

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Library will be closed March 29 (Good Friday), March 31 (Easter Sunday), and April 1 (Easter Monday).

## FREE LIBRARY CARDS

Library cards are free for St. Albert residents. It's all part of our commitment to barrier-free access for all.

## SAPL NEWSLETTERS

Be the first to know about new Library programs, events and news! We offer three different eNewsletters – sign up at [sapl.ca](http://sapl.ca).

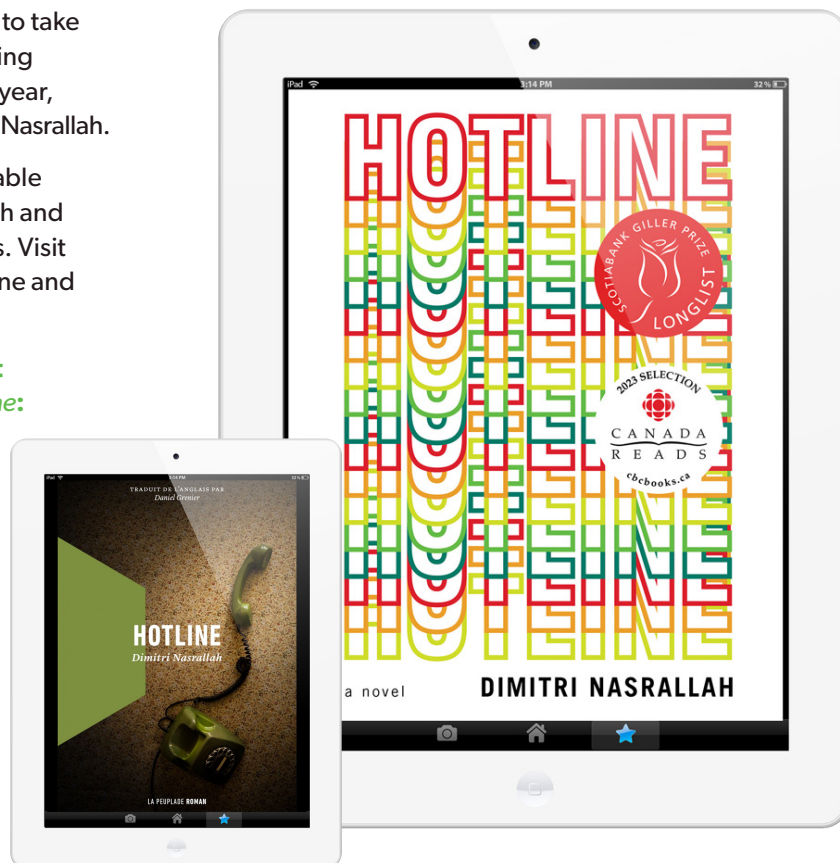
## One eRead Canada features *Hotline* in English and French

Every April, we invite library patrons to take part in the Canada-wide digital reading campaign, One eRead Canada. This year, the featured book is *Hotline* by Dimitri Nasrallah.

From April 1-30, *Hotline* will be available through Libby by Overdrive in English and French with no waitlists and no holds. Visit [sapl.ca](http://sapl.ca) on April 1 to download *Hotline* and be part of the national conversation!

To whet your appetite, here's what *Quill & Quire* had to say about *Hotline*:

"*Hotline* intertwines hope and sorrow to create a moving story that sears the heart, as Muna's love for her child motivates her to overcome every obstacle in her way, no matter how large. Nasrallah has written a poignant, powerful tale that pays tribute to the numerous sacrifices and accommodations immigrants make for the sake of a better life in a country that doesn't always return the favour."



## Bookable Buddies



THURSDAYS, APR. 4, 11, 18, 25

6 PM | 6:30 PM | 7 PM

JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

Read in a fun and encouraging environment with a friendly Reading Buddy! Bring your own book or choose one from our collection.

For kids in grades 2-4 who could use a little support with their reading.

Book your 25 minute time slot at [sapl.ca](http://sapl.ca).

## Storytimes – Downtown, Jensen Lakes & Outreach

Advance registration is required for all programs unless indicated otherwise – find the details at [sapl.ca](http://sapl.ca) or call 780-459-1532 or 780-544-0444.

### Registered Storytimes

#### Baby Storytime

IRONWOOD ESTATES | 40 Ironwood Point  
FRIDAYS, APR. 5, 12, 19, 26 | 10:30 AM

For babies, their caregivers, and seniors!



**Storytime with Daisy the Firefighter**  
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY  
SATURDAY, APR. 6 | 11 AM

Get to know your community through these special storytimes featuring interesting people from your neighbourhood. This month, meet Daisy the Firefighter.

#### Baby Storytime

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

TUESDAYS, APR. 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:15 AM

This pre-registered, indoor storytime group meets once a week for six weeks. Stories, songs and more.

#### Family Storytime

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

WEDNESDAYS, APR. 10, 17, 24 | 10:15 AM

THURSDAYS, APR. 11, 18, 25 | 10:15 AM

This pre-registered, indoor storytime group meets once a week for six weeks. Stories, songs and more will keep babies and kids of all ages engaged.

#### Sensory Storytime with Transitions

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY | FRIDAY, APR. 26 | 10:30 AM

Presented in partnership with Transitions. Please register for this hour of fun and short stories.

### Drop-In Family Storytimes

JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

FRIDAYS, APR. 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11 AM

SATURDAYS, APR. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 11 AM

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

MONDAYS, APR. 8, 15, 22, 29 | 11 AM

THURSDAYS, APR. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 11 AM

#### Family Storytime @ Further Education

ST. ALBERT CENTRE

TUESDAYS, APR. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

10:30 AM (playtime at 10 AM)

#### Drop-In Baby Laptime

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

MONDAYS, APR. 8, 15, 22, 29

1:30 PM



## School Age Programs – Downtown, Jensen Lakes & Outreach

Advance registration is required for all programs unless indicated otherwise – find the details at [sapl.ca](http://sapl.ca) or call 780-459-1532 or 780-544-0444.

### LEGO-Mania! (Grades K-6)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 3 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

We'll provide the LEGO, you provide the imagination!

### Soulfire: Connection and Community

(Grades 5-7)

WEDNESDAYS, APR. 3, 17 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

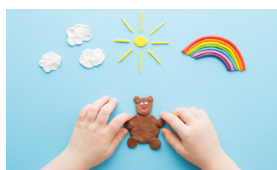
Drop in to learn more about your own mental health in unique ways.

### Crafternoon (K-Grade 2)

THURSDAY, APR. 4 | 4 PM

JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

A "crafternoon" of fun art projects and activities!



### Pokémon and Chess Connection (Grades 1-6)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 10 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Share your love of Pokémon and Chess.

### After School Mix (Grades 3-6)

THURSDAY, APR. 11 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

A variety of STEAM programs after school.

### SMART-E Pants (Grades 1-6)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 17 | 4 PM

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Flex your Science, Math, Art, Reading, Tech, and Engineering skills with some brain-tickling fun!



### LEGO CLUB: Builders Assemble

(Grades 1-6)

THURSDAY, APR. 18 | 4 PM

JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

Build, create and complete challenges with LEGO!



### A Craft-Tea Afternoon (Grades 1-3)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 24 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Read stories, sip tea or juice and craft together!

### Storytelling Club (Grades 3-6)

THURSDAY, APR. 25 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

Everyone has a story that's waiting to be told!

## Adult Programs

Advance registration is required for all programs unless indicated otherwise. Find the details and register at [sapl.ca](http://sapl.ca) or by calling 780-459-1682.

### Tech Tuesdays with P.A.L.S.

TUESDAYS, APR. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:30 AM  
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Small group computer basics learning sessions for adults with little or no computer experience. Bring your own device. Registration required.

### Knit-Lits

WEDNESDAYS, APR. 3, 10, 17, 24 | 6:30 PM  
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Calling all knitting and fibre-craft enthusiasts! Meet new people, improve your skills, or learn how to knit.

### Game of Aging

THURSDAY, APR. 4 | 1 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY



Explore the research on the benefits of play, how to add "play" to your life regardless of age, and get tools to revive your own playful heart! Presented by

Dorothy Lowrie of Human Learning Architecture Inc.

### St. Albert Poverty Talks

THURSDAY, APR. 4 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

The final discussion in our series about poverty in St. Albert is "Reflect & Thrive: Mental Wellness," led by the St. Albert Mental Wellness Table. For more information, contact Tricia at [tboonstra@stalbert.ca](mailto:tboonstra@stalbert.ca).

### All Abilities Afternoons

FRIDAYS, APR. 5, 19 | 1 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

We welcome adults with developmental disabilities and caregivers to try a craft or do some colouring. Drop in, please attend one session per month as the craft is the same for both.

### Menship (18+ years)

WEDNESDAYS, APR. 10, 24 | 6:30 PM  
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Promoting mental health and wellbeing by bringing local men together to establish inclusiveness and a sense of community. Drop-in.

### Planning for Future Health Care

PART 1: THURSDAY, APR. 11 | 2 PM  
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Join presenters Bas Delaney and Patty Piironen from Dying with Dignity Canada to learn about Advance Health Care Planning and how to prepare your plan.

PART 2: THURSDAY, APR. 18 | 2 PM  
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Presenters Bas Delaney and Patty Piironen will support you as you complete your personal Advance Health Care Plan and Personal Directive, drawing from learnings in part 1.

### Scrabble, Cribbage and More

FRIDAYS, APR. 12, 26 | 2 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Drop in, socialize and challenge your mind with Scrabble or Cribbage.

### What is Autism? Autism 101

MONDAY, APR. 15 | 6:30 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

This introduction to autism and how autistic individuals may interact with others and the world around them is geared towards individuals who want to learn about autism and understand the basics, including parents, caregivers, and professionals. Presented by Autism Edmonton in recognition of Autism Awareness Month.

### Laugh for the Health Of It

THURSDAY, APR. 18 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Laughter Yoga is a fun way to practice deep yogic breathing. Laughter relaxes your body, you breathe deeper and every cell gets more oxygen, helping your body and mind to function better. Presented by Deborah Bortscher, a Certified Laughter Yoga Leader.

### Uke it Up @ the Library

SUNDAY, APR. 21 | 2 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Learn, share and play fun music together. Bring your own ukulele, tuner, music stand, and a sense of humour!

### An Introduction to DNA Genealogy

THURSDAY, APR. 25 | 3 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Genealogist Ellen Thompson-Jennings dives into the fascinating intersection of genetic science and family history. Explore how DNA testing can uncover ancestral origins, trace lineage and connect relatives, offering a unique and scientifically-grounded perspective on personal history.

### Neutral Ground

SATURDAY, APR. 27 | 1 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Join like-minded individuals to play, create and connect over board games, painting, roleplaying games, LEGO, crafting, knitting, puzzles and more. This all-ages event is drop-in and open to everyone.

### Community Tea and Bannock

TUESDAY, APR. 30 | 10:30 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Warm up and connect with your friends and neighbours over a cup of tea and bannock. This series on the last Tuesday of each month is provided in partnership with the St. Albert Métis Local's Red Willow Program.

## Teen Programs

Check [teens.sapl.ca](http://teens.sapl.ca) for great book picks, study help and more! Call 780-459-1682 for more information.

### Teens Create Thursdays: Squishies

THURSDAY, APR. 4 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Unplug and relax for an hour in the Training Room. This month we'll be making cute food-themed squishies. Registration required.

### STARK POETS

TUESDAYS, APR. 9 | 6:30 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

We will write, listen, and read poetry at our last meeting of the school year! Ages 13-17, drop in.

### Teen Pokémon Hangout

FRIDAYS, APR. 12, 26 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Join us for a fun-filled Pokémon hangout! You can trade cards, play Pokémon the Card Game (unlimited format), and hang out with fellow Pokémon enthusiasts. Bring your own cards, or play with ours. Grades 7-12. Registration required.

### Read it & Review Meet Up (Grades 7-12)

THURSDAY, APR. 18 | 4 PM  
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Hang out to chat about your favourite picks, work on your reviews, and get access to some of the newest library materials! Participants earn an additional volunteer hour for attending our in-person meet ups.

### Teen Board Game Café (Grades 7-12)

SATURDAY, APR. 20 | 2 PM  
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Bring your friends to play D&D, try Sushi Go!, Machi Koro and more. All skill levels welcome. Registration required.



### RPG Club with Bent Arrow

WEDNESDAYS, APR. 10, 24 | 4 PM  
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

An epic adventure awaits as we begin a new campaign using the Coyote and Crow Ruleset, a science fantasy role-playing game set in an uncolonized future.

Everyone is encouraged to participate, regardless of skill. Register with Kikosewin Family Resource Network: 780-481-3541 or email [kikosewin@bentarrow.ca](mailto:kikosewin@bentarrow.ca).



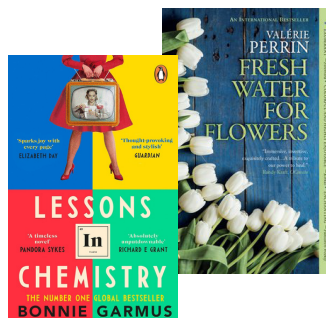
## Drop-in Book Clubs

Book clubs meet at the Downtown Library – please check [sapl.ca/bookclubs](http://sapl.ca/bookclubs) for details.

### Tuesday Afternoon Book Club

TUESDAY, APR. 16 | 2 PM

*Fresh Water for Flowers* by Valérie Perrin.



### Seniors Book Club

WEDNESDAY, APR. 10 | 2 PM

*Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

## Résumé and Job Search Tutor Service

Call 780-459-1682 to book your FREE résumé and job search consultation.

## Looking for work or a change in your career?

Attend the FREE Job Fair on April 25, from 1 to 4 PM. No ticket is required! St. Albert Inn & Suites – Grandin Room, 156 St. Albert Trail



## Reel Monday movies

Presented by the Friends of St. Albert Public Library

Tickets are \$15 + service charges.

Purchase tickets through the Arden Theatre box office: [tickets.stalbert.ca](http://tickets.stalbert.ca).

For more information visit [friendsofsapl.ca](http://friendsofsapl.ca).

*Daliland* | Apr. 22

*Priscilla* | May 6

7 PM | Arden Theatre

