

SPRING 2024

MAY & JUNE



Registration:  
Monday, April 22

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programs and events visit  
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# FAMILIES



## Wizlords in Space!

Join Zach Schuster, creator of the galactic battle board game Wizlords in Space!, for a demo. Ages 13 and up. Participants younger than 13 must be accompanied by a helpful adult. **Register online. (Program Room)**

**When:** Saturday, May 11; **Time:** 3:45-4:45 p.m.

## Mental Health Out Loud Art Show

Enjoy artwork by Grade 9-12 students from Rocky View Schools. The winning art from this contest represents imagined mental health and illness experiences, and will be on display for the public to view and to cast a vote on their favourite. **When:** May 6-10. **(Makerspace)**



## Family Adventures

A six-week adventure of creative exploration and hands-on learning that will foster family bonding, spark imaginations, and nurture your child's skills. Ages 5-11 **with their caregivers. Supported by Kiwanis Airdrie. Register online. (Program Room)** **When:** Tuesdays, May 7-June 11; **Time:** 4-5 p.m.

## Robo Rally

Learn coding through play. Compete as wacky robots trying to be the first to escape the factory. Ages 8+. Younger children may attend with the supervision of a helpful adult. **Supported by TD Bank. (Makerspace)**

**Registered:** Tuesdays, May 7-21; **Time:** 5-7 p.m.; **Drop-in:** Tuesdays, May 28-June 11; **Time:** 5-7 p.m.

## Board Game Day with Roxley Games

Join Roxley Games designer, Adam Wise, as he brings classic Roxley games along with the new game Skyrise. Drop-in to play some hosted games. Recommended for ages 12 and up for most games but all ages and families are encouraged to attend.

**Drop-in. (Program Room)** **When:** Saturday, May 18; **Time:** Noon-5 p.m.

## Miniature Paint Club

Learn to paint miniatures. All materials provided. This is an activity the whole family can enjoy. 10 and younger may attend if accompanied by a helpful adult. **Supported by TD Bank. Drop-in. First come, first serve. (Makerspace)**

**When:** Mondays, May 6-June 10; **Time:** 4-6 p.m. (No program May 20)



## Miniatures on Parade

Submit pics of your best painted Miniatures on Instagram by tagging us and hashtagging #APLMinisonParade. One lucky participant will receive tickets to OTA Fest 2025! Our favorites to be displayed on the APL website and in the Makerspace.

# SCHOOL-AGE and FAMILIES

## Beads & Beyond

Unleash your imagination as you follow step-by-step instructions to craft vibrant jewelry, keychains, and beyond. For ages 9-14. **Register online. (Program Room)**

**When:** Mondays, May 6-June 10; **Time:** 4-5 p.m.  
*No program May 20.*



## Crochet it Up!

Join us for a creative experience where young crochet enthusiasts can unleash their imagination and express themselves through yarn. Ages 9-14.

**Register online. (Program Room)**

**When:** Wednesdays, May 8-June 12; **Time:** 4-5 p.m.  
*(No program May 15)*



## Scholarly STEAM

Put on your thinking cap and get ready to focus, learn, and create in this structured program for kids 8-12 who are seriously into Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. **Register online. (Program Room)**

**When:** Thursdays, May 9-June 13; **Time:** 4-5 p.m.

## LEGO Club

Enjoy LEGO challenges and creative building. Ages 5-12. **Register online. (Program Room)**

**When:** Fridays, May 10-June 14  
**Time:** 2:30-3:30 p.m.



## Junior D&D One Shots

Dungeons and Dragons is a game enjoyed by millions across the world. Come and experience a short, "One Shot" adventure with the Legends of Logomancy streaming team! Ages 8-13. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a helpful adult. **Register online. (Program Room)**

**When:** Saturday, May 4; **Time:** 2-5 p.m.

# ADULTS



## Graphic Novels: A Gateway to Literacy

While your children are enjoying Junior D&D One Shots, come meet Alex Finbow, owner of Renegade Arts Entertainment, as he explores the close relationship between graphic novels and lifelong literacy. **Register online. No library card required. (Centre Aisle) When:** Saturday, May 4; **Time:** 2-3 p.m.

## 65 Side Hustles

Participants will explore various side hustle ideas and learn how to use their expertise when deciding on the best side hustle to pursue in order to reach their financial goals. In partnership with Credit Counselling Society. **Register online. (Program Room)**

**When:** Tuesday, May 7; **Time:** 7-8 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 1st Club**

**When:** Wednesdays, May 8-June 12; 1-2:30 p.m. *(No program May 15)*

## Art in the Library - Afshan Khan & Gary W. Giesbrecht

Afshan Khan is an abstract visual artist from Rocky View County who works mostly with acrylics using a palette knife. Airdrie's Gary W. Giesbrecht takes his inspiration from his days in the rodeo. His subjects tend to be of the western way of life. **When:** May 1 to June 27.

**Drop-in and meet the artists on Friday, May 24; 6:30-8 p.m.**

## Tiny Art, Tiny Bubbles Gala & Auction

For one night only, the library transforms into an arthouse filled with mini creations by local artists ready to be sold. Doors open May 11 at 6:30 p.m. Come nosh, sip, and support the library.

*See website for more details and how to participate.*



## Typewriter Poetry & Art with Kevin Stebner

Kevin Stebner will be in the library, performing and writing with different aspects of his concrete poetry practise, utilizing typewriters to explore typewritten poetry/art. Drop in and see him at work. **(Community table)**

**When:** Thursday, May 16; **Time:** 6-8 p.m.

## NOTICE: Call for a Writer-in-Residence

APL is accepting submissions of interest for this year's APL Writer in Residence. The position entails a four-week engagement in November 2024, working with the public and supporting emerging and established writers in any genre or form of writing. **See website for full details.**

# ADULTS

## Airdrie's Social Cinema

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

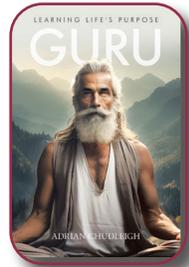
**Movie:** *Two-Bit Waltz*; **When:** Wednesday, May 22; **Time:** 6:15-8:30 p.m.

**Movie:** *Meet the Guilbys*; **When:** Wednesday, June 19; **Time:** 6:15-8:30 p.m.

## Book Launch with Adrian Chudleigh

Join us as author Adrian Chudleigh launches his thought-provoking book, *Guru: Learning Life's Purpose*. Explore the nature of reality and delve into profound questions about life's fulfillment and the struggles of conforming to societal expectations. **Register online. (Makerspace)**

**When:** Thursday, May 23; **Time:** 7-8 p.m.



## Novel Art, a Celebration of Writing

Enjoy an evening of literature and art-making with award-winning novelist Anthony Bidulka, author of mystery, suspense and thriller novels. As Anthony reads aloud, you respond with art! Art supplies (or bring your own) will be available for you to paint or sketch his characters, rich environments, and moods. **Register online. No library card required. (Program Room)**

**When:** Tuesday, June 4; **Time:** 6:30-8 p.m.

## Seniors Week Cribbage Tournament

To celebrate Seniors Week the Airdrie Public Library will be hosting a crib tournament with prizes! The library will supply boards and cards. For ages 55 and up. **Supported by Blue Fern Denture Clinic.**

**Register online. No library card required. (Program Room)**

**When:** Saturday, June 8; **Time:** 1-4 p.m.



## From IDEA to LAUNCH

Join us for an immersive workshop designed to empower aspiring entrepreneurs with the knowledge and tools needed to turn their ideas into successful businesses. Instructed by Femi Doyle-Marshall and brought to you by REBOOTX Academy.

**Register online. No library card required. (Program Room)**

**When:** Thursday, June 27; **Time:** 1-3 p.m.

## APL's 6th Annual Poetry in Motion Contest

Submit in either the Youth (ages 13-17) or Open (18+) category. Winners and selected poems will be displayed in Airdrie buses. Enter online at [www.airdriepubliclibrary.ca](http://www.airdriepubliclibrary.ca) **When:** June 3-30

# LITERACY PROGRAMS and PRESCHOOL RESOURCES 2024

May & June

*Pull this  
section out  
to keep  
handy!*



*For full details on all our programs and events see [www.airdriepubliclibrary.ca](http://www.airdriepubliclibrary.ca)*

# PRESCHOOL LITERACY PROGRAMS

Supported by Vitreous Glass Inc

## All preschool literacy program days and times

### **Mondays**

Rhymes & Songs

9:45 a.m.

Drop-in  
(Children's Area)

Read, Build,  
Play!

10 a.m.

June 17  
(Program Room)

Toddler time A

10:30 a.m.

(Program Room)

### **Tuesdays**

Babytime A

9:30 a.m.

(Program Room)

Rhymes & Songs

9:45 a.m.

Drop-in  
(Children's Area)

Creative Hands  
and Minds A

1:15 p.m.

(Program Room)

### **Wednesdays**

**NOTE:**

No programs May 15

Wiggle

Wednesday

9:15-10 a.m.

(Program Room)

May 8 & June 12

Preschool  
Storytime A

10:30 a.m.

(Program Room)

Rhymes & Songs

1 p.m.

Drop-in

(Children's Area)

### **Thursdays**

Toddler time B

9:30 a.m.

(Program Room)

Rhymes & Songs

9:45 a.m.

Drop-in

(Children's Area)

Creative Hands  
and Minds B

11 a.m.

(Program Room)

Unplug & Play

1:15 p.m.

(Program Room)

### **Fridays**

Preschool

Storytime B

9:30 a.m.

(Program Room)

Babytime B

11 a.m.

(Program Room)

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



## 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.

## Travelling Tales and Tunes

Can't make it out to the library? No Problem! Embark on a literary adventure with Travelling Tales and Tunes, a mobile library program specially designed for young families where we will create a vibrant space for children and parents to explore the magic of literature together. Ages 5 and under. **Register online.**

**When:** Tuesdays, May 7-June 11

**Time:** 10-10:45 a.m. (Herons Crossing School)

**When:** Wednesdays, May 8-June 12 (No program May 15)

**Time:** 1-1:45 p.m. (RJ Hawkey Elementary School)



# 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**  
(Seasons, Bugs, Time, Shapes 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)



**WORLD BOOK  
KIDS**

Grades K+

Image-driven content for curious kids to explore. Includes age-appropriate information, interactive games and activities, vivid multimedia and more.



Check out World Book Kids under the eResource tab on the APL website.

## TWEENS & TEENS



### Let's Start a Podcast

The Legends of Logomancy team will walk participants through popular streaming services and equipment. Ages 13 and up. Younger participants may attend with supervision of a helpful adult. **Register online. (Program Room)**

**When:** Saturday, May 4; **Time:** 5:30-7 p.m.

### Friday Night Meetup

Work on some artsy projects, help us prep program supplies, and collaborate with staff to create content promoting teen programs on social media. Snacks provided. Gain volunteer hours! For ages 13 to 17. **Register online.**

**When:** Fridays, **Time:** 6-8 p.m. (*except May 3, when we'll be at Genesis Place*)

### Girls Talk



This 5-week program is for girls ages 12 to 17. We will talk all about friendship, mental health and self-care. This is a safe and inclusive space for making new connections, doing fun activities, and talking together.

*In partnership with Closer to Home Community Services.*  
**Register online. (Program Room)**

**When:** Thursdays, May 9-June 6; **Time:** 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### Comic Art 101 with Zach Schuster

Making your own comic book is a very intense endeavor! Meet Zach Schuster, comic artist and designer of the board game Wizlords in Space. Zach will lead a comic book and art workshop as part of our May Geek Month. Ages 13+ and up. No material required. Participants of all skill levels are invited to participate.

**Register online. No library card required (Program Room)**

**When:** Saturday, May 11; **Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

### Comic Art and Composition with Jaret Hartnell

Come meet local artist and published comic book author Jaret Hartnell. In this workshop he will take you from start to finish on drawing a comic book page. From rough sketches and planning all the way to the finished product. Ages 13+. No materials required. All skill levels are invited to join. **Register online. No library card required. (Program Room)**

**When:** Saturday, May 25; **Time:** 2-4 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. All ages)

**When:** May 28, June 25; 6:30-8:15 p.m.  
(Program Room)

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

*In partnership with Airdrie Pride Society*

**When:** Saturday, May 4 & 18; 2 p.m.  
(Makerspace. All ages.)

## **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 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, April 25-May 9  
1:30-3:30 p.m. (McCall Room)

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

No experience required.

**When:** Wednesdays, May 29 & June 26  
1:30-3 p.m. (McCall Room)

## **Genealogy Club (FULL)**

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

**When:** Monday, May 13; 7-8:15 p.m.  
Waitlist online. (Program Room)

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

New members welcome.

**When:** Thursdays; 6:45-8:15 p.m.  
(Program Room/Jr. Area)

## **Monday Morning Book Club (Drop-in)**

(Fourth Monday of the month.)

**When:** May 27, June 24; 10 a.m.  
See booklist online. (McCall Room)

## **Photo Organizing (FULL)**

(Second Monday of the month)

**When:** May 6, June 10  
6:30-8:15 p.m. (Program 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, May 8 & 22,  
June 12 & 26; 2-3 p.m. (Fireplace)

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

(Last Wednesday of the month.)

**When:** May 29 & June 26; 10 a.m.  
See booklist online. (McCall Room)

## **Wednesday Night Book Club (Drop-in)**

(First Wednesday of the month.)

**When:** May 1 & June 5; 6:30-8:15 p.m.  
See booklist online. (Program Room)



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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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