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**Parks, Recreation & Culture e-Newsletter**



## **Culture Days Recognizes Richmond as Active Champion of Arts and Culture**

### **Richmond celebrates big win**

Each year, across Canada, Culture Days reaches millions of people to experience the transformative role of the arts and reminds us that creativity, culture and connection are the cornerstones of vibrant communities. The 15th annual Culture Days was held from September 20 to October 13, 2024 and offered a diverse range of free, interactive events and experiences.

The Richmond Cultural Centre and Richmond Cultural Centre Annex was an official hub, providing creative spaces for 28 activities. Many of these activities coincided with the September 21 and 22 kick-off weekend that welcomed thousands of visitors over two days. An opening ceremony included remarks by Mayor Malcolm Brodie and a traditional welcome by Musqueam representative Mary Point as well as a performance by the Richmond Orchestra and Chorus Association, with Councillors and community leaders in attendance.

Weekend highlights included open studio events and activities by the Resident Art Groups, Richmond Museum's Family Treasures exhibit opening, featuring a treasure hunt and teddy bear repair fair, It begins with knowing and not knowing exhibition at the Richmond Art Gallery, as well as Rooftop Garden Series workshops as part of the Foodways exhibition, Chinese folk and contemporary dance performance by Vancouver We Dance Association of Canada, community art exhibitions, live music performances and more.

Free participatory activities continued for 24 days across Richmond, including an additional hub at the Seniors Centre at the Minoru Centre for Active Living with more ways to explore the arts and opportunities to meet the community groups that convene frequently.

Culture Days reserves September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, intentionally for public commemoration and Indigenous-related programs. A free film screening of *Wilfred Buck (2024)* at the Cultural Centre featured an introduction by Anishinaabe director Lisa Jackson, part of a coast-to-coast-to-coast dialogue of Indigenous experiences and perspectives from across the country, and honoured the creative and cultural

expressions of First Peoples and communities.

Richmond is consistently recognized as being among Culture Days' top 10 most engaged cities in the country. The national office congratulated Richmond as the #1 top participating community in BC, placing third nationally among Mid-Size Cities and eighth overall, with 93 activities.

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## Free Guided Walks

### Join us to stay or get active

Walking regularly is a simple and effective way to achieve the recommended 30 to 60 minutes of daily physical activity for good health. The Walk Richmond program makes this goal easier with free guided and safe walks throughout the year and offers participants the chance to discover parks, trails and picturesque sites throughout Richmond.

Walks are open to all ages, are about one hour long and include a warm-up, cool-down and stretch. Walks take place in all weather and are drop-in. Be sure to check the list of upcoming walks and mark your calendar to join us.

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## Building Financial Security Workshop

### Free drop-in and learn with Snacks and Facts

Drop by and learn how to build financial security through tax filing, accessing benefits and tax credits, and putting your money to work through saving and investing. Learn more about saving with a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA), Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP). This workshop will be held at the [Ironwood Library](#) (8200-11688 Steveston Highway) on Tuesday, January 28, between 2:00 to 4:00pm. Presented by [Family Services of Greater Vancouver](#). No registration required.

Snacks and Facts workshops focus on topics of interest to Richmond residents with lower incomes. These workshops, led by a local organization(s), are hosted by the City of Richmond and Richmond Public Library and held at various times throughout the year.

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 **Snacks & Facts**





## Library Happenings

### What's on at the Library

#### 2025 Chinese New Year Couplets Contest

Submit an entry to the popular online Chinese Couplets Contest to celebrate the Spring Festival and try for a chance to win a prize.

Simply write a 2nd line to complement the Library's 1st line of:

At the start of the New Year, the dragon returns to his castle to re-energize himself;

The 2nd line criteria is:

- both lines must have the same number of characters;
- each character must be from the same word class;
- the tone pattern of both lines must mirror each other; and
- the meaning of both lines must be complementary.

[Enter online](#)

#### 2024 Book lists

If you're searching for your next great read, consider choosing one or more from the top books from 2024. Here's a list that might pique your interest:

- Nexus, by Yuval Harai
- The Briar Club, by Kate Quinn
- The Serviceberry, by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- On Freedom, by Timothy Synder
- All Fours, by Miranda July
- The Midnight Feast, by Lucy Foley

[Discover more details about each one](#)

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## Save the Date

### **Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program**

Apply by Sun, Feb 9, 11:59pm  
[Online](#)

### **Managing Stress, Anxiety and Depression Workshop - 55+**

Thu, Feb 20, 2:30-4:00pm  
[Senior Centre at Minoru Centre for Active Living](#)

### **Museum of Anthropology Trip - 55+**

Wed, Feb 26, 11:00am-3:30pm  
[Thompson Community Centre](#)

### **Kids Only Swap Meet**

Sun, Feb 2, 10:00am-2:00pm  
[Steveston Community Centre](#)

**Watch for the next Parks, Recreation and Culture e-Newsletter on Saturday, February 1.**

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