

October 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!

Library Card Sign up Month

Sign up for a library card or renew your membership and be entered into a draw for one of four \$50 CO-OP gift cards! Thank you to Homestead Co-op for supporting us!

Radon Screeners available October 1st Reserve yours today!

Poppy Project Kits: Kits available from October 13 to November 6

Up to 2 kits per person.

Help us to create a lasting memorial piece in honour of our fallen, our veterans, and those still serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. Please take a poppy kit, and return the finished poppy to the library to be displayed in this year's Remembrance Day display.

* We will continue to accept donations of poppies throughout the year, and once we have enough, we will stitch them together to create a poppy blanket to be used in our local Remembrance Day ceremonies for years to come!

Kids Craft Night: Spooky Glowing Eyes

*Join us for one of two time slots

Ages 3 to 9 *Extended age range*

Thursday, October 1, 5:00 - 5:30 pm *or*

Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Create a spooky Halloween decoration using cardboard tubes and thick glow sticks.

Participants will transform simple materials into creepy glowing eyes that can be displayed in dark spaces for an eerie effect.

Wiggles and Giggles

Saturday, October 3 & 17 10:30 - 11:00 am

Children 5 and under

Come burn off some of the energy! 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, October 3 & 17 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!

Fire Fighters Visit

Saturday, October 3 1:00 - 2:00pm

All Ages

In recognition of Fire Prevention Week, join us at the library and meet local Portage la Prairie fire fighters, have a chance to explore a real fire truck and discover key fire safety tips!

CRA Information Sessions:

Wednesday, October 7 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Ages 18 and up

Come to the library and see a CRA outreach officer for help including:

- Updating personal information
- Printing letters and Notice of Assessments
- Updating direct deposit
- Applying for child benefits
- Printing tax slips

Get help with questions like:

- How much do I owe?
- CERB repayment - GST and Canada Carbon Rebate
- Canada Child Benefits

- Also:
- Canada Child Benefit - Disability Tax Credit
 - GST - Canada Caregiver Credit
 - Medical Expenses: How and what one can claim
 - Scam Awareness

Registration is not required. Sessions are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Story Time

Wednesdays, 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!

October 7 – Scarecrows / October 14 – Pumpkins / October 21 – Scary Stories /
October 28 – Halloween

Adult Craft Night: 'Halloween Ghost Pillows'

Thursday, October 8 6:00 pm

Ages 18 and up

Get creative at our Adult Craft Night and make your own spooky ghost pillow!

Participants will create a soft, festive Halloween decoration that is perfect for adding a little spooky charm to your home.

Movie Night: 'Casper'

Friday, October 9 5:00 - 6:40 pm

All Ages

Rated: PG Running time: 1 hour 40 minutes

The Friendly Ghost attempts to befriend the 12-year-old daughter of a paranormal expert, but his nasty ghost uncles wreak havoc.

Lego Club

Saturday, October 10 & 31 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Ages 5 - 12

LEGO Club is a casual program that encourages kids to be creative, build, and connect with other children. This program also includes a new section, Numeracy Connect, a fun, hands-on activity that builds confidence with everyday math skills through games, challenges, and real-life problem-solving.

Knit & Needle

Saturday, October 10 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.

Housing & ID Outreach

Tuesday, October 13 & 27 1:00-3:00pm

All Ages

PCRC will be joining us at the library to provide support with Housing & ID Outreach. They will be available to assist individuals who are experiencing homelessness or need help accessing identification and related services.

Homeschoolers Unite!: Numeracy Connect

Tuesday, October 13 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Ages 3 -13

Join us for Numeracy Connect, a fun, hands-on activity that builds confidence with everyday math skills through games, challenges, and real-life problem-solving.

Tween Craft Night: 'Origami 3-D Pumpkins'

*Join us for one of two time slots

Ages 10 - 16

Thursday, October 15 , 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm *or*

Wednesday, October 28 6:00-7:00pm

Get creative and celebrate the spooky season by making your own 3-D origami pumpkins! Tweens will learn simple folding techniques to turn paper into fun, festive pumpkin decorations.

Read Between the Frames: 'Hamnet'

Friday, October 16 2:00 - 4:10 pm

Ages 18 & up

Rated: PG-13 Running Time: 2 hour 5 minutes

In the 16th-century rural England. William Shakespeare and his wife Agnes are confronted with the death of their only son.

The Great Read Along

Thursday, October 22 All day

All Ages

Join the Portage la Prairie Regional Library online for The Great Read-Along! The Great Read-Along is an event created to support those among us who learn differently than others. Share how much you've read by commenting on our Facebook post or emailing programming@portagelibrary.com. We'll share your reading minutes and add it to the Great Read-Along website. For more information, go to www.thegreatreadalong.ca

Steam Explorers: 'Pepper's Ghost'

Wednesday, October 22 5:00 pm

Ages 6 – 13

Discover the spooky science behind Pepper's Ghost, a classic illusion that makes objects and images appear to mysteriously float or come to life! Participants will explore how light, reflection, and clever positioning can create a ghostly effect. A fun, hands-on program combining science, creativity, and a little Halloween magic!

Trick or Treat Tour:

Saturday, October 24 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

All Ages

We have partnered with community organizations and local businesses to set up trick or treat tables throughout the library! This is a come and go event. Registration is not required. Thank you to Homestead Co-op for supporting us!

Book Club: 'Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver'

Thursday, October 29 1:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Ages 18 and up

Join us for a discussion of Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver, a brilliant and timely novel that connects twenty-first-century economic anxiety with nineteenth-century struggles over scientific truth.

Table Top Games: 'Dungeons & Dragons Haunted House Special Edition'

Saturday, October 31, 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).