

# Spring 2023 Program Guide

## April To June



Fine Free and Free Cards  
Registration Begins Online April 17th  
Programs Begin April 24th

**Our Vision:** Vital, Beyond Words

**Our Mission:** Community Learning Hub

- To Inform, Engage and Connect

**Our Values:** Learning, Inclusivity, Creativity  
and Community



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# How to Register

Registration is now online and begins on April 17th at 10AM on our website.

Each program date and participant requires separate registration.

If two consecutive registered programs are no-show without warning, participants will be removed from future program dates in the Spring session.

Children under 8 must have a parent or guardian stay in the library during programs.

## Steps:









1. Go to [www.chestermerepubliclibrary.com](http://www.chestermerepubliclibrary.com)
2. Press Programs and Events at the top
3. Select program to register for on the calendar.
4. Fill in the form for each participant joining the program.
5. You will receive an email confirming your registration in our programming

To cancel your registration, please follow the link in your email confirming your attendance.

# April

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# Adult Programs

## Novel Book Club Third Thursday Each Month 6:00PM

Each month a book is chosen by our program facilitator to discuss. They meet on the third Thursday of that month at 6:00PM in the library program room to discuss the book. Pick up your copy of the book club book at the front desk. No registration is required.



April 20th's book is *Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me* by Mariko Tamaki

May 18th's book is *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

Novel book club will be taking a break over the summer from June—September.

## Graphic Novel and Manga Club On Discord

Every month, our program facilitator will choose a theme for books to discuss, any book that fits in the theme is welcome to be discussed throughout the month on our Discord. Join our Discord on our website.

April's theme is Sports

May's theme is Alternate History

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## Library Board Meeting Third Monday of the month or next Monday for Stat Holidays at 7:00PM

Get involved in the library and join our library board for their meeting. These meetings are open to the public, and everyone is welcome to attend. The library board has 9 meetings throughout the year and have a break during the summer. Please contact the library for more information.

# Adult Programs

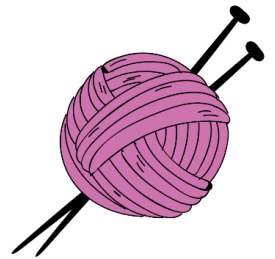
## English Language Learning (ELL) Conversation Circle Mondays at 1:00PM

Come practice your English in a group with other learners. Discussions and activities will be aimed at beginner speakers, but will adapt to the level of the group. There will be a new topic each week. This program is in partnership with Rocky View Immigrant Services, Rocky View Adult Learning, and the Government of Alberta.



## Stitch Happens Tuesdays at 6:00PM

Our long awaited knit and crochet group has returned with a new name. Bring your hooks, needles, yarn, stitching, or needlecraft to the library program room every Tuesday evening for this self run casual meetup. This program is in partnership with the Chestermere Whitecappers! All skill levels welcome, and no registration is required.



## Basic Computers (FULL) Wednesdays at 10:00AM Until May 17th

This program is facilitated by Rocky View Schools Adult Learning and runs until May 17th. Bring your laptop and your questions and join us for computer basics. Many beginner topics will be covered such as computer lingo, using email, internet searching and more. If are you new to computer use or a beginner learner, this class is for you. Please note: this class requires registrants to bring their own laptop.

For program availability please call Rocky View Adult Learning: 403.463.7669



# Adult Programs

## Adult Creative Club Wednesdays at 5:30PM

Do you enjoy being creative and trying new things with like-minded adults? Join us Wednesday evenings this Spring for our Adult Creative Club where we will be tackling different projects each week. No previous skills or experience necessary. Registration required with limited spots available.

### **Vinyl Record Painting Workshop** April 26th

Use vinyl records as your canvas and create abstract or portrait style works with acrylic paint and other mixed media.



### **Mini Macrame Rainbows** May 3rd

Learn how to create your very own mini macrame rainbow. These make great charms for rear view mirrors, key chains, and wall hangings!

### **Painted Rock Mandalas** May 10th

Welcome your inner calm and creativity as you paint your own rock mandala.

### **Abstract Painting on Canvas Using Different Tools and Materials** May 17th

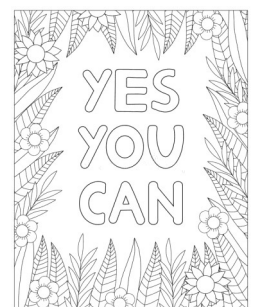
Explore your creative side by using a variety of different, non conventional materials to create a beautiful work of art.

### **Pressed Flower Bookmarks** May 24th

Create a one-of-a kind pressed flower bookmark for those times when you need to pause your book.

### **Adult Positive Affirmation Colouring** May 31st

Choose a positive self affirming colouring sheet, grab some colouring materials and socialize with other adults in a relaxing setting.





# Adult Programs

## Yoga Thursdays at 12:00PM

Join our mindful yoga series where we will explore yogic breath techniques, gentle movement, and guided relaxation. This class supports increased connection between breath, mind, and body. It is a great midday reset for your nervous system.

This 45 minute class is suitable for adults and older adults of any experience level.

Suggested for each class: comfortable clothes, yoga mat, blocks, and a water bottle.

\*Please let us know ahead of time if you require a mat.



## Bibs, Burps, and Breaks Thursdays at 1:30PM

Join us after Baby Storytime for some time to chat with other new parents and caregivers in the community. Children are welcome to play as parents and caregivers chat. We will have refreshments and snacks available. No registration is required.



Be sure to check out our special events page for information about our special programs happening this Spring!

# Teen Programs

## Graphic Novel and Manga Club On Discord

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## Reading Buddies Thursday at 4:15PM Grades 7-12

This program is a volunteer partnership to help facilitate reading and literacy in younger children. Become a buddy by contacting us at [info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com](mailto:info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com).

In order to volunteer for the reading buddies program the following qualifications must be met: strong communication skills, ability to motivate and mentor children, strong literacy skills, reliable and a positive attitude, and committed to program dates.

## Teen Volunteer Experience Ages 14-18

Looking to do some volunteering at the library? We are on the hunt for students to help us with our programs. Fill out our form on the website to sign up.

<https://www.chestermerepubliclibrary.com/About-Us/Volunteer>



# Afterschool @ CPL

**Parents must stay in library during programs if the child is under 8 years old**

## Kids Creative Club Mondays at 4:15PM. Ages 6-12

Does your child enjoy being creative? Join us Monday afternoons this Spring for our new program where we will be alternating fine arts, crafts, and performative arts activities weekly. Registration required with limited spots available.



## CHECK! Out Chess Tuesdays at 4:15PM. Ages 6-12

You are welcome to join us for this program, whether you are just learning or you've already been playing chess. Registration is required for this program.



## Game On! Wednesdays at 4:15PM. Ages 6-12

Join us for gaming fun. Board games and the Nintendo Switch and Wii will be set up in the program room. Registration is required for this program.



## Reading Buddies Thursdays at 4:15PM. Grades 1-3

Join us for Reading Buddies to help facilitate reading and literacy. Teen volunteers are matched with early elementary students learning to read. We will provide an activity then the student is asked to pick a book to read with their buddy. Registration is required for Reading Buddies.

# Afterschool @ CPL

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## Fun Family Fridays Fridays at 4:15PM. For Families

Join us on Fridays for a new program with the whole family in mind for different activities each week. Registration is required for each person in the family joining us.

### **Candy Sushi** April 28th

Play with your food in this craft made of gummy candies, marshmallows, and Rice Puff Treats to make sushi look-alikes. Please note: There will be a variety of candies and snacks, please let us know if there are any food allergies.



### **Button Making** May 5th

### **Balloon Twisting** May 12th

### **Lego** May 19th

### **Giant Board Games** May 26th

Join us at the library for a variety of board games! We will have giant Kerplunk, tic tac toe and Jenga alongside our regular collection of board games.

### **Imagination Play** June 2nd

**Afterschool @ CPL is generously sponsored by FCSS Chestermere**



# Early Literacy Programs

Drop in Storytime Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays at 10:15AM All Ages

No need to register for this Storytime designed with the whole family in mind. Everyone is welcome to join us for songs and stories.



School Readiness Wednesdays at 1:00PM Ages 4-5

This program is aimed towards young kids aged 4-5 to build their confidence and independence before they go into school. Parents are asked to stay in the library while the kids are in the program room for a variety of stories, activities, and crafts. Registration is required.

Busy Bees Wednesdays 1:45PM Age 3

Busy Bees is a brand new program designed for kids aged 3. Your child will grow and develop with a variety of activities. Parents and caregivers must stay in the library while the child is in the program room. Registration is required.



Drop in Baby Storytime Thursdays 1:00PM Age 0-18 Months

Baby Storytime is for parents, caregivers, and babies 0-18 months. There's books, songs, and playing. This is a great program for new parents and caregivers to interact with others, and stay after for our Bibs, Burps, and Breaks at 1:30PM. No registration is required.



Don't forget to check out our special events pages  
for more family events happening this Spring!



# Special Events

## Earth Day Clean Up The Lake Initiative April 22nd 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Chestermere is home to a beautiful lake and community. Lets take some time together this Earth Day to help clean it up. Our goal is to clean from outside the library all the way to the end of John Peake Park! PPE will be provided to those who participate. Please dress for the weather.

No registration is required for this program.



## Zucchini Growing Kits May 6th 12:00PM - 4:00PM

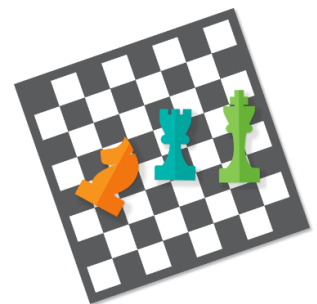
Zucchini growing kits are back for the second year. Stop by the library while supplies last for a free kit at the library. We will be handing out instructions on how to grow your plant, and have presentations on how bees and worms help make your zucchini grow!

The bee presentation begins at 1:30PM and the worm presentation begins at 2:30PM.

Zucchini grown from these kits can be entered in a special category at the Annual Country Fair.

## Chess Sunday May 7th 1:00PM

Join us at the library for our popular Chess Sunday. All ages and skill level are welcome to join in this free play chess afternoon. We will have boards set up in the library for play. No registration required.



# Special Events

## CPAWS Outdoor Field Study Saturday May 13th 1:00PM—3:00PM

Join us for a free outdoor field study around the lake presented by CPAWS (Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society). This program is for families and children ages 8-12. Registration is required for this program.



## Special Storytime: Parents Day May 29 at 10:15AM

The Global Day of Parents is June 1st, so to celebrate we are hosting a very special storytime on May 29th at 10:15AM. Join us for a variety of parent themed books and activities to show your appreciation for the parents, grandparents, and caregivers in your life. No registration required.

## Summer Kick off June 17

TDSRC is back at the library. Join us for our summer kickoff, where we will be unveiling of our new book bike, play carts, and our summer reading program. Registration for our summer reading program will be officially open on June 17th so be sure to check on our website as we get closer to the date for a schedule of events and more.

The Summer Reading Program Fills up quickly!



# New Services and Supports at the Library

## Free Memberships and Fine Free

For the City of Chestermere Library Board and Staff, it continues to be an honour to serve the residents of Chestermere and area.

With essential funding increases from the City of Chestermere Mayor and Council over the past three years, the Chestermere Public Library is now able to offer residents free membership cards and has eliminated all late fees associated with overdue items. We are very excited to implement this new model of equitable library service.

Many library studies indicate that fines and fees create significant barriers in accessing library collections, services, and supports. Many local public libraries have eliminated card and overdue fees including Strathmore Municipal Library and Cochrane Public Library.

Just a reminder that all Chestermere Public Library programs and events continue to be free to attend. Our mission is to be Chestermere's 'Community Learning Hub', and with this new model of equitable service, we hope to invite more of the community to connect with the many fun learning opportunities we offer.

## Pop Up Wheelie (A mobile pop-up library bike service)

"Pop Up Wheelie" (A mobile pop-up library bike service) is an efficient, ecologically friendly, and proven tool of facilitation and community connector, aimed at bringing library services to the community, at the community's point of need.

The book bike will have a trailer box to transport library materials, program supplies, information pamphlets, and IT hotspot for free internet access. Pop-up programs and services such as storytime, tech tutoring, reader's advisory, and reference queries, can be completed at the pop-up location. Materials will be available for loan.

This project is funded by the City of Chestermere.

Look for us out in the community this Summer!

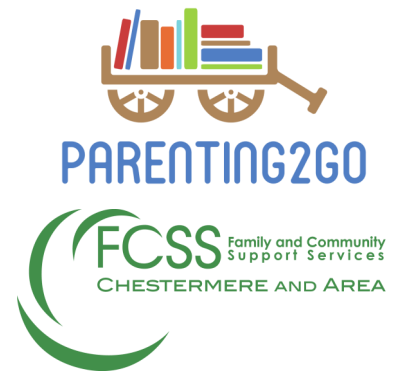


# Services, Supports, and Collections at the Library

## Parenting2Go

Life can be challenging and talking about certain subjects can be difficult. Parenting2Go is a tool designed to facilitate conversation between adults and children, and to support caregivers and parents when dealing with difficult topics. This collection was shortlisted for the Ministers Award for 2022.

Parenting2Go is sponsored by Chestermere FCSS.



## Inclusivity Collection

Looking for fresh and unique voices to read? The Inclusivity Collection is a #ownvoices collection—highlighting works by marginalized authors writing about people like them and their own experiences, in fiction, nonfiction, and other media. Generously funded by the Chestermere Rotary Club.



## Test Drive a Hobby

Have you ever wanted to try a new hobby, but aren't sure if you want to invest in the hobby? Why not Test Drive the Hobby by borrowing one of our starter kits to see if it interests you? Test Drive a Hobby is sponsored by the City of Chestermere!



## Borrowable Technology

Rent out an iPad, Power Monitor, or WiFi Hub at the Library today!

## Daisy Readers, Merlin LCD, and Braille Books

We have a collection of items dedicated to those with vision impairment or low vision. Stop by the front desk for more information on how to access this collection.

# Services, Supports, and Collections at the Library

## Featured Artist

Stop by to check out a variety of unique local artists whose art is on display in the library. Interested in displaying and selling your art at the library? Art for display must be hangable paintings, canvas, or photography. Contact us at [info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com](mailto:info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com) for more information or to book your exhibit.

## Exam Proctoring

Do you have an exam coming up? We can provide proctoring. The cost is \$30.00 per exam. To book please call 403-272-9025 or email at [exams@chestermerepubliclibrary.com](mailto:exams@chestermerepubliclibrary.com)

## Program Room Booking

Looking for a meeting or event space for up to 32 people? Our program room rents for \$30.00 per hour during our regular hours of operation. For more information or to book our program room, email us at [info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com](mailto:info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com)

## Library Study Space

Looking for a quiet place to study on the weekends? Our program room will be open on Saturday and Sunday for quiet study space unless programs are occurring in the space.

## Monthly Newsletter

Are you wondering what's happening at the library? Would you like to know? Sign up for our monthly newsletter for updates. Sign up by visiting our website at [chestermerepubliclibrary.com](http://chestermerepubliclibrary.com) or scanning the QR Code to the right.





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## Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that we are on Treaty 7 territory, the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Nations, including Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai, the Tsuut'ina Nation and Stoney Nakoda First Nations.

We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

## Hours

Sunday	12:00 pm—4:00 pm
Monday	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Closed Stat holidays and Long Weekends	