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# what's on

at the medicine hat public library

**Cats and  
Coffee**

**Family Films**

**Mental Health  
Showcase**

**And More!**



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# children

## **SUPERHERO SHOWDOWN** *(for ages 0 - 12)*

*May 1-7, all-day | Children's Library*

Every Superhero has a villain to catch. There are a group of nasty villains hiding out in the children's library and your help is needed! Match up the villains you find with the Superheroes on your form. If you get them all, you will receive a special hero's reward!

## **FREE COMIC BOOKS** *(all ages)*

*May 1-7, all-day | Info Desk, Children's Library*

Pick up your free comic books all week long! Adult & Teen comics are available at the Information Desk and Tweens & Children's comics are available at the Children's Library desk, while supplies last.

## **FAMILY STORYTIME FOR BABIES AND ONES** *(for ages 4 - 18 months)*

*May 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:30AM & 2:00PM | June 1, 8 at 10:30AM & 2:00PM | Story Castle*

This lapsit program features bounces, tickles, songs, and stories for babies with their parents or caregivers. At least one program-aged child is required to register online; siblings are welcome.

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

*May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30AM | June 6 at 10:30AM | Story Castle*

Toddler Storytime features stories, songs, and rhymes for busy toddlers. Children must attend with a parent or other adult caregiver. At least one program-aged child is required to register online; siblings are welcome.

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

*May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 10:30AM | June 7 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 online; siblings are welcome.



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## **MAY THE FOURTH** *(for ages 0 - 9)*

*May 4, 5:30PM | Story Castle*

Drop in for some out of this world crafts, and a scavenger hunt to celebrate Star Wars Day. Have fun you will!

## **LET'S CELEBRATE SPRING!** *(for ages 4 - 6)*

*May 20, 1:00PM | Honor Currie Room*

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Spring has sprung, so join us for an hour of fun and activities to celebrate the magic of Spring. Activities include an amazing craft followed by a series of spring-themed DIY activities like "Pin the Bee on the Flower". Online registration required.

## **BUSY BEE'S PLAY GROUP** *(for ages 1 - 3)*

*May 27, 10:30AM | Story Castle*

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; These toys will be provided. Parental supervision required. Online registration required.

## **MUSIC CELEBRATION** *(for ages 4 - 6)*

*June 18, 2:00PM | Honor Currie Room*

Celebrate music with Mary Ellen. We'll read stories, sing songs, make our own simple instruments, and more! Parental supervision required. Online registration required.

## **INDIGENOUS STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY** *(for ages 3 - 6)*

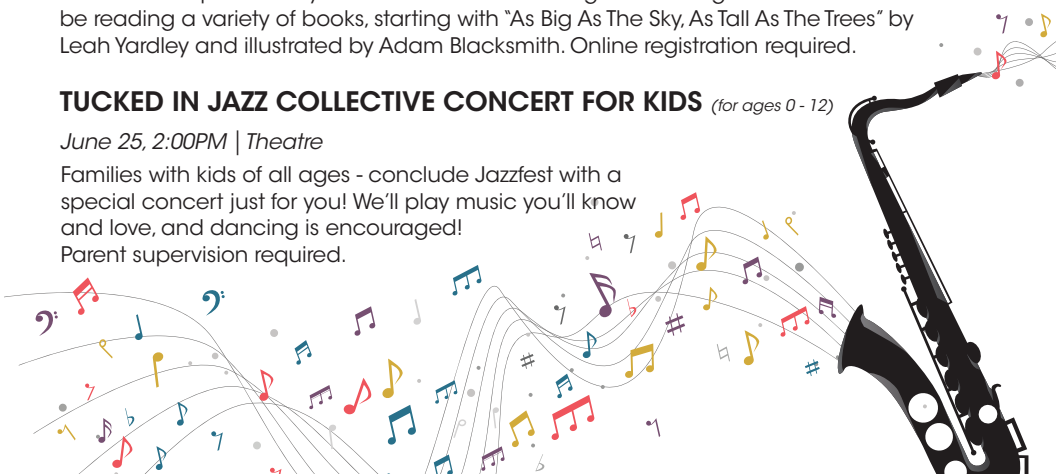
*June 21, 10:15AM | Story Castle*

Join us for a special storytime dedicated to learning about Indigenous culture! We will be reading a variety of books, starting with "As Big As The Sky, As Tall As The Trees" by Leah Yardley and illustrated by Adam Blacksmith. Online registration required.

## **TUCKED IN JAZZ COLLECTIVE CONCERT FOR KIDS** *(for ages 0 - 12)*

*June 25, 2:00PM | Theatre*

Families with kids of all ages - conclude Jazzfest with a special concert just for you! We'll play music you'll know and love, and dancing is encouraged! Parent supervision required.



# family films

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## STRANGE WORLD

2:00PM | Theatre

On an alien planet, 25 years after his father goes missing during an exploration, a man and his son set out to discover why their organic fuel supply is losing its effectiveness. *101 min.*

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## PUSS IN BOOTS

2:00PM | Theatre

Years before meeting Shrek and Donkey, the adorable but tricky Puss in Boots must clear his name from all charges making him a wanted fugitive. *90 min.*

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## PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH

2:00PM | Theatre

The legendary cat adventurer discovers that he is on the last of his nine lives, and tries to find a magic wish to get his lives back. *102 min.*

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## BLACK PANTHER

2:00PM | Theatre

Based on the Marvel comics by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby. The King of a mysterious African country must use his special powers to fight a man who challenges his claim to the throne. *134 min.*

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## BLACK PANTHER: WAKANDA FOREVER

2:00PM | Theatre

As Wakanda mourns King T'Challa, a new threat arrives. *161 min.*

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**CATS & DOGS**

2:00PM | Theatre

A look at the top-secret, high-tech espionage war going on between cats and dogs, of which their human owners are blissfully unaware. *86 min.*

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**CATS & DOGS:  
REVENGE OF KITTY GALORE**

2:00PM | Theatre

The on-going war between the canine and feline species is put on hold when they join forces to thwart a rogue cat spy with her own sinister plans for conquest. *82 min.*



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# tweens



## **SELF CARE SATURDAY** *(for ages 10 - 12)*

*May 13, at 2:00PM | Honor Currie Room*

Set aside an hour of your afternoon to explore some fun mental wellness based activities that will be sure to keep your brain healthy and happy. Online registration required.

## **TWEEN NIGHT: MINECRAFT** *(for ages 10 - 12)*

*May 25, at 6:00PM | Honor Currie Room*

Inspired by the new Minecraft Legends game we are celebrating all things Minecraft! Join us for themed crafts and activities based around the Minecraft universe. Online registration required.

## **INBETWEEN BOOK CLUB: HOLES** *(for ages 10 - 12)*

*June 1, 8, 15, at 6:00PM | Legion Room*

Calling all bookworms! It's time for another session of our InbetWEEN Book Club. This month we're reading the timeless book, 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Online registration required.

## **TWEEN MOVIE NIGHT** *(for ages 10 - 12)*

*June 29, at 6:00PM | Theatre*

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



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# teens



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## **LEARN TO PLAY: MARVEL UNITED** *(for ages 13 - 19)*

*May 7, at 1:30PM & 3:00PM | Honor Currie Room*

Medicine Board Game Geek is here to teach Marvel United: a board game where players take on the role of iconic Marvel Heroes cooperating to stop the master plan of a powerful Villain controlled by the game. Online registration required.

## **TIC TAC PRESENTS: AMONG US (MYSTERY) NIGHT** *(for ages 13 - 19)*

*May 12, 6:45PM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Theatre*

Race to complete your tasks before the imposter takes you out in this LIVE version of the popular Among Us video game. Who will be ejected and who will win? The crew, or the imposter? Only you can decide...

Snacks and drinks provided. Drop in: doors open 6:45 - 7:15pm only.

## **INTRO TO ADULTING: MOVING OUT & HOUSING** *(for ages 13 - 19)*

*May 16, at 6:30PM | Honeycomb House*

Brought to you by the facilitators of the Youth Transitions Program through the Y, this workshop discusses the basic skills you'll need before moving out. You will gain knowledge of what is required to move out, the application process for a rental property, and learn about the rules and regulations for being a tenant. Snacks provided! Online registration required.

## **INTRO TO ADULTING: RESUMES & COVER LETTERS** *(for ages 13 - 19)*

*May 30, at 6:30PM | Legion Room*

Brought to you by the facilitators of the Youth Transitions Program through the Y, this workshop offers a step-by-step process of building a resume and cover letter. By the end of the workshop, participants should have a completed and up-to-date resume and a completed cover letter to be ready to apply for jobs. If you have a current resume and cover letter, please bring a printed copy of each to edit. Snacks provided. Online registration required.



## **RAINBOW NOSTALGIA PARTY** *(for ages 13 - 19)*

*June 4, at 1:00PM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Library Grounds*

What does playdoh, chalk, and mini golf have in common? Major nostalgia vibes! Teens are invited to our Library Lawn for an afternoon of nostalgic activities. In partnership with Pop Up Pride Medicine Hat.

## **EXAM CRAM KITS** *(for ages 13 - 19)*

*June 5 - 18, all-day, while supplies last | Information Desk*

Junior and senior high school students! Come pick up a free Exam Cram kit at the Information Desk, while supplies last! Packed full of self-care goodies and exam prep help, this kit will see you through the exam season storm. Feel free to use any of our study tables located around the library for quiet study or take advantage of our Study Lock-In hours in the all-new Honeycomb House.

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

*June 9, 6:45PM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Theatre*

Transport yourself to the 16th century for a night of (cardboard) castle making and (cardboard) sword fighting! Come dressed in your best Renaissance garb and enjoy some non-alcoholic mead! Snacks also provided.

Drop in: doors open 6:45 - 7:15pm only.

## **STUDY LOCK-IN** *(for ages 13 - 19)*

*June 12-15, 17-19, 21-23, 1:00PM - Closing | Honeycomb House*

Are you a teen looking for a quiet place to study? Our new teen space, The Honeycomb House, will be open for quiet study from 1PM to closing time. Free snacks and refreshments will be provided to keep you fueled.



# adults



## **STITCHING IN THE AFTERNOON**

*May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 2:00PM | June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 2:00PM | Legion Room*

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

## **AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS**

*May 3 at 1:00PM | Theatre*

Adults with developmental delays and their caregivers are welcome to come to the library for a fun Karaoke experience!

## **READERS' THEATRE**

*May 4, 11, 18, 25, at 1:00PM | June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 1:00PM | Honor Currie Room*

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

## **VIDEO GAMING NIGHT**

*May 5, at 7:00PM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room, Theatre*

Time to get your game on! We're having an after-hours video gaming night for adults during Geek Week. Come ready to win at a mix of video games!

## **FRESH BREW AND FRENCH CONVERSATION**

*May 6, 20, 27, at 10:15AM | June 3, 10, 17, at 10:15AM | Legion Room*

An opportunity to converse in French with friendly Hatters. Light refreshments will be provided.

## **COMMUNITY COFFEE**

*Monday & Friday Mornings at 10:00AM | 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.

## **SEARCHING FOR YOUR FAMILY TREE?**

*May 11, at 6:00PM & May 17, 31, at 1:00PM | June 3, at 10:00AM, June 8, at 8:00PM & June 14, at 1:00PM | 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. Staff will demonstrate how the program works and provide some time for you to practice using it. Online registration required.

## **PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY**

*May 11, 25, at 6:30PM | June 8, 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.

## **CATS AND COFFEE**

*May 12, at 10:15AM | June 9, at 10:15AM | Honor Currie Room*

Start your morning off right with a cup of coffee and cuddles with cats that are up for adoption from the Medicine Hat SPCA. Multiple 30 minute sessions available; online registration required.

## **BOARD GAME FLEA MARKET**

*May 13, at 10:00AM | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room*

We're having a flea market to allow community members to buy, sell, and trade board games with each other. If you're interested in being a vendor, please contact Keith at [keithm@shortgrass.ca](mailto:keithm@shortgrass.ca).



# MENTAL HEALTH SHOWCASE



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*May 13, at 2:00PM | Lower Level Hall*

Join us as we raise awareness about the importance of mental health and come connect with local organizations that offer mental health support and services for children, teens, and adults.

## **MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

*May 13, at 1:00PM | Theatre*

This session focuses on understanding what Mental Health Literacy is, when to be concerned about your child's mental health, and how you can support them. We will discuss stress and its impact on youth mental health as well how you can boost youth mental health and promote resiliency. To conclude the session, various resources will be shared.

## **GIANT BOARD GAMES**

*May 13 at 2:00PM | Elevator Atrium*

Play is an important part of mental health so we're pulling out our giant board games during the Mental Health Fair for everyone of all ages to play. Try your hand at giant jenga, inflatable bowling, and more!

## **MINDFUL ART**

*May 13 at 2:00PM | Legion Room*

Stop by the Legion Room during our Mental Health Fair for some calming and mindful art activities. Make a button, design zentangle art, or create a handcrafted card.

## **RECONNECTING TO PLAY: IT'S NOT JUST FOR KIDS!**

*May 13 at 3:00PM | Honor Currie Room*

Did you know play is essential for our health? When we play, we create community, increase connection, build healthier relationships, improve our creativity and cognition, and even boost our immune systems! To play is to engage in a little rebellion from the western standards of adulthood that are imposed on us, often at the cost of our mental health. Come learn a little about the science behind play, meet new people, and most importantly, PLAY! Online registration required.

## **OUR COLLECTIVE JOURNEY**

*May 13 at 3:00PM | Theatre*

Our Collective Journey will be discussing their recovery coach services, their podcast, and the Pathways to Recovery Community Meeting that focuses on bringing people together who are impacted by addiction.

## **FICTION BOOK CLUB**

*May 16, at 6:30PM | June 20, at 6:30PM | Legion Room, Honeycomb House*

We're reading our way through the Library's Book Club Kits! In May we're reading 'The Transatlantic Book Club' by Felicity Hayes-McCoy, and in June we're reading 'People of the Book' by Geraldine Brooks.

## **STRING ART**

*May 30, at 6:00PM | Honor Currie Room*

Join us for a relaxing craft night! Create a piece of art by weaving coloured string between hammered nails to make a design. Beginners and returning participants are welcome. Online registration required.

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## **AUTHOR TALK: JUDITH N. BROOKE**

*June 3, at 2:00PM | Honor Currie Room*

Judith N. Brook, a local author and artist, will be here to discuss her newest release: ...and so on, etc: My Short Stories and Poems.

## **REGULATING OUR EMOTIONS**

*June 6, 13, 20, 27, at 6:00PM | Honor Currie Room*

Emotions are a completely normal part of being human. But when they get out of control and turn destructive, it can lead to problems. This four-week course is meant to help you understand and control your emotions before they control you. Explore relaxation techniques, cognitive restructuring, problem solving, and better forms of communication. Online registration required.

## **AFTERNOON MOVIE FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS**

*June 7, at 1:00PM | Theatre*

Adults with developmental delays and their caregivers are welcome to come to the library to enjoy watching a popular movie in the theatre.

## **SPEAKER SERIES: PRIDE**

*June 22, at 6:30PM | Theatre*

June is Pride Month, so we're hosting an 2SLGBTQA+ speaker panel. The panelists will be discussing the issues that are impacting the 2SLGBTQA+ community today, their own unique experiences, and where to seek support.

## **SUMMER BOOK SALE**

*June 23 - 24, all-day | Honor Currie Room, Legion Room*

The Friends of the Medicine Hat Public Library is hosting another book sale! It's a perfect opportunity to pick up a stack of new-to-you reads.

## **ORIGAMI**

*June 28, at 6:00PM | Honor Currie Room*

Origami is the Japanese art of paper folding. You transform a flat piece of paper into a finished sculpture. Come and try out this fun, unique craft. There will be a variety of options for beginners and experts. Online registration required.



# movies

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## THE BIG WEDDING (2013)

2:00PM | Theatre

A long-divorced couple fakes being married as their family unites for a wedding. With Robert De Niro, Diane Keaton, Katherine Heigl. 89 min.

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## HOLIDAY (1938)

2:00PM | Theatre

A young man in love with a girl from a rich family finds his unorthodox plan to go on holiday for the early years of his life met with skepticism by everyone except for his fiancée's eccentric sister and long-suffering brother. With Katharine Hepburn, Cary Grant and Doris Nolan. 95 min.

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## LADY BE GOOD: INSTRUMENTAL WOMEN IN JAZZ (2008)

7:00PM | Theatre

We're showing Lady Be Good: Instrumental Women in Jazz, a documentary that traces the musical contributions, the journeys and the obstacles of American women instrumentalist in Jazz from the 1920's to the 1970's and the development and extent of the all-women groups, for Jazzfest. 120 min.



# 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

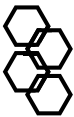
*May 3, 7:00PM | June 7, 7:00PM | Honor Currie Room*

The Library Board meets once a month, with the exception of July & August. Meetings are open to the public; please email the Chief Librarian if you're interested in attending ([kenf@shortgrass.ca](mailto:kenf@shortgrass.ca)).

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING

*May 23, 6:30PM | Legion Room*

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



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### Library Hours

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

*Closed on Monday, May 22, 2023.*

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