affordable, nourishing meals.

Strathcona County Library

Tue Jun 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Let's Be Prepared

Rural Emergency Preparedness

Registered

(For adults)

Rural communities can deal more effectively with large-scale emergencies by planning and preparing before an emergency happens. Learn what proactive measures you can take to ensure you, your family, and those who rely on you for care are prepared. This talk will also include what to include in a 72-hour emergency kit. Question and answer will follow the presentation.

South Cooking Lake Community Hall

Sun Apr 12, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Chainsaw Safety

Registered

(For adults)

James Williams, Husqvarna Rep at Xtreme Marine and Wye's Guys, will give this engaging and informative talk about chainsaw safety. Question and answer will follow the presentation.

South Cooking Lake Community Hall

Sun Apr 19, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

FireSmart Your Property

Registered

(For adults)

FireSmart is a program where residents learn proactive measures they can take to reduce the risk of wildfire affecting their property. Question and answer will follow the presentation. *Presented by Strathcona County Safety Educators.*

South Cooking Lake Community Hall

Sun Apr 26, 1:00 - 2:30 pm



Find Mary Walsh & more great shows at Festivalplace.ca



Games & Recreation

Chess Meetup

Drop-in

(For 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

Every Wed, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Apr-Jun

Memory and Board Games

Registered

(For 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

2nd Fri, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Apr-Jun

May program May 22

Dungeons & Dragons

Registered

(For 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

4th Sat, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, May

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY



Sat May 2, All Day

Free Comic Book Day is an annual event that sees participating organizations across the globe give away special comic books for free! We'll be taking part this year, with selections for kids, teens and adults—while quantities last. *Free Comic Book Day is happening in partnership with Rolling Tales Pop Culture.*

Health & Wellness

Herbal Remedies at Home:

Crafting Oils and Beeswax Salves

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Join registered herbalist Megan Relling for a hands-on demo of extracting herbal oils and crafting natural salves. You'll learn simple techniques for creating healing blends that are perfect for wellness and self-care, then make your own soothing beeswax-based salve to take home! *All materials provided.*

Strathcona County Library

Tue Apr 14, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Infused with Care:

An Herbal Vinegar Roundtable

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

This roundtable about the art and tradition of herbal vinegar infusions invites participants to connect, share, learn, and discover the significance of herbal vinegars for whole-body health. Led by Practical Herbalist Jennifer Semeniuk. Bring your favourite recipes and ideas you'd like to try.

Strathcona County Library

Thu May 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Mindful Outdoor Practices:

Nature's Wisdom on Resilience

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Discover nature's wisdom on resilience in this mindful outdoor workshop by Mental Health Therapist Charles Chanard. Engage your senses, slow down automatic living, and connect deeply with nature's awe. Learn to observe without judgment, explore how nature teaches us true resilience and return to share reflections.

Strathcona County Library

Tue May 26, 6:30 - 8:45 pm

Letting Go of Old Family Patterns:

Rewriting the Adult Child Story

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

As adults, many of us find that our family dynamics and early expectations still shape how we see ourselves and relate to others. This interactive session by Life Coach Cheryl Brown invites participants to explore, release, and transform long-held family patterns that may no longer serve them. Join us for an evening of insight, conversation, and renewal.

Strathcona County Library

Tue Jun 9, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Better U

Registered

(For seniors)

Strathcona County Library

Join us every month to discuss, learn, and make new connections. Better knowledge means Better U!



Local History Tour

Joanna Wreakes from the Strathcona County Museum and Archives will guide the group on a virtual walking tour of historically significant places in Sherwood Park, all without leaving the Community Centre! Learn about Campbelltown and see the transformations our neighbourhoods have undergone through the photographs, artifacts, and stories preserved by our local museum and archives.

Fri Apr 17, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Seashell Art

Transform ordinary seashells into beautiful works of art using découpage and paint. The adorned seashells can be used as trinket holders, ornaments, hanging art, and more! *No experience is needed and all materials will be supplied.*

Fri May 15, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Seniors Volunteer

Seniors have a wealth of knowledge and skill to offer our community. Representatives from Volunteer Strathcona, Edmonton Lifelong Learners Association, and Linking Generations will talk about the goals of each of organization and how you can use your talents to give back. It takes all of us to build community, so come and find out how you can let your talents shine!

Fri Jun 19, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Home & Garden

Soil Sense: Test Your Soil at Home

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Learn how to test your soil at home! We'll cover easy DIY methods to understand soil conditions, structure, and microclimate—so you can improve your garden's health before planting. Bring 2-3 tablespoons of your soil (no mulch or debris) in a bag for testing by Mark Stumpf-Allen, Carbon Cowboy. Perfect for beginners and seasoned gardeners alike.

Strathcona County Library

Tue Apr 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Earth Day: Make Your Own Green Cleaning Products

Registered

(For teens, adults, and seniors)

Celebrate Earth Day! Make eco-friendly cleaners and learn from Strathcona County Water Resources Specialists how chemicals impact our wastewater system and its connection to the North Saskatchewan River. *All materials provided.*

Strathcona County Library

Mon Apr 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Creating Bee Highways: Supporting Pollinators at Home

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Avid gardener Marie-Catherine O'Neill spent three years exploring growing a lawn from seed, observing the benefits, and documenting visiting bee species. Learn simple ways to support pollinators and help create "bee highways" at home.

Strathcona County Library

Tue May 12, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Summer Stress, Fall Success: Preventing Garden Pests & Problems

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Long summer days can stress your plants—learn what to do now, to prevent pest and disease problems later. Join Mark Stumpf-Allen, Master Composter, for tips to keep your garden thriving into fall.

Strathcona County Library

Thu Jun 4, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Jobs, Money & Law

Networking and Self-Marketing for Job Seekers Registered

(For adults and seniors)
Join an MCG Career Coach to learn proven strategies for effectively marketing yourself to potential employers. This session will also cover practical, everyday networking techniques that can help you build meaningful professional connections and open the door to your next career opportunity.

Strathcona County Library
Wed Apr 15, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Resume & Cover Letter Writing Registered

(For 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
Sat Apr 25, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
Sat Jun 27, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Investing in Crypto Currency Registered

(For adults and seniors)
Join us as we walk through what cryptocurrencies are, what they do and the major considerations and risks you should understand before investing. *Provided by the Alberta Securities Commission.*

Online
Tue Apr 28, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Job Search Skills Registered

(For adults)
Join an MCG Career Coach to learn effective job search strategies, including how to leverage the hidden job market to streamline your search and improve your chances of securing employment.

Strathcona County Library
Wed May 6, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Financial Estate Planning Registered

(For adults)
Learn the basics of financial estate planning from financial and estate planner Kenneth Martin Doll: what it is, who needs it, and why it matters. Explore planning steps to protect assets, reduce stress, and ensure your wishes are honoured.

Online
Wed May 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Interview Skills

Registered
(For 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.

Strathcona County Library
Sat May 30, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Make Tax Time Pay

Do you need help with your taxes?

e4c supports low-income residents of Strathcona County by offering a volunteer-led, accessible, free tax-filing service that assists people to apply for available benefits and subsidies.

To check if you qualify, go to tax.e4calberta.org

No appointments, drop-in only.

*This program is presented
by e4c and Volunteer Strathcona.*



History & Genealogy

Family Tree Trackers: Finding Newspaper Websites

Registered
(For adults and seniors)
Discover why newspapers are vital for filling gaps, adding context, and uncovering stories beyond names and dates. Learn how to find historic newspapers as part of your genealogy research.

Strathcona County Library
Thu Apr 9, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Dark Rails: Tales of Crime and Catastrophe on the Railways

Registered
(For adults and seniors)
From the dark corners of Canada's railway history, you'll hear the stories of outlaws, hobos, and wrecks. Presented by history and railroad enthusiast Gary Buchanan.

Strathcona County Library
Thu Apr 23, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Family Tree Trackers: Using Y-DNA to Build Your Family Tree

Registered
(For adults and seniors)
Many people have taken an autosomal DNA test, but fewer have tried using Y-DNA to break through brick walls in genealogy research. Y-DNA is not just for men – many women manage Y-DNA tests from their male relatives. Genealogist Colleen Murray shows how you can use Y-DNA to answer questions for difficult populations where records aren't available to help.

Online
Thu May 14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Canol Road: Scouting a Remote Legacy Registered

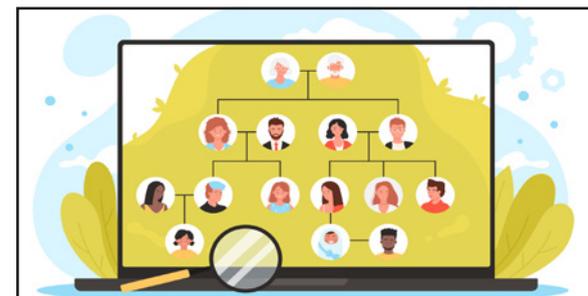
(For adults and seniors)
Discover the Canol Heritage Trail's fascinating WW2 history and stunning landscapes. Learn from retired federal environmental officer Murray Heap about a 2012 helicopter survey of key sites, the environmental impact it left and the unique northern wilderness that make this remarkable trail so difficult and memorable.

Strathcona County Library
Tue May 19, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Family Tree Trackers: Useful Genealogy Websites to Start Your Family Research

Registered
(For adults and seniors)
Interested in using websites to search your family history? Join us to explore free websites that will help you get started on your genealogy journey.

Strathcona County Library
Thu Jun 11, 7:00 - 8:30 pm



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

Newcomers

English Conversation Circle

Drop-in
Practice your English speaking and listening skills with a friendly volunteer.

Strathcona County Library
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
Every Wed | 7:00 - 8:45 pm | Every Month

New
time

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

CALLS Community Adult Learning & Literacy Society
Fort Saskatchewan & Strathcona County



Are you new to Canada?

The Library Settlement Practitioner 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

Ask at the Information Desk.

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.



Welcome to the Bookmobile!
 "Part of the Service;
 Part of the Community"

Growing Partnerships!

Grow Your Own is a unique series of partnered programs designed to bring beginner to expert gardeners together. In collaboration with the Colchester & District Ag Society, Colchester Community League, and Strathcona County Library, **Grow Your Own** aims to support you in creating a sustainable food supply for your family. Enjoy a meal together, learn together, share ideas. Space is limited for these **registered adult** programs. Minimal cost of \$15 for supplies.

Tuesday evenings from 5:30 - 8:00 pm at Colchester Community Hall, 23219 Township Road 520

March 24 - **Success with seeds, both indoor starting and direct**

April 28 - **Understanding Your Garden Soil**

May 26 - **Maintain Your Garden with Ease**

The **ARAS Community Growing Patch** (ardrossanag.ca) is a great place for families to be hands-on with food! Get back to growing; share ideas; teach the children; experience the wonder! Drop in and free!

Programs run Saturdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, 22177 Wye Road (South-east corner of RR222 & Wye Road)

May 3 - **Hügelkultur – permaculture hill beds**

June 6 - **Three Sisters Planting Experience**

Watch for more partnered Strathcona County Library programs happening at the ARAS Community Growing Patch this summer!

Looking for programs that happen in rural Strathcona?

You'll find several within each section of our guide. Location is listed after each description.



Let's Be Prepared

A series of programs brought to you by South Cooking Lake Community League and Strathcona County Library to help prepare for the upcoming fire season. These programs run Sundays, from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. Pizza, presentations by Safety Educators, and children's program in basement with library staff.

Registered, South Cooking Lake Community Hall, 22106 South Cooking Lake Rd

Wildfire Emergency Preparedness

Sunday, Apr 12

Chainsaw Safety

Sunday, Apr 19

FireSmart Your Property

Sunday, Apr 26

BOOKMOBILE SPECIAL VISITS (until Jun 26)

Tuesdays

Brookville Community Hall

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursdays

South Cooking Lake Community Hall

9:30 - 11:30 am

Fridays

Fultonvale/Strathcona Olympiette Centre

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

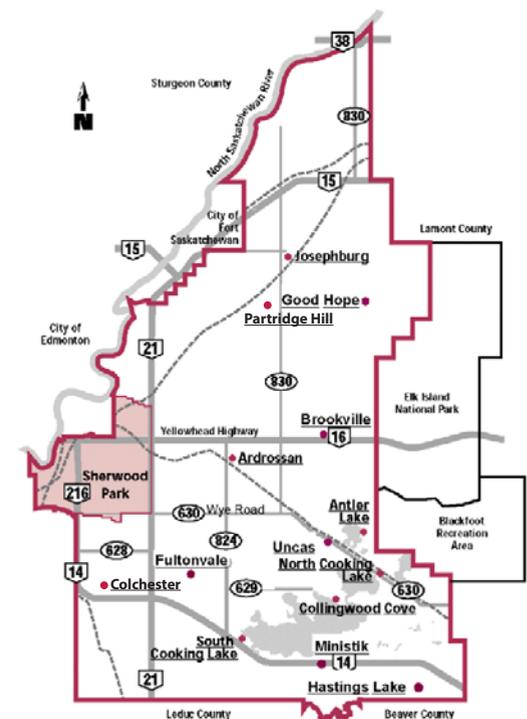
Moyer Rec Centre Josephburg 7:00 - 8:00 pm

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 - Thu	9:30 am - 9:00 pm
Fri	9:30 am - 8:00 pm
Sat	9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sun	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
CLOSED DAYS	
Good Friday	Fri Apr 3
Easter	Sun Apr 5 & Mon Apr 6
Professional Development Day	Fri May 8
Victoria Day	Mon May 18

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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