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Jensen Lakes Library opening celebration is January 18

ST. ALBERT — Jensen Lakes Library, St. Albert Public Library’s new storefront location, officially opens Saturday January 18 with a grand opening celebration. The staff, Board and CEO of St. Albert Public Library invite the community to Jensen Lakes Library on Saturday January 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The celebration will include refreshments as well as the chance to spin the prize wheel for some great library swag. A formal program at 11:30 a.m. will begin with an Indigenous Blessing by Hazel McKennitt, followed by remarks from Library Board Chair Janice Marschner, St. Albert Mayor Cathy Heron, and Library CEO Peter Bailey. St. Albert Poet Laureate Zach Polis will perform an original poem written especially for the Jensen Lakes Library opening celebration. Formalities will conclude with cake at noon, and the prize wheel, coffee, juice and cookies will be available until 2:00 p.m.

“Jensen Lakes Library opened to the public on January 2, and 1,200 citizens came through the doors that day. We’ve been hearing positive comments every day since from people who find the north location easier to access,” says Library CEO Peter Bailey. “The next step, which has been on the minds of many library patrons, is programming. Beginning in February, we’re pleased to bring two of the Library’s most in-demand programs and services to Jensen Lakes – a Saturday morning storytime and Mini Makerspace.”

Beginning February 8, SAPL will offer the popular drop-in Sunrise Storytime every Saturday at both the Downtown Library and Jensen Lakes Library from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Children age 2 to 4 especially love Sunrise Storytime, but families of all ages and stages are welcome.

Jensen Lakes Library will also offer Mini Makerspace on Thursdays starting February 6, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Jensen Lakes Library version of the popular Makerspace will feature many of the same technologies and tools, scaled to fit the smaller location. The Makerspace is drop-in and is for all ages.

“The Library’s promise to the community is embodied in our tagline: “Here for you, here for all,” Bailey says. “We’re excited to have Jensen Lakes Library open and serving the community, and now to be offering two of our most popular programs and services into underserved areas and across the city. We’re looking forward to celebrating this new library space with the community on January 18.”

Check sapl.ca for details of all Downtown and Jensen Lakes Library programs. Jensen Lakes Library is located at #1010, 880 St. Albert Trail.

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