

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

There are no closures in March.

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.

Canada Reads @ The Library

FRIDAY, MAR. 13 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

St. Albert loves Canada Reads! Before the Canada Reads debates on CBC radio and TV, we hold our own Canada Reads debate at the Downtown Library with local celebrities championing one of the Canada Reads books.

- Author and Writer in Residence David Berry defending *Foe*
- Indigenous consultant and advocate Teneya Gwin defending *It's Different This Time*
- LitFest Executive Director Ellen Kartz defending *The Cure for Drowning*

- Program Supervisor for the Musée Heritage Museum Brett Lamoureux defending *Searching for Terry Punchout*
- Violence prevention educator Tuval Nafshi defending *A Minor Chorus*

Our amazing host, Michelle Steinhuisen, returns. Be part of a fun, stimulating evening, and help us decide what Canada's Next Great Read will be!



Spring Break

Spring Break Mystery Game: Duck, Duck, Moose!! | All ages
MAR. 27- APR. 4 | BOTH LIBRARIES



It's Spring Break and the Library has some very strange visitors who are all mixed up! What is going on? We need some detectives to solve this mixed-up mystery.

Spring Break Brain Teasers | Grades 7-12
MAR. 27- APR. 4 | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Are you ready to test your wits and sharpen your mind? Every day, you'll be presented with a tricky questions, close-up mystery images, and more. Compete with your friends or play solo to score points! Prepare to be puzzled.

Going Cashless at Jensen Lakes Library

We're updating how you pay at the Jensen Lakes Library. **Starting March 1, 2026**, the service desk will **no longer accept cash**. We'll accept debit, credit (Amex, MC, Visa), and contactless (tap/mobile wallets) going forward. Photocopying/printing continues with coin-operated machines—no change to this service.

Storytimes – Downtown, Jensen Lakes & Outreach

Scan the QR code to find a listing of all drop-in and registered Storytimes (Downtown, Jensen Lakes and Outreach).



School Age Programs

Advance registration is required for all programs unless indicated otherwise – find the details at sapl.ca or call 780-459-1532 or 780-544-0444.



Drop-In Family LEGO

SUNDAYS, MAR. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 1:15 PM
JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

Calling all LEGO families! Drop on by to play with our collection of LEGO.



A Crafty Afternoon | Grades 1-3

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 4 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

Join us at Jensen Lakes Library for a peaceful afternoon of arts and crafts.

LEGO-Mania! | Grades 1-6

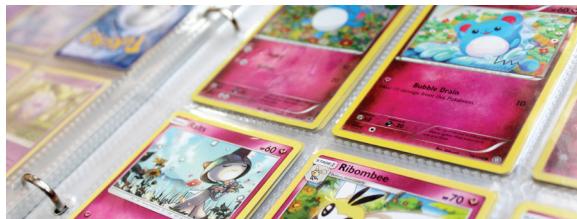
THURSDAY, MAR. 5 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

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

SMART-E Pants | Grades 1-6

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 11 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

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



Pokémon and Chess Connection | Grades 1-6
THURSDAY, MAR. 12 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Swing by the Downtown Library to level up your game. We're going to talk, draw and play Pokémon! But wait, there's more! We'll also have chess boards set up to battle some friends or just work on some puzzles.

Kids Coding Club | Grades 3-6

THURSDAY, MAR. 19 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Join Drew as we get inside some technology at this beginner-friendly coding program. Complete challenges, play games and learn something new.



Comics Club | Grades 1-6

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 25 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

Love comics? Come write, draw, chat, and have fun with fellow young comics creators!

Art Engineers

THURSDAY, MAR. 26 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Combine creativity and STEM to build artistic structures.



Spring Break Nerf Wars | Grades 4-7

FRIDAY, MAR. 27 | 5:45 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Come down to the library for after-hours fun. Bring one Nerf weapon, ammunition, eye protection and prepare for an hour of action!

Wonders of Wildlife Rehabilitation

MONDAY, MAR. 30 | 11 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Would you like to know more about wildlife rescue & rehabilitation and what you can do to help wild animals? WILDNorth's Wonders of Wildlife Rehabilitation presentation discusses wildlife rehabilitation, from rescue to release, and how the participants can help wildlife in their community.

Spring Break Lego | Grades 1-6

TUESDAY, MAR. 31 | 3 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Join us at the Downtown Library and share your LEGO skills and show us what you can do during Spring Break.

Bookable Buddies

THURSDAYS, MAR. 5, 12, 19 | 6, 6:30 & 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.

Adult Programs

Advance registration is required for all programs unless indicated otherwise. Find the details and register at sapl.ca or by calling 780-459-1682.

Introduction to the Cricut | Ages 16+

MONDAY, MAR. 2 | 6 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

In this quick 30 minute, one on one session, you will learn the basics of creating designs, how to use the Cricut Maker and how to assemble your project.

Silent Book Club

MONDAY, MAR. 2 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18 | 7 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

No readings or discussions required for our unconventional book club! Savour the presence of fellow book lovers without the pressure of conversation. Bring a book, relax in our cozy chairs and lose yourself in uninterrupted reading time.

Conversation Circle

TUESDAYS, MAR. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 6:30 PM

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

The Conversation Circle is an opportunity to practice speaking English in small groups. This is a free, drop in program run by St. Albert Further Education. For more information, please contact Sebile at 780-460-2236.

Knit-Lits

WEDNESDAYS, MAR. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6:30 PM

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Calling all knitting and fibre-craft enthusiasts! If you are interested in meeting new people and improving your knitting skills, or if you would like to learn how to knit, the St. Albert Knit-Lits invite you to drop in and join them at their weekly meeting.

All Abilities Afternoons

FRIDAYS, MAR. 6, 20 | 1 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Hang out with friends at the library! Try out a craft or do some colouring. We welcome adults with developmental disabilities and caregivers. Drop in.

Neutral Ground

SATURDAY, MAR. 7 | 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.

Eat Well, Spend Less

THURSDAY, MAR. 12 | 1 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

With the rising cost of food, more and more people are looking for budget friendly food ideas that keep nutritious food on the table and money in their pockets. Join Amy Shmyr, a registered dietician with Alberta Health Services, to discuss ideas for spending less while continuing to eat well.

All Abilities Paralympics Watch Party: Hockey Semi-Final Game

FRIDAY, MAR. 13 | 11 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Watch the Paralympics Hockey Semi-Final on the big screen! We welcome adults with developmental disabilities and caregivers. Register in advance to let us know you're coming or drop-in.

Transparent Languages

MONDAY, MAR. 16 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Ever wanted to say the names of animals in Cree or ask for directions in Icelandic? In this learning session, you'll discover how to build vocabulary, strengthen your language skills, and explore over 140 languages with Transparent Language Online.

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club

TUESDAY, MAR. 17 | 2 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

The Tuesday Afternoon Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Training Room on the 2nd floor of the Downtown Library. This month's selection: *The Paris Express* by Emma Donoghue

Community Tea and Bannock

TUESDAY, MAR. 17 | 6 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Join us for tea and bannock at the library! Everyone is welcome! Warm up and connect with your friends and neighbours. This series is provided in partnership with the St. Albert Métis District 11.

Intro to Dungeons and Dragons | Ages 18-35

THURSDAY, MAR. 19 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Curious about D&D? Try a short adventure and learn helpful tips to get you started with this popular role playing game. No experience necessary and no equipment needed.

Flowing Meditation Qigong with Anne

SATURDAY, MAR. 21 | 11 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Qigong is an ancient Chinese practice that combines gentle, flowing movements, mindful breathing, and present-moment awareness to support health and well-being of the body, mind, and spirit. Qigong is accessible to people of all ages and levels of ability. No previous experience is required. The movements can be practiced standing or seated in a chair, making the class adaptable to a wide range of mobility needs.

Reading Roulette - Horror

THURSDAY, MAR. 26 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Interested in exploring a new genre or meeting other readers with similar interests? Each session will focus on a new genre. This season we are exploring horror with Jessica Johns' *Bad Cree*.

Scrabble, Cribbage and More

FRIDAY, MAR. 27 | 2 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

Drop in, socialize and challenge your mind playing Scrabble or Cribbage. Are there other games you are interested in playing? Bring a game, and bring a friend! The location of this program has changed.

Teen Programs

Check out teens.sapl.ca to register for programs, find great book picks, study help, and more! Teen programs take place at the Downtown Library for Grades 7-12 unless otherwise noted.

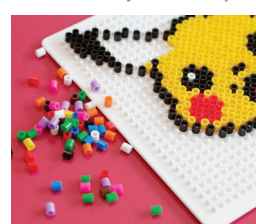
Teen Tinker Lab | Grades 6-9

MONDAYS, MAR. 2, 30 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

This program is your place to try coding challenges, 3D modelling in TinkerCAD, Edison Bots, Turing Tumble, and more. Registration required.

Teens Create: Pixel Art | Grades 7-12

THURSDAY, MAR. 5 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY



Unplug and relax in the Training Room as we try a new hobby every month. This session, we're using perler beads to make some pixel art. Registration is required.

STARK Poets

TUESDAYS, MAR. 10, 24 | 6:30 PM

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Write, listen, and read poetry with STARK POETS, a writing and reciting club working with Poetry in Voice, a national poetry program for youth ages 14 to 18. Work with award winning poets and teachers who can bring your writing to the next level. For more information, contact Kiki or Ari at starkpoets@gmail.com. Drop-in.

Manga & Anime Club | Grades 5-9

FRIDAY, MAR. 13 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Share your love of anime and manga while we make some cool crafts and watch something new! Registration required.



One Night Ultimate Werewolf | Grades 7-12

THURSDAY, MAR. 19 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Are you a fan of The Traitors or the classic game of Mafia? Join us for One Night Ultimate Werewolf! This is a fast-paced game where everyone is dealt a secret role. In the course of only one night and the following morning, the players will determine who among them is a werewolf...hopefully. Registration is required.

Teen Pokémon Hangout | Grades 6-9

THURSDAY, MAR. 26 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Trade cards, play Pokémon the Card Game (unlimited format), and hang out with fellow Pokémon enthusiasts! Bring your own cards or play with ours. Registration required.

Teen Board Game Café | Grades 7-12

SATURDAY, MAR. 28 | 2 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Gamers unite! We've got snacks, drinks, and board games for teens. Bring your friends to play Tapple, try Sushi Go!, Machi Koro, One Night Ultimate Werewolf and more. All skill levels welcome. Registration is required.



Read It & Review

Volunteer reviewers promote books, movies, games and music for our community. Reviews are kept on the Library catalogue and used for advertising and promotional materials. Find out more at teens.sapl.ca.

Career Resource Centre at the Downtown Library

Whether you are new to Canada and looking for your first job or a mature worker navigating a mid-career change, we're here for you on your employment journey. Visit the Career Resource Centre on the second floor of the Downtown Library to learn about our services for job searchers.

Résumé and Job Search Tutor Service

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

