

Backgrounder

FALL PROGRAMMING AT THE ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM

SUPER SUNDAY MOVIES

Enjoy family friendly movies in the Royal Saskatchewan Museum Theatre. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase at the Mega Munchies concession.

2:30 PM on Sundays for only \$2/person.

September Schedule:

Big Hero 6 (2014) – September 6

The special bond that develops between plus-sized inflatable robot Baymax, and prodigy Hiro Hamada, who team up with a group of friends to form a band of high-tech heroes. PG, 102 min.

Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil (2011) – September 13

Red Riding Hood is training in the group of Sister Hoods, when she and the Wolf are called to examine the sudden mysterious disappearance of Hansel and Gretel. PG, 86 min.

Kung Fu Panda 2 (2011) – September 20

Po and his friends fight to stop a peacock villain from conquering China with a deadly new weapon, but first the Dragon Warrior must come to terms with his past. PG, 91 min.

Despicable Me 2 (2013) – September 27

When Gru, the world's most super-bad turned super-dad has been recruited by a team of officials to stop lethal muscle and a host of Gru's own, He has to fight back with new gadgetry, cars, and more minion madness. PG, 98 min.

NIGHTS AT THE ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM

Inspired by the movies *Night at the Museum*, the imaginations of children 6 and up will run WILD at "Nights at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum!" Each program includes a movie from the *Night at the Museum* trilogy on the big screen with popcorn and a drink. Children will participate in theme-based games, storytelling & play in the museum after hours in this brand new drop-off series.

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Thursday September 10, 17, and 24, 2015

COST:

friends of the museum Member price: \$8+GST/program or \$20+GST for the complete series

Non-Member price: \$10+GST/program or \$25+GST for the complete series

Call 306-787-7271 to register today.

MEGAMUNCH CLUB

Join the kids club that is filled with FUN and FACTS! Each program contains theme-based artifact and gallery exploration, games, crafts and activities, designed for inquisitive 5 to 8 year olds.

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Pollination Explosion – September 20th

Learn about the important role that bees and other pollinating insects play in producing our food and the beautiful plants and flowers all around us!

Creatures of the Night – October 11th

They may crawl, jump or take flight, but these creatures all have one thing in common: they roam our landscape at night! Discover nocturnal animals living in Saskatchewan and beyond!

Saskatchewan Under the Sea – October 25th

Did you know that Saskatchewan used to be covered in water? Join us in discovering prehistoric marine reptiles and other wonders that once called our province home.

Out of Sight, Out of Mind – November 8th

These camouflaging creatures would definitely win in a game of hide and seek! Explore some of the cool ways that animals at home and abroad naturally disguise themselves from predators.

Snowy-Weather Slumbers – November 22nd

While the rest of us feel the chill of our cold Canadian winters, these animals find shelter and sleep the snowy days away.

The Extinction Equation – December 6th

Learn about creatures that no longer exist or are currently in danger and explore the reasons why our natural neighbors are disappearing from this planet we all call home!

COST:

friends of the museum Member price: \$12+GST/program or \$60+GST for the complete season

Non-member price: \$15+GST/program or \$75+GST for the complete season

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YOGA AT THE MUSEUM

From 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM during Megamunch Club sessions, parents can attend yoga while their 5 to 8-year-olds explore the museum. Adults of all skill levels will enjoy yoga lessons with Lesley Farley. Each session will take place in a different part of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum galleries. Yoga Mats provided.

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

September 20, October 11 + 25, November 8 + 22, and December 6, 2015

COST:

friends of the museum Member price: \$8+GST/session or \$40+GST/season

Non-member price: \$10+GST/session or \$50+GST/season

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YOUNG EXPLORERS CLUB

Young Explorers Club is a program designed to give 9 to 12 year olds a fun, social, and educational way to spend Friday night. Each program includes pizza and pop for supper, a full-length film in our theatre, and an interactive learning program that includes gallery exploration, experiments, games, and crafts.

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Dino Dentist – September 18

From sharp to square learn all about dinosaur teeth and who, what, when, where, and why they tear. Featuring: *Despicable Me 2*. G, 98 min.

Birds of Prey – October 9

Flying high in the sky searching for their next meal, these feathered kings rule the prairie landscape. Join us in discovering their hunting tricks. Featuring: *ParaNorman*. PG, 93 min.

N R'G – October 23

Learn about all the different sources of energy and how they provide power for all on Earth! Also learn about the conservation and transfer of energy. Featuring: *Ghostbusters*. PG, 105 min.

Eco-Warriors – November 6

Discover how we as humans affect the natural Environment around us and learn creative solutions to current ecological challenges. Featuring: *Smurfs 2*. G, 105 min.

Feisty Felines – November 20

These predator cats roam Saskatchewan but are rarely seen by the human eye. Learn about the secret ways of the Bobcat, Cougar and Lynx. Featuring: *Jumanji*. PG, 104 min.

Of Ancient Wings & Waves – December 4

Underwater and high in the sky, learn about these prehistoric creatures and the world they lived in! Featuring: *Maleficent*. PG, 97 min.

COST:

friends of the museum Member price: \$17+GST/program or \$85+GST for the complete season.

Non-member price: \$20+GST/program or \$100+GST for the complete season.

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NEW EXHIBITS AT THE ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM

THE NOTTINGHAM COLLECTION

In 1904, Ann Alice Nottingham left England and moved to Markinch, Saskatchewan with her husband, James Nottingham Sr., and their four children. James Sr. was a shoemaker by trade and his leather-working skills would have been in great demand in the settler community at the turn of the twentieth century.

Ann Alice began collecting beadwork in Markinch. There were several First Nation communities nearby including, Piapot, Muskowpetung, Pasqua and Standing Buffalo Dakota Nation. After two years, the family moved to a homestead 11 km south of Raymore, Saskatchewan. This location was near the First Nations communities of Kawacatoose, Daystar, Gordon and Muskowekwan. Ann Alice befriended several ladies from the nearby First Nations and when she could afford it, she purchased their work and built up a small collection.

In 2011, a portion, 28 pieces, of the Nottingham Collection were donated to the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. See nine of the exquisite pieces from the collection up close, on display now in the First Nations Gallery.

INSECTS, FLOWERS AND FOOD

The first flowers showed up about 140 million years ago. Since then, plants and insects have co-evolved into two of the largest and most interconnected groups of living things on Earth today. Come and see how these groups have grown through time. Use one of the magnifiers to inspect the different insects trapped in amber millions of years ago. Examine actual fossil plants as old as the dinosaurs. Preserved in amber and rock, these fossil plants and insects provide glimpses of an explosion of new life forms — all because of flowers.

New tools have allowed scientists to see smaller and smaller details in the world around us. RSM scientists use high powered digital cameras connected to computers or scanning electron microscopes to see tiny features which helps identify a particular species of insect or plant pollen.

Nature is often just as beautiful at this microscopic level as at the scale we enjoy every day. In addition to their incredible value to science, these micro-worlds are now also inspiring artists. The exhibit features 9 works by sculptor Jo Golesworthy. Her work provides an enlarged view of the incredible forms and textures of various pollen grains.