

MAY - JUN 2025

what's on

at the medicine hat public library

MHPL COMIC CON

**SÉAN MCCANN'S GREAT
BIG CANADIAN ROAD TRIP**

BREWS AND BOARD GAMES

I SPY MEDICINE HAT

And More!



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children



FAMILY STORYTIME FOR TODDLERS

(for ages 18 - 36 months)

April 29 at 10:30AM | May 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30AM | June 3 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 29 at 11:15AM | May 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11:15AM | June 3 at 11:15AM

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)

April 30 at 10:30AM | May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30AM | June 4 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 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30AM | June 5 at 10:30AM | Story Castle

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 2PM | June 5 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.**

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

May 10, 17, 31 at 10AM | June 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10AM | 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 that 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.

SCREEN-FREE WEEK: READING PLEDGE *(for ages 5 - 9 and 10 - 12)*

May 4-10 | Kinsmen Children's Library

In collaboration with The Digital Wellness Coalition we are promoting Screen-Free Week by encouraging patrons to take our reading pledge. Stop by the Children's Desk and pledge to spend time reading this week to be entered in a draw for one of two amazing prize packages partially donated by The Digital Wellness Coalition.

STAR WARS DAY CELEBRATION *(for ages 0 - 12)*

May 4 all day | Kinsmen Children's Library

Get ready for out-of-this-galaxy fun. Go on a Star Wars scavenger hunt, try out a cool themed-board game and enjoy a variety of printable activities for Jedi of all ages.

MOVE FOR MENTAL HEALTH *(for all ages)*

May 4 at 1-4PM | Library Grounds

Presented by Community Coming Together, this day will be full of laughter, excitement, and unforgettable memories. Join us for children's characters, games, movement stations, quiet corners and a free barbecue, and a walk the trail along River Road with a turnaround at the YMCA.



I SPY MEDICINE HAT *(for ages 0 - 12)*

May 6-11 | Kinsmen Children's Library

This May 9 marks Medicine Hat's 142nd birthday! Join us in the Kinsmen Children's Library for a cute little I Spy activity showcasing some of our favourite items/places to visit or see in Medicine Hat. Grab a sheet and join the celebration. Happy 142nd birthday, Medicine Hat!



DROP-IN READ TO DARBY *(for all ages)*

May 10, 24 at 10AM | June 7 at 10AM | 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 Hatters visited her at the library and shared their favourite books. Darby and Melissa will be at the library from 10 AM until noon. All children need to be accompanied by a parent or other adult caregiver during their visit with Darby.

SEEDS AND STORIES *(for ages 4 - 6)*

May 11 at 2:30PM | Story Castle, Library Grounds

Join us for a special storytime in collaboration with the Medicine Hat and District Horticultural Society! We'll sing songs, read stories about gardening and plants, and then get our hands dirty as we plant seeds to take home. **Online registration required.**

FLOATING WITH FEELINGS STORYCRAFT *(for ages 4 - 6)*

May 17 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room

Enjoy uplifting stories, songs, and activities about balloons, feelings and flying! Children need to be accompanied by a parent or other adult caregiver. **Online registration required.**



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

*May 18, 25 at 1PM | June 1, 8, 15, 22 at 1PM |
Theatre, Play Space, Meeting Rooms, Story Castle*

Sunday afternoons are Family Day at MHPL. Check out our Co-op Community Developmental Play Space in the Kinsmen 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 AND PLAYTIME WITH MIYWASIN FRIENDSHIP CENTRE *(for ages 3 - 6)*

May 26 at 10:30AM | Story Castle,
Co-op Community Developmental Playspace

Share in stories, songs and rhymes including Indigenous culture and traditions such as drumming, followed by play time. Children must attend with a parent or other adult caregiver.

Online registration required.



TEDDY BEAR PICNIC STORYCRAFT *(for ages 4 - 6)*

June 14 at 2PM | Library Grounds or Honor Currie Room

Bring your favourite teddy bear and join us for a delightful hour filled with stories, songs, crafts and tons of fun activities! Perfect for little ones who love to get cozy with their cuddly friends. Adult supervision is required. **Online registration required.**

KIDS YOGA *(for ages 9 and under)*

June 21 at 2PM | Library Grounds

Bring your little yogis to the library to stretch, strengthen and balance in celebration of International Yoga Day. We'll practice our downward dogs and pigeon poses on the Library lawn, as long as the weather permits (we'll move inside if it's rainy). This playful yoga flow is

perfect for families with kids ages 9 and under. Bring your own mat, or use one of the few the library has to lend. **Online registration required.**



GREAT CANADIAN SCAVENGER HUNT *(for ages 0 - 12)*

June 28-July 6 | Kinsmen Children's Library

Are you ready for the Great Canadian Scavenger Hunt? Search the Kinsmen Children's Library for a few of our greatest treasures that say, "I am Canadian!" Earn a cool Canadian prize and a bonus entry slip into a draw for a Medicine Hat Tigers hockey prize pack.



family films

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MOANA

2PM | Theatre

In ancient Polynesia, when a terrible curse incurred by the demigod Maui reaches Moana's island, she answers the Ocean's call to seek out Maui to set things right. Featuring the voices of Alui'i Cravalho and Dwayne Johnson. 107 mins.

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MOANA 2

2PM | Theatre

After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, Moana journeys to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she has ever faced. Featuring the voices of Alui'i Cravalho and Dwayne Johnson. 100 mins.



classic movies

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THE PHILADELPHIA STORY (1940)

2PM | Theatre

After a rich woman's ex-husband and a tabloid-type reporter turn up just before her planned remarriage, she begins to learn the truth about herself. With Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn and James Stewart. 112 mins.

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MY DEAR SECRETARY (1948)

2PM | Theatre

A romance novelist appoints a would-be writer as his secretary. Although she is initially dismayed by his work ethic and playboy attitude, they begin to fall in love. With Laraine Day, Kirk Douglas and Keenan Wynn. 94 mins.





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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

2PM | Theatre

Taking refuge on Earth, when Sonic uses his incredible speed and accidentally knock out the power in part of the United States, he catches the attention of Dr. Robotnik and must stop him from using his unique power for world domination With Jim Carrey and James Marsden. 99 mins.

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2

2PM | Theatre

When Dr. Robotnik returns with a new partner, Knuckles, in search of an emerald that has the power to destroy civilizations, Sonic teams up with his own sidekick, Tails, on a journey across the world to find the emerald first. 122 mins.

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3

2PM | Theatre

Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful new adversary, Shadow, a mysterious villain with powers unlike anything they have faced before. With their abilities outmatched, Team Sonic must seek out an unlikely alliance. 110 mins.

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MUFASA: THE LION KING

2PM | Theatre

Mufasa, a cub lost and alone, meets a sympathetic lion named Taka, the heir to a royal bloodline. The chance meeting sets in motion an expansive journey of a group of misfits searching for their destiny. Featuring the voices of Aaron Pierre, Kelvin Harrison Jr. and Tiffany Boone. 118 mins.



Wellness Week

at MHPL

SCIENCES OF HOPE AND RESILIENCE WORKSHOP

May 10 at 12PM | Legion Room

Designed to teach the fundamental elements of brain science with a focus on the strengths of knowing how this can positively impact the community. The interactive session will examine brain structure, the unconscious responses of fight, flight, freeze, and fawn, the roles of different parts of the brain, and how adverse childhood experiences relate to brain development. **Online registration required.**

See Page 22 for the second part of this series, Trauma-Informed Approach.

STRESS-FREE SLIME TIME

(for ages 10 - 12)

May 10 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room

Squish, stretch and squeeze your way to a calmer mind! Create your own squishy masterpiece while learning simple techniques to boost your mood and mental well-being! **Online registration required.**

DIY SELF-CARE KITS

May 12 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.**

EMPOWERING THE FUTURE: BUILDING YOUTH RESILIENCE

May 14 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

An inspiring workshop for educators, parents, guardians and caregivers, designed to teach strategies to help youth thrive in the face of adversity. Through dynamic group discussions, hands-on activities and access to a wealth of resources, you'll leave with practical tools to empower the next generation to adapt, cope and flourish! With Stigma-Free Mental Health Society. **Online registration required.**

ADULTING 101: RESILIENCY WARRIORS

(for ages 13 - 19)

May 15 at 3:30PM | Honeycomb House

Resiliency (noun): the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties. Our Collective Journey will be joining us in the Honeycomb House to teach teens how we can become Resiliency Warriors in our everyday life. Snacks provided.

SOCIAL MEDIA DETOX FOR MENTAL CLARITY

May 15 at 6PM | Legion Room

Learn about the impact of social media on mental well-being. You will gain insights into how social media can affect your emotions and learn effective strategies to protect your mental health while still staying connected.

Online registration required.





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INBETWEEN BOOK CLUB: THE WILD ROBOT (for ages 10 - 12)

May 8, 15, 22 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

When robot Roz opens her eyes, she discovers that she is all alone on a remote, wild island... She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is, but she knows she needs to survive. Want to know what happens to Roz? Join us for book club this month to find out!

Online registration required.



READING RAINBOW CHALLENGE (for ages 10 - 12)

June 1-30 | Kinsmen Children's Library

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! Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up your entry form, and have it back to us by July 4.

TWEEN NIGHT: MOVIE NIGHT (for ages 10 - 12)

June 19 at 6PM | Theatre

Celebrate the end of the school year with a fun movie night. You will vote on your favourite of several great movie choices and the winner will be played that night. Popcorn and water will be provided. **Online registration required.**



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TIC TAC PRESENTS: MOVIE NIGHT *(for ages 13 - 19)*

May 9 at 6:45PM | Theatre

Enjoy a FREE night at the movies at this teen-only after hours event! Cast your vote when you arrive for which movie we watch: "Moana 2" (PG), "Sonic the Hedgehog 3" (PG) or "Mufasa: The Lion King" (PG-13). Popcorn & topping station provided. Doors are open for entry from 6:45 - 7:15PM only then locked for your safety. Ends at 9PM.



UNITY CIRCLE *(for ages 13 - 19)*

*May 13 at 5PM | June 10 at 5PM |
Honeycomb House*

Unity Circle is an inclusive peer support group for all teens. It is a place to make friends, learn self-care skills, have fun, and find supports. We will have conversations around identity, self-expression and positivity.

SENSORY FUN *(for ages 13 - 19)*

May 14 at 5PM | June 18 at 5PM | Honeycomb House

This evening in the Honeycomb House is dedicated to sensory play! We will have various sensory objects, chill music, low lighting and more. Come relax and allow yourself to enjoy the sensory fun!

TIC TAC PRESENTS: SPRING FEVER *(for ages 13 - 19)*

May 23 at 6:45PM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Theatre

Spring is in the air, and we're celebrating with an evening of creativity, colour and fun! Teens can enjoy various spring-inspired activities such as giant yard games, DIY mini terrariums, tie-dye and more! Plus, Indigenous beading with special guest Josie Saddleback of Saddleback Stones. Doors are open for entry from 6:45 - 7:15PM only then locked for your safety. Ends at 9PM. Snacks and prizes provided.

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Drop in Hours*

Tues, Wed, Thur: 3:30 - 7:30 PM
Fri, Sat, Sun: 1:00 - 4:30 PM

For teens ages 13 - 19.
No registration required.



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<p>follow us @ mhp1teens</p>	<p>Bead Bracelet Week Make your own pony bead bracelets!</p> <p>→</p>		<p>1</p> <p>CLOSING AT 5 PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Library Comic Con HH CLOSED</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Move for Mental Health HH CLOSED</p>
<p>Screen Free Week Board Game time!</p> <p>→</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Teen Night: Movie Night @ 6:45 pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>Soda Tab Week Create something unique using metal soda tabs!</p> <p>→</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Unity Circle @ 5:00 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Sensory Fun @ 5:00 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Adulting 101: Resiliency @ 3:30 pm CLOSING EARLY</p>	<p>16</p> <p>CLOSED</p>	<p>17</p> <p>CLOSED</p>	<p>18</p> <p>CLOSED</p>
<p>Painting Week Come paint with us!</p> <p>→</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Teen Night: Spring Fever @ 6:45 pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>Card Making Week Make your own unique cards!</p> <p>→</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Anime Party @ 5:30 pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Spectrum (Kin Coulee) HH CLOSED</p>	<p>Join our Discord Announcement Server!</p>

*Hours are subject to change

ANIME PARTY (for ages 13 - 19)

May 29 at 5:30PM | June 26 at 5:30PM | Honeycomb House

Come watch anime on the big screen in the Honeycomb House! Teens will vote what to watch at the event each month. Snacks and prizes provided.

MINDFULNESS EXAM KITS (for ages 13 - 19)

Starting June 2 | Pick up at Information Desk

Exams are stressful time of year, so we've put together Mindfulness Exam Kits with the help of our friends at Community Coming Together for teens to enjoy. Pick up at the Information Desk starting June 2 until supplies last.



ADULTING 101: COLLEGE LIFE *(for ages 13 - 19)*

June 5 at 4PM | Honeycomb House

Planning your next steps after high school? Join us for an information session about the different types of post-secondary, choosing your major of study, when and how to apply, and receive a free career coach assessment! Information provided will be non-partisan. Snacks provided.

TIC TAC PRESENTS: CRAFTS & CONTROLLERS *(for ages 13 - 19)*

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

It's our last Teen Night of the school year! Whether you're into crafting, gaming, or both, this after-hours, teen-only event will offer a dynamic space to socialize, unleash creativity and enjoy a memorable night with friends! Doors are open for entry from 6:45 - 7:15PM only then locked for your safety. Ends at 9PM. Snacks and prizes provided.

TEENVERSE READS: THE INVISIBLE LIFE OF ADDIE LARUE

(for ages 13 - 19)

June 12 at 6PM | Legion Room

Teens will dive into this magical love story about a woman who was granted immortality. After a short discussion of the book, teens will paint miniature masterpieces on tiny canvases. Pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk starting May 12, and try to finish as much of the book as you can before the meeting date. Snacks provided. **Online registration required.**



SUMMERWEEN PARTY *(for ages 13 - 19)*

June 22 at 1PM | Honeycomb House

We are bringing Halloween to the Honeycomb House early with Summerween! Join us for a fun afternoon of candy, costumes and fun spooky activities.

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Drop in Hours*

Tues, Wed, Thur: 3:30 - 7:30 PM
Fri, Sat, Sun: 1:00 - 4:30 PM

For teens ages 13 - 19.
No registration required.

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DIY Worry Pet Week Design your own worry pet to be your companion! →	3	4	5	6	7	8
	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worm Puppet Week Make your own cute worm puppet! →	Unity Circle @ 5:00 pm		CLOSING AT 5 PM			
	17	18	19	20	21	22
Scrapbooking Week Learn how to scrapbook! →		Sensory Fun @ 5:00 pm				Summerween Party @ 1pm
	24	25	26	27	28	29
Mini Jar Week Make your own tiny jar charms! →			Anime Party @ 5:30 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	Schools' Out Party @ 2pm



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Grab an Exam Kit at the Information Desk starting June 2nd. Until supplies last.



Join our Discord Announcement Server!



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SCHOOL'S OUT PARTY (for ages 13 - 19)

June 29 at 2PM | Honeycomb House

Celebrate the end of school and the start of summer at the Honeycomb House where we will be hosting a live game of BINGO for the chance to win your very own Bluetooth speaker! In partnership with Community Coming Together.

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Get ready for an epic celebration of all things fandom at our Library Comic Con! Whether you're a die-hard comic book fan, a passionate cosplayer or just love a good adventure, there will be something for everyone at this free, all-ages event! This year, we're welcoming the Dr. Who Society of Canada, who will be bringing a Tardis!



MEET SPIDER-MAN IN THE MORNING



STAR WARS SCAVENGER HUNT

(for ages 0 - 12)

May 3 at 10AM | Kinsmen Children's Library

Eleven Star Wars characters are hiding in the children's library. Each one has a letter attached to them. Find the characters and use the letters to decode a message from Yoda!

BOARD GAME LOUNGE (for all ages)

May 3 at 10AM | Lower Level

In partnership with Medicine Hat Board Game Guy, we will be teaching and playing various comic book-themed board games such as Marvel Dice Throne, Splendor: Marvel and more.

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MEDIEVAL DEMONSTRATIONS

(for all ages)

May 3 at 10AM | Library Grounds

The Shire of Sandeshend from the Society of Creative Anachronism will be showcasing a variety of pre-17th century skills, arts, combat and culture on the library lawn!

CRAZY PAINTS WITH KATIE

(for ages 3 and up)

May 3 at 10AM | Story Castle

Get your face painted for FREE with Crazy Paints by Katie! First-come, first-served. Katie cannot paint children under 3 years or those with visible facial scratches/rashes/cuts.

FANDOM FIASCO ESCAPE ROOM

(for all ages)

May 3 at 10:30AM | Legion Room

You find yourself in a locked space, filled with items across multiple geeky fandoms. Can you solve the puzzles and find the combination to escape? Players will have 45 minutes to complete the room. Knowledge of specific fandom details is not required of players, but geek culture will be featured from video games and these popular franchises: Lord of the Rings, Star Wars, Stargate and Zelda. Children under the age of 13 are recommended to complete the room with an adult. Walk-in, sign-up only; Up to 5 players per session.

COSTUME CONTEST *(for all ages)*

May 3 at 11AM | Theatre

Whether you're a pint-sized superhero, a teenage wizard or an adult adventurer... this is your time to dazzle the crowd with your incredible costume! Prizes will be awarded for the best costume in each category. Medals sponsored by Gas City Expo. Arrive between 10 - 11AM to sign up.



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POKÉMON PLAY TCG TOURNEY

(for ages 9 and up)

May 3 at 12PM | Honor Currie Room

Please contact our tournament organizer Graham Pahl at 403-527-9185 or graham.pahl7@gmail.com to sign up. All players must understand basic game rules and have a deck of 60 cards that are legal in the Expanded format, which includes all cards that have been printed since 2011. Loaner decks will be available first-come, first-served! Players must be at least 9 years old to participate, and will play within their specified age category. Walk-in registration will be open from 11 - 11:45AM only. Prizes provided by The Cardboard Casket.

Pokémon professors will teach people how to play Pokémon TCG from 10AM until noon, and we'll have a Pokémon card Trading-Palooza happening all day!



MEET DARTH VADER IN THE AFTERNOON



POKÉMON GO MEET UP *(for all ages)*

May 3 at 2PM | Library Grounds

Meet up with fellow Pokémon Go trainers at the giant chess set to trade, battle and make new friends! Hosted by the Pokémon Go Community Ambassador. Learn more: <https://discord.gg/X6js65mbGJ>

LEARN TO DRAW A SUPERHERO

(for ages 6 and up)

May 3 at 2PM | Theatre

Learn how to draw a superhero with local artist and avid comic book enthusiast Eric Bellefeuille! Intended for beginner artists ages 6 and up. **Online registration required.**

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THE PAPERBACK EXCHANGE

*June 1 until August 30 |
Near the Main Entrance*

Bring your fiction paperbacks to our Paperback Exchange at the main entrance. Leave them in the basket and pick the same number of books off the racks. No due dates, no holds, no late fees, no fines for stains caused by sand, sunblock and/or pool water.



FANDOM FIASCO ESCAPE ROOM *(for all ages)*

May 1 at 12:30PM to 7:15PM | Legion Room

You find yourself in a locked space, filled with items across multiple geeky fandoms. Can you solve the puzzles and find the combination to escape? Players will have 45 minutes to complete the room. Knowledge of specific fandom details is not required of players, but geek culture will be featured from video games and these popular franchises: Lord of the Rings, Star Wars, Stargate and Zelda. Children under the age of 13 are recommended to complete the room with an adult. **Online registration required. Up to 5 players per session; only one person from your group needs to register.**

READERS' THEATRE

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 1PM | June 5, 12, 19 at 1PM | Honor Currie Room

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

PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY

May 1, 15, 29 at 6:30PM | June 12, 26 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.

COMMUNITY COFFEE

May 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 23, 26, 30 at 10AM | June 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 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.

MEEPLES (BOARDGAMING) AT THE LIBRARY

June 10 at 1PM | Downstairs behind the Reference Desk

The library invites anyone interested in board games to come together to explore this exciting world. 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.

STITCHING IN THE AFTERNOON

May 6, 13, 20, 27 at 1PM | June 3, 10, 17, 24 at 1PM | Legion Room

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

REPAIRING YOUR RELATIONSHIP

May 6 at 5:30PM | June 3 at 5:30PM | Honor Currie Room

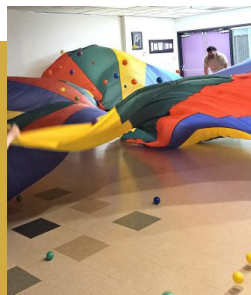
Are you ready to take your relationship to the next level? Join Medicine Hat Family Service's Repairing Your Relationship program at the library - designed specifically for couples who want to deepen their bond, improve communication and create a stronger, healthier connection. Registration required by calling 403-504-8026 or emailing groupfacilitator@mhfamilyservice.com.

RECONNECTING TO PLAY: GIANT PARACHUTE

(for ages 19+)

May 6 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room, Library Grounds

Play builds connection, resiliency and creativity - so why stop playing as an adult? Let's get back to it! Come rebel against the pressure of adulting and join us for a fun-filled and stress-free evening of Giant Parachute games. For ages 19+. **Online registration required.**



AFTERNOON MOVIE FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS

May 7 at 1PM | June 4 at 1PM | Theatre

Adults with developmental delays are welcome to come to the library to enjoy watching a popular movie. Movies to be determined.

MHPL WALKING GROUP

May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1:30PM | June 4, 11, 18, 25 at 1:30PM |

Meet at the outdoor book return

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

SIPS AND SOCIALS: OUTDOOR PURSUITS

May 8 at 6-8PM | MT Nest Café & Market

Come to MT Nest Café & Market to make new friends and build connections over common interests in a no-pressure setting. Each table will have a discussion topic to help you find like-minded people to enjoy your evening with. For May our theme is Outdoor Pursuits with topics like gardening, hiking, paddling and more! Snacks will be provided by the library. Drinks will be available to purchase. Thank you to our friends at MT Nest Café for hosting us!



MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND FILM

May 10 at 2PM | Theatre

Explore the past and present of feminism in Canada in "Status Quo: The Unfinished Business of Feminism in Canada," a powerful NFB documentary.



SEEDY SUNDAY

May 11 at 1PM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Theatre

Community Food Connections Association (CFCA) is bringing Seedy Sunday back to the library. This year marks the 10th anniversary of this family-friendly gardening event! Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of seed swapping, growing workshops, local organizations, door prizes and more! If you have any seeds (purchased or saved) that you're willing to part with, please bring them to share with your fellow gardeners.

SEARCHING FOR YOUR FAMILY TREE?

May 15 at 1PM | May 31 at 10AM | June 19 at 6PM | 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 and FamilySearch. Staff will demonstrate how the program works & provide some time for you to practice using it. **Online registration required.**

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

May 17 at 11AM | June 28 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.

EL CLUB DE LOS SABADOS

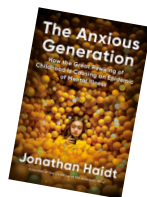
May 17, 31 at 1PM | June 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1PM | Legion Room

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

FICTION BOOK CLUB - MAY

May 20 at 6:30PM | Legion Room

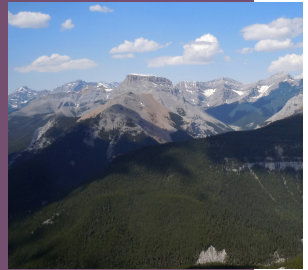
We're reading our way through the Library's Book Club Kits! We're changing it up this month to read a popular non-fiction title: "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt.



DRY HORIZONS: STEWARDING A FUTURE FOR SOUTHERN ALBERTA'S WATER

May 21 at 6:30PM | Theatre

In partnership with the South East Alberta Watershed Alliance (SEAWA), the library will be screening "Dry Horizons: Stewarding a Future for Southern Alberta's Water." This documentary "explores the threats posed to the Eastern Slopes, including by coal and forestry, but also by the failures of current government policy."



RISE UP FEATURE FILM: THE BALLOONATIC

May 24 at 10:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:30PM, 2:30PM, 3:30PM | Theatre

A hapless amusement park attendant finds his runaway balloon ride has left him in a strange predicament.

INFERTILITY, PREGNANCY LOSS AND INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

May 27 at 6:30PM | June 24 at 6:30PM | Legion Room

This group is open to anyone affected by infertility, pregnancy loss, or infant loss. This is a welcoming, non-judgmental, safe space for all individuals who have experienced infertility and/or pregnancy loss and/or infant loss. A safe space created to connect, share, develop open discussion, through peer support and heal together. Led by participants with assistance from professionals. Together, we'll navigate the complex emotions and find solace among those who understand.

DIY PHONE CHARMS

May 28 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Phone charms are a fun and creative way to personalize your phone. Craft a few of your own in this DIY session. **Online registration required.**

FRESH BREW AND FRENCH CONVERSATION

May 31 at 10:30AM | June 7, 14, 21 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.*

TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH

May 31 at 12PM | Legion Room

Community members can learn to adopt a trauma-informed approach in the relationships and roles. The hope of sharing this information is that together we can create a kinder, more generous community for everyone. **Online registration required. See Page 8 for the first part of this series, Sciences of Hope and Resilience Workshop.**

SÉAN MCCANN'S GREAT BIG CANADIAN ROAD TRIP



May 31 at 7PM | Theatre

Séan McCann is setting out on a journey - not just across Canada, but into the heart of what it means to be human. In a time when the world feels fractured, uncertain, and heavy, this tour is about something bigger than music. It's about connection. It's about light. It's about showing up for each other, one song at a time. Tickets will be available at the library in early May.

PECHA KUCHA - VOL. 34

May 31 at 7PM | Esplanade 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. Tickets are free, but must be acquired through tixx.ca or at the Esplanade Box Office starting on May 16. Suggested donation of \$5. Doors open at 7PM, program begins promptly at 7:30PM.

BREWS AND BOARD GAMES

June 3 at 7-9:30PM | note: comfort food + drink (675 Second St. SE)

Join us for a fun-filled board game night at note:!! Whether you're a strategy master or a casual player, come enjoy friendly competition, meet new people, and explore classic and modern board games. No experience necessary - just bring your enthusiasm! Snacks and good company provided. Thank you to our friends at note: for hosting us!

RECONNECTING TO PLAY: NERF GUNS (for ages 19+)

June 13 at 6PM | Library

Play builds connection, resiliency, and creativity - so why stop playing as an adult? Let's get back to it! Come rebel against the pressure of adulting and join us for a fun-filled evening battling with Nerf guns! For ages 19+. **Online registration required.**

ASK US ANYTHING AFTERNOON WITH PRAIRIE PRIDE GUILD

June 21 at 2PM | Theatre

Join us for an Ask Us Anything Night with queers and allies! Let's break down barriers and build bridges of understanding together. Got questions about the queer experience? Curious to learn more? Or just looking to show your support or strengthen community ties? This is the perfect opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue and create connections in a safe, welcoming environment. Everyone is welcome, so spread the love and bring a friend!

FICTION BOOK CLUB - JUNE

June 17 at 6:30PM | Legion Room

We're reading our way through the Library's Book Club Kits! In June we're reading "Without Warning" by Thomas C. Sanger.



A TUBA TO CUBA

June 18 at 6:30PM | Theatre

In recognition of Medicine Hat JazzFest, we will screen "A Tuba to Cuba." The film "follows New Orleans' famed Preservation Hall Jazz Band as they retrace their musical roots from the storied city of jazz to the shores of Cuba and in turn discover a connection that runs much deeper than could have been imagined."

YARN CANVAS ART

June 25 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Join us for a crafty evening to make a colourful yarn "painting" that will brighten up any room in your home. **Online registration required.**

PING PONG DAY AT THE LIBRARY

June 28 at 10AM | Library Grounds

Did you know ping pong improves hand-eye co-ordination, develops mental acuity and improves reflexes? Come to the library and enjoy a game or two at our ping pong table on the library lawn. Visit the checkout desk for the Library of Things ping pong kit; a valid library card is required.



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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 (kentf@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.

MHPL FOR YXH

Medicine Hat and District Labour Council is the current sponsor of #MHPLforYXH, keeping library cards FREE for Hatters! Thank you for supporting MHPL and the community.



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Library Hours

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

Closed Days

Monday, May 19 2025
Sunday, June 29, 2025



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

