Programs at the Library

Photo story
Activities
Teacher notes

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1. This is Jerry and his children, Hannah and Tom. Yesterday, he took them to the Millennium Library.

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A. What do you know about special programs? Answer the following questions with T (true) or F (false).

1. ____ Only the Millennium Library has programs.
2. ____ You can go to a program only if you have a library card.
3. ____ All libraries have Story Time.
4. ____ Some libraries even have music concerts.
5. ____ You have to pay to go to programs at the library.
6. ____ You can learn how to use computers at the library.

B. Check off the programs that you think the library has.

_____ story time for children   _____ conversation groups   _____ movie nights
_____ computer programs        _____ children's birthday parties   _____ lectures
_____ music concerts           _____ writing classes              _____ magic shows
_____ visits by authors

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C. Look at the pictures and put the correct words in the blanks. Put the verbs into the past tense.

Verbs: explain / register / sing / sit down / show / want

Nouns: brochure / carpet / Family Story Time / newsletter / programs / songs

1. Jerry ____________ to take Hannah and Tom to _________________.

2. They ____________ on the ______________ while the librarian read them a story.

3. At the end of Story Time, they ____________ some ________________.

4. The librarian ____________ Jerry a ______________ with the list of programs.

5. She ____________ to Jerry how to sign up for ________________ at the library.

6. Jerry ____________ Hannah and Tom for Story Time, and Hannah took a Story Time _________________.

D. Skimming and Scanning

Look at the library newsletter sample and write short answers to the following questions.

On Page 1 of the Newsletter Sample:

1. How much does it cost to go to a library program? ____________________________

2. Which libraries have English Conversation Groups? ____________________________

3. Can children join English Conversation Groups? ____________________________

4. Who is the moderator for the Finding Your Voice program? ____________________________

5. What other languages can you practice at the library? ____________________________

6. When is the EAL Reading Group? ____________________________

7. Do you need to know some French to join the French Conversation Groups? _______

On Page 2 of the Newsletter Sample:

1. Which library has a workshop called Introduction to the Computer? ______________

2. Where is the Email Basics workshop? ____________________________

3. In which program can you learn how to search Google? ____________________________

4. Which program is an appointment with library staff to learn about online resources? ____________________________

5. Where is the Comedy Lunch Hour Special held? ____________________________
6. Who teaches how to cook healthy recipes? _______________________________________

7. When is Jeanette Adams’ gardening program? _______________________________________

8. What entertainment does Grant Simpson share? _______________________________________

On Page 3 of the Newsletter Sample

1. For what ages are the Tween Book Clubs? ___________________________________________

2. Which Book will the Tween Book Club read at the Henderson library? _________________

3. How often does the Tween Drawing Club meet? _______________________________________

4. Which program has a trivia challenge? _____________________________________________

5. If you live near Sir William Stephenson library, what program can you register for? ______

6. For what ages is the Homework Club? _____________________________________________

7. At which program do participants act in a play? _____________________________________

8. At which program are costumes welcome? _________________________________________
On Page 4 of the Newsletter Sample

1. How many libraries have Family Story Time? ____________________________

2. What can you build with Magformers? _______________________________

3. Which movie is based on the book Yeti Tracks? _______________________

4. Do you need to register for Family Story Time at Harvey Smith Library? __________

5. When is the Let There Be Unicorns program? _______________________

6. For what ages is the Baby Rhyme Time program? _______________________

7. How many minutes long is the Toddler Time program? ________________

8. How do parents register their children for these programs? (3 ways)
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As a class, try to guess the meaning of the following words or activities:

1. Creative Writing (page 1)

2. Streaming (page 2)

3. ‘Hidden’ poetry (page 3)

4. Finger plays (page 4)
E. Tell your partner which program you want to take your child (children) to, and why you chose this activity. If you don’t have children, tell your partner about a program that you want to attend.

F. Make an oral presentation to the class about a well-known fable in your culture. Explain the lesson that can be learned from the fable. You can also ask your classmates to tell you what lesson they learned after listening to your fable.
G. Write about a well-known children’s fable from your country. Tell the story and explain the lesson learned from the fable. You may want to include some illustrations! You can create a library of fables that classmates can borrow and read to their children.
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Teacher notes

These photo stories and activities were produced to introduce EAL/ESL and new learners to the wealth of programs, collections and services of Winnipeg Public Library. The photo stories help visually guide the learner through common experiences of the library. The activities help reinforce vocabulary and encourage familiarity with library resources.

Each module presents a new topic to expand library knowledge, vocabulary and reading, writing, and speaking skills. Supplementary handouts and guides are also available for classroom and individual use. All materials are available in .pdf at winnipeg.ca/library.

Please note that library fines, fees and hours are subject to change. Content will be updated periodically to reflect changes to library hours, fees and collections. Visit the Library’s website at winnipeg.ca/library for up to date information on the library.

Feedback is always welcome. Contact the Administrative Coordinator of Adult Programming, Winnipeg Public Library at 204-986-6462.

The photo story and activities are suitable for Canadian Language Benchmarks 3-4.

Teacher Notes

The activities for this unit are arranged according to a suggested sequence for learning. The lessons target the following skill areas:

Reading (A) (B) (C) (D)
Writing (G)
Speaking (E) (F)

Teacher Instructions and Answer Keys

A What do you know about special programs? Answer the following questions with T (true) or F (false).


B The library has all of the programs listed except children’s birthday parties
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Teacher notes

C Activity with pictures

1. wanted / family story time
2. sat down / carpet
3. sang / songs
4. showed / newsletter
5. explained / programs
6. registered / brochure

D Skimming and Scanning

Page 1

1. All library programs are free
2. Millennium, Pembina Trail, and Harvey Smith Libraries
3. No
4. Janine LeGal
5. French
6. Saturdays from 2-3:30 pm
7. Yes

Page 2

1. Millennium Library
2. Wednesday, April 3 from 6-8 pm
3. Internet Basics
4. eMedia HELP
5. Millennium Library
6. Sharon Steward
7. St. Boniface Library
8. Vaudeville variety shows
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1. 9-12 years
2. *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* by J.K. Rowling
3. Weekly, on Saturdays
4. Making with Minecraft
5. Ultimate Building Challenge
6. 6-17
7. Shakespeare Challenge

Page 4

1. 5 libraries
2. 3D creatures, cars, castles, or anything you can imagine!
3. Smallfoot
4. No. It is a drop in program
5. Tuesday, March 26: 2-3 pm
6. newborn to 18 months
7. 20-30 minutes
8. You can register in person, by phone or online
Find out the meaning of the following words or activities:

Ask students to guess the meaning of these words/phrases. Continue by asking them questions to get closer to the meaning. Encourage them to “google” some of the words to see how close they are to guessing their meanings.

1. Creative Writing (page 1)
   Writing that expresses ideas and thoughts in an imaginative way." It’s the “art of making things up”.

2. Streaming (page 2)
   Streaming music or movies lets you enjoy them without requiring you to download files from the internet.

3. ‘Hidden’ poetry (page 3)
   Creating “hidden” poetry involves blacking out most of the words on a page of a book, magazine or newspaper so that the remaining words become your poem.

4. Finger plays (page 4)
   Finger plays are children’s poems or rhymes with hand and finger movements. Small finger puppets may also be used.
LIBRARY NEWSLETTER SAMPLE

The Winnipeg Public Library’s newsletter *At the Library* has information on library programs, news, membership, locations and phone numbers. The newsletter is published every two months and is available at the library and on the library’s website [winnipeg.ca/library](http://winnipeg.ca/library).

Below is an example of library programs. The current issue is at the library or read it on the library website. The library has programs for everyone - adults, teens, children and families. You may have to register for some programs. You can register by phone, in-person or online. **All programs are free!**

### ADULT PROGRAMMING

**English Conversation Groups**
Improve your English speaking and listening skills and meet new friends. For EAL learners who can speak English in short sentences (CLB 4+). Attending every week is expected. Childcare is not provided. Registration closes after the second meeting.

**MILLENNIUM LIBRARY**
Meeting Room 1
Saturdays: 10:30 am-12 pm

**PEMBINA TRAIL LIBRARY**
Mondays: 6:30-8 pm

**HARVEY SMITH LIBRARY**
Tuesdays: 6:30-8 pm

**Finding Your Voice: Life Writing for New Canadians**
This six-week creative writing program discusses writing and publishing resources and provides an opportunity for networking. Build your writing, editing and storytelling skills! Sessions are moderated by Janine LeGal. For EAL (English as an Additional Language) writers only. Basic English writing skills are necessary. We suggest a minimum of CLB 4. Attending all six dates is expected.

**MILLENNIUM LIBRARY**
Dr. Anne Smigel Room
Saturdays: 10:15 am-12:30 pm

**EAL Reading Group For Newcomers**
Practice your English language reading and conversation skills at our EAL (English as an Additional Language) Reading Group! You will be given materials to read at home. Then, we will meet as a group to talk about what you have read. You’ll meet new people, learn something new, build vocabulary, and share your opinions and experiences.

This program is best suited to EAL learners at an intermediate level (CLB 5-6). Attending all dates is expected. Childcare is not available.

**ST. JAMES-ASSINIBOIA LIBRARY**
Saturdays from 2-3:30 pm

**Cercle de conversation francaise French Conversation Group**
Venez exercer vos compétences orales en français dans une ambiance décontractée et faites de belles rencontres! Si vous pouvez formuler de courtes phrases en français, ce cercle de conversation est pour vous! Il est important de venir chaque semaine et d'organiser soi-même un service de gardiennage. À noter que ce n’est pas un cours de français. Come brush up your French speaking and listening skills in a relaxed atmosphere. Please note, this is not a French course - attendees should be able to speak French in short sentences. Registration open until second class only, space permitting.

**BIBLIOTHÈQUE DE SAINT-BONIFACE**
Du mardi de 18 h 30 à 20 h
These hands-on workshops provide basic skills for further learning on your own. Limited space available. Repeat registration for the same workshop may be limited to ensure that the program is available for everyone. Interested in learning more about computers and other programs? Check out the free online courses on LyndaLibrary at guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/lynda.

Introduction to the Computer
An introduction to the basics of computer use, focusing on turning a computer on and off, using a mouse, the different parts of Windows, and how to open and close programs.

MILLENNIUM LIBRARY
Computer Training Lab
Saturday, March 30: 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Email Basics
Learn to receive and open, reply to, format, and send email.

ST. BONIFACE LIBRARY
Wednesday, April 3: 6-8 pm

Internet Basics
An introduction to searching the Internet including using a browser, search engines such as Google, and opening and exploring websites.

ST. JAMES-ASSINIBOIA LIBRARY
Thursday, March 21: 6-8 pm

Word Processing Level 1
Learn about editing and formatting text using Word 2010, including opening and saving documents.

WINDSOR PARK LIBRARY
Tuesday, April 16: 6-8 pm

eMedia HELP
One-on-One Appointments
Book a 45-minute appointment with Library Staff for help with any of the library’s online resources - eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers, streaming music and video, and databases. General training on how to use devices is not covered during these appointments.

MILLENNIUM LIBRARY
Meeting Room 1
Tuesday, March 12
Appointments available at: 10:15 am, 11:15 am, 12:15 pm

FORT GARRY LIBRARY
Wednesday, April 3
Appointments available at: 10:15 am, 11:15 am, 12:45 pm, 1:45 pm, 2:45 pm, 3:45 pm

ST. VITAL LIBRARY
Monday, April 15
Appointments available at: 1:15 pm, 2:15 pm, 3:30 pm, 5:45 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm

Comedy Lunch Hour Special
Come to the library to tickle your funny bone with The Winnipeg Comedy Festival. Hear world-class comics being louder than one should be in a library. Don’t be afraid to laugh out loud yourself!

MILLENNIUM LIBRARY
Reader Services Area
Monday, April 29-Thursday, May 2
12:15-1 pm

Gardening with Children
How do carrots grow? Why don’t all flowers smell nice? Capture a child’s natural curiosity by getting them out in the garden and experiencing the joy of seeing plants grow. Jeannette Adams, Master Gardener, will share ideas that will help you grow a new generation of gardeners.

ST. BONIFACE LIBRARY
Saturday, April 27: 2-3 pm

Cooking for a Community
Local chef and author Sharon Steward presents cooking for larger groups - from families to communities - including preparing and planning meals in advance. Learn recipes that are simple, healthy and allergen-friendly.

FORT GARRY LIBRARY
Tuesday, April 2: 6:30-7:30 pm

Greasepaint on the Prairies: The Story of Vaudeville in Winnipeg
Before movies and television, vaudeville variety shows were one of the popular forms of entertainment with an abundance of local theatres hosting shows. With song, stories, and slides, Grant Simpson shares Winnipeg’s rich vaudeville past including the story of Alexander Pantages and the Pantages theatre empire.

MILLENNIUM LIBRARY
Carol Shields Auditorium
Saturday, March 30: 2-3:30 pm
**Millennium of Magic: A Harry Potter Event**
Compete for the House Cup! Wands! Trivia! Quidditch! Does your House have what it takes to be the champs? Costumes welcome. Grades 7-12.

**MILO LIBRARY**
Carol Shields Auditorium
Saturday, March 16: 3:30-5:30 pm

**Making with Minecraft**
Work in teams to create a Minecraft world with snap cubes, and paper crafts. Test your knowledge with our Minecraft trivia challenge! Ages 9-12.

**HARNEY SMITH LIBRARY**
Saturday, March 23: 2-4 pm

**Hidden Poetry and Button Making**
Creating “hidden” poetry involves blacking out most of the words on a page of a book, magazine or newspaper so that the remaining words become your poem. Take things one step further and create your own button. All supplies provided. Just bring your creativity! Drop in. Grades 7-12.

**MUNROE LIBRARY**
Tuesday, March 26: 6-7:30 pm

**Shakespeare Challenge**
Be prepared to take a part, and read aloud a complete play by the Bard. No advance prep necessary, we will assign parts to whoever shows up! Drop in. Grades 7-12.

**LOUIS RIEL LIBRARY**
Tuesday, March 26: 6-8 pm

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**Ultimate Building Challenge**
A series of fun challenges to design and build structures that nearly defy gravity. Using simple materials like spaghetti, paper cups, marshmallows and KEVA® planks. Ages 9-12.

**SIR WILLIAM STEPHENSON LIBRARY**
Saturday, March 23: 2-3 pm

**The Great Robot Race**
Come and play with Dash, the robot! Team up to design and build an obstacle course, then race your robot to the finish line. Ages 9-12.

**CHARLESWOOD LIBRARY**
Monday, March 25: 2:30-4:30 pm

**MUNROE LIBRARY**
Tuesday, April 30: 6-8 pm

**Homework Club**
Free homework help for students ages 6-17 with tutors from Frontier College. To register, call Karen Ste. Marie at Frontier College, 204-253-7993, or email kstemarie@frontiercollege.ca

**MILLION LIBRARY**
Mondays: 6-7 pm
Session ends Monday, April 15.

**Math Homework Club**
Free math homework help for students ages 6-17 with tutors from Frontier College. To register, call Karen Ste. Marie at Frontier College, 204-253-7993, or email kstemarie@frontiercollege.ca

**PEMBINA TRAIL LIBRARY**
Thursdays: 6-7 pm
Session ends Thursday, April 18.

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**Tween Clubs**

**Book Clubs**
Laugh, have fun, meet new friends, and talk about some awesome books. Ages 9-12. Registration is ongoing throughout the year if space available.

**CHARLEWOOD LIBRARY**
Saturdays: 10:30-11:30 am
March 30: Mr & Mrs Bunny - Detectives Extraordinaire by Polly Horvath
April 27: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

**HENDERSO LIBRARY**
Saturday March 23: 2:30-3:30 pm
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J.K. Rowling

**TRANSCONA LIBRARY**
Thursdays: 6:30-7:30 pm
March 7: Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
April 4: The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket

**Tween Drawing Club**
Do you like to draw? Join us as we use library materials and online resources to practice this fun and useful skill. Supplies provided. Ages 9-12.

**LOUIS RIEL LIBRARY**
Saturdays: 3-4 pm
March 9, 23; April 13, 20
Early Literacy Programs

Join other families for these staff-led programs featuring age appropriate stories, songs, finger plays, felt stories, and action rhymes. Discover simple but powerful practices to nurture pre-reading skills at home.

Developing strong early literacy skills, from birth to age 5, has a long-term impact on children's reading achievement and academic success. Story time is a place where learning and fun happen at the same time! All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. You can register in person, by phone or online at winnipeg.ca/library.

**Book-to-Movie for Kids**

**Smallfoot**
A bright young Yeti finds something he thought didn’t exist: a human. News of this throws the simple Yeti community into an uproar over what else might be out there in the big world beyond their snowy village. Based on the book Yeti Tracks by Sergio Pablos. 96 min. Rated PG.

**Carol Shields Auditorium**
Friday, March 29: 1:30 pm

**Let There be Unicorns**
Get your very own unicorn name, make a unicorn craft and have fun playing unicorn games. Ages 6-12.

**Fort Garry Library**
Tuesday, March 26: 2-3 pm

**Magformers**
Play with Magformers® magnetic construction sets and build 3D creatures, cars, castles, or anything you can imagine! Ages 6-12.

**Sir William Stephenson Library**
Wednesday, March 11: 7-8 pm

**Baby Rhyme Time**
Introduce your baby to the sounds of language through rhymes, songs, and simple stories. For babies newborn to 18 months and a parent/caregiver. 20-30 minutes.

**Charleswood Library**
Thursdays: 10:30 am, 2 pm

**Fort Garry Library**
Wednesdays: 1:30 pm, Thursdays: 10:30 am

**Harvey Smith Library**
Mondays: 10:30 am

**Pembina Trail Library**
Mondays: 10:30 am, Tuesdays: 10:30 am

**Transcona Library**
Mondays: 10:30 am, Mondays: 2:30 pm

**Windsor Park Library**
Thursdays: 2 pm

**Family Story Time**
Discover how reading with your child can help prepare them to learn to read and print. And it’s a lot of fun too! For children up to 5 years and a parent/caregiver, but siblings of all ages can enjoy being part of the action. 30 minutes.

**Charleswood Library**
Tuesdays: 2 pm

**Fort Garry Library**
Thursdays: 6:30 pm

**Drop In for these Family Story Times:**
**Harvey Smith Library**
Fridays: 10:30 am

**Millennium Library**
Tuesdays: 2 pm

**Osborne Library**
Fridays: 10:30 am

**Toddler Time**
Help your child learn about letters, numbers, colours, shapes and more by sharing books, songs, and rhymes. For children 19-36 months and a parent/caregiver. 20-30 minutes.

**Charleswood Library**
Fridays: 10:30 am

**Fort Garry Library**
Fridays: 10:30 am

**Henderson Library**
Tuesdays: 10:30 am

**Louis Riel Library**
Fridays: 10:30 am

**Transcona Library**
Thursdays: 2 pm

**West Kildonan Library**
Fridays: 10:30 am

**Share and Tell Story Time**
Everyone is welcome to share stories, songs and rhymes that help to develop English language abilities and early literacy skills. For children ages 3-5, their siblings and a parent/caregiver. Drop in. 30 minutes.

**St. James-Assiniboia Library**
Fridays: 10:30 a.m.