



STRATHCONA COUNTY LIBRARY PROGRAM GUIDE

FALL 2026

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Program registration begins Aug 15



PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Begins 9:30 am, Saturday, Aug 15

Three ways to register

1. At sclibrary.ca

📅 Programs & Events ▾

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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.

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What We Heard

In 2024, we gathered feedback from over 1700 County residents to find out how the library was serving community needs and where it was time for us to try something different.

You'll find some changes in this issue of our Program Guide in response to some of the great suggestions we heard in response!

Did you know that library hours have changed to reflect times that work better for more residents? (see back cover for details)

Look for more programs with alternative session times. Find book clubs for kids, teens, art lovers, silent readers or those who love to socialize. Try some life skills programs, from pickling and fermenting to demystifying your utility bill. Attend with your kids to get hands-on with music, science, photography, computer coding and LEGO. Learn from local experts about CPR, fire safety and Indigenous Quillwork.

We've got much more to help you grow your skills, get creative, and connect with your interests and with others in your community.

Hope to see you at a program soon!

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

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

Go to strathcona.ca and search for Parking.



Land acknowledgement

We recognize that Strathcona County Library is located on Treaty 6 territory, 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.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, family programs are open to children of all ages and must be attended with a caregiver.

- Family LEGO**
Drop-in
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 Sep 15, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Wed Oct 21, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Wed Nov 25, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- Family Tech Time: Music and Sound**
Drop-in
Experiment with sound recording and editing, music-making technology and more! *Drop in any time during the program.*
Strathcona County Library
Mon Sep 21, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Hastings Lake Community Hall
Tue Nov 3, 4:00 - 5:15 pm
Brookville Community Hall
Mon Nov 23, 5:00 - 6:15 pm
- Family Tech Time: Augmented Reality**
Drop-in
Try out augmented reality that brings new life to science, art and more! *Drop in any time during the program.*
Partridge Hill Community Hall
Wed Sep 23, 4:00 - 5:15 pm
Antler Lake Community Hall
Thu Oct 8, 6:30 - 7:45 pm
Strathcona County Library
Mon Nov 16, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Family Discovery Hour: Ping Pong Ball Science
Registered
What can you do with a ping pong ball? Float it? Levitate it? Bounce it? Let's experiment! *A supply kit will be available with registration starting Mon Sep 7.*
Online
Thu Sep 24, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Family Tech Time: Photography and Movies
Drop-in
Try out green screen, stop motion and more! *Drop in any time during the program.*
Strathcona County Library
Mon Oct 19, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Deville North Cooking Lake Community Hall
Mon Dec 7, 3:30 - 4:45 pm

Halloween Craft Week at the Bookmobile
Drop-in
Add a little spookiness to your day! Stop by the Bookmobile and enjoy a quick, seasonal craft in the hall.
Deville North Cooking Lake Community Hall
Mon Oct 26, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Brookville Community Hall
Mon Oct 26, 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Tue Oct 27, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Hastings Lake Community Hall
Tue Oct 27, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Partridge Hill Community Hall
Wed Oct 28, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
South Cooking Lake Community Hall
Thu Oct 29, 9:30 - 11:00 am
Antler Lake Community Hall
Thu Oct 29, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Drop-in Crafts
Drop-in
Get creative and explore a variety of fun seasonal crafts! *Drop in any time during the program.*
Strathcona County Library
Thu Nov 12, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Mr. Matt's Musical Party!
Registered
(For ages 3+)
Join local children's musician and early childhood educator Mr. Matt for a fun-filled musical adventure. Enjoy energetic songs, playful movement and interactive music that will get the whole family moving and grooving!
Strathcona County Library
Sat Nov 14, 10:00 - 10:30 am
Sat Dec 12, 10:00 - 10:30 am



Family Discovery Hour: Unplugged Coding
Registered
Did you know you can learn to code without using a computer? Join us on Zoom to learn how to think like a coder with these fun hands-on activities. *A supply kit will be available with registration starting Mon Nov 9.*
Online
Thu Nov 26, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Holiday Craft Week at the Bookmobile
Drop-in
Add a little holiday cheer to your day! Stop by the Bookmobile and enjoy a quick, festive craft in the hall.
Brookville Community Hall
Mon Nov 30, 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Ardrossan Recreation Complex Cedar Room
Mon Nov 30, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Hastings Lake Community Hall
Tue Dec 1, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Partridge Hill Community Hall
Wed Dec 2, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
South Cooking Lake Community Hall
Thu Dec 3, 9:30 - 11:00 am
Antler Lake Community Hall
Thu Dec 3, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Phil Kline's Unsilent Night
Registered
Participate in a 45-minute electronic swirling sound walk through Broadmoor Park and beyond. Spread joy and light to brighten the long winter night! Deck yourself out with twinkle lights, a cell phone and (optional) amplifier/speaker. *See more details about how to participate when you register.*
Offsite TBD
Thu Dec 17, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Noon Year's Eve Party
Registered
Ring in the New Year a little early at the library! Join us for a fun-filled Noon Year's Eve celebration with crafts, activities and a special countdown at noon.
Strathcona County Library
Thu Dec 31, 11:30 am - 12:00 pm



Homework Pathfinders
Use Homework Pathfinders to find books and online resources on curriculum topics!
These lists will guide you to information on rocks and minerals, shapes and measurement, Canadian explorers, Greek and Roman mythology and much more.
Find Homework Pathfinders in the Discovery Zone or at sclibrary.ca/homework-help



Libby for Kids
Download eBooks, audiobooks and magazines for children of all ages!
Visit sclibrary.ca/overdrive-kids or download the Libby app to get started.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, preschool programs must be attended with a caregiver, and siblings of other ages are welcome.



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. No older siblings please)
Songs, rhymes and stories that help your baby grow and learn.
Strathcona County Library
Wednesdays, Sep 9 - Dec 2, 11:00 - 11:30 am
Thursdays, Sep 10 - Dec 3, 1:30 - 2:00 pm
No program Sep 30, Nov 11 & 12

Toddler Time

Drop-in
(For ages 1 - 3)
A high-energy program filled with songs, rhymes, stories and lots of movement for busy toddlers.
Strathcona County Library
Mondays, Sep 14 - Nov 30, 9:45 - 10:15 am
Wednesdays, Sep 9 - Dec 2, 9:45 - 10:15 am
Thursdays, Sep 10 - Dec 3, 9:45 - 10:15 am
No program Sep 30, Oct 12, Nov 9 - 12

Family Storytime

Drop-in
(For ages 3 - 5)
Stories, songs and fun activities for preschoolers and their families.
Strathcona County Library
Mondays, Sep 14 - Nov 30, 11:00 - 11:30 am
No program Oct 12, Nov 9

Bookmobile Family Storytime

Drop-in
(For ages birth - 5)
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 are there!
Brookville Community Hall
Tuesdays, Sep 15 - Oct 20, 10:00 - 10:30 am
South Cooking Lake Community Hall
Thursdays, Oct 29 - Dec 3, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Rise and Shine Storytime

Drop-in
(For ages birth - 5)
Kick off your weekend with a lively program filled with stories, songs and rhymes.
Strathcona County Library
Saturdays, Sep 19 - Dec 5, 10:00 - 10:30 am
No program Nov 14

Literacy at Play

Drop-in
(For ages birth - 5)
Learn through play at this interactive literacy circuit! Move from station to station as you and your child talk, play, read and create together. *Drop in any time during the program.*
Strathcona County Library
Tuesdays, Sep 8 - Dec 1, 10:00 - 11:30 am
No program Nov 10

ABC & Me Unparented Storytime

Registered
(For ages 3 - 5, unparented)
Stories, songs and activities just for preschoolers! This storytime helps children get ready for school by building confidence, early literacy and social skills. *Caregivers do not stay in the room, but they must stay in the children's area of the library during the program. Register any time during the session.*
Strathcona County Library
Tuesdays, Sep 8 - Dec 1, 9:45 - 10:30 am
Wednesdays, Sep 9 - Dec 2, 11:00 - 11:45 am
No program Sep 30, Nov 10 & 11
Please register for only one series.

Groupe 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, Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fire Safety for Preschoolers

Registered
(For ages 3 - 5)
This interactive and informative program teaches preschoolers key fire safety messages like "Stop, Drop, and Roll" and what to do when a smoke alarm sounds. Participants will take home safety tips and materials to share with their families. *Presented by Strathcona County Emergency Services.*
Strathcona County Library
Sat Sep 19, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

Babies and Blockbusters

Drop-in
(For ages birth - 12 months. 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, Sep 21, Oct 19, Nov 23, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Pumpkin Spice Storytime

Registered
(For ages 2 - 5)
Leaves are falling and storytime is calling! Celebrate all things fall with stories, songs, rhymes and an autumn craft.
Strathcona County Library
Fri Sep 25, 9:45 - 10:15 am
Fri Sep 25, 11:00 - 11:30 am
Please register for only one session.

¡Hola! Spanish Rhyme Time

Drop-in
(For ages birth - 4)
Explore the Spanish language through music, movement and rhymes. Perfect for Spanish-speaking families and anyone looking to introduce their little ones to the language.
Strathcona County Library
Thu Sep 24, 10:15 - 10:45 am
Fri Oct 23, 10:15 - 10:45 am
Thu Nov 26, 10:15 - 10:45 am
Fri Dec 11, 10:15 - 10:45 am

Hello-Bonjour Storytime

Drop-in
(For ages 1 - 3)
Stories, songs and rhymes in English and French for families who are curious about introducing French at home. Storytime will be led primarily in English with simple French vocabulary introduced throughout.
Strathcona County Library
Thursdays, Oct 1 - Nov 5, 11:00 - 11:30 am

R.E.A.D. with the RCMP

Drop-in
(For ages 2 - 5)
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, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Mini Music with Mr. Matt

Registered
(For ages birth - 24 months)
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
Sat Oct 17, 2:00 - 2:30 pm
Tue Nov 24, 1:30 - 2:00 pm

Monster Stories for Brave Preschoolers

Registered
(For ages 3 - 5)
Let's conquer our fears together as we read tales of courage and friendship! We will end the storytime with a craft.
Strathcona County Library
Tue Oct 20, 6:30 - 7:00 pm



PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

National Child Day: Little Hands, Big Ideas

Drop-in
(For ages birth - 5)
Celebrate National Child Day with an event inspired by every child’s right to play, learn, create and belong. Explore hands-on activities throughout the library where kids can imagine, explore and express themselves. Drop in any time during the program.
Strathcona County Library
Fri Nov 20, 9:30 am - 12:00 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
Mon Nov 30, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, elementary programs are unparented.

Homeschool Hangout

Registered
(For grades 2 - 6, parents welcome)

Water Conservation

Find out where our water comes from, where it goes, and how we can keep our water clean. Learn about global water availability and how we can conserve water in our daily lives in this interactive presentation from a Strathcona County expert.
Strathcona County Library
Wed Sep 16, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Collage Creation

Learn about different techniques to create a mixed media collage, then make your own that’s unique to your interests and personal style!
Strathcona County Library
Thu Oct 15, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Weather Wonders

Explore how some of Earth’s wildest weather events form and make weather devices you can use at home!
Strathcona County Library
Wed Nov 18, 10:00 - 11:00 am

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
Stories From the Past
Wed Sep 2, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Unbelievable Tales
Wed Oct 7, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Cozy Reads
Wed Nov 4, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Books to Bring You Cheer
Wed Dec 2, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Drawing: As Easy as 1-2-3!

Registered
(For kindergarten - grade 3)
We’ll start with a few simple drawing games, then practice our skills by drawing cartoon characters based on shapes you already know!
Strathcona County Library
Tue Sep 8, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Radical Robots

Registered
(For kindergarten - grade 3)
Explore the world of robots through stories, games and activities with Qobo robots!
Strathcona County Library
Wed Sep 16, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Tue Oct 6, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Please register for only one session.

Calming Crafts

Registered
(For kindergarten - grade 6)
Calm your active mind with a craft that keeps your hands busy and helps you focus on the here and now. Plus, try out yoga poses to help you appreciate how your body can move and stretch.
Strathcona County Library
Wed Sep 23, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Gratitude Crafts

Registered
(For kindergarten - grade 6, parents welcome)
Autumn brings many chances to be thankful! Show your gratitude by making something for someone, and get creative making a centrepiece that will be the talk of your family table.
Strathcona County Library
Fri Oct 2, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Create Your Own Cryptid

Registered
(For grades 4 - 6)
Learn all about cryptids and make your own mythical animal mashup in this creative program for fantasy lovers.
Strathcona County Library
Tue Oct 13, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Drop Everything and Read!

Registered
(For grades 2 - 6)
Get comfy and lose yourself in a great book! Bring your current fave or choose from our specially selected picks. We’ll have everything you need to enjoy some cozy reading time.
Strathcona County Library
Thu Oct 22, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Dinovember Delight

Registered
(For kindergarten - grade 3)
Make dinosaur crafts and learn awesome facts about everyone’s favourite prehistoric pals!
Strathcona County Library
Mon Nov 9, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Mon Nov 9, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Please register for only one session.

Machines with littleBits

Registered
(For grades 4 - 6)
Join a team to build your own inventions with littleBits—electronic pieces that snap together to make your ideas come to life!
Strathcona County Library
Tue Nov 10, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

At Home Alone

Registered
(For ages 8 - 12)
There is no “right” time for your child to be left alone in the home; the child must feel comfortable with the situation and feel ready for the responsibility. The At Home Alone program covers a variety of topics including general safety, the value of 9-1-1, dealing with different types of emergencies, potential hazards in the home, and some brief first aid. Presented by Strathcona County Emergency Services.
South Cooking Lake Community Hall
Thu Nov 12, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Wow Yourself with Watercolours!

Registered
(For grades 4 - 6)
Experiment with colours and textures, use stencils, or go freestyle as you paint a watercolour masterpiece! Enjoy a relaxed space where you can explore what watercolour can do.
Strathcona County Library
Tue Nov 17, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

National Child Day: Own Your Awesome

Drop-in
(For kindergarten - grade 6, parents welcome)
Create a unique craft with your handprint and join us for fun activities to celebrate this special day!
Strathcona County Library
Fri Nov 20, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Family Code Night

Registered
(For grades 2 - 6 with an adult)
Kids and their adults learn together through self-guided games that give hands-on experience with coding. Games are geared towards beginner coders.
Strathcona County Library
Tue Dec 8, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Christmas Around the World

Registered
(For kindergarten - grade 6, parents welcome)
There are many ways to celebrate Christmas! Discover Christmas traditions from places like Greece, Mexico, Italy, Venezuela and more. You may even find a new tradition to share with your family and make the holiday even more special!
Strathcona County Library
Thu Dec 10, 4:00 - 5:00 pm



TWEEN AND TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Fall Reading Challenge

(For grades 7 - 12)
Sep 1 - Nov 30
Keep the reading momentum going this fall! Earn an entry for every day you spend 15 minutes on leisure reading and win awesome prizes. Check our website for more info!
sclibrary.ca/teen-fall-reading-challenge

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, Sep-Dec, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Tween Hangout

Registered
(For grades 5 - 8)
Join us for a variety of fun activities and snacks.
Strathcona County Library
Wednesdays, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 18, Dec 9, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Our Story, Our Voice Documentary Screening

Registered
(For grades 5 - adult)
This documentary shares the lived experiences of African immigrant youth and families to foster empathy, meaningful community dialogue, cultural understanding, and inclusion. Hear some spoken word poetry and join a discussion after the film led by Busayo Disu, president and founder of the Africans Society of Strathcona County.
Strathcona County Library
Sat Sep 12, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Anime Club

Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Get together with other anime enthusiasts for manga recommendations, discussion, snacks and anime watching!
Strathcona County Library
Thursdays, Sep 17, Oct 22, Nov 26, Dec 17, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

After School Hangout

Drop-in
(For grades 5 - 12)
Grab a friend and come hang out any time during the program. We'll have a variety of games, crafts and snacks, but feel free to bring your own! (You can even bring your homework.)
Brookville Community Hall
Mondays, Sep 14 - Oct 5, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Teen Game Night: Flip 7

Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Are you ready to push your luck? Flip 7 is a fast-paced game where players try to flip cards in front of them without drawing two of the same number, or else they lose it all. Prizes up for grabs!
Strathcona County Library
Mon Sep 21, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Teen Writing Group

Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Connect over Zoom with other teens who share a passion for writing.
Online
Tuesdays, Sep 29, Oct 27, Nov 24, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Murder Mystery Party

Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Join us for an evening of mystery and intrigue where you will become a detective trying to uncover clues, interrogate suspects and solve the case! *Pizza will be served.*
Strathcona County Library
Thu Oct 1, 5:30 - 8:00 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
Fri Oct 2, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Wed Oct 28, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Readers' Theatre

Registered
(For grades 5 - 12)
All the fun of theatre with none of the prep! Together with your fellow cast mates, you'll present a scene by reading a script out loud. No experience necessary and snacks will be provided.
Strathcona County Library
Thu Oct 8, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

PowerPoint Party

Registered
(For grades 7 - adult)
Are you bursting to tell someone about your favourite boy band? Can you explain theoretical physics in 3 minutes? Showcase your passion by preparing a quick slideshow to present to the group.
Partridge Hill Community Hall
Wed Oct 14, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Pizza and Pages: Chills and Thrills

Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Celebrate spooky season by discussing your favourite (or not so favourite) scary or thrilling reads and leave with more titles for your TBR pile. *Pizza will be served.*
Strathcona County Library
Fri Oct 23, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Get ready for an epic fantasy adventure! This session is a stand-alone adventure perfect for both newcomers and experienced players. *Pizza will be served. See p.16 for more D&D options!*
Brookville Community Hall
Mon Nov 9, 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Strathcona County Library
Tue Nov 10, 5:30 - 8:30 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
Thu Nov 12, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Fall Reading Challenge Wrap-up Party

Registered
(For grades 7 - 12)
Celebrate the end of the Teen Fall Reading Challenge with pizza, book trivia and fun with fellow readers! Whether you participated in the challenge or not, all are welcome to this bookish party.
Strathcona County Library
Fri Dec 4, 5:30 - 7:00 pm



Brainfuse HelpNow

Chat with a tutor to get live help or submit questions or writing samples for feedback!

Get help with:

- K-12 math, science and language arts
- French and Spanish language studies

sclibrary.ca/brainfuse-helpnow



School Visits and Library Tours

Book a tour of the library or in-school presentation for your grade 7 to 12 class or club! Topics we can cover include:

Library Basics

What you can borrow, programs we offer, and more!

Great Reads

New books and hidden gems to get students excited about reading.

Online Resources

Using the library's online resources for study, research, and more.

Research Skills

Finding information you can trust.

For more information or to book a visit, email us at teens@sclibrary.ca

ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

All programs are intended for adults, teens welcome where noted.

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
Strathcona County Library
3rd Mon, Sep-Dec, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Diehards Book Club

Drop-in
(Teens welcome)
Strathcona County Library
3rd Tue, Sep-Dec, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club

Drop-in
Strathcona County Library
4th Tue, Sep-Nov, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Drop-in
Strathcona County Library
1st Thu, Sep-Dec, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Quiet Book Club

Drop-in
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, Sep-Dec, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
November program Nov 4

Art Lovers Book Club
Register through Strathcona County Recreation Online reconline.strathcona.ca, \$5 per person
Enjoy a fun afternoon talking about books and making art! You'll spend the first hour discussing a novel with library staff, then head to the Gallery@501 Art Studio to create your own artwork, inspired by what you've read. *All supplies included and no experience required.*
The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi
Course ID 46117
Sun Oct 18, 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Finding Flora by Elinor Florence
Course ID 46118
Sun Nov 29, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

MAKE & LEARN DAY

Registered
Strathcona County Library

Build a Miniature Dollhouse Laundry Room
Build a 1:12 scale miniature dollhouse-sized laundry room from upcycled materials with the fun instructors from the Miniature Enthusiasts of Edmonton. *All materials provided, just bring your utility knife.*
Sat Oct 3, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Make a Leather Luggage Tag
Make a luggage tag out of leather. Experienced maker Diane Hunt will walk you through the steps of cutting and assembly. Then she'll show you diverse ways to personalize your tag. *No experience required. Bring sharp scissors to cut leather, if you have some.*
Sat Oct 3, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

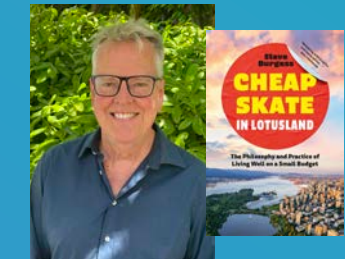
Cricut Explore
Bring your Cricut Maker or Cricut Explore to this absolute beginner session with Connie Manhard. We'll help you learn how to set up, login, select designs and make simple cards. *Full supplies list provided upon registration.*
Sat Oct 3, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Learn to Spin Wool
Learn to spin with Karin Adshead. Make a thread from fibre and a drop spindle. *All material provided.*
Sat Oct 3, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

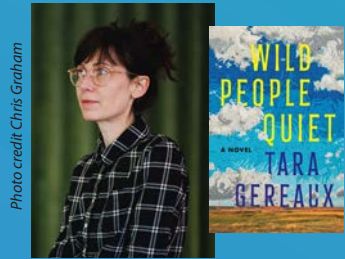
Learn to Crochet
Learn to crochet with Kirsten Eeuwes. Make a cotton dishcloth. *All material provided.*
Sat Oct 3, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Fall Feast of Words

Join us for our annual fall author series!
Register at sclibrary.ca/programs



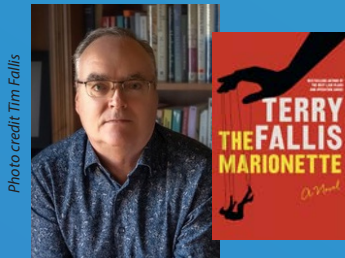
Steve Burgess with *Cheapskate in Lotusland: The Philosophy and Practice of Living Well on A Small Budget*
Steve Burgess' newest book tackles the cost-of-living crisis with humour and wisdom. Burgess consults with experts, looks at the literature, and talks with ordinary people to reveal how financial security isn't always about numbers—it's about priorities and perspective. We're pleased to welcome Steve to the library for a rich conversation about living comfortably on less—without depriving yourself.
Wed Oct 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm



Tara Gereaux with *Wild People Quiet: A Novel*
Tara Gereaux's novel is a taut, exquisitely rendered story exploring the repercussions of a woman's decision to hide her Métis identity while living in a small, predominantly white prairie town in the 1940s. We're thrilled to have Tara, a citizen of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, join us for an intimate evening of conversation about secrets and loyalty, identity and belonging.
Wed Oct 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm



Glenn Dixon with *The Infinite Sadness of Small Appliances*
Glenn Dixon's new novel is quirky and charming, yet also profound. Taking place in a near-future where even the smallest of appliances can think and feel, the story centers around a robotic vacuum named Scout, who sets out to save the humans of her house from a threatening technological power. We're delighted to welcome Glenn for a thoughtful but funny look at humanity, technology, and robots with feelings.
Tue Oct 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm



Terry Fallis with *The Marionette: A Novel*
Written with Terry Fallis' signature wit and humour, *The Marionette* follows a world-famous thriller writer who is asked by Canada's Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), to actually live the life he writes about and save fifteen Canadians held by corrupt powers in a faraway African country. We're excited to welcome Terry to the library for a lively interactive presentation about thriller writing, intrigue and the world of espionage.
Thu Nov 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

More details at sclibrary.ca/fall-feast

ARTS & CRAFTS

Craft Circle

Registered
(Teens welcome)
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, Sep-Dec, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Adult Colouring Night

Registered
(For ages 18 - 55)
Colouring isn't just for kids! Come chill out and colour with us. We'll provide the material, you bring the creativity!
Strathcona County Library
Wed Sep 16, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Tue Dec 8, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

A Mindful Art Meditation Journey

Registered
Explore mindfulness through art with mental health practitioner Charles Chenard, inspired by Thich Nhat Hanh's "Flower-Fresh" meditation. Reflect, share, and create five art pieces symbolizing breath, growth, clarity, strength, and freedom, ending with a group meditation.
Strathcona County Library
Tue Sep 22, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Tiny Fungi Forests: A Relaxing Craft Night

Registered
Celebrate Alberta Culture Days! Unwind at a cozy, adults-only craft night and create your own whimsical miniature mushroom scene with clay and other crafting material. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, connect with others, and explore your creativity—no experience needed. *All materials are provided.*
Strathcona County Library
Tue Sep 29, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Winter Crafts

Registered
Enjoy a relaxing evening crafting festive winter decor for your home. *All material provided.*
Strathcona County Library
Mon Nov 23, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Tue Nov 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Please register for only one session.

MOVIES & MUSIC

Monday Movie Matinee

Drop-in
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, Sep-Nov, 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Our Story, Our Voice Documentary Screening

Registered
(For grades 5 - adult)
This documentary shares the lived experiences of African immigrant youth and families to foster empathy, meaningful community dialogue, cultural understanding, and inclusion. Hear some spoken word poetry and join a discussion after the film led by Busayo Disu, president and founder of the Africans Society of Strathcona County.
Strathcona County Library
Sat Sep 12, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Phil Kline's Unsilent Night

Registered
(For all ages)
Participate in a 45-minute electronic swirling sound walk through Broadmoor Park and beyond. Spread joy and light to brighten the long winter night! Deck yourself out with twinkle lights, a cell phone and (optional) amplifier/speaker. *See more details about how to participate when you register.*
Offsite TBD
Thu Dec 17, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

INDIGENOUS

Make a Beaded Poppy

Registered
Indigenous Veterans Day is observed on Nov 8. Join Knowledge Keepers Randy and Caitlin Elm to learn how to make a beaded poppy in honour of this occasion.
Strathcona County Library
Thu Oct 29 & Thu Nov 5, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Indigenous Quillwork

Registered
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
Mon Nov 16, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

Seniors are welcome at adult or family programs, but these have been designed specifically with seniors in mind.



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, Sep-Dec, 1:00 - 3:00 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
Fri Nov 20, 2:00 - 3:30 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!

Naturopathic Therapies for Healthy Aging

Naturopathic doctor Cody Steeves of Luna Integrated Health will share a healthy aging approach to prevent, manage, and treat pain. Learn tips for movement, sleep, nutrition, and targeted therapies that can help reduce discomfort and allow us to keep doing the activities we enjoy with greater confidence.
Fri Sep 18, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Conversation Skills for Seniors and Family

Difficult conversations can be even harder when they're with family. This interactive workshop hosted by Strathcona County Community Mediation will help you build your communication and conflict resolution toolbox. We'll discuss methods for listening, sharing feelings, establishing boundaries, assertive communication, learning conflict styles, and having difficult conversations.
Fri Oct 16, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Writing the Rails

Local author Robert Cameron Rose turned his interests in railroads and the Rocky Mountains into his book *The Heartless Rockies*. Learn about the in-depth research process for his series of historical fiction novels set in the Rocky Mountains and the real events that served as his inspiration. For both writers and lovers of railroad history, Robert will share about his current and upcoming works.
Fri Nov 20, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Carolling

Embrace the festive feeling with spirited carolling and seasonal fun! Our accompanist will play and lead a selection of favourite carols while you sing along.
Fri Dec 18, 10:00 - 11:30 am

WRITING & STORYTELLING

Adult Storytelling Circle Registered



Step into a night of stories, from ancient folktales to the joys and misadventures of our modern lives. Share a tale or simply listen in a relaxed, welcoming space. Powered by Storytelling Alberta, Strathcona Chapter and featuring guest storytellers. *For more information visit storytellingalberta.com/Strathcona*

4th Wed, Sep-Nov, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Strathcona County Library

Sep 23 | Neve Deol with a Punjabi folk tale

Oct 28 | Bert Richards with a folk tale from Ghana

Online

Nov 25 | Bethany Ellis with a French folk tale

The One-Hour Writer's Retreat

Registered

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, Sep-Nov, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Sharing Family Stories: A Workshop for Grandparents



Registered

Discover how to share your culture, treasured moments, and life lessons with your children and grandchildren in engaging ways. Join this 90-minute workshop to learn simple oral storytelling techniques and bring your family memories to life. Presented by Storytelling Alberta.

No previous experience required.

Strathcona County Library

Sat Sep 5, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Sharing Family Stories: A Workshop for Adults



Registered

Discover how to share your culture, treasured moments, and life lessons with your family in engaging ways. Join two 90-minute sessions to learn simple oral storytelling techniques and bring your family memories to life. The third Saturday, families will be invited to listen to your story in a casual, comfortable setting. Presented by Storytelling Alberta. *No previous experience required.*

Strathcona County Library

Sat Nov 7, Sat Nov 14 & Sat Nov 21, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

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, Sep-Dec, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Dungeons & Dragons

Registered

(Teens welcome)

Grab your dice and get ready to play the classic role-playing game, whether you're a seasoned adventurer or new to the game. Each session will offer a stand-alone adventure.

See p.11 for more teen D&D options!

Strathcona County Library

4th Sat, Sep & Nov, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

PowerPoint Party

Registered

(For grades 7 - adult)

Are you bursting to tell someone about your favourite boy band? Can you explain theoretical physics in 3 minutes? Showcase your passion by preparing a quick slideshow to present to the group.

Partridge Hill Community Hall

Wed Oct 14, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

The Great Puzzle Exchange

Drop-in

Meet fellow puzzle-lovers and refresh your personal puzzle library just in time for the cozy season. Bring puzzles to exchange on the day of the program or drop them off at the main floor Information Desk Oct 20-24. *Exchange puzzles should be in good condition with no missing pieces.*

Strathcona County Library

Sun Oct 25, 1:30 - 4:00 pm

HISTORY & GENEALOGY

Family Tree Trackers

Google Gemini AI for Genealogy

Registered

AI can't do your genealogy for you but it can be a useful tool. In this session we'll focus on using Google's Gemini to do handwriting recognition, transcription, translation and other feats of document processing to help uncover your family history.

Strathcona County Library

Thu Sep 10, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Using AtoM: Exploring the Provincial Archives of Alberta Online

Registered

Explore Alberta's past with AtoM, the Provincial Archives' online database. Learn how records are organized, how to search effectively, and how to access digitized materials for your research.

Online

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

Mapping Your Ancestors with Homestead Records and Google Maps

Registered

Bring your ancestors' stories to life with genealogist Lianne Kruger, who will teach you how to locate, obtain and interpret Western Canadian Homestead Patents. Create a personalized Google Map to plot the locations of your earliest known ancestors, reveal migration patterns and uncover new connections.

Online

Thu Nov 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Start Your Genealogy Journey

Registered

(Teens welcome)

Curious about your family history but not sure where to begin? This 2-day session will teach essential skills for starting a family tree and for finding and using historical records. Learn practical research methods, organization tips, and how to create a research plan.

Strathcona County Library

Tue Nov 3 & Tue Nov 17, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

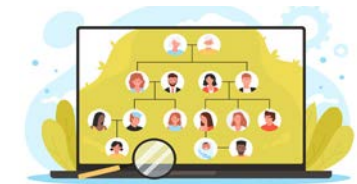
On the Home Front: Local Women's Contributions to the War Effort

Registered

During World War II, Edmonton women not only stepped into the workplace to fill the roles of those who went to fight but they also made important contributions to the war effort. Discover their powerful stories with Laurie Callsen, a local creator dedicated to bridging the gap between today and yesteryear through fashion, craft, and historical research.

Strathcona County Library

Tue Nov 10, 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

COOKING & FOOD

Ferment, Pickle, Can: Preserving Freshness

Registered

Discover the art and science of food preservation in this beginner-friendly life skills session with Agnes Kulinski, local food producer and grower. You'll learn the different methods and when to use fermenting, pickling, and canning. Get practical tips, including essential tools, ingredients and safety. *Includes a hands-on demonstration of sauerkraut and other vegetable ferments.*

Strathcona County Library

Tue Sep 1, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Baba's Kitchen: Alberta-Ukrainian Food Traditions and Recipe Roundtable

Registered

Explore Ukrainian culinary history through the Alberta lens. Share recipes with each other and enjoy culinary historian Joyce Sirski-Howell's knowledge on Ukrainian food traditions and vintage Prairie cookbooks.

Strathcona County Library

Mon Oct 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

LEARN @ YOUR LIBRARY

US Electoral Politics

Registered

Strathcona County Library

U.S. Midterm elections are set for Nov 3, 2026, and come at a time of fraught relations between Washington and Ottawa. Canadians are captivated, bewildered, and dismayed by the American electoral process. Dr. Greg Anderson, professor of Political Science at the University of Alberta, joins us for this series of lectures exploring the modern American political system and its implications for Canada and beyond. *Please note: As events unfold the specific content of these lectures may alter slightly to provide a timely analysis.*

American Politics and the Imperial Presidency

How did the American presidency become so powerful? This lecture and discussion will examine the postwar transformation of the U.S. political system, focusing on the expansion of executive authority, the diminished role of Congress, and the judiciary's growing influence. We will also consider the consequences of these trends for Canada-U.S. relations.
Sun Oct 25, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

2026 Midterm Elections Preview & Predictions

The President may not be on the ballot, but presidential politics will loom large over the 2026 midterm elections. This lecture and discussion will examine what is at stake for the current administration, the major political parties, and the balance of power in Washington. Topics will include party strategy, gerrymandering, and a few predictions about the results and their implications.
Sun Nov 1, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The Morning After:

The 2028 Campaign Has Begun

The mid-term election just ended, and the race for 2028 is already underway. We will assess the winners and losers of the 2026 midterms, consider their implications for the remainder of the Trump administration, and forecast the political forces that are likely to shape what comes next.
Sun Nov 15, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Tech News Discussion Group

Registered

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, Sep-Dec, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tech Troubleshooting

Drop-in

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, Sep-Dec, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Getting Started with Windows 11

Registered

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 Sep 3 & Thu Sep 10, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Tue Nov 10 & Tue Nov 17, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Getting Started with Canva

Registered

Canva is a popular graphic design app that makes it easy for non-designers to create images for party invitations, posters, personalized calendars 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
Tue Sep 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Getting Started with Android

Registered

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
Wed Sep 16 & Wed Sep 23, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Thu Oct 29 & Thu Nov 5, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Getting Started with iPhones and iPads

Registered

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
Tue Oct 6 & Tue Oct 13, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Wed Nov 18 & Wed Nov 25, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Intro to Google Photo Management

Registered

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
Thu Sep 24, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Intro to Password Management Tools

Registered

Frustrated by trying to create and remember secure passwords? Learn how using a password manager app lets you have one key to unlock all your online accounts safely.
Strathcona County Library
Tue Sep 29, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Intro to Apple Photo Management

Registered

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 Oct 15, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Intro to Online Privacy Tools

Registered

As more of life moves online, it's important to know how to protect your confidential information. Join our online exploration of tools and techniques you can use to keep your private information private.
Online
Tue Oct 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Getting More Out of Your Digital Wallet

Registered

Thin down your wallet by storing things on your phone. Loyalty cards, boarding passes, debit cards and even your library card can all be managed in digital wallet apps. We'll discuss the technology behind these apps and ways to make the most of them safely. *(No digital money will be exchanged.)*
Strathcona County Library
Wed Oct 7, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Using AI for Work and Play

Registered

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 - like reformatting text, making pictures, brainstorming and more.
Strathcona County Library
Thu Oct 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Preparing for Your Digital Afterlife

Registered

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 Nov 4, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Finding More Space in Your Digital Storage

Registered

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
Thu Dec 10, 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

JOB, MONEY & LAW

Modern Job Search for Mature Workers

Registered
Are you navigating a mid-life career move or re-entering the workforce? This workshop will help you create a personal success strategy. You'll identify and assess your skills and strengths, get tips for creating an effective resume, and learn how to win at interviews. Presented by career and leadership facilitator Rene Pierno.
Strathcona County Library
Tue Sep 8, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

The Power Hour: Understanding Utilities

Registered
Learn how Alberta's utility market works in this free life skills session from the Utilities Consumer Advocate. Discover ways to lower bills, compare retailers and their rates, avoid scams and access free advice, mediation, and support if you're having issues with electricity or natural gas services.
Online
Thu Oct 22, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Confident Career Change:

Use the Skills You Already Have
Registered
You already have the skills you need for your next career! This workshop helps you identify and use your hidden strengths to boost your resume, ace interviews, and start the process of shifting to a new career. Facilitated by Rene Pierno, career and leadership facilitator.
Strathcona County Library
Sat Oct 24, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Networking and Self-Marketing for Job Seekers

Registered
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 Nov 4, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Recognizing and Avoiding Investment Scams

Registered
Investing comes with inherent risks, but don't let fraud be one of them. Join us as we uncover the prominent forms of investment fraud, how to recognize them and ultimately protect yourself and others. Presented by the Alberta Securities Commission.
Online
Wed Nov 18, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

RESUME TUTOR

Applying for Work Online

Registered
(Teens welcome)
If you're searching for work, it's vitally important to understand how to apply online. In this workshop, the library's Resume Tutor will teach you how to locate suitable jobs, ensure your application impresses eyes on the other side of the screen, and protect yourself from recruitment scams.
Strathcona County Library
Sat Sep 26, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Interview Skills

Registered
(Teens welcome)
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 Oct 31, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Resume & Cover Letter Writing

Registered
(Teens welcome)
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 Nov 28, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Resume Tutor 1-on-1

Looking for personalized resume advice? Book a free one-hour appointment with a Resume Tutor for help with wording, format and focus.
sclibrary.ca/resume-tutor



TRAVEL & CULTURE

Travel Club

Registered
Join fellow travellers for a fun afternoon program, sharing travel tips and favourite destinations.
Strathcona County Library
1st Fri, Sep-Nov, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

A Mackenzie River Adventure

Registered
Join two intrepid explorers on a 1500 km voyage by Zodiac boat through remote wilderness along the longest river in Canada. Learn about the logistics involved and get a sense of the landscapes, settlements, people and wildlife encountered along its length.
Strathcona County Library
Mon Sep 28, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Famous Libraries Around the World

Registered
In honour of Canadian Library Month, join librarian Beth Zutter on a fascinating armchair journey to famous libraries across the globe. We'll visit libraries guarded by bookworm-eating bats, libraries that grow trees to make paper, some of the oldest libraries in the world—and more!
Strathcona County Library
Thu Oct 29, 10:00 - 11:00 am

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Family Gatherings Without the Fallout

Registered
This session led by Kim Silverthorn registered MPCC is designed to help adults navigate family celebrations when behaviour feels challenging. Learn to set clear boundaries, defuse tense moments, and choose responses that protect your peace—supporting calmer gatherings and healthier family relationships.
Strathcona County Library
Tue Oct 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Natural Strategies for ADHD

Registered
(Teens welcome)
Join naturopathic doctor Tamara Eriksen for this talk on ADHD to explore evidence-based diet strategies and the most well-supported foundational supplements for focus, mood, and brain health. Expect practical, research-informed tools for kids and adults alike.
Strathcona County Library
Wed Nov 4, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

NEWCOMERS

English Conversation Circle

Drop-in
Practice your English speaking and listening skills with a friendly volunteer.
Strathcona County Library
Every Mon | Every Month | 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Every Wed | Every Month | 9:30 – 10:30 am

Drop-in English

Drop-in
Improve your English. All levels welcome. *No registration needed, \$10 if you can pay.*
Strathcona County Library
Every Wed | Every Month | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

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.

BOOKMOBILE
PROGRAMS



Welcome to
the Bookmobile!
“Part of the Service;
Part of the Community”

Looking for programs that happen in rural Strathcona County?
You'll find several within each section of our guide. Location is listed after each description.

Watch for **Tech Help programs** available with rural Seniors Clubs in partnership with WESeniors. For more information contact 780-410-8615.

Get Growing with Your Library!
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

Watch for partnered programs with Colchester and District Agricultural Society
Preserving and storing garden produce: pickling, canning and fermenting



Winter roads and weather can be challenging!
We bring the library-on-wheels to you throughout those cold winter months! It doesn't happen often, but some days the weather may stop us reaching your area. Updates about Bookmobile service are posted on:
Facebook (facebook.com/sclbookmobile), **Instagram** (@sclbookmobile), or sclibrary.ca
You can also call us at 780-410-8615. Let us help you find library resources to get you through those long dark nights!



Find us at these community events!

Christmas in the Heartland
Saturday, Nov 28
josephburg-ag.ca/christmas-in-the-heartland
Antler Lake Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Party
Thursday, Dec 3
Christmas in the Country
Saturday, Dec 5
facebook.com/christmasinsc

FALL SPECIAL VISITS

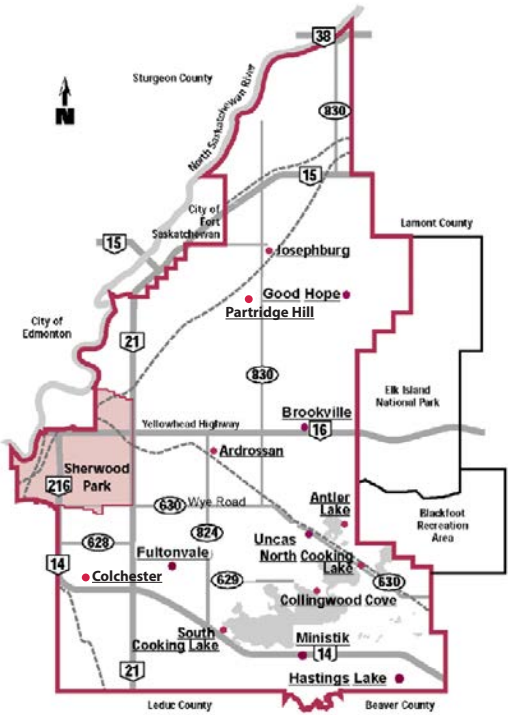
Tuesdays
Brookville Community Hall
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursdays
South Cooking Lake Community Hall
9:30 - 11:30 am

Fridays
Fultonvale/Strathcona Olympiette Centre
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Dewille/North Cooking Lake Community Hall
12:30 - 2:00 pm

Bookmobile holiday closure: Sat Dec 18 - Sun Jan 3
Bookmobile service resumes: Mon Jan 4, 2026

Bookmobile Schedule

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	
	Labour Day	Mon Sep 7
	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Wed Sep 30
	Thanksgiving Day	Mon Oct 12
	Remembrance Day	Wed Nov 11



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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