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## **Backgrounder**

### **FALL 2016 PROGRAMMING AT THE ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM**

#### **SUPER SUNDAY MOVIES**

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

2:30 PM on Sundays for only \$3/person.

Upcoming Schedule:

*The Good Dinosaur* (2015) – September 25

In a world where dinosaurs and humans live side-by-side, an Apatosaurus named Arlo makes an unlikely human friend. PG, 93 min.

*Casper* (1995) – October 2

A paranormal expert and his daughter bunk in an abandoned house populated by three mischievous ghosts and one friendly one. PG, 100 min.

*The Book of Life* (2014) – October 9

Manolo, a young man who is torn between fulfilling the expectations of his family and following his heart, embarks on an adventure that spans three fantastic worlds where he must face his greatest fears. PG, 95 min.

*Ghostbusters* (1984) – October 16

Three former parapsychology professors set up shop as a unique ghost removal service. PG, 105 min.

*Hotel Transylvania 2* (2015) – October 23

Dracula and his friends try to bring out the monster in his half human, half vampire grandson in order to keep Mavis from leaving the hotel. PG, 89 min.

*ParaNorman* (2012) – October 30

A misunderstood boy takes on ghosts, zombies and grown-ups to save his town from a centuries-old curse. PG, 92 min.

## smARTies

What do you get when you mix art with biology?

Learning made fun, fun, fun! Kids learn interesting facts about critters and get the opportunity to make their own creation based on a particular art technique or style.

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Moose and Crayon Etchings – September 13

Deer and Marble Paintings – September 27

Beavers and Comics – October 11

Rabbits and String Paintings – October 25

Woolly Mammoths and Sculpture – November 8

Eagles and Pattern Diffusion – November 22

**COST:**

*friends of the museum* Member price: \$14 /program or \$70 for the complete season

Non-member price: \$17 /program or \$85 for the complete season

Call 306-787-7271 to register today.

## MEGAMUNCH CLUB

**\*New for Fall 2016 – Megamunch Club has moved to Tuesdays**

We love the question WHY! 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

Ssssnakes! – September 20

Saskatchewan is home to 9 species of snakes! Come learn about our scaly friends, and check out our new, live snake exhibit.

All for Fall – October 4

Discover why the leaves change colour in the beautiful season that we call fall.

Creatures at Risk – October 18

Find out why some animals are endangered, and what we can do to help them from becoming extinct.

Brilliant Biomes – November 1

Learn about the four main biomes that we have here in Canada, and the types of plants and animals that live in each one.

### Uncommon Sense – November 15

From bat echolocation to bears with strong sniffers, come and learn about some animals that have some not so common senses.

### Home for the Holidays – November 29

Learn about the animals that tough out Saskatchewan winters, and find out what they do to survive the cold.

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### YOGA AT THE MUSEUM

Adults of all skill levels welcome! Our instructor presents yoga moves in different variations, so it doesn't matter if you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced yogi. We will provide everyone with yoga mats to use during each session, and each session will take place in a different part of the our galleries. So it's yoga and gallery exploration at the same time!

If you're a parent, note that all our yoga sessions coincide with our Megamunch Club program for kids 5 to 8 years old, and our smARTiesprogram for kids 6 to 10 years. **There are only 15 spots available!**

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Every Tuesday from September 13, 2016 to November 29, 2016

#### COST:

*friends of the museum* Member price: \$95+GST/season

Non-member price: \$110+GST/season

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### YOUNG EXLPORERS 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

Slitherin' Snakes – September 23

Saskatchewan is home to 9 species of snakes! Come check out our new, live snake exhibit!

Featuring: *Holes*. PG, 120 min.

Dig it Up – October 7

Discover what a paleontologist does, and learn about fossils from right here in Saskatchewan!

Featuring: *Jurassic World*. PG, 125 min.

Radical Rainforests – October 21

Rainforests are critical in sustaining our Earth – not to mention that they are home to some pretty cool creatures! Come learn about the importance of preserving the world's rainforests! Featuring:

*Jack the Giant Slayer*. PG, 114 min.

Ecoregion Exploration – November 4

Myth: Saskatchewan is flat and boring. Learn about the different ecoregions and ecozones that cover our beautiful province! Featuring: *Alvin and the Chipmunks: Road Chip* PG, 92 min.

Reptile or Amphibian? – November 18

Do you know if lizards, frogs, and turtles are reptiles or amphibians? Join us to find out!

Featuring: *Space Jam*. G, 100 min.

Run for Cover – December 2

Wildfires, Earthquakes, Tornadoes, oh my! Join us in learning about natural disasters that occur in Saskatchewan and the rest of Canada! Featuring: *Journey 2 the Mysterious Island*. PG, 94 min.

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*friends of the museum* Member price: \$20/program or \$100 for the complete season.

Non-member price: \$24/program or \$120 for the complete season.

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## **NEW HALLOWEEN EVENT AT THE ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM**

The Friends of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum invite you to join us for *7 Snakes, 7 Sins* - an evening of indulgence and intrigue. Navigate your way through science-based challenges and enjoy 'deadly' food and drink along the way. Friday, October 28, 2016 8-11pm. Cocktails at 7:30pm. Ages 19+. Costumes are welcome! Tickets \$30. Call 306-787-7271 or visit the Museum Shop.

## NEW EXHIBIT AT THE ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM

### SNAKES ALIVE - Discover the Intricate Beauty

*Snakes Alive* features all nine species of snakes naturally found in Saskatchewan.

- Bullsnake | *Pituophis catenifer sayi*
- Eastern Yellow-bellied Racer | *Coluber constrictor flaviventris*
- Smooth Green Snake | *Opheodrys vernalis*
- Plains Garter Snake | *Thamnophis radix*
- Northern Red-bellied Snake | *Storeria occipitomaculata*
- Red-sided Garter Snake | *Thamnophis sirtalis parietalis*
- Prairie Rattlesnake | *Crotalus viridis*
- Western Hognose Snake | *Heterodon nasicus*
- Wandering Garter Snake | *Thamnophis elegans vagrans*

Visitors to *Snakes Alive* will learn about some of the more fascinating aspects of snake biology and the snake research that the RSM's scientists are currently conducting in Saskatchewan. The public will further their understanding of the importance of wildlife conservation and will be able to contribute their snake observations to the provincial snake database.

People engage in the outdoor world in many ways and venues such as natural history museums serve as a source of inspiration to many urban Canadians. The ability to connect people to nature creates appreciation for the health and care of the environment.

This live snake exhibit focuses on inspiring a deeper understanding of nature found right in our own backyard.