

Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

Adventure Awaits at the Library This Summer!



July - August 2025

Programs and Activities



Don't Miss a Moment

Hours of Operation

Sunday:	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday:	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday:	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday:	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Newsletter:	www.prl.ab.ca/sylvanlake/about-us/newsletter



Holidays and Closures

July 1st	Closed for Canada Day
August 4th	Closed for Heritage Day

Program Breaks

August 24th - September 7th

The Summer Reading Program will run for 8 weeks throughout July and August. All weekly programs will wrap up August 23rd, and our regular programming schedule will resume in September.

To be notified about unexpected program cancellations, sign up for our mailing list and select "announcements".

Unless otherwise stated, all programs are free and drop-in.

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Preschool and Family Programs

Infant Sensory Play | Ages 0-2

Wednesdays | 2:15-3:00 p.m.

Drop In | Ends August 20

Sensory play for young families. Older siblings welcome to join the fun!

Mess is Best | Ages 0-2 & 2-5

Saturdays | 10:15-11:15 a.m. | Drop In

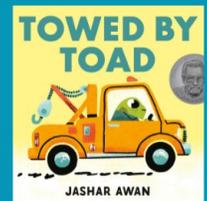
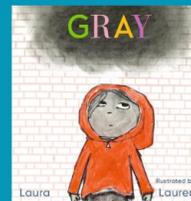
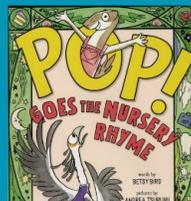
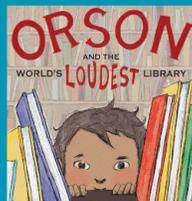
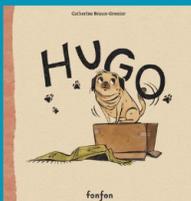
Ends August 23, No Program July 12

Sensory activities and messy play stations. Older and younger siblings welcome. Infant and Preschool activities will alternate weekly; view calendar for age-specific dates.

Turn the page for more children's programs in our Summer Reading Club



Check out these new books!



Summer Reading Club

L'Adventure Vous Attend | Tous les âges

**Les lundis | 13h30-14h30
déposer | Se termine le 18 août**

Rejoignez-nous à la bibliothèque pour 8 semaines amusantes tout en continuant à parler et à lire en français. Une compréhension de base de la langue française est requise.

Teen Quests | Ages 13-17

**Mondays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Drop In | Ends August 18**

Connect with friends old and new for a summer of fun at the Library. Enjoy a summer of books, games, movies, and more!

Budding Explorers | Ages 2-5

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays
10:15-11:00 a.m. | Drop In
Ends August 21, No Program July 10**

Join us for stories, crafts, and activities for preschoolers and their caregivers. Build literacy skills, make new friends, and enjoy a summer of fun at the Library!

Adventure Seekers | Ages 6-8

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Drop In | Ends August 21**

Dive into 8 weeks of adventure filled with games, activities, and reading challenges. Dress up to match the theme of the week or take advantage of our cabinet of curiosities!

Epic Quests | Ages 9-12

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays
2:00-3:00 p.m. | Drop In
Ends August 21 | No Program July 24**

Adventure awaits at the Library! Join us for 8 weeks of games, activities, and reading challenges.

Library in the Wild | All Ages

**Fridays | 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Drop In | Ends August 22**

Meet us at different locations in the community for stories, games, activities, and more! From superheroes to treasure hunts, dive in and join the fun with our Summer Reading Club!

Adventure Awaits | All Ages

**Fridays | 1:00-4:00 p.m. | Drop In
Ends August 22 | No Program July 25**

Enjoy weekly movies, games, and crafts throughout the summer with friends old and new. From Percy Jackson to the Avengers, Harry Potter to Lilo and Stitch, there's something for everyone to enjoy this summer!

Summer Reading Challenge | All Ages

June 30 - August 22

Turn the page on a summer of adventure! From June 30 - August 22, set your own daily reading goal and track your progress with our Summer Reading Log. Stay consistent, meet your goal each day, and unlock exciting prizes along the way! Prize milestones on July 15th, 31st, and August 15th, with a grand prize draw entry after August 23rd.



School Age Special Events

Minds In Motion Tech Programs

Pet Plant Power Up

Thursday, July 24 | Registration Required

Ages 7-11 | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Grow your understanding of how technology and agriculture intersect in this multi-stage activity! Participants will get hands-on experience with block coding and explore a technology that helps real-world farmers keep their crops healthy.

Scratch Olympics

Thursday, July 24 | Registration Required

Ages 8-14 | 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Get programming and moving in this exploration into adaptive sports! Participants will experience goalball, then work through simulating the Olympic sport with block coding in Scratch!

Filter Code

Friday, July 25 | Registration Required

Ages 7-11 | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Explore the concepts of cybersecurity and safe online behaviour while experimenting with light and colour! Participants will create light filtering glasses, then use them to encode and decode secret messages!

Intro to Robotics

Friday, July 24 | Registration Required

Ages 9-14 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

What more could you ask for than electricity, computers, and robots? Students will learn about circuits and the application of robotics in society. In this two-hour workshop students will work in teams to design a robot using Lego Spike Kits, then program the robots to perform in a robot competition!



Prism Club | Ages 13+

Tuesday, July 8 and August 5 | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Drop In

Movie nights, art projects, and book chats for LGBTQ2S+ youth and allies. Refreshments provided.

July: Join us for a 2000s-themed Karaoke Night.

August: Join us to paint your own Brick Book Art and Rock Painting.

Anime Night | Ages 11+

Tuesdays, July 15 and 22, August 12 and 19

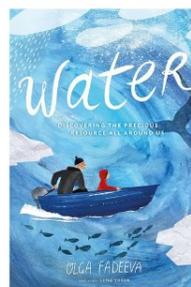
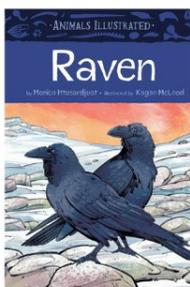
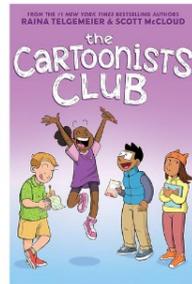
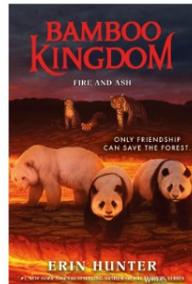
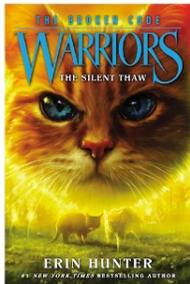
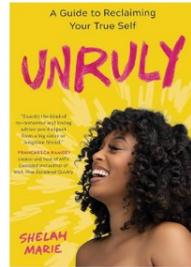
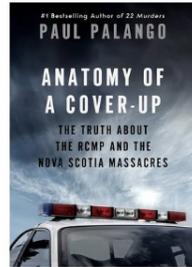
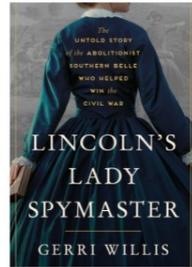
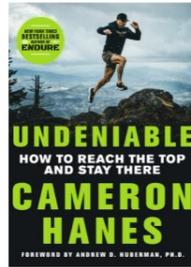
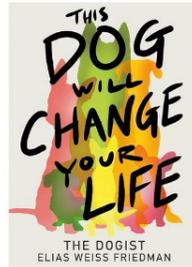
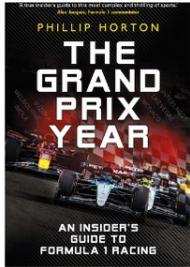
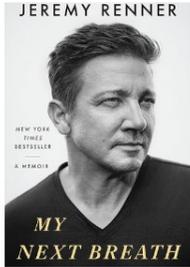
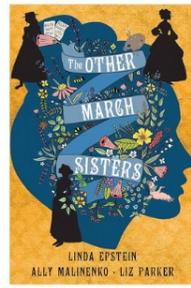
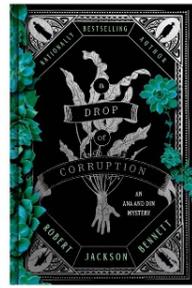
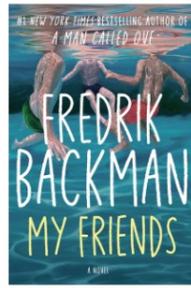
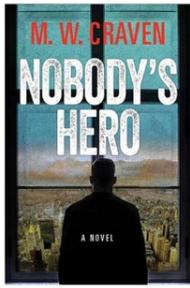
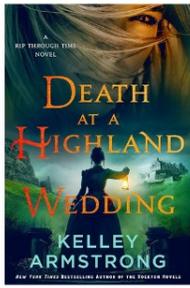
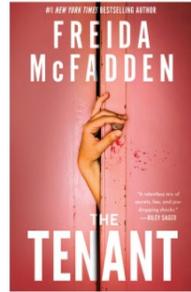
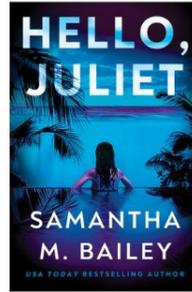
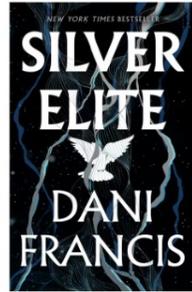
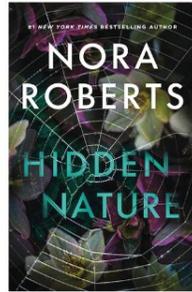
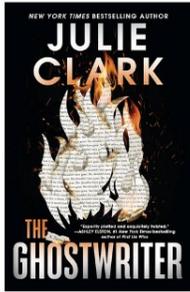
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Drop In

Celebrate your love of anime and manga with friends old and new at the Library. Create your own artwork while watching beloved shows and engaging in discussions with fellow anime lovers.



New Books



Sylvan Lake Book Expo

Saturday July 12
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FREE
for all ages
to attend!

Join local authors, publishers, editors, and book-loving vendors, for a day of book fair fun including readings, book sales, mingling, and on-the-spot advice from experts in the field!



Adult Programs

Pub Trivia Night

First Wednesday of the Month | 6:30 p.m.

July 2: Snake Lake Brewing Co.

August 6: Diamond Valley Den

Do you have what it takes to be a trivia champion? Join us for an evening of pub trivia fun with friends and family. Build your team (max 6 players) then meet us at the venue of the month.

Knit-Wits

Thursdays | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Drop In

Create beautiful handmade projects while meeting new friends. Bring your own supplies or use ours. Want to help lead a project? Ask us about our volunteer opportunities!

Tech Connect

Tuesdays | 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Drop In

Need help with your smartphone, laptop, tablet, or e-Reader? Have questions about cyber safety?

Drop by the Library for a one-on-one session with library staff. Assistance provided first-come, first served.

Staff are not able to assist with topics beyond our knowledge, or outside the scope of technology coaching. We are not able to diagnose or fix hardware issues.

Brick Book Painting

Thursday, July 3 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Create your own unique book-themed brick art at the Library. Bricks can go home with participants or be added to our ever-growing Brick Book Garden at the Library.

Free, all materials provided.



Herb Garden Workshop

Monday, July 21 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Registration Required | \$20.00 Fee

Attend an herb workshop with local gardening expert Leona Staples from The Jungle Farm. Participants will go home with herbs of their choice, after gaining knowledge about growing and harvesting herbs.

Payment is due 5 days before the event.

Concrete Mushrooms

Thursday, August 7 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Create and paint your own unique concrete mushrooms at the Library. Mushrooms can go home with participants or be added to our garden to be enjoyed by all.

Free, all materials provided.

August Garden Checklist: Seed Collection and Propagation

Monday, August 18 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Learn about the importance of seed saving and plant propagation with a local gardening expert, followed by a Q&A. Prepare for the "dreaded" winter season and get advice on late season crops.



Special Events & Community Guests

Gulls Story Time | All Ages

Thursday, July 10 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Drop In

Join the Sylvan Lake Gulls at the Library for a baseball themed story time, brief Q&A with the players and coaching staff, and photos with the team and Sully the Gully!

Book Expo | All Ages

Saturday, July 12 | 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Drop In

Join local authors, publishers, editors, and book-loving vendors for a day of book fair fun including readings, book sales, mingling, and on-the-spot advice from experts in the field.

Free for all ages to attend.

Hogwarts Reading Club Wrap Up Party

Thursday, July 17 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Participants of the Reading Club Only

Celebrate the end of another year of the Hogwarts Reading Club. The House Cup will be awarded, along with other prizes for top readers. Refreshments provided.

Roblox Lock-In | Ages 9+

Friday, July 18 | 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Join us at the Library for an after-hours gaming night. Bring your own device or use our gaming laptops to play Roblox with friends old and new. Participants must have their own Roblox account. Refreshments provided.

Schizophrenia Society Presentation

Wednesday, July 23 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Join us in person or virtually for a hybrid presentation from the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta. Discover the myths, misconceptions, and stigmas surrounding schizophrenia.

Dinosaur Dig | All Ages

Saturday, July 26 | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Join us at the Library for dino-riffic fun! Stories, crafts, and activities throughout the Library, along with a display of fossils from a local dinosaur enthusiast.

Teddy Bear Sleepover | All Ages

Thursday, August 21 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Dress in your PJs and bring your favourite stuffie to the Library for a Teddy Bear Sleepover. Enjoy stories, milk and cookies, and a craft before tucking your stuffie in for the night. Pick them up the next day and view photos of their shenanigans.

Library Book Sale

**Friday, August 29 and Saturday, August 30
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | Drop In**

Support the Library at our end of summer book sale. Books and other items for sale by donation. Proceeds will support the Library's collection and programming.

Donations of books, DVDs, CDs, and games in excellent condition can be brought to the Library between August 5th and 28th.

Career Leap Resume Review

Wednesdays, July 9 and August 13

12:30-2:30 p.m. | Drop In

Bring your resume to the Library for review by the Red Deer Career Leap Team. First come, first-served. For more information, contact Career Leap at 587-876-6025

Book Clubs and Reading Challenges

Mystery Book Club

Second Monday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Drop In | Sylvan Lake Municipal Library
4715 50th Avenue

July 14: *The Mystery Guest* by Nita Prose

August 11: *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith

Read the mystery book of the month, then join us at the Library for a discussion.

New Romantics Book Club

Second Wednesday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Drop In | Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

July 9: *Lights Out* by Navessa Allen

August 13: *Twisted Love* by Ana Huang

Read the romance book of the month, then join us at the Library for a discussion.

Bring Your Own Book Club

Third Wednesday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Drop In | Lakeshore Café
#130 - 5003 Lakeshore Drive

Read ANY book, then join us at Lakeshore Café to share your thoughts. View previous recommended reads on our website.

Book-to-Movie Club

Last Wednesday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Drop In | Lakeshore Café

#130 - 5003 Lakeshore Drive

July 30: *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

August 27: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey

Watch the movie of the month and/or read the book it was based on, then join us at Lakeshore Café for a discussion.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ongoing At-Home Program

Track your child's reading from the ages of 0-5 (or until the end of Kindergarten). For every sheet they complete, they get to choose a prize. Once they've reached 1000 books, your child will receive a grand prize which includes a certificate of completion, books, toys, and other great prizes.

Introduce your child to books when they're young, and help foster a love of literacy!

Summer Reading Challenge

Jump back to page 4 to see how you can join the Summer Reading Challenge!



Volunteer Opportunities

All volunteers are required to provide a clean criminal record check.

Film Society Committee

Help Select Titles for our Independent Film Series

Sign up for our Film Society Committee email list and receive information about upcoming TIFF selections for our screenings.

Volunteers can also help with poster distribution before each film, and selling tickets the night-of.

Snacks in the Stacks

Afterschool Snacks for Kids

We're looking for regular sponsors for our afterschool snacks for kids at the Library. We're also looking for volunteers interested in helping shop for and prepare food for participants. If interested, contact the Library for more information!

Special Events at the Library

Weekend and After-Hours Programs

Are you interested in helping with some of our special events at the Library? Head over to our website and fill out our volunteer application form.



Little Free Pantry

Seeking Donations and Community Support

The Little Free Pantry is a free, no-questions-asked resource for those experiencing food insecurity. Donations of food and hygiene items can be made any time during our open hours. Donations of \$20.00 or more are eligible to receive a tax receipt.

Library Board

Second Wednesday of the Month | 6:30 p.m.

Library Board meetings are open to the public. Keep an eye out for openings on our Library Board to help support the Library.

Home Deliveries

Books for Homebound Individuals

We're looking for volunteers that are able to drive and transport books and other Library items to patrons who are homebound. Must have a vehicle, a valid driver's license and vehicle insurance.

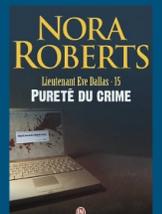
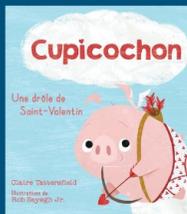
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SYLVAN LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY LITTLE FREE PANTRY

ABOUT US

The Library houses a free no-questions-asked Little Free Pantry, where those in need can help themselves to perishable and non-perishable food items. The pantry can be accessed any time during our open hours, at no charge.

OUR HISTORY

In September of 2016, we started the Little Free Pantry in the centre of the library to help with growing food insecurities. We started with a few shelves, now we have 3 rows of shelves as well as a refrigerator.

USAGE

As food insecurity rises in the community, the need to restock high demand items becomes more frequent. Monetary donations go towards purchasing these items on a consistent basis.



403-887-2130

MONETARY DONATIONS

Donations can be made on our website, or in person at the library. Donations of \$20 or more can receive a tax-receipt. Donations can be made as a one-time gift or on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis.

PHYSICAL DONATIONS

Physical donations are made up of perishable and non-perishable food items, hygiene products, and toiletries. Businesses and community groups can gather these items, making their own large donation.

- High Demand Items**
- Canned protein
 - Canned fruit
 - Hygiene items
 - “Heat & eat” meals

- High Demand Items**
- Milk
 - Butter
 - Lunch meat
 - Cheese

Thank you

To all the individuals, groups, and businesses for your support, thank you.

Library of Things

Libraries are more than just books!

Our Library of Things is made up of additional items available for borrowing, ranging from board games to technology items to outdoor play items.

Discover these items and more available for checkout, free with your library card!

Board Game Collection



Candle Making Kit



Illuminated Smart World Interactive Globe for Kids



Binoculars Kit



NexSource Passes



Lawn Dart Games



Envoy Connect



Kill A Watt Power Monitor



Ladder Ball Set



Telescope



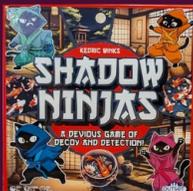
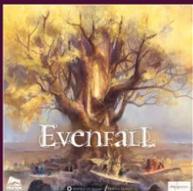
Croquet Set



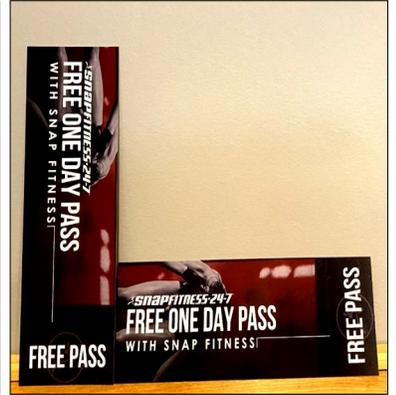
Bocce Ball Set



Check out these new board games!



Reusable Canvas Bags: \$5.25 | Headphones: \$2.50
NexSource Passes: Free with your Library Card | Snap Fitness Passes: Free



Our outdoor book return is accessible 24/7 to drop off your items.

Library Strategic Goals

Create Young Readers

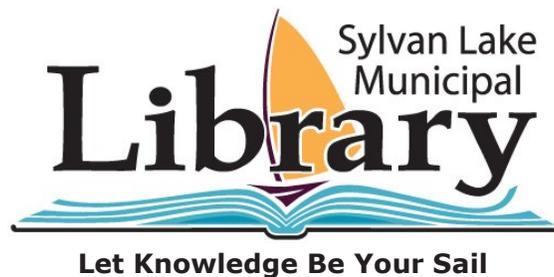
Children will have programs and services designed to ensure that they will enter school ready to learn, write, and listen.

Know Your Community

Patrons will have a central source for information about the wide variety of community programs, services, and activities.

Express Creativity

Patrons will have access to services and materials to enjoy and create original content in various formats and settings.



Visit a Comfortable Place

Patrons will have a safe and welcoming space to meet and interact with others or to sit and work independently.

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