

Fall 2024 Program Guide

November and December



Session 2 Registration Begins October 28th

Programs Begin November 4th

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 online and begins on Monday, October 28th at 10AM on our website.

Each program date and participant requires separate registration unless otherwise noted.

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

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







Steps:

1. Go to 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.



November

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Early Literacy Programs

Stay & Play With Stories Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10:15AM to 11:00AM. All ages.

Join us for stories and a time to interact and play with other families in the community!

No registration required.

School Readiness Wednesdays from 1:00PM to 1:30PM. Ages 4-5.

This program is aimed at young kids between the ages of 4-5 to help build their confidence and independence before beginning school. School readiness is sponsored by Chestermere FCSS.

Registration required.



Busy Bees Wednesdays from 1:45PM to 2:15PM. Age 3.

Your 3-year-old will grow and develop with various activities, learning lessons, and crafts.

Busy bees is sponsored by Chestermere FCSS.

Registration required.



Imagination Station Thursdays from 11:15AM to 11:45PM. Age 2.

Let your little ones' creativity and wonder flow in a playgroup of others in their age range.

This playgroup is exclusively for 2-year-olds and their parents/caregivers.

No registration required.



Drop in Baby Storytime Fridays from 10:15AM to 10:45AM. Age 0-18 Months.

There are songs, rhymes, stories, and playtime! This program is great for new parents and caregivers to interact with others. Stay after for our Bibs, Burps, and Breaks at 10:45AM.

No registration required.

Storytime At Home On Our YouTube Channel.

Join us on our YouTube Channel for storytime videos presented by a variety of our staff. Find us on YouTube by going to <https://www.youtube.com/@TheChestermerePublicLibrary>



Afterschool @ CPL

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

Mystery Mondays Mondays from 4:15PM to 4:45PM. Ages 6-12.

Start the week with a new surprise activity each Monday! You never know what experience and adventure you will have during this program.

Registration required.



Chess Tuesdays from 4:15PM to 4:45PM. 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 required.



Wonder Wednesdays Wednesdays from 4:15PM to 4:45PM. Ages 6-12.

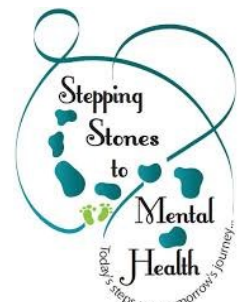
Experience the wonderful world each Wednesday through a variety of activities. Follow your curiosity and try something new each week like dances, different cultural experiences, discovering unique creatures, and more.

Registration required.

Mindful Makers Thursdays from 4:15PM to 4:45PM. Ages 6-12.

Join Stepping Stones to Mental Health for a free afterschool mindfulness program. Each week will have a new mindfulness based teaching and activity. This program will help children develop a mindful practice while increasing social skills and connection.

Registration required.



Mystery Saturdays Saturdays from 11:15AM to 11:45PM. Ages 6-12.

Experience our Mystery Monday Program on Saturdays. Each week is a surprise, so be sure to not miss out.

Registration required.

Afterschool @ CPL
has been generously
sponsored by:



Family Programs

Family Fun Fridays

Join us each week for a new activity, game, or craft for the whole family! Family Fun Fridays are sponsored by Chestermere Family and Community Support Services.



Firefighter Storytime November 8th and November 15th from 3:00PM to 4:00PM.

Bring your little ones to an exciting story time adventure with real-life heroes! Kids will also get to explore a fire truck and learn about fire safety in a fun, interactive way. Don't miss this action-packed event – it's sure to ignite their imaginations!

Please note: If there is an emergency in the area during the event, we will have a backup craft / program planned.



No registration required.

Candy Sushi November 22nd from 3:00PM to 4:00PM.

Roll into fun with candy sushi! Create this delightful treat using colorful gummy candies, rice crispy treats, and fruit roll-ups. Shape the rice crispy treats to mimic sushi rice, then wrap and top with your favorite candy "fish" and fruit roll-up "seaweed."



Registration required.

Snow Slime November 29th from 3:00PM to 4:00PM.

Transform your winter into a sensory wonderland with snowflake slime! This magical, sparkly slime captures the essence of snowflakes, combining a frosty, icy texture with a dazzling shimmer. Ideal for holiday crafts or a chilly day activity, snowflake slime is a delightful way to bring some winter magic indoors!

Registration required.

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DIY Holiday Table Cloths December 6th from 3:00PM to 4:00PM.

Transform your holiday dining experience with custom DIY tablecloth that adds a personal touch to your festivities! Whether you're crafting a classic look or something whimsical, your handmade tablecloth will set the stage for memorable meals and festive gatherings. Dive into DIY and make your holiday table truly special this year!



Registration required. Please add how many family members will be joining on the registration page.

Playdate December 13th from 2:30PM to 3:30PM. All ages welcome.

Let's play and celebrate our last Family Fun Friday of 2024! Join us for a fun filled winter playdate for all ages. We will have a variety of activities, imagination play, and surprises including a "snowball" fight in the Library!

No registration required.



Family Programs

Canadian Culture With RVIS Tuesday, November 12th from 5:00PM to 6:30PM. All Ages Welcome.

Have you or someone you know immigrated to Canada and would like to learn more about how Canadians think and act? Join us with a special guest from Rocky View Immigrant Services (RVIS) for a casual drop-in information session.

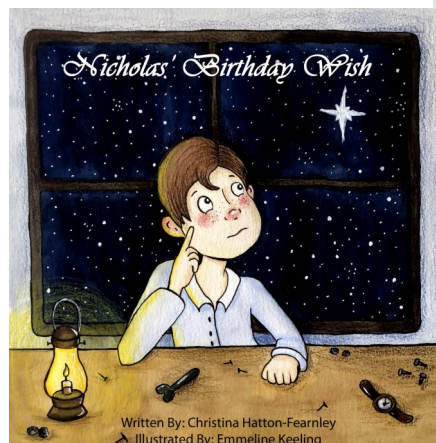


No Registration Required.

Author Visit With Christina Hatton-Fearnley Friday, December 6th from 4:00PM to 4:45PM. All Ages.

Come to the Library to meet local author Christina Hatton-Fearnley and enjoy a story. Christina writes children's books including the Lost Photograph, Kevin the Pack Goat, and Girls Can be Farmers Too! Christina will be reading her new picture book: "Nicholas' Birthday Wish".

No registration required.



Be sure to check out our Winter Wonderland Reading Program Page for more fun family activities this November and December!



Book Clubs

Graphic Novel and Manga Club On Discord.

Every month, our facilitator will choose a theme to discuss, any comic that fits the theme is welcome to be discussed throughout the month on our Discord.

November's Theme is *Pets*

December's Theme is *Published in 2024*

Join our Discord on our website.

www.chestermerepubliclibrary.com/Programs-Events/ComicClub



Self Run Book Club Set Your Dates.

Want to host your book club at the library?

We will help you get everything you need and provide a space for your group to get together. Contact us at info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com to arrange your meeting. We currently have some groups looking for more people. Contact us to learn more.

Self Run Book Club Groups Currently Open To New Members

Chapter Chatters Open To All Adults.

This Self-Run Book Club is open to all adults. They meet monthly and select a diverse range of books covering different genres and themes. Contact the Library for more details on how to join.

CAPS Presents: ChesterQueer Book Club Open To All.

This Self-Run Book Club is facilitated by the Chestermere and Area Pride Society (CAPS) and is open to all. "(CAPS) is dedicated to providing a safe and supportive space for the LGBTQIA2S+ community to come together for support, ally-ship, and personal growth." They meet twice per month. The first meeting of the month will be dedicated to non-book media (Film, Show, Documentary etc.) and the second meeting to a book.

Join their Discord by scanning the QR code to the right.



Adult Programs

Bundles of Support Wednesdays from 10:00AM to 11:30AM. Runs until November 20th.

A nurturing post-partum support group designed to help new moms navigate the challenges of post-partum symptoms while building meaningful connections. Join Chestermere Parent Caregiver Support Services and Trellis for compassionate support, shared experiences, and helpful strategies in a welcoming environment

Registration required. Please register by emailing pcssinfo@chestermere.ca



Midday Reset Yoga Thursdays from 12:00PM to 1:00PM.

Join our mindful yoga series where we explore yogic breath techniques, low-intensity gentle movement, and guided relaxation. This class supports an increased connection between breath, mind and body, with a focus on calming the nervous system.

This 60-minute class is suitable for adults and older adults of any experience level.

*Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothes.

Registration required.



English Conversation Circle Thursdays from 1:30PM to 2:30PM.

Come practice your English in a group with others and the South Central Adult Learning Society. Discussions and activities will be aimed at beginner speakers but will adapt to the level of the group.

No registration required.



Adult Programs

Bibs, Burps, and Breaks Fridays from 10:45AM to 11:15AM.

You're welcome to stay after Baby Storytime for time to mingle and get to know other parents and caregivers while your kiddos play. We provide toys and space, you provide the fun! Recommended ages of children are between 0-18 months.

No registration required.



Adult Creative Club: Intro to Crochet: Granny Square Envelope Pouch Tuesday, November 5th and Tuesday, December 10th from 5:00PM to 6:45PM.

Learn the art of the "Granny Square", a crochet staple and a jumping off point for many larger projects. In this introductory class, you will crochet your own granny square and transform it into a cute envelope style pouch.

*No experience necessary.

Registration required. Please register for only one class.



Back To Basics: Homemade Breads Wednesday, November 6th from 5:30PM to 6:30PM.

Baking homemade bread doesn't have to be difficult or complicated. Join us along with special guests as we share tips and tricks for baking a variety of delicious breads at home. We will cover some basic bread recipes as well as the infamous sourdough. Come prepared to learn and sample.

Registration required.



Adult Programs

Felted Seascapes: Wet Felting Workshop with Visiting Artist Sunday, November 17th from 12:30PM to 3:30PM.

Take your first steps into the wonderful world of wet felting with visiting artist Laura Wolkowski! Learn the basics of wet felting and some techniques Laura uses in her own work as you lay out and create your own vibrant felted seascape.

Registration required.



Photo credit: Laura Wolkowski.

Adult Creative Club: Intro to Needle Felting - Cute Animals Tuesdays Beginning on November 19th from 5:30PM to 6:45PM.

Learn the basics of dry needle felting. We will learn how to create multiple shapes and details using wool and felting needles. Participants will create their own cute, felted animal over the course of three classes.

No previous experience required.

This program runs from November 19th to December 3rd.

Registration required for the entire 3-part session.



Parent Café Wednesday, October 20th, Wednesday, November 27th, and Wednesday, December 18th from 11:30AM to 12:30PM.

This program offers parents and caregivers a chance to unwind, share experiences, and access valuable information from the Family Resource Network (FRN). Join Chestermere Parent & Caregiver Support Services for a warm beverage and engaging conversations that support your parenting journey and build a strong community.

No registration required.



Adult Programs

Intro To Meditation Series

Through our *Intro to Meditation Series*, we will explore the basics of various types of meditation. Participants will be guided and supported through each practice. Whether you wish to begin learning about meditation, need some inspiration to establish your practice, or would like to try something new, this class is for you.

*No experience necessary.

Mandalas Wednesday, November 27th from 5:30PM to 6:30PM.

The first recorded Mandalas date back to the first century BCE. Mandalas are often used as meditative tools, establishing sacred spaces, and representing Gods and Deities over multiple cultures. Choose a Mandala that speaks to you and quiet your mind and focus through creative colouring. Supplies provided.

Registration required.



Yoga Nidra (Yoga Sleep) Wednesday, December 11th from 5:30PM to 6:30PM.

Yoga Nidra is a type of guided meditation led by a qualified practitioner from Harmony Health and Fitness. Be prepared to sink into comfort as you listen to our wonderful guest instructor Laura's soothing voice. Don't miss this special opportunity for deep rest and effortless awareness, mind and body. It is said that Yoga Nidra can be equivalent to 2-4 hours of restful sleep. Please bring a yoga mat and/or blanket and dress in comfortable clothing.

Registration required.



Winter Wonderland Reading Program

Winter Wonderland Reading Program November 30th—January 4th. All Ages!

Join our Winter Reading Program. Earn ballot entries to win amazing prizes by completing reading logs or adult literary activities. Entries will be accepted until Saturday, January 4th at 5PM and winners will be announced on Monday, January 6th. Winners will be contacted via phone.

Winter Wonderland Reading Kickoff (A Pre-Winter Lights Event) Saturday, November 30th from 2:00PM to 4:00PM.

Get into the Winter Wonderland Spirit at our kickoff celebration for our Winter Reading Program. We will have a variety of winter themed activities and registration opening for our Winter Wonderland Workshops!

No registration required for Kickoff.



Brilliant Magician Brent Saturday, November 30th at 2:00PM.

Imagine a Library Magic Show where drawings come alive. Stories are heard, thoughts are seen. Brilliant Brent is a master of magic who doesn't pull rabbits out of hats but instead brings stories to life right before your eyes. Throughout the show, Brent's love for books shines through. He shows how stories can teach us, make us dream, and take us on adventures without leaving our seats.

Registration Required.



Free Children's Workshops to Register for on November 30th!

Ages	Dates and Times
Ages 6-8	Saturday, December 21st from 11:00AM to 11:30AM
	Monday, December 23rd from 11:00AM to 11:30AM
	Friday, January 3rd from 11:00AM to 11:30AM
Ages 9-12	Saturday, December 21st from 1:00PM to 2:00PM
	Monday, December 23rd from 1:00PM to 2:00PM
	Friday, January 3rd from 1:00PM to 2:00PM

Ways to Support



The Chestermere Public Library

Our library is a registered charity, and rely on donations and funding to stay open.

Here's how you can support your local library:

- ▶ Attend our programs
- ▶ Use our services
- ▶ Let local leaders know you value the library
- ▶ Give us feedback about the library
- ▶ Sponsor the library, or a program
- ▶ Donate to us and receive a tax donation receipt
- ▶ Join our library board, contact the City of Chestermere to express interest
- ▶ Encourage your family and friends to sign up for library cards



WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT

Services, Supports, and Collections at the Library

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 and was the winner of the Marigold Making a Difference Award 2023!



Parenting2Go

Parenting2Go is a tool designed to facilitate conversation between adults and children, and to support caregivers and parents when dealing with difficult topics.



Community Pantry Project and Snacks

Sponsored through the 2024 Chestermere Community Grant, *The Community Living Room* project is responsive to community needs by providing packaged snacks and a small community pantry for self-service food items. Make yourself comfortable at the Library.



Borrowable Technology

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

Featured Artist Exhibitions

Are you interested in displaying and selling your art at the library? Contact us at info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com.

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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—5:00 pm
Monday	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am—8:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am—6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Closed Stat holidays and Long Weekends	