

# around town

## JANUARY 2010



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<p><u>January 5, 12, 19, 26</u> Medicine Hat Public Library 414 First Street S.E. 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>BABIES &amp; ONES</b> For babies 4 - 12 months of age as well as their parents/caregivers. Join us for rhymes, songs and fingerplays.</p>	<p><b>Free</b> Advance registration is required. Please phone or visit in person beginning December 29</p>	<p>Information and to register call: 403.502.8526 <a href="http://www.mhpl.info">www.mhpl.info</a></p>
<p><u>January 5, 12, 19, 26</u> Medicine Hat Public Library 414 First Street S.E. Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>EVENING FAMILY STORY TIME</b> - these drop in story times are fun for toddlers through ten year olds as well as their parents, grandparents, and friends. Enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and an activity to celebrate a new theme each week. Pajamas and teddy bears welcome!</p>	<p><b>Free</b> <b>Please drop in!</b></p>	<p>Information call: 403.502.8526 <a href="http://www.mhpl.info">www.mhpl.info</a></p>
<p><u>January 6 - 29</u> Cultural Centre Gallery 299 College Drive SE <u>Gallery Hours</u> 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>THE MEDICINE HAT PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S GREATEST HITS: THE REUNION TOUR</b> - an exhibition of recent works in celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of the Medicine Hat Photography Club. <b>APERTURE</b> - hand-built vessels featuring variations of openings, piercings and cavities by Medicine Hat ceramic artist <i>Leonard Keays</i>.</p>	<p><b>Reception:</b> January 10, 2010 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Information call: Allan Jensen 403.502.9006</p>
<p><u>January 7</u> Medicine Hat Public Library Theatre 414 First Street S.E. 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday Afternoon at the Movies presents: ANASTASIA (1956)</b> - Following the Russian Revolution in 1917, an expatriate White Russian general finds a destitute young woman on the banks of the Seine River in Paris. Amazed by her resemblance to Anastasia, the youngest daughter of Czar Nicholas of Russia, he persuades her to impersonate the missing princess. But who is she? Starring Ingrid Bergman, Yul Brynner and Helen Hayes. Followed by afternoon tea courtesy of the Veiner Centre.</p>	<p><b>Free</b> Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Veiner Centre For adults/young adults</p>	<p>Information call: 403.502.8525</p>
<p><u>January 7, 14, 21, 28</u> Medicine Hat Public Library 414 First Street S.E. 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>TODDLER TIME</b> - for 20 - 36 month olds and a parent or caregiver. Enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs.</p>	<p><b>Free</b> Registration is required. Please phone or visit in person beginning December 29</p>	<p>Information and to register call: 403.502.8526 <a href="http://www.mhpl.info">www.mhpl.info</a></p>

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<p><u>January 7,8,9,13</u> 7:00 p.m.  <u>January 10</u> - 2:00 p.m.  <u>January 12</u> - 6:00 p.m.            CHHS Theatre            1201 Division Ave. N</p>	<p><b>Crescent Heights High School presents the Outrageous Musical Comedy “THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE”</b>- starring many of the lead performers and cast members from last year’s hit musical “<i>Back To The 80’s.</i>” The BEE is an over the top hilarious musical chronicling the experiences of six adolescents battling the challenges of becoming adults.</p>	<p><b>Tickets</b>            \$15.00 + s/c, GST            Available at the Esplanade Box Office or online at <a href="http://www.tixx.ca">www.tixx.ca</a>  <i>(some tickets may be available at the door)</i></p>	<p>Ticket Information call:            403.502.8777</p>
<p><u>January 8, 15, 22, 29</u>            Medicine Hat Public Library            414 First Street S.E.            10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>PRESCHOOL STORY TIME</b> - parents and caregivers are invited to bring their 3 - 6 year olds to drop-in sessions of stories, songs, and rhymes on various themes.</p>	<p><b>Free</b></p>	<p>Information call:            403.502.8526  <a href="http://www.mhpl.info">www.mhpl.info</a></p>
<p><u>January 8</u>            Medicine Hat Public Library, Theatre            414 First Street S.E.            7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>TIC-TAC presents MEDIEVAL NIGHT</b> - back by popular demand! A fun filled evening for teens ages 13 - 18 years. Dress up in medieval costume and enjoy a night of apple bobbing, cardboard tube sword fighting, Lord of the Rings Monopoly and watch “Monty Python and the Holy Grail”! Free munchies and Dragon’s Blood Punch!</p>	<p><b>Free</b></p>	<p>Information call:            403.502.8537</p>
<p><u>January 9</u>            Medicine Hat Public Library            Theatre            414 First Street S.E.            2:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Family Fun Flicks presents: MONSTERS vs ALIENS</b> - when a meteorite from outer space hits a young California woman named Susan Murphy and turns her into a giant monster, she is taken to a secret government compound where she meets a ragtag group of monsters also rounded up over the years. As a last resort, under the guidance of General W.R. Monger, on a desperate order from The President, the motley crew of Monsters is called into action to combat the aliens and save the world from imminent destruction!</p>	<p><b>Free</b>            Sponsored by the Friends of the Library</p>	<p>Information call:            Children’s Services at            403. 502.8526</p>
<p><u>January 11</u>            Medicine Hat Public Library Theatre            414 First Street S.E.</p>	<p><b>BEST OF THE BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR</b> - journey to exotic locations, paddle the wildest waters and climb the highest peaks when the best films from 2009 Banff Mountain Film Festival return to Medicine Hat for the twelfth year.</p>	<p><b>Admission:</b>            Students/Seniors \$10.00 in advance            Adults \$12.00            \$12.00 door            Available at the MH Library &amp; Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership program at the MH C</p>	<p>Information call:            403.502.8525</p>

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<p><u>January 13</u> Medicine Hat College 299 College Drive SE Room S159</p>	<p><b>An Evening with PAT AND BAIBA MORROW</b> - documentary film makers and adventure travelers, Pat and Baiba Morrow will talk about Conrad Kain, legendary Banff mountain guide in the early 1900's as well, make a presentation on their own travels in Nepal. Ticket proceeds go to benefit ETOL students' research.</p>	<p><b>Tickets</b> Adults \$12.00 Seniors/Students \$10.00 Available at the door</p>	<p>Information call: 403.529.3898</p>
<p><u>January 14</u> Medicine Hat Public Library Theatre 414 First Street S.E. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday Night Flicks presents: THE PROPOSAL</b> - on the verge of being deported and losing her high powered job, Margaret (Sandra Bullock) announces she is engaged to her unsuspecting put-upon assistant Andrew (Ryan Reynolds). To prove their engagement is real, the couple heads to Alaska where they have four days to convince his quirky family and a very skeptical immigration agent that their charade is legitimate.</p>	<p><b>Free</b> Sponsored by the Friends of the Library Rated: PG</p>	<p>Information call: 403.502.8525 <a href="http://www.mhpl.info">www.mhpl.info</a></p>
<p><u>January 16</u> St. John's Presbyterian Church - 504 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER</b> - a traditional supper with roast beef, haggis, taties, and bashed neeps along with Scottish entertainment!</p>	<p><b>Tickets</b> \$16.00 Adults \$8.00 Children (12 and under)</p>	<p>Information call: 403.526.4542</p>
<p><u>January 18</u> Monarch Theatre 609 Second Street SE 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Monday Night at the Movies presents CAIRO TIME</b> - Juliette (Patricia Clarkson) has just arrived in Cairo to meet her diplomat husband, Mark (Tom McCamus). Delayed, he asks a friend, Tareq (Alexander Siddiq) to meet her and explain his absence. Completely out of her element, Juliette is happy to have the companionship of Tareq who becomes her guide to the city which serves as an exotic backdrop for their developing relationship. Screened as a Gala Presentation at the 2009 Toronto International Film Festival, this film won the Best Canadian Film award.</p>	<p><b>ADMISSION</b> Single admission price at the time of showing or by film pass. Passes available at Medicine Hat Public Library and at the time of film showing. Rating: PG (for smoking)</p>	<p>Information call: 403.502-8525 Presented by Friends of the Library and Monday Night at the Movies Committee</p>
<p><u>January 18</u> Esplanade Arts &amp; Heritage Centre 401 First Street SE 8:00 p.m. nightly</p>	<p><b>COLIN JAMES</b></p>	<p><b>Tickets</b> \$42.00 + s/c, GST Available at the Esplanade Box Office or online at <a href="http://www.tixx.ca">www.tixx.ca</a></p>	<p>Information and tickets call: 403.502.8777</p>

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<p><u>January 20</u> Medicine Hat Public Library - Currie Room 414 First Street SE Noon - 12:50 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Law at the Library: TAX FREE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS vs RRSPS</b> - should you have a Tax Free Savings Account or an RRSP, or both? Explore the tips, traps and laws to be aware of. Co-sponsored by Medicine Hat Public Library, MHC Public Legal Education Program &amp; the Alberta Law Foundation.</p>	<p><b>Free</b></p>	<p>Information and to register call: 403.529.3844 Advanced registration is required.</p>
<p><u>January 21</u> Esplanade Arts &amp; Heritage Centre 401 First Street SE 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>BIG BAD VOO DOO DADDY</b> - one night of big band musicianship, mischief, and lyrical wizardry. Big Bad Voo Doo Daddy will showcase the iconic songbook of Cab Calloway from top to bottom - all live and lots of jive!</p>	<p><b>Tickets</b> \$44.00 + s/c, GST &amp; \$39.00 + s/c, GST Esplanade Box Office</p>	<p>Information and tickets call: 403.502.8777 or online at <a href="http://www.tixx.ca">www.tixx.ca</a></p>
<p><u>January 18 - 22</u> Coffee shops and eateries throughout Medicine Hat (see website for complete schedule as times and locations vary)</p>	<p><b>TONGUE ON THE POST FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL CAFÉ CONCERTS</b> - informal performances by local folk musicians of mostly original songs. A taste of the music coming on Friday evening and Saturday at Tongue on the Post Festival. Musician sign up at 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Information visit <a href="http://www.mhfolkmusic.com">www.mhfolkmusic.com</a> or contact David Gue at 403.526.2226</p>
<p><u>January 22</u> Esplanade Arts &amp; Heritage Centre 401 First Street SE 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>TONGUE ON THE POST FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL SINGER-SONGWRITER NIGHT</b> - Short sets of 2 or 3 original songs performed by over a dozen local and invited musicians. A great way to sample a wide variety of traditional and modern approaches to folk music, presented in a friendly and informal manner.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Information visit <a href="http://www.mhfolkmusic.com">www.mhfolkmusic.com</a> or contact David Gue at 403.526.2226</p>
<p><u>January 23</u> Medicine Hat Public Library Theatre 414 First Street S.E. 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Saturday Matinee presents: THE MEERKATS</b> - in this documentary, Paul Newman narrates the story of Kono, a young meerkat with a big sense of adventure. Deep in the hostile desert of the Kalahari, he and his family have created a home but growing up is his greatest challenge of all. With danger lurking in every corner - ravenous lions, limited food and poisonous snakes - he'll find out how to adapt to his wild environment and thrive.</p>	<p><b>Free</b> For adults/young adults Sponsored by the Friends of the Library <b>Rated: PG</b></p>	<p>Information call: 403.502.8525 <a href="http://www.mhpl.info">www.mhpl.info</a></p>
<p><u>January 23</u> Esplanade Arts &amp; Heritage Centre 401 First Street SE</p>	<p><b>TONGUE ON THE POST FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL - Opening Concert</b> 12 noon - 1:00 pm featuring Crystal Plamondon and her band. Simultaneous one-hour side stage performances 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. <b>Gala Evening Concert</b> featuring Amos Garrett and Dala at 7:30 pm. A spectacular feast of top-caliber vocal and instrumental artists presenting original music and the stories behind it.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Information visit <a href="http://www.mhfolkmusic.com">www.mhfolkmusic.com</a> or contact David Gue at 403.526.2226</p>

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<p><u>January 25 - 30</u> Medicine Hat Public Library Theatre 414 First Street S.E.</p>	<p><b>LITERACY AT THE LIBRARY</b> - come and celebrate Family Literacy Day at the Library. A week-long of events for families. Events include story times, sing-a-longs, games, art exhibits, activities and much more! Visit the library, grab a program booklet, visit the website or call for more information!</p>	<p><b>Free</b></p>	<p>Information call: 403.502.8532</p>
<p><u>January 26</u> Prickley Pear Café 519 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Fut In The Hat Theatre Society Barenaked Theatre: The Play Readings Series</b> - presents <b>MY FIRST TIME</b> by <i>Ken Davenport</i>.</p>	<p><b>Tickets</b> \$5.00 each Available at the door</p>	<p>Information call: Karen @ 403.526.3245</p>
<p><u>January 28</u> Medicine Hat Public Library Theatre 414 First Street S.E. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday Night Flicks presents: THE SOLOIST</b> - a newspaper reporter (Robert Downey, Jr.) discovers a brilliant street musician (Jamie Foxx) and forms a friendship and bond that transforms both their lives. Based on a true story, <i>The Soloist</i>, by Steve Lopez.</p>	<p><b>Free</b> Sponsored by the Friends of the Library Rated: PG</p>	<p>Information call: 403.502.8525 <a href="http://www.mhpl.info">www.mhpl.info</a></p>
<p><u>January 29 - 31 &amp; February 3 - 6</u> Esplanade Arts &amp; Heritage Centre 401 First Street SE 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Firehall Theatre presents "PETER PAN" THE MUSICAL</b> - including the usual charming characters and songs, complete with pixie dust. This well-loved classical is one of the world's most celebrated and enduring theatrical fantasies, appealing to the young at heart, and those who do not want to grow up.</p>	<p><b>Tickets</b> \$24.00 + s/c, GST (Sparkle Seats) \$22.00 (Adults) \$18.00 (Youth) Available at the Esplanade Box Office</p>	<p>Information and tickets call: 403.502.8777 or online at <a href="http://www.tixx.ca">www.tixx.ca</a></p>
<p><u>January 30</u> Medicine Hat Public Library Theatre 414 First Street S.E. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>WRITING FOR READERS WORKSHOP</b> - Writers: let's talk about reaching readers with concise, clear, colourful communication. Join Publishing Consultant Gordon Wright in a relaxed workshop open to the public. To register call 403.502.8525. Cosponsored by MH Public Library &amp; Medicine Hat Rhyme &amp; Reason Writer's Club.</p>	<p><b>Free</b> Advance registration would be appreciated</p>	<p>Information call: Hilary at 403.502.8533</p>
<p><u>January 31</u> Medicine Hat Public Library Theatre 414 First Street S.E. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Film: THE SAVAGES</b> - a middle aged pair of siblings, played by Philip Seymour Hoffman and Laura Linney, are suddenly plucked from their very absorbed lives and forced to care for their estranged and ailing father. Reception to follow.</p>	<p><b>Free</b> Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories Rated: 14A</p>	<p>Information call: 403.502.8525 <a href="http://www.mhpl.info">www.mhpl.info</a></p>

## POLICE POINT PARK NATURE CENTRE

### Features: for the month of **JANUARY**

*Managed by the Grassland Naturalists*

Open All Year Round - 9am to 5pm daily (Except Mondays & Holidays)

Take the time to visit the Nature Centre



### **PROJECT FEEDER WATCH**

Fridays & Saturdays are the official bird watching days  
at the Police Point Nature Centre.

Enjoy a comfy seat by the window in the main exhibit area and help us  
watch and count the birds!

### **CROSS COUNTRY SKIING/SNOWSHOEING**

The trails have been checked and the new signs are up.

Come in and ask us about the New Trail Map!

Rentals are available in the Police Point Nature Centre  
as well as G.P.S. Units!

### **Visit the Nature Centre Gift Shop**

See the new displays and buy some birdseed. We have an amazing flock of Audubon  
toy birds with real birdcalls. All Finch Feeders are on now on half price.

For more information on all these and upcoming events call the Nature  
Line 403.529.6225, email [mhip@natureline.info](mailto:mhip@natureline.info) or visit the Nature Centre  
in Police Point Park

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Until January 24, 2010

The Esplanade Heritage Gallery features:

### **“ROCKET” RICHARD: THE LEGEND - THE LEGACY**

Until February 14, 2010

Dorothy Knowles: LAND MARKS

Saskatchewan based artist Dorothy Knowles, one of Canada's most distinguished  
living painters, displays the vast range of her expansive and expressive landscapes of  
prairies, lake, river, mountain and sky.

### Members Brunch with Dorothy Knowles & Terry Fenton

Sunday, January 24, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(call 403.502.8793 to RSVP by January 19, 2010)

### Public Reception with Artist & Curator

Sunday, January 24, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Free Admission/Everyone Welcome!

# Let Your Imagination Run Wild

*Registration begins Jan. 2, 2010 for Children's Winter Art Classes*

**MEDICINE HAT, AB** – The Esplanade Education program just announced it is offering another group of art classes for children beginning in the New Year. Children who attend the Winter Art Sessions are given the chance to develop their artistic talent, explore a variety of different art techniques and have fun.

"Along with our regular programming, part of our commitment to meeting the needs of our community is to expose preschool and school-aged children to relevant, fun and practical art and cultural classes," says Neil Sarjeant-Jenkins, Education Coordinator at the Esplanade.

There are three separate classes for different age groups:

- preschool session for children 3-5 years on Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- first session on Saturdays for children 6-8 years from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- second session on Saturdays for children 9-12 years from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m..

Registration fees include all materials. Some materials used in the classroom could stain clothing, so students should wear old clothes or bring an apron or paint shirt.

In the Esplanade Preschool classes, children will have fun playing, exploring their imaginations and creating a variety of art projects. Using story-time, music and the artwork in the Esplanade Art Gallery as inspiration, instructor Stephanie Dalla-Longa will lead the students through their art projects. They will begin to learn about colour, how to paint, sculpt with clay, make prints and draw with a different focus each week.

The school-aged Esplanade classes will be based in our Discovery Centre and, drawing inspiration from the Esplanade galleries and our environment, instructor Candice Arnold will guide students in their exploration of drawing and sculpting techniques such as contour and shading. Esplanade engage in a variety of projects during the eight week long session, including: drawing, painting with acrylic and watercolours, printmaking with the etching press as well as clay sculpting.

Winter Art Classes begin Jan. 13. Registrations are accepted in person at the Esplanade Information Desk, or by phone with a Visa or MasterCard by calling 403.502.8793.

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