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2026

SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE

STRATHCONA COUNTY LIBRARY



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Pick up a copy of the **2026 Go Strathco Guide** and treat yourself to some adventures right here in Strathcona County. You can also download the guide from the County's website.

Have a culinary adventure: try a signature dish at a local restaurant, then make it yourself, with the help of *Edmonton Cooks* from our **Cook Local** booklist. sclib.short.gy/CookLocal

Curate your own one-day film festival of classic movies! Grab your library card and use the library's website to access the **Kanopy** streaming service. sclibrary.ca/resource/kanopy

Celebrate the sounds of summer with a playlist of past performers from Ravenwood, Big Valley Jamboree and the Edmonton Folk Music Festival. sclib.short.gy/MusicFestivals2026

Indulge your creative side with **Craftsy**, featuring video classes to complete at your own pace. Get started at sclibrary.ca/resource/craftsy

Come out and play in the dirt! Learn new skills and make new friends at the **ARAS Community Growing Patch**, where our **Bookmobile** and the Ardrossan Recreation & Agricultural Society (ARAS) host a series of free gardening programs all summer long. See p.22 for details.



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PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Begins 9:30 am, Saturday, Jun 13

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**

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

Library cards are not required to register or attend.

Personal information is collected under authority of the Protection of Privacy Act, section 4(c), and is used to administer library programs and services. We respect your privacy and are committed to protecting the personal information you share with us. For questions about the collection of personal information please contact the library Privacy Officer at privacy@sclibrary.ca or (780) 416-6712.

Strathcona County Library works with some 3rd party vendor systems, some of which have servers located in the U.S.A.



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.



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, the traditional home of the Nehiyawewak, Papaschase, Nakota Sioux, Tsuut'ina, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and within the Metis Nation homeland. 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.

To Play

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

Get Ready for an Enchanted Summer Reading Adventure!

June 24 - August 23

Kids

Roll the dice to start your magical adventure and read or listen your way to fun prizes! Choose from games for preschool or school-age kids.

On The Bookmobile

Spin the Wishing Wheel, read, and earn charms to find the missing Golden Scrolls.

Summer Wrap-up Party
 Mon Aug 24
 Details on pg 6

Teens

Make this summer extra fun with challenges that earn you prizes!

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.



Visit us at rural farmers' markets this summer!

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

Ardrossan Farmers' Market

Tuesdays, Jun 2 - Sep 29, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

South Cooking Lake Farmers' Market

Thursdays, Jul 2 - Aug 28, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Make a Fairy Garden

Drop-in

(For children of all ages with their adults)

Create a magical fairy garden inspired by your own imagination! Plant a flower and create a world within your pot. *All supplies provided.*

South Cooking Lake Community Hall

Thu Jun 25, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Brookville Community Hall

Tue Jun 30, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Deville North Cooking Lake Community Hall

Mon Jul 6, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

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, Jul-Aug

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

Wed Jul 8, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Thu Jul 23, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Thu Aug 6, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Wed Aug 26, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Beppie In Concert

Registered

(For children of all ages with their adults)

Get up and sing! Get up and dance! We're excited to welcome back JUNO-nominated children's artist Beppie for a high-energy, interactive concert that's sure to get your feet moving!

Strathcona County Library

Fri Jul 10, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Fizzlewit's Fairy Finding Tours

Registered

(For children of all ages with their adults)

Join the hunt for a lost fairy princess! You'll encounter fantastical fairy folk, follow trails, solve puzzles and search for clues in this immersive adventure hosted by the whimsical wizard Fizzlewit.

Deville North Cooking Lake Community Hall

Mon Jul 13, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Please register for only one session.

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

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

Cool Crayons and Pastels

Drop-in

(For children of all ages with their adults)

Bring the whole family to a fun afternoon of creative colouring! We'll have colouring pages for all ages and activity sheets to spark your imagination.

Strathcona County Library

Mon Jul 20, 2:00 - 3:30 pm



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.

Family Discovery Hour: No-Sew Sock Puppets**Registered**

(For children of all ages with their adults)

Craft your own no-sew sock puppet using bits and bobs, buttons and bows, felt and foam, and lots of imagination! Then weave a story all about your new friend! *Kits available for pickup starting Monday, Jul 6.*

Online

Fri Jul 24, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Giant Games Galore**Drop-in**

(For children of all ages with their adults)

Come play some massive games! Whether it's giant Connect 4, oversized checkers, or mega Jenga, you're sure to find a game that your whole family will enjoy.

Strathcona County Library

Thu Aug 13, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

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

Mon Aug 17, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Family Movie Night: Shrek**Drop-in**

(For children of all ages with their adults)

In this Dreamworks classic, solitary ogre Shrek and his loveable sidekick Donkey go on a quest to rescue Princess Fiona and win back the deed to Shrek's swamp from scheming Lord Farquaad. *Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bring your own comfy seats.*

This animated feature film is rated PG by the Alberta Film Classification Office (mild crude language and mild violence).

Hastings Lake Community Hall

Fri Aug 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Summer Reading Game Wrap-Up Party**Drop-in**

(For children of all ages with their adults)

Celebrate a great summer of reading with us! Drop in any time during the program for activities and crafts.

Strathcona County Library

Mon Aug 24, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

**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.

**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)

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

Strathcona County Library

Wednesdays, Jul 8 - Aug 19, 11:00 - 11:30 am

Thursdays, Jul 9 - Aug 20, 1:30 - 2:00 pm

Little Wigglers 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. Shelter available. Drop in any time during the program.

ARAS Community Growing Patch (22177 Wye Road)

Tuesdays, Jul 7 - Aug 25, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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.

Strathcona County Library

Mondays, Jul 6 - Aug 17, 11:00 - 11:30 am

Wednesdays, Jul 8 - Aug 19, 9:45 - 10:15 am

No program Aug 3

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, Jul 6 - Aug 17, 9:45 - 10:15 am

No program Aug 3

Literacy at Play**Drop-in**

(For ages birth - 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 any time during the program.

Strathcona County Library

Thursdays, Jul 9 - Aug 20, 10:00 - 11:30 am

**Tiny Tales of the Enchanted Forest
Preschool Summer Reading Game**

June 24 - August 23

Roll the dice to wander through the Enchanted Forest on our interactive game board and read your way through the summer. To play, drop by the game table at the library any time.



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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, Jul 3, Aug 7, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Huff and Puff and Build Stuff

Registered
 (For ages 3 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
 In this STEM storytime, we'll read *The Three Little Pigs* and explore simple engineering by building and testing houses made from different materials. Which design will stand up to the Big Bad Wolf?
Strathcona County Library
 Sat Jul 4, 10:00 - 10:45 am
 Tue Aug 11, 10:00 - 10:45 am
Please register for only one session.

Baby Banksy

Registered
 (For ages 6 - 18 months with an adult. No older siblings please)
 Explore your baby's five senses with songs, stories, art and more!
Strathcona County Library
 Sat Jul 11, 10:00 - 10:45 am
 Mon Jul 13, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Fairytale Creature Workshop: Preschool

Registered
 (For ages 3 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
 Enjoy new and old fairy tales, then design your very own fairytale creature. Your design will be sent off to the Creature Workshop, then returned to you as a figurine made by the Workshop Staff.
Strathcona County Library
 Tue Jul 14, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Stories for the Young and the Young at Heart

Registered
 (For seniors and children ages 3 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
 Join us for a special intergenerational storytime that brings together preschoolers, their families, and seniors from our community. Enjoy songs and stories designed to delight every generation, then stay to create a keepsake inspired by a favourite vacation memory.
Strathcona County Library
 Fri Jul 24, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Teddy Bear Tales

Drop-in
 (For ages 3 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
 Bring your favourite stuffed friend for a bear-y fun summer storytime! Enjoy bear-themed stories and songs, plus a special reading of *The Polar Bear from Nowhere* by local author Shelby Willis.
Strathcona County Library
 Sat Jul 25, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Stories, Songs, and Stretches

Registered
 (For ages 3 - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
 Move and stretch together in a gentle yoga program that includes fun stories and songs to help grow the body and mind. *You're welcome to bring a yoga mat, but it's not required.*
Strathcona County Library
 Tue Jul 28, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Little Builders Lounge

Drop-in
 (For ages birth - 5 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
 Bring your imagination and explore open-ended building-focused play with blocks, magnetic tiles, cardboard and other materials. Drop in any time during the program.
Strathcona County Library
 Fri Aug 14, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Storytime Hullabaloo

Drop-in
 (For ages 1 - 3 with an adult, siblings of other ages welcome)
 Sing, dance and drum along in this music-themed storytime for toddlers!
Strathcona County Library
 Tue Aug 18, 9:45 - 10:15 am
 Tue Aug 18, 11:00 - 11:30 am



Using Apps with Preschoolers

How can you use apps in a way that helps your kids learn?

Play together

Children learn best from interacting with you, so use apps to talk and have fun together!

Ask your child questions

Ask open-ended questions about what your child is doing or what they think will happen next.

Continue learning offline

After using an app, try a real-life activity that connects to what your child learned.

Choose high-quality apps

Look for educational or creative apps that are free of advertising. Read reviews or try them out before playing with your child.

Set limits on screen time

Set daily limits, avoid screens at meals or before bed, and turn off screens in the background.

Not sure which apps to choose?

Visit the Early Literacy iPads in the Enchanted Forest to try some recommended apps for ages 3-6.

Want to learn more about digital wellness for your family?

Scan the QR code for helpful books and websites.



Grow a Reader!

The library's Enchanted Forest is a wonderful place for children to grow a love of reading! Explore different sections to find stories for every stage, from birth to starting school.

Board Books

Start reading together from birth with these sturdy books. The thick pages are perfect for little hands to play with and explore.

Toddler Tales

These simple stories with large illustrations are great for ages 1-3. You'll find popular topics like numbers, colours, animals and more!

Read Alouds

Move into longer stories with these tried-and-true favourites for reading aloud with ages 3-5.



On the Bookmobile
 Pajama Express kits include books perfect for settling down at night for ages 2-3 or 3-5.



BOOKFLIX

BookFlix pairs video versions of storybooks with related nonfiction to build a love of reading and learning.

sclibrary.ca/bookflix

Unlikely Animal Friends**Registered**

(For students entering grades 1 - 3 in the fall)
Which animals have become friends despite their differences? Based on our favourite friends in books, we'll explore these surprising partnerships and make a memory game and collage of mis-matched animal friends!

Strathcona County Library

Thu Jul 2, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Book Your Summer Reading Adventure**Registered**

Ready to pick out some exciting summer reads? We'll start by playing some fun games, then unveil our favourite books to keep you turning pages all summer. Bring your library card to take home your fabulous selections!

Strathcona County Library**Grade 1 - 3 session**

(For students entering grades 1 - 3 in the fall)

Tue Jul 7, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Grade 4 - 6 session

(For students entering grades 4 - 6 in the fall)

Tue Jul 7, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Robot Friends in Space**Registered**

(For students entering grades 4 - 6 in the fall)

Learn about space travel and craft a space scene with a robot companion to go into orbit with you!

Strathcona County Library

Fri Jul 10, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Rad Reptiles and Amphibians**Registered**

(For students entering grades 2 - 6 in the fall)

How do reptiles and amphibians hear, eat, see and sense their world? Explore facts about Alberta's native cold-blooded pals, and meet a couple of their big exotic cousins. *Presented by Butterfly Wings n' Wishes.*

Strathcona County Library

Thu Jul 16, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Thu Jul 16, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Please register for only one session.

We're Going Camping!**Registered**

(For students entering grades 1 - 3 in the fall)

What will you bring camping? Come and share your favourite adventure stories, listen to a few tales around the fire, and create your own campfire craft!

Strathcona County Library

Fri Jul 17, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Fri Jul 17, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Please register for only one session.

Origami Creatures and Moving Models**Registered**

(For students entering grades 3 - 6 in the fall)

Learn how to transform a simple square of paper into something lively and creative with expert instruction from Tara Woltjen. Master basic folding skills, then create a cool, interactive design like a flapping bird or a jumping frog!

Strathcona County Library

Tue Jul 21, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

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

Wed Jul 22, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Wed Jul 22, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Please register for only one session.

**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!

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.

**The Baby-sitters Club Summer Vacation****Registered**

(For students entering grades 3 - 6 in the fall)

Celebrate summer vacation with all things *Baby-sitters Club!* Join us for cool friendship-themed crafts and find out which BSC character is most like you!

Strathcona County Library

Fri Jul 24, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Pokémon Party!**Registered**

(For students entering grades 1 - 3 in the fall)

Do you have what it takes to catch 'em all? Join us for Pokémon-themed games and crafts to become a Pokémon master!

Strathcona County Library

Mon Jul 27, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Mon Jul 27, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Please register for only one session.

Coding Quest**Registered**

(For students entering grades 4 - 6 in the fall)

Learn coding skills through games and challenges. We'll be using block-based coding languages suitable for beginners and experienced coders.

Strathcona County Library

Wed Jul 29, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Wed Jul 29, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Please register for only one session.

Draw Something New!**Registered**

(For students entering grades 1 - 3 in the fall)

Learn to draw step-by-step by using simple shapes to create a storybook creature. We'll also play some drawing-themed games to unleash your creative genius!

Strathcona County Library

Tue Aug 4, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Tue Aug 4, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Please register for only one session.

Aventures dans la nature**Registered**

(For students entering grades 1 - 3 in the fall)

Explorons les plantes et animaux à travers des histoires et activités. Join us for stories and activities at this nature-themed French program.

Strathcona County Library

Wed Aug 5, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Tue Aug 11, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Tue Aug 11, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Please register for only one session.

Young Author and Artist Camp

(For ages 7 - 11)

Register through Recreation, Parks and Culture at reconline.strathcona.ca

Step into a world of sweet stories and colourful creativity! Campers will explore storytelling, drawing, and imaginative expression alongside author Paola Santos and illustrator Chelsea Wong.

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

Gallery@501/Strathcona County Library

Aug 10 - 14, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Audiobooks for Kids**

Let stories come to life with audiobooks!

Listen to amazing stories on:

- CD
- Playaway (pre-loaded audiobook players)
- Libby and hoopla apps

Not only are audiobooks fun, they also boost your skills in:

- Comprehension
- Vocabulary
- Listening

Find them in the Discovery Zone, or visit

sclibrary.ca/kids-subject/books-movies

for downloadable audiobooks.

Mini Dungeons & Dragons**Registered**

(For students entering grades 5 - 12 in the fall)
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

Fri Jul 3, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Teen Movie Afternoon: Sonic the Hedgehog**Registered**

(For students entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall)
Swing by the library to catch a screening of *Sonic the Hedgehog*. Grab some snacks while you watch the speedy blue hero save the day! *This film is rated PG by the Alberta Film Classification Office.*

Strathcona County Library

Thu Jul 9, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Fairytale Creature Workshop:**Tweens and Teens****Registered**

(For students entering grades 5 - 12 in the fall)
Join us for an hour of creature creation! Learn some creature lore and get helpful tips for your masterpieces. You'll have the opportunity to make two fairytale creatures out of a variety of materials: one for yourself, and one for a little library patron, based on their own design.

Strathcona County Library

Wed Jul 15, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Clash, Stomp & Dance: Morris Dance 101**Registered**

(For ages 13-adult)
Wed Jul 15, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
See pg 16 for details.

Teen Trivia Night: Pop Culture**Registered**

(For students entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall)
Think you know a thing or two about what's popular these days? Come prove it by answering some tricky questions! Winners will get prizes and everyone gets snacks.

Strathcona County Library

Mon Jul 20, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Teen Volunteer Book Reviews**

Grades 7 - 12

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

Visit sclibrary.ca/teens for details or email us at teens@sclibrary.ca

Mindful Origami: Design, Focus and Creative Flow**Registered**

(For students entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall)
Origami is both an art form and a calming, focus-building practice. Join origami artist Tara Woltjen to create modular or geometric designs you can customize and display.

Strathcona County Library

Tue Jul 21, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Pizza and Pages: Love Stories**Registered**

(For students entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall)
Whether you're a hopeless romantic, totally over it, or just here for the pizza, this night is for you! Join us for a chill evening where we chat about our favourite love stories and ships from books and movies.

Strathcona County Library

Thu Jul 23, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Paint by Numbers**Registered**

(For students entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall)
No pressure, all fun! Relax, paint and enjoy some snacks.

Strathcona County Library

Tue Jul 28, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Video Game Tournament: Arms**Registered**

(For students entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall)
Come duke it out in hand-to-hand (or should we say arm-to-arm) combat, tournament style. A pizza meal will be provided.

Strathcona County Library

Thu Jul 30, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Mystical Mapmaking**Registered**

(For students entering grades 5 - 12 in the fall)
Put your wildest imaginings to paper! Design a map of a fantasy world with enchanted landscapes, mythical creatures and perhaps a path to some hidden treasure.

Antler Lake Community Hall

Thu Jul 30, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Digital Art Studio**Registered**

(For students entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall)
Start by taking photos, then use a digital art app to transform them into cool, original art!

Strathcona County Library

Fri Aug 7, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Teen Dungeons & Dragons**Registered**

(For students entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall)
Get ready for an epic fantasy adventure at the library. This session is a stand-alone adventure perfect for both newcomers and experienced players. A pizza dinner will be served.

Strathcona County Library

Wed Aug 12, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Breakout Box: Happily Never After**Registered**

(For students entering grades 5 - 12 in the fall)
Fairy tale villains are planning to erase our Happily Ever After memories, rewriting themselves as the good guys! Help us uncover the villains' codes and enter them into our Happily Never After Reversal Machine.

Brookville Community Hall

Mon Aug 17, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

**Teen Summer Challenge
June 24 - August 23**

Make this summer extra fun by participating in our Teen Summer Challenge. Complete activities to be entered into our end-of-summer prize draws!

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

Discover your next great read!

Explore our booklists to uncover new books and hidden gems in the genres you love.

Romance**Fantasy****Action and Adventure****Mysteries and Thrillers****Funny Reads**

Find more at
sclibrary.ca/great-reads-teens

your
**Next 5
READS**

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

(For adults and seniors)

Meet new people and enjoy lively discussions about a variety of entertaining and diverse reads. Everyone is welcome whether you've read the selected book or not. A limited number of books will be available at the main floor Information Desk one month before the program, and you'll find upcoming titles at sclibrary.ca/programs

Strathcona County Library

4th Tue, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, Jul-Aug

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, Jul-Aug

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, Jul-Aug

Stories for the Young and the Young at Heart

Registered

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

Join us for a special intergenerational storytime that brings together preschoolers, their families, and seniors from our community. Enjoy songs and stories designed to delight every generation, then stay to create a keepsake inspired by a favourite vacation memory.

Strathcona County Library

Fri Jul 24, 11:00 - 11:45 am

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 crafts-people for conversations and laughter, as you work on your own project.

Online

Every Mon, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Jul-Aug

Outdoor Sketching

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Grab your favourite sketchbook and a few pencils and enjoy an evening of drawing in the beautiful outdoors. Art Instructor Oksana Zhelisko will provide fun exercises and loads of encouragement, to help you improve your observation and drawing skills while discovering your unique style. Location to be announced.

Offsite TBD

Fri Jul 10, 7:00 – 9:00 pm



Find it in Libby.

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

sclibrary.ca/craftsy

History & Genealogy

Historic Festival &
**DOORS
OPEN**
EDMONTON

Growing Through the Years: Smeltzer House History & Garden Tour

Registered

(For teens, adults, and seniors)

As part of the 2026 Historic Festival, join us for an evening at Smeltzer House. Our hosts will share the stories of the people who once lived there and highlight how gardening styles and plant choices have evolved over time. After that, enjoy a guided walk through the Smeltzer gardens to see heritage perennials still thriving in this beautiful space.

Please wear comfortable shoes for this outdoor tour.

Offsite TBD

Tue Jul 7, 7:00 – 8:00 pm



Get Started with Ancestry.ca (Library edition)

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

This session for beginners will help you find records, online books and more on Ancestry.ca (Library edition).

Strathcona County Library

Thu Jul 16, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Genealogy Detective Skills: Solving Family Mysteries

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Learn how to investigate your family history like a pro! This intermediate level program will teach research strategies, record analysis, and critical thinking, helping you uncover clues, solve ancestral puzzles, and bring hidden family stories to light. *Prerequisite: some genealogy research experience required.*

Strathcona County Library

Tue Jul 21, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Wed Aug 12, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please register for only one session.

Get Started with FamilySearch

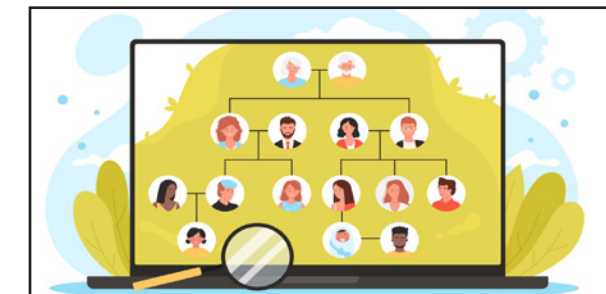
Registered

(For 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

Tue Aug 18, 6:30 – 8:00 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

Health & Wellness

Forest Bathing

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Back by popular demand! Take time to de-stress and reconnect during a relaxing and rejuvenating forest therapy walk. Inspired by the Japanese practice of shinrin-yoku, it's not your typical walk in the woods – Certified Forest Therapy Guide Laura McLaughlin will lead you through a series of activities designed to help you slow down, fully engage your senses and notice your surroundings. *You'll need your own transportation to the off-site location.*

Offsite TBD

Sun Aug 23, 9:30 – 11:30 am

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, Jul-Aug

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, Jul-Aug

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, Jul

Clash, Stomp & Dance: Morris Dance 101

Registered

(For teens and adults)

Clash your sticks, stomp your feet, and laugh a lot! Join local Morris dancer Jennifer for a lively intro to this English folk tradition with fun, easy steps. *Wear runners, loose clothing and bring water. No experience needed. Ages 13+.*

Strathcona County Library

Wed Jul 15, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Library After Hours: Summer Camp

Registered

(For adults only)

All adults are invited to revisit your favourite summer camp days and make new memories at Camp In-The-Stacks! Get ready for sing-alongs by the fire, team games, arts and crafts, and even a "nature" walk through the library. *Please dress comfortably. We will be playing some active games, but participation is not mandatory. Ages 18+.*

Strathcona County Library

Sat Jul 18, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

African Drum and Dance

Registered

(For adults)

Join us for a lively morning of West African drumming and dancing! Dance instructor Masani, drummer Venessa and master drummer Mohamed "Papa" Bangoura will teach you traditional dance rhythms and steps from Guinea, accompanied by live drumming. You'll also learn about the origin of different drums and oral traditions passed on through movement.

Offsite TBD

Sat Aug 8, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Adult Summer Challenge

Spice up your summer with our weekly challenge! You can participate in person or online, so it's easy to win from wherever you are!

Thank you to Inter Pipeline for their generous sponsorship of the Adult Summer Challenge.



Jobs & Money

Maximize Your Benefits: Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Learn everything you need to know about the Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security - regardless of whether you're already retired or planning to retire soon. Presented by financial and estate planner Kenneth Martin Doll.

Online

Thu Aug 20, 10:00 – 10:30 am

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 Aug 29, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Home & Garden

Solar for Your Home

Registered

(For adults)

Are you an Alberta homeowner contemplating switching to solar power? This presentation is for you! We'll review how rooftop solar installations typically work in Alberta, what the impacts will be on your utility bills, how to find an installer, and how to finance your project. Presented by Solar Alberta.

Online

Wed Jul 8, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Under the Hood: An Introduction to Car Components

Registered

(For adults)

Curious about what's under the hood but not sure where to start? Join us to get a better understanding of how cars work. Mechanic Doug Schouten will walk participants through the basic parts of a vehicle—including the engine, battery, fluids, tires, and more—and explain what each component does. Bring your questions!

Strathcona County Library

Tue Jul 14, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Overwintering Tender Perennials

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Tender perennials such as tuberous begonias, gladioli, cannas, and dahlias add wonderful displays of colour to our gardens, but they can't survive an Alberta winter. Learn how to properly overwinter your tender perennials, as well as hybrid tea roses and tropicals—so you can enjoy their beautiful blooms year after year. Presented by Environmental Horticulturist Emily Neis.

Strathcona County Library

Sat Aug 22, 10:00 – 11:30 am

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 | 6:00 - 8:00 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@eisa-edmonton.org
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

(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, Jul-Aug

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, Jul-Aug

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

Tue Jul 7 & Tue Jul 14, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Getting Started with iPhones and iPads

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 iPhone or iPad.*

Strathcona County Library

Thu Jul 30 & Thu Aug 6, 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

Wed Aug 12 & Wed Aug 19, 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 session for beginners, we'll discuss how to create stronger passwords and—more importantly—how to use apps to remember them.

Strathcona County Library

Wed Jul 22, 2:00 - 3:30 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

Thu Aug 27, 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

Thu Jul 2, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Using AI for Work and Play

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Join us for a discussion and demonstration of the best ways to use AI tools like ChatGPT and art generators for tasks they're good at helping with: reformatting text, making pictures, brainstorming and more.

Strathcona County Library

Wed Jul 15, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Hidden Library Superpower: All the News

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

The library has a host of powerful online databases, including a number that offer reliable news coverage from every angle. We'll give you a hands-on introduction to some of our most popular digital resources, all available for free with your library card:

- OverDrive for magazines
- PressReader for newspapers from around the world
- The Athletic for a full range of sports coverage
- Edmonton Journal Archive for local history

Strathcona County Library

Wed Aug 5, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Preparing for Your Digital Afterlife

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

We all have an online footprint that can persist after we die. How will our loved ones deal with all of our profiles, accounts, passwords and data after we've passed? The best approach is to have a plan, so join us for a lively discussion about some of the tools and techniques we can use to transition thoughtfully into our digital afterlives.

Strathcona County Library

Wed Aug 5, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Finding More Space in Your Digital Storage

Registered

(For adults and seniors)

Cloud storage promises that you'll be able to keep everything digitally, but it can quickly lead to overwhelming virtual clutter. In this session we'll demonstrate some best practices for clearing out your online accounts, so that you can find and synchronize the files you actually need.

Online

Tue Aug 18, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

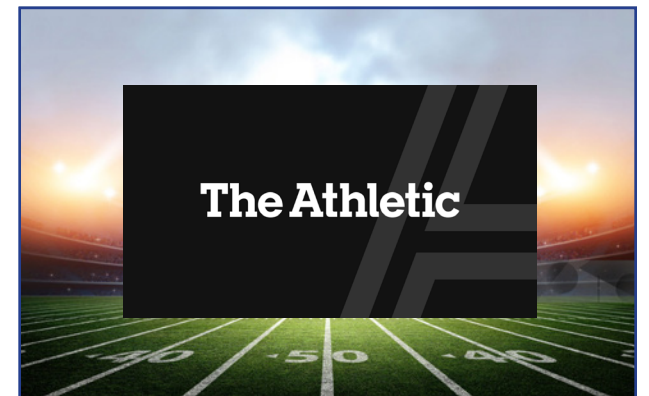


Digital device giving you trouble?

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



Your library card brings you sports coverage that you can't find anywhere else.

A New York Times company, The Athletic delivers unmatched coverage of worldwide sports, brought to you by a newsroom of more than 400 writers. As well as hockey, football, baseball and soccer, The Athletic also dishes up the latest on cycling, Formula 1, boxing and more. Turn your library card into a free all-access pass for in-depth journalism on everything you're into!



Our Kits of Things

You've probably heard about the library's book club and storytime kits, but did you know that we also offer kits for trying out activities other than reading? Each of our kits includes carefully curated items for anything from pet care to bird watching, converting VHS home movies to digital files, and even trying out a new sport! sclibrary.ca/kits

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LinkedIn Learning

Learning how to shoot good photos is a solid skill that can pay dividends in your work life, as a side hustle or even just making your vacation pics look that much better. LinkedIn Learning has a whole series of bite-sized videos that will get you on your way to shooting like a pro. And if photography's not for you, you'll find dozens of other how-to lessons for leisure pursuits like drawing, painting and even playing guitar!

Find your inspiration at sclibrary.ca/linkedin



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

Visit us at rural farmers' markets this summer!

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

Ardrossan Farmers' Market

Tuesdays, Jun 2 - Sep 29, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

South Cooking Lake Farmers' Market

Thursdays, Jun 18 - Sep 10, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Get Growing with Your Library!

Registered

The ARAS Community Growing Patch is a great place for families to get hands-on with food! Get growing, share ideas, teach kids about gardening and experience the wonder!

Programs run 10:00 am - 1:00 pm on Saturdays. Find details for partnered library programs happening at the ARAS Community Growing Patch (22177 Wye Road) at sclib.short.gy/ARAS

Offered in partnership with the Ardrossan Recreation & Agricultural Society (ardrossanag.ca).

Looking for family fun?

Celebrate community, enjoy activities and make memories! Find us at rural fairs in Strathcona County, including:

Colchester Summer Sizzler

Sunday, June 14

Ardrossan Pancake Breakfast and Parade

Saturday, June 20

Antler Lake Country Fair

Saturday, August 8

South Cooking Lake Trail Days

Saturday, August 15

Check our website to find us at community events:

sclib.short.gy/CommunityEvents

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 29)

Tuesdays

Brookville Community Hall

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fridays

Deville/North Cooking Lake Community Hall

12:30 - 2:00 pm

Thursdays

South Cooking Lake Community Hall

9:30 - 11:30 am

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

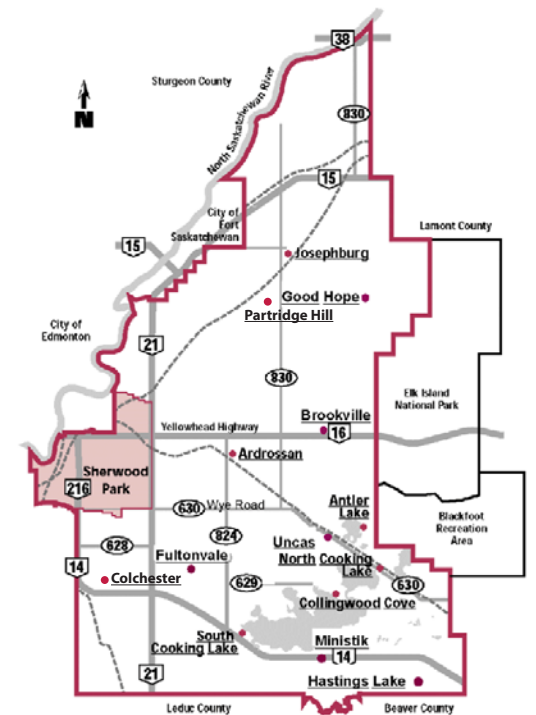
Moyer Rec Centre Josephburg 7:00 - 8:00 pm

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	
Canada Day	Wed Jul 1
Heritage Day	Mon Aug 3
Labour Day	Mon Sep 7

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

Find Us

Strathcona County Community Centre
401 Festival Lane
Sherwood Park, AB T8A 5P7



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