

SEP - OCT 2020

what's on

at the medicine hat public library

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Competition!



more than just books

children



STORYTIMES ONLINE

Friday mornings on Facebook & YouTube

Follow our Facebook page @MHPublicLibrary to see a new Preschool Storytime posted every Friday morning. Find all the storytimes that we've recorded on our YouTube channel (MHPublicLibrary).

BOOK CLUB IN A BAG

(for ages 6 - 9)

Available to pick-up from September 14 - 18

Need something to do on PD day? Come down to MHPL to pick up your very own Book Club in a Bag! This month we're reading *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin. Each bag is filled with fun activities, supplies for a taco craft, and a special code to watch Karla read you the story. Available while supplies last.



**Schedule
a pick-up**

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INBETWEEN BOOK CLUB

(for ages 10 - 12)

Mondays, October 5, 12, 19 & 26

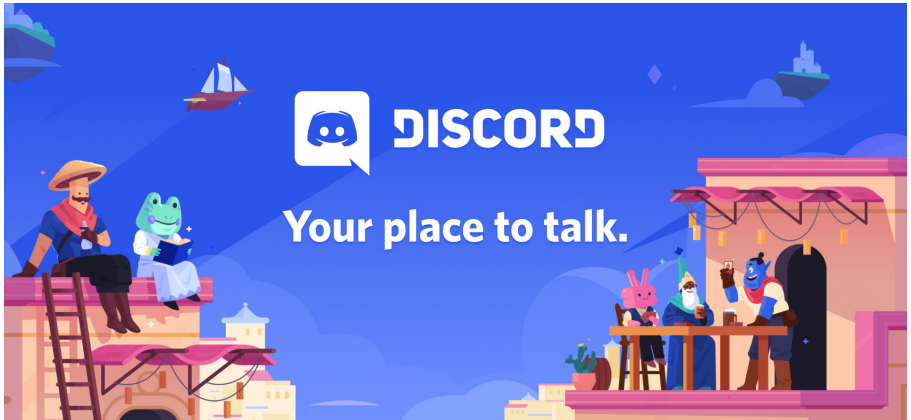
Inbetween Book Club is our very first virtual book club for tweens! In October we'll be reading *Furthermore* by Tahereh Mafi, an enchanting fantasy book full of magic and mayhem. We will meet virtually on Google Meet once a week to discuss the book and do a fun activity together. *Registration is required (403-502-8525).*

THE LOST MUMMY AT-HOME ESCAPE ROOM

(for ages 10+)

Available to pick-up at MHPL in September

This ready-to-play entertainment pack will transform your home into a DIY escape room! It's all the fun of a regular escape room but crafted to captivate youth ages 10+ with puzzles they can engage with and a storyline that will ignite their imagination. Community Coming Together (CCT) is proud to partner with MHPL to offer these kits to families to enjoy & learn about perseverance, facing challenges, working as a team, and many other growth mindset skills. Available while supplies last.



TEEN DISCORD

(for ages 13 - 19)

Any day, any time

Hang out at the library online! Join library staff and your fellow Medicine Hat teens in a digital teen space. You can join in on programs, play games together, participate in contests, share your art and stories and more! All the fun of teen night, right in your own home! Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to get started. For more information or help joining, contact Stephanie (stephaniek@shortgrass.ca).

TEEN BOOK CHATS

Mondays, September 21 & October 19

7:00 pm

Tune in to our Instagram Live stream (@mhplteens) once a month to chat about books with your Youth & Community Librarian! In September, we'll be revealing and chatting about the 2020-2021 Top Hat Reads for Middle and High School grades, a yearly book list hand-picked by teachers and librarians in Medicine Hat. In October, we will be chatting about bone-chilling and spooky reads to get you in the mood for Halloween!



<https://discord.gg/mzHCZmn>

TEEN NIGHT: ONLINE!

(for ages 13 - 19)

Friday, September 18, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

All the fun of our TIC-TAC Teen Nights, but on a virtual platform! Connect with your friends and peers online and play interactive games like Codenames, Pictionary, and Werewolf. Then, follow a craft tutorial on Google Meet with your Youth & Community Librarian, Stephanie. Your fun-filled virtual evening will end with Fandom Trivia!

Registration required by phone (403-502-8525) or email (stephaniek@shortgrass.ca); limit 30 teens. All supplies and private links provided upon registration.

MASKED SINGER COMPETITION

(for ages 13 - 19)

Friday, October 31, 7:00 pm

Tune in to the premiere of our first ever "Masked Singer" online singing competition on our Facebook page and Youtube channel (@mhpubliclibrary)! Based off the hit TV-show "Masked Singer," contestants will perform a song of their choice while in costume. Vote for your favourite performer in the comment section or by messaging us on our socials. The performer with the most votes will win a grand prize pack that includes a \$30 MH Mall gift card and \$25 Pizza 73 gift card! Audience members can also guess who each teen is under their disguise, and the audience member with the most correct guesses will win a \$25 Pizza 73 gift card! Eligible prize winners must be between the ages of 13 and 19 and reside within the Shortgrass Library System.





MASKED SINGER PERFORMANCES

(for ages 13 - 19)

By appointment

Want to take part in our first-ever "Masked Singer" online singing competition? Based off of the hit TV-show "Masked Singer," contestants will perform a song of their choice while in costume. Contestants will be brought into the library individually to film their performance, and are required to bring their own costume and mask/ face covering. Invite all your friends to watch your performance and vote for you when the video premieres on our Facebook and YouTube channels on Friday, October 31 at 7:00 pm. *To schedule your appointment, call or email Stephanie (stephaniek@shortgrass.ca).*

OCTOBER ACTIVITY KIT

(for ages 10+)

Available to pick-up at MHPL in October

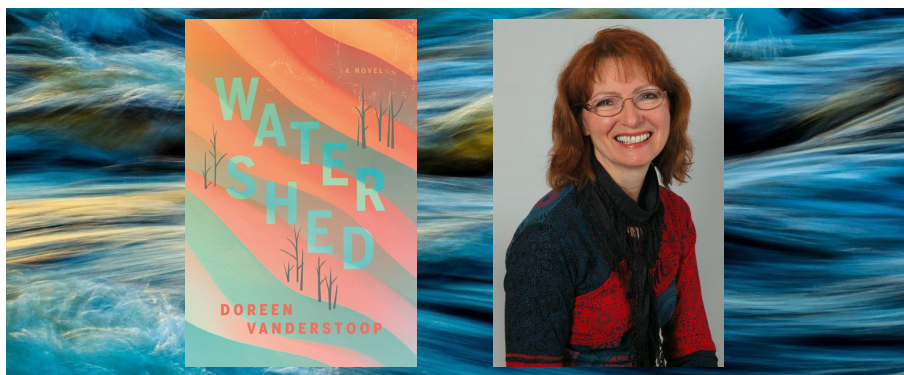
A new activity kit will be available to pick-up from the Library in October, courtesy of CCT (Community Coming Together). Details TBD but we guarantee it will be fun!



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AUTHOR TALK: DOREEN VANDERSTOOP

Saturday, September 12, 2:00 pm

Kin Coulee Band Shelter

Doreen Vanderstoop, shortlisted for Alberta Reads Provincial Book Club for her book *Watershed*, is holding an Author Talk at the Kin Coulee Band Shelter as part of our Culture Days celebration. Meet us prior to Doreen's talk at 1:00 pm for an informal book discussion. **Please bring a lawn chair.** Don't want to attend a public program just yet? Watch for a recorded version of Doreen's talk to be released on our social media pages (@MHPublicLibrary) on September 26.

READING CONTEST

Draw date of September 30

In anticipation of Doreen Vanderstoop's Author Talk, her book *Watershed* is available to borrow as a physical copy or as an eBook with unlimited downloads on Read Alberta Books. After you read the book, enter our reading contest for a chance to win a \$50 Chapters gift card! Find the link to enter on our blog (mhpl.info/blog).

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TRIVIA THURSDAY'S!

Thursday's at 8:00 pm on crowd.live

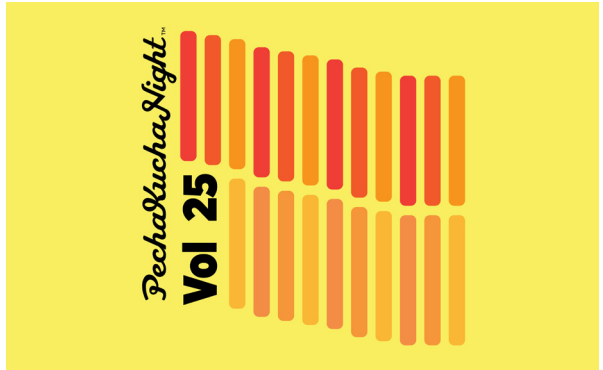
Join us every Thursday night in September and October for some exciting trivia! Use your web browser to visit crowd.live and use the PIN # that we'll share weekly on our Twitter page and in our Facebook & Instagram stories (@MHPublicLibrary).

ADULT CRAFT-TO-GO KITS

Kits available on September 18 & October 16

Our craft-to-go kit in September will be a Book Hedgehog and in October you can make a Fairy Lantern. All supplies and a tutorial video will be included in your kit. *Supplies are limited so registration is required.*

culture days



PECHA KUCHA VOL. 25: VIRTUAL

Friday, September 25, 8:20 pm

Facebook (@PKNMedHat)

Join us for our first-ever virtual event! We have a great line up of diverse speakers from our community who will be engaging with you virtually during this event. Find the Facebook event and mark yourself as 'going' now!

DOREEN VANDERSTOOP AUTHOR TALK

Saturday, September 26

Facebook (@MHPublicLibrary)

If you can't make it to Doreen's author talk in Kin Coulee on September 12th, watch our Facebook page for a recording of the program to be posted on the 26th.

COWBOY POETRY

Sunday, September 27, 12:30 pm

Kin Coulee Band Shelter

A live 'concert' of cowboy poetry and authentic western music hosted by the Medicine Hat Cowboy Poetry Foundation featuring a 10-year old 4-H student, a college student, a professional poet, ending with an old-fashioned auction.

LETTERS OF LOVE INITIATIVE

October 1st to 16th

Throughout the first two weeks of October we will be collecting letters of kind words to deliver to retirement and nursing homes throughout the city. If you'd like to write a letter to be included in our book shipment, bring it to the library and drop it into our Letters of Love box.

STRING ART

Tuesday, October 13, 3:00 pm
Legion Room

Create a modern string art piece to decorate your home out of wood, nails, and embroidery thread. The usual \$5 registration supply fee will be waived for this session to welcome back our in-person programming. All materials will be provided. *Registration is required.*

MEDICINE FOR THE SOUL BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 pm
Legion Room

Book Club is back at the Library! This month's chosen title is *Room* by Emma Donoghue. We have limited copies available for pick-up so please call to reserve your copy today. *Registration is required to attend the book discussion.*



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*Masks are
required to
be worn
during all
in-library
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MOVIE: ROOM (14A)

Thursday, October 22, 6:30 pm
Library Theatre

Based on the novel by Emma Donoghue. A young woman who was kidnapped and lives in a one-room prison creates a version of normalcy for her young son, born in the room, who knows nothing of the world outside. *Registration is required. 118 min.*

CELEBRATE PRIDE WEEK

September 7 - 13

The second Saturday in September is normally when we celebrate the annual Pride Festival. Unfortunately, we won't be gathering to celebrate our LGBTQ+ community this year, but you can still celebrate by embracing your allyship and borrowing a book from our LGBT History Month list - *find it at bit.ly/lgbt-history-books.*

HOMESCHOOLING GALE COURSE

New courses start September 16

Will you be homeschooling your children this fall? If so, you'll definitely want to register for our online, instructor-led Gale Course called 'Homeschool With Success.' A new round of courses starts on September 16th. Register now by visiting our website (mhpl.info) and clicking 'Online Courses' under the Books & More tab.

love the library?



Get involved with planning and fundraising at your library!

Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month. Friends of the Library meetings are held four times per year.

For more information call 403-502-8527.

BOARD MEETINGS

*Wednesdays, September 2 and October 7, 7:00 pm
Zoom Video Conference*

The Library Board meets once a month; meetings are open to the public. Please email the Chief Librarian if you're interested in attending (kenf@shortgrass.ca).

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING

*Date TBD
Legion Room*

Attend the Friends of the Library meetings to see how you can get involved in fundraising and book sale planning.



Library Hours
Monday to Friday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
(expanded hours to come in October - watch our website for that announcement)

Closed on Monday, September 7 and October 12

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