

January

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Booker's Buzz

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Upcycling Exhibit Held Over

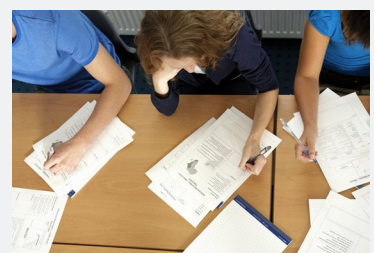
We are pleased to announce that the Hope Bridges Go Green Upcycling exhibit will be held over until the end of January. Be sure to pop by the library to view or purchase beautiful and unique pieces of art for yourself or that special someone.



Go Green Upcycling is creating something out of nothing and making it beautiful. Instead of recycling, why not upcycle? Interested in joining this unique class? The program runs weekly on Thursdays from 10am-12pm at Hope Bridges. Registration is ongoing. To register, call 403-983-3640. Limited space is available.

Invigilation Services

Are you enrolled in or will be enrolled in an online academic course? Did you know that the Strathmore Municipal Library offers invigilation services for individuals who need someone to monitor their exams? For a small fee of \$20.00 per exam, the Strathmore Municipal Library will work with your school to supervise online and paper exams. To schedule an exam, please call the library to confirm a date prior to scheduling the exam with your school. Once a date has been confirmed, you will fill out the appropriate paperwork (provided by your school) to have the exam sent to the library.



On the day of the exam, we ask that you arrive 15 minutes prior to your exam time. Please bring your \$20.00 invigilation fee (cash or cheque) that day along with appropriate identification. These services can be provided any time during regular library hours, but may be limited due to staff and meeting room scheduling.

Painted Vase Class Fundraiser

This year you will see the library engaging in a new, heightened fundraising campaign. Each month, we are hoping to bring you a new, exciting class to fire up your creative mind!



Our first fundraiser class will be on Tuesday, January 24. Susan Fields will be teaching you how to create this beautiful vase/candle holder. Tickets are \$40.00 each and include all supplies to create one decorative vase/candle holder. Participants may choose between two class times (4:30pm-6:00pm or 7:00pm-8:30pm). Registration will open on January 2 and run until 5:00pm on Saturday, January 21. This class is open to participants 14 years and up.

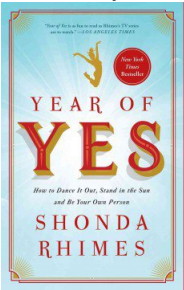
Director's Corner - Alexis McKenzie



Happy New Year! I hope you had plenty of time for reading, eating, and seeing your loved ones over the holidays.

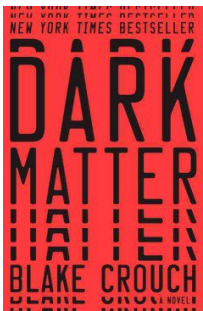
We have lots for you to look forward to this year at the library. Thanks to a donation from the Strathmore Youth Justice Committee, we will be creating a Teen Advisory Council (TAC). The TAC members (age 13-18) will have the opportunity to influence library decisions on what to include in our young adult collection of materials. They can also plan events and contribute to blogs or publications. The TAC will have regularly scheduled meetings. Stay tuned for registration!

In terms of books, there are many that I would recommend for starting the new year off with a bang. If you've enjoyed "Grey's Anatomy", "Scandal", or "How to Get Away with Murder", you're already a fan of Shonda Rhimes. Her autobiography, "Year of Yes: How to Dance It Out, Stand In the Sun and Be Your Own Person" gives



insight into the life of this amazing TV show writer. Ms. Rhimes spends a whole year saying "Yes!" to the things that had previously scared her and she takes the reader along with her. The "Year of Yes" will inspire you to tackle new challenges, take care of yourself, and accept yourself as you are. All in all, an entertaining and inspirational read.

If you want something less prescriptive, get on the wait list for Blake Crouch's bestselling novel, "Dark Matter". It's a love story, thriller, and science fiction story all rolled into one. This book had me on the edge of my seat and I read it all in one sitting - I simply could not put it down. It begins with the question: "Are you happy with your life?" and from there the main character falls down a rabbit hole and says goodbye to the life he once knew. I found this book gripping because it explores the idea of paths untaken, and combines it with string theory and quantum physics. Yes, it is as intense as it sounds. I loved it! "Dark Matter" is for the reader that likes suspense, enjoys a bit of science, and would like to have a



newfound appreciation for the mundane elements of our lives. This book is the antidote to the New Years' idea that we must make changes and "Be better!" to have a good life. Sometimes it's enough to just be.

Lastly, I'd like to suggest that you consider tracking how many books you read this year. It can be very satisfying to see how many books you've read, and it can motivate you to read even more! I know a lot of people track their books on goodreads.com (a free book review and tracking website), but you can use a spreadsheet or a piece of paper - whatever you like. And if you've got a book lover under the age of five, you can track the books they've read (or had read to them) on our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten log book. You can pick up a log book at the library, or download the app onto your smart phone. Tracking your progress builds motivation and commitment. So aim for 52 books this year, and you might even go beyond that! Happy reading!



Artists/Photographers Wanted

Are you a local artist or photographer who has always wanted to exhibit your work? Look no further! The Strathmore Municipal Library welcomes art exhibits from all artists (amateur or professional). The majority of exhibits run for one month, but longer shows may be available upon request. Artists may choose to sell their works during the exhibition; however, the library requires a 20% commission on any work sold during the exhibition. The library will advertise and promote the exhibit free of charge. For more information and to download an art exhibition agreement, go to www.strathmorelibrary.ca/exhibits.



Additional Services at the Library

Looking to get a disc repaired or laminate a special document? The library has you covered! For a small price of \$2.00 per disc you can have the scratches removed off your favourite movie or game. Simply bring your discs into the library and we will repair them for you. Please allow 30 minutes for all disc and laminating services.



Jump into January - Holiday Break Programs for Kids

Get Your Game On

Tuesday, January 3 (10:00am-7:00pm)



Calling all gamers! Looking for something fun to do with the kids when they are off school? Come get your game on at the library with a variety of cool games including GIANT Snakes & Ladders, and Checkers!

No registration is required. Simply drop in any time between 10:00am and 7:00pm to participate! See you there!

Musical Theatre Game Day

Wednesday, January 4

Ages 6-9 yrs (1:00pm-2:30pm)

Ages 10+ (3:30pm-5:00pm)



Come join us for a day of theatre games! Learn how to use your imagination to improve your acting skills and have fun with creative activities! We will be working on teamwork, improv, and building confidence through exciting games! Free to attend. Registration is required.

Registration is now open for this free program! To register go to www.strathmorelibrary.ca/theatreday. Limit of 20 participants per session.

Theatre Day Continues!

Wednesday, January 4 (10:00am-4:00pm)

Can't make it to our Musical Theatre Game Day program? Don't worry! We have you covered! Today we will have a puppet theatre on hand with a variety of puppets to help you create your own performance!

Puppet theatre and puppets will be available for all ages. No registration is required.

Library Makeshop

Thursday, January 5 (12:00pm-4:00pm)

Come create with us! Turn a banana into a piano, build robots with Little Bits, build a giant Lego city, or simply dive into our craft supplies and make your own unique toy! There is something for everyone at our Library Makeshop!



This program is open to all ages. Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult or responsible older sibling.

Free to attend. No registration is required.

Friday Fun Film

Friday, January 6 (1:00pm-3:00pm)

Join us for our first Friday Fun Film of the new year! We will be showing The Secret Life of Pets! Rated G. At the end of the film we will draw for one lucky participant to take the movie home with them!

Participants will be treated to popcorn from our new popcorn machine donated to the library by Chinook Financial! Drinks will also be served.

This program is free to attend and no registration is required. See you at the movies!

