

# Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

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April - June 2025

Programs and Activities



# Don't Miss a Moment

## Hours of Operation (New!)

<b>Sunday:</b>	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
<b>Monday:</b>	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday:</b>	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
<b>Friday:</b>	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday:</b>	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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## Holidays and Closures

<b>April 18th</b>	Closed for Good Friday
<b>April 20th</b>	Closed for Easter Sunday
<b>May 19th</b>	Closed for Victoria Day
<b>July 1st</b>	Closed for Canada Day

## Program Breaks

### April 13th - 26th | June 15th - June 28th

All of our weekly preschool and afterschool programs will pause during program breaks. Monthly programs and special events will continue as usual during these breaks. After school programs will wrap up June 17th - 19th.

To be notified about unexpected program cancellations, sign up for our mailing list and select "announcements".

Unless otherwise stated, all programs are free and drop-in.

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# Preschool Programs

## Infant Sensory Play | Ages 0-2

**Wednesdays | 2:15-3:00 p.m.**

**Drop In | Ends June 11th**

Sensory play for young families. Older siblings welcome to join the fun!

## Preschool Story Time | Ages 2-5

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays  
10:15-11:00 a.m.**

**Drop In | Ends June 12th**

Stories and music, followed by a sensory activity or craft. Older and younger siblings welcome.

## Live Stories with Miss Corrie

**Fridays | 9:15-9:45 a.m.**

**Virtual via Facebook Live | Ends June 13th**

Stories, songs, and a simple craft or sensory activity via Facebook Live. View past story times on our Facebook.

## Story Time in the Wild | Ages 2-5

**Fridays | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Drop In | Ends April 11th**

Story walks, nature play, and crafts outdoors, rain or shine. Older and younger siblings welcome. Join us at the pier by the Sylvan Lake sign.



## Mess is Best | Ages 0-2 & 2-5

**Saturdays | 10:15-11:15 a.m.**

**Drop In | Ends June 14th, No Program June 7th**

Sensory activities and messy play stations. Older and younger siblings welcome. Infant and Preschool activities will alternate weekly; view calendar for age-specific dates.

## Pyjama Story Time | Ages 2-5

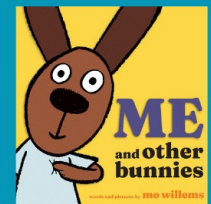
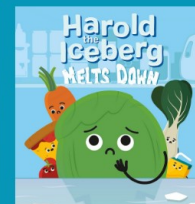
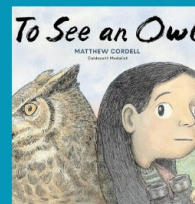
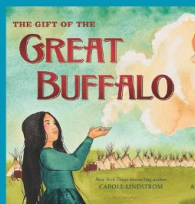
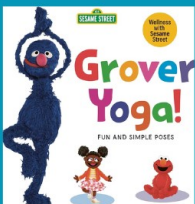
**Thursdays: April 10th, May 22nd, and June 19th  
6:15-7:15 p.m.**

**Drop In**

Dress in your PJs and bring a stuffie to the Library for a bedtime story time, followed by a craft. Older and younger siblings welcome.



## Check out these new books!



# School Age Programs

## Board Game Café | Ages 8+

**Tuesdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Drop In | Ends June 17th**

Make new friends and enjoy the board game of the week while we learn and play together.

**April 1 & 8:** Carcassonne

**April 29 & May 6:** Monster Crunch

**May 13 & 20:** Oceanos

**May 27, June 3 & 10:** Ticket to Ride First Journey

## Anime Club | Ages 8+

**Wednesdays | 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Drop In | Ends June 18th**

Celebrate your love of anime and manga with the Library, while making new friends.

## S.T.E.M. Explorers | Ages 6-12

**Thursdays | 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Drop In | Ends June 19th**

Explore the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math at the Library with fun projects and challenges.

## Family Art Attack | Ages 6+

**Once a Month | 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

**Registration Required**

**April 12:** Mini Polymer Clay Sculptures

**May 24:** Magazine Transfer Art

**June 14:** Birdfeeders

Parents and children are invited to create their own unique artwork at the Library. Most materials provided; take home what you create.

## Junior Book Club

**Select Mondays | 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Registration Required**

Discover new books and read along with your peers while engaging in crafts and activities at the Library. Sign up early for a copy of the book to keep!

**May/June read:** When You Know What I Know by Sonja K. Solter | Recommended for Ages 9-12

Loot Kit Pick-Up: April 25

## Craftapalooza | Ages 8+

**Wednesday, April 23 | 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

**Drop In**

Dive into an explosion of craft supplies at the Library during your school break! We'll provide a mountain of craft supplies for participants to make, craft, and build whatever their imaginations come up with. The sky's the limit!

## Kids Show and Tell | Ages 8+

**Thursday, April 24 | 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**Registration Required**

Display a collection or creation of your own at the Library! Families and community members are invited to view the display at the Library and learn about each child's collection/project.

Register early to reserve your booth!

## Roblox Lock-In | Ages 9+

**Friday, April 25 | 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Registration Required**

Get "locked in" at the Library and play Roblox after hours, with friends old and new. Play on our computers, or bring your own device to play along. Participants must have their own Roblox account. Food and drink provided.

## Red Hot Science | Ages 10-14

**Cybernetic Hot Hands**

**Friday, May 2 | Registration Required**

**Ages 10-14 | 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Who is the quickest to draw? Using a micro:bit processor board the participants will use Microsoft's block code programming language to see who has the faster response time touching a touch-sensitive pad.

**Holograms**

**Friday, May 2 | Registration Required**

**Ages 10-14 | 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

Take home your own hologram! Witness the science of holography come alive! Students will get hands-on experience creating their very own holograms using recycled material, gaining a glimpse into a future of creativity and sustainability.

# School Age Programs

## Youth Week Movie Night | Ages 8+

**Monday, May 5 | 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

### Drop In at Landmark Cinemas

Celebrate Youth Week with us at Landmark Cinemas with a special youth-only screening. This event is run in collaboration with the Library and the SPARC Coalition.

This event is free, courtesy of the Sylvan Lake Municipal Library's Film Society. Watch website for updates on film and concession cost.

## Prism Club | Ages 13+

**First Tuesday of the month | 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

### Drop In

Movie nights, art projects, and book chats for LGBTQ2S+ youth and allies. Refreshment provided.

**April 1:** Join us for a *Brooklyn Nine-Nine* party, featuring a "Hear Me Out" ice cream cake and other snacks.

**May 6:** Join us as we celebrate **Youth Week** with a special **90's-themed karaoke night and costume contest**. Refreshments provided.

Future projects to be selected by participants.

## Wicked Movie Matinee | Ages 13+

**Friday, May 16 | 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

### Drop In

Fellow Ozians! Dress in your wicked best, then join us at the Library for a school's out movie day screening of *Wicked*. Face painting and a photo booth will accompany the event.

Refreshments provided.



## Gardening for Kids | Ages 8+

**Tuesday, June 10 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

### Registration Required

Learn the basics of gardening at the Library. Participants will make their own newspaper pots to start their seeds in, then take them home and dive into gardening!

## More Than a Book Club | Ages 14+

**Wednesdays at H.J. Cody | 11:45-12:35 p.m.**

### Drop In at LC3 | Refreshments Provided

Students at H.J. Cody are invited to enjoy engaging activities, tasty snacks, and fantastic conversations with friends. Whether you want to express your artistic side or just relax and chat, there's something for everyone. Don't miss out on this chance to connect and create!

## Homeschool Hub | Ages 6+

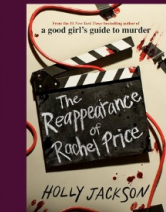
**Every Other Thursday | 12:30-2:00 p.m.**

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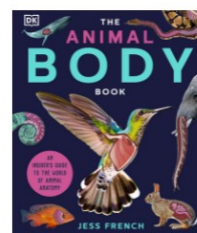
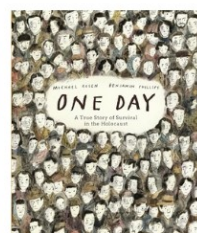
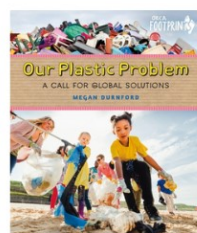
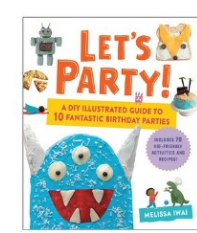
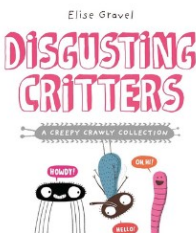
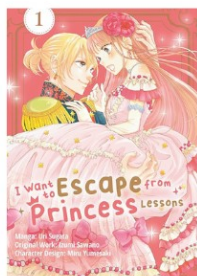
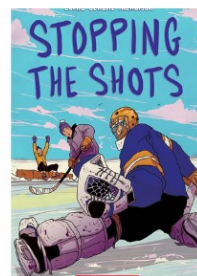
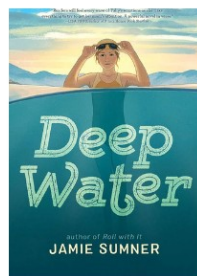
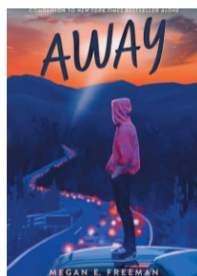
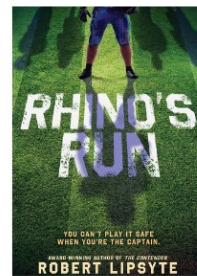
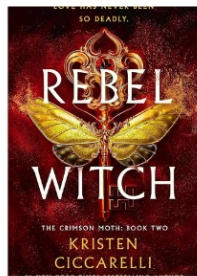
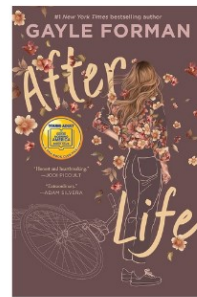
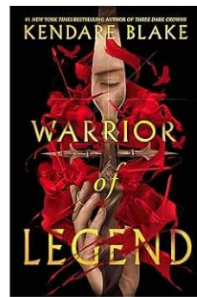
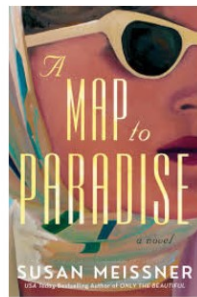
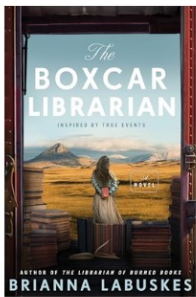
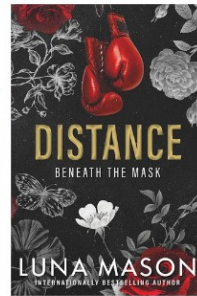
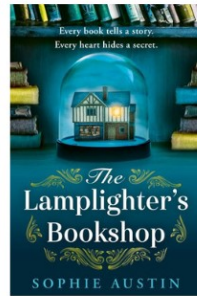
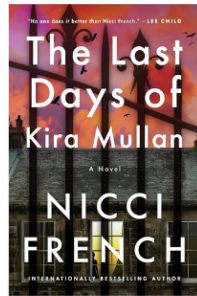
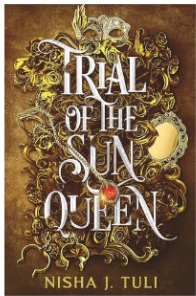
Homeschooling families are invited to join us and the Homeschool Hub for interactive reading experiences, story times, themed activities, and more! **Meet at the Library starting May 1st!**



## Check out these new books!



# New Books at the Library!



# Adult Programs

## Pub Trivia Night

**First Wednesday of the Month | 6:30 p.m.**

**April 2:** Mr. Mikes Steakhouse

**May 7:** The Viewpoint Lounge

**June 4:** Snake Lake Brewing Co.

Do you have what it takes to be a trivia champion? Join us for an evening of pub trivia fun with friends and family. Build your team (max 6 players) then meet us at the venue of the month.

## Art Attack | Ages 16+

**First Thursday of the Month | 6:15-7:15 p.m.**

**or Third Friday of the Month**

**3:00-4:00 p.m. | Registration Required**

**April:** Mini Polymer Clay Sculptures (no Friday session)

**May:** Magazine Transfer Art

**June:** Birdfeeders

Create unique art with friends old and new. Try different art styles and mediums, and take home what you create.

## Knit-Wits

**Mondays | 10:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Or**

**Thursdays | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Drop In**

Create beautiful handmade projects while meeting new friends. Bring your own supplies or use ours.

Want to help lead a project? Ask us about our volunteer opportunities!

## Film Society

**Last Monday of the Month at Landmark**

**Cinemas | 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Tickets \$10.00 + GST**

**Season Passes Available**

**April:** *Drive Back Home*

Join us at the local theatre to watch the Independent Film of the month. Tickets are available for presale at the Library, or at the door the night of. Cash sales only at the theatre.



## Tech Connect

**Tuesdays | 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

**Drop In**

Need help with your smartphone, laptop, tablet, or e-Reader? Have questions about cyber safety? Drop by the Library for a one-on-one session with library staff. Assistance provided first-come, first served.

Staff are not able to assist with topics beyond our knowledge, or outside the scope of technology coaching. We are not able to diagnose or fix hardware issues.

## Container Gardening

**Tuesday, May 13 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

**Registration Required**

Learn about the ins and outs of container and small space gardening. Get new ideas from a gardening enthusiast, and share your successes and challenges.

## Writer's Hub

**One Thursday a month | 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

**Registration Required**

Do you want to be a writer? Grow your writing skills while learning new techniques from special guest writers at the Library.

**April 17:** From spark to story, turn your ideas into something more with local author Megan Roth!

**May 29:** Discover how to harness creativity from everyday moments with Blackfalds author Doug Morrison.

## Tech Safety: Scams

**Wednesday, April 23 | 3:00-4:30 p.m.**

**Drop In at the Sylvan Lake Seniors Centre**

Learn basic tech safety tips at the Senior's Centre, followed by a Q&A to answer your questions about tech safety and scams.

# Special Events & Community Guests

## Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt | Ages 2-18

**Saturday, April 19 | 1:00-2:00 p.m.**

### Registration Required

Search for colourful eggs hidden throughout the Library, each filled with fun surprises and clues. Participants will have different clues for their age groups.

## Kites in Motion: Hands-On Workshop

**Saturday, May 10 | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

### Registration Required

Unleash your creativity and let your imagination take flight in this interactive kite-making workshop. Learn the art of aerodynamics and discover the secrets to building a kite that flies high and steady. All materials provided.

## Mother's Day Paint With Me

**Sunday, May 11 | 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

### Registration Required | Refreshments Provided

Celebrate the mom or mom-figure in your life with a special paint-along event with local artist Melissa Hall. Moms and kiddos will create their own paintings with guidance from Melissa. All materials provided.

## Father's Day Building Bonds

**Sunday, June 15 | 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

### Registration Required | Refreshments Provided

Celebrate the dad or dad-figure in your life with a special toy-building event at the Library. Dads and kiddos will build and take home their own toy together. Register for the toy you would like to build. All materials provided.

## Library Open House

**Friday, June 6 | 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

### Drop In | Refreshments Provided

Join us after-hours to provide valuable feedback for our community needs assessment to help shape the future of our library. A great chance to connect with fellow library lovers and enjoy some fun activities.

## Let's Talk: ESL with the Henday Association

**Tuesdays | 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

### Drop In

Improve your English conversational skills while getting to know your neighbours. For more information, call the Henday Association for Lifelong Learning at 403-227-2866.

## Career Leap Resume Review

**Wednesdays: April 2, May 7, and June 4**

**12:30-2:30 p.m. | Drop In**

Bring your resume to the Library for review by the Red Deer Career Leap Team. First come, first-served. For more information, contact Career Leap at 587-876-6025

## H.J. Cody Gives Back

**Thursday, May 8 | 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

### Drop In

Students from H.J. Cody will be at the Library with special activity stations throughout the Library, including face painting, bracelet making, button making, clay sculpting, and other fun crafts. Drop in for the event, or hang out after story time!





# Book Clubs and Reading Challenges

## Mystery Book Club

**Second Monday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
**Drop In | Sylvan Lake Municipal Library**  
**4715 50th Avenue**

**April 14:** *A Conspiracy of Bones* by Kathy Reichs

**May 12:** *The Christie Affair* by Nina de Gramont

**June 9:** *The Other Mrs.* by Mary Kubica

Read the mystery book of the month, then join us at the Library for a discussion.

## New Romantics Book Club

**Second Wednesday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Drop In**

**April 9 at Snake Lake Brewing Co.:** *Devil in Disguise* by Lisa Kleypas

**May 14 at the Library:** *The Paradise Problem* by Christina Lauren

**June 11 at Boston Pizza (outdoor patio):** *One Last Stop* by Casey McQuiston

Read the romance book of the month, then join us for a discussion.

## Bring Your Own Book Club

**Third Wednesday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Drop In | Lakeshore Café**

**#130 - 5003 Lakeshore Drive**

Read ANY book, then join us at Lakeshore Café to share your thoughts. View previous recommended reads on our website.

## Book-to-Movie Club

**Last Wednesday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Drop In | Lakeshore Café**

**#130 - 5003 Lakeshore Drive**

**April 30:** *Five Feet Apart* by Rachael Lippincott

**May 28:** *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris

**June 26:** *Heartstopper Vol. 1-3* by Alice Oseman

Watch the movie of the month and/or read the book it was based on, then join us at Lakeshore Café for a discussion. **Meet at the Library for June's discussion.**

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

### Ongoing At-Home Program

Track your child's reading from the ages of 0-5 (or until the end of Kindergarten). For every sheet they complete, they get to choose a prize. Once they've reached 1000 books, your child will receive a grand prize which includes a certificate of completion, books, toys, and other great prizes.

Introduce your child to books when they're young, and help foster a love of literacy!

## Hogwarts Reading Club

**September 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

Track your reading and earn points for your House! Sort yourself into your House: Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, or Slytherin - or let us sort you at random. Keep track of the books you read and their page count - the pages are your House Points. For bonus points, give a brief review of the book. Keep an eye out for monthly challenges! More information available on our website.



# Volunteer Opportunities

## Film Society Committee

### Help Select Titles for our Independent Film Series

Sign up for our Film Society Committee email list and receive information about upcoming TIFF selections for our screenings.

Volunteers can also help with poster distribution before each film, and selling tickets the night-of.

## Special Events at the Library

### Weekend and After-Hours Programs

Are you interested in helping with some of our special events at the Library? Head over to our website and fill out our volunteer application form.

## Reading Buddies

### Share a Love of Reading!

We're looking to pair strong readers who want to give back, with younger readers who need a little help with their reading progress.

If you're interested, contact the Library for more information!

## Snacks in the Stacks

### Afterschool Snacks for Kids

We're looking for regular sponsors for our afterschool snacks for kids at the Library. We're also looking for volunteers interested in helping shop for and prepare food for participants. If interested, contact the Library for more information!

**Thank you to our sponsors for their support!**



## Little Free Pantry

### Seeking Donations and Community Support

The Little Free Pantry is a free, no-questions-asked resource for those experiencing food insecurity. Donations of food and hygiene items can be made any time during our open hours. Donations of \$20.00 or more are eligible to receive a tax receipt.

## Library Board

### Second Wednesday of the Month | 6:30 p.m.

Library Board meetings are open to the public. Keep an eye out for openings on our Library Board to help support the Library.

## Home Deliveries

### Books for Homebound Individuals

We're looking for volunteers that are able to drive and transport books and other Library items to patrons who are homebound. Must have a vehicle, a valid driver's license and vehicle insurance.

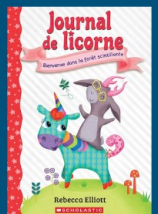
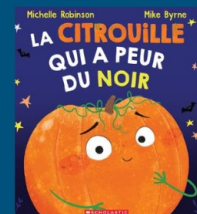
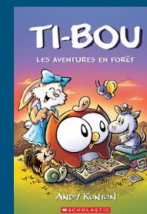
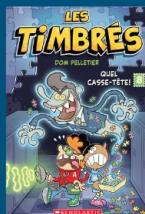
## Volunteer Appreciation Night

### Wednesday, April 30 | 4:30-6:30 p.m.

#### Drop In

Join us to celebrate our amazing volunteers with cake and refreshments. Meet fellow volunteers and socialize with friends old and new.

## découvrez ces nouveaux livres!





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MUNICIPAL  
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LITTLE FREE  
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**ABOUT US**

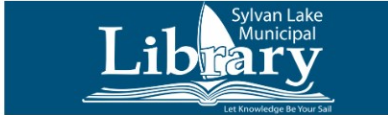
The Library houses a free no-questions-asked Little Free Pantry, where those in need can help themselves to perishable and non-perishable food items. The pantry can be accessed any time during our open hours, at no charge.

**OUR HISTORY**

In September of 2016, we started the Little Free Pantry in the centre of the library to help with growing food insecurities. We started with a few shelves, now we have 3 rows of shelves as well as a refrigerator.

**USAGE**

As food insecurity rises in the community, the need to restock high demand items becomes more frequent. Monetary donations go towards purchasing these items on a consistent basis.



**403-887-2130**

**MONETARY DONATIONS**

Donations can be made on our website, or in person at the library. Donations of \$20 or more can receive a tax-receipt. Donations can be made as a one-time gift or on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis.

**PHYSICAL DONATIONS**

Physical donations are made up of perishable and non-perishable food items, hygiene products, and toiletries. Businesses and community groups can gather these items, making their own large donation.

- High Demand Items**
- Canned protein
  - Canned fruit
  - Hygiene items
  - “Heat & eat” meals

- High Demand Items**
- Milk
  - Butter
  - Lunch meat
  - Cheese

**Thank you**

To all the individuals, groups, and businesses for your support, thank you.

# Library of Things

Libraries are more than just books!

Our Library of Things is made up of additional items available for borrowing, ranging from board games to technology items to outdoor play items.

Discover these items and more available for checkout, free with your library card!

Board Game Collection



Shifu Orboot Children's Globe



Illuminated Smart World Interactive Globe for Kids



Binoculars Kit



NexSource Passes



Lawn Dart Games



Envoy Connect



Kill A Watt Power Monitor



Ladder Ball Set



Fog Machine



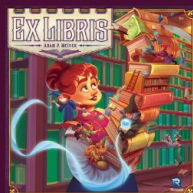
Guitar Pick Punch Kit



Bocce Ball Set



Check out these new board games!



Reusable Canvas Bags: \$5.25 | Headphones: \$2.50  
NexSource Passes: Free with your Library Card | Snap Fitness Passes: Free



Our outdoor book return is accessible 24/7 to drop off your items.

# Library Strategic Goals

## Create Young Readers

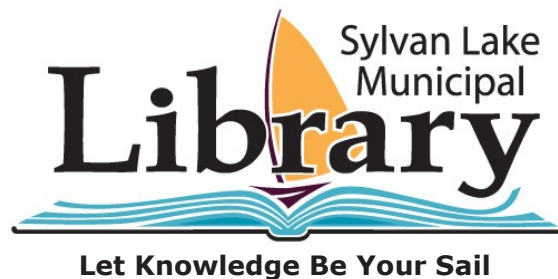
Children will have programs and services designed to ensure that they will enter school ready to learn, write, and listen.

## Know Your Community

Patrons will have a central source for information about the wide variety of community programs, services, and activities.

## Express Creativity

Patrons will have access to services and materials to enjoy and create original content in various formats and settings.



## Visit a Comfortable Place

Patrons will have a safe and welcoming space to meet and interact with others or to sit and work independently.

## Follow Us on Social Media

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