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Halifax Central

PROGRAM LISTINGS

Adult

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH / DOUBLE
BOOK LAUNCH

On the Author's Stage: Chad Norman and Matt Robinson

Celebrate National Poetry Month with a double book launch from poets Chad Norman and Matt Robinson. In *Select-ed and New Poems*, Norman invites readers to find an entrance into his poems, no more than a room to be entered, both comfortable and easily exited. In Robinson's *Some Nights It's Entertainment; Some Other Nights Just Work*, his intense curiosity animates an engagement with the familiar: the intellectual life of the family dog, a favourite pair of jeans, and local landmarks. In partnership with The Canada Council for the Arts and The League of Canadian Poets. Presented in partnership with Scotiabank.

Sat, Apr 1/2 PM

Pop-up Tech

**featuring 3D printer, Fruit Piano, and
Other New Gadgets**

All ages

Come down to the lobby to see different technologies and gadgets in action, including the Library's 3D printer.

Sun, Apr 2/2 PM-4 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 Cafe is a monthly networking for small business start-ups and owners. Our guest speaker, Nikki Jafari, the founder of the International Business Trade Show, will share her tips on how to develop communications skills to maintain strong business and work relations.

Mon, Apr 3/6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Advanced Studio: The Perfect Mix

Join us for this advanced record mixing tutorial, and learn about the techniques and tricks used by audio engineers to give records that pro sound. Space is limited.

Mon, Apr 3/7 PM-8 PM

Registration required

Decluttering Your Home and Your Life with Sharon Gibson

Get tips on creating more organization at home and in your everyday life. Learn where to start, how to set a decluttering goal, cut emotional ties to things, know what to do with the things you are not keeping and set up a system to maintain order. simplydeclutterednow.com

Mon, Apr 3/7 PM

Computer Safety: PC Security

Guest speaker Bob Carr will share some tips on how to keep your home computer system safe and secure.

Tue, Apr 4/6:30 PM-8 PM

FEATURED FILM DIRECTOR SERIES

Nicole Holofcener's

Walking and Talking

with introduction by Tara Thorne

Rated 14A

Things have been tough lately for Amelia (Catherine Keener). Her best friend moved out of the apartment, her cat got cancer, and now her best friend, Laura, is getting married. She copes with things, from the help of Andrew, Frank, Laura, and a brief romance with Bill "The Ugly Guy." Tara Thorne is an arts and entertainment journalist with The Coast and the CBC.

Tue, Apr 4/6:30 PM

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, Apr 5/5 PM-8:30 PM

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Canada: Day 1

with Dan Conlin, Curator, Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

The first day of arrival to Canada is a symbolic, personal, and official milestone in the process of becoming Canadian. The Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 has created a special exhibition for Canada's 150th anniversary called Canada: Day 1 that explores stories from that first day of arrival and how it shaped people's lives in Canada, spanning the years from Confederation in 1867 to the present day. Join Dan Conlin for a look at the images, artifacts, and artwork connected to those first days and most of all, the many touching and moving stories of that very special first day. In partnership with the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21.

Wed, Apr 5/7 PM

FANDOM WEDNESDAYS

Hour of Foley

Ages 12+

From footsteps to closing doors, come out to see how sound effects are created for film, video, and other media in post-production.

Wed, Apr 5/7 PM

Movie

Hacksaw Ridge

Rated 14A

WWII American Army Medic Desmond T. Doss, who served during the Battle of Okinawa, refuses to kill people, and becomes the first man in American history to receive the Medal of Honor without firing a shot. Starring Andrew Garfield and Sam Worthington, this film was nominated for six Oscars, including Best Picture and Best Actor for Andrew Garfield.

Fri, Apr 7/10 AM

Sackville Concert Band

with the 9AM Community Band

Treat yourself to a joyous afternoon of music. There will be a wide variety of musical styles and plenty of featured instrumental music to fill your heart. The Sackville Concert Band and the 9AM Band are community bands, each with more than 50 members, including many professional musicians and music teachers. Don't miss out!

Sat, Apr 8/1:30 PM-3:30 PM

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, Apr 8/2 PM-4 PM

Vimy 100

with the 36 Canadian Brigade Group Band

The concert will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the day allied forces took Vimy Ridge. The strategic hill in France was an enemy foothold for years until Canadian forces employing innovative techniques ended the slaughter of countless allied soldiers. This victory is considered to be a pivotal moment in Canada's recognition as a nation. The 36 Canadian Brigade Group Band is a military brass and reed band made up of reserve force musicians from diverse backgrounds.

Sun, Apr 9/2 PM

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, Apr 9/2 PM

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Book Club

***When Breath Becomes Air*, by Paul Kalanithi**

What makes a life worth living? In May of 2013, when he was on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. This memoir chronicles Kalanithi's transformation from a naive medical student into a neurosurgeon at Stanford studying the brain, and then suddenly into a patient confronting his own mortality.

Sun, Apr 9/3 PM-4 PM

THE RADICAL IMAGINATION FILM SERIES

Ovarian Psycos

Since 2010 the Ovas have made it their mission to cycle for the purpose of healing, reclaiming neighborhoods, and creating safer streets for women. At first only attracting a few local women, the Ovarian Psycos have inspired a ferocious and unapologetic crowd of heroines who are a visible force along the barrios and boulevards of Los Angeles. This film explores the impact of the group's brand of feminism on neighborhood women and communities as they confront the violence in their lives. In partnership with The Radical Imagination Project and Cinema Politica.

Mon, Apr 10/6:30 PM

Food Fads: Fact or Fiction?

Explore popular diets and nutrition trends and see if they live up to their claims. To register, please call 902-460-4560. In partnership with the Halifax Peninsula Community Health Team.

Tue, Apr 11/10 AM-11:30 AM

Financial Survival for Entrepreneurs

Learn how to understand the management of growth and expansion, identify the key numbers to understand and monitor, learn tactics of seeking out financing and learn effective tax strategies. In partnership with CPA Chartered Professional Accountants Canada.

Tue, Apr 11/1 PM-2:30 PM

FEATURED FILM DIRECTOR SERIES

Nicole Holofcener's *Please Give* with introduction by Chris Campbell

Rated 14A

Kate (Catherine Keener) and Alex (Oliver Platt) own a successful Manhattan furniture store. Wanting to enlarge the apartment where they live with their teenage daughter, Abby, they've bought the neighbouring apartment. But before they can expand their home, they must wait for their current tenant - 91-year-old Andra - to die. As Kate's family gets to know Andra and the granddaughters who look after her, animosity, infidelity, friendship, and empathy play out with sharp humour and pathos. Chris Campbell is a blogger and member of NSCC Screen Arts faculty.

Tue, Apr 11/6:30 PM

Tech of the Ages:

Printing Technologies

Join us for round four of our Tech of the Ages series. Drop in and explore the printing technology from the past and see how 3D printing is shaping the future.

Tue, Apr 11/6:30 PM-8 PM

FANDOM WEDNESDAYS

Deep Cuts Vinyl Music Club

Michael Jackson's *Bad*

Adults/Teens 12+

As of 2012 *Bad* has sold between 30 and 45 million copies worldwide, was certified nine times Platinum in the United States alone, and has been cited as one of the 30 best-selling albums of all time. In partnership with Taz Records.

Wed, Apr 12/7 PM

HTML150

The HTML150 brings together local organizations, startups, and eager learners like you for a crash course in HTML and CSS. Join Lighthouse Labs and 149 of your new best friends and start your coding journey today. Please note: registration will fill up quickly, so reserve your spot by calling 902-490-5706 or in person at the Welcome Desk on the first floor. In partnership with Lighthouse Labs and Volta Labs.

Sat, Apr 15/9 AM-5 PM

Registration required

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OBEY CONVENTION X

Art Talk: Composing with Code with Composer Tristan Perich

Get a peek inside the mind of one of North America's most exciting composers. Tristan Perich is an award-winning, New York-based composer and visual artist working at the forefront of digital sound composition. His music, installations, and workshops have been presented around the globe. With a focus on intricate patterning and microtonal processing, his work creates lush, organic melodies with fascinating mathematical precision. Presented in partnership with the OBEY Convention Music and Arts Society as part of their off-season programming.

Sat, Apr 15/3 PM-4 PM

Introduction To Photoshop Levels and Colour Correction

Join us as we explore the tools needed to adjust the brightness, contrast, and colour balance of your photos. Bring your own images to work on or use some of ours. We'll have a laptop here waiting for you.

Tue, Apr 18/6:30 PM-8 PM

Registration required

FEATURED FILM DIRECTOR SERIES

Nicole Holofcener's *Lovely and Amazing* with introduction by Tara Thorne

Rated 14A

Self-esteem and insecurity are at the heart of this comedy about the relationship between a mother and her three confused daughters. Starring Catherine Keener, Brenda Blethyn, and Emily Mortimer. Tara Thorne is an arts and entertainment journalist with The Coast and the CBC.

Tue, Apr 18/6:30 PM

Writings on Canadian Migration with Carol Moreira, Carrie-Ann Smith, and Mark Anthony Jarman

Join us for readings from two recent anthologies on the subject of immigration and hear about the authors' own experiences upon coming to Canada. *Coming Here, Being Here* is an entertaining miscellany of memoir, essays, newspaper reportage, and even a poem, highlighting the humour, as well as the ironies and agonies generated when humans seek a new homeland. *A Second Coming* is a selection of fictional stories that tell tales of where we came from, how we got here, who we were, and are, and may become. Presented in partnership with Scotiabank.

Tue, Apr 18/6:30 PM

Owners Wanted

We are looking for owners. Starting a new business isn't as hard as you think. Meet David Eisnor from Futurpreneur Canada and he can introduce you to resources that can help you develop your initial idea and take it to opening day. Come visit us, and share your initial ideas! Coffee is on us!! Registration required via Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/owners-wanted-halifax-tickets-31539201601> In partnership with Futurpreneur Canada.

Wed, Apr 19/2 PM-3:30 PM

Registration required

FANDOM WEDNESDAYS

National Canadian Film Day *Strange Brew*

Adults/Teens 12+ (Rated PG)

Good day, and how's it goin', eh?! Canada's most famous hosers, SCTV's Bob and Doug McKenzie, get jobs at the Elsinore Brewery, only to learn that something is rotten with the state of it. It's also loosely based on Shakespeare's Hamlet. Betcha' didn't know that, eh?! Come out in your best plaid and toques...we'll supply the root beer and popcorn! Take off! Starring Rick Moranis, Dave Thomas and Max Von Sydow you won't want to miss this "Great White North" experience.

Wed, Apr 19/6:30 PM

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Pre-Diabetes Workshop

Pre-diabetes, when blood sugars are above the normal range, offers a warning that you are at risk of developing diabetes. Learn how lifestyle choices can give you a chance to change your future. To register, please call 902-460-4560. In partnership with the Halifax Peninsula Community Health Team.

Thu, Apr 20/2 PM-4 PM

7th Annual Emerging Lens Cultural Film Festival

The Charles Taylor Theatre and Media Arts Association presents its 7th Annual Emerging Lens Cultural Film Festival. Join us for film screenings and a dialogue with the filmmakers.

Thu, Apr 20/6:30 PM

Movie

Manchester by the Sea

Rated 14A

An uncle is asked to take care of his teenage nephew after the boy's father dies. This film earned six Academy Award nominations, including Oscar nods for Casey Affleck, Lucas Hedges, and Michelle Williams.

Fri, Apr 21/10 AM

B.Y.O.W. (Build Your Own Website)

Ages 12-Adult

Design your own website or blog!

Learn to use Wordpress to create a free and customized website. Bring ideas about what you want your site to feature and be named. Use your own laptop or borrow one of ours. Have fun creating your own space online!

Sat, Apr 22/2 PM-3:30 PM

Registration required

BOOK LAUNCH

On the Author's Stage: Jenni Blackmore

featuring *The Food Lover's Garden*

Learn about the joys and benefits of home grown food! This book empowers readers with knowledge needed to eat healthy, uncontaminated food that's sustainable and affordable. Part growing guide, part cooking compendium, it traces the path of many vegetables from seed to table, and is illustrated in full color, including the author's watercolor sketches. The perfect antidote to rising prices and processing practices that is detrimental to our health and of questionable source and sustainability.

Sat, Apr 22/2 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, Apr 23/1 PM-4 PM

Symphony 101: The Conductor led by Adrian Hoffman, featuring Maestro Bernhard Gueller

After meeting many of the instruments and players in Symphony Nova Scotia, we will have a chance to hear from the person who brings all these sounds together into a symphonic instrument made up of anywhere from 25 to 125 individual musicians. A chance to find out just what a conductor does. In partnership with Symphony Nova Scotia.

Sun, Apr 23/2 PM

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Halifax Movement Synthesis Project with Mocean Dance

Celebrate international dance week! Mocean Dance is creating a new piece based on movement ideas donated by the public! Author, dance scholar, and international guest artist, Dr. Larry Lavender, will lead the project, but the core creation of this choreography will come from you. If you want to help create a brand new piece of professional contemporary dance, contribute your movement suggestion on April 24 and 25, 2-4 p.m. Enjoy open rehearsals on April 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and April 27, 2-4 p.m. In partnership with Mocean Dance.

Mon, Apr 24/2 PM-4 PM

Holocaust Remembrance Day:

Excerpts from DaPoPo Theatre's Musical, *Kamp*

"What happens to the Emcee from Kander and Ebb's Cabaret when the show ends?" That is when *KAMP* begins. This musical tells the story of a group of men who use their wit, affectation, sentimentality, irreverence, satire, talent, and over-the-top flamboyance as a way to survive the horrors of a Nazi concentration camp. Inspired by stories kept dark for decades, *KAMP* brings to light an important and forgotten part of history. In partnership with Atlantic Jewish Council.

Mon, Apr 24/6:30 PM

On the Author's Stage: Iain Reid featuring *I'm Thinking of Ending Things*

You will be scared. But you won't know why... In *I'm Thinking of Ending Things* author Iain Reid explores the depths of the human psyche, questioning consciousness, free will, the value of relationships, fear, and the limitations of solitude. Reminiscent of José Saramago's early work, Michel Faber's cult classic *Under the Skin*, and Lionel Shriver's *We Need to Talk About Kevin*, this tense and atmospheric novel will haunt you long after the last page is turned. In partnership with Canada Council. Presented in partnership with Scotiabank.

Mon, Apr 24/7 PM

Computer Safety: Internet Safety for Seniors

How do you keep yourself safe on the internet? Guest speaker Bob Carr will discuss ways that you can protect yourself from online scams, identity theft, phishing attacks, and hackers.

Tue, Apr 25/10 AM-11:30 AM

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Tue, Apr 25/2 PM-4 PM

Explore Google Drive

Come join us to learn how you can use Google drive to increase your productivity and data backups. In this session we will discuss about various features of Google drive like Google Docs, sheets, slides and cloud storage.

Tue, Apr 25/6:30 PM-8 PM

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FEATURED FILM DIRECTOR SERIES

Nicole Holofcener's *Enough Said* with introduction by Zack Miller

Rated PG

Divorced mom Eva (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) may be falling for Albert (James Gandolfini), a sweet, funny, like-minded divorcé. But as their relationship blossoms, Eva befriends Marianne (Catherine Keener), who's always complaining about her ex-husband. When Eve realizes that Albert is the target of Marianne's rants, she begins to question her own perceptions about first impressions and second chances. Zack Miller is a Film Programmer with Carbon Arc Cinema.

Tue, Apr 25/6:30 PM

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Wed, Apr 26/11 AM-12 PM

FANDOM WEDNESDAYS

Board Game Free Play

Ages 12-Adult

Join us for a stress-free night of board games and snacks!

Wed, Apr 26/6 PM-8 PM

On the Author's Stage: Terry O'Reilly

Canada's most famous adman shares a career's worth of marketing secrets, so anyone can compete with the best in their business - whatever that business might be. Terry O'Reilly is the award-winning co-founder of Pirate Radio and Television in Toronto and New York. Since 2005, he has appeared on CBC Radio as host of *O'Reilly on Advertising*, *The Age of Persuasion*, and most recently *Under the Influence*. In partnership with Canada Council. Presented in partnership with Scotiabank.

Wed, Apr 26/6:30 PM

Breakfast with Advertising Guru Terry O'Reilly

For Local Entrepreneurs

Join award-winning marketing expert and CBC personality Terry O'Reilly, as he shares practical information on how to make the most out of your marketing dollars. Refreshments will be provided. Door prize - a copy of Terry's latest book *This I Know: Marketing Lessons From Under the Influence*. In partnership with Canada Council.

Thu, Apr 27/10 AM-11:30 AM

Halifax Movement Synthesis Project with Mocean Dance

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Thu, Apr 27/2 PM-4 PM

Halifax Movement Synthesis Project: Showcase Performance with Mocean Dance

Join us for the showcase performance of a brand-new contemporary dance--inspired by you! In celebration of International Dance Week, Mocean Dance has been collecting your movement ideas and suggestions. Author, dance scholar, and international guest artist, Dr. Larry Lavender, has led the project with Mocean Dance, but the core creation of this choreography came from you. Come and see the final product! In partnership with Mocean Dance.

Thu, Apr 27/7 PM

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Halifax ComedyFest's laugh@lunch

Break-up the day with the world's best medicine: a free stand-up comedy show featuring three of the festival's funniest comedians. Produced by Premiere Entertainment Group. Free tickets are available at halifaxcomedyfest.ca, starting March 1. One seat per email address. In partnership with Halifax ComedyFest.

Fri, Apr 28/12 PM-1 PM

Registration required

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.

Sat, Apr 29/11 AM-5 PM

Collage Workshop

with artist Norma Corbett

Ages 18+

Release your inner collage artist. Join us for this beginner's collage workshop --no experience necessary. All materials provided, but feel free to bring your own photos, magazine illustrations, and other possible collage materials. Space is limited. Please phone 902-490-5706 to register.

Sat, Apr 29/1:30 PM-4:30 PM

Registration required

Ask a Master Gardener

Take advantage of the wisdom and experience of our guest garden experts. They will be available to answer questions and discuss anything and everything you've wanted to know about plants. In partnership with The Atlantic Master Gardeners Association.

Sat, Apr 29/2 PM-4 PM

Battle of the Atlantic

Memorial Concert

featuring Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy

Join us for an afternoon of contemporary and wartime music. The 2017 Battle of the Atlantic Concert, featuring the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy and special guests, is hosted by HMCS Sackville, Canada's Naval Memorial. Masters of ceremony for the concert are Olga Milosevich and Duncan Miller. This performance marks the 79th anniversary of the end of the Battle of the Atlantic, the longest campaign of the Second World War. In partnership with Canadian Naval Memorial Trust HMCS Sackville.

Sun, Apr 30/2 PM-4 PM

Drop-In for Makers and Coders:

Electronic Gumball Machine

Ages 13+

Do you know the secret knock? Halifax Makerspace will be working on an electronic gumball machine using a piezo sensor and servo, where the secret knock delivers the treat! We'll have our 3D printer going too - and as always, you're welcome to hang out and snack on treats as you work on your own projects. In partnership with Halifax Makerspace.

Sun, Apr 30/2 PM-4 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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Meditation: The Inner Journey with Sarita Earp

A 4-Week Series

We practice simple meditation techniques to help quiet the mind, reduce stress, improve focus, and cultivate positive attitudes. Attend a single session or all four. "Meditation has the capacity to clear our overcast mind." - Sri Chinmoy

Tuesdays/7 PM-8 PM

Runs April 25-May 16

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

Morning Movement Class with Mocean Dance

A 4-Week Series

Engage your body-mind connection. Designed for inclusivity and incorporating all fitness levels, this workshop will awaken your breath connection, mobilize your joints, and bring a little extra movement excitement to your day. A gentle warm-up will engage your physical senses and tune your attention to weight flow through a playful approach to movement. Live musical accompaniment will lift your spirit and help create a sense of community as we move together. Attend all four classes or just one. Mocean Dance.

Wednesdays/10 AM-11 AM

Runs April 5-26

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, Toibin, 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

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

Crafts and Gizmos Family Drop-In

All ages

Kids will enjoy building a craft and exploring thematically-related new developments in technology learning and play.

Sat, Apr 1/1:30 PM-2:30 PM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Try Floorball!

All ages

Floorball is safe and fun for all ages and abilities. Try the stick handling obstacle course and shoot on a goal. playfloorball.ca In partnership with Floorball Nova Scotia and Premier Floorball.

Sun, Apr 2/1:30 PM-3:30 PM

Build and Program Lego EV3 Mindstorm Robots

Age 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, Apr 4/4 PM-5 PM

Registration required

The Hangout

Paper Airplane Games

Ages 8-12

Show off your design skills. Fold your best paper airplane and compete in the Paper Airplane Games for fun prizes. Compete for speed, distance, accuracy, and design. As usual, there will be video games, snacks, and lots of fun.

Thu, Apr 6/3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Coding with Raspberry Pi

Ages 8+

Learn basic programming with Raspberry Pi - a tiny, card sized computer.

Sat, Apr 8/2 PM-3:30 PM

Registration required

Family Crafternoon

All ages

Chill out, unplug, and craft an hour away. All materials supplied. We have colouring sheets for the little siblings, too!

Sat, Apr 8/2:30 PM-3:30 PM

Build and Program Lego WeDo Robots

Age 6-9

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

Sun, Apr 9/2 PM-3 PM

Registration required

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, Apr 9/2 PM-4 PM

The Hangout

Eggstravaganza

Ages 8-12

Join us for EGGSTRAVAGANZA! A celebration of eggs and all things Spring. There will be egg decorating, video games, craft supplies, snacks, and lots of fun.

Thu, Apr 13/3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Family Crafternoon

All ages

Drop-in for simple crafts or activities: often silly, and always fun!

Sat, Apr 15/1:30 PM-2:30 PM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

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The Hangout

Marbled Paper Madness

Ages 8-12

Create your own wild marbled paper artworks using old nail polish (bring your own!) and water. You'll be amazed at the cool patterns you can make. And we'll have video games, snacks, and loads of fun.

Thu, Apr 20/3:30 PM-4:30 PM

National Canadian Film Day

Snowtime! / La guerre des tuques

Both English and French will be screened (1:15 p.m.; 3 p.m.)

Sat, Apr 22/1:15 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, Apr 23/12:30 PM

Lego at the Library

Ages 5+

Let your imagination go wild with the Library's LEGO collection!

Sun, Apr 23/2 PM-3:30 PM

The Hangout

Hilarious Heads

Ages 8-12

Ever wonder what you'd look like with a dinosaur for a head? Or maybe a goldfish or a robot's head? Come get your picture taken in The Hangout and we'll see who can come up with the wackiest image. Plus, there will be video games, snacks, and lots of good fun!

Thu, Apr 27/3:30 PM-4:30 PM

INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

Adult Combos and Choreo with Halifax Dance!

All ages

Celebrate International Dance Day with performances and classes by Halifax Dance! This class will feature the same upbeat songs that make you sing in your car and dance in your kitchen. Suitable for dancers of any level, Combos and Choreo will be a mash-up of several different dance styles with playful and dynamic choreography to some of the hottest hits. Bring a friend...this is going to be AWESOME! In partnership with Halifax Dance.

Sat, Apr 29/9:30 AM-10:30 AM

INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

Test Drive a Tutu with Halifax Dance!

All ages

Celebrate International Dance Day with performances and classes by Halifax Dance! Children can try on costumes, shoes, see pointe shoes, tutus, and other dance accessories up close and personal and get their photos taken with real ballerinas! Face painting and hair buns as well. In partnership with Halifax Dance.

Sat, Apr 29/11 AM-12 PM

INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

Performance by TYDE with Halifax Dance!

All ages

Celebrate International Dance Day with performances and classes by Halifax Dance! A performance by The Youth Dance Ensemble dancers ages 10-16. Enjoyable for all ages! In partnership with Halifax Dance.

Sat, Apr 29/1 PM-1:30 PM

INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

All Ages Dance Party! with Halifax Dance!

All ages

Celebrate International Dance Day with performances and classes by Halifax Dance! Stick around for an all ages dance party celebration to celebrate... DANCE! In partnership with Halifax Dance.

Sat, Apr 29/1:30 PM-2 PM

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INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

Sharing Dance Day Rehearsal with Halifax Dance!

All ages

Celebrate International Dance Day with performances and classes by Halifax Dance! This is Halifax Dance!'s first Sharing Dance Day rehearsal at the Library. Everyone is invited to join as a community in learning fun jazz choreography by The National Ballet of Canada. The rehearsal is in preparation for when the choreography will be performed by the entire community on June 2 at Grand Parade. Visit <http://www.nbs-enb.ca/Sharing-Dance/Sharing-Dance-Day-2017> for more information! In partnership with Halifax Dance.

Sat, Apr 29/2 PM-3 PM

Painting to Music

Ages 5-18

Experience the fun of painting to music in this fully inclusive and interactive workshop. This program will suit children and teens with ASD. Music will be assorted and kept to a lower volume, the area has dimmed lighting, and the work space is large with lots of room in which to work. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to stay and experience the painting to music experience.

Sun, Apr 30/2 PM-3 PM

Registration required

Preschoolers

Puppet Show

Puss in Boots

All ages

Watch as your favourite story comes to life!

Sat, Apr 1/11 AM-11:30 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Puppet Show

The Little Gingerbread Man

All ages

Watch as your favourite story comes to life!

Sat, Apr 8/11 AM-11:30 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Puppet Show

The Cow that Laid an Egg

All ages

Watch as your favourite story comes to life!

Sat, Apr 15/11 AM-11:30 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Puppet Show

The Dog Who Forgot

All ages

Watch as your favourite story comes to life!

Sat, Apr 22/11 AM-11:30 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Mini Movers with Halifax Dance

Ages 2-5

Children's creativity and imagination will flourish in this class. Singing, games, floor patterns, and basic dance steps are used to develop motor skills and spatial awareness, social interaction and individual development skills. In partnership with Halifax Dance.

Thu, Apr 27/10:30 AM-11 AM

INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

Creative Movement Class with Halifax Dance!

Ages 3-5

Celebrate International Dance Day with performances and classes by Halifax Dance! Children's creativity and imagination will flourish in this class. Creative Movement enhances social interaction and individual development skills. This class uses singing, games, floor patterns, and basic dance steps to develop motor skills and spatial awareness. In partnership with Halifax Dance.

Sat, Apr 29/10:30 AM-11 AM

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 April 17

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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

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

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

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

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

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

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 April 14, Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Teens

Teen Zone: DIY Magnetic Poetry

Ages 12-18

Come celebrate and get creative for Poetry Month. Make your own magnetic poetry to bring home. 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, Apr 6/6 PM-8 PM

Teen Zone: Epic Mealtime Easter Egg Edition

Ages 12-18

Come help us make a huge chocolate Easter egg to share. 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, Apr 13/6 PM-8 PM

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Teen Zone: Breakout Box

Ages 12-18

Ever wanted to try out an Escape Room? In this similar program, work together to solve puzzles and riddles and crack the codes to unlock boxes full of prizes. Hang out, meet new people, play games, do homework, and explore your artistic side.

Thu, Apr 20/6 PM-8 PM

Teen Zone: Teen Advisory Takeover Cookoff

Ages 12-18

Love cooking? Have you seen the hit TV show Chopped? Come compete in teams for a cook-off with strange surprise ingredients. Hosted by some of our Teen Advisory and Action Council volunteers.

Thu, Apr 27/6 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