Strathcona Branch
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780.496.1828

To register or for more information:
Online: www.epl.ca  Phone: 780.496.1828
Talk to staff in branch or visit www.epl.ca/classes
for more details

*All classes are drop in unless otherwise specified
March Classes:

**Children**

**Baby Laptime**
Enjoy delightful stories, songs, books, rhymes, finger plays and more, especially for babies. Cuddle with your baby and connect with other caregivers. **Ages up to 12 months.**

**Evil Genius Club**
Full STEAM ahead! From robot battles to music to photography, enjoy all things Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. You’re invited to hang out, bring friends, try things and create stuff at this drop-in club for maniacal makers. **Ages 6 to 12.**

**Paper Bag Princess Anniversary Party**
Everybody’s favourite Paper Bag Princess is having a big birthday this year! Come celebrate the 40th anniversary of Robert Munsch’s The Paper Bag Princess at the library with fun activities and royally fantastic games. Don’t forget to dress up as your favourite character from the story! **Ages 6 to 12.**

**Preschool Problem Solvers**
Getting your child ready for preschool? Looking for opportunities that help build school skills and encourage independence? Preschool Problem Solvers introduces shapes, numbers, colours and classroom behaviour to children aged four to five. In this class, they will dance, sing, investigate and have fun! Parents may choose to participate or let their child attend solo. All parents must remain in the library for the duration of the 30 minute class. This class has a limit of 12 participants. **Ages 4 to 5.**

**Reading Buddies**
THIS CLASS IS FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 2 TO 4 ONLY. Do you love to read? Do you want to have fun, make new friends and practice your reading skills? Reading Buddies is a class that matches teen mentors with kids in Grades 2–4. Through interactive games and activities, buddies share their enthusiasm for reading. If your child is in Grades 2—4, please register for a spot in this event or contact your local branch for more information. If you’re a teen who would like to volunteer, visit www.epl.ca/volunteer for more information.

**Reading Circle (Frontier College)**
A reading circle is a place where children and volunteers read together for enjoyment. One volunteer and one child form a team to read, write, play games and tell stories that help build literacy skills. For registration information, contact Frontier College by email, edmonton@frontiercollege.ca. **Ages 6 to 12.**

**Sing, Sign, Laugh and Learn**
You and your child from birth to age three are invited to join us for singing, rhyming and signing! In this inclusive class, offered in collaboration with the Edmonton Early Intervention Program, parents/caregivers will interact one-on-one with their child while learning strategies to engage their child and enhance their child’s communication and development through repetition, visuals and movement. Siblings are welcome. **Ages birth to 3.**

Interested in attending with a group of children? Please contact the branch about early literacy classes more suited to groups.

**Teen**

**DISCOVER: a post-secondary prep program**
DISCOVER is a post-secondary prep program that prepares students for life after high school! We focus on building skills that will lead students to post-secondary success and helping students discover their optimal academic path. Free weekly sessions are run by university students and recent alumni who have invaluable experience in post-secondary education and a broad variety of career fields and will guide students to unlock their full potential! Students are free to drop in on our weekly sessions at the library and get the help they need, when they need it! We provide homework help and general tutoring in core school subjects from grades 9—12, and mentorship through conversation with our volunteers to help students explore their options for their future education and build skills that will aid them throughout their lives.

**Family**

**Traditional Arts & Crafts with the Canadian Native Friendship Centre**
Tanya Rushton, from Driftpile First Nations, leads participants through a variety of traditional crafts. Learn to do leatherwork, make dream catchers, and bead leather lanyards. Talk, craft, and laugh in this highly engaging program suitable for ages 7 and up.

**Adult**

**Book Clubs of EPL**
Love reading? Love to talk about books you’ve read? Come join us for lively discussions on all types of fiction and non-fiction. We’ll feature different titles and authors each month. Come and share your impressions, thoughts and interpretations of a book we have all read. Check the schedule at www.epl.ca/bookclubs and join us at an EPL location. Please login to your account with your library card and then register to reserve a copy of the book. You can contact the library for more information.

**Energy Talks**
Energy Talks is a speaker series featuring ground breaking research presented by scholars and researchers from the University of Alberta’s Future Energy Systems research initiative and Energy Systems Signature Area. We focus on multidisciplinary research that develops the energy technologies of the near future, integrates them into today’s infrastructure, examines possible consequences for our society, economy, and environment, and develops solutions for challenges presented by current energy systems.

**English Conversation Circle (LACE)**
Drop in and join others who also want to practice their English. English Conversation Circle is part of Catholic Social Services’ Learning and Community Enrichment (LACE) program. Call Catholic Social Services at 780-424-3545 for more information.

**Bereavement Support Series**

**Navigating the Rivers of Grief**
- This seven-week support series follows the “Roads to Healing” introductory session. It is a structured support group that includes sharing, reviewing grief process, understanding emotions and self-esteem needs, discussing transformation and answering the question “Where do I go from here?” Participants are asked to commit to the entire series and to be willing to discuss their own loss within the group setting. Presented in partnership with the Edmonton Healing Centre for Grief and Loss.

**Roads to Healing**
- This is a two hour presentation that gives an overview of how grief is experienced and introduces ideas on how to deal with one’s own experience. Presented in partnership with the Edmonton Healing Centre for Grief and Loss, this is the first part of a multi-week series of workshops (Navigating the Rivers of Grief).

**On the Edge: Emerging Scholars**
On the Edge: Emerging Scholars is a speaker series featuring cutting edge research presented by emerging scholars and researchers from Edmonton’s academic community. Presented in partnership with the University of Alberta’s Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. This event is FREE. Your registration is appreciated but not required. To register or for more info: epl.ca/onthe-edge

**Talking Archaeology**

**World Prehistory, Dismantling Civilizations**
- Talking Archaeology is a public lecture series that explores Alberta’s history and rich archaeological heritage. Presented by the Archaeological Society of Alberta: Edmonton Centre —the most northern chapter of the Archaeological Society of Alberta—this year’s ASAEC speakers series is going on a tour of World Prehistory where we will be dismantling “Civilizations.” This event is FREE. Your registration is appreciated but not required. To register or for more info: epl.ca/archaeologytalks
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A Taste of a Circus Workshop
Get the skills for a circus of your own! Learn juggling, plate spinning, slacklining and more from the experts at Holding on Circus!

Participation Limit: 30 participants | Ages 9 to 12

Pirate Floats
Ahoy Matey! Are you ready for an exciting pirate adventure? Learn what makes pirate ships float and try your hand at some pirate themed crafts!

Participation Limit: 30 participants | Ages 6 to 8

Nutty Nature
Have you ever seen a rainbow tree? What about a glowing fish? Things in nature aren’t always as you’d expect. Learn about astonishing things and get creative while making your own Nutty nature creations!

Participation Limit: 30 participants | Ages 6 to 12

The Magical Book of a Wizard
Explore a large and old enchanted book, full of twisted tales about magic gone awry and the delightful results presented by “Fizzban Wizard for Hire”.

Participation Limit: 60 participants | All Ages

Quidditch
Attention all Muggles: It may not be Hogwarts School, but you can join us for a whirlwind of Quidditch-related crafts and activities!

Participation Limit: 30 participants | Ages 6 to 12