

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Library will be closed April 18 (Good Friday), April 20 (Easter Sunday), and April 21 (Easter Monday).

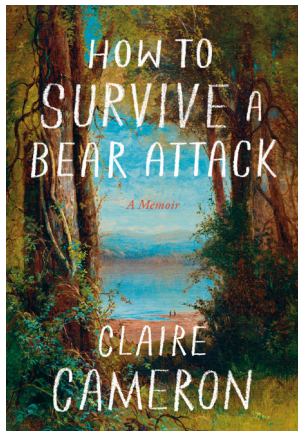
FREE LIBRARY CARDS

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.

STARFest Presents Claire Cameron



SUNDAY, APR. 13 | 2 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

How to Survive a Bear Attack: A Memoir by Claire Cameron is a beautiful and powerful exploration of grief, family, cancer, the wilderness, animals and so much more. In this debut memoir from the bestselling author of *The Bear* and *The Last Neanderthal*, Claire Cameron confronts the rare genetic mutation that gave her cancer by investigating an equally rare and terrifying event – a predatory bear attack. Join Claire Cameron and Jana Pruden in conversation to discuss this deeply moving and profoundly researched book.

HOOPLA

After careful consideration, we have decided to join many other libraries and library systems in discontinuing the hoopla streaming service. The last day of hoopla service will be April 30, 2025. But don't worry, we have you covered! Libby by Overdrive is our other eBook, eAudiobook, eComic and eMagazine platform, which already has a carefully curated collection of content waiting to be discovered. Libby has an easy-to-use app, you can check out up to 10 items at a time and there's no monthly limit. Please visit our FAQ page at sapl.ca for more information.

Friends Purdy's Fundraiser



Sweeten someone's Easter with Purdy's Chocolates while supporting St. Albert Public Library!

It's your last chance to order from a delectable selection of treats. Orders are due online by Wednesday, March 26. Pickup is on April 10, 11, and 12 (Thursday to Saturday) at the Downtown Library (5 St. Anne Street). Visit friendsofsapl.ca to order or email friends@sapl.ca with any questions.

Volunteer Week

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the many wonderful volunteers who support St. Albert Public Library's programs and patrons. Your efforts help enrich the lives of community members and foster a love of reading and learning. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. Your commitment has made an impact on our community, and we are so appreciative. National Volunteer Week is April 27- May 3.

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

First Time Parents Group

**WEDNESDAYS, APR. 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:15 AM
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**

For parents of Babies 0-6 months. In partnership with the St. Albert Family Resource Centre, this group equips new parents with parenting skills, empowering them to navigate raising a child.

Baby Storytime

**FRIDAY, APR. 4 | 10:30 AM | IRONWOOD ESTATES
(40 IRONWOOD POINT)**

For babies, their caregivers, and seniors!

Sensory Storytime with Transitions

FRIDAY, APR. 25 | 10:30 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

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

Drop-In Storytimes

Drop-In Baby Laptime

**MONDAYS, APR. 7, 14, 28 | 1:30 PM
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**

Drop-In Family Storytime

**Downtown Library
MONDAYS, APR. 7, 14, 28 | 11 AM
THURSDAYS, APR. 3, 10, 17, 24 | 11 AM**

Drop-In Family Storytime

**Jensen Lakes Library
FRIDAYS, APR. 4, 11, 25 | 11 AM
SATURDAYS, APR. 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11 AM**

Family Storytime @ Further Education

**TUESDAYS, APR. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10 AM
ST. ALBERT CENTRE**
Playtime at 10 AM, storytime begins at 10:30 AM.

Drop-In French Storytime

FRIDAY, APR. 11 | 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.

Dance Your Socks Off

**FRIDAY, APR. 4 | 10:30 AM
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**

Dance, shake and bust a move! Geared for 5 years old and younger.



Pop-Up Library @ Family Resource Center

**MONDAY, APR. 7 | 9:30 AM | FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE
SUITE 10A, 215 CARNEGIE DR.**

We'll be joining playtime to answer questions about library programs, check out books, create/renew library memberships and then have a short storytime.

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.

A Craft-Tea Afternoon

**WEDNESDAY, APR. 2 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY
THURSDAY, APR. 17 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**

Join us for a cozy, quiet afternoon of reading, sipping tea or juice and crafting together!

LEGO-Mania! (Grades K-6)

**THURSDAY, APR. 3 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, APR. 16 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY**

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

SMART-E Pants (Grades 1-6)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 9 | 4 PM | JENSEN LAKES LIBRARY
Flex your Science, Math, Art, Reading, Tech, and Engineering skills with some brain-tickling fun.

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

THURSDAY, APR. 10 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
Learn a new game, or play one you've loved for years at the Downtown Library. Can't make it on board game day? Ask at the Children's desk for a selection of board games to play on your next visit.

Soulfire Jr. (Grades 5-7)

WEDNESDAY APR. 16 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
Join Community Resource Coordinator Colleen to learn more about your mental health in a fun and unique way!

Pokémon and Chess Connection (Grades 1-6)

THURSDAY, APR. 24 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
Join us to talk, draw and play Pokémon! There will be chess boards and puzzles, too!

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.

SAiF Space Sessions for Seniors

TUESDAY, APR. 1 | 2 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Join us for a social hour with a bit of education tailored for older adults. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Contact Stephanie stephanie@saifsociety.ca with any questions.

All Abilities Afternoons

FRIDAY, APR. 4 | 1 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

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

Neutral Ground

SATURDAY, APR. 5 | 1:30 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.

Uke it Up at the Library!

SUNDAY, APR. 6 | 2 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Join the monthly adult ukulele circle to learn, share and play fun music together. Bring your own ukulele, tuner, music stand, and a sense of humour! Drop in.

Silent Book Club

MONDAY, APR. 7 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN 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.

Self-advocacy:

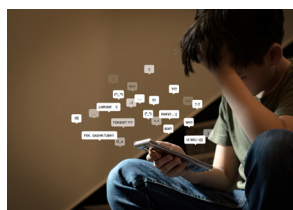
A Critical Skill in your Health Care

THURSDAY, APR. 10 | 2 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Be effective advocates in your own health and health care. Find out about the importance of self-advocacy, the long-term benefits and common barriers. Learn some practical strategies and communication styles that support strong self-advocacy. Presented by The Office of the Alberta Health Advocates.

Prevent Internet Child Exploitation

THURSDAY, APR. 10 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY



The Northern Alberta Internet Child Exploitation (NAICE) Unit welcomes all parents & caregivers to attend an evening information

session on the realities of internet child exploitation in Alberta, and strategies to navigate these issues in an open and collaborative way with your children.

Baisakhi Celebration - The First Ever Indian Festival in St. Albert!

SATURDAY, APR. 12 | 11 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Baisakhi is a time of vibrant celebrations with Indian dance of bhangra. It symbolizes gratitude for a bountiful harvest and the spirit of unity and prosperity. Let's come together to honor our rich traditions, share joy, and celebrate the spirit of togetherness!

Wardrobe Secrets:

Colour and Shape for Your Best Spring Look

TUESDAY, APR. 15 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Unlock the mysteries of what colors to wear and how to dress for your unique shape and personality. Sample demonstrations will reveal the colours that bring out the best in your features! Discover the styles, cuts, and accessories that flatters your figure. Presented by Susanne Urbina, Image Consultant.

Empowering Parents: Navigating Sexual Health Education with Confidence

THURSDAY, APR. 24 | 7 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

As parents, it can be challenging to know how to talk to your child about sexual health in an age-appropriate and open way. Learn how to address topics such as consent, healthy relationships, puberty, and sexual well-being, while fostering an environment of trust and respect. Presented by the Prevention Coordinator for Family & Community Support Services from the City of St. Albert.

Voting in General Federal Elections

THURSDAY, APR. 24 | 7 PM | ZOOM

Join us to learn about programs and tools in place to reduce barriers to registering and voting in general federal elections. By the end of this session we hope you will feel confident to vote on election day.

Knit-Lits

WEDNESDAYS, APR. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6:30 PM DOWNTOWN LIBRARY



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

Scrabble, Cribbage and More

FRIDAY, APR. 11, 25 | 2 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY



Drop in, socialize and challenge your mind playing Scrabble or Cribbage—or bring your own game and invite others to play.

Introduction to the Cricut

TUESDAY, APR. 8 | 10:30 AM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

In this beginner class, learn the process for making a simple vinyl decal on the Cricut. You'll learn the basics of creating designs, how to use the Cricut Maker and how to assemble your project. Ages 16+.

Introduction to 3D Printing at the Library

MONDAY, APR. 28 | 6:30 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

In this beginner class, you will create a simple keychain design. We'll be using TinkerCAD. You will also learn how to export a design to be printed on the library's 3D printer.



Teen Programs

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

Teens Create Thursdays:

Cereal Box Book Nooks

THURSDAY, APR. 3 | 4-5:30 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Unplug and relax in the Training Room as we try a new hobby every month. We're making our own book nooks - magical miniature dioramas to put on your book shelf. Bring a cereal box from home or use one of ours. Registration is required.

Coding Club (Grades 6-8)

MONDAY, APR. 7 | 4-4:45 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Join us for fun at this beginner-friendly coding program. Complete challenges, play games and learn something new.

STARK POETS (14-18 yrs)

TUESDAY, APR. 8, 22 | 6:45 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

STARK POETS is a drop-in writing and reciting club working with Poetry In Voice, a national poetry program designed to support youth to write and recite poetry. We will write, listen, and read poetry! Work with award winning poets and teachers who can bring your writing to the next level. Snacks at 6:30, program starts at 6:45 p.m.

Community Helpers Program

THURSDAYS, APR 10 & 24 | 4:30 PM DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

In every community there are people whom others naturally turn to for support. Through conversations and engaging activities, learn about the importance of mental health in others and in yourself. You'll receive a certificate from AHS for completing all modules of this training—great experience for your résumé! Registration required.

Soulfire (Grades 7-12)

THURSDAY, APR 17 | 4 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Join City of St. Albert's Community Resource Coordinator, Colleen, to tap into deeper connections and learn about mental health. Hang out, meet awesome people, and try fun activities.

Teen Pokémon Hangout (Grades 6-9)

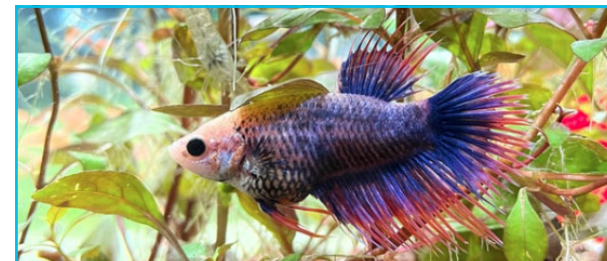
FRIDAY, APR. 25 | 4:15-5 PM | DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

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, APR. 26 | 2-4 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.



Getting Started with Freshwater Aquariums

SATURDAY, APR. 12 | 2-3:30 PM DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Join Adrian from Oasis Fish & Reptile to discuss all the aspects of Aquarium Keeping. We will cover what to consider before getting an aquarium, how to maintain a balanced aquarium, and how to troubleshoot the most common issues that can occur. When done properly this hobby is great for reducing stress and is quite enjoyable. Ages 10+ and adult.

Résumé and Job Search Tutor Service

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