




February

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Booker's Buzz

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Secrets Revealed with Christopher Cool

Wednesday, February 22 (1:00pm-2:00pm)

ABRACADABRA, ALAKAZOO...LEARN ALL THOSE MAGIC TRICKS YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW HOW TO DO! Introducing an interactive, educational, and super fun program that will turn your child into a Magician! Not only with Christopher Cool be presenting another super fun magic show, but for the first time in Strathmore, he's also going to reveal some of his secrets!

Before the show, Christopher will be hosting a very special interactive magic workshop for children ages 8-11. This one hour interactive hands on magic workshop is guaranteed to turn your child into a Magician. All the props and supplies are included! Due to the hands-on nature of this program, the class size is limited to 25 participants, available only to children 8-11 years, and will cost \$5.00 per child. Register in person at the library from February 1-18. Cash or cheque accepted.



World Read Aloud Day Author Visit with Audrey Gene

Thursday, February 16 (6:30pm-7:30pm)

The Strathmore Municipal Library is pleased to welcome local author Audrey Gene to help us celebrate World Read Aloud Day!

Each year World Read Aloud Day calls global attention to the importance of reading aloud and sharing stories. This date motivates children, teens, and adults worldwide to celebrate the power of words and creates a community of readers taking action to show the world that the right to literacy belongs to all people.

World Read Aloud Day is celebrated by millions of people in more than 100 countries! Celebrate with us as we welcome Strathmore author, Audrey Gene for a special reading and signing of her popular book, *Of the Dragonfly*. Audrey will have her book available to purchase and she will also be donating several books to the Strathmore Municipal Library's Little Free Library campaign.



Director's Corner - Alexis McKenzie



Did you know that winter is more than half over? Personally, I find this a very encouraging thought! But if you're still feeling cold, why not grab a book that fills you with the warm fuzzies? If you're not sure which to pick, you should participate in our "Blind Date with a Book" program (running the entire month of February) and take home a new read that you just might love. This is our fourth year of doing this program and it's back due to popular demand. All of the "Blind Date" books have been carefully selected by our staff and are wrapped to perfection. These books need some love and are the perfect companion to bring home with you! Take a chance on something new and perhaps you'll discover something special.

But maybe you'd rather choose a book from more familiar territory: Nora Roberts is perfect for Valentine's Day reads because she has published hundreds of love stories and she sure knows how to spin 'em. If you want

something a little racier, best to pick up a Harlequin Romance instead. Did you know that Harlequin books are some of the highest grossing books of all time? Nora Roberts and Harlequin Romance are just two of the more well-known options for romance. If you need more ideas, you can always go to Goodreads.com for lists of books that will make your heart flutter.

For movie-lovers, I recommend one of my all-time favourites: "The Princess Bride". This famous film was first a book by William Goldman. But it wasn't easy for him to get the book turned into a movie! In reading, "As You Wish: Inconceivable Tales from the Making of The Princess Bride" (by Cary Elwes with Joe Layden) I learned that it was hard for him to get funding for the film because no one could figure out which genre it fit into. Was it Romance? Action? Sci-fi? Fantasy? Comedy? Fairy Tale? This film resists the easy categorization of its contemporaries, but that is exactly why it has drawn such a diverse and loyal group of fans.

If Anti-Valentine's Day options are more your thing, you might want to get on the hold list for "The Purge: Election Year". This is the third and newest installment in the collection of "Purge" movies and it is not for viewers that are squeamish! The premise is that every year, on one day, the citizens of the country are no longer bound by laws and get to do whatever they please for 24 hours. Invariably this leads to copious amounts of murder and violence, making for a very intense yet riveting display. Keeping with the theme of fictional violence as an antidote to this month of love, I suggest checking out the sequel to "Fight Club". Not widely known about, "Fight Club 2: The Tranquility Gambit" (only available in graphic novel format) is sure to satisfy the needs of diehard Fight Club fans as the story is written by Chuck Palahniuk himself.

Whether you're for or against Valentine's Day, I hope you have a wonderful February! Stay warm!

Art Exhibition - Deb Klics



Nothing sparks warm memories like a cup of afternoon tea. Our featured exhibit includes mixed media paintings in varying sizes. The artist used photos, acrylic paint, tissue paper, writing, pastels, and other materials to create these semi-abstract works in various colours and textures. These works give the viewer a sense of pleasure, similar to drinking a cup of tea with a loved one.

The exhibit will call to mind playful moments of tea parties with your child or cherished memories such as having a cup of tea with your grandmother. Loving memories and connections are revisited while sitting with a steaming cup of tea. We invite you to relive those memories by viewing this beautiful *Afternoon Tea* art exhibition in February and March.

Freedom to Read Week

The freedom to read can never be taken for granted and every year the library celebrates Freedom to Read Week to educate our community on this important issue. Freedom to Read Week is an annual event that encourage Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed to them under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Although we celebrate these rights and freedom, books, magazines, and audiobooks are continually challenged. These challenges are reported to the Book and Periodical Council. Each year, the council releases their Challenged Books and Materials list which provides information on numerous books and some magazines and newspapers that have been challenged.

One recent challenge happened at the Toronto Public Library. Hop on Pop: The Simplest Seuss for Youngest Use was challenged, but retained at the library despite a patron's concerns that the book "encourages children to use violence against their fathers." The patron requested that the library apologize to local fathers and pay damages resulting from the book's message. Written in 1963, the classic children's picture book ranked sixteenth on Publisher Weekly's 2001 list of the All-Time Best-Selling Hardcover Books for Children. Based on a 2007 online poll, the National Education Association named the book one of its "Teachers' Top 100 Books for Children." Source: AL Direct, April 30, 2014.

We encourage you to read a challenged or banned book this month and celebrate your freedom to read.

Mark your Calendars - Monthly Crafty Fundraiser!

Terrariums
Tuesday, February 21

Session 1 4:30-6:30pm
Session 2 7:30-9:30pm

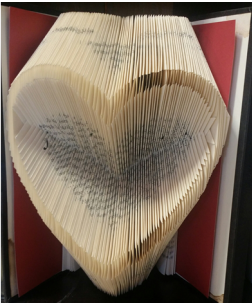
The library welcomes Emily Gillis from Zenscapes by Emily who will be teaching you how to create your own unique terrarium!



To reserve your spot, please register in person at the library. Open to participants 14 years and up. **Registration will run from February 1 to 5:00pm on Saturday, February 18.** Limit of 20 people per session. Tickets \$40.00 each. All supplies are included!

Book Folding
Tuesday, March 28

Session 1 3:30-6:00pm (beginner)
4:00-6:00pm (advanced)
Session 2 6:30-9:00pm (beginner)
7:00-9:00pm (advanced)



Back by popular demand! The library welcomes back Deb Murray of Larock Images who will be teaching beginner & advanced book folding classes. Newcomers to book folding will create a beginner book heart in a 2.5 hour class. Past participants will create an advanced inverted book heart (pictured) in a 2 hour class. To reserve your spot, please register in person at the library. Open to participants 14 years and up. **Registration will run from March 1 to 5:00pm on Saturday, March 25.** Limit of 20 people per session. Tickets \$40.00 each. All supplies are included!



Blind Date with a Book

They say you shouldn't judge a book by its cover, but what about the title, author, or plot? Blind date with a book allows Strathmore patrons to break out of their reading ruts and try something a little new. All books are wrapped in bright concealing paper and feature a short "teaser" on the cover ready to entice even the shyest of readers. Books are available for all ages! Will your book be a romance, mystery, or a biography? Perhaps your book will take you on a wild adventure your imagination never dreamed of! Take home a blind date book today. You may just find your reading match!

