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# Allard Advantage

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## NEW HOURS IN 2025!

New year, new hours. For our library in St. Georges, we wanted to introduce some additional morning hours so we're now open at 11 am, every Tuesday to Saturday. This gives some consistency to our opening hours. Our closing times are still staggered, depending on the day. For our Victoria

Beach branch, we added an extra hour on Saturdays all year round – we're now open 10am-3pm every Saturday. This replaces our previous schedule where we were open 10-2 during most of the year, and then 10-4 from the May long weekend to the Sept long weekend.

### Allard -St. Georges

Tuesday - 11-5  
Wed & Thurs - 11-7  
Friday - 11-5  
Saturday - 11-4

### Victoria Beach Branch

Wednesday - 10-2  
Friday - 10-2  
Saturday - 10-3

## STAFF CHANGES

Valerie Townsend has been with Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library since July 2013. Val has been a friendly face at our St. Georges branch for many years and has recently re-located to Alberta to be closer to family. A huge THANK YOU to Val

for her years of hard work and dedication . We wish Val and Howard all the best! We recently advertised a circulation desk position for Allard and are thrilled to share we've hired Ashley Coss for the vacant position. Ashley worked for the library a few years ago. She is

bilingual and will be a wonderful addition to our library family. She will be at our Allard branch Wednesdays and every other Saturday in the new year.

Be sure to stop by and say hello.

## PURDY'S FUNDRAISER

A huge **thank you** to everyone who supported our fundraiser in the fall.

We hope everyone is enjoying their delicious chocolates, gummies, hot chocolate



and more!

The library made \$604.00 for programming!

We are so grateful to community members for the continued support with all the fundraisers we do year round!

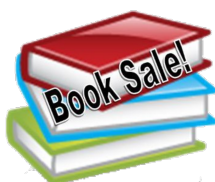
# LOVE TO READ MONTH

Library Allard will be celebrating Love to Read month this February in a few fun ways...

### 1) Book Sale at both branches!

Simply come down during regular business hours to take advantage of this amazing opportunity. You will be able to

fill a grocery bag of books, hardcover & soft cover, for only \$3.00!



There are many to choose from in ALL genres.

*Please bring your own bag*

Magazines and movies are available as well...Magazines are .25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00 and DVD's are \$1.00 each.

### 2) Book Draw at the circulation desk EVERY WEEK.

Simply enter your name and phone number when you visit both branches to be eligible for the draw! A purchase is not required.

Names will be removed after each weekly draw.

Come in each week to ensure you are entered. Draws will be on Fridays @ 1:00pm and winners will be notified.



### 3) In house game during the month at Allard... Guess the Book Character!

Simply pick up a game sheet at the front desk and try your luck at guessing all the characters!



# GENEOLOGY WORKSHOP

Join us for an introduction to ancestry research on **Saturday, February 15 from 1-3 pm.**

Wendy Barber, retired librarian and self-professed ancestry nerd, has spent the last 22 years researching her family's history and has learned all sorts of valuable lessons that she's keen to share with others. Wendy will talk about a whole variety of

topics, from using Ancestry (the company), developing a family tree, using census records and



other records such as birth, marriage, death and ship records, using DNA analysis and more. If genealogy research is something you've been thinking about, you won't want to miss this free session. Visit our website for more information at [www.allardlibrary.com](http://www.allardlibrary.com).

# 2025 READING CHALLENGE BINGO

**Congratulations to the winners of our 2024 reading challenge,** Stuart Juzda, Kim Bonekamp & Robin Anderson.. If you participated, we hope you enjoyed the chance to read books from a whole variety of categories throughout the year. We're in the process of planning a new reading challenge for 2025 and we'll launch it soon. It will be slightly different than the monthly challenge we've done for the past two years, so stay tuned for more details. Happy Reading.



## 2025 MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

At the beginning of each year, we launch our magazine campaign. We have 57 magazine subscriptions between our 2 branches and about half are sponsored each year.

We reach out to previous sponsors, local businesses and community members by sending sponsorship letters with a pre-paid stamped envelope for their contribution. The donation is acknowledged with a tax deductible receipt as well as an acknowledgment printed on the

outside cover of each magazine issue. With a sponsorship, the library is able to feature many types of magazines for community members each year. **A huge thank you to sponsors in 2024...**

**Allard:**

Anderson Family Vision Care; Caisse Financial - St. Georges; Dave's Furniture; Cyr's Septic; Hometown Sausage; Midway Foods; Kulyk Insurance & Financial; Papineau Motors; Ray-Ann Transport LTD; Powerview Auto;

Rapid Water & Deli; Access Credit Union; Blue Water RV Park; and Ginette McMullen

**Victoria Beach Branch:**

Wayne's Backhoe; Hillside Building Supply; DMD Electric; Lakeside Surveillance Ltd; Trainor Trucking; Helmut & Helen Hesse; and Doug & Vicki Peterson

If this is something you're interested in please email [asstlib@allardlibrary.com](mailto:asstlib@allardlibrary.com) to get started!

## UPCOMING SPRING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS!



*Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library's*

### Cinnaholic fundraiser

**Option 1** ONE DOZEN BABYBUNS WITH VANILLA FROSTING

**Option 2** 4 PACK REGULAR CINNAMON ROLLS WITH VANILLA FROSTING

**\$20**

ORDERS TO BE IN BY MARCH 18TH, PICK UP WILL BE THE FOLLOWING WEEK



### SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

AGES 5 - 12

DROP IN ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY TO TAKE PART IN MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES!

**APRIL 1, 3 & 4TH**

**1:00 - 2:00PM**



### LIBRARY ALLARD'S ANNUAL EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Thursday April 10th  
6:00pm - 7:00pm

visit [www.allardlibrary.com](http://www.allardlibrary.com) to register

maximum 12 kids

Sponsored by Access Credit Union

**LIBRARY ALLARD HOURS OF OPERATION:**

SUNDAY, MONDAY	<b>CLOSED</b>
TUESDAY	<b>11:00am - 5:00pm</b>
WEDNESDAY	<b>11:00 pm - 7:00pm</b>
THURSDAY	<b>11:00 pm - 7:00pm</b>
FRIDAY	<b>11:00pm - 5:00pm</b>
SATURDAY	<b>11:00am - 4:00pm</b>

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**VIC BEACH BRANCH HOURS OF OPERATION:**

WEDNESDAY	<b>10:00am - 2:00pm</b>
FRIDAY	<b>10:00am - 2:00pm</b>
SATURDAY	<b>10:00am - 3:00pm</b>

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