

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Library will be closed May 3 (Staff Development Day) and May 20 (Victoria Day).

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.

STARFest Presents Kate Black and David Berry



SATURDAY, MAY 25 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Kate Black grew up in West Edmonton Mall – notorious for its indoor waterpark, deadly roller coaster, and controversial dolphin shows. *Big Mall* blends a history of shopping with a coming of age story in North America's largest and strangest mall - the ultimate symbol of late-capitalist dread, and, surprisingly, a subversive site of hope.

David Berry's *On Nostalgia* is a panoramic cultural history of nostalgia. It looks at how a force that started as a psychological diagnosis of soldiers



fighting far from home has become a quintessentially modern condition. Berry explores what it means to remember, how universal yearning is used by us and against us, and it considers a future where the past is more readily available and easier to lose track of than ever before. The two will discuss *Big Mall*, *On Nostalgia*, and the part writers play in parsing out the cultural moments, places, and movements that define our times.

Admission is free. Register at sapl.ca.

Announcing the new Poet Laureate

The City of St. Albert and St. Albert Public Library are pleased to introduce Arienette Zak as the city's new Poet Laureate. Arienette will serve a two-year term as St. Albert's fourth Poet Laureate, representing the City during readings at civic functions and public poetry events. Zak grew up in St. Albert and was active in high school poetry scenes before joining STARK Poets as a mentor for young poets. She has performed at and hosted many regional poetry and arts events like the Edmonton Poetry Festival, Edmonton Fringe, and Amplify. Watch for her to perform at public events soon.



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Storytimes – Downtown, Jensen Lakes & Outreach

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.

Registered Storytimes

Family Storytime

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

WEDNESDAYS, MAY 1, 8, 15 | 10:15 AM

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

Baby Storytime

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY | TUESDAYS, MAY 7, 14 | 10:15 AM

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

Baby Storytime @ Everitt Gardens

FRIDAYS, MAY 10-JUN. 7 | 10:30 AM

125 EVERITT DRIVE N.

A special storytime for babies, their caregivers, and seniors!

Drop-In Family Storytimes

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

MONDAYS, MAY 6, 13 | 11 AM

THURSDAYS, MAY 2, 9, 16 | 11 AM

JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

FRIDAYS, MAY 10, 17, 24, 31 | 11 AM

SATURDAYS, MAY 11, 18, 25 | 11 AM

Drop-In Baby Laptime

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

MONDAYS, MAY 6, 13 | 1:30 PM

Storytime in the Park @ St. Albert Botanic Park

ST. ALBERT BOTANIC PARK

MONDAYS, MAY 6, 13, 27 | 10 AM

Family Storytime @ Further Education

ST. ALBERT CENTRE

TUESDAYS, MAY 7, 14, 21, 28

10:30 AM (playtime at 10 AM)

Storytime with Vernon the Mountie

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

SATURDAY, MAY 11 | 11 AM

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



School Age Programs – Downtown, Jensen Lakes & Outreach

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.

LEGO-Mania! (Grades K-6)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

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

Soulfire: Connection and Community

(Grades 5-7)

WEDNESDAYS, MAY 1, 15 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

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

Crafternoon (K-Grade 2)

THURSDAY, MAY 2 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

A "crafternoon" of fun art projects and activities!

Pokémon and Chess Connection (Grades 1-6)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Share your love of Pokémon and Chess.

After School Mix (Grades 3-6)

THURSDAY, MAY 9 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

A variety of STEAM programs after school.

Board Game Gang (with Chess!) (Grades 1-6)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 | 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, MAY 16 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

Build, create and complete challenges with LEGO!

A Craft-Tea Afternoon (Grades 1-3)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Read stories, sip tea or juice and craft together!

Bookable Buddies

THURSDAYS, MAY 2, 9, 16 | 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.



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.

Knit-Lits

WEDNESDAYS, MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6:30 PM
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

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



Block Party Boot Camp

THURSDAY, MAY 2 | 6:30 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 4 | 10:30 AM
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

The City of St. Albert's Neighbourhood Development team has great resources to help plan your Block Party and Play Street including games, equipment, cultural activities, free food, and more! For more information contact Nicole Synowec at nsynowec@stalbert.ca.

Menship (18+ years)

WEDNESDAYS, MAY 8, 22 | 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.

Container Gardening for Balconies, Decks and Small Spaces

THURSDAY, MAY 9 | 7 PM | ONLINE

Join Master Gardener Dale Ford and learn the best tips and tricks for gardening in small spaces such as balconies and decks.

Scrabble, Cribbage and More

FRIDAYS, MAY 10, 24 | 2 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

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

All Abilities Afternoons

FRIDAY, MAY 17 | 1 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

We welcome adults with developmental disabilities and caregivers to try a craft or do some colouring. Drop in.

Uke it Up @ the Library

SUNDAY, MAY 19 | 2 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

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

Neutral Ground

SATURDAY, MAY 25 | 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, MAY 28 | 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.

Planning to travel? Learn the language before you go!

Learning some new language skills before you fly away on your travels is not only fun, it also helps you immerse yourself in experiences, places, and interactions you wouldn't have otherwise.

Explore Pronunciator free with your library card! It's a fun way to learn any of 315 languages with personalized courses, movies, chat, and more. Find it at sapl.ca/eLibrary.

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Teen Programs

Check teens.sapl.ca for great book picks, study help and more! Call 780-459-1682 for more information.

Teens Create Thursdays: Friendship Bracelets

THURSDAY, MAY 2 | 4 PM
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Unplug and relax for an hour in the Training Room. This month we'll have supplies to bead personalized friendship bracelets for you and your BFF. Registration required.



RPG Club with Bent Arrow

WEDNESDAYS, MAY 8, 22 | 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.

Teen Pokémon Hangout

FRIDAYS, MAY 10, 24 | 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, MAY 16 | 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, MAY 18 | 2 PM
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

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

NEW!
Teens in grades 7-12, we're launching an email newsletter just for you!
Sign up at sapl.ca/mail-list.

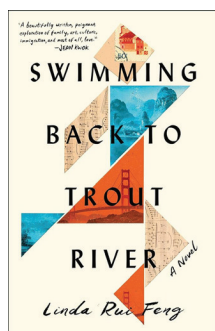
Drop-in Book Clubs

Book clubs meet at the Downtown Library – please check sapl.ca/bookclubs for details.

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club

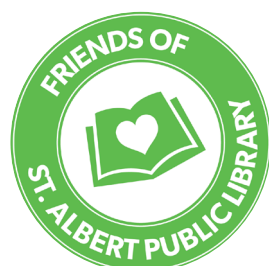
TUESDAY, MAY 21 | 2 PM

Swimming Back to Trout River by Linda Rui Feng.



Résumé and Job Search Tutor Service

Looking for work or a change in your career? An appointment with one of our Résumé Tutors will get you on the right track! Call 780-459-1682 to book your FREE résumé and job search consultation.



Reel Monday movies

Presented by the Friends of St. Albert Public Library

Tickets are \$15 + service charges or \$58 for a season pass.

Purchase tickets through the Arden Theatre box office:
tickets.stalbert.ca.

Priscilla | Monday, May 6

7 PM | Arden Theatre

For more information visit friendsofsapl.ca.

