



BUSY BEES PLAYGROUP (for ages 1 - 3)

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10AM | December 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.



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

Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 at 1PM | December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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.

READ TO DARBY (for ages 5 - 10)

November 9, 23 at 10:30AM, 10:50AM, 11:10AM, 11:30AM, 11:50AM | Story Castle December 14 at 10:30AM, 10:50AM, 11:10AM, 11:30AM, 11:50AM | 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 15 minutes with each child starting at 10:30 am. Readers ages 5-10 can choose a time on Nov. 9, Nov. 23 and Dec. 14. Please note all children need to be accompanied by a parent or other adult caregiver during their visit with Darby. *Online registration required.*

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

November 12, 19, 26 at 10:30AM | December 3, 10, 17 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)

November 12, 19, 26 at 11:15AM | December 3, 10, 17 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)

November 13, 20, 27 at 10:30AM | December 4, 11, 18 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)

November 14, 21, 28 at 10:30AM | December 5, 12, 19 at 10:30AM | Story Castle November 14, 21, 28 at 2PM | December 5, 12, 19 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.*

DINOVEMBER: THEY'RE BAAAACK! (for ages 4 - 6)

November 16 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room

ROAR! The dinosaurs are making a grand return! Grab your favourite dino buddy and join us for an hour of roaring good fun as we celebrate "Dinovember"! Enjoy a tyranno-rific storytime, followed by a creative craft and other exciting activities. Children must have an adult caregiver present with them at all times during this program. *Online registration required*.





WRITE TO SANTA (for ages 0 - 12)

November 23 at 2PM | Story Castle

Come enjoy a festive afternoon of writing letters to Santa! Bring your Holiday wishes and drop your letters in our special mailbox, ensuring they reach the North Pole. Let's celebrate the magic of the season together!

EMPATHY BUILDING (for ages 6 - 9)

November 30 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room

Join the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society for their new children's program that focuses on building empathy and caring – complete with storytime book and fun activities.

Online registration required.







GRINCHMAS (for ages 0 - 12)

December 7 at 2PM | Story Castle

"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more." Enjoy a fun and festive way to get into the Holiday spirit by coming to the library for some Grinchy crafts and activities.

SANTA'S REINDEER ARE MISSING! A CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT

(for ages 0 - 12)

December 14-22 | Kinsmen Children's Library

Oh no, Santa's reindeer have gone missing - it's very close to Christmas and now they are gone, gone, gone! Santa remembers hearing Rudolph say he was going to grab some movies from the Kinsmen Children's Library. If we don't help find all the reindeer, Christmas will be doomed!



CHRISTMAS STORYCRAFT (for ages 4 - 6)

December 14 at 2PM | Legion Room

HO, HO, HO! Celebrate the season with festive stories, songs and a simple craft! Children must have an adult caregiver present with them at all times during this program. *Online registration required.*

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KUNG FU PANDA 4

2PM | Theatre

After Po is tapped to become the Spiritual Leader of the Valley of Peace, he needs to find and train a new Dragon Warrior, while a wicked sorceress plans to re-summon all the master villains whom Po has vanquished to the spirit realm. Featuring the voices of Jack Black and Awkwafina. 93 mins.



FANTASTIC MR. FOX

2PM | Theatre

Based on the book by Roald Dahl. Mr. Fox tires of his quiet domestic life and becomes a flashy thief once more, but his actions have consequences for all the animals of the neighbourhood. Featuring the voices of George Clooney, Meryl Streep and Bill Murray. 85 mins.



INSIDE OUT 2

2PM | Theatre

As a young girl enters puberty, her joy and other feelings are joined by a new emotion: anxiety. Featuring the voices of Kensington Tallman, Amy Poehler and Maya Hawke. 96 mins.



HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON

2PM | Theatre

After using his magic crayon to enter the real world, a character from a children's book and his friends encounter an envious librarian who wants to possess it. With Zachary Levi, Lil Rel Howery and Tanya Reynolds. 90 mins.



DESPICABLE ME

2PM | Theatre

A nefarious villain adopts three orphan girls as a means of furthering his evil plan. Featuring the voices of Steve Carell and Jason Segal. 95 mins.













DESPICABLE ME 2

2PM | Theatre

Former villain Gru, now a respectable family man, is recruited to the Anti-Villain League to help foil a plot to take over the world. Featuring the voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig and Benjamin Bratt. 98 mins.





DESPICABLE ME 3

2PM | Theatre

Shortly after losing his job for failing to catch a supervillain, Gru discovers he has a long-lost twin brother who wants to become a criminal. Featuring the voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig and Trey Parker. 89 mins.



DESPICABLE ME 4

2PM | Theatre

When his former high school nemesis vows revenge after gaining super powers, Gru and his growing family enter a witness relocation program. Featuring the voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig and Will Ferrell. 94 mins.



THE TOOTH FAIRY

2PM | Theatre

A cynical hockey player who doesn't believe in dreams is assigned to tooth fairy duty by a tough fairy godmother. With Dwayne Johnson, Ashley Judd and Julie Andrews, 99 mins.





THE CHAMP (1931)

2PM | Theatre

An alcoholic ex-boxer struggles to provide a good living for his son. With Wallace Beery, Jackie Cooper, Irene Rich. 86 mins.





CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTICUT (1945)

2PM | Theatre

A food writer who has lied about being the perfect housewife must try to cover her deception when her boss and a returning war hero invite themselves to her home for a traditional family Christmas. With Barbara Stanwyck, Dennis Morgan, Sydney Greenstreet. 101 mins.



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WRITE YOUR WORLD: CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (for ages 10 - 12)

November 9 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room

Come explore your creativity through fun writing prompts and activities. Learn to create interesting characters, develop exciting plots and share your ideas in a supportive environment. *Online registration required.*

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

November 28 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*.

TWEEN NIGHT: HOLIDAY NAILED IT! (for ages 10 - 12)

December 19 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Get ready for a Tween Night inspired by the show Nailed It! Create and decorate your own marshmallow pops with fun festive toppings. It promises to be an evening of sweet creativity and Holiday fun you won't want to miss! Online registration required.



SEASON'S READINGS (for ages 10 - 19)

December 21-January 5 \mid Forms available at Kinsmen Children's Library Desk, Honeycomb House

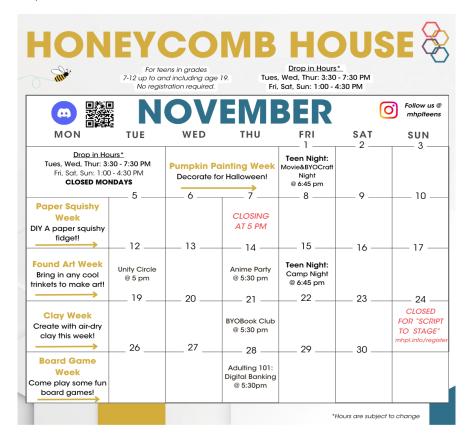
Tis the season to be reading! Pick up a reading log at the at the library and log your reading over the winter break for the chance to win a prize. Reading logs available starting Dec. 21 and must be returned by Jan. 5.



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

November 1 at 6:45PM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Theatre

Enjoy a FREE night at the movies at this teen-only after hours event! The theatre will be sensory-friendly with dim lighting and low sound, and we encourage you to bring your own craft to work on while you watch! Cast your vote when you arrive for which movie we watch: "Inside Out 2" (PG), "Despicable Me 4" (PG) or "Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes" (PG-13). Snacks provided. Doors open 6:45 - 7:15 PM only, then locked for your safety. Ends at 9 PM.



TEEN UNITY CIRCLE (for ages 13 - 19)

November 12 at 5PM | December 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 positvity.

ANIME PARTY (for ages 13 - 19)

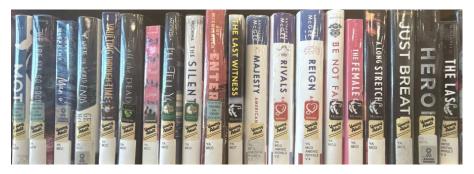
November 14 at 5PM | December 12, 19 at 5PM | Honeycomb House

Come watch anime on the big screen in the Honeycomb House! Teens will vote on what to watch each week. Snacks provided.

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

November 15 at 6:45PM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Theatre

These shorter days are making us miss the summer sunshine... So we are transforming our space into an adventure-filled oasis to embrace the spirit of summer camp! This teens-only after hours event will be filled with exciting team challenges, craft stations, camp tunes, and snacks! Doors open 6:45 - 7:15 PM only, then locked for your safety. Ends at 9 PM.



TEENVERSE READS: BYOB (for ages 13 - 19)

November 21 at 5:30PM | Honeycomb House

We are hosting a Bring Your Own Book session of TeenVerse Reads! This unique book club meeting will include a sharing circle, where you'll talk about the books that inspire you, followed by a book "tasting" where you can sample new titles from different genres. Plus, we'll be making miniature versions of your favourite books, and turning them into jewelry, a magnet or a pin. Snacks provided.

SCRIPT TO STAGE: TEEN THEATRE WORKSHOP

(for ages 13 - 19)

November 24 at 2:30PM | Honeycomb House

Dive into the world of storytelling where you'll write a script with others and then bring it to life on the stage! *Online registration required.*



ADULTING 101: SAFE AND SMART DIGITAL BANKING FOR TEENS

(for ages 13 - 19)

November 28 at 5:30PM | Honeycomb House

This event will guide you through the essentials of online banking while emphasizing the importance of protecting your personal information. Learn how to navigate banking apps, set up secure accounts, and understand the potential risks of the digital world so you can manage your money with confidence. Snacks provided. In partnership with Connect First Credit Union.

ADULTING 101: SELFCARE AND BURNOUT FOR TEENS (for ages 13 - 19)

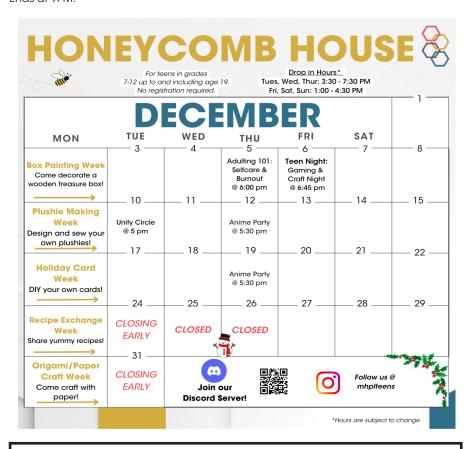
December 5 at 6PM | Honeycomb House

Feeling overwhelmed by school, activities, or life in general? It's time to take a step back and focus on YOU. Learn how to recognize the signs of burnout, and discover simple self-care strategies that will support your mental and emotional well-being while you enjoy sipping on some free mocktails. Snacks provided. In partnership with Medicine Hat Family Services and SEAFAN.

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

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

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! Snacks provided. Doors open 6:45-7:15 PM only, then locked for your safety. Ends at 9PM.



Hey Teens! You can win a prize for reading during your winter break. See the Tween page for more details on Season's Readings.

FOOD FOR FINES!

THE ROOF OF CELLAR







Bring your non-perishable food items to the Library every Thursday and get up to \$20 of fines waived! \$2 in fines will be waived for each item donated.

All items donated go to those in need in the Medicine Hat community.

Most in demand items: canned vegetables, canned meat, canned soup, cereal, dry pasta, sauces, peanut butter, jam and rice.



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COMMUNITY COFFEE

November 1, 4, 8, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 at 10AM | December 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 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.

FRESH BREW AND FRENCH CONVERSATION

November 2, 9, 16, 30 at 10:30AM | December 7, 21, 28 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*.

PASSIVE CARD MAKING

November 2 at 10:30AM | Display area near the Info Desk

Make your own greeting card to get an early start on the Holidays! The possibilities are endless as you choose your own design and sentiment to create Holiday cards. All supplies are provided. Want to learn more about card making? Register for a workshop on Nov. 30. More information on Page. 18.



FRESH BREW AND SPANISH CONVERSATION

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 1PM | December 7, 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.*

SCIENCES OF HOPE AND RESILIENCE WORKSHOP

November 2 at 1PM | Honor Currie Room

This session exists to support communities with the fundamental knowledge 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 a 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 and COVID-19 as they relate to brain development in partnerships with tools of resilience. *Online registration required.*





MEEPLES AT THE LIBRARY

November 2 at 2PM | December 14 at 2PM | 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, cooperative 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

November 5, 12, 19, 26 at 1PM | December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 1PM | Legion Room Bring along a knitting or crochet project to share skills, laughs and some light refreshments



CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

November 5 at 6PM | Legion Room

Have you ever wanted to write a book but are not sure where to start? Unlock your creativity by joining us for this creative writing workshop! We'll be covering how to get started, the importance of character motivation, and how to raise the stakes. Join us and let your imagination thrive!



AFTERNOON MOVIE FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS

November 6 at 1PM | Theatre

Adults with developmental delays are welcome to come to the library to enjoy watching the movie "Kung Fu Panda 4."

MHPL WALKING GROUP

November 6, 13, 20, 27 at 1:30PM | December 4, 11, 18 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.

READERS' THEATRE

November 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1PM | December 5, 12, 19 at 1PM | Honor Currie Room

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

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

November 7, 21 at 6PM | Legion Room

Join our relaxed and welcoming creative writing group at the library! Whether you're an experienced writer or just starting out, this is a quiet space to share ideas and write alongside others.

PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY

November 14, 28 at 6:30PM | December 12 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 - NOVEMBER

November 19 at 6:30PM | Legion Room

We're reading our way through the Library's Book Club Kits! In November we're reading "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt.

SEARCHING FOR YOUR FAMILY TREE?

November 21 at 1PM | November 28 at 6PM | Reference Workroom December 12 at 6PM | December 14 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 & provide some time for you to practice using it. *Online registration required*.

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

November 23 at 11AM | December 14 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.

LOCAL AUTHORS MEET AND GREET

November 23 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room, Theatre

Come meet and support local authors! The session starts off with local authors giving short talks about their writing journeys. This will be followed by an opportunity to purchase their books. The meet and greet is an event for people of all ages to speak with published writers in the local area.

AIR DRY CLAY FLOWERS

November 27 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Sculpt some pretty flowers using only your hand, a craft knife, and a bit of water. *Online registration required.*





EXPLORE DIVERSE LANGUAGES: UNLOCK PRONUNCIATOR'S LINGUSITIC WEALTH

November 28 at 2PM | December 3 at 2PM | Public Internet Stations

Experience a personalized one-on-one session with a knowledgeable staff member who will assist you in navigating through the wealth of information available in this online resource. *Online registration required.*

A NIGHT WITH JARED TAILFEATHERS

November 29 at 7PM | Theatre

Jared Tailfeathers, author, artist, and scholar, will be joining us to discuss his new book "The Art of Making: Rediscovering the Blackfoot Legacy." He will also discuss important Indigenous historical sites in Alberta, including those found in the southeast. A book signing and reception will follow.

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP

November 30 at 10:30AM | Legion Room

Our popular card making workshop is back! Join us to create a variety of greeting cards using a wide range of techniques. For novice or experienced cardmakers alike. All supplies provided. *Online registration required.*



SELF-DEFENCE WORKSHOP

December 3 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

The Medicine Hat Judo Club will be running a self-defence workshop focused on gaining more confidence for setting and enforcing boundaries, and staying calm when faced with an uncomfortable situation. Participants will also have the opportunity to practice practical self-defence techniques. *Online registration required.*

AFTERNOON MOVIE FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS

December 4 at 1PM | Theatre

Adults with developmental delays are welcome to come to the library to enjoy watching a movie in the library theatre. Movie to be selected in December.

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

December 5 at 6PM | Legion Room

Join our relaxed and welcoming creative writing group at the library! Whether you're an experienced writer or just starting out, this is a quiet space to share ideas and write alongside others.



WRAP AND YAP

December 7 at 2PM | December 19 at 6PM | Legion Room

Tis the season! Regardless of which Holiday you celebrate, many people are giving gifts this winter. Bring your gifts and wrapping supplies, and join us for good conversation, snacks and a warm drink while you wrap your gifts alongside others.

TICKET TO RIDE TOURNAMENT

December 14 at 12PM | Honor Currie Room

In partnership with Steven Durk (@mhboardgameguy), Station Coffee Co., and the Redcliff Pharmasave, Medicine Hat Public Library is pleased to host another Ticket to Ride Tournament. Do you think you're a skilled enough conductor to take home the trophy and grand prize? Participants must be 12 or older. *Online registration required.*

FICTION BOOK CLUB - DECEMBER

December 17 at 6:30PM | Legion Room

We're reading our way through the Library's Book Club Kits! In December we're reading "Furthermore" by Tahereh Mafi.



December 18 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Come get in the spirit of the season and craft some DIY Christmas decorations. *Online registration required.*



love the library?



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: 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 #MHPLforYXH library card sponsor.



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Library Hours

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

Sunday: 1PM-5PM

Closed Days

Monday, November 11, 2024 Monday, December 2, 2024 Wednesday, December 25, 2024 Thursday, December 26, 2024

Closed at 4:30PM

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Tuesday, December 31, 2024

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL Play Space

Drop-in times Monday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 1PM - 4:45PM (Sunday as of Sept. 8) Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 1PM - 7:45PM

Booking times Monday-Saturday: 10:15-11AM & 11:30AM-12:15PM Use the QR Code to book



