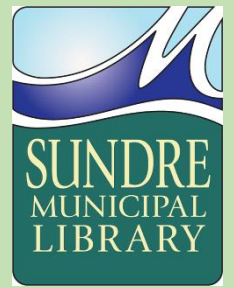


# not Just BOOKS!



## The Sundre Municipal Library Newsletter

January 2026




Learn foundational skills to successfully navigate Email. Come for one or come for all.



As we welcome the new year, we continue our computer skills classes with a beginner computer session on how to use Gmail, Google's free email service. You'll learn to create an account, navigate the inbox, compose and send messages, attach files, organize emails with labels and lots more. We'll also talk about basic security practices to keep accounts safe. Come join us and build your confidence in working with Gmail. FREE to attend.

**Please call to register!**

**Monday, January 12 & 19, from 2:30 – 4:00pm**

This program made possible by  COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM

## Family Literacy Day & Reading Dragons

Looking to build positive reading habits in your children? Give Reading Dragons a try! In this reading program, children simply log each of their reading sessions and as they reach a milestone, they earn collectible dragon cards as rewards. These colorful cards will spark excitement and motivate kids to keep reading, while also giving them a fun way to celebrate their progress.



We're gearing up to launch Reading Dragons in late January in connection with **Family Literacy Day**, happening on **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**. Drop in for our Family Literacy Day activities centered around making mealtimes learning times and get all the details on this reading program!

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026 3:00 – 4:30 PM**

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

Who is Frosty's favorite aunt?



Aunt Arctica.

## FRIENDLY REMINDER

Family Gym Time will run in January, February and March 2026 to help keep children active (and warm!) during the winter months.

**9:30 – 11:30 AM**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month**

Hope to see you there!

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### TREX Exhibit ON DISPLAY NOW: *Mysterious Forest Life*

Centered in the forest life of the Peace Country in Northwestern Alberta, the 24 photographs in *Mysterious Forest Life* embody three types of plant forms: fungi, lichen and moss. You will find seven different types of fungi displayed in this exhibition, but there are actually over 1.5 million species of fungi (6 times more than plants) and about 20,000 of them produce mushrooms. Each photo in the exhibition captures the forest from a whimsical and mysterious angle. The photos might even spark inspiration the next time you are out for a stroll.

*On display January 1<sup>st</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.*

### NEW Busy Bags!

We've recently added two brand-new busy bags for our preschool crowd— **Fun In The Sun** and **Winter Wonderland!** Kids can enjoy an indoor “snowball” fight, fire up a pretend BBQ, and celebrate all the fun things these two seasons bring. Stop by and check them out!



### FEBRUARY: Let's Talk English

Starting in February, Mountain View County Libraries will be hosting casual hangouts in the library for English learners to talk with other learners. This program will run throughout the month of February. We'd love to know if you're planning to come!

Help us spread the word—check out the dates and locations below and share with anyone who might enjoy it.



#### February

Carstairs - Tuesdays 10:00am-12:00pm

Sundre - Tuesdays 1:00-3:00pm

Didsbury - Wednesdays 10:00-12:00pm

Cremona - Thursdays 2:00-4:00pm

Olds - Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm

This program made possible by:



### CALP Computer and Resume Help



Need help getting comfortable with your device? Looking to polish your résumé, write a strong cover letter, or practice your interview skills? The library offers regular one-on-one support to help you build confidence and learn at your own pace.



Our staff are here to guide you through the basics, answer questions, and help you put your best foot forward—whether you're job-seeking, upgrading skills, or simply trying to get more out of your technology. **Call to book your appointment today!**

| SUN  | MON   | TUE   | WED                   | THU                                       | FRI   | SAT |
|--|---|---|-----------------------|---|---|-----|
|  <b>JANUARY</b><br><b>2026</b> |   |   |                       | 1   | 2   | 3   |
|  |   |   |                       | 8   | 9<br>Family Gym Time<br>@ 9:30-11:30am<br>Sundre<br>Community<br>Center | 10  |
| 4  | 5   | 6<br>Pop Up Play @<br>9:30-11:30am  | 7<br>Knitter's @ 6pm  | 15<br>Middle Year Mayhem<br>@ 3:15-4:15pm | 16  | 17  |
| 11   | 12<br>Getting Started with<br>Google Gmail @<br>2:30-4:00pm | 13<br>Rhyme Time @<br>9:00-10:00am  | 14<br>Knitter's @ 6pm | 22  | 23  | 24  |
| 18   | 19<br>Getting Started with<br>Google Gmail @<br>2:30-4:00pm | 20<br>Rhyme Time @<br>9:00-10:00am<br>Genealogy @<br>9:30-11:30am<br>Mini Builders @<br>3:15-4:15pm | 21<br>Knitter's @ 6pm | 29<br>CLOSED                              | 30  | 31  |
| 25   | 26  | 27<br>Rhyme Time @<br>9:00-10:00am<br>Family Literacy Day<br>@ 3-4:30 PM<br>(Drop-In)               | 28                    |   |   |     |

**Rhyme Time: Ages 0-5 with a caregiver**

Bring your littles for stories, songs, and rhymes. Social time to follow.

**Tuesday, January 13, 20, and 27 from 9:00am – 10:00am****Middle Years Mayhem (Ages 8-12):**

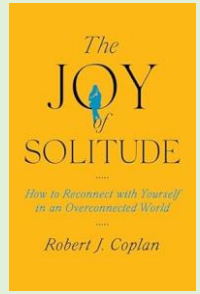
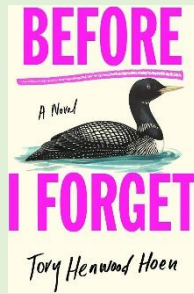
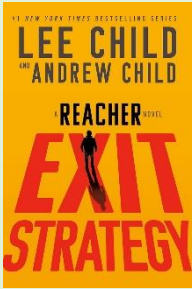
Calling all creative builders! Join us for a fun and interactive LEGO challenge for kids aged 8–12. Build, compete, and share your creations in a friendly environment—no experience required, just bring your creativity! **Call to register!**

**Thursday, January 15, from 3:15pm – 4:15pm****Mini Builders: Ages 4-7 (\*Program Age Change)**Creative LEGO build time for kids aged 4-7. **Call to register!****Tuesday, January 20, from 3:15 - 4:15pm****Family Gym Time**

Looking for something to do on a cold winter day? In partnership with MVFRN, the library invites you to the **Sundre Community Centre** for some parented gym time activities on the second Friday of the month. **FREE** to attend!

**Friday, January 9, from 9:30 – 11:30am**

## NEW BOOKS! REQUEST THEM TODAY



## Love Your Library Month Coffee Fundraiser - FEBRUARY

February is **Love Your Library Month**, and we're celebrating with a cozy new fundraiser designed to bring a little extra warmth to your day. The library is teaming up with Sundre's very own **Elk & Owl Craft Coffee Co.** to offer a special coffee opportunity for our community. While details are still being finalized, we can promise it will be simple, convenient, and a great way to show your support.



Every purchase will help the library continue offering the programs, resources, and welcoming spaces that make this a place for readers, learners, and families of all ages. Whether you're a daily coffee drinker or simply love supporting community initiatives, this is a chance to enjoy something delicious while giving back. More information will be shared soon — stay tuned!



**THANK YOU TO OUR COPORATE & MUNICIPAL SPONSORS FOR THEIR CONTINUING SUPPORT!**



### HOURS OF OPERATION

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Monday                                | CLOSED          |
| Tuesday                               | 9:00 – 5:00 PM  |
| Wednesday                             | 12:00 – 8:00 PM |
| Thursday                              | 12:00 – 5:00 PM |
| Friday                                | 12:00 – 5:00 PM |
| Saturday                              | 11:00 – 3:00 PM |
| CLOSED Sundays,<br>Mondays & Holidays |                 |

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### Common Econtent Questions Answered...

*Why can't I find a specific eAudiobook?*

~ A Number of best-selling titles are not made available to Canadian Public Libraries in eAudiobook format

*Why is the holds list for digital content so long?*

~ One Copy Per User – Just like physical items, eBooks and eAudiobooks are limited to one copy/one user.