

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Library will be closed May 18 for 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](https://sapl.ca).

## STARFest Presents Zeina Sleiman



**FRIDAY, MAY 8 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**  
Join Zeina Sleiman in conversation with Sumaiya Matin as they discuss *Where the Jasmine Blooms*, a novel about two Palestinian cousins with very different lives who meet in Lebanon and discover their family's political secrets amid the 2006 Israel-Lebanon war.

Zeina Sleiman is a Palestinian Canadian writer based in Edmonton. In 2025, her Short Story *My Father's Soil* was shortlisted for the CBC Short Story Prize and she was listed among 22 Canadian writers to watch. Her debut fiction *Where the Jasmine Blooms* is a finalist for the Forest of Reading Evergreen Award.

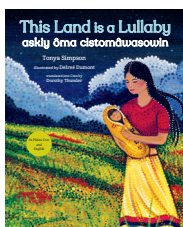
## Friends of the Library AGM

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**  
The Friends are a welcoming and enthusiastic group of library lovers! They are looking for new members and for candidates to serve as president and secretary.

The Friends play an important role in the vitality of St. Albert Public Library, supporting its goals of literacy, leisure and community-building. All new members receive full support and training. Everyone is welcome to join their annual general meeting. RSVP to [friends@sapl.ca](mailto:friends@sapl.ca) and for more information visit [friendsofsapl.ca/join](https://friendsofsapl.ca/join).



## Tonya Simpson: This Land is a Lullaby



**FRIDAY, MAY 15 | 11 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**  
Author Tonya Simpson will read from her book *This Land is a Lullaby*, and lead us in some interactive songs and activities. Stay and visit afterwards.

## All Ages Chess Drop-in



**MONDAY, MAY 11 | 6:30 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**  
Casual, structured chess for players of all ages and skills. Play some games with other community members, split in two sections for newer and experienced players. Sets and clocks provided.

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

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

**Dance Your Socks Off** | Geared for 5 and under  
**FRIDAY, MAY 1 | 10:30 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**  
It's time to dance and shake and bust a move! Come to the Library to cut a rug and dance your socks off.



**May Day Nerf Wars**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 1 | 5:45 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**  
Bring one Nerf weapon, ammunition, eye protection and prepare for an hour of action after-hours!



**Tanisi, Let's Play!**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 3 | 3 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**  
Bring the family as we play and learn in Cree, outside. Dress for the weather and be sure to build in extra time to play and visit together when the program ends. Warming refreshments will be provided.

**A Crafty Afternoon** | Grades 1-4  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 | 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, MAY 7 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**  
We'll provide the LEGO, you provide the imagination!



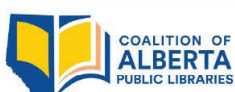
**SMART-E Pants** | Grades 1-6  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY**  
Flex your Science, Math, Art, Reading, Tech, and Engineering skills with some brain-tickling fun!

**Style My Stuffie** | Grades 1-6  
**THURSDAY, MAY 14 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**  
Do you or one of your stuffies love fashion? Learn how to make a simple accessory for your sweetest stuffie and discover some of the cutest books in our library!



# 82%

of Albertans trust their local public library to make appropriate decisions about what materials are available



[www.capllibraries.ca](https://www.capllibraries.ca)

## Alberta Bill 28: What It Means for St. Albert Public Library

St. Albert Public Library (SAPL) is committed to keeping our community informed about issues that affect public library services, access to information, and local decision-making. Alberta's Bill 28, introduced in April 2026, proposes changes to the Libraries Act that could significantly affect how public libraries across the province operate. SAPL is a member of the Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries (CAP Libraries) and is working alongside libraries across Alberta to understand the proposed legislation, share sector expertise, and advocate for practical, community-based outcomes.

Read more about SAPL's supports for parents and caregivers by scanning the QR code.



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## Storytimes – Downtown, Jensen Lakes & Outreach

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### Registered Storytimes

#### Baby Storytime

TUESDAYS, MAY 5, 12 | 10:15 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Join us for a pre-registered, indoor storytime group that will meet once a week for six weeks. Stories, songs and more will keep babies engaged.

#### Family Storytime

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

Join us for a pre-registered, indoor storytime group that will meet once a week for seven weeks. Stories, songs and more will keep babies and kids of all ages engaged. Please include names of each family member attending storytime.

#### Sensory Storytime

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 | 10:15 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Presented in partnership with Transitions, this hour allows your child to explore and get comfortable with the space and other children.

### Drop-In Storytimes

#### Drop-In Family Storytime

MONDAYS, MAY 4, 11 | 11 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY  
WEDNESDAYS, MAY 6, 13 | 11 AM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 14 | 11 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY  
SATURDAYS, MAY 2, 9, 16 | 11 AM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY

#### Drop-In Baby Laptime

MONDAYS, MAY 4, 11 | 1:30 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

#### Baby Storytime @ Everitt Gardens

FRIDAY, MAY 1 | 10:30 AM  
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#### Drop-In French Storytime

FRIDAY, MAY 15 | 10:15 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY  
Pour les enfants de 0 à 6 ans, un programme en français offert par L'Institut de Guy-Lacombe de la famille. For children 0-6 years, a French program led by the Institut Guy-Lacombe de la famille.

#### Family Storytime @ Ironwood Estates

TUESDAYS, MAY 5, 19, 26 | 10:30 AM  
40 IRONWOOD POINT

Join us for a fun filled morning at the Ironwood Estates Retirement Residence. We'll have songs, stories, dancing and more! We will be sharing our program with friends from Ironwood Estates.



#### Storytime in the Park: Lions Park

BABIES: FRIDAYS, MAY 8, 15, 22 | 9:15 AM  
FAMILY: FRIDAYS, MAY 8, 15, 22 | 10 AM  
LIONS PARK | 21 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL AVE.

Join us Lions Park for stories, singing, and playing! Bring a blanket and join us in a shady spot.

## 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.

#### All Abilities Afternoons

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 15 | 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, MAY 2 | 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.

#### Intro to Dungeons & Dragons

SUNDAY, MAY 3 | 1:30 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. Ages 18-35.

#### Silent Book Club

MONDAY, MAY 4 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 | 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, MAY 5, 12, 19, 26  
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, MAY 6, 13, 20, 27 | 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.

#### Death Happens: Let's Talk About It

THURSDAY, MAY 7 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Death is something we all share, yet we rarely talk about it openly. Join us for an honest and compassionate evening featuring a panel of professionals who work with death and grief every day, including a Death Doula, a Grief Counsellor, and a Funeral Director. This program is presented by St. Albert Sturgeon Hospice Association (SASHA).



#### Flowing Meditation Qigong with Anne

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 | 2 PM | 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.

#### Community Tea and Bannock

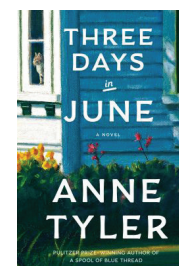
FRIDAY, MAY 15 | 2 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

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.

#### Tuesday Afternoon Book Club

TUESDAY, MAY 19 | 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: *Three Days in June* by Anne Tyler.



## Teen Programs

Check out [teens.sapl.ca](http://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.

#### WISEST Conversation Cafe | Grades 7-12

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 | 6 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY



This mentorship-powered event is where curiosity comes alive, confidence grows, and STEM dreams take shape. Connect with real-world STEM role models through lively discussions and hands-on activities. WISEST is a non-profit organization based at the University of Alberta. Registration 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](http://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.

