

WINTER 2024

MARCH & APRIL



*For full details on all our
programs and events visit
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Registration: Tuesday, Feb. 20

FAMILIES



Family Adventures

A six-week adventure of creative exploration and hands-on learning. Each week brings a new and engaging activity that will foster family bonding, spark imaginations, and nurture your child's skills.

Ages 5-11 and their caregivers. **Register online. (Program Room)**

When: Tuesdays, March 5-April 9; **Time:** 4-5 p.m.

Drone Zone

Curious about drones? Come fly with us and see what all the fuss is about. Learn the basics, and use one of our camera drones to navigate obstacle courses through the stacks. This program is suitable for anyone aged 13 and up. **Register online. (Whole library)**

When: Saturdays, March 9, 16 & 23; **Time:** 6-7 p.m.



No-Pay Pokemon Club

Learn to play the game, make your own playing mats, and print your own decks. Basic reading skills are required. Children under 8 **need** to be accompanied by a helpful adult. **Register online.**

When: Fridays, March 8-22; **Time:** 4-5:30 p.m.

Magic the Gathering

Bring the whole family out to learn how to play Magic the Gathering. Using MTG Arena, we will teach you the rules before moving on to our Lord of the Rings decks. It's time for a whole new adventure! Go on a journey with the characters of Middle-Earth and see how they've come to take their place in this Magic set. **Register online. Supported by TD Bank.**

When: Thursdays, March 28-April 11; **Time:** 4-5 & 5:30-6:30 p.m. **(Makerspace)**

Harry Potter Day

Join us for a magical Harry Potter Day at the library! Try a potion-making workshop, or a scavenger hunt through the shelves of our very own Hogwarts-inspired library, and test your spell-casting skills. Don your wizard robes and embark on a day of literary magic and fun! **Drop-in. (Whole library)**
Supported by Kumon Math & Reading-Yankee

When: Saturday, April 6; **Time:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



SCHOOL-AGE and FAMILIES

Crochet it Up!

Join us for a creative experience where young crochet enthusiasts can unleash their imagination and express themselves through yarn. **Register online.**

(Program Room) Ages 9-13

When: Wednesdays, March 6-April 10

Time: 4-5 p.m



Full STEAM Ahead

Curiosity in action. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math each week. **Register online. (Program Room) Ages 8-12**

When: Thursdays, March 7-April 11; **Time:** 4-5 p.m.

LEGO Club

Enjoy LEGO challenges and creative building.

Ages 5-12. Register online. (Program Room)

When: Fridays, March 8-April 12

Time: 2:30-3:30 p.m. (No program March 29)



Beads & Beyond

Unleash your imagination as you follow step-by-step instructions to craft vibrant jewelry, keychains, and beyond. With a wide array of bead colours and patterns, Beads and Beyond is perfect for young artists to express their creativity. For ages 9-14. **Register online. (Program Room)**

When: Mondays, March 4-April 8; **Time:** 4-5 p.m (No program April 1)

Cross Stitching: Family Edition

Join us in the Makerspace to learn the beautiful art of cross stitch. *Children younger than 8 must be accompanied by a helpful grown-up.* **Register online. Supported by TD Bank.**

(Makerspace)

When: Mondays, March 4-April 18; **Time:** 4-5 p.m



ADULTS



Travel Italy - Iconic Italian Dishes

Join Caitlynn Bailey-Cummings from DOP Italian Travel for a discussion on the iconic Italian dishes we eat in North America that don't exist in Italy. Then we'll learn what (and how) Italians really eat. **Register online. (Program Room)**

When: Thursday, March 7

Time: 6:30-8:15 p.m.

Wii and Tales for the Tall

A drop-in program of Wii Sports and interactive stories for adults with differing abilities and their caregivers. **(Program Room) Supported by Airdrie First Club**

When: Wednesdays, March 6-April 10; 1-2:30 p.m.

Airdrie Caregiving Kiosk - For Caregivers

Are you supporting someone with illness, disability, or aging-related needs? Are you interested in resources around caregiving? We are partnering with Caregivers Alberta to offer support, system navigation and resources at the library on alternate Monday afternoons. **Register online.**

When: Mondays Feb. 12, 26 & March 11, 25; **Time:** 1-3 p.m. **(Community Table)**

Art and Found Day (#ArtandFoundDay)

Join artists around the world and spread positivity, joy and inspiration within your community by participating in Art and Found Day. Package a piece of art and leave it in your neighbourhood or at the library for someone to find, take home and cherish. See more details on our website.

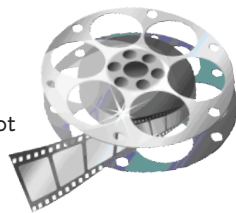
When: Tuesday, March 12; **Time:** All Day

Airdrie's Social Cinema

A community film club offering film lovers the chance to watch together and celebrate classic, world, and arthouse films that you might otherwise not know about. **Register online. (Program Room)**

When: Wednesday, March 13; **Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. *Chick Lit*

When: Wednesday, April 17; **Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. *A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night*



Financial Planning for Post-Secondary

This session, presented by the Credit Counselling Society, is for parents of high school students who intend to go to post-secondary schooling. Learn how to talk to their teen about money and how to plan financially for school. **Register online. (Program Room)**

When: Tuesday, March 19; **Time:** 7-8 p.m.



LITERACY PROGRAMS *and PRESCHOOL RESOURCES 2024* March & April

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to keep
handy!



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PRESCHOOL LITERACY PROGRAMS

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Mondays

Babytime A

9:30 a.m.

(Program Room)

Rhymes & Songs

9:45 a.m.

Drop-in

(Children's Area)

Toddler time A

10:45 a.m.

(Program Room)

Read, Build,
Play A

1:15 pm.

(Program Room)

March 11 & April 15

Tuesdays

Babytime B

9:30 a.m.

(Program Room)

Rhymes & Songs

9:45 a.m.

Drop-in

(Children's Area)

Unplug & Play

11 a.m.

(Program Room)

Creative Hands
and Minds A

1:15 p.m.

(Program Room)

Wednesdays

Wiggle

Wednesday

9:15-10 a.m.

(Program Room)

March 13 & April 10

Preschool

Storytime A

10:30 a.m.

(Program Room)

Rhymes & Songs

1 p.m.

Drop-in

(Children's Area)

Travelling Tales and Tunes

Join us for an interactive storytime with your child that includes the residents of Luxstone Senior Living. Ages 5 and under. **Register online.**

When: Wednesdays, March 6-April 10

Time: 1-1:45 p.m. (Luxstone Senior Living)

The Airdrie Travelling Book Project

The Airdrie Travelling Book Project is a collaborative book-in-the-making that highlights local creativity. *Anyone of any age* can contribute to a page. Sign out with your library card, complete a page and return for the next creative Airdronian.

Borrow the book like you would any item from our collection.

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Thursdays

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(Program Room)

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Drop-in

(Children's Area)

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Creative Hands
and Minds B

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## Fridays

Read, Build,

Play B

10:30 a.m.

(Program Room)

**March 8 & April 12**

# 100

## Books Before Kindergarten



Literacy is more than just reading and writing – it opens doors to understanding, empathy, critical thinking, and the capacity for lifelong learning. Participate

in our 100 Books Before Kindergarten reading contest to enter our prize draw in June, 2024. Booklets are available in the library.

**NOTE: a valid APL card is required to register. Register online for only one session, A or B.**

## Infant Massage



Learn the loving art of infant massage and improve bonding time with your baby. Babies who are massaged regularly sleep better, digest their food better, and have improved brain stimulation.

**Register online.**

**When:** Tuesday, April 16

**Time:** 10-10:45 a.m.

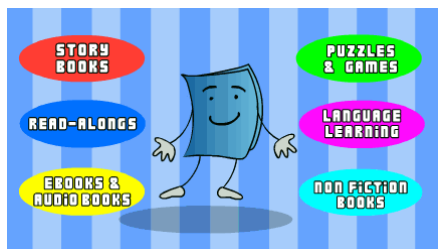
# PRESCHOOL RESOURCES

*APL has dozens of resources for preschoolers. These are just a few.*

- **Books by theme** (Concepts and more)
- **Digital books for kids** (Tumblebooks, ebooks, audiobooks)
- **French and other language materials for preschoolers**
- **Grab and Go Bags** (Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers)
- **Lists of literacy resources for preschoolers on the APL website**
- **Literacy computers in children's area**
- **Music instruments for preschoolers**
- **Sick Kids @ Home Service**
- **Tablets for preschoolers with pre-loaded apps**
- **Themed backpacks**  
(Alphabet, Dinosaurs, Human Body, Indigenous, and more)
- **Themed bags**  
(Sewing, Parrots, Sushi and more)
- **Themed play carts in Children's Area**



Find more resources at [www.airdriepubliclibrary.ca](http://www.airdriepubliclibrary.ca)



Check out the TumbleBook Library under the eResource tab on the APL website.



## ADULTS

### Mentorship for Rural Immigrants Information Session

**Mentors:** If you are an adult who likes to help others in their community, please join this 30 minute information session to learn more about how you can become a mentor in this program. **Register online, no library card required. (Program Room)**

**When:** Wednesday, March 20; **Time:** 7:30-8 p.m.

**Mentees:** The Mentorship for Rural Immigrants program provides no-cost career mentorship and Canadian cultural learning opportunities to adult immigrants living in rural Albertan communities. **Register online, no library card required. (Program Room)**

**When:** Wednesday, March 20; **Time:** 6:30-7 p.m.

### Meet the Artists!

#### Art in the Library Art Opening

Come and meet the artists showing their art in the library during the months of March and April: Keith Gorman, Laurel Satter, and Jerry Loran. **Register online. No library card required.**

**When:** Friday, March 22; **Time:** 6:30-8 p.m.



### Blood on the Clock Tower: Murder in Dumbledone

Blood on the Clocktower is a bluffing game for 5 to 20 players on opposing teams of good and evil, overseen by a storyteller player who conducts the action and makes crucial decisions. The goal of the game is to successfully deduce and dispatch the bad guys before they outnumber the town folk. **Register online. (Program Room)**

**When:** Friday, April 12; **Time:** 6-8 p.m.

### Poetry Month Poem Pop-up

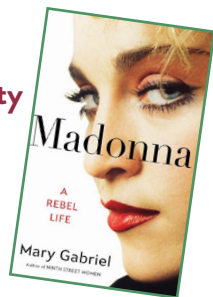
Celebrate National Poetry Month by writing your own poem. Each pop up session will provide a different poetry prompt, an example and time to write your own poem in the style of the featured prompt. These sessions are for everyone—beginners to long time poets. **Drop-in. (Program Room)**

**When:** Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 29; **Time:** 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Madonna: A Rebel Life Book Discussion and Dance Party

Join us for a book discussion meet-up and dance party featuring the life and music of Madonna and for those who have read Madonna: A Rebel Life or who just love her and her music. **Register online. (Program Room)**

**When:** Friday, April 19; **Time:** 6:30-8:15 p.m.



## TWEENS & TEENS



### Warhammer Alliance Club

Warhammer Alliance is the educational support program for the Warhammer hobby. It offers young people a chance to engage in a fun, creative and sociable hobby. Assemble stunning collections, building intricate models, or explore creativity through painting. If younger children wish to attend they may do so only if accompanied by a helpful adult.

**Register online. Supported by TD Bank. (Makerspace)**

**Ages 10-14 - When:** Tuesdays, March 5-April 9; **Time:** 4-5 p.m.

**Ages 14-18 - When:** Tuesdays, March 5-April 9; **Time:** 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### Cross Stitch for Teens

With minimal learning time, cross stitch is an awesome hobby for anyone seeking a little more peace and a little less chaos. Quickly learn how to do something new with our staff coaches. **Register online. Supported by TD Bank. (Makerspace)**

**When:** Mondays, March 4-18; **Time:** 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### Friday Night Meetup

Work with library staff to plan and deliver meaningful and engaging programs and volunteer experiences for Airdrie youth. Snacks provided. For ages 13 to 17. **Register online.**

**When:** Fridays, March 8-29; **Time:** 6-8 p.m.

### Murder Mystery Party: Blood on the Clock Tower

Blood on the Clocktower is a bluffing game enjoyed by 5 to 20 players on opposing teams of Good and Evil, overseen by a Storyteller player who conducts the action and makes crucial decisions. The goal of the game is to successfully deduce and execute the demons before they outnumber the townfolk. **Register online. (Program Room)**

**When:** Friday, April 5; **Time:** 6-8 p.m.

# CLUBS & GROUPS

## **Adult Afternoon Chess Club (Drop-in)**

A chess club for adults of all skill levels. Boards are available but feel free to bring your own.

**When:** Tuesdays; 2-4 p.m. (McCall Room)

## **Adult Scrabble Club (Drop-in)**

All adult Scrabble players welcome.

**When:** Wednesdays, 6:30-8:15 p.m.  
(Makerspace/Junior Area)

## **Airdrie Writers Group (Drop-in)**

Adults looking to share their writing and get constructive feedback from other writers are welcome.

**When:** Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. (McCall Room)

## **Be Gay, Do Crafts (Register)**

*In partnership with Airdrie Pride Society*  
(Last Tuesday of the month.)

**When:** March 26; 6:30-8:15 p.m.  
(Program Room)

## **Board Gay-mers (Register)**

*In partnership with Airdrie Pride Society*

**When:** Saturday, March 16; 2 p.m.  
(Program Room)

## **Chess Club (Drop-in)**

All ages welcome, boards are available but feel free to bring your own.

**When:** Tuesdays; 6:30-8 p.m.  
(Program/McCall Room)

## **Conversation Circle (Drop-in)**

*In partnership with South Central*

*Adult Learning Society*

Practice your English and meet people in a friendly, relaxed setting.

**When:** Thursdays, March 7-April 4  
1:30-3:30 p.m. (McCall Room)

## **Cribbage Club (Drop-in)**

No experience required.

**When:** Wednesdays, March 27 & April 24  
1:30-3 p.m. (McCall Room)

## **D&D Club (Registered)**

**When:** Flexible dates and times  
(See website for details)

## **Genealogy Club (Full)**

Discussions of organization, e-resource research, and library resources.

**When:** Mondays, March 18 & April 15; 7-8:15 p.m.  
Waitlist online. (Program Room)

## **Knitters Club (Drop-in)**

New members welcome.

**When:** Thursdays; 6:30-8:15 p.m.  
(Program Room/Fireplace)

## **Monday Morning Book Club (Register)**

(Last Monday of the month.)

**When:** March 25 & April 22  
10 a.m. (McCall Room)

## **Pages of Pride Book Club (Register)**

(First Monday, every two months.)

**When:** March 4; 7-8 p.m. (McCall Room)

## **Photo Organizing (Register)**

(Second Monday of the month)

**When:** March 11 & April 8  
6:30-8:15 p.m. (McCall Room)

## **Senior Coffee and Conversation (Drop-in)**

*Supported by Blue Fern Denture Clinic*

A bi-weekly program providing seniors with access to open conversation space.

**When:** Wednesdays, March 13 & 27,  
April 10 & 24; 2-3 p.m. (Fireplace)

## **Wednesday Morning Book Club (Register)**

(Fourth Wednesday of the month.)

**When:** March 27 & April 24; 10 a.m.  
(McCall Room)

## **Wednesday Night Book Club (Register)**

(First Wednesday of the month.)

**When:** March 6 & April 3; 6:30-8:15 p.m.

## **Virtual Book Club (Register)**

(Fourth Monday of the month.)

**When:** March 25 & April 22; 7 p.m. (Zoom)



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## Hours

**Monday to Friday**

9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday**

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Sunday**

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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holidays**

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