

SEP - OCT 2026

what's on

at the medicine hat public library

HOME ROUTES
CONCERT SERIES RETURNS
CURIOSITY, UNLEASHED
NOVELTY THEATRE
LEGENDS OF GAS CITY
TWEEN MARIO PARTY
And More!



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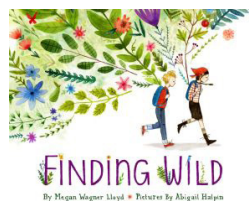
children

STORYWALK(R) *(for ages 0 - 12)*

August 22-September 27 | Police Point Park

We're partnering with the Medicine Hat Interpretive Program to launch a new StoryWalk(R) at Police Point Park on

August 22. This year's featured book is, "Finding Wild," written by Megan Wagner Lloyd and illustrated by Abigail Halpin. The tale reminds readers that nature is all around us — even in the city. Families have until **Sept. 27** to enjoy the StoryWalk(R). Children who complete the walk can pick up a token at the Nature Centre (open Tuesday to Sunday, 9AM-5PM) and redeem it for a prize at the library until **Oct. 11**.



PERLER BEAD ART *(for ages 7 - 9)*

September 10 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

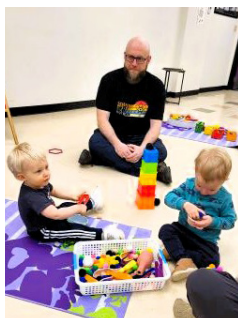
Use an iron to fuse together colourful beads and make fun pixel art. A parent or adult caregiver must be present for the duration of this program. For children ages 7-9 years.

Online registration required.

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

September 6, 13, 20, 27 at 1PM | October 4, 11, 18, 25 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.



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

September 14, 21, 28 at 10AM | October 5, 19, 26 at 10AM |
Honor Currie Room

Drop in for an hour of hands-on fun, where little ones can explore, create, and get curious with loose parts play! We'll have all sorts of fun, age-appropriate materials for kids to move, stack, tinker, and play with. Children must have an adult caregiver present with them at all times during this program. For children ages 1-3 years.

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

September 15, 22, 29 at 10:30AM | October 6, 13, 20 at 10:30AM | Story Castle

Toddler Storytime features stories, songs, and rhymes for busy toddlers (approximately 18-36 months of age). A parent or adult caregiver must be present for the duration of this program. For children ages 18-36 months. 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)*

*September 15, 22, 29 at 11AM | October 6, 13, 20 at 11AM |
Co-op Community Developmental Play Space*

Free caregiver coaching with your 12- to 36-month-old. 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.



DINOSAUR EXHIBIT LEAVING SOON

The dinosaur pop-up exhibit we've had at MHPL since last September will soon go the way of, well, dinosaurs. Stop by before Sept. 24 to see the *Lambeosaurus* skull cast. Thank you to the Royal Tyrrell Museum for loaning us this fantastic piece and making us part of your 40th anniversary celebrations.



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

September 16, 23 at 10:30AM | October 7, 14, 21 at 10:30AM | Story Castle

Preschool-aged children enjoy longer stories, songs and rhymes while developing listening skills to get them ready for school. A parent or adult caregiver must be present for the duration of this program. For children ages 3-6 years. 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)*

September 17, 24 at 10:30AM | October 1, 8, 15, 22 at 10:30AM | Story Castle
September 17, 24 at 2PM | October 1, 8, 15, 22 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. A parent or adult caregiver must be present for the duration of this program. For children ages 4-18 months. At least one program-aged child is required to register; siblings are welcome. **Please note that this program is offered twice due to high enrolment; please register for only one timeslot. Online registration required.**

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

September 28 at 10:30AM | October 26 at 10:30AM |
Story Castle, Co-op Community Developmental Playspace

Families are encouraged to drop in to share in stories, songs and rhymes including Indigenous culture and traditions such as drumming, followed by play time. A parent or adult caregiver must be present for the duration of this program. For children ages 3-6 years.

FALL SUPER READER *(for ages 4 - 6)*

Oct. 1-31 | Kinsmen Children's Library

Want to become a certified Super Reader? Grab a reading log at the children's desk between **Sept. 26 and Oct. 10**. Read at least 15 minutes a day, track your progress, and stop by the library weekly for a new sticker. Track your reading all month to earn a small prize and certificate at the end of the month. For children ages 4-6 years.



READING QUEST (for ages 7 - 9)

October 1-31 | Kinsmen Children's Library
Wrap-up Party | October 24 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room

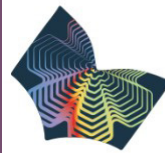
We're back with another round of Reading Quest. For the month of October choose a daily reading goal, track your progress, and earn collectable trading cards as you go. For every three days you complete your goal, visit the library to collect a card and enter a ballot for the grand prize draw. Reading Quest trackers can be picked up between **Sept. 26 and Oct. 10**. Join us for a wrap-up party on **Oct. 24** at 2PM to trade cards and enjoy a fun activity. For children ages 7-9 years.



CURIOSITY, UNLEASHED (for ages 7 - 9)

October 8 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

It's Science Literacy Week, and this year's theme is Curiosity, Unleashed. Come to the library to try various STEM related activity stations. Remember, curiosity isn't about having answers — it's about trying, tinkering, and learning from the unexpected. A parent or adult caregiver must be present for the duration of this program. For children ages 7-9 years. **Online registration required.**



**Science
Literacy
Week**

SPOOKY SCARY SCAVENGER HUNT (for ages 12 and under)

October 24-November 1 | Kinsmen Children's Library

Oh no! Spooky, scary creatures have taken over the library. Help us find them all and solve the secret message to send them back home. If you can solve the puzzle you win a small prize! For families of children up to age 12.

SPOOKTACULAR STORYCRAFT (for ages 4 - 6)

October 31 at 10:30AM | Honor Currie Room

Enjoy delightfully spooky stories, howl along to hauntingly fun songs, and create a cute and creepy craft! A parent or adult caregiver must be present at all times during this program. For children ages 4-6 years. **Online registration required.**

family films



LABYRINTH

2PM | Theatre

Teenage Sarah journeys through a maze to save her baby brother from the Goblin King. Starring David Bowie, Jennifer Connelly, and Toby Froud. 101 mins.



THE RESCUERS

2PM | Theatre

Two mice of the Rescue Aid Society search for a little girl kidnapped by unscrupulous treasure hunters. Starring the voices of Bob Newhart, Eva Gabor, and Geraldine Page. 76 mins.



THE RESCUERS DOWN UNDER

2PM | Theatre

R.A.S. agents Miss Bianca and Bernard race to Australia to save a little boy and a rare golden eagle from a murderous poacher. Starring the voices of Bob Newhart, Eva Gabor, and John Candy. 76 mins.



MATILDA

2PM | Theatre

A girl gifted with a keen intellect and telekinetic powers uses both to get even with her callous family and free her kindly schoolteacher from the tyrannical grip of a sadistic headmistress. Starring Danny DeVito, Rhea Perlman, and Mara Wilson. 102 mins.

**FREE
MOVIES
2PM**

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THE ADDAMS FAMILY

2PM | Theatre

Con artists plan to fleece an eccentric family using an accomplice who claims to be their long-lost uncle. Starring Anjelica Huston, Raul Julia, and Christopher Lloyd. 97 mins.



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ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES

2PM | Theatre

The Addams Family try to rescue their beloved Uncle Fester from his gold-digging new love, a black widow named Debbie. Starring Anjelica Huston, Raul Julia, and Christopher Lloyd. 93 mins.

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PARANORMAN

2PM | Theatre

A misunderstood boy takes on ghosts, zombies and grown-ups to save his town from a centuries-old curse. Starring the voices of Kodi Smit-McPhee, Anna Kendrick, and Christopher Mintz-Plasse. 92 mins.

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HOCUS POCUS

2PM | Theatre

A teenage boy named Max and his little sister move to Salem, where he struggles to fit in before awakening a trio of diabolical witches that were executed in the 17th century. Starring Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy. 96 mins.



tweens

TWEEN NIGHT: SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE TOURNAMENT

(for ages 10 - 12)

September 17 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Who is the champion of Smash? Let's settle it once and for all. Compete against your friends (and your favourite video game characters) in this classic chaotic fighting game. **Online registration required.**



READING QUEST (for ages 10 - 12)

October 1-31 | Kinsmen Children's Library
Wrap-up Party | October 24 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room

We're back with another round of Reading Quest. For the month of October choose a daily reading goal, track your progress, and earn collectable trading cards as you go. For every three days you complete your goal, visit the Children's Library to collect a card and enter a ballot for the grand prize. Reading Quest trackers can be picked up between **Sept. 26 and Oct. 10**. Join us for a wrap up party on **Oct. 24** at 2PM to trade cards and enjoy a fun activity.



TWEEN NIGHT: MARIO PARTY

(for ages 10 - 12)

October 15 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Scramble for stars in Super Mario Party and Mario Party Jamboree! Recruit allies, beat your friends in unpredictable minigames, and reveal your master strategy to snag the last star in the final turn of the game! Just avoid landing on the Bowser space. **Online registration required.**

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BOOK OUR PLAYSPACE OR JUST DROP IN!

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Mon, Fri, Sat: 1-4:45PM

Tue, Wed, Thu: 1-7:45PM

Sun: 1-4:45PM (after Labour Day)

or

Book Through Family Bookings:



Book the
Play Space



COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENTAL
play space

teens

UNITY CIRCLE *(for ages 13 - 19)*

September 8 at 5PM | October 6 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.

DOODLE DEN *(for ages 13 - 19)*

September 11, 18 at 2PM | October 16, 30 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.

SENSORY FUN *(for ages 13 - 19)*

September 16 at 5PM | October 14 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!

NOVELTY THEATRE *(for ages 13 - 19)*

September 17 at 5PM | October 15, 22, 29 at 5PM | Honeycomb House

You are invited to an evening of movie watching in the Honeycomb House teen space where you can expect to be dazzled by unique and/or obscure cult classics. Free popcorn provided. **Sept. 17:** "The Secret of Kells" (PG); **Oct. 15:** "Speed Racer" (G); **Oct 22:** "Chicken Run" (PG); **Oct. 29:** "A Goofy Movie" (G).



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS BEGINNER ONE-SHOT (for ages 13 - 19)

September 19 at 10:30AM | Honor Currie Room

Great for beginner players; work together to finish the adventure in one sitting!
Premade characters and dice will be available to all players. In partnership with Pop Up Parks. **Online registration required.**

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SEPTEMBER

For teens aged 13 - 19.
No registration required.

	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Button Maker Week Make your own unique button pins! →			CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sewing Week Sew up some DIY creations! →	Unity Circle @ 5:00 pm		CLOSED	Doodle Den @ 2:00 pm		
	15	16	17	18	19	20
Painting Week Paint with us! →		Sensory Fun @ 5:00 pm	Novelty Theatre @ 5:00 pm 24	Doodle Den @ 2:00 pm		
	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pony Beads Week Create friendship bracelets! →			CLOSED	Teen Night: Crafts & Controllers @ 6:45 pm		
	29	30				
Kindness Cards Spread kindness to strangers or friends! →			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			



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TIC TAC PRESENTS: CRAFTS & CONTROLLERS

(for ages 13 - 19)

September 25 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 XBOX. All your favourite classic crafts will be available: like button making and perler beads! 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.

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

September 26 at 11AM | October 24 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.

READING QUEST (for ages 13 - 19)

October 1-31 | Kinsmen Children's Library

For the month of October choose a daily reading goal, track your progress, and earn collectable trading cards as you go. For every three days you complete your goal, visit the library to collect a card and enter a ballot for the grand prize! Reading Quest kits can be picked up starting **Sept. 26** until supplies last.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS INTERMEDIATE ONE-SHOT (for ages 13 - 19)

October 3, 17 at 10:30AM | Honeycomb House

Great for players who have played before; work together to finish the adventure in one sitting! Premade characters and dice will be available to all players. In partnership with Pop Up Parks. **Please note that this program is offered on two separate dates due to high interest. Participants should register for only one of the two dates. Online registration required.**

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

October 9 at 6:45PM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Theatre

Blast off to our after-hours, glow-in-the-dark teen event! Test our your superfan knowledge at trivia, create your own alien and/or UFO, play some out-of-this-world games, and more! Costumes welcomed. Snacks and pop provided. Doors open 6:45-7:15PM then locked for your safety. Ends at 9PM.

TIC TAC PRESENTS: HALLOWEEN PRE-PARTY (for ages 13 - 19)

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

We're throwing an after-hours Halloween Pre-Party! Decorate a trick-or-treat bag or try plushie "taxidermy" in the craft room. Outsmart your friends in a game of Werewolf/Mafia. Gift cards from Bulk Barn are up for grabs for the best carved pumpkins (provided by Save-On-Foods). Don't forget to dress up in your Halloween best! Snacks and pop provided. Doors open 6:45-7:15PM then locked for your safety. Ends at 9PM.



HONEYCOMB HOUSE



OCTOBER

For teens aged 13 - 19.
No registration required.

	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
	Kindness Cards Spread kindness to strangers of friends! 		CLOSED			
	6	7	8	9	10	11
Fall Decoration Help us decorate for fall! 	Unity Circle @ 5:00 pm			Teen Night: Sci-Fi @ 6:45 pm		
	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sticker Making Week Make your own DIY stickers! 		Sensory Fun @ 5:00 pm	Novelty Theatre @ 5:00 pm	Doodle Den @ 2:00 pm		
	20	21	22	23	24	25
Black-Out Poetry Create unique poetry and art! 			Novelty Theatre @ 5:00 pm	Teen Night: Halloween @ 6:45 pm		
	27	28	29	30	31	
Spooky Week Join us for Halloween celebrations! 			Novelty Theatre @ 5:00 pm	Doodle Den @ 2:00 pm		



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FOOD FOR FINES!

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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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STITCHING IN THE AFTERNOON

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 1PM | October 6, 13, 20, 27 at 1PM | Legion Room

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

CIRCLE T TOASTMASTERS CLUB

September 1, 15 at 6:30PM | October 6, 20 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.

READERS' THEATRE

September 3, 10, 17, 24 at 1PM | October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 1PM | Honor Currie Room

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

PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY

September 3, 17 at 6:30PM | October 1, 15, 29 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.

Fall Book Sale

The next Friends of the Medicine Hat Public Library Book Sale is on Nov. 20 & 21.

Donations of gently-used fiction and non-fiction books for all ages, DVDs, CDs, magazines and board games will be accepted for sale from Oct. 26 to Nov. 14. Textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, cassettes, vinyl records and items more than 15 years old will not be accepted.



FRESH BREW AND FRENCH CONVERSATION

September 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:30AM | October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 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

September 5, 12, 19, 26 at 1PM | October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 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.*

BEYOND THE MIRROR: BODY IMAGE AND MENTAL HEALTH

September 8 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Beyond the Mirror explores how our relationship with our bodies affects our mental health, helping participants recognize and challenge negative self-talk. Through practical strategies and reflective exercises, the course empowers individuals to build a healthier, more compassionate view of themselves. In partnership with Medicine Hat Family Service and the Recovery College. **Online registration required.**



RECONNECTING TO PLAY: LEGO NIGHT (for ages 19+)

September 9 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Play builds connection, resiliency, and creativity - so let's get creative with our ideas of play! Let's get back to it! Come rebel against the pressures of adulting and join us for a fun-filled evening of building with Lego and creating whatever your imagination desires! For all adults. **Online registration required.**

SEARCHING FOR YOUR FAMILY TREE?

September 10 at 1PM | September 19 at 10AM | Reference Workroom
October 3 at 10AM | October 7 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 and provide some time for you to practice using it. **Online registration required.**

FILM CLUB

folk horror fall

Get yourself in the Halloween spirit with four terrifying movie nights!

PUMPKINHEAD (1988)

September 10 at 6PM | Theatre



A backwoods tale of bloody revenge, dark magic, and one of the gnarliest monsters of the '80s. Starring Lance Henriksen and Jeff East. 96 mins.

CURSE OF THE DEMON (1957)

September 24 at 6PM | Theatre

A professional debunker investigates a sinister British cult and learns that they may be more powerful than he realizes. A subtle chiller that really gets under your skin. Starring Dana Andrews and Peggy Cummins. 82 mins.

HALLOWEEN III: SEASON OF THE WITCH (1982)

October 8 at 6PM | Theatre

The odd one out of the "Halloween" series. No Michael Myers, but cursed trick-or-treating masks and a toy company run by diabolical druids still make this one a very memorable watch! Starring Tom Atkins and Stacey Nelkin. 98 mins.

THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT (1999)

October 22 at 6PM | Theatre

Three student filmmakers travel into the woods of rural Maryland, hoping to document a local witch legend. What they find terrorized a generation. Decades after all the hype, this movie still holds up as a masterpiece of found footage horror. Starring Heather Donahue, Michael C. Williams, and Joshua Leonard. 81 mins.

PAINT A BOOKEND FOR THE LIBRARY (ALL AGES)

September 12 at 12-5PM | Library Grounds

Help us add more art to our stacks through this community art project! Paint a bookend inspired by the joy of reading (think your favourite stories or where reading transports you; let your imagination run free!). Bookends will be displayed throughout the library's stacks. This program is in collaboration with the Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre for Art in Motion.





BANNOCK AND TEA

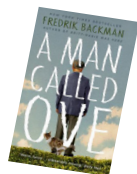
September 15 at 1PM | October 20 at 1PM | Honor Currie Room

Bannock and Tea is a cultural support program. A sharing circle to build community, enjoy delicious Bannock and share oral stories, traditions and knowledge of several different Indigenous groups. In partnership with Miwwasin Friendship Centre.

FICTION BOOK CLUB

September 15 at 6:30PM | Legion Room

We're reading our way through the Library's Book Club Kits. In September we're reading "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Copies of the book will be available at the Information Desk starting **August 20** while they last.



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

September 16 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Play builds connection, resiliency, and creativity - so let's get creative with our ideas of play! 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 all adults. **Online registration required.**

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

September 19 at 11AM | October 17 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.



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September 19 at 6:30PM | 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 6:30PM, program begins promptly at 7:30PM.

HOME ROUTES CONCERT SERIES: SCOTT NOLAN

with special guest Helen White

September 20 at 7PM | Theatre

Scott Nolan is a songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and poet from Winnipeg, Treaty One Territory. His debut poetry collection, "Moon Was a Feather," was a finalist for the Eileen McTavish Sykes Award for Best First Book. His albums include "The Suburb Beautiful," "Before Tonight," "Silverhill," and "North/South." Scott Nolan is performing in place of Ana & Eric, who are not currently able to tour. Tickets purchased for Ana & Eric will be honoured for the Scott Nolan show, and refunds are available at the library. We apologize for any inconvenience. Tickets are available at the Info Desk for \$10. www.scottnolan.ca



LEGENDS OF GAS CITY (for ages 19+)

September 22 at 6PM | October 27 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Bring our city to life in a real-time collaborative storytelling game set right here in Medicine Hat. Create a unique Hatter and help tell a single-night story that echoes through future chapters. No experience or prep necessary. **Please note that this program is offered on two separate dates due to high interest. Participants should register for only one of the two dates. Limit of four attendees per program. Online registration required.**

PRAIRIE PRIDE BOOK CLUB

September 22 at 6:30PM | Theatre

In partnership with the Prairie Pride Guild, discuss a book in a relaxed and safe environment. September's pick is "Circe" by Madeline Miller, which is a feminist retelling of Homer's "The Odyssey." Copies of the book will be available at the Information Desk starting **Sept. 1** while they last. All are welcome!



INFERTILITY, PREGNANCY LOSS, AND INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

September 22 at 6:30PM | October 27 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. Presented by Medicine Hat Family Service.

SCRATCH ART

September 23 at 6PM | October 3 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room

Scratch art is an artistic technique where you use a sharp tool to scratch through a dark top layer on a piece of paper, exposing a coloured layer underneath. It's a kind of "reverse drawing." Join us to try out this craft by practicing on a template or two. **Please note that this program is offered twice due to high enrolment; please register for only one session. Online registration required.**

SIPS AND SOCIALS: HEY NEIGHBOUR

September 24 at 6-8PM | MT Nest Café & Market (266 Fourth St. SW)

Come to MT Nest to learn about neighbourhood associations and why they are important. The Neighbourhood Associations trailer — which is filled with fun games, tables, chairs, a shade tent, and more — will also be on hand to tour. Thank you to our friends at MT Nest for hosting us!



MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

September 28 at 10AM | October 26 at 10AM | Legion Room

This workshop by Rural Roots Counselling is designed for moms of all kinds — expecting, new, and seasoned — who want a clearer understanding of maternal mental health. This educational session provides evidence-informed information on topics such as pregnancy and postpartum hormonal changes (including how long it can take to feel "back to normal"), navigating identity shifts and defining your "new normal," understanding mom rage, managing stress and burnout, and changes in relationships, including with your partner. Participants will also leave with practical, everyday tools to support their well-being in this season of life. **Online registration required.**



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

September 29 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.**

SIKSIKAKOWAN: THE BLACKFOOT MAN

September 29 at 6PM | Theatre

In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30, the library is screening the documentary "Siksikakowan: The Blackfoot Man" (2025) directed by filmmaker Sinakson Trevor Solway. Filmed in his home community of the Siksika Nation, Solway introduces the audience to the many lives, identities, and stories of the boys and men of the Blackfoot Confederacy.



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION EVENT

September 30 at 3PM | Library Grounds

Join us on the Library Lawn as we announce an exciting reconciliation project. Speakers such as Elder Charlie Fox of the Kainai Nation will be with us, and there will be teepees on the River Road lawn and activities for all ages.

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

October 6 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.**

REPAIRING YOUR RELATIONSHIP

October 6 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: UNHINGED POWERPOINT NIGHT *(for ages 19+)*

October 7 at 6PM | Theatre

Play builds connection, resiliency and creativity - so let's get creative with our ideas of play! Come rebel against the pressures of adulting with an unhinged PowerPoint night. We pick the topic and you deliver it to a group of your soon-to-be new friends. For all adults. **Online registration required.**

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

October 13 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Discover how shifting your perspective can bring more joy, peace, and resilience in Attitude of Gratitude, a course designed to help you cultivate thankfulness in everyday life. Join us to learn simple, practical tools that transform challenges into opportunities for growth and positivity. In partnership with Medicine Hat Family Service and the Recovery College.

Online registration required.



FICTION BOOK CLUB

October 13 at 6:30PM | Legion Room

We're reading our way through the Library's Book Club Kits. In October we're reading "We Need to Talk About Kevin" by Lionel Shriver. Copies of the book will be available at the Information Desk starting **Sept. 18** while they last.



HALLOWEEN MACRAME

October 17 at 2PM | October 28 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Make a fun Halloween-inspired macrame wall hanging for your home at this DIY craft night for adults. **Please note that this program is offered twice due to high enrolment; please register for only one session. Online registration required.**

DE-STRESS WORKSHOP

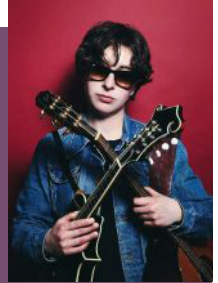
October 17 at 2PM | Legion Room

In partnership with Recovery Alberta, this free two-hour interactive workshop includes a basic discussion about stress and how we can recognize personal stress signs. Several coping skills and strategies are explored, and participants will come away with a personal stress reduction action plan. **Online registration required.**

HOME ROUTES CONCERT SERIES: BOBBY DOVE

October 20 at 7PM | Theatre

Bobby Dove is a Montreal born singer-songwriter and a magnetic presence in the world of country and Americana music. With a voice as powerful as their storytelling, this trans/non-binary troubadour pays tribute to the golden age of honky-tonk, while crafting original, emotionally charged songs that "blend genres with the touch of a master." (Mary Gauthier) In 2021 Bobby released their sophomore record, "Hopeless Romantic," co-produced with Blue Rodeo's Bazil Donovan and Tim Vesely of Rheostatics. The album gained international acclaim and climbed the Canadian Roots and U.S. Alt-Country radio charts. Tickets are available at the Info Desk for \$10. www.bobbydove.com



RECONNECTING TO PLAY: QUIET SENSORY PLAY *(for ages 19+)*

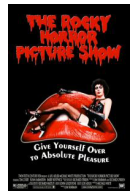
October 21 at 6PM | Honor Currie Room

Play builds connection, resiliency and creativity - so let's get creative with our ideas of play! Come rebel against the pressures of adulting and calm that nervous system with a low light, quiet sensory night. For all adults. **Online registration required.**

PRAIRIE PRIDE MOVIE CLUB

October 27 at 6PM | Theatre

In partnership with the Prairie Pride Guild, come watch and discuss a movie in a relaxed and safe environment. October's pick is the cult classic, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" (1975) directed by Jim Sharman. All are welcome!



BREWS AND BOARD GAMES

October 29 at 6-9PM | Travois Ale Works (612 Third St. SE)

Join us for a fun-filled Board Game Night at Travois Ale Works! 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 Travois for hosting us!



WEREWOLF: A GAME OF TRUST & BETRAYAL

October 31 at 2PM | Honor Currie Room

Will you be the hunter or the hunted? This classic game of deception, which inspired the premise of the hit reality TV show "The Traitors," divides players into innocent villagers and hidden werewolves. Use logic, lies, and accusation to save your village before time runs out. **Online registration required.**

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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 #MHPLforYXH library card sponsor.



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Library Hours

Monday, Friday, Saturday: 10AM-5PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10AM-8PM
Sunday: 1PM-5PM (starting Sept. 6)

Closed Days

Monday, September 7, 2026
Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Monday, October 12, 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

