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PROGRAM LISTINGS

Adult

FANDOM WEDNESDAYS

Hench-Kins Guild of Halifax RPG Club Adults/Teens 12+

The Hench-Kin's Guild of Halifax is a new club dedicated to tabletop roleplaying games (RPGs), including Dungeons & Dragons, Call of Cthulhu, and many more! These games are fun, social events, and no prior experience is necessary.

Wed, Mar 1/5 PM-8:30 PM

Drivers and Dynamics of the Syrian Crisis with Samer Abboud, Arcadia University

This presentation addresses the trajectory and possible futures of the Syrian crisis, highlighting the overlapping conflicts that have produced one of the worst humanitarian catastrophes of our time. Samer Abboud is an Associate Professor of International Studies at Arcadia University. In partnership with Saint Mary's University, International Development Studies in the Faculty of Arts.

Thu, Mar 2/6:30 PM

How to 101: Basic Embroidery

Ages 12-Adult

Learn basic embroidery stitches and create your own design. All supplies will be provided.

Sat, Mar 4/2 PM-4 PM

Registration required

Acoustic Song Circle

Budding and experienced musicians, you are invited to join our monthly musical gathering. We welcome all types of acoustic instruments and invite people with all skill levels to share their music with others. Bring copies of songs, including guitar chords, if possible, so that other participants can join in the song. Please bring your own instrument, your singing voice, or just your admiration for good music.

Sat, Mar 4/2 PM-4 PM

Chess at the Library

Join us for this monthly instructional and recreational program. While the program's goal is to teach novice players the basic strategies of the game, the emphasis is on fun, enjoyment and learning something new. Chess is a pastime that has been embraced by young and old alike. It has been played in many cultures throughout the world for centuries. Known as the royal game, it can help develop logic, spatial thinking, and improve planning, memory, judgment, creativity and concentration.

Sun, Mar 5/1 PM-4 PM

On the Author's Stage: Kevin Donovan featuring *Secret Life: The Jian Ghomeshi Investigation*

Go behind the scenes of the Toronto Star's landmark Jian Ghomeshi exposé that sparked a nation-wide discussion on sexual assault, the cult of celebrity, and the politics of power and gender in the workplace. Join award-winning investigative journalist Kevin Donovan for this in-conversation event. In partnership with the School of Journalism and the MFA in Creative Nonfiction Program at the University of King's College. Presented in partnership with Scotiabank.

Sun, Mar 5/2 PM

THE RADICAL IMAGINATION FILM SERIES

The Prison in 12 Landscapes

This documentary excavates the hidden geographies of the modern prison system by offering a film about the prison in which we never see an actual penitentiary. Instead, the film unfolds as a cinematic journey through a series of seemingly ordinary landscapes across the USA where prisons do work and affect lives. A meditation on the prison and its invisibility in the era of mass incarceration, this film offers a powerful cinematic subversion of the prison's disappearance from public view. In partnership with The Radical Imagination Project and Cinema Politica.

Mon, Mar 6/6:30 PM

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Film Screening and Discussion

Open Bethlehem

Come and discover the present-day social and political landscape of the world's most famous small town! Filmmaker Leila Sansour returns to Bethlehem to make a film about her hometown but, finding it in crisis and about to be completely encircled by a wall, her journey turns into a quest to save her beloved city. While telling a personal story, the film charts the creation of a campaign to compel international action to bring peace to the Middle East. In partnership with Development and Peace Caritas Canada.

Mon, Mar 6/6:30 PM

Small Business Café

Networking group

Meet, learn, and share your experiences and issues with other small business owners like yourself. Bring your business cards and get ready to connect. Discover resources to find answers to your questions. The Small Business Café is a monthly networking for small business start-ups and owners. Our guest speaker, Ann Divine, the CEO of Ashanti Leadership and Professional Development Services, will share her experience of leaving a management job in the government of Nova Scotia to start her own business. Ann will bring insights into some of the defining moments of her success, challenges, and what it takes to be a woman of colour leading her own business.

Mon, Mar 6/6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Marketing 101

with CEED

Explore the evolution of marketing and the impact of social media and technology on business today. Through this interactive session, you will discover and discuss real-life marketing examples, identify and explore creative marketing techniques, and learn how to optimize your marketing efforts. Discover the keys to successful marketing - two way communication, identifying your audience, and understanding your real value. In partnership with Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Development (CEED).

Tue, Mar 7/12 PM-1 PM

Promote Your Creative Business with Social Media

Make social media work for you. We'll provide a brief overview of Pinterest, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook, and we'll offer some cool tips for promoting yourself online.

Tue, Mar 7/6:30 PM-8 PM

NFB Film Club

Things Arab Men Say

Things Arab Men Say, a new documentary by Egyptian-Canadian filmmaker Nisreen Baker, is an intimate conversation between Arab Canadians in the Edmonton community that could take place anywhere in Canada. Dr. Syed Adnan Hussain, SMU, will be leading the discussion with members of Halifax's Arab Canadian community as a response to the film and an effort to localise many of the central points discussed in the documentary. This is an excellent opportunity for members of the public that have pressing questions about Arab and Muslim identity in North America to engage with members of our local communities as well as cultivate a culture of resistance to the tragedy of Quebec and the Muslim Ban in the United States. (2016, 52 min)

Tue, Mar 7/6:30 PM

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Inspiring Women Leaders: Navigating the Path to Politics, Power...and Potential

In honour of International Women's Day, celebrate the limitless potential of women as civic leaders and agents of change. Recent political events highlight the need for more representation by women in positions of leadership and power. Inspired by the presidential campaigns of Hilary Clinton and Iceland's Halla Tomasdottir, who challenged the gender divide in politics, this panel discussion features inspiring women leaders who daily challenge the status quo. This high-energy call to action will encourage girls and women to be the thought leaders of tomorrow. In partnership with The Junior League of Halifax.

Wed, Mar 8/6:30 PM

FANDOM WEDNESDAYS

Deep Cuts Vinyl Music Club

U2's *War*

Adults/Teens 12+

This was the band's first number-one album in the UK, and was their first gold album in the US. Rolling Stone ranked it 223rd on their greatest album of all time list. U2 always aimed at greatness, but "*War*" was the first time they achieved it. In partnership with Taz Records.

Wed, Mar 8/7 PM

Starting a Business: Plotting Your Course for Success

We think of business development as a construction project. You don't just start building; you need a plan. But where do you start? It is a common question, and one we'll answer during a one-hour workshop that will touch on the basics of starting a business. This session includes all of the essential first steps, including strategies for developing a strong business plan, market research, and revenue forecasts. In partnership with Center For Women In Business.

Thu, Mar 9/1 PM-2 PM

DALHOUSIE FASS LECTURE SERIES

Cuba at the Crossroads

with John Kirk, professor

Three major events—the death of Fidel Castro, the election of Donald Trump, and the retirement in 2018 of Raul Castro—will have a major impact on Cuba. What does the future hold for the politics, economy and society of Cuba? This talk seeks to provide answers to this small country which for decades has cast a major international shadow. John Kirk is a Professor for the Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies. In partnership with Dalhousie University Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Thu, Mar 9/7 PM

Movie

Hell or High Water

Rated 14A

Oscar winner Jeff Bridges, Chris Pine, and Ben Foster lead this acclaimed action-drama from the writer of *Sicario*. When a desperate father learns the bank is going to take his family's land, he and his ex-con brother are left with no choice. They decide to rob the bank's branches, putting themselves in the crosshairs of an aging Texas Ranger in a riveting story of crime, punishment, and brotherly love. This film earned four Oscar nominations, including Best Film and Best Supporting Actor for Jeff Bridges.

Fri, Mar 10/10 AM

UPEI Wind Symphony presents Con- temporary Works II for Wind Band

The Wind Symphony consists of 28 music majors, other UPEI students, and community musicians. Its mandate is to provide opportunities for its participants to apply their performance skills and develop musically through the study and performance of original and transcribed wind band literature. It is within its mission to give its audiences meaningful and personal experiences with quality wind music, in the widest possible range of musical style and expression.

Sat, Mar 11/3:30 PM

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Yoga Flow

Connect to your breath, play with balance, build strength, and increase flexibility. This session is suitable for all levels and great for beginners. Please bring a mat. To register, visit eventbrite.ca and search for Yoga Flow.

Sun, Mar 12/2 PM-3 PM

Book Club

Station Eleven,

by Emily St. John Mandel

A novel set in the eerie days of civilization's collapse. One snowy night a famous Hollywood actor dies on-stage during a production of King Lear. Hours later, the world as we know it begins to dissolve. Moving back and forth in time, this novel charts the twists of fate that connect five people: the actor, the man who tried to save him, the actor's first wife, his oldest friend, and a young actress with the Travelling Symphony, caught in the cross-hairs of a dangerous self-proclaimed prophet.

Sun, Mar 12/3 PM-4 PM

Networking 101

Networking seems like such a natural activity for entrepreneurs. You're headed to a trade show, conference or seminar, and you're hoping to make some connections. Nikki Jafari, the founder of the International Business Trade Show, will share advice, tips and strategies for making networking work for you and your business. In partnership with International Business Trade Show.

Mon, Mar 13/6:30 PM-8 PM

Workshop: Journal to the Self with Heather Dennis

Hire the poet and fire the editor! Journal to the Self uses short, concrete writing exercises to deepen self-awareness. It expands our capacity to use insight as a tool for navigating life more smoothly. Learn specific writing techniques for reducing stress and improve creative thinking and problem solving. Learn to express yourself in non-habitual ways and experience the joy of writing with others.

Mon, Mar 13/6:30 PM-8 PM

Registration required

A Healthy Balance Sheet and Why It Matters

This session defines the concept of a healthy balance sheet and explains to the business owner how to create a balance sheet that will appear healthy to an investor, buyer, or lender. In partnership with CPA Chartered Professional Accountants Canada.

Tue, Mar 14/10 AM-11 AM

Maximize Your Business

This session explains the key concepts of cash management, working capital, and operational efficiency. In partnership with CPA Chartered Professional Accountants Canada.

Tue, Mar 14/11 AM-12 PM

Traumatic Brain Injury Research and Recovery in Nova Scotia:

Turning Challenges into Opportunities

Please join us for an evening of education and discussion about brain injury, prevention, treatment, ongoing research, and government policy. The event will begin with a keynote address, followed by a panel discussion with invited questions from the audience. For more information about this event and other Brain Awareness Week events, please check the website (hfxbaw.org)

Tue, Mar 14/6:30 PM

Websites for Beginners: Wordpress with Tim Covell

Create your own website or blog using WordPress. In this introductory session, Tim Covell shows you how to choose a layout that suits your style, how to navigate all the menus and option features, and the considerations for obtaining a website name.

Tue, Mar 14/6:30 PM-8 PM

FANDOM WEDNESDAYS

Star Wars Trivia

Adults/Teens Ages 12+

Are you one with the force? Is the force one with you? Then join us for Star Wars trivia and green screen photos. There might even be a special visit from the Halifax 501st!

Wed, Mar 15/6 PM-8 PM

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St. Patrick's Day Ceilidh

All ages

Come celebrate with musical guests on the happiest day of the year! With the Irish, and honorary Irish!

Wed, Mar 15/7 PM

Building Utopia or How Art Can Change the World in Five Easy Steps with Shawna Dempsey and Lorri Millan, Performance Artists

Illustrated with examples of their performances and videos, Shawna and Lorri examine how art can be a tool for cultural transformation and justice. This "how to" talk and screening explores the duo's 29-years of experience with art, activism, and making meaning through images. This Winnipeg-based duo has created installations, public art, and books. To many, they are known simply as the Lesbian Rangers of Lesbian National Parks and Services. Their work is humorous, feminist, and provocative. In partnership with Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

Thu, Mar 16/7 PM

Diaga Irish Dancers

A performance by the students of Diaga Irish Dance celebrating St. Patrick's Day weekend. The show will feature live music and a solo performance by 2017 World Championship qualifier Connor Russell.

Sat, Mar 18/3 PM

International Astrology Day

The Atlantic Professional Astrologers' Association invites you to celebrate international astrology day. Find out about astronomy, astrology, modern research, which planet is "boss" in your birth chart, and all of the useful things astrology can do. It is more than just your sun sign! From 1-3 p.m., free mini-readings are also available. In partnership with the Atlantic Professional Astrologers' Association.

Sun, Mar 19/12:30 PM-4:30 PM

THE RADICAL IMAGINATION FILM SERIES

Colonization Road

This documentary unearths the history of the Public Lands Act of 1853--its impact on First Nations, treaties, land and the expansion of "Canadian" settlement. Anishinaabe comedian and activist Ryan McMahon follows a few roads, one in his own home town of Fort Frances, Ontario, where the main drag is still called Colonization Road. Ryan meets up with a number of people along the way, exploring the state of relationships, settlers in solidarity and what it means to "decolonize." In partnership with The Radical Imagination Project and Cinema Politica.

Mon, Mar 20/6:30 PM

Digitize Your Vinyl Collection

Just take those old records off the shelf, and learn how to transfer vinyl into digital formats, such as CDs and MP3s.

Mon, Mar 20/7 PM-8 PM

Facebook for Beginners

Confused about Facebook Pages, Friends, Likes, and Groups? We'll sort it all out for you in this introduction to Facebook, including how to make privacy features work for you.

Tue, Mar 21/10 AM-11:30 AM

Registration required

Splash Art! Photography Project

Join us for an evening of creativity as we demonstrate how to combine water and photography to capture small objects at the moment of splash down. Photo equipment and lighting will be provided. If there are small objects you'd like to dunk, feel free to bring them along. No need to bring your own camera equipment – but feel free to bring any small objects you'd like to dunk!

Tue, Mar 21/6:30 PM-8 PM

Worry-Free Spending

with Mike Allen, Financial Advisor

Learn how to make a bit of every spend "a save", spend safely at any age or stage, and examine your motivation for spending. Find out how the banks value you and how you should value them. Discover the simplest budget "ever". Mike Allen is a Financial Advisor at Edward Jones with 17 years of experience.

Tue, Mar 21/7 PM

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Launch Your Business Facebook Page

Start a Facebook Page for your business. Go through each step of opening a page and making your first post. Come with an idea and image of what you want to post on your page. Bring your own laptop or use one of ours. You will leave with a Facebook Page for the world to see.

Wed, Mar 22/3:30 PM-5 PM

Registration required

Giduwah and Mi'kmaw Knowledge Through Storytelling: Ancient Traditions in a Modern Form

In this event Catherine Martin (L'nu / Mi'kmaw) and Sandra Muse Isaacs (Giduwah / Cherokee) bring us the living richness and complexities of Indigenous knowledges, storytelling, and oral traditions in multiple forms.

Wed, Mar 22/6:30 PM

FANDOM WEDNESDAYS

Celebrating The Simpsons

Adults/Teens Ages 12+

Come embiggen your knowledge of all things Springfield. Enjoy some donuts and a Flaming Moe, do the Bartman, or test your trivia skills - you might just win a cromulent prize.

Wed, Mar 22/7 PM-8:30 PM

On the Author's Stage: Yann Martel

Saint Mary's University and Halifax Public Libraries proudly present a special two-evening Cyril Bryne Memorial Lecture with a unique theatrical role reserved for audience participation. Part one takes place at the Halifax Central Library while the concluding lecture occurs at Saint Mary's University. To take part in *Loss and the Imagination*, come dressed in black and listen as one of the world's best-loved writers shares the enduring theme of loss in his work and the animating connection between death and life through art. Yann Martel is the critically-acclaimed author of the Booker Prize winning *Life of Pi*. Presented in partnership with Scotiabank.

Thu, Mar 23/6:30 PM

Movie

Arrival

Rated PG

When mysterious spacecrafts touch down across the globe, an elite team lead by expert linguist Louise Banks are brought together to investigate. As mankind teeters on the verge of global war, Banks and the team race against time for answers. To find them, she will take a chance that could threaten her life - and quite possibly humanity. Starring Amy Adams, Jeremy Renner, and Forest Whitaker, this film was nominated for eight Academy Awards.

Fri, Mar 24/10 AM

Hench-Kins Guild of Halifax RPG Club

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Sat, Mar 25/11 AM-5 PM

Edible Landscapes with Jenn Stotland

Not many Nova Scotians know how many varieties of fruits and nuts will survive in our climate. There is a lot we can do to have beautiful landscapes that look great and also give back to us. Edible landscapes can also support pollinators and songbirds, infiltrate rainwater and build soil, and be low-maintenance too. Learn about examples of such gardens and how they work, and how to create one yourself.

Sat, Mar 25/2 PM

Anything A Cappella Revisited

Following the success of the first concert in April 2016, the format of this will be the same. 6 or 8 unaccompanied singing groups of different genres and sizes presenting their style of a cappella singing for 10 minutes each. Madrigals to barbershop, jazz to comedy, students to seniors, amateur to professional. You'll hear it all!

Sun, Mar 26/2 PM

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Drop-In for Makers and Coders: Video Games and 3D Printing

Ages 13+

Come and learn how to build a simple video game console using an Arduino, a joystick, and an OLED display. We'll also have our 3D printer going, so drop in and check it out and snack on some treats. In partnership with Halifax Makerspace.

Sun, Mar 26/2 PM-4 PM

Elizabeth Barrett Browning: The Woman Beyond the Myths

Most widely known as the author of *Sonnets from the Portuguese*, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, with her romantic marriage to poet Robert Browning, experienced a legendary life that has generated persistent myths. These myths sometimes take bizarre form, as in a recent play casting the poet as an opium junkie. This lecture uncovers the poet obscured by the myths: the author of the first portrait of the woman writer and a wide range of works that made her the most influential English woman poet of the nineteenth century. In partnership with Dalhousie University.

Mon, Mar 27/7 PM

Refresh Your MS Office Skills MS Excel

Do you have to deal with spreadsheets, charts and tables? Come join us for this series of MS Office review sessions and learn some handy tips for MS Excel to upgrade your skills. Some prior knowledge of Excel is required.

Tue, Mar 28/6:30 PM-8 PM

Registration required

Stress and Digestion with Dr. Nadia Tymoshenko, Naturopathic Doctor

Your digestion is intricately connected with your nervous system. In this session, Nadia will discuss the effects of stress and some simple naturopathic strategies to improve your digestion.

Tue, Mar 28/7 PM

Film Screening and Discussion

The Age of Consequences

This award-winning documentary investigates the impact of climate change on increased resource scarcity, migration, and global conflict. The film will be followed with a discussion led by Anders Hayden, Dalhousie University, and a representative from National Defence. A trailer of the film is available at <https://vimeo.com/189104269>. In partnership with Canadian International Council, Halifax Branch.

Wed, Mar 29/6 PM

FANDOM WEDNESDAYS

Hour of Blues

Adults/Teens 12+

See different styles of guitars, amps, and pedals. Hear demos and discuss the history of the Blues.

Wed, Mar 29/7 PM

The Craft of Belonging:

A Workshop for Newcomers

Want to learn how to personalize your mug, create a greeting card, or decorate a basket for a special event? Join us in this 10-week workshop to explore your artistic talents and connect with other newcomers. This is a free program and all the supplies are provided. Please call 902-490-5706 to register. Space is limited.

Tuesdays/10 AM-12 PM

Runs March 21-May 23, Registration required

NSCAD PRESENTS

Introduction to Visual Culture with Carla Taunton

This course focuses on how visual images and objects function within various cultural contexts. The production and reception of visual material are examined within historical and social contexts. In partnership with Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD).

Tuesdays/1:30 PM

Runs January 3-April 11

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Media Studio One-on-One Appointments

Need some help with your music and media skills? One-on-one appointments in the media studio are available. We can help you fine-tune your recording technique, build your production and mixing skills, and assist you with your graphic design projects. Contact the Welcome Desk to book your appointment.

Wednesday Mornings/9 AM-12 PM

Career Decision Making for Women

In this five-session workshop, participants will explore the influence of values, interests, and work styles on career choices, engage in a process of self-exploration, identify occupations of interest, review Nova Scotia labour market trends and occupational information, and obtain information on local upgrading and retraining options. To register, please call (902) 422- 8023. Bus tickets and funding for childcare available. Presented by TEAM Work Cooperative with Women's Employment Services.

Wednesdays/10 AM-12 PM

Ends March 15, Registration required

SMU PRESENTS

Literature and Culture in Celtic Tiger Ireland with Seán Kennedy

This course will look at contemporary Ireland, the Ireland of the era of globalization, through the lens of its literature. How has globalisation altered Ireland's narration of itself, at home and abroad? What does 'Ireland' mean today, to the Irish and others? Answers will be sought for in the works of McCabe, Enright, Toibín, Meehan, Barry, and many others. In partnership with Saint Mary's University Continuing Education (SMU).

Wednesdays/1 PM

Runs January 11-April 5

Central Conversation Club

Practice English and meet new friends while learning about local community and culture. You will discuss current events and topics of personal interests in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. This is a free program. Call 490-5706 to register.

Thursdays/10 AM-12 PM

No program March 16, Registration required

SMU PRESENTS

19th Century Crime and Detective Fiction with Sandra Muse Isaacs

Regular participants, please note the class's new start time. This course considers the development of fiction of crime, mystery, and detection during the 19th century, a period in which the genres were created and flourished. Authors to be studied include Anna Katharine Green, Arthur Conan Doyle, Edgar Allan Poe, Wilkie Collins, and Robert Louis Stevenson. Attention is given to relevant social developments, such as the rise of the police force, punishment and justice, advances in criminology and detection, the typology and psychology of the criminal, the Victorian underworld, and the "lady detective." In partnership with Saint Mary's University Continuing Education (SMU).

Thursdays/1:15 PM

Runs January 3-April 11

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Moving Meditation: Introduction to Fung Loy Kok Taoist Tai Chi

In the Taoist tradition, a person's health depends on a harmony of body, mind, and spirit. On the physical level, Taoist Tai Chi exercises the entire physiology. The focused concentration required to practice it occupies the mind, drawing it away from daily worries and tension, and helping to quiet the mind. Fung Loy Kok promotes the principle of all cultures and religions moving together in harmony. Individuals of all backgrounds and beliefs are welcome. In partnership with the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism.

Thursdays/7 PM

Runs March 30-April 13, Registration required

Kids

The Hangout

A Wee Bit O' Fun

Ages 8-12

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day, a wee bit early, with crafts and Irish Ping Pong. Plus, there will be video games, snacks, and lots of fun. Will you have the luck of the Irish?

Thu, Mar 2/3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Crafts and Gizmos Family Drop-In

Kids will enjoy creating a paper-craft or other tactile project, and exploring thematically-related new developments in technology learning and play.

Sat, Mar 4/1:30 PM-2:30 PM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Build and Program Lego WeDo Robots

Ages 6-9

Kids will learn to build and program Lego WeDo Robot using basic coding skills. Registration opens two weeks before the program. Call 902-490-5707 or visit the 2nd floor info desk to register. In partnership with RoboEdu.

Sun, Mar 5/2 PM-3 PM

Registration required

Winter and Spring:

NFB Double Feature

Ages 5+

The NFB Film Club (National Film Board) offers free, award-winning animated films in collaboration with the Library to make the NFB's collection accessible to communities across Canada. In partnership with National Film Board.

Sun, Mar 5/2 PM-3 PM

Build and Program Lego EV3

Mindstorm Robots

Ages 9-12

Kids will learn robot construction skills and work on simple coding projects with Lego EV3 Mindstorm robots. Registration opens two weeks before the program. Call 902-490-5707 or visit the 2nd floor info desk to register. In partnership with RoboEdu.

Tue, Mar 7/4 PM-5 PM

Registration required

The Hangout

DIY Temporary Tattoos

Ages 8-12

Give yourself a wild new look, by drawing or colouring your own temporary water-transfer tattoos. As usual, there will also be video games, laptops, snacks, and lots of fun.

Thu, Mar 9/3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Our Food. Our Story.

Celebrate Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month in Nova Scotia

Ages 6-12

You are invited to join the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus students as they share their knowledge with children to celebrate Agriculture Literacy Month in Nova Scotia. Discover the story behind the ingredients in your smoothie, explore plants and what we eat, and learn about sheep and wonderful wooly projects. Each participant will take home a colouring book all about exploring farming in Nova Scotia. This year marks the 6th Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month and the 10th Agriculture Literacy Month in Nova Scotia. In partnership with Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month; Nova Scotia Agricultural Awareness; Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture; and Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture..

Sat, Mar 11/2 PM-3:30 PM

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Game On!

Board Games for Families

Ages 5+

Discover games the whole family can enjoy together. Playing games together helps kids learn about fair play and gives them chances to be a leader. Game-guru Michael James helps families learn new games and have fun.

Sun, Mar 12/2 PM-4 PM

FROZEN Sing-Along Movie

All ages (Rated PG)

Start March Break off right and "let it go!" Sing-Along with your favourite characters from Disney's "FROZEN", showing on Central Library's big screens in Paul O'Regan Hall. Special guests Elsa and Anna will be in attendance to encourage audience participation. Come wearing your own costume if you like! Free props and popcorn to the first 100 kids in attendance. Prizes will be awarded for Most Active Participant, Best Look-Alike Costume, Most Creative Costume, and Most Original Costume.

Mon, Mar 13/10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Let's Build a Fort

All ages

Play is awesome. Design, build, and decorate your very own family fort. Once construction is complete gather your family and friends, grab some Library books, and make yourself cozy inside.

Mon, Mar 13/2 PM-3:30 PM

Maritime Reptile Zoo

Ages 5+

Travel the world with the Maritime Reptile Zoo and meet some coldblooded and scaly creatures, including snakes, tortoises, lizards -- and even an alligator! In partnership with Maritime Reptile Zoo.

Tue, Mar 14/10:30 AM-11:30 AM

Origami

Ages 8+

Drop-in and practice making origami with international students who are studying at Saint Mary's University. Though aimed at age 8 and up, younger siblings are welcome to take part with adult support.

Tue, Mar 14/2 PM-3 PM

Group registration required

Mad Science

Fire and Ice

Ages 5+

Mad Science of the Maritimes will show us foggy dry ice that doesn't melt, bubbling volcanoes, and even a special "burp potion."

Wed, Mar 15/10:30 AM-11:30 AM

The Hangout

Relic Hunter

Ages 7-12

Do you like adventure? Are you the next Indiana Jones? If so, join us as we hunt for clues to find lost and hidden treasures. Plus, there will be video games, craft supplies, and lots of fun.

Thu, Mar 16/3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Group registration required

Flamenco Fun

with La Azulita

All ages

Stomp, clap, and swish! Try the art of flamenco dance for yourself. Professional dancer Megan ("La Azulita") will perform and teach some basic flamenco steps.

Fri, Mar 17/12 PM-1 PM

Family Crafternoon: Moana!

All ages

Drop-in and make some Moana themed crafts! Often silly and always fun, this family crafternoon is sure to delight Moana fans.

Sat, Mar 18/1:30 PM-2:30 PM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Sewable Circuits

Light-Up Monsters

Ages 8+

Learn about sewable circuits and make a stuffed monster that lights up!

Sat, Mar 18/2 PM-3:30 PM

Registration required

Family Coding Hour

All ages

Come join us with your family for an hour to code your own game or an animation using programming environment "SCRATCH".

Sun, Mar 19/2 PM-4 PM

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Magician Tim Gavel

Ages 7+

There's a new magician in town – and you won't believe your eyes when you see the cool tricks that Tim has up his sleeve. Prepare to be amazed!

Sun, Mar 19/2:30 PM-3:30 PM

The Hangout

Flipbook Fantasy

Ages 8-12

Make your own hand-held cartoon. Get creative, and turn your drawings into amazing moving flipbooks. Anything goes! And of course, there will be video games, snacks, and lots of fun!

Thu, Mar 23/3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Art Day

with Ross Creek Centre for the Arts

All ages

Drop in to make awesome art with the Ross Creek Centre for the Arts. Fun for all ages; we encourage whole families to come be inspired, and then take home your own masterpieces! Please note that children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Teens and adults are welcome! artscentre.ca In partnership with Ross Creek Centre for the Arts.

Sat, Mar 25/1 PM-4 PM

Family Drop-In Sing Along

Ages 0-6

Drop-in for a sing along great for the whole family. Classic songs for everyone.

Sun, Mar 26/12:30 PM

The Hangout

Design Tech

Ages 8-12

Time to get your creative on! Check out our 3D printer and our Cricut die-cutter to see how you can bring your fun designs to life. Plus, there will be video games, snacks, and lots of good fun!

Thu, Mar 30/3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Preschoolers

Puppet Show

The Leprechaun's Gold

All ages

Watch as your favourite story comes to life!

Sat, Mar 4/11 AM-11:30 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Puppet Show

Ask Mr. Bear

All ages

Watch as your favourite story comes to life!

Sat, Mar 11/11 AM-11:30 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Twilight Tales Storytime

Ages 3-5

Put on your pajamas or comfy clothes and join us at Central for an evening storytime!

Tue, Mar 14/6:30 PM-7 PM

Happy Unbirthday Party!

Ages 3-7

It's a birthday party for everyone! Join us in celebrating everyone's unbirthday. There will be stories, songs, and crafts to help make this a special day for all!

Wed, Mar 15/2:30 PM-3:30 PM

Group registration required, Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Drive-In Movie

Ages 2-7

Cruise on down and make your very own cardboard box car. Sit back, buckle up, and enjoy a short film from the comfort of your own cardboard car. Space is limited, so register soon.

Thu, Mar 16/10 AM-11:30 AM

Registration required

Silly Songs Dance Party

Ages 0-7

Get ready to move, wiggle, and shake at our library dance party. Put on your dancing shoes, bring the whole family and dance to some awesome music kids will love.

Fri, Mar 17/10:30 AM-11 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Puppet Show

Beauty and the Beast

All ages

Watch as your favourite story comes to life!

Sat, Mar 18/11 AM-11:30 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

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BOOK LAUNCH

Author and Illustrator: Joanne Schwartz and Sydney Smith featuring *Town Is by the Sea*

All ages

Families are invited to help launch the new picture book *Town is by the Sea* with the author Joanne Schwartz and illustrator Sydney Smith. In this beautifully understated and haunting story, a piece of Canadian history is brought to life. A young boy wakes up to the sound of the sea, visits his grandfather's grave after lunch, and comes home to a simple family dinner with his family, but all the while his mind strays to his father digging for coal deep down under the sea. Stunning illustrations by Sydney Smith, the award-winning illustrator of *Sidewalk Flowers*, show the striking contrast between a sparkling seaside day and the darkness underground where the miners dig. In partnership with Greenwood Books.

Sat, Mar 25/10 AM-12 PM

On the Author's Stage:

Elizabeth Peirce featuring *The Big Flush*

All ages

Have you ever been scared by a really loud toilet? One loud enough to flush down a whole swimming pool? With one big flush of a magic toilet in the boys' change room, Wilfred accidentally sends a giant wave hurtling into the harbour. Will he be able to get the pool water to come back? Come hear local author Elizabeth Peirce read from her new children's book, and cast your vote for Halifax's loudest toilet for a chance to win a free copy of *The Big Flush*.

Sun, Mar 26/2:30 PM-3:30 PM

Baby and Tot Drop-In

Ages 0-2

Books, toys, social time for parents and caregivers

Mondays/10:30 AM-11:15 AM

No program March 13 and 20

Storytime

Ages 3-5

Storytime features great picture books, felt stories and rhymes, songs and more. This program fosters independence as children attend without caregivers or work towards that goal.

Tuesdays/10:30 AM-11 AM

No program March 15 and 22, Registration required

Daycare Groups—Welcome to Shake, Rattle, and Read

Ages 2-5

Pre-registered daycare groups can Shake, Rattle, and Read with Alys and her harp. This active musical storytime incorporates singing, movement, and instruments to help children develop pre-literacy skills through song, rhyme, and stories. Content is geared towards ages 2-5 with adult participation. Everyone is invited to put their listening ears, singing voices, and dancing feet to good use! (The program repeats at 10:45 for families).

Wednesdays/10 AM-10:30 AM

No program March 15 and 22, Group registration required

Families—Welcome to Shake, Rattle, and Read

Ages 2-5

Families can Shake, Rattle, and Read with Alys and her harp. This active musical storytime incorporates singing, movement, and instruments to help children ages 2-5 develop pre-literacy skills through song, rhyme, and stories. Content is geared towards ages 2-5 with adult participation; babies and tots are also invited to attend and participate as they can. Everyone is invited to put their listening ears, singing voices, and dancing feet to good use.

Wednesdays/10:45 AM-11:15 AM

No program March 15 and 22, Free tickets given out 30 min before event

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Baby's First Books

Ages 0-18 months

In this program babies hear stories, songs and rhymes and interact with other babies. Parents and caregivers learn new songs and fun things to do with baby, plus have some social time with other grown-ups.

Wednesdays/2 PM-2:45 PM

No program March 15 and 22, Registration required

Tales for Tots

Ages 19-35 months

Stories, songs, rhymes, toys and more, specially chosen to engage and delight toddlers. Parents and caregivers learn fun new things to do with their tots, but also have time to socialize with the other grown-ups.

Thursdays/10:30 AM-11:15 AM

No program March 16 and 23, Registration required

Family Drop-in

Ages 0-5

The whole family can enjoy a variety of activities including stories and songs.

Fridays/10:30 AM-11:15 AM

No program March 17 and 24,, Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Teens

Teen Zone: Pancake Technology

Ages 12-18

Come check out our pancake printer and design one of your own. We will also be making old school ones with lots of toppings. And as always we have video games ipads, laptops, music and more. Hang out, meet new people, play games, do homework, and explore your artistic side.

Thu, Mar 2/6 PM-8 PM

DIY Movie Making for Teens

Ages 12-18

Ever wanted to see your creative vision up on the big screen? Folks from the SmartPhone Film Festival will be on hand to show you how you can make movies with a phone or an iPad. In partnership with Smartphone Film Festival.

Fri, Mar 3/4 PM-5:30 PM

Teen Zone: Dungeons and Dragons with Jonny Badger

Ages 12-18

We are welcoming back your favourite dungeon master Jonny Badger for another game of Dungeons and Dragons. Whether you've never played before, or you're an old pro, we'd love for you to come try it out. And as always we have video games ipads, laptops, music and more. Hang out, meet new people, play games, do homework, and explore your artistic side.

Thu, Mar 9/6 PM-8 PM

Youth Open Mic

Ages 12-18

Come strut your stuff in the Central Library's Paul O'Regan Hall, or just check out the music, dance and other performances by the talented youth in our community. Registration required for performers, but anyone is welcome to attend.

Mon, Mar 13/3 PM-4 PM

Registration required

Improv Afternoon

Ages 12-18

Did you catch the performance bug from our Monday Open Mic? Then scratch that itch on a smaller scale with a chance to perform for fun with your friends! You can lip sync, do a short skit, impromptu rap battle, even sing for real!

Tue, Mar 14/2:30 PM-4 PM

Teen Zone: Taco Del Mar Night

Ages 12-18

Just for March break we are having a special guest, Justin Moore, owner of Taco Del Mar. He is here to help us learn how to create some tasty treats. And as always we have snacks, video games, iPads, music, and other stuff. Teen Zone is a place to hang out, meet new friends, do your homework, or explore your artistic side. In partnership with Taco Del Mar.

Thu, Mar 16/6 PM-8 PM

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Fifa 17 PS4 Tournament

Have mad soccer skills? Step up and compete on our big screens in Paul O'Regan Hall, or just come watch and cheer on your friends. There will be food and prizes! Registration required for competitors. Must be ages 12-25 to compete, all ages are welcome to watch.

Fri, Mar 17/2:30 PM-4:30 PM

Teen Zone: Ghosting! (A Spine-Chilling Photography Project)

Ages 12-18

Join us for an evening of ghostly imagery as we manipulate slow shutter speeds to create eerie apparitions. And as always have snacks, video games ipads, laptops, music and more. Hang out, meet new people, play games, do homework, and explore your artistic side.

Thu, Mar 23/6 PM-8 PM

Engineer's Nova Scotia 12th Annual Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition

Ages 5-18

Stop in for the signature event for National Engineering Month. This year we will continue the Annual Popsicle and Artistic Bridge Challenges, with an additional on-site competition for Junior High students to compete in. Come see highlights of local engineers as part of this year's High School Ambassador Challenge, or visit our booths for kids and adults of all ages. Displays will run from 9:30 a.m. to mid-afternoon with competition judging beginning at noon. Fun for the whole family!

Sat, Mar 25/9:30 AM-2 PM

Teen Zone: Secret Hollow Books

Ages 12-18

Create a secret hollow book for your bookshelf. And as always have snacks, video games ipads, laptops, music and more. Hang out, meet new people, play games, do homework, and explore your artistic side.

Thu, Mar 30/6 PM-8 PM

It Might Get Loud

Ages 12-18

Drop-in to the teen space on the second floor and let your creativity loose in the music studios or experiment with technology old and new on the floor.

Fridays/3:30 PM-5:30 PM

No program March 17