

MAY-JUNE 2024

# what's on

at the medicine hat public library

**MHPL COMIC CON**

**WELLNESS WEEK**

**SPRING OPEN MIC  
COMMUNITY SHOWCASE**

**GET OUTSIDE AND  
PLAY DAY**

**And More!**



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# children

## **FAMILY STORYTIME FOR TODDLERS** *(for ages 18 - 36 months)*

*April 30 at 10:30AM | May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30AM | June 4 at 10:30AM | Story Castle*

Toddler Storytime features stories, songs, and rhymes for busy toddlers (approximately 18-36 months of age). Children must attend with a parent or other adult caregiver. At least one program-aged child is required to register; older siblings are welcome. **Online registration required.**

## **TODDLER TALK & PLAY** *(for ages 18 - 36 months)*

*April 30 at 10:30AM | May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30AM | June 4 at 10:30AM | Co-op Community Developmental Play Space*

Presented by Alberta Health Services, come for one, a few or all of the sessions with your child to have fun learning through play. Call the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital's Speech, Language and Hearing Department at 403-528-8175 to register.

## **FAMILY STORYTIME FOR PRESCHOOLERS** *(for ages 3 - 6)*

*May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30AM | June 5 at 10:30AM | Story Castle*

Preschool-aged children enjoy longer stories, songs and rhymes while developing listening skills to get them ready for school. Children must attend with a parent or other adult caregiver. At least one program-aged child is required to register; siblings are welcome. **Online registration required.**

## **FAMILY STORYTIME FOR BABIES AND ONES**

*(for ages 4 - 18 months)*

*May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30AM | June 6 at 10:30AM | Story Castle  
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 2PM | June 6 at 2PM | Story Castle*

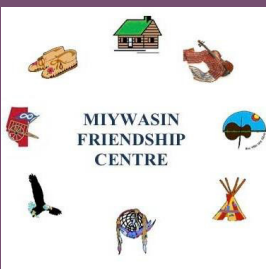
This lapsit program features bounces and tickles, as well as songs and stories for babies from birth to approximately 18 months with their parents or caregivers. At least one program-aged child is required to register; siblings are welcome. Please note that this program is offered twice due to high enrolment; please register for only one timeslot. **Online registration required.**



## **DROP-IN FAMILY DAY** *(for ages 0 - 12)*

May 5, 12, 19, 26 at 1PM | June 2, 9, 16, 23 at 1PM | Theatre, Play Space, Meeting Rooms, Story Castle **NOTE: There is no Drop-In Family Day on June 30**

Sunday afternoons are Family Day at MHPL. Check out our Co-op Community Developmental Play Space in the Children's Library, Big Blue Blocks in the Honor Currie Room, LEGO in the Legion Room, enjoy a family-friendly film in the Theatre or build dinosaurs in the Story Castle. **Please note that children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult caregiver at all times.**



## **STORYTIME PLAYTIME WITH MIYWASIN FRIENDSHIP CENTRE** *(for ages 0 - 3)*

May 6, 13, 27 at 10:30AM | June 3, 17, 24 at 10:30AM | Co-op Community Developmental Playspace, Story Castle

Families with children aged 0-3 are welcome to share in stories, songs, and rhymes including Indigenous culture and traditions followed by play time. **Online registration required.**

## **READ TO DARBY** *(for ages 5 - 10)*

May 11 at 2PM, 2:25PM, 2:50PM, 3:15PM, 3:40PM | June 8, 22 at 10:30AM, 10:55AM, 11:20AM, 11:45AM, 12:10PM | Story Castle

Darby and her human, Melissa, are a certified Pet Partners Therapy Team. Darby enjoys listening to stories and making new friends; she would love it if some Medicine Hat kiddos visited her at the library and shared their favourite books. Please schedule your time with Darby - she can spend 20 minutes with each child from 2-4 p.m. Readers ages 5-10 can choose one of the following dates: May 11, June 8 and June 22. Please note all children need to be accompanied by a parent or other adult caregiver during their visit with Darby. **Online registration required.**





## **BUSY BEES PLAYGROUP** *(for ages 1 - 3)*

*May 18 at 10:30AM | June 8 at 10:30AM | Honor Currie Room*

Come in for an hour of play and socialization. We will focus on age appropriate loose parts play, which allows kids to move, combine, rearrange and tinker with fun toys, which will be provided. This program is suitable for ages 1-3. Children must have an adult caregiver present with them at all times during this program. **Online registration required.**



## **GET OUTSIDE AND PLAY DAY** *(for ages 0 - 6)*

*June 15 at 9AM | Kin Coulee Park*

A partnership between the City of Medicine Hat, Medicine Hat Public School Division, Bridges Family Programs, Medicine Hat Public Library and Sanare Centre. There will be a variety of outdoor play spaces set up for children to explore! Experiences will include a mud kitchen with sand and water play, small world forest animals play, and large loose parts adventure play. Play centres will be suitable for children 0-6 years old, but all ages are welcome to attend. We will also have a baby centre set up for the really little ones. Parent supervision and participation are required at all times.

# tweens

## **TWEEN MENTAL WELLNESS KITS** (for ages 10 - 12)

Available Starting May 1 | Children's Library Desk

In honour of Mental Health Awareness Month in May, we've teamed up with My Place/HUG to create Mental Wellness kits for our tweens. These kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't hesitate! Grab yours while supplies last.

## **INBETWEEN BOOK CLUB** (for ages 10 - 12)

May 9, 16, 23 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Get ready for the upcoming session of the InbeTWEEN Book Club! Prepare to be transported to the enchanting world of "The Barren Grounds" by David Robertson. Join us as we journey through this tale of adventure, magic and mystery. **Online registration required.** \*Please only register if you are committed to reading the book.

## **INBETWEEN MOVIE CLUB** (for ages 10 - 12)

June 8 at 2PM | Theatre

Join us for the first-ever session of the InbeTWEEN Movie Club! We'll be screening movies based on beloved books that we all know and love. Tweens will have the opportunity to vote for the movie they want to watch, and the winning film will be shown that night. Popcorn and water will be provided; please refrain from bringing outside snacks. **Online registration required.**



## **READING RAINBOW CHALLENGE** (for ages 10 - 12)

Starting June 1 | Children's Library Desk

Embark on a colourful literary journey as you explore books with covers representing the hues of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple. Each completed colour earns you an entry for exciting prizes! Get ready to immerse yourself in a world of vibrant stories! Return your sheet to the Children's Desk by July 2.

## **TWEEN NIGHT: BIG BLUE BLOCKS** (for ages 10 - 12)

June 20 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

This month we're bringing out the Big Blue Blocks! Let your imagination soar as you construct, stack and engineer with these giant foam blocks. **Online registration required.**

# family films

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## UP

2PM | Theatre

78-year-old Carl Fredricksen travels to Paradise Falls in his house equipped with balloons, inadvertently taking a young stowaway. Featuring the voice of Ed Asner. 96 mins.

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## WELLNESS WEEK MOVIE: INSIDE OUT

2PM | Theatre

After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house and school. 95 mins.

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## RON'S GONE WRONG

2PM | Theatre

The story of Barney, an awkward middle-schooler, and Ron, his new walking, talking, digitally-connected device. Ron's malfunctions set against the backdrop of the social media age launch them on a journey to learn about true friendship. 107 mins.

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## WRECK-IT RALPH

2PM | Theatre

A video game villain wants to be a hero and sets out to fulfill his dream, but his quest brings havoc to the whole arcade where he lives. 101 mins.

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## RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET

2PM | Theatre

Six years after the events of "Wreck-It Ralph," Ralph and Vanellope, now friends, discover a wi-fi router in their arcade, leading them into a new adventure. 114 mins.

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## THE ARISTOCATS

2PM | Theatre

With the help of a smooth talking tomcat, a family of Parisian felines set to inherit a fortune from their owner try to make it back home after a jealous butler kidnaps them and leaves them in the country. 79 mins.



**FREE  
MOVIES  
2PM**

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### THE EMPEROR'S NEW GROOVE

2PM | Theatre

Emperor Kuzco is turned into a llama by his ex-administrator Yzma, and must now regain his throne with the help of Pacha, the gentle llama herder. Featuring the voices of David Spade, John Goodman and Eartha Kitt. 78 mins.

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### ALADDIN (1992)

2PM | Theatre

A kind-hearted street urchin and a power-hungry Grand Vizier vie for a magic lamp that has the power to make their deepest wishes come true. Featuring the voices of Scott Weinger and Robin Williams. 90 mins.

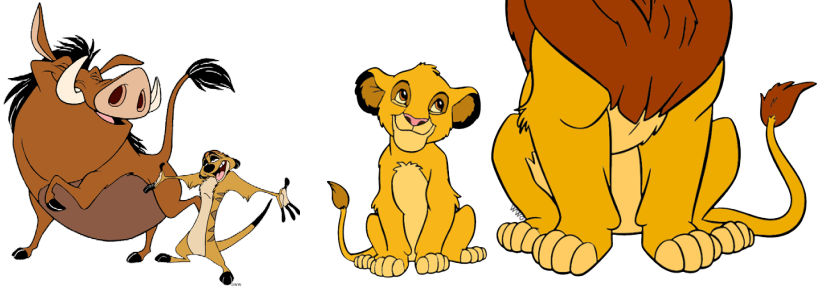
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### THE LION KING (1994)

2PM | Theatre

Lion prince Simba and his father are targeted by his bitter uncle, who wants to ascend the throne himself. Featuring the voices of Matthew Broderick, Jeremy Irons and James Earl Jones. 88 mins.



# classic movies

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### WITHOUT RESERVATIONS (1946)

2PM | Theatre

En route to Hollywood, an author becomes smitten with a marine, though he is unaware of her celebrity status and is critical of her best-selling novel. With Claudette Colbert, John Wayne and Don DeFore. 107 mins.



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### PARIS BLUES (1961)


2PM | Theatre

During the 1960s, two American expatriate jazz musicians living in Paris meet and fall in love with two American tourist girls. With Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward, Sidney Poitier. 98 mins.

# teens

## MAY



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>HONEYCOMB HOUSE</b>			1 Board Game Night @ 6 pm	2 FASD Mocktail Bar @ 5 PM	3	4 Library Comic Con
5 <i>CLOSED</i>	6 <i>CLOSED</i>	7	8 Unity Circle @ 4 pm	9	10 <i>CLOSED for Teen Night</i>	11
12 Quilling Art @ 2 pm	13 <i>CLOSED</i>	14	15 Galaxy Jewelry @ 6 pm	16 <i>CLOSING AT 5 PM</i>	17	18
19 Mario Kart Tournament @ 2 pm	20 <i>CLOSED</i>	21	22 Found Things Art @ 6 pm	23	24	25
26 Paper Airplane Challenge @ 2 pm	27 <i>CLOSED</i>	28	29 Window Painting @ 6 pm	30 <u>Drop in Hours*</u> Tues, Wed, Thur: 3:30 - 7:30 PM Fri, Sat, Sun: 1:00 - 4:30 PM	31	 follow us @ <b>mhp/teens</b>

For teens in grades 7-12 up to and including age 19. No registration required.

\*Hours are subject to change

### TEEN SCREEN-FREE WEEK CHALLENGE (for ages 13 - 19)

Available Starting May 1 | Pick up and Return at Info Desk or Honeycomb House

Complete our Screen-Free BINGO for the chance to win a prize donated by the Digital Wellness Coalition! Pick up a BINGO card at the Information Desk or in The Honeycomb House and submit your completed card by May 12 to be entered to win. The more BINGO lines you complete, the more entries you will receive! Screen-Free Week is a global invitation during the first week in May to take a break from entertainment screens and experience more peace, connection, and fun!





## TIC TAC PRESENTS: '90S NIGHT *(for ages 13 - 19)*

May 10 at 6:45PM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Theatre

Grab your boom box, jelly shoes, and candy bracelets for our '90s-themed exclusive after-hours teen night! It will be a night to remember with activities such as our Barbie box photo booth, graffiti art, classic Nintendo games, trivia and more! Don't forget to dress in '90s fashion! Doors will be open from 6:45-7:15PM then locked for your safety. Ends at 9PM. For teens in grades 7-12 up to and including age 19. Snacks provided.

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# MEETING MONDAYS

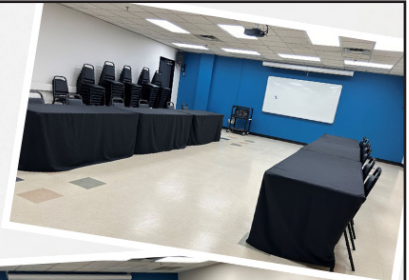
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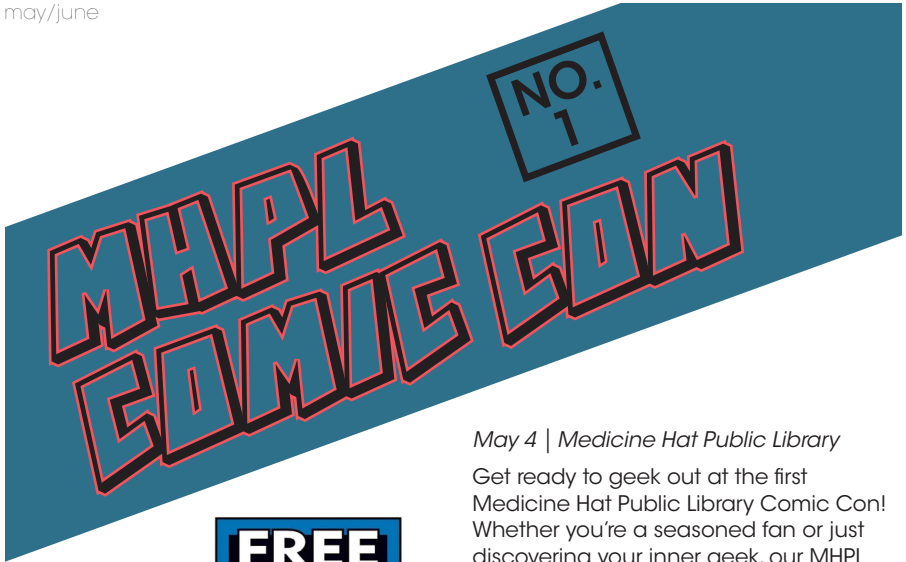
Book our Honor Currie Room, Legion Room or Theatre for your community group or not-for-profit's meetings or events

- Rates starting at \$15/hour
- Internet accessibility
- Whiteboards
- Sound system
- LCD projectors available
  - Three booking times available
  - Capacity between 30 and more than 150 people



More info





May 4 | Medicine Hat Public Library

Get ready to geek out at the first Medicine Hat Public Library Comic Con! Whether you're a seasoned fan or just discovering your inner geek, our MHPL Comic Con has something for everyone: free comics, geeky crafts, gaming, costume contest, silent auction and special guests! So grab your cape and join us for a day of endless fun for the whole family!

## STAR WARS SCAVENGER HUNT

May 4 all day | Children's Library

Thirteen characters from the Star Wars universe are hidden in the Children's Library. Each character has a letter of the alphabet attached to them. Follow the clues on the sheet to locate the characters, then use the letters to decode a message from Darth Vader.

## STAR WARS CRAFT AND ACTIVITIES

(for ages 3 and up)

May 4 all day | Story Castle

Join us in the Story Castle for a few fun DIY Star Wars activities. Tables will be set up with craft supplies for you to make your very own Yoda Ears. Other activities may include colouring sheets, word searches, mazes, etc. For ages 3 and up with parental help. While supplies last.



## TEA DUELING

May 4 at 10AM | Honor Currie Room

Step into a world of refined competition and delicious suspense with Tea Dueling, a unique activity that combines strategy, skill, and a love for tea and cookies. Open to all ages! No registration required. See you at the tea table!



## COSTUME CONTEST

May 4 at 11AM | Theatre

Prepare to showcase your creativity and flair at our highly-anticipated Costume Contest, where every age group has a chance to shine. Whether you're a pint-sized superhero, a teenage wizard or an adult adventurer, this is your moment to dazzle the crowd with your incredible costume! Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in each category. From intricate designs to clever interpretations, we can't wait to see what you bring to the stage! Please arrive between 10-11AM to sign up.

## COMICS & PUBLISHING AUTHOR TALK

May 4 at 2PM | Theatre

Local author of the "House of Wonders" graphic novel, Frank Krulicki, and L.A. Cunningham, editor-in-chief of ASAP Imagination publishing, will talk about how to break into the comics and graphic novel industry from writing to publishing.

## MEEPLES AT THE LIBRARY

May 4 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room

The library invites game enthusiasts and casual players alike to come together to explore the exciting world of board games. Whether you prefer strategy games, co-operative challenges or quick light-hearted fun, there's a game for you. Play one of our games in the collection or bring one of your favourites.

## SPIDER-MAN STORYTIME *(for ages 4 - 7)*

May 4 at 2PM | Legion Room

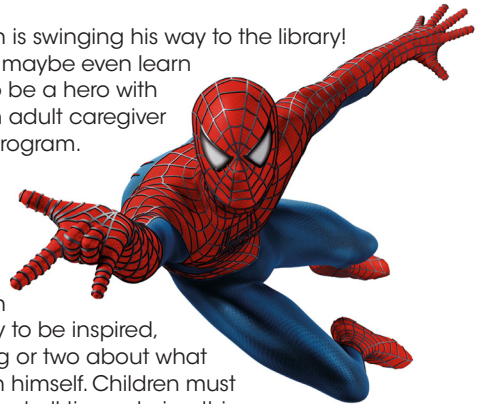
This just in from the Daily Bugle: Spider-Man is swinging his way to the library! Get ready to be inspired, entertained, and maybe even learn a thing or two about what it truly means to be a hero with Spider-Man himself. Children must have an adult caregiver present with them at all times during this program.

**Online registration required.**

## SPIDER-MAN STORYTIME *(for ages 3 - 6)*

May 4 at 3:30PM | Legion Room

This just in from the Daily Bugle: Spider-Man is swinging his way to the library! Get ready to be inspired, entertained, and maybe even learn a thing or two about what it truly means to be a hero with Spider-Man himself. Children must have an adult caregiver present with them at all times during this program. **Online registration required.**



## SPRING OPEN MIC COMMUNITY SHOWCASE (NOT JUST FOR TEENS!)

May 24 at 6:45PM | Theatre



The Medicine Hat Public Library and the teens from the Medicine Hat High Spoken Word Club are proud to present the Spring Open Mic Community Showcase! Enjoy an evening of music and spoken word by talented community members. Doors will be open from 6:45-7PM then locked for your safety. Ends at 9PM. Best of all, performance slots and the show are open to ALL AGES!



### Do you want to take the stage?

Are you a singer, in a band, a poet, or other type of performative artist? Register your act for one of the available time slots by Monday, May 20. Performances will be vetted by library staff. Open to all ages.

## EXAM CRAM KITS (for junior and senior high school students)

Available Starting June 4 | Pick up at Info Desk

Junior and senior high school students! Come pick up a free Exam Cram Kit packed full of self-care goodies and exam prep help at the Information Desk starting June 4 until supplies last. In partnership with Community Coming Together. [CCT](#)

## TEENVERSE READS: LAKELORE (for ages 13 - 19)

June 6 at 6PM | Honeycomb House

Two neurodivergent non-binary teens are pulled into a magical world under a lake – but can they keep their worlds above water intact? Read “Lakelore” to find out! At our meeting we will also be making Alebrijes, paper-mache mythical creatures, and playing a traditional Mexican festival game called “Loteria Mexicana!” Pick up the book starting May 1 and read as much as you can by the meeting date. **Online registration required.**

## TIC TAC PRESENTS: BEACH NIGHT (for ages 13 - 19)




June 7 at 6:45PM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Theatre

It's our last exclusive after-hours teen night for this school year, and we're going all out with a beach theme party! There will be cupcake decorating, sea glass and seashell art, a Jell-O dig, sandcastle competition, and more! Doors will be open from 6:45-7:15PM then locked for your safety. Ends at 9PM. For teens in grades 7-12 up to and including age 19. Snacks provided.



# JUNE



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<b>HONEYCOMB HOUSE</b>						 follow us @ mhplteens
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<i>CLOSED</i>	<i>CLOSED</i>		Unity Circle @ 4 pm		Button Making @ 3 pm	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Soda Tab Bracelets @ 2 pm	<i>CLOSED</i>		Dreamcatchers @ 6 pm	<i>CLOSING AT 5 PM</i>		Study Lock-in
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Study Lock-in	Study Lock-in	Study Lock-in	Study Lock-in	Study Lock-in	Study Lock-in	Study Lock-in
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Study Lock-in	Study Lock-in	Study Lock-in	Beat Saber @ 6 pm			
30	Drop in Hours* Tues, Wed, Thur: 3:30 - 7:30 PM Fri, Sat, Sun: 1:00 - 4:30 PM					
				For teens in grades 7-12 up to and including age 19. No registration required.		  Join our Discord Server!

\*Hours are subject to change

## STUDY LOCK-IN (for junior and senior high school students)

June 15, 17, 21, 22, 24 from 10AM-4:30PM | June 16, 23 from 1-4:30PM |  
 June 18-20, 25 from 10AM-7:30PM | Honeycomb House

Are you a jr/sr high school student looking for a quiet place to study? The Honeycomb House will be open for quiet study all day from June 15-25. Free snacks and refreshments will be provided to keep you fueled. You got this!

## ENGAGING WITH SENSORY: DE-STRESSING FOR TEENS (for ages 13 - 19)

June 19 at 5:30PM | Honor Currie Room

Feeling stressed from school, socialization, life, or in general? Come relax with sensory play at the library! We will have several sensory activities to explore, as well as a quiet space with calm music to vibe with.

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# adults

## ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS

*May 1 at 1PM | Honor Currie Room*

Adults with developmental delays are welcome to come to the library to enjoy spring crafts and colouring sheets.

## MHPL WALKING GROUP

*May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 1:30PM | June 5, 12, 19, 26 at 1:30PM | River Road Walking Trails*

Let's walk and talk books! Meet near the outdoor book drop and let's head to the trails for a 60-minute walk. Bring your walking poles if you have them and dress for the weather. When we get back on **May 29** and **June 26**, join us for some light refreshments and snacks in the library.

## ARTIST RECEPTION NICKIE ROMANUCK

*May 1 at 6:30PM | Downstairs Gallery*

Hanging downstairs in the library are colourful cages filled with origami creatures, some real, some fanciful. They've all been folded by Nickie Romanuck: a talented local artist. Join us for an artist reception to celebrate Nickie and her works. Light refreshments will be served.

## READERS' THEATRE

*May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 1PM | June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 1PM | Honor Currie Room*

Join this group of no-pressure seniors who get together to read scripts of plays aloud.

## COMMUNITY COFFEE

*May 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 24, 27, 31 at 10AM | June 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 at 10AM | Honor Currie Room*

Would you like to meet local people and connect with groups in our community? Do you enjoy a good coffee or cup of tea with a tasty treat? Then join us for Community Coffee on Monday and Friday mornings. There will be special hosts, invited guests, and short presentations from time to time, but even if nothing is planned, refreshments, conversation and building community will always be on the agenda.

## SEARCHING FOR YOUR FAMILY TREE?

*May 4 at 10AM | May 15 at 1PM | Reference Workroom  
June 1 at 10AM | June 12 at 1PM | Reference Workroom*

Sign up for a one-on-one session with a library staff member to learn how to use the Library Edition of Ancestry. Staff will demonstrate how the program works and provide some time for you to practice using it. **Online registration required.**

# WELLNESS WEEK *at MHPL*



## **SIMPLE CONNECTIONS STRONGER COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP**

*May 6 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room*

Wish your street had a block party? Need a cup of sugar but don't know your neighbour? Learn why healthy neighbourhoods matter and how you can start making connections in your neighbourhood. It's easy, we promise, and you'll probably have some fun too! The workshop is one hour long and we've saved 30 minutes after for questions and connecting because we think you won't be ready to leave!

***Online registration required.***

## **LATE DIAGNOSIS AUTISM IN ADULTS**

*May 7 at 6PM | Theatre*

Medicine Hat Autism Society (MHAS) presents a talk on being assessed and diagnosed as an adult with autism. Presenters will provide current statistics, barriers to diagnosis, resources and personal experiences. Presented by Stephanie Williams (secretary/treasurer of MHAS), Dr. Nicole Burnett (president of MHAS, a psychology instructor at MHC and board member of Autism Society Alberta) and Ravyn Williams (late-diagnosed AuDHD adult, volunteer with MHAS and ASA, and student at MHC).

## **DIY SELF-CARE KITS**

*May 8 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room*

Assemble a kit with items to help you care for your mental health. From DIY bath salts and affirmation bracelets to mindfulness activities, these kits are designed to support your well-being.

***Online registration required.***

## **TECHNOLOGY, SCREEN TIME & MENTAL WELLNESS**

*May 8 at 6:30PM | Honor Currie Room*

It's impossible to escape technology. It makes our lives easier in many ways by putting information at our fingertips and it keeps us connected; but it is possible to have too much of a good thing. Join us to learn how to protect your mental wellness while enjoying everything that cellphones, tablets and the internet have to offer. ***Online registration required.***

## **STRATEGIES FOR ANXIETY & DEPRESSION**

*May 9 at 6PM | Theatre*

Depression and anxiety affect many people, making life difficult for them. It's crucial to discover strategies and steps to handle these challenges to achieve a brighter and more satisfying life. Join us to learn and share about these important topics! In partnership with Medicine Hat Family Service.

## **TEEN MURAL PROJECT FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

*May 10 at 3PM | Honeycomb House*

Work with others to create a mural that expresses the importance of mental health and brings awareness to the mental health struggles some people experience. Draw, write or create something that represents what mental health means to you. Utilize the creative talents you have and collaborate to create an awareness piece to help others understand what mental health can mean to the teen community!



## STITCHING IN THE AFTERNOON

May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 2PM | June 4, 11, 18, 25 at 2PM | Legion Room

Bring along a knitting or crochet project to share skills, laughs and some light refreshments.

## DISCOVER ALBERTA'S LITERARY LANDSCAPE: EXPLORE READ ALBERTA BOOKS

May 7 at 2PM | Public Computers

Immerse yourself in Alberta's rich literary world with Read Alberta Books. Access over 1,500 award-winning eBooks covering various genres, including fiction, poetry and Indigenous literature, supported by local publishers. **Online registration required.**



## PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY

May 9, 23 at 6:30PM | June 6, 20 at 6:30PM | Theatre

Hosted by Our Collective Journey, Pathways to Recovery is a community support group that focuses on bringing people together who are impacted by addiction. The atmosphere is solution focused and comes with an opportunity to share, educate and support anyone wanting to explore their path to recovery.

## FRESH BREW AND FRENCH CONVERSATION

May 11, 18 at 10:30AM | June 15, 22, 29 at 10:30AM | Legion Room

An opportunity to converse in French with friendly Hatters. Light refreshments will be provided. *Note: This is not a language class.*

## FRESH BREW AND SPANISH CONVERSATION

May 11, 18 at 1PM | June 8, 15, 22, 29 at 1PM | Legion Room

An opportunity to converse in Spanish with friendly Hatters. Light refreshments will be provided. *Note: This is not a language class.*

## FRESH BREW AND GERMAN CONVERSATION

May 11, 18 at 3PM | June 8, 15, 22, 29 at 3PM | Legion Room

An opportunity to converse in German with friendly Hatters. Light refreshments will be provided. *Note: This is not a language class.*



## PEER SUPPORT GROUP: NEURODIVERGENT YOUNG ADULTS *(for ages 18+)*

*May 11 at 11AM | June 8 at 11AM | Legion Room*

This peer support group is run by neurodivergent young adults with the support of members of the Medicine Hat Autism Society. It is a safe place for neurodivergent young adults (autistic, ADHD, and more) to visit and learn about resources that may be available to them. For more information email [medicinehatautismsociety@gmail.com](mailto:medicinehatautismsociety@gmail.com).

## 2SLGBTQIA+ PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

*May 15 at 6PM | June 19 at 6PM | Legion Room*

The 2SLGBTQIA+ Parent Support Group provides a nurturing space for parents and caregivers to come together as allies, learn from each other's experiences, and foster an inclusive environment for their 2SLGBTQIA+ youth. Each monthly group features resource sharing, as well as a chance for group members to share their experiences. By promoting understanding, acceptance, and advocacy, the support group contributes to a more inclusive and affirming society for LGBTQIA+ individuals and their families. Register through Bridges Parent Education: email Sharon Mickey at [smickey@memlane.com](mailto:smickey@memlane.com) or scan the code to the right.



## PECHA KUCHA - MEDICINE HAT - VOL. 31



*May 16 at 7PM | Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre Main Theatre*

Join us in the Main Theatre of the Esplanade for a night of connecting with our community. Enjoy talks from passionate people about interesting things in a 20x20 format - 20 slides x 20 seconds per slide. Suggested donation of \$5. Cash bar with snacks available. Doors open at 7PM, program begins promptly at 7:30PM.

## PEER SUPPORT GROUP: PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN

*May 18 at 1PM | June 15 at 1PM | Honor Currie Room*

This group is run by parents for parents of neurodivergent children (whether your 'children' are young, teens, or adults). There will also be support from members of the Medicine Hat Autism Society. It is a safe place for parents to connect to other parents and learn about resources that may be available to them. For more information email [medicinehatautismsociety@gmail.com](mailto:medicinehatautismsociety@gmail.com).

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## FICTION BOOK CLUB - MAY

*May 21 at 6:30PM | Legion Room*

We're reading our way through the Library's Book Club Kits! In May we're reading "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. **Register in-person at the Info Desk.**

## DIY BOOKMARKS

*May 29 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room*

Join us to make DIY bookmarks! We'll have all the supplies and ideas you need to create your own perfect placeholders for your library books. **Online registration required.**

## EXPLORE DIVERSE LANGUAGES: UNLOCK PRONUNCIATOR'S LINGUISTIC WEALTH

*June 4 at 2PM | Public Computers*

Embark on a global linguistic journey with Pronunciator, offering an unparalleled selection of 315 world languages. Dive into personalized courses featuring 10,000 instructional phrases per language and comprehensive Grammar Compendiums. **Online registration required.**

## ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS

*June 5 at 1PM | Honor Currie Room*

Adults with developmental delays are welcome to come to the library to enjoy board games and colouring sheets.



## CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

*June 6 at 6:30PM | Legion Room*

Whether you're looking to be published, just writing for yourself or wanting to improve your writing skills in general, this is the perfect place to share your ideas, ask questions, get inspired, connect with other writers and, most importantly, write!

## HEALTH SESSION: TALES OF THE UTERUS

*June 12 at 6:30PM | Honor Currie Room*

An informal information night and open discussion Q and A about all things women's health, hormones and lifestyle with nurse practitioner Colleen Sherven and registered nurse Anna Wagman from EmpowerMed.

## FICTION BOOK CLUB - JUNE

June 18 at 6:30PM | Legion Room

We're reading our way through the Library's Book Club Kits! In June we're reading "How to Pronounce Knife" by Souvankham Thammavongsa. **Register in-person at the Info Desk.**



## PRIDE MONTH SPEAKERS

June 20 at 6PM | Theatre

This Pride Month we're welcoming two speakers from the Prairie Pride Guild. First, come learn about the history of Pride in Medicine Hat from Esplanade archivist Jenni Barrientos. This will be followed by Kim Large speaking about her personal journey as a parent of a transgender child and how to support 2SLGBTQ+ youth.

## REFUGEE FILM FESTIVAL

June 22 at 2PM | Theatre

In recognition of World Refugee Day on June 20, the library will be showing two films focusing on the refugee experience: "From Sherbrooke to Brooks," which explores African refugees who travel from Sherbrooke, Quebec to Brooks, Alberta, and "Seeking Asylum," which follows a migrant through the flawed asylum process in the United States. Discussion will follow each film.

## SPEED FRIENDING

June 22 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room

It was so popular in March we're bringing it back! We had a huge waitlist last time so you should register quickly. Join us for fun conversations, enjoy a welcoming atmosphere and make new friends. Whether you're new in town or just looking to expand your social circle, this event is the perfect opportunity to connect with new people. **Online registration required.**

## SPEED FRIENDING 55+

June 26 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room

A 55+ version of our popular Speed Friending program! It'll be the same fun conversations and chance to make new friends in a welcoming atmosphere as the regular event. Register as soon as you can so you don't miss this chance to make new connections and expand your social circle. **Online registration required.**

## JEWELRY MAKING

June 26 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

If you've wanted to try out making jewelry but didn't know where to start, this is the program for you. We'll have a variety of beads, jewelry wire and cord, beading needles and hooks, and even a bead spinner. **Online registration required.**

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**From planning to fundraising, there are many ways to stay involved with MHPL.**

For more information call 403-502-8527.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Library Board meetings are normally held the first Wednesday of every month, with the exception of July and August. Meetings are open to the public; please email our Chief Librarian if you're interested in attending ([kenf@shortgrass.ca](mailto:kenf@shortgrass.ca)).

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Interested in getting more involved? Want to help plan our annual book sale or other fundraising events? The Friends of the Library might just be the place for you. Contact us for more information: 403-502-8525 or [mhploffice@shortgrass.ca](mailto:mhploffice@shortgrass.ca).

## MHPL FOR YXH

Elizabeth McNally Real Estate Collective was the most recent sponsor of #MHPLforYXH, keeping library cards FREE for Hatters! Thank you for supporting MHPL and the community. Thanks also to our previous card sponsor, Medicine Hat Sunrise Rotary Club.



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### Library Hours

Monday, Friday, Saturday: 10AM-5PM  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10AM-8PM  
Sunday: 1PM-5PM

### Closed Days

Monday, May 20, 2024  
Sunday, June 30, 2024

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL play space

#### Drop-in times

Monday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday:  
1PM - 4:45PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:  
1PM - 7:45PM

#### Booking times

Monday-Saturday:  
10:15-11AM &

11:30AM-12:15PM

Use the QR Code to book

