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at the medicine hat public library

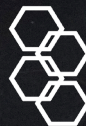
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RHYME & REASON
WRITERS' CLUB: LIVE
AT THE LIBRARY

POKÉMON CARD
TRADING

And More!



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children

A SUPERHERO SCAVENGER HUNT *(for ages 0 - 12)*

May 2-10 | Kinsmen Children's Library

A sneaky villain has scattered 11 of your favorite superheroes all around the library! Each hero is guarding a secret letter. Can you find them all and uncover what they are fighting for? For children ages 0-12.

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

May 3, 10, 17, 24 at 1PM | June 7, 14, 21, 28 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.

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU *(for ages 12 and under)*

May 4 | All Day | Kinsmen Children's Library

We're celebrating Star Wars Day at the library! Join us for a craft and passive activities inspired by a galaxy far, far away. Craft will be available while supplies last, and is suitable for ages 12 and under.



FAMILY STORYTIME FOR TODDLERS

(for ages 18 - 36 months)

May 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:30AM | June 2 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 12 - 36 months)*

May 5, 12, 19, 26 at 11:15AM | June 2 at 11:15AM |
Co-op Community Developmental Play Space

Free Caregiver Coaching with your 12-36 month old. Come join us for one, a few, or all the sessions, with your child, to have fun learning through play! Everyone welcome. Weekly topics include: first words, following their lead, and expanding language. 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 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30AM | June 3 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 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30AM | June 4 at 10:30AM | Story Castle
May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30AM | June 4 at 10:30AM | 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.**

KITTY CAT STORYCRAFT *(for ages 4 - 6)*

May 30 at 10:30AM | Honor Currie Room



Did you know May 30 is International Hug Your Cat Day? Celebrate with stories, songs, and a cat-tastic craft, and learn about adoptable feline friends at the Medicine Hat SPCA! Bring your favourite kitty (or other animal) stuffie to join the fun. For children ages 4-6 with an adult caregiver. **Online registration required.**

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

May 9, 16, 30 at 10:15AM | June 13 at 10:15AM | 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 until 12PM on the above dates. Please note all children need to be accompanied by a parent or other adult caregiver during their visit with Darby.

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FAMILY POKÉMON CARD TRADING *(for ages 12 and under)*

May 9 at 10:30AM | Honor Currie Room

No need to travel across the land, or to search far and wide - if you want to catch them all, just come on down to the library! Families with children 12 and under can drop in to trade cards and make a quick craft. Craft will be available while supplies last. Parents or other adult caregivers must stay with children during the program.

DROP-IN STORYTIME AND PLAYTIME WITH MIYWASIN FRIENDSHIP CENTRE *(for ages 3 - 6)*

May 25 at 10:30AM | Story Castle, Co-op Community Developmental Playspace

Drop in to 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.

BIG TRUCK DAY at



JUNE 20 11AM-2PM

Start your engines and head over to Co-op Place for a day full of big wheels, big machines, and big fun! Kids of all ages can explore big trucks, construction vehicles, and other awesome equipment. Get up close, press some buttons, and meet the people who make these powerful machines go!



AXOLOTL STORYCRAFT *(for ages 4 - 6)*

June 6 at 10:30 AM | Honor Currie Room

Dive into the captivating world of axolotls with this immersive and educational experience that celebrates these unique aquatic creatures through stories, and crafts. For children ages 4-6 with a parent or other adult caregiver. **Online registration required.**



HIDE & SEEK WITH STORYBOOK FRIENDS: A SCAVENGER HUNT

(for ages 0 - 12)

June 19-28 | Kinsmen Children's Library

Can you find our hidden friends? Your favourite storybook characters are playing hide and seek in the children's library—and Bluey is leading the way! Find the characters and spot the secret letter hidden with each one. Mark them on your sheet to crack our special mystery message! For children ages 0-12.

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INBETWEEN BOOK CLUB: THE LAST BEEKEEPER *(for ages 10 - 12)*

May 7, 14, 21 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

"The Last Beekeeper" by Pablo Cartaya is a dystopian adventure with strong environmental themes. Yolanda works on her family's farm with her older sister, but when she discovers bees might not actually be extinct, she risks everything to save the last known beehive. This book is perfect for tweens who enjoy emotional survival stories with climate-fiction elements and themes of courage and resilience. **Online registration required.**



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

June 18 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

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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ZOOTOPIA 2

2PM | Theatre

Brave rabbit cop Judy Hopps and her friend, the fox Nick Wilde, team up again to crack a new case, the most perilous and intricate of their careers. Featuring the voices of Ginnifer Goodwin and Jason Bateman. 108 mins.

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THE SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS MOVIE

2PM | Theatre

SpongeBob takes leave from Bikini Bottom in order to track down, with Patrick, King Neptune's stolen crown. 87 mins.

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THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE: SPONGE OUT OF WATER

2PM | Theatre

When a diabolical pirate above the sea steals the secret Krabby Patty formula, SpongeBob and his friends team up in order to get it back. 92 mins.

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THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE: SPONGE ON THE RUN

2PM | Theatre

After SpongeBob's beloved pet snail Gary is snail-napped, he and Patrick embark on an epic adventure to the Lost City of Atlantic City to bring Gary home. 91 mins.

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THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE: THE SEARCH FOR SQUAREPANTS

2PM | Theatre

Desperate to be a big guy, SpongeBob sets out to prove his bravery to Mr. Krabs by following the Flying Dutchman, a mysterious swashbuckling ghost pirate, to the deepest depths of the deep sea. 88 mins.



**FREE
MOVIES
2PM**



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STRANGE MAGIC

2PM | Theatre

A music-filled fairy tale about finding true love in the unlikelyst of places. Features a host of colorful characters, including a princess who has sworn off love, a dubious villain, a slightly nutty Sugar Plum Fairy, a tenacious elf, a mischievous imp, and a knight who is no Prince Charming. Featuring the voices of Evan Rachel Wood and Elijah Kelley. 99 mins.

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GNOMEO & JULIET

2PM | Theatre

Separated by a garden fence and a feud are blue gnomes on one side and red gnomes on the other. This doesn't stop blue Gnomeo and red Juliet from falling in love with each other. Do they have a future together? Featuring the voices of James McAvoy and Emily Blunt. 84 mins.



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SHERLOCK GNOMES

2PM | Theatre

Garden gnomes Gnomeo and Juliet recruit renowned detective Sherlock Gnomes to investigate the mysterious disappearance of other garden ornaments. Featuring the voices of Johnny Depp, James McAvoy, and Emily Blunt. 86 mins.

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ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY

2PM | Theatre

Based on the book by Judith Viorst. Plans go awry on Alexander's twelfth birthday as his family faces a variety of mishaps. Starring Ed Oxenbould, Steve Carell, and Jennifer Garner. 81 mins.

teens

TEEN READING QUEST: DESIGN A CARD CONTEST *(for ages 13-19)*

Starting May 1 | Info Desk

We want YOU to design our next Legendary card(s) for the Summer 2026 installment of Teen Reading Quest! Starting on May 1, pick up a Design a Card Contest packet from the Information Desk, create and colour your creature card, and submit for judging by May 28! Community judging will be June 3-14 in the YA book area or cast your vote online via the QR code. The winner(s) will be announced on June 16, and will receive a \$30 gift card to Michaels as well as their designs will be digitized and included in the Summer 2026 Teen Reading Quest card deck!



DOODLE DEN *(for ages 13 - 19)*

May 1, 15, 29 at 2PM | June 12, 19 at 2PM | Honeycomb House

Love to doodle? Want to practice and improve your art skills? Join us for the Doodle Den! We will dedicate time to drawing together, giving one another tips and tricks, or even suggestions on how to improve our skills! Bring your art supplies or use the supplies we have available to doodle.

UNITY CIRCLE *(for ages 13 - 19)*


May 5 at 5PM | June 9 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.

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

May 8 at 6:45PM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Theatre

Come down to the library for an after-hours night of crafts, fabric painting and button making, and video games, including a Super Smash Bros tournament on the Nintendo Switch! Snacks and pop provided. Doors open 6:45 - 7:15 PM then locked for your safety. Ends at 9PM.




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For teens aged 13 - 19.
No registration required.


	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Drop in Hours* Tues, Wed, Thur: 3:30 - 7:30 PM Fri, Sat, Sun: 1:00 - 4:30 PM CLOSED MONDAYS *Hours are subject to change	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pony Beads Week Come create with beads! →	Unity Circle @ 5:00 pm		CLOSED	Doodle Den @ 2:00 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Scrapbooking Week Make a memory with us! →	12	13	14	15	16	17
Kindness Rocks Spread joy by painting rocks! →	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sewing week Sew up a storm! →	Sensory Fun @ 5:00 pm	27	28	29	30	31
			Gaming Club @ 5:30 pm	Teen Night: Crafts & Controllers 6:45 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
			Gaming Club @ 5:30 pm	Teen Night: Midsummer's Eve @ 6:45 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
			Gaming Club @ 5:30 pm	Doodle Den @ 2:00 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED





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DUNGEONS & DRAGONS IN THE LIBRARY *(for ages 13 - 19)*

May 9, 16 at 10:30AM | Theatre

Whether you are a Dungeons & Dragons enthusiast or just a beginner, all are welcome to this new series of monthly one-shots! Please ensure you can attend both sessions upon registration. Premade characters and dice will be available to all players, or feel free to bring in your own level 1 character. In partnership with Pop Up Parks. **Online registration required.**

NEURODIVERGENT TEEN MEET-UP *(for ages 13 - 17)*

May 9 at 11AM | June 27 at 11AM | Honeycomb House

Designed to be a welcoming space for neurodivergent teens (autistic, ADHD, and more) to connect, have fun, build friendships, and be themselves. With the support of members of the Medicine Hat Autism Society.

ADULTING 101: TRADES CAREER IN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION *(for ages 13 - 19)*

May 13 at 4PM | Legion Room

Meet the team behind the city's electric utilities and in charge of keeping the power on! Learn what it looks like to have a career in the electrical trades field, and explore some of the unique materials and tools used on the job in person. In partnership with the City of Medicine Hat.

GAMING CLUB *(for ages 13 - 19)*

May 14, 21, 28 at 5:30PM | June 4, 11, 18, 25 at 5:30PM | Honeycomb House

Join us in the Honeycomb House for an evening dedicated to gaming. Try out our various gaming consoles and computers including our newest addition... the Nintendo Switch 2!

TIC TAC PRESENTS: MIDSUMMER'S EVE

(for ages 13 - 19)

*May 22 at 6:45PM |
Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Theatre*

Summer is in the air! Teens will enjoy an evening of cottage-core and camp-inspired activities such as terrariums, animal mask and tail making, flower crowns, ultimate duck-duck-goose, camp circle songs, and more! Snacks and pop provided. Doors open 6:45-7:15PM then locked for your safety. Ends at 9PM.



SENSORY FUN *(for ages 13 - 19)*

May 26 at 5PM | June 23 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 APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2026-27

(for ages 13 - 19)

Starting June 2

Applications for our teen volunteer program, TIC TAC, for the 2026-2027 school year will open June 2! Teens going into Grades 8-12 (up to and including age 19) interested in enhancing teen library services at MHPL, and able to dedicate at least five hours of their time every month are encouraged to apply. A short interview will be scheduled upon application, and successful applicants will be notified by the end of summer with orientation held in September.



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

June 5 at 6:45PM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Theatre

Come down to the library for an after-hours night of video games, crafts and karaoke! Try out our brand new Switch 2, PS5, or Oculus VR. In-person Art Fight activities available. And don't forget to belt out your favourite tunes in the Theatre. Snacks and pop provided. Doors open 6:45-7:15PM then locked for your safety. Ends at 9PM.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS IN THE LIBRARY *(for ages 13 - 19)*

June 6, 13 at 10:30AM | Theatre

Whether you are a Dungeons & Dragons enthusiast or just a beginner, all are welcome to this new series of monthly one-shots! Please ensure you can attend both sessions upon registration. Premade characters and dice will be available to all players, or feel free to bring in your own level 1 character. In partnership with Pop Up Parks. **Online registration required.**

SUMMERWEEN *(for ages 13 - 19)*

June 21 at 1:30PM | Honeycomb House

Do you love Halloween? Don't want to wait until October? Well, you're in luck! Join us for our Summerween party. We will have candy, Halloween activities, and encourage you to wear costumes! Come have some spooky fun!



DUNGEON MASTERS IN TRAINING (for ages 13 - 19)

June 27 at 10:30AM | Theatre

Learn how to run your own Dungeon & Dragons campaigns! Must have some Dungeons & Dragons prior knowledge and/or experience. In partnership with Pop Up Parks. **Online registration required.**

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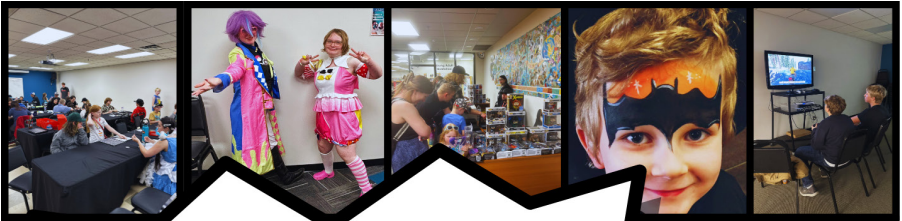
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	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6	SUN 7
Perler Beads Make your own creations! 			Gaming Club @ 5:30 pm	Teen Night: Crafts & Controllers @ 6:45 pm		
Canvas Painting Practice your art skills! 	Unity Circle @ 5:00 pm		Gaming Club @ 5:30 pm	Doodle Den @ 2:00 pm		
Summer Decor Decorate with us for summer! 			Gaming Club @ 5:30 pm	Doodle Den @ 2:00 pm		Summerween! @ 1:30 pm
Button Maker Make your own unique button pins! 	Sensory Fun @ 5:00 pm		Gaming Club @ 5:30 pm	CLOSED		
Lego week Come build with Lego 		Drop in Hours* Tues, Wed, Thur: 3:30 - 7:30 PM Fri, Sat, Sun: 1:00 - 4:30 PM CLOSED MONDAYS <small>*Hours are subject to change</small>				

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LIBRARY COMIC CON

**SATURDAY,
MAY 2, 2026
10 AM - 4 PM**



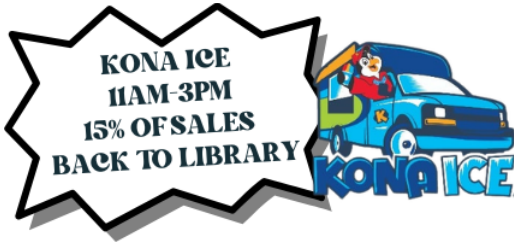
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**Free Comics
Costume Contest
Scavenger Hunt
Free Face Painting**

**Medieval Fights
Magic the Gathering
Video & Board Games
Over 20 Local Vendors**



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 including Free Comic Book Day comics available first-come-first-serve, and an all-new Artist Alley vendor market!



BOARD GAME LOUNGE (for ages 13+)

May 2 from 10AM until 4PM | Behind the Elevator

In partnership with Medicine Hat Board Game Guy, we will be teaching and playing various comic book-themed board games such as "Comic Hunters!" Recommended for teens and adults.

MAGIC THE GATHERING (for ages 13+)

May 2 from 10AM until 4PM | Honor Currie Room

All-day Magic the Gathering game-play brought to you by The Cardboard Casket. Enjoy casual play, tournament play, and/or card trading. Please note: most game-play will follow the Commander format. Recommended for teens and adults.



VIDEO GAME ROOM (for all ages)

May 2 from 10AM until 4PM | Legion Room

Enjoy all-day free-play on a variety of video game consoles such as the Nintendo Switch! Game challenges and prizes provided by #dominicstrong.

FAITH PAINTS BY KATRINA (for ages 3+)

May 2 at 10AM -12PM and 2-4PM | Story Castle Area

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





COSTUME CONTEST *(for all ages)*

May 2 at 10:30AM | Theatre

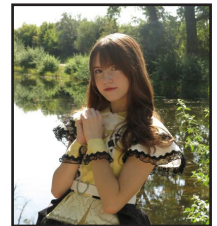
New this year: pre-register for the annual Library Comic Con Costume Contest! Categories and prizes for children (11 and under), tweens/teens (12-17), and adults (18+). Please ensure you arrive by 10:30AM on May 2 for pre-show judging with the main event starting at 11AM. In-person sign-ups on May 2 will be allowed, but pre-registration via the QR code is encouraged.



IDOL DANCE PERFORMANCE *(for all ages)*

May 2 at 11AM | Theatre

Special guest and Idol Dance performer, Brooke YXH, will be providing pre-show and intermission entertainment during the Costume Contest.



MEDIEVAL DEMONSTRATIONS *(for all ages)*

May 2 at 11AM-4PM | 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 (weather permitting). New performances on the hour.



COSPLAY: PLAYING INTO GOOD HEALTH *(for ages 13+)*

May 2 at 1PM | Theatre

Experienced local cosplayer Miss Kali will share her inspiring story about how building costumes helped her find her spark again, and how getting involved with the cosplay community can strengthen your confidence, boost your mental health, and find a sense of belonging. Recommended for teens and adults.

PATTERN MAKING 101 *(for ages 13+)*

May 2 at 2PM | Theatre

Learn the basics of pattern making for creating your own cosplays from scratch with Louise, owner of Sew Necessary, a seamstress with over 40 years of experience. Recommended for teens and adults.



SUPER VILLAIN CRAFT TIME *(for ages 7 - 12)*

May 2 at 2PM and 3PM | Story Castle

Learn how to make a mischievous pom pom blaster with Harley Quinn! Parent supervision required. **Please note that this program is offered twice due to expected high enrolment; please register for only one session. Online registration required.**

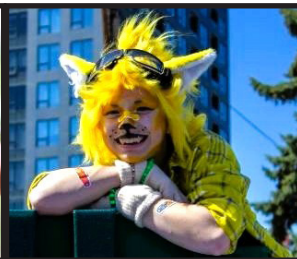
COSTUME ARMOUR 101 *(for ages 13+)*

May 2 at 3PM | Theatre

The basics of how to build fantasy armor, including; design, materials, techniques, safety, and after build care! Special cosplay guest Winter (@winterlightcos) will walk you through the process from putting it down on paper to wearing it around the Con floor! Recommended for teens and adults.



Miss Kali



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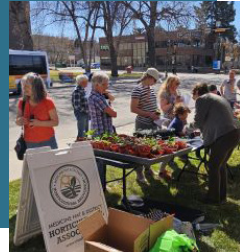
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PLANT EXCHANGE

May 3 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room, Library Grounds

Plant enthusiasts, get ready to talk about all things plants! Bring your unwanted plants or cuttings to the library in exchange for another plant or cutting. We'll be welcoming the Medicine Hat & District Horticultural Society to help patrons transplant their plants and give advice on plant care.



STITCHING IN THE AFTERNOON

May 5, 12, 19, 26 at 1PM | June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 1PM | Legion Room

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

REPAIRING YOUR RELATIONSHIP

May 5 at 5:30PM | June 2 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.

CIRCLE T TOASTMASTERS CLUB

May 5, 19 at 6:30PM | June 2, 16 at 6:30PM | Theatre

Looking to sharpen your public speaking and communication skills in a relaxed, supportive setting? Our club might be just what you are looking for. We focus on building confidence through prepared speeches, impromptu speaking and thoughtful feedback. Whether you're a beginner or more experienced, you'll find a welcoming space to grow at your own pace. All adults are welcome.

AFTERNOON MOVIE FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS

May 6 at 1PM | June 3 at 1PM | Theatre

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

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READERS' THEATRE

May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1PM | June 4, 11, 18, 25 at 1PM | Honor Currie Room

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

FRESH BREW AND FRENCH CONVERSATION

May 9, 16, 23 at 10:30AM | June 6, 20, 27 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.*

EL CLUB DE LOS SABADOS

May 9, 16, 23, 30 at 1PM | June 6, 13, 20, 27 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.*

RHYME & REASON WRITERS' CLUB: LIVE AT THE LIBRARY



May 9 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room

Ever wonder if you could pen a poem, story, or memoir? Come and be entertained by readings from authors in the Rhyme & Reason Writers' Club, ask them something during a Q&A, and see if Rhyme & Reason is the writing club for you!

FILM SCREENING: THE MESSENGER

May 9 at 2PM | Theatre

In partnership with the Medicine Hat Interpretive Program and Grasslands Naturalists, we are please to present a screening of *The Messenger*: a critically acclaimed documentary that explores humanity's deep connection to birds and the effects man-made hazards have had on their populations. Both organizations will be on hand to discuss the spring bird count, various bird friendly initiatives in the city, and to distribute the newly updated bird checklist for southeastern Alberta.

BOUNDARIES 101

May 12 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Are you struggling to say no or feeling overwhelmed by others' demands? Boundaries 101 is a practical, empowering course that helps you confidently set limits, communicate your needs clearly, and build healthier relationships without guilt. In partnership with Medicine Hat Family Service and the Recovery College. **Online registration required.**

"I DREAM BEFORE I TAKE THE STAND" BY ARLENE HUTTON

May 12 at 7PM | Theatre

Join us for a powerful 15-minute one-act play addressing victim-blaming in a case of gender-based violence. The performance will be followed by a short, optional Q&A session with a professional from Sanare Centre, offering space for reflection and conversation. Free of charge and all are welcome!

RECONNECTING TO PLAY: GIANT HUMAN GAMES *(for ages 19+)*

May 13 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

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 life size games like Battleship, Hungry, Hungry Hippos, and musical chairs where you'll get the opportunity to be the game piece! For ages 19+. **Online registration required.**

SEARCHING FOR YOUR FAMILY TREE?

May 14 at 1PM | May 30 at 10AM | Reference Workroom
June 30 at 10AM | 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 and provide some time for you to practice using it. **Online registration required.**



PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY

May 14, 28 at 6:30PM | June 11, 25 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.

FICTION BOOK CLUB - MAY

May 19 at 6:30PM | Legion Room

We're reading our way through the Library's Book Club Kits! In May we're reading "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay. Copies of the book will be available at the information desk starting April 22 while they last.



SIPS AND SOCIALS: ACTING LOCALLY FOR GLOBAL IMPACT

May 21 at 6-8PM | Hometown Culinary (435 North Railway St. SE)

Did you know that May 22 is International Day for Biodiversity? Join us at our next Sips and Socials at Hometown Culinary to chat about how we can all play a part in protecting plants, animals, and microorganisms crucial to the balance of a healthy environment. Whether you are a champion for the wellbeing of our ecosystems or just want to learn how you can make better choices about how to protect the environment, this night is for you! From chatting about water conservation to reducing your use of plastics and why thrifting matters, we've invited local experts to connect with others, share their knowledge, and spark new ideas!



BUTTON CANVAS ART

May 23 at 2PM | May 27 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Make a fun piece of art using a variety of buttons. Perfect for home decor or a handmade gift. **Please note that this program is offered twice due to high enrolment; please register for only one session. Online registration required.**

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH LEARNING SESSION PART 1: SCIENCES OF HOPE AND RESILIENCE

May 26 at 1PM | Honor Currie Room

Knowledge builds in this free two part-series, but participation in both sessions is not required. Please register for either or both. Sessions are 3.5 hours each, and offered in partnership with the What Matters to Hatters Coalition. This session exists to support communities with the fundamental elements of brain science with a focus on the strengths of knowing how this can positively impact individuals and organizations within a community. The interactive session uses common language and includes content related to brain structure, unconscious responses of fight, flight, freeze, and fawn, and roles of different parts of the brain. In addition, we explore the role of adverse childhood experiences as they relate to brain development in partnership with the tools of resilience. **Online registration required.**

INFERTILITY, PREGNANCY LOSS, AND INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

May 26 at 6PM | June 23 at 6PM | 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. Presented by Medicine Hat Family Service.

FOR THE QUEEN: A COLLABORATIVE STORYTELLING GAME (for ages 18+)

May 26 at 6 PM | June 2, 23 at 6 PM | Honor Currie Room

The Queen is under attack! Will you be the one to defend her? Join library staff and other participants for a collaborative, card-based storytelling game of love, loyalty, and betrayal. No experience or prep necessary. **Please note that this program is offered on three separate dates due to high interest. Participants should register for only one of the three dates. Limit of four attendees per program. Online registration required.**

RECONNECTING TO PLAY: FORT BUILDING

(for ages 19+)

May 27 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

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 of building forts from materials supplied by the library! For ages 19+. **Online registration required.**



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

May 30 at 11AM | June 13 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.



THE PAPERBACK EXCHANGE

June 1 until August 30 | Near the Main Entrance

Exchange your old paperbacks for new ones. No due dates, no holds, no late fees, no fines for stains caused by sand, sunblock and/or pool water.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH LEARNING SESSION PART 2: TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH

June 2 at 1PM | Honor Currie Room

Knowledge builds in this free two part-series, but participation in both sessions is not required. Please register for either or both. Sessions are 3.5 hours each, and offered in partnership with the What Matters to Hatters Coalition. This community-focused session explores the role that traumatic experiences can have in people's everyday life. The focus is to offer a generous approach by implementing skills that help the community adopt a trauma-informed approach in the relationships and roles they have. Trauma is part of human experience and working from a trauma-informed lens acknowledges the prevalence of trauma within the population. The hope of sharing this information is that together we can create a kinder more generous community for everyone. **Online registration required.**

PECHA KUCHA - VOL. 37

June 5 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. Suggested donation of \$5. Doors open at 7PM, program begins promptly at 7:30PM. No tickets required.

SQUIRREL MODE: ADULTING WITH ADHD

June 9 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Do you ever feel like a squirrel chasing 10 acorns at once and not sure where you left any of them?

Squirrel Mode is a casual, practical course that helps adults with ADHD turn squirrel energy into

simple, effective strategies for focus and everyday life. In partnership with Medicine Hat Family Service and the Recovery College. **Online registration required.**



RECONNECTING TO PLAY: PLAYGROUND GAMES *(for ages 19+)*

June 10 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 pressures of adulting and join us for a fun-filled evening of Red Light, Green Light, Simon Says, Hide-and-Seek, and more! For ages 19+. **Online registration required.**

FICTION BOOK CLUB - JUNE

June 16 at 6:30PM | Legion Room

We're reading our way through the Library's Book Club Kits! In June we're reading "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng. Copies of the book will be available at the information desk starting May 20 while they last.



BREWS AND BOARD GAMES

June 18 at 6-9PM | Hometown Culinary (435 North Railway St. SE)

Join us for a fun-filled board game night at Hometown! 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 Hometown for hosting us!



CRAFT YOUR OWN BOOK

June 20 at 2PM | June 24 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Handmade books are easier to make than you think! Join us to try making your own with some simple supplies. **Please note that this program is offered twice due to high enrolment; please register for only one session. Online registration required.**

RECONNECTING TO PLAY: NERF NIGHT AND SARDINES *(for ages 19+)*

June 26 at 6PM | Library After Hours

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 and playing Sardines! For ages 19+. **Online registration required.**

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Get involved with planning and fundraising at your library!

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).

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 at 403-502-8525 or mhploffice@shortgrass.ca.

MHPL FOR YXH

The #MHPLforYXH campaign keeps library cards FREE for Hatters thanks to donations from community businesses and organizations! Thank you for supporting MHPL and the community. Contact Chris at chrisb@shortgrass.ca or 403-502-8536 if you want to be the next sponsor of our A Library Card For Every Hatter campaign.



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Library Hours

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

Closed Days

Monday, May, 18 2026

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

