

# wood buffalo regional library

## February 2023

### Your New Virtual Library Experience

We're beyond thrilled to officially switch over to the new **wbri.ca** on February 13. We've heard your feedback over the years and hope you enjoy your new virtual experience.

Here are some of the features we're most excited about:

- Mobile-friendly and easy to use on any device.
- Easily use the main search bar to search the website, catalogue, FAQs, or events
- The header navigation is intuitive and based on natural language to easily find what you are looking for or check out curated content
  - Multiple options for filtering programs & events by date, location, type, who's going to see a custom list, or search for the event you want.
- Easily find answers to some of the most popular questions in the FAQs

We hope you love the new and improved website as much as we do!

### Freedom to Read Week February 19-25

Freedom to Read Week encourages Canadians to reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom. Books are challenged across Canada each year. Public libraries celebrate Freedom to Read and their mission to protect books and other materials from censorship. Check out our in-library displays of banned and challenged books or one of our lists on **wbri.ca**.

### English for Foreign Workers (18+) Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm

English For Foreign Workers conversation circle is for TFWs and other non-permanent residents who want the opportunity to practice and improve their English ability. We will focus on speaking, reading and writing, with a different topic covered at each relaxed and informal session. In partnership with YMCA of Northern Alberta. No registration required.



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**Saturday-Monday**  
10am to 5pm  
**Tuesday-Friday**  
10am to 8pm



### Team Trivia

Friday, February 10 7:30pm

Join us for an evening of fun, facts, and friends! Team Trivia is a game for adult teams of 4. Register until February 6 (or until the maximum teams are reached).

For more info, contact Nicole at 780-792-5138 or [nicole.andrews@wbri.ca](mailto:nicole.andrews@wbri.ca).

\*\$120 fee/team of 4

\*Cash prizes for top 3 teams

\* Door prizes

\*Snacks & cash bar

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### Exam Proctoring

Do you need to write an industry, trade, university or any type of supervised exam? We're resuming exam proctoring services each Wednesday evening beginning February 8th! Your pre-booked exam will be supervised by a Library Invigilator and held in a quiet room along with several other exam takers.

Visit **wbri.ca** for more information or to submit a request form (available as of January 25) to book a date for a proctored exam.

### Updates to Media Items

Have you ever had to put back a movie because you had 1 or 2 too many to check out? Not anymore! We've removed the borrowing limits on all physical media items including movies, music, and video games. Patrons can now borrow media items with no limits.

### Faster Checkouts for Switch Games

Good news, gamers! We're switching our Nintendo Switch games over to the larger lockable cases, like our other video games! This means Switch games will no longer need to be checked out by a staff member at the desk. Now you can be in and out with the latest Switch games in no time at the Self Checkouts!

### Beanstack Challenges

Compete in the Valentine's Challenge on Beanstack!

**For the Love of Reading (all ages)**



**\*Rise & Shine, Tween Create, and STEM Lab:**  
The exact same programs will take place on consecutive Saturdays & Sundays each weekend.

**Registration Required**  
**Drop in**

# February

**Afternoon Activities is designed for teens & adults with disabilities.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> English for Foreign Workers (18+) 6-7:30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Book Babies (Newborn-1yr) 10:30-11:30am Afternoon Activities 1:30-2:30pm Teen RPG Night: Lasers & Feelings (13-17yrs) 6-8pm	<b>4</b> *Rise & Shine (Newborn-5yrs) 10:30-11:30am *Tween Create (9-12yrs) 1:30-2:30
<b>5</b> *Rise & Shine (Newborn-5yrs) 10:30-11:30am *Tween Create (9-12yrs) 1:30-2:30	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Tiny Tykes (1-5yrs) 10:30am-11:30am	<b>8</b> English for Foreign Workers (18+) 6-7:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Book Babies (Newborn-1yr) 10:30-11:30am Afternoon Activities 1:30-2:30pm	<b>11</b> *Rise & Shine (Newborn-5yrs) 10:30-11:30am *Tween Create (9-12yrs) 1:30-2:30 *STEM Lab (6-8yrs) 3:30-4:30pm
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<b>19</b> *Rise & Shine (Newborn-5yrs) 10:30-11:30am *Tween Create (9-12yrs) 1:30-2:30 *STEM Lab (6-8yrs) 3:30-4:30pm	<b>20</b> <b>Library Closed</b>	<b>21</b> Elder Story Time (1-5yrs) 10:30am-11:30am Adult Paint Night (18+) 6-8pm	<b>22</b> Homeschoolers' Hangout 1-3pm English for Foreign Workers (18+) 6-7:30pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Book Babies (Newborn-1yr) 10:30-11:30am Afternoon Activities 1:30-2:30pm	<b>25</b> Rise & Shine (Newborn-5yrs) 10:30-11:30am *Tween Create (9-12yrs) 1:30-2:30 *STEM Lab (6-8yrs) 3:30-4:30pm
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