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February 1

Parks, Recreation & Culture e-Newsletter



Things to do in Richmond on BC Family Day Weekend

4 days of fun, February 14-17

Join us for Family Day Weekend! It's a great chance for families to stay active and have fun together. From Friday, February 14, through the weekend, enjoy over 45 free and low-cost events and programs. Activities across the city include swimming, skating, open gyms, drop-in sports and crafts.

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Spring Program Registration Starts February 11

Fitness, arts, sports, music and more

Spring is right around the corner and so is registration for thousands of active, social, educational and fun programs. Mark these important dates in your calendar to make sure you are ready to register for programs that happen March 31 through June 29:

- Fri, Jan 31 | Courses viewable online
- Tue, Feb 11 | Online registration for spring programs begins (8:00pm for Aquatics only | 9:00pm for all other programs)
- Wed, Feb 12 | In-person and Call Centre registration for spring programs

Programs and activities are available for all ages and skill levels.

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Children Arts Festival

Imagination, creativity and family fun!

Kids of all ages are invited for a day of creativity and fun at the annual Richmond Children's Arts Festival, taking place on BC Family Day (Monday, February 17) from 10:30am to 5:00pm at the Richmond Library/Cultural Centre and Cultural Centre Annex. This year will feature the legendary Canadian children's performer Norman Foote, along with many new and reimagined activities.

A fresh perspective comes with the Rumpus Room—a DJ dance party for children and youth—and Axis Theatre's popular children's play Frog Belly Rat Bone. Festival favourites Ginalina, Wild Moccasin Dancers, Chinese Lion Dancers and Jill Raymond will return to the entertainment line-up alongside storytelling with Debra Sparrow, Oh Clementine! Family Folk Band, music from Fangfei Guzheng and innovative shadow puppetry by international touring company Mind of a Snail.

Festival site entry is free and includes drop-in access to a range of creative activities and performances with a focus on sustainability, nature and climate change. In addition, children can be pre-registered for scheduled and structured artist-led Creativity Classes such as papermaking, weaving, pottery, creative movement, theatre, dance, painting and more through the festival website at childrenartsfestival.ca.

The Children's Arts Festival is produced by the City of Richmond and presented in partnership with the Richmond Public Library.

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Black History Month

February 1 to 28

The City of Richmond is again celebrating and honouring Black History Month in February with events and activities that pay tribute to the legacy and rich cultural heritage of the Black community in Canada.

- Exhibition: Tarcila Neves: Roots of Resilience Collection
Jan 31-Feb 28
Opening Reception: Sat, Feb 1, 1:00-3:00pm
[Richmond Cultural Centre](#)
- Artist Salon: Tarcila Neves on Digital Tools for Accessibility
Wed, Feb 26, 7:00-8:30pm
[Richmond Art Gallery](#)
- Music with Checo Tohomaso
Sun, Feb 9, 1:00-2:00pm
- Author Talk with Ruby Díaz: Searching for Serafim
Sun, Feb 9, 2:00-3:00pm (Register now)
[Richmond Public Library - Brighthouse Library](#)

For full details, visit richmond.ca/BlackHistoryMonth.

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Art at Work

Workshops for Artists

The City of Richmond has launched the 2025 Art at Work series of free, professional development workshops designed for artists and arts organizations.

This annual series features workshops and presentations on a wide range of topics, giving participants the opportunity to build knowledge and skills essential for pursuing a professional career in public, performance, visual and community arts.

Space is limited. Registration opens one month in advance of each session date.

Creating Budgets for Public Art Projects

Facilitated by artist Sara Graham

Sat, Feb 8, 1:00-3:00pm

[Richmond Cultural Centre](#), Performance Hall

Tax Basics for Artists

Facilitated by Marianna Scott, Quantum Accounting Services

Sat, Feb 15, 10:00am-1:00pm

Online presentation

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What's Happening at the Library this Month

Lunar New Year Drop-in Celebration

Immerse yourself in the festivities, culture and traditions of the Lunar New Year. Join us for family-friendly activities and performances, including a lion dance, Martial Arts demonstration, Chinese art & calligraphy, musical performances, lantern riddles, children's arts & crafts and more. Registration not required.

Sat, Feb 8, 1:00-4:00pm

[Brighthouse Library](#)

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SAVE the DATE

Community Services Pop Ups

Thu, Feb 13, 3:00-5:00pm
Brighthouse Library

Income Tax Benefits and Credits

Tue, Feb 25, 2:00-4:00pm
Ironwood Library

Community Services

Connectors Program

Every Sunday, 2:00-4:00pm
Ironwood Library

Walk Richmond

Sat, Feb 1, 10:00am
Wed, Feb 5, 10:00am
Various locations

**Watch for the next Parks, Recreation and Culture e-Newsletter
on Saturday, February 15.**

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