

Winter Adult Program Guide

January - March 2019

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The Richmond Public Library is committed to providing free informational, educational, and general interest programs.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: WHAT IS IT? IS IT FOR ME?

Restorative Justice has been part of Canada's criminal justice system for over 40 years. Restorative Justice addresses the harm to the victim caused by crime while holding the offender responsible for their actions. It promotes empowerment and healing for victims and requires accountability from offenders. Restorative Justice takes various forms and may take place at all stages of the criminal justice system. Facilitators: Haroon Bajwa (Coordinator for the Richmond Restorative Justice Program at Touchstone Family Association) and Ruth Hahn (Liaison between RCMP and the Richmond Restorative Justice Program and Supervisor of the Youth Intervention Program).
Tue Feb 26 7:00 – 8:30pm BHB Community Place

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: A PERSONAL JOURNEY WITH CARYS CRAGG

Meet local author and Douglas College instructor Carys Cragg to learn about her book *Dead Reckoning: How I Came to Meet the Man Who Murdered My Father* and the impact the Restorative Justice process had on her life. The poignant memoir includes correspondence between Carys and the offender, whom she eventually visited in prison. *Dead Reckoning* was included in Globe & Mail Best 100 Books of 2017 list, was a 2018 Non-Fiction BC Book Prize finalist, and was nominated for the 2018 Governor General's Literary Award. Books will be available for purchase.
Thu Mar 7 7:00 – 8:30pm BHB Community Place

GATEWAY THEATRE: REFLECTING OUR CULTURE THROUGH LIVE THEATRE

Ever wondered how a theatre works? Join us to learn about Richmond's only live, professional theatre company for adults and children and the additional activities that happen at the Gateway Theatre. Presented by Alexa Fraser, Gateway Theatre's Education Coordinator, and Valerie

Reynolds, Gateway Theatre Board Member.

Special offer! Program attendees can enter for a chance to win tickets for two to a performance or associated exclusive event.

Wed Jan 30 7:00-8:30 pm BHB Community Place

WINTER AUTHOR EVENTS

AUTHOR EVENT: PNINA GRANIRER

Light within the Shadows: A Painter's Memoir is a lively and moving memoir about the author's life as an artist, wife and mother. The author's journey begins in Romania, continues in Israel and concludes in North America. Pnina is a celebrated painter, print maker and a Romanian Jew who survived World War II and immigrated to North America.
Feb 2 Sat 2:30 – 4:00pm BHB Community Place

AUTHOR EVENT: LILLIAN BORAKS-NEMETZ

Mouth of Truth: Buried Secrets is based on Lillian's experience as a child in the Warsaw Ghetto during WWII. This gripping tale is about making impossible choices and divided loyalties. Lillian is an award-winning children's author and child Holocaust survivor.
Feb 9 Sat 2:30 – 4:00pm BHB Community Place

AUTHOR EVENT: DR. LAWRENCE MATRICK & ROSE CUDDY

If you love to read thrillers, this author talk is for you! Author Dr. Matrick was in private practice for almost 50 years, frequently serving as a court appointed expert witness in British Columbia. His work experience inspired his book, *The Quisling*, a medical thriller about psychiatrist Dr. Zack Scarlatto, who becomes involved with a violent Mexican drug cartel.

Return of the Jaguar is a political thriller by local author Norman Cuddy. The novel is based on a true story about a massacre of Indigenous peoples that occurred in Mexico in 1997. The book was published posthumously by the author's wife, Rose Cuddy.

Mar 2 Sat 2:30 – 4:00pm BHB Community Place

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LITERATURE & PHILOSOPHY

STEVESTON PHILOSOPHERS' CAFÉ (DROP-IN)

This series of informal and stimulating discussions on a variety of topics is facilitated by moderator Chris Ludwig, and is held in partnership with SFU Continuing Studies and Richmond Community Services. This program takes place in the Gillnetter Room at Steveston Community Centre.

Jan 10 Thu 6:30-8:30pm

The Richmond language debate: should English be mandatory on signs?

Feb 14 Thu 6:30-8:30pm

Socialism versus capitalism: is one better than the other, or do they simply offer different strengths?

Mar 14 Thu 6:30-8:30pm

Are public art installations and sculptures welcome cultural additions, or frivolous eyesores?

PHILOSOPHER'S CAFÉ IN RUSSIAN (DROP-IN)

Discuss a variety of topics relating to culture, arts, literature and politics in Russian. This program is held in partnership with SFU Continuing Studies.

Jan 17 Thu 7:00-9:00pm BHB Community Place

Who are the Masons? Are they a secret world government or simply a network of clubs?

Feb 14 Thu 7:00-9:00pm BHB 2nd Floor Room

Law and equity: how are they connected?

Mar 21 Thu 7:00-9:00pm BHB Community Place

Cryptocurrencies and Blockchain: our future or hype?

SPANISH/LATIN CAFÉ

Join us for monthly discussions on a variety of topics in Spanish.

Jan 3 Thu 10:30am-12:00pm BHB Community Place

Feb 7 Thu 10:30am-12:00pm BHB Community Place

Mar 7 Thu 10:30am-12:00pm BHB Community Place

BOOK CLUBS

SENIOR MOMENTS BOOK CLUB

A monthly book club for individuals aged 55 and older.

Jan 10 Thu 10:30am-12:00pm BHB Community Place

Feb 7 Thu 10:30am-12:00pm BHB Community Place

Mar 14 Thu 10:30am-12:00pm BHB Community Place

FOOD FOR THOUGHT BOOK CLUB

This monthly book club discusses books related to global topics.

Jan 9 Wed 7:00-8:30pm BHB Community Place

Feb 13 Wed 7:00-8:30pm BHB Community Place

Mar 13 Wed 7:00-8:30pm BHB Community Place

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Enjoy a lively book discussion with new friends.

Jan 16 Wed 7:00-8:30pm BHB Community Place

Feb 20 Wed 7:00-8:30pm BHB Community Place

Mar 20 Wed 7:00-8:30pm BHB Community Place

EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

SPRING HIRING FAIR

Looking for a job? Explore new opportunities and meet local employers at our Spring Hiring Fair. Job seekers will have an opportunity to speak with employers, sharpen their interview skills, and improve their chances of getting hired. This program is held in partnership with Avia Employment Services.

Mar 6 Wed 1:00 – 5:00pm BHB Lobby

CAREER PATHS FOR SKILLED IMMIGRANTS SERIES

This special series for immigrants and internationally-trained professionals is held in partnership with Back in Motion. Sessions cover occupation-specific resources and supports to help newcomers move into careers that match their qualifications.

Job Fair Preparation 101

Jan 15 Tue 7:00 - 8:30pm BHB Community Place

Social Media for Your Professional Brand

Feb 26 Tue 7:00 - 8:30pm BHB 2nd Floor Program Room

Salary Negotiations

Mar 19 Tue 7:00 - 8:30pm BHB Community Place

HELP WANTED SERIES

This series of workshops, held in partnership with Avia Employment Services, offers guidance for job seekers. Develop the skills you need to succeed in your job search.

LinkedIn & Your Job Search

Feb 6 Wed 7:00 -8:30pm BHB Community Place

Resume Writing

Mar 6 Wed 7:00 -8:30pm BHB Community Place

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JOB TALK ENGLISH CIRCLE

This RMCS workshop series for newcomers will help you improve your English listening and speaking skills and learn language tips that will support your job search. Each session includes a presentation and practice time.

Series 1

Mon (Jan 7-Feb 4) 10:30-12:30pm 2nd Floor Program Room

Series 2

Mon (Feb 25-Mar 25) 10:30-12:30pm 2nd Floor Program Room

LEGAL & FINANCE

FREE LEGAL SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE

A Legal Information Outreach Worker from Legal Services Society will deliver information about how to qualify for legal aid, the services legal aid provides, and free legal aid resources available to the public. Please note that no legal advice will be dispensed at the presentation.

Jan 8 Tue 6:00 – 8:00pm BHB Community Place

PREPARING YOUR LEGACY PLAN

Find out more about legacy planning, a financial strategy that prepares a person to bequeath their assets to a loved one after death. Financial Advisor Francis Wei will show you how you can use different options to build protection against unexpected events and enhance your legacy to loved ones.

Feb 28 Thu 1:00 – 3:00pm BHB Community Place

ESTATE PLANNING

This workshop will help you understand the importance of having a will. Learn the significant role a well-executed estate plan can play in ensuring a smooth transfer of assets from Financial Advisor Francis Wei.

Mar 13 Thu 1:00 – 3:00pm BHB Community Place

GENERAL INTEREST

TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE SERIES

Interested in tracing your family tree, but don't know where to start? Join members of the BC Genealogical Society to find out where to go and what to do.

Jan 29 Tue 3:00-5:00pm BHB Community Place

Jan 31 Thu 3:00-5:00pm BHB Community Place

KNITTING & CROCHETING SERIES

A beginners' knitting and crocheting series, facilitated by Emy Lai and Knit N Crochet 4 A Better World.

Crocheting 101

Learn how to crochet in this beginner workshop. Bring your own 4 or 5mm crochet needle.

Jan 19 Sat 2:30 - 4:00pm BHB Community Place

Knitting 101

This beginner workshop will teach you the fundamentals of knitting. Bring a set of 4 or 5mm knitting needles.

Feb 16 Sat 2:30 - 4:00pm BHB Community Place

Finger Crocheting 101

Master the basics of finger crocheting and make a small fabric. Bring an old piece of clothing to make into yarn.

Mar 16 Sat 2:30 - 4:00pm BHB Community Place

GARDENING SERIES

Learn the fundamentals of gardening from master gardener and horticulturalist Kristin Crouch.

Planning Your First Garden

This beginner workshop will show you how to plan and plant your first vegetable garden. You'll learn about site selection, soil health basics and timing for planting, watering and harvesting.

Mar 20 Wed 6:00-8:00pm BHB 2nd Floor Program Room

Seed-Starting 101

Learn how to start seeds indoors using the appropriate light and temperature, as well as when to transition your plants outdoors.

Mar 27 Wed 6:00-8:00pm BHB 2nd Floor Program Room

INTRODUCTION TO SOLAR ENERGY

Learn how solar rays can be converted into energy and how you can make your own solar panel using household items. This program is held in partnership with the City of Richmond.

Mar 2 Sat 1:00-3:00pm IWB Living Room

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MULTILINGUAL PROGRAMS

LANGUAGE EXCHANGE CLUB (DROP-IN, ALL LEVELS)

In this community club, participants act as both students and teachers. You will have an opportunity to teach others your native tongue, while learning English or another language from them.

Wed (Jan 2 - Mar 27) 6:30 - 7:30pm

BHB Special Collections Room

NEWCOMERS & LANGUAGE LEARNING

EASING THE STRESS OF SETTLEMENT

Language barriers, cultural differences, and employment issues are only some of the stressors facing newcomers. Learn how to ease some of the physical symptoms of settlement stress from Shayna Hornstein, adult educator and registered physical therapist.

Jan 16 Wed 6:00 – 8:00pm BHB 2nd Floor Program Room

CANADIAN ENGLISH TESTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Find out more about the features of different adult English tests in Canada, and how you can prepare for taking them. This program is held in partnership with MOSAIC.

Jan 22 Tue 6:00 – 7:30pm BHB Community Place

FRIENDSHIP CORNER (ALL LEVELS, DROP-IN)

Meet new friends and practice conversational English in a welcoming setting, in which library volunteers facilitate community connections.

Sun (Jan 6 – Mar 26) 10:00am-12:00pm

BHB Community Place

IMPROVE YOUR PRONUNCIATION

Improve English speaking skills by sharing personal stories and learning word linking and English speech rhythms.

Facilitated by library volunteer Alma MacDonald.

Jan 14 Mon 1:30 – 3:30pm BHB Community Place

Jan 21 Mon 1:30 – 3:30pm BHB Community Place

Jan 28 Mon 1:30 – 3:30pm BHB Community Place

Feb 4 Mon 1:30 – 3:30pm BHB Community Place

EVERYDAY ENGLISH: EXPLORE PRONUNCIATOR (BEGINNER)

Improve your English speaking and listening skills with the help of library staff and resources. You will learn common phrases for daily activities such as banking, shopping, and taking transit. Registrants must attend all sessions.

Series 1

Tue & Thu (Jan 8-31) 1:00-2:30pm BHB Launchpad

Series 2

Tue & Thu (Mar 5-28) 1:00-2:30pm BHB Launchpad

ESL CONVERSATION CIRCLE FOR NEWCOMERS (BEGINNER)

Practice your English in conversation with other newcomers. A S.U.C.C.E.S.S. facilitator will lead a discussion on a variety of everyday topics. Registrants must attend all sessions.

Sat (Jan 19-Mar 19) 10:30am-12:30pm

BHB Special Collections

ENGLISH CORNER (INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED)

Practice your English in conversation with others. This program is suitable for ESL Level 5 and up or CLB Level 5, and is facilitated by library volunteer Alma MacDonald.

Fri (Jan 11-Mar 29) 10:00am-12:00pm

BHB Community Place

LITERACY FOR LIFE: SKILLS FOR INTERMEDIATE ENGLISH LEARNERS (INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED)

Improve your job and education prospects through classes focused on reading, writing, communication, numeracy, resume and interview skills. Basic computer skills are also covered. Registrants must attend all sessions. This program is sponsored by the Community Adult Literacy Program of the Province of British Columbia.

Fri (Jan 18-Mar 8) 6:30-8:30pm

BHB Community Place

ESL BOOK CLUB (INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED)

Read and discuss books with other ESL learners and library staff. Suitable for intermediate to advanced ESL learners.

Pick up books at the 2nd Floor Information Desk.

Jan 30 Wed 2:00-4:30pm BHB Community Place

Feb 27 Wed 2:00-4:30pm BHB Community Place

Mar 27 Wed 2:00-4:30pm BHB Community Place

For additional programs for adults 55+, please see our Winter 55+ Program Guide!

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