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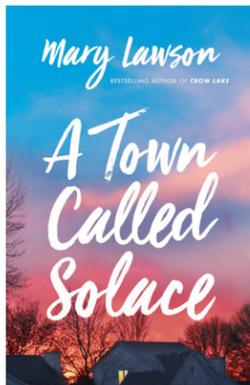
Library cards are free for St. Albert residents. It's all part of our commitment to barrier-free access for all.

CHECK IT OUT NEWSLETTER

Be the first to know about new Library programs, events and other exciting announcements – sign up for our eNewsletter at sapl.ca.



STARFest presents Mary Lawson on June 5



STARFest is thrilled to kick off our 2021 season on June 5 with an online afternoon event featuring critically acclaimed and bestselling author Mary Lawson in conversation with popular Alberta author Fran Kimmel about Lawson's new novel, *A Town Called Solace*.

A Town Called Solace revolves around three people whose lives entangle in a Northern Ontario town in 1972: Seven-year-old Clara, who is grief-stricken and bewildered after her sixteen-year-old sister goes

missing. Newly divorced newcomer Liam, who is suspected by the police of a crime. And the elderly Elizabeth, who is haunted by a thirty-year-old crime that had tragic consequences. Graham Norton describes Lawson's new novel as "poised, elegant prose;" it traces the way these three people are brought together by tragedy, and how in the end they change each other's lives.

Register at sapl.ca to join us on Saturday, June 5 at 1 PM on Zoom for this exciting, free STARFest event.

It's online book sale time again! June 21 – 27

You snapped up our staff-curated book bags so quickly during the March online book sale, we thought you might enjoy the chance to do it again before summer holidays. From June 21 to 27, you'll be able to shop our online store for staff-curated bags of books in children's fiction and picture books, adult fiction and SciFi/fantasy, teen fiction, cookbooks and more.

Some categories will only have a few bags, based on what's available; others will be replenished regularly. In other words, you'll want to log on early and log on often!

All bags are \$20. The online book sale link will go live at 9 AM on June 21 at sapl.ca.

Thank you for supporting our book sale fundraiser.



Children's Programs

Programs and storytimes are offered online through Zoom and YouTube – only Zoom programs require advance registration. Find program details at sapl.ca or call 780-459-1532.

Paperback Kids: Summer Fun! THURSDAYS, JUN. 3 & 17 | 4-5 PM

Calling all readers! Summer is here but we just can't stop reading. Every two weeks, join us for a book club featuring hot new books. Let's get to know each other, talk books, play games, and have fun! Grades 4-6.

Family Storytime on Zoom THURSDAYS, JUN. 3, 10, 17 & 24 | 11 AM

Join us live on Zoom weekly on Thursdays at 11 a.m. for a welcoming and gentle storytime featuring songs, fingerplays, stories and rhymes. See you there! Geared for ages 2-4.

iSpy Summer Reading Game JUN. 28 – AUG. 20 Registration begins June 14.



The future needs your help! The mysterious organization SNARL has created robots that are taking over the future! Hope is not lost because SMILE will train you to be a spy, but they can't come to the present, so it's up to you to save the future.

LEGO Builders Club SATURDAY, JUN. 12 | 10 AM

Hang out on Zoom and build with whatever bricks you have at home! We'll have a story, some building challenges, and lots of fun. Open to children in grades 1 to 6, siblings are welcome. This program meets through Zoom; registration is required.

Summer Reading Buddies Registration begins June 7.

Children in grades 2 to 4 who could benefit from building confidence and a positive attitude towards reading are paired with a trained teen Reading Buddy volunteer to read eBooks together over Zoom. Buddies meet for four sessions on Tuesdays or Wednesdays in July or August.

Storytimes for All Ages

Stories come in all forms – rhymes, songs, books and more. We have storytime covered for you wherever and whenever you need it! Check out our program listings on the Children's page at sapl.ca for the most up to date details for storytimes over Zoom, YouTube, Podcast, or outdoors on a trail.

Introducing Picture Book Bundles!



Our Board Book Grab Bags are so popular that we've added Picture Book Bundles to the mix. We put picture books together on

all kinds of fun themes and tie them up for you with a ribbon and a tag. Simply come to either St. Albert Library location and call the Curbside Pickup number. Make sure to have your Library card handy, and ask to have a Picture Book Bundle or a Board Book Grab Bag added to your pickup. Even better, ask for one of each! What surprises will you and your child read together tonight?

Personalized Book Lists for Kids



Not sure what to read next? Let us know what you like to read and our Children's staff will create a list of recommended books just for you! Find the online form at sapl.ca under "What Do I Read Next?"

Community Outreach

Forest Friends: self-guided WEDNESDAY, JUN. 2 OR 9 | 10 AM

Families with children ages 2-5 years, join us for a scavenger hunt, trail tale, and free play at early literacy centres in the forest west of St. Albert Place. Registration is required.



Trail Tales on Red Willow Trail WEDNESDAYS, JUN. 2, 9, 16 & 23

Take a stroll along the river on Red Willow Trail behind St. Albert Place and enjoy a new Trail Tale each Wednesday from 10 AM to 5:30 PM.

Stroller Tales at Erin Ridge Park THURSDAYS, JUN. 3, 10, 17 & 24

Take a stroll through Erin Ridge Park and enjoy songs and rhymes with your baby/toddler. Stroller tales will be available every Thursday 10 AM to 3 PM, weather permitting.

Adult Programs

Please register in advance online at sapl.ca or by calling 780-459-1682. All programs are online and registration is required unless noted otherwise.

a very grown-up

Reading Challenge



A Very Grown-Up Reading Challenge JUN. 28 – AUG. 20

Don't let kids have all the fun; there's a summer reading game for adults, too! Create your own challenge, or spin to get a category. A Very Grown-Up Reading Challenge launches at 9 AM on June 28.

All Abilities Afternoons FRIDAYS, JUN. 4 & 18 | 1:30 PM

Let your creativity shine as you craft along with friends online! We'll meet over Zoom every two weeks to try out a new craft or activity together, with guidance from library staff. We welcome adults with developmental disabilities and support workers.

Genealogy Club Online MONDAY, JUN. 7 | 6:30 PM



Are you researching your family history? The Library has a Genealogy Club that meets the first Monday of the month through Zoom. Share where you are in your search,

explore the library's resources, and support others interested in researching their family history. Sessions are facilitated by Genealogy Club volunteers.

Seniors Week: Writing Your Own Stories TUESDAY, JUN. 8 | 10:30 AM OR THURSDAY, JUN. 10 | 2 PM

How do we pursue our authentic self through our stories? For Seniors' Week, join Writer in Residence Nisha Patel in this workshop to learn how writers can develop their personal voice over time by exploring truthfulness in our own work. Writers will be encouraged to write from their areas of expertise: their lives, journeys, and futures. The same program is running on two dates. Please register for one session only.

Saint City Writers

TUESDAYS, JUN. 8 & 22 | 7 PM

SCW is a forum for adult writers to present their work and to receive constructive feedback. SCW brings together a mix of award-winning writers, including novelists, memoirists, and poets, and publishes annual anthologies. New members are welcome. For more information contact ewakk@yahoo.ca.

Adult Trivia Night

FRIDAYS, JUN. 11 & 25 | 7 PM

Take a break from binge-watching and join Michelle and Michele for Trivia Night! Make a team or play solo, grab a pen and paper, and tune in to the Library's Facebook page. Will your team reign supreme?

Open Mic & Literary Chat

TUESDAY, JUN. 22 | 7 PM

Do you want to connect with other local writers? Join Writer in Residence Nisha Patel and a featured local guest author each month on Zoom for an open mic and literary chat. Sign up for a five-minute open mic slot to read your own work, or join us for conversation on the writing process, local books, and your writing and literary interests.

Teen Programs

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

Watch Party! | Saturday Church WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 | 7 PM

Join the watch party for Saturday Church with Teen Services Librarian, Celeste, and Outloud St. Albert. *Saturday Church* is an incredible musical about finding yourself. In this New York Times Critics' Pick, a 14 year old boy, struggling with gender identity and religion uses fantasy to escape his life in the inner city, and finds his passion in the process. Nominated for Best Actress and Best US Narrative Feature at the Tribeca Film Festival. Winner of Outstanding Actor in a Feature Film at Outfest.



Mission Readable Teen Summer Reading Game JUN. 28 – AUG. 20 | Ages 11-17

Teens are invited to attempt a killer mission this summer. Prepare for departure and blast off toward epic YA reading challenges. Recruits will tackle reading challenges and undercover missions to intercept secret codes at different intergalactic locations each week, from the cargo bay to the crew cabin. Each mission or challenge earns you prize entries for some very cool prizes. No impostors allowed!



Volunteering opportunities

Summer Reading Buddies

The Library is recruiting virtual volunteers ages 13-17 for our summer Reading Buddies Program. Teen volunteers are paired with a young buddy from grades 2-4 who could benefit from reading support. The goal is to help your young buddy improve their confidence and develop a positive attitude toward reading. When matched with a buddy, you will meet weekly over Zoom for four sessions in a row in July or August. Find details on the Teen Calendar at sapl.ca. The application will be posted there on May 12.

Read It & Review

Earn volunteer hours, make your voice heard in our community, promote books that you enjoy, and improve your writing skills! We're looking for virtual volunteers in grades 7 to 12 to review books, movies, games and music. Reviews are kept on our catalogue and used in library promotions. Find more information and check out the latest reviews at teens.sapl.ca.

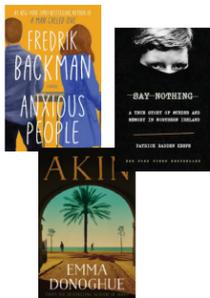
Book Clubs

Book clubs meet via Zoom – please check the calendar at sapl.ca to register.

SENIORS | Wednesday, June 9 | 2 PM *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

MONDAY EVENING | Monday, June 14 | 7 PM *Say Nothing* by Patrick Radden O'Keefe

TUESDAY AFTERNOON | Tuesday, June 15 | 2 PM *Akin* by Emma Donoghue



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