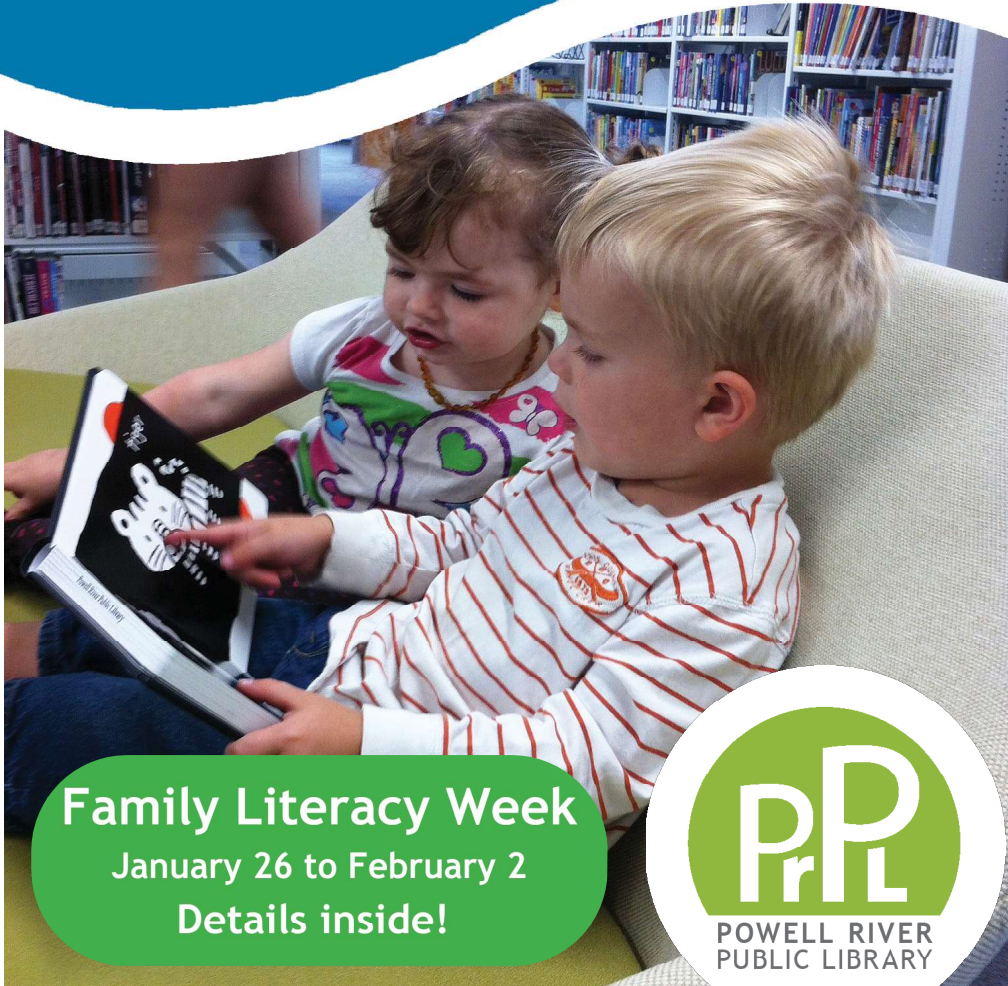


Program Guide

Adults, teens & kids



Family Literacy Week

January 26 to February 2

Details inside!



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**January &
February 2025**

Kids

Preschool Storytime

Join us at the library for a lively fare of puppetry, finger plays, action rhymes, singalong songs, and of course stories!

Anne Woznow Children's Reading Room

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am. *Drop-in.*

Family Literacy Week Storytime

Sonia shares the storytime stage with newcomers to Canada, joining us from the Immigrant Welcome Centre to present stories in English. Hear stories and rhymes that tie in with the Family Literacy Week theme: Being Green Together!

Anne Woznow Children's Reading Room

Thursday, January 30, 10:30-11:00 am. *Drop-in.*

TinkerTrunk

Kids 8-12 choose your own tech adventure from the Makerspace Cabinet of Gadgets in these kid-led, adult-supported sessions.

Rotary Makerspace

Tuesdays (with Sonia) & Thursdays (with Mel), 3:30-4:30 pm, when school is in session. *Drop-in.*

Prime Time

Primary grades K+ unwind and connect in this weekly drop-in featuring a cool collection of high-interest play and crafting resources.

First Credit Union Community Room

Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm, when school is in session. *Drop-in.*

Drawn Together

Kids meet up at the library to draw together. Sessions are interactive and collaborative with prompts and tools provided.

Meeting Room A

Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 pm, when school is in session. *Drop-in.*



For more information and registration contact:

Sonia Zagwyn
Children's Services Coordinator
szagwyn@prpl.ca

Family Literacy Week

January 26 to February 2

Books for Babies

Did you welcome a soon-to-be reader in 2024? If so, come to the library Service Desk anytime during Family Literacy Week, January 26 to February 2, and pick up a bag of first books for your baby courtesy of us!

Pick up at the Service Desk

Print-a-Baby

Using non-toxic inks on quality papers, replicate small hands and feet for your wee one's scrapbook. Take home some early literacy resources along with your prints. We'll be joined by speech and language therapist Alyssa Dixon from VCH who will be open to answering any questions you might have about speech and language development.

Meeting Rooms A & B

Tuesday, January 28, 10:30-11:30 am. *Drop-in.*

Family Board Game Jam

A morning of family board game fun at the library – coffee and snacks provided! Explore PRPL's selection of board games, while boosting language, reading, and numeracy skills.

First Credit Union Community Room

Saturday, January 25, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. *Drop-in.* For more information contact edgar@prpl.ca

Next Reads Rocket

Know a reader aged 9 and up? Complete PRPL's Next Reads Rocket questionnaire and launch their reading to new heights! Share reading preferences and receive five personalized book suggestions via email within a week.

Online - prpl.ca

For more information contact edgar@prpl.ca



Teens

Minecraft Afternoons



Youth aged 10+ are invited to play Minecraft Edu on one of the library's gaming computers, explore a range of Minecraft books, or make some Minecraft-themed art. Space is limited!

Rotary Makerspace

Saturdays, 2:00-3:00 pm. *Drop-in.* Starts January 11!

Fantasy Adventure Club

Youth 12+ are invited to immerse themselves in the world of roleplaying games. Join a Tunnel Goons adventure facilitated by Robin Gibson or Dungeons and Dragons themed adventures hosted by Dan Rogers or a youth DM'd game!

Rotary Makerspace, Meeting Rooms A & B

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:30 pm, when school is in session. *Drop-in.*

Teen Writers' Group

A group for writers aged 13+ seeking a place to take their writing further. Come talk about writing, learn techniques, and explore the secrets of professional writers.

Meeting Room A

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm, when school is in session. *Drop-in.*

Young Writers' Group

Youth 10+. Interact, create and engage in a fun and informal writing group! Talk about books, do fun activities, make new friends.

Meeting Room B

Fridays, 3:30-4:30 pm, when school is in session. *Drop-in.*

First Dibs

Teens are invited to write reviews for publication in our library catalogue for volunteer credit! To learn more or to register, contact edgar@prpl.ca or visit prpl.ca.

For more information and registration contact:

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Own the Shelves

Are you a teen who loves books and/or art looking for volunteer hours, experience, or a way make your public library a better place for teens? Join Own the Shelves and have input into programming and/or training opportunities for teens, make purchase suggestions for the teen collection, design posters and graphics, create book displays, curate booklists, and more!

PRPL Teen Room

Open to all high school students. Starts in January 2025. First meeting date to be determined by you! Contact edgar@prpl.ca to learn more.



All Ages

Poetry Circle

A shared creative space for poetry with Amira Abouelalla. A place for listening, connecting, and being inspired...and of course, POETRY! Whether you are someone who writes poetry, reads poetry or even thinks in poetry, this is an open place for you to share.

First Credit Union Community Room

Twice monthly on the second and last Thursdays of the month, from 4:30-6:00 pm. *Drop-in.*



Adults

Local Author- Aurian Duncan

Novelist Aurian Duncan will present the *Legacy of Blood and Moonlight* series, set in a captivating world of ancient magic, feuds and dark secrets.

First Credit Union Community Room

Saturday, January 11, 2:00-3:00 pm. *Drop-in*.

Standing on High Ground

Authors Bob Hackett and Romilly Cavanaugh discuss their new book *Standing on High Ground*, what drew them to engage in civil disobedience, and how their perspectives on climate politics and sustainability have changed after standing with Indigenous land and water protectors.

First Credit Union Community Room

Saturday, January 18, 2:00-3:00 pm. *Drop-in*.

Tech Savvy - Google Docs

Learn about the free web-based Google Workspace applications - Google Docs (word processing), Google Sheets (spreadsheets) and Google Drive (file hosting).

First Credit Union Community Room

Friday, January 24, 3:00-4:00 pm. *Drop-in*.

Silent Book Club

No assigned reading. No questions or conversation prompts.

Bring your current book and read in quiet camaraderie with other introverts. Chat about your favourite authors, or not.

This book club allows the social connection of other book clubs, without the social pressure!

Friends of the Library Lounge

The fourth Tuesday of the Month, 6:00-8:00 pm. Starting Tuesday, January 28. *Drop-in*. For more information contact Karen Wootten at kwootten@prpl.ca.

For more information and registration contact:

Mark Merlino
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Reading for Life

Learn about technologies and services that can keep you reading even if you have changes to your vision, or experience life changes that make reading more difficult. We'll talk about reading on various devices, large print and audiobooks, explore strategies for navigating your computer, and more.

First Credit Union Community Room

Wednesday, January 29, 11:00 am-12:30 pm. *Drop-in.*

Insights from the Tao Te Ching

Scholar Francis Pring-Mill presents his book *There is No Somewhere Else*, a journey with Lao Tzu into the Tao Te Ching.

First Credit Union Community Room

Friday, February 7, 5:00-6:00 pm. *Drop-in.*

Author Gordon F.D. Wilson

Author Gordon Wilson presents his new novel *One Weekend in May*, an insightful story on life's challenges, dementia and confronting fears.

First Credit Union Community Room

Saturday, February 15, 2:00-3:00 pm. *Drop-in.*

Knit Night

Join fellow knitting enthusiasts for a drop-in knit night.

Friends of the Library Lounge

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm. *Drop-in.*

Write On

Get creative and share writing in a fun and informal group. Writers will receive a prompt and will write for 20 minutes followed by discussion and time to share writing.

Virtual

Fridays, 2:00-3:00 pm. *Registration required.* For more information or to register contact edgar@prpl.ca.



Visit Us

Sunday	1 - 5 pm
Monday	10 am - 6 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 8:30 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 8:30 pm
Thursday	10 am - 6 pm
Friday	10 am - 8:30 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm
Closed Holidays	

Looking for tech help?

Ask our library staff or email info@prpl.ca to find out how best we can help you. The Library provides:

- One-on-one tech support by appointment for in-depth questions with Adult Services Co-ordinator, Mark Merlino.
Email: mmerlino@prpl.ca

