what’s on
at the medicine hat public library

SEP - OCT 2022

Culture Days!
Author Talk: Zarqa Nawaz
Mental Health Showcase
Jazz Concert for Kids
Teen Nights
CO-OP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL PLAY SPACE
(for ages 2 - 5)

Drop-in: Afternoons from 1:00 pm until close (except Thursdays)
Private bookings: Mornings and Thursday evenings

The Co-op Community Developmental Play Space is now open for a combination of drop-in and private play sessions. Drop-in during the times listed above to play with other library patrons, or book a private play time for your crew on our website at mhpl.info/play-space.
STORYTIME FOR BABIES AND ONES  
(for ages 4 - 18 months)  
Thursday, September 22, 29, and October 6, 13, 20, 27  
10:30 am  
Honor Currie Room  
Enjoy songs, rhymes, tickles, and knee bounces with your baby. Online registration is required.

STORYTIME FOR TODDLERS  
(for ages 18 - 36 months)  
Tuesday, September 20, 27, and October 4, 11, 18, 25  
10:30 am  
Honor Currie Room  
Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes. Online registration is required.

STORYTIME FOR PRESCHOOLERS  
(for ages 3 - 6)  
Wednesday, September 21, 28, and October 5, 12, 19, 26  
10:30 am  
Honor Currie Room  
Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes with your preschooler. Online registration is required.
STUFFIE SLEEPOVER: NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY
(for ages 5 - 9)
Saturday, September 24, 1:00 pm
Honor Currie Room

Ever wonder what goes on at the library when the lights go out and everyone goes home? If so, join us for a stuffie sleepover at the Library! We will start with registration, photos, and a storytime on Saturday at 1:00 pm. Then your stuffie gets to stay with us for a night at the library. We will document all the fun - and maybe even trouble - they get into overnight. Stuffies can be picked up on Sunday, September 25 between 1:00 pm and 4:45 pm. We will send your stuffie home with a goodie bag of treats as well as a few photos of their night. Online registration is required.

TUCKED IN JAZZ COLLECTIVE: CONCERT FOR KIDS
Sunday, October 2, 2:00 pm
Library Theatre

Families with kids of all ages - join us for music you’ll know and love. Dancing is encouraged! Children must attend with a parent or other adult caregiver.
STEAM STORYTIME
(for ages 5 - 9)
Saturday, October 15, 2:00 pm
Honor Currie Room
Put your thinking caps on for this STEAM-themed storytime and join us for stories, songs, and learning. Online registration is required.

SPOOKTACULAR STORY CRAFT
(for ages 5 - 9)
Saturday, October 29, 2:00 pm
Honor Currie Room
Join us for some ghostly activities and stories to celebrate Halloween. For extra fun, make sure to wear your Halloween costume! Online registration is required.

Register Today!
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TWEEN GAMES: MAFIA
(for ages 10 - 12)
Thursday, September 15, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Legion Room

In this classic social deduction game, become part of the mafia, be a doctor, or keep things running smoothly as a civilian. All participants will be assigned secret roles to play with the task of finding out who is working with you, and who is working against you. Join us for this fun group game before the mafia takes over the town! Online registration is required.
INBETWEEN BOOK CLUB: CITY OF GHOSTS
(for ages 10 - 12)
Thursday, October 6, 13, and 20, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Legion Room
Bookworms: Join us for another session of our InbeTWEEN Book Club. This month we’re reading the magical and spooky book, City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab. Online registration is required.

HALLO’TWEEN
(for ages 10 - 12)
Thursday, October 27, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Honor Currie Room
Our version of Halloween - just for tweens! Come in costume for a chance to win a prize. Drinks and snacks provided. Online registration is required.

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TEEN SPACE SURVEY
(for ages 13 - 19)

Teens: We need to hear from YOU! Fill out our survey to tell us what you think our new teen space in the Library should look like, and be entered to win a book prize pack. This is your chance to make the teen space in the Library something fun and useful for you, so share all your ideas, big and small! Visit mhpl.info/teens to contribute.

TEEN ANIME NIGHT
(for ages 13 - 19)

Tuesday, September 20, 6:00 pm
Honor Currie Room

Join us for bubble tea, crafts, and an anime viewing of your choice. Online registration is required.
**TIC-TAC MEETING**  
*(for ages 13 - 19)*  
*Thursday, September 22 and October 20, 6:00 pm*  
Honor Currie Room  

Teens Initiating Change – Together and Committed (TIC-TAC) is a council of teen volunteers, ages 13 – 19 who work with the Youth & Community Librarian at the Medicine Hat Public Library to help the Library become a more inviting, appealing place for teens, and to enhance teen library services and programs in the community. New members are invited to join in September of each year.

**TEEN GAMES: MAFIA**  
*(for ages 13 - 19)*  
*Thursday, September 29, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm*  
Legion Room  

In this classic social deduction game, become part of the mafia, be a doctor, or keep things running smoothly as a civilian. All participants will be assigned secret roles to play with the task of finding out who is working with you, and who is working against you. Online registration is required.

**TEEN VIDEO GAME NIGHT**  
*(for ages 13 - 19)*  
*Tuesdays, October 18, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm*  
Honor Currie Room  

Compete in an epic Mario Kart Tournament or play one of many other video games on our XBOX, PS4, or Nintendo Switch! Online registration required.

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FOOD FOR FINES!
Every Thursday, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Bring your non-perishable food items to the Library every Thursday and get up to $20 of fines waived! $1 in fines will be waived for each item donated. Most needed items at the Root Cellar (food bank) are: canned vegetables, meat, and soup; cereal; dry pasta and sauce; peanut butter, jam; and rice.

STITCHING IN THE AFTERNOON
Tuesdays in September & October, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Honor Currie Room
Bring along a stitching project to work on in good company.

STITCHING IN THE EVENING
Thursday, September 1 and October 6, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Honor Currie Room
Bring along a stitching project to work on in good company.
COMMUNITY COFFEE
Monday and Friday mornings
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Honor Currie Room
Would you like to meet local people and connect with groups in our community? Do you enjoy a good coffee or cup of tea with a tasty treat? Then join us for Community Coffee every Monday and Friday morning. There will be special hosts, invited guests, and short presentations from time to time, but even if nothing is planned, refreshments, conversation, and building community will always be on the agenda.

READERS’ THEATRE
Thursdays afternoons, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Honor Currie Room
Join this group of no-pressure seniors who get together to read aloud scripts of plays.

ARTIST RECEPTION: MICHELE WINGER
Thursday, September 1, 7:00 pm
Legion Room
Michele Winger’s art has been hanging on the library’s walls for all of July and August. Join us for a reception recognizing Michele and her art. Light refreshments will be served.

POP-UP LIBRARY
Every other Saturday, September 3, and October 1, 15, 29
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Big Marble Go Centre
Stop by the Big Marble Go Centre to visit our Pop-Up Library in the main lobby! Get books, return books, and sign up for a library card if you don’t already have one.

AUTHOR TALK: JOE MILLER
Saturday, September 3, 2:00 pm
Honor Currie Room
Local author Joe Miller will be reading from his book *Who Am I: A Little Book of Hope* and signing copies of his book. Joe was born in India but doesn’t know his birth date or who his biological parents are. He survived on the streets of India at just six years old. The story that led him to Medicine Hat is remarkable. Join us to hear more from Joe.
BOOK CAFÉ
Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 pm
Honor Currie Room
Hungry for a good book? Come to our café style program where we’ll serve you a variety of books that you can sample. Look at their covers, read the back-cover blurbs, look through their first few pages, and write down the name of the books that interest you. Snacks and refreshments provided. Online registration is required.

AUTHOR TALK: ZARQA NAWAZ
Friday, September 16, 7:00 pm
Library Theatre
Zarqa Nawaz is a Canadian film and television producer, public speaker, journalist, and former broadcaster. She is the author of the memoir Laughing All the Way to the Mosque, which was shortlisted for the Leacock Medal for Humour, the Kobo Emerging Writer Prize, and two Saskatchewan Book Awards. She also created the hit CBC comedy series Little Mosque on the Prairie, the world’s first sitcom about a Muslim community living in the West, and is the creator and star of the forthcoming series Zarqa. Zarqa lives in Regina, Saskatchewan, with her loving but long-suffering family.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: AN INTRO TO DM’ING
Tuesday, September 20, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Legion Room
Learn the basics of how to run a Dungeons & Dragons game. Online registration is required.

MACRAMÉ COASTERS
Wednesday, September 21, 6:00 pm
Honor Currie Room
Make your own Pinterest-worthy macramé coaster. This project is perfect for beginners. Online registration is required.
NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB
Thursday, September 22 and October 27, 6:30 pm
Legion Room
In September, join us to discuss *The Gates of Europe: A History of Ukraine* by Serhii Plokhy. In October we’re discussing *The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America* by Thomas King. Newcomers welcome. Online registration is required.

PECHA KUCHA: VOLUME 26
Saturday, September 24, 8:20 pm
Esplanade Main Theatre
Pecha Kucha is back!!! Join us in the Main Theatre of the Esplanade for a night of reconnecting with our community. Enjoy talks from passionate people about interesting things in a 20x20 format - 20 slides x 20 seconds per slide. Suggested donation of $5. Cash bar with snacks available. Doors open at 7:30 pm.

FICTION BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, September 27 and October 25, 6:30 pm
Legion Room
We’re reading our way through the Library’s Book Club Kits! Join us in September to discuss *Jameela Green Ruins Everything* by Zarqa Nawaz. In October we’re discussing *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness* by Arundhati Roy. Newcomers welcome. Online registration is required.

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MEDICINE HAT ANIMATION FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 1, 7:00 pm
Library Theatre

This double feature event will screen the best of animation from Medicine Hat and around the globe. **Feature 1** will be screening works from local animators. Club 404 is a student-run film and animation club out of Medicine Hat College that is open to all ages and levels of experience in the community. Club 404 will be accepting submissions from the community. Contact them at club404.mhc@gmail.com. **Feature 2** is the Best of GIRAF. This is a hand-picked selection of works from the Calgary Quickdraw Animation Society’s festival. GIRAF is a celebration of independent animation, a showcase of the best from Canada and around the world.

HALLOWEEN BINGO
Available starting Saturday, October 1
Information Desk
Celebrate spooky season by participating in a variety of scary and/or seasonal activities to complete our Halloween Bingos. We have one for kids, tweens/teens, adults who like being just a little scared, and adults who revel in horror. Each completed diagonal, horizontal, or vertical row will get you entered into a prize draw.

ADULT FANDOM NIGHT: STRANGER THINGS
Wednesday, October 12, 6:00 pm
Honor Currie Room
Kick off spooky season by joining us for Stranger Things themed trivia, games, and snacks. Online registration is required.

CUPCAKE LINER FLOWER ARRANGING
Wednesday, October 19, 6:00 pm
Honor Currie Room
Join us for an easy craft: Create paper flowers out of common household supplies, then decorate a mason jar vase to put them in. Online registration is required.

CLASSIC SLASHER MATINEE
Sunday, October 30, 2:00 pm
Library Theatre
Jason, Ghostface, or Freddy? Visit bit.ly/mhpl-slasher-matinee to vote on the classic slasher movie you want to watch in the Library Theatre. Costumes encouraged!
ART THERAPY: CARD MAKING
Saturday, October 1, 10:30 am
Honor Currie Room

It is well-documented that crafting is a wonderful way to decrease stress, improve social connections, reduce anxiety and depression and expand our mindfulness. One more benefit? The joy you get from giving a handmade card to someone! Online registration is required.

ZENTANGLE ART
Saturday, October 1, 10:30 am
Legion Room

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images using structured patterns. Come decompress at this enjoyable crafting program. Online registration is required.
MENTAL HEALTH SHOWCASE

Saturday, October 1, 1:00 pm
Lower Level - Hallway

Join us as we raise awareness about the importance of mental health and connect with local organizations that offer mental health support and services for children, teens, and adults.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH WITH CCT

Saturday, October 1, 1:00 pm
Honor Currie Room

Mental health is just as important as our physical health yet is often difficult to talk about, especially with our children. Join Community Coming Together (CCT) to explore ways that you can assist children & youth in being able to discuss issues related to mental health. Online registration is required.

RIDING THE RIVER OF WELLBEING: UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING OUR BODY’S RESPONSE TO ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

Saturday, October 1, 2:00 pm
Honor Currie Room

In this brief 45-minute introductory level workshop, Trenton Akers MSW, RSW will provide an opportunity to improve your understanding of the critical aspects of your biology impacted when you experience anxiety and depression. You will also learn about skills and coping methods that can aid you in addressing these feelings in everyday life. Online registration is required.

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FAMILY MOVIE: INSIDE OUT (G)
Saturday, October 1, 2:00 pm
Library Theatre
Help your kids learn how to process their emotions with this Disney Pixar film. 95 min.

HEALING TOGETHER WORKSHOP
Saturday, October 1, 3:00 pm
Honor Currie Room
Shannon Martin Counselling Services welcomes parents, caregivers, and spouses impacted by a loved one’s eating disorder to attend the Healing Together Workshop. Information around the underpinnings of eating disorders will be discussed. Additionally, strategies to support your loved one, as well as yourself, will be provided. Online registration is required.

SELF-CARE KITS FOR TEENS
(for ages 13 - 19)
Available at the Information Desk on October 1st
 Teens: Grab a self-care kit packed with goodies and resources at the Information Desk to jump start your self-care game! Available while supplies last.

DIY STRESS BALL KITS
(for ages 6 - 12)
Available in the Kinsmen Children’s Library on October 1st
Stop by the Children’s Desk to pick up a DIY Stress Ball Kit. Available while supplies last.
**SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME**
When Dr. Strange’s spell to restore Spider-Man’s identity goes awry, Peter is forced to overcome his greatest challenge yet. 148 min.

**THE BAD GUYS**
To avoid prison, a gang of notorious animal criminals pretend to seek being rehabilitated, only for their leader to secretly find that he genuinely wants to change his ways. 100 min.

**PIXAR SHORTS**
Drop-in all day from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm to see a collection of Pixar short films.

**FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE SECRETS OF DUMBLEDORE**
Professor Albus Dumbledore must assign Newt Scamander and his fellow partners as Grindelwald begins to lead an army to eliminate all Muggles. 142 min.
INSIDE OUT
After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school.
95 min.

FREE BIRDS
Two turkeys from opposite sides of the tracks must put aside their differences and team up to travel back in time to change the course of history, and get Turkeys off the Thanksgiving menu for good.
91 min.

MONSTERS, INC.
In order to power the city, monsters have to scare children so that they scream. However, the children are toxic to the monsters, and after a child gets through, two monsters realize things may not be what they think.
90 min.

MONSTERS UNIVERSITY
A look at the relationship between Mike Wazowski and James P. “Sully” Sullivan during their days at Monsters University, when they weren’t necessarily the best of friends.
104 min.

HOCUS POCUS
A trio of 17th century witches return to Salem to reclaim their youth.
96 min.
Meetings are open to the public; please email the Chief Librarian if you’re interested in attending (kenf@shortgrass.ca).

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING
Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 pm
Legion Room
Attend the Friends of the Library meetings to see how you can get involved in fundraising and book sale planning.

For more information call 403-502-8527.