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St. Albert Public Library ramps up services in time for Back to School

ST. ALBERT, AB – St. Albert Public Library is in “back to school” mode, introducing extended hours and access to study spaces in both Library locations, new education-focused digital resources, and an electronic newsletter focused on the needs of teachers and parents. The Library is also pleased to reinstate a virtual version of the popular free Résumé and Job Search Tutor Service.

“We’re very aware that this back to school season contains a lot of uncertainty for the community, and the reintroduction of evening hours and study spaces is crucial for students, parents and the entire community,” says St. Albert Public Library CEO Peter Bailey. “It’s also a time when families and educators need access to education and career supports more than ever. We’re excited to have patrons explore the depth and breadth of our new digital resources.”

Extended hours at the Downtown Library

Downtown Library hours are now Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The hours at Jensen Lakes Library remain Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the first two hours of each day reserved for seniors and at-risk patrons. Limited entry, physical distancing, mask use, sanitization and other precautions remain in place at both Library locations to ensure the continued safety of Library patrons and staff.

Study space Downtown and at Jensen Lakes Library

The Library is also pleased to reintroduce limited study space, in response to community need. A number of individual study spaces are available on the second floor of the Downtown Library and one study space is available at Jensen Lakes Library. These study spaces operate on a first-come, first-served basis. Patrons will check in with staff at the reference desk and may use the space for up to two hours per day. Two study spaces at the Downtown Library are available for booking. Library staff have also created two study spaces Downtown that can accommodate two users each – one bookable and one drop-in – for use by tutors and students, or students studying in pairs.

Four new digital resources for students, teachers and parents

St. Albert Public Library is delighted to offer four new digital resources for learners of all ages, and the educators and families who support them – all free with your Library card.

- Brainfuse offers live, online tutor support for students in kindergarten to postsecondary, as well as study aids, collaborative tools, and Alberta-based curriculum. Support for adult learners includes prep for the GED and Canadian Citizenship tests, and résumé and career help.
- Early World of Learning, part of the World Book suite, offers a wealth of early literacy activities in this interactive online encyclopedia for preschool and early elementary children.
- L'Encyclopédie Découverte offre des articles faciles à lire, des milliers d'illustrations et toute une gamme d'activités amusantes. L'encyclopédie contient des milliers d'articles, des vidéos, des photos et plus pour les enfants francophones, ainsi que pour les étudiants et adultes qui apprennent le français.
- World Book Kids offers thousands of articles, videos, photos, and more for grade 1 to 5.

Electronic newsletter for educators

The Library has always offered numerous resources and supports to teachers, parents, daycares and more – this monthly education-focused newsletter will put relevant, timely Library services and opportunities in front of the educator communities who need them, every month, in easy to skim chunks.

Résumé and Job Search Tutor Service

The Library is also pleased to announce the return of Résumé and Job Search consultations. These free consultations are now done virtually. Call the Information Desk at 780-459-1682 during Library hours to book your appointment.

“We are hearing clearly how much the community needs their library, and how much they appreciate the reintroduction of services they value so highly,” Bailey says. “Our commitment to the community means that St. Albert Public Library will continue to evolve services, programs and collections in response to emerging needs – and that we will respond to those needs thoughtfully and with public safety top of mind.”

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