

April 2026 Program Descriptions:

Adult Reading Challenge! January – December:

All Year

Join our year-round reading challenge for adults.

Pick up your challenge today at the library!

Radon Screener Kits

Radon screeners are now available until April 30. Reserve yours today!

50/50 Raffle Library Fundraiser: April 1 – April 31

Library Giving Day is a national fundraising event with the goal of encouraging people to donate to their local library system. The support we get from our Library Giving Campaign is used to improve our programs and our space to continue to provide programs and materials to our patrons throughout the year, free of charge. This year, the money raised from the campaign will go towards revamping our children's area, making it more friendly for our littlest patrons!

To support the library, you can donate in person or by following this link:

<https://www.fundingchange.ca/portage-library>

Get your ticket for the 50/50 raffle and you could take home 50% of the prize! This fundraiser is running from April 1 - April 31

Story Time

Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:15 am - 11:00 am

For parents and young children

Come and join us for a fun time at the library with engaging crafts, stories and activities!

April 1 - April Fools! / April 8 – Bunnies / April 15 – Rain / April 22 – Frogs / April 29 - Gardens

Board Games Afternoon

Wednesday, April 1, 2:00 - 4:00pm

All Ages

Looking for something to do during Spring Break?

Drop in for a Board Games Afternoon and play a variety of fun games with us!

Movie Night: "Hop"

Thursday, April 2, 2:00 - 3:40 pm

All Ages

Rated PG Running time: 1 hour 35 minutes

A slacker named Fred (James Marsden) adopts a rabbit (voiced by Russell Brand) that jumps in front of his car, and it turns out this particular creature is next in line to become the Easter Bunny and doesn't want the job. In time, the animal inspires Fred to take charge of his life and save Easter for everyone.

Kids Craft Night : Mouse Umbrellas

*Join us for one of two time slots

Ages 3 to 9 *Extended age range*

Thursday, April 2, 5:00 - 6:00 pm *or*

Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Make a simple outdoor shelter to help small animals stay dry during the April showers. Hang it outside and you might spot a critter using it!

Easter Egg Hunt and Craft

Saturday, April 4

All Ages

*Three time slots available. Registration is required. Space is limited!

Decorate Easter baskets and go hunting for eggs around the library then win chocolate eggs and chocolate bunnies!

*Three Time Slots:

10:30 am - 11:15 am

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Bake Sale Fundraiser

Wednesday, April 8, All Day – While quantities lasts!

All Ages

Support your library and buy some tasty baked goods.

Tween Craft Night: Calligraphy

*Join us for one of two time slots

Ages 10 - 16

Wednesday, April 8, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 23, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Join a tradition hundreds of years old and use real ink and pens to write every word as its own work of art. This workshop will teach basic techniques and care of tools. Equipment will be provided.

Adult Craft Night: Button Flowers

Thursday, April 9, 6:00 pm

Ages 18 and up

Make colorful button flowers that will brighten up your home!

Create a small bouquet and place them in a tiny vase for a cheerful decoration.

Xbox Game Day

Saturday, April 10, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Ages 12 to 16

Join us for XBOX competitions with popcorn and drinks! This month is player's choice!

'Grief & Loss' - Course on Grief Recovery

Fridays, April 10, 17 & 24, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Ages 18 and up

This free in-person program will offer participants the opportunity to learn about and share with others the various aspects of bereavement, loss, and grief recovery.

Brad from Canadian Mental Health Association Manitoba will be facilitating this course.

Lego Club

Saturday, April 11, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Ages 5 - 12

LEGO club is a casual program geared towards allowing kids to be creative and build connections with other kids!

Knit & Needle

Saturday, April 11, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Ages 15 and up

Bring your knitting, crochet, or embroidery projects and craft with fellow enthusiasts.

Please note, this is not a 'learn to craft' workshop.

Homeschoolers Unite!: Mouse Umbrellas

Tuesday, April 14, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Make a simple outdoor shelter to help small animals stay dry during the April showers.

Hang it outside and you might spot a critter using it!

Storytime with Amber Beaulieu

Thursday, April 16, 10:30 - 11:00 am

All Ages

Join us with Amber from Manitoba Harm Reduction Network as she reads Beatrix Potter stories!

Read Between the Frames "Jesus Revolution"

Friday, April 17, 2:00 - 4:10 pm

Ages 18 and up

Rated: PG-13 Running Time: 2 hour 4 minutes

The true story of a national spiritual awakening in the early 1970's and its origins within a community of teenage hippies in Southern California.

Puzzle Competition Fundraiser

Saturday, April 18, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Check-in Begins 12:30 pm

Start Time at 1:00 pm

All Ages

Grab your friends and put your puzzle skills to the test! Teams of 3–4 people will race to complete a 500-piece puzzle. The cost is \$10 per person, and all proceeds will help support the revamp of the library's children's area. Come enjoy a fun, friendly competition while supporting the library! A big thank you to Jazen's Paintings & Decorating Ltd. for generously donating the 1,000-piece prize puzzles for our first place team!

Wiggles and Giggles

Saturday, April 25, 10:30 - 11:00 am

Children 5 and under

Come burn off some of the energy from being cooped up inside by the cold! With movement, stretching, and music, parents and children alike will be more than ready to settle down with a good book afterwards. (Athletic clothes and water bottles recommended.)

Stay & Play

Saturday, April 25, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Children 5 and under

Join us at the library for a casual get together where kids can play and the parents can talk!

BBQ Fundraiser

Saturday, April 25, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

All Ages

Bring your appetite and your support to our Library Giving Day BBQ fundraiser!

Proudly sponsored by Homestead Co-op.

Table Top Games: 'Dungeons & Dragons'

Saturday, April 25, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Ages 12 and up

Travel through forgotten realms in search of legendary treasure! Form a party of heroes to strike down terrible monsters! Come join us as we learn to play Dungeons & Dragons, the popular Tabletop Roleplaying Game by Wizards of the Coast (as seen in Stranger Things and Critical Role!). Dice and character sheets will be provided, please call ahead to register (space is limited).

Steam Explorers: Paper Airplane Tournament

Wednesday, April 29, 5:00 pm

Ages 6 - 13

Take to the skies! Come learn advanced techniques in paper aviation or bring your own to show off! Combine paper, tape, paperclips, and whatever else it takes to make the ultimate flying machine, then test it out on our Paper Airplane Proving Grounds!

This activity uses folding, fastening, and design iteration skills.

Book Club: "The God of the Woods" by Liz Moore

Thursday, April 30, 1:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Ages 18 and up

The God of the Woods by Liz Moore is a 1975-set mystery centered on 13-year-old Barbara Van Laar, who vanishes from her family's Adirondack summer camp. Her disappearance echoes the unsolved 1961 disappearance of her brother, Bear, forcing a probe into the wealthy, dysfunctional Van Laar family, local secrets, and class divides.