

SPRING BREAK



Get egg-cited about your library!

Registration opens Monday February 26th at 9am
Visit www.yourlibrary.ca/events for details

READING, WRITING AND ART PROGRAMS

CREATE-YOUR-OWN: ELEPHANT & PIGGIE EDITION

Are you a fan of the Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems? Put yourself in the author seat and create your very own Elephant and Piggie scene. Then perform your creation with others in the Story Barn! Best for ages 6 and up. Drop in!

Thu Mar 29 2:00-2:30pm Ironwood

KIDS' BOOK CLUB (AGES 9-12)

Read the book provided by the library, then come meet to share your thoughts and play fun games with other kids! Meetings and book pick-up take place at Brighthouse. Registration required.

Note: Our March book is **Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis**. After signing up, please ask for your copy of the book at the Kids' information desk at Brighthouse Branch.

Sun Mar 18 3:30-4:30pm Brighthouse

KIDS' BOOK CLUB (AGES 7-8)

Read the book provided by the library, then come meet to share your thoughts and play fun games with other kids! Meetings and book pick-up take place at Brighthouse. Registration required.

Note: Our March book is **Dinosaurs Before Dark by Mary Pope Osborne**. After signing up, please ask for your copy of the book at the Kids' information desk at Brighthouse Branch.

Fri Mar 23 3:00-3:45pm Brighthouse

MEET AUTHOR AMY TAKEDA!

Amy Takeda is the author of *The Rainbow Garden Is My Friend*. Amy and illustrator Dawn Lo will talk about the process of creating a picture book. Then, participants will learn how to make their own experiences into a story and share their creativity with the group. Presented in partnership with Free Spirit Books. Ages 8-10. Registration required.

Mon Mar 19 7:00-8:00pm Brighthouse

MEET AUTHOR LIANNE OELKE!

Ever wonder what it's like to be a published author? Do you like to write? Join Lianne Oelke, author of *Nice Try*, *Jane Sinner*, as she discusses her book, what it's like to be an author, and leads participants in a writing exercise. Ages 12 and up. Registration required.

Wed Mar 21 7:00-8:30pm Brighthouse

PARENT-CHILD BOOK CLUB

Join us as we read the book **Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen** together, then share your thoughts and do an activity with other kids and parents! Ages 6-8. Registration required.

Sun Mar 25 3:30-4:30pm Brighthouse

PUBLIC SPEAKING FOR TEENS

Learn how to be comfortable speaking in front of any audience, big or small. Learn key elements of public speaking - where to look, body language, speech patterns and how to keep the audience engaged. Must attend all 3 sessions. Ages 12-16. Registration required.

Mar 19, 20, 21 10:00-11:30am Brighthouse

TEXT ADVENTURES

Come and have fun with wordplay and writing. Play writing games and share stories. Ages 9-12. Registration required.

Thu Mar 29 4:00-5:00pm Cambie

EGG-TASTIC READING CHALLENGE

Join in on the egg-citement! Each Richmond Public Library branch will be running a different reading challenge throughout Spring Break. Visit your local branch for details, and get crackin' on those books! Starting March 17 at all 4 library branches.

SCIENCE AND TECH

DIGITAL FLIPBOOK ANIMATION

Use an app to create a short nature-themed animation. Use your creativity and drawing skills to create your animated story, convert it to a .gif and share it with your friends! iPads will be provided. Ages 9-12. Registration required.

Wed Mar 21 4:00-4:45pm Cambie

ENGINEERING: DESIGN AND CREATE

Engineering is all around us. From the roads we take, to the clean water flowing out of our taps, to the smartphones that we use to communicate, engineers have a hand in it! Each one-hour session will include a hands-on activity. Presented in partnership with the Engineers and Geoscientists of BC. Ages 9-12. Registration required. Please register for each program separately.

Tue Mar 20 3:30-4:30pm Brighouse

Tue Mar 27 3:30-4:30pm Brighouse

LEARN ABOUT B.C.'S WILDLIFE

Join biologist Darren Colello for an exciting interactive program about the vast diversity of wildlife in British Columbia. Presented in partnership with Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society. Ages 9-12. Registration required.

Thu Mar 22 3:30-4:30pm Brighouse

ONCE UPON AN APP

A fun and lively traditional storytime filled with stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes, enhanced by the introduction of a new educational app. Devices will be provided. All ages. Drop in!

Mon Mar 19 4:00-4:45pm Brighouse

SPHERO RACES

Learn about digital literacy at Ironwood Branch using Spheros – a spherical robot controlled by a tablet. Show off your robot driving skills by attempting one of our race tracks, built exclusively with books! Ages 9-12. Registration required.

Tue Mar 20 3:00-4:00pm Ironwood

STEM ACES

UBC-educated technology and engineering experts will teach participants how to apply STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) principles to create innovative and fun projects. Then add some art to the mix to create STEAM! Presented in partnership with STEM ACES Education. Ages 9-12. Registration required

Mon Mar 19 | STEM CLUB 3:00-4:30pm Brighouse

Use math and science to create interesting products.

Mon Mar 26 | STEAM CLUB 3:00-4:30pm Brighouse

Find out what happens when art is integrated with STEM.



FOR THE FAMILY

BUILD UP YOUR TENTS AND YOUR CAMPING EXPERIENCE

Join Parks Canada's Learn-to-Camp team to build up your camping experience by building up your tents. This program will include instruction on campsite planning, safe food storage practices, learning the Leave No Trace principles and trying your hand at setting up a tent. Presented in partnership with Parks Canada. All ages, families welcome! Registration required.

Tue Mar 27 7:00-8:00pm Brighouse

CHICKEN ON THE LOOSE

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Get cracking and check out our chicken and egg themed activities, songs and games. All ages. Drop in!

Wed Mar 21 3:30-4:15pm Steveston

DROP-IN BOARD GAMES

Drop in for some board game fun at Ironwood branch. Bring a friend or challenge a staff member. Board games will be provided. All ages welcome.

Tue Mar 27 2:00-4:00pm Ironwood

PLAYING FOR PEEPS

Bring the family in for an afternoon of board games, build your own story, and fine feathered fun! All ages. Drop in!

Wed Mar 28 3:30-4:30pm Steveston

SPARK UP YOUR CAMPFIRE/ANIMAL AWARE

Build your camping confidence with Parks Canada's Learn-to-Camp team! Experience the power of campfires as you learn about campfire safety and make an edible craft. Then, learn how to avoid unwanted animal encounters and how to safely view animals while keeping a respectful distance. Presented in partnership with Parks Canada. All ages, families welcome! Registration required.

Wed Mar 28 1:30-2:30pm Brighouse

JUST FOR FUN

SPRING BREAK HANGOUT

Come hang out with friends at the library. Play classic Wii games on Tuesdays, play chess on Wednesdays, Pokémon on Friday, or just hang out and chat any day of the week. We have plenty of board games, too. Best for kids grades 4 and up. Drop in!

Tue, Wed, Fri 3:30-5:00pm Cambie

All programs are FREE! Program dates and times are subject to change.

For up-to-date program information, please consult our Events Calendar at

www.yourlibrary.ca/events.