COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



Programs & Events Guide

October - December 2026

We're celebrating our 50th Anniversary!

Save the Date:
Wednesday, December 16th
2:00-3:00pm
Poirier Branch



We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that the name Coquitlam was derived from the həńqəmińəm̓ (Hunquminum) word kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem) meaning "Red Fish Up the River". The Coquitlam Public Library is honoured to be located on the kʷikʷəƛ̓əm traditional, ancestral and unceded lands, including those parts that were historically shared with the q̓ic̓əy̓ (Katzie), and other Coast Salish Peoples.

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Program dates, times, or locations may change after this guide is printed. Please check the Library's website at coqlibrary.ca for the most current information.

While you are visiting the Library or attending our programs, you may notice photographers taking photos to use for our promotional materials, such as our website and program guides.

If you prefer not to have your photo or your child's photo taken, please let Library staff know.

Story Times

Enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, and rhymes with your child. Story Time programs help children gain pre-reading skills and develop a love of reading. Each Story Time shows an intended age range, but all youngsters and caregivers are welcome. *These programs are drop-in unless otherwise noted.*

For more information, please email Chris at cmiller@coqlibrary.ca

Story Time for Babies

(0–2 years, with caregiver)

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

Tue	Sep 8–Oct 27*	10:30–11:00 am
Tue	Nov 10–Dec 15	10:30–11:00 am

Poirier Branch | Nancy Bennett Room

Wed	Sep 9–Oct 28*	10:30–11:00 am
Wed	Nov 18–Dec 16**	10:30–11:00 am

* No program Sep 30 (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) or Oct 14
** No program Nov 11 (Remembrance Day)



Sensory Playtime for Babies

(0–2 years, with caregiver)

Join us after Story Time for Babies for a fun playtime with sensory toys. Designed to appeal to a baby's senses in an educational and fun way, sensory toys often feature unusual textures, movement, or sounds.

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

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Tue	Nov 10–Dec 15	11:00–11:30 am

Poirier Branch | Nancy Bennett Room

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** No program Nov 11 (Remembrance Day)

Story Time for Toddlers Plus

(2–5 years, with caregiver)

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

Thu	Sep 10–Oct 29	10:30–11:00 am
Thu	Nov 12–Dec 17	10:30–11:00 am

Poirier Branch | Nancy Bennett Room*

Fri	Sep 11–Oct 30	10:30–11:00 am
Fri	Nov 13–Dec 18**	10:30–11:00 am

* Oct 30, Nov 27, and Dec 18 will be sensory-friendly Story Times; quieter and focused on sensory play.
** Dec 11 will be a Santa Story Time in place of Toddler Plus Story Time.

Story Time for Families

(0–5 years, with caregiver)

City Centre Branch | Room 136 & 137

Sun	Sep 6–Oct 25	10:30–11:00 am
Sun	Nov 8–Dec 13	10:30–11:00 am
Wed	Sep 9–Oct 28*	6:00–6:30 pm
Wed	Nov 18–Dec 16**	6:00–6:30 pm

* No program Sep 30 (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)
** No program Nov 11 (Remembrance Day)

Poirier Branch | Nancy Bennett Room

Sat	Sep 12–Oct 31	10:30–11:00 am
Sat	Nov 14–Dec 19*	10:30–11:00 am

* No program Dec 12. We offer a Santa Story Time at the City Centre Branch that day.

Smiling Creek Elementary | 3456 Princeton Ave

(0–6 years, with caregiver)

Thu	Sep 17–Dec 3	6:00–6:30 pm

Story Times are intended for families.

We welcome larger groups such as daycares and camps but we request advance notice if you would like to attend a program.

PJ Story Time

(0–5 years, with caregiver)

Put on your PJs, bring your favourite stuffed animal friend, and join us for a seasonal story time in Coquitlam's historic Mackin House.

Mackin House | 1116 Brunette Avenue

Wed	Nov 4	7:00–8:00 pm
Thu	Dec 17	7:00–8:00 pm

Registration: coquitlamheritage.ca/events

Santa Story Time

(0–5 years, with caregiver)

Join Santa and his elves for stories, songs, and rhymes. Santa will stay for photos.

Poirier Branch | Nancy Bennett Room

Fri	Dec 11	10:30 am–11:00 am
		11:30 am–12:00 pm

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

Sat	Dec 12	10:30 am–11:00 am
		11:30 am–12:00 pm

Spanish Story Time

(0–5 years, with caregiver)

Welcome to Spanish Story Time, where we have fun reading stories, singing songs, doing fingerplays, and moving to music.

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

Thu	Sep 10–Oct 29	11:30 am–12:00 pm

Registration: Drop-in

Information: Katherine at kbenavides@coqlibrary.ca

La Hora del Cuento en Español

(Para cuidadores de niños de 0 a 5 años)

Bienvenidos a la Hora del Cuento en Español, donde nos divertimos contando historias, cantando canciones, haciendo juegos con nuestros dedos y moviéndonos al ritmo de la música.

En la Sucursal de City Centre | Salas 136 & 137

Juev	Sep 10–Oct 29	11:30 am–12:00 pm

Registro: Presencial

Información: Katherine en kbenavides@coqlibrary.ca

Korean Story Time | 한국어스토리타임

(0–5 years, with caregiver)

We will share picture books, songs and rhymes that you can enjoy with your children. After story time, stay for a 30-minute playtime.

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

Mon	Sep 14–Oct 26*	10:30–11:00 am
Mon	Nov 9–Dec 14**	10:30–11:00 am

* No program Oct 12 (Thanksgiving Day)

** Nov 9 Story Time in Room 127

Poirier Branch | Nancy Bennett Room

Tue	Sep 8–Oct 27	10:30–11:00 am
Tue	Nov 10–Dec 15	10:30–11:00 am

Registration: Drop-in

Information: Young Ae at ykim@coqlibrary.ca

한국어스토리타임

(0~5세, 보호자 동반)

한국어 스토리타임에서는 아이들과 함께 즐길 수 있는 그램책, 동요, 손유희와 라임 등을 함께 하게 됩니다. 한국어 스토리타임후 플레이타임이 30분동안 있을 예정입니다. 등록 하실 필요 없으니, 그냥 놀러 오세요.

날짜: 9월14일 - 10월26일* 매주 월요일
11월9일 - 12월14일** 매주 월요일
(단, * 10월12일 수업없음, ** 11월9일 127룸)

시간: 오전 10:30–11:00

장소: 시티센터지점 136룸과 137룸

날짜: 9월8일 - 10월27일 매주 화요일
11월10일 - 12월15일 매주 화요일

시간: 오전 10:30–11:00

장소: 포이리에지점 낸시베넷룸

기타문의: 김영애 604-937-4142
또는 ykim@coqlibrary.ca

Special Story Time: Thanksgiving Monday

(0–5 years, with caregiver)

Join us for a special family story time to celebrate Thanksgiving Monday.

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

Mon	Oct 12	10:30–11:00 am

Registration: Drop-in

Information: Chris at cmiller@coqlibrary.ca

Children & Families

Little Explorers
(0–6 years, with caregiver)

Gather for a story inside, then head out for a short ramble in nature led by Westcoast Family Centres staff. Activities include scavenger hunts and more!

In partnership with Westcoast Family Centres.

Poirier Branch | Board Room

Sat	Oct 10–Nov 28	3:00–4:00 pm

Registration: Drop-in
Information: Chris at cmiller@coqlibrary.ca



Hlulu Family Drop-in
(0–6 years, with caregiver)

Hlulu means 'soaring eagle' in Heiltsuk language At the Hlulu Family Drop, Spirit of the Children provides a place to learn and practice culture through the lens of their educators, the 7 Sacred Teachings, seasons, and the Medicine Wheel.

City Centre Branch | Room 127

Wed	Oct 14–Oct 28	10:00 am–1:00 pm
Wed	Nov 18–Dec 16	10:00 am–1:00 pm

Registration: Drop-in
Information: Ann at ajohannes@coqlibrary.ca

Kwentong Pinoy: Filipino Stories
(3–6 years, with caregiver)

Join Kwentong Pinoy for family-oriented fun, including a Filipino/English story time, activities, crafts & culture! For this special Christmas edition we will celebrate the warmth and joy of paskong pilipino with ang pinakamahabang pasko (The Very Long Christmas) and 12 kwentong pamasko (12 Christmas Tales).

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

Sat	Dec 5	2:00–4:00 pm

Registration: Registration recommended. Drop ins accepted if there is space.
Information: Chris at cmiller@coqlibrary.ca

Parent-Child Korean Mother Goose
(0–5 years, with caregiver)

Come for lyrics, lullabies, fingerplays, bounces and tickles. There are no books, toys, puppets or music—just parents and children learning songs, rhymes and stories in Korean and English through repetition.

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

Wed	Oct 21–Dec 9*	10:00–11:30 am

* No program Nov 4 or 11
Registration & Information: Eunju Kim 236-880-1627
eunju.kim@success.bc.ca

한국 부모와 자녀를 위한 마더구스
트라이시티 지역에 사는 5세 이하의 자녀를 둔 한국부모님들을 위한 프로그램입니다.

이 프로그램은 한국어로 진행됩니다. 노랫말, 자장가, 손유희, 몸도 흔들흔들, 간질간질 다 같이 즐겨보아요. 책도, 장난감도, 인형도 없어요. 부모님과 아이들이 반복을 통해 한국어와 영어로 노래, 운율, 이야기를 배우는 시간입니다.
코퀴틀람공립도서관과 썩세스 다문화초기아동발달서비스에서 공동 진행합니다.

날짜: 10월 21일 - 12월 9일* 매주 수요일
(* 단, 11월 4일과 11일은 수업없음)

시간: 오전 10:00 - 11:30

장소: 시티센터지점 136룸과 137룸*
(*10월21일은 127룸에서 진행)

등록 및 자세한 문의 사항은 김은주 236-880-1627, eunju.kim@success.bc.ca 에게로 하시면 됩니다.

프로그램 등록은 9월 8일부터 할 수 있습니다.

Family & All-ages

Battle of the Bots!

Join us for a robotics competition featuring Lower Mainland teams, including the Tri-Cities' own Team Lightning Bots. Anyone is welcome to watch and cheer on the teams!

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

Sat	Oct 3	1:00–4:00 pm

Registration: Drop-in
Information: Chris at cmiller@coqlibrary.ca



Tree Spree Tours: Forest Canopy Walk

Join the Library and the City of Coquitlam's Park Spark team for a nature walk at Como Lake. During the outdoor walk, participants will learn about nature, animals and insects in the park.

Como Lake Park | Gatensbury St. & Grover Ave

Tues	Oct 6	1:00–2:30 pm

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17187628.
Information: Aman at asaroya@coqlibrary.ca



Let's Play Board Games

(8 years and up)

Drop in for board game fun. Bring your favourite game or learn to play a new one. No experience needed.

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

Sat	Oct 17	1:30–3:00 pm
Sat	Nov 21	1:30–3:00 pm

Registration: Drop-in
Information: Shirley at schan@coqlibrary.ca

Chess Club

(8 years and up)

All ages and skill levels are welcome, though we recommend that participants know the basics of how to play chess.

Poirier Branch | Nancy Bennett Room

Sat	Oct 24	2:00–3:30 pm
Sat	Nov 14	2:00–3:30 pm
Sat	Dec 5	2:00–3:30 pm

Registration: Drop-in
Information: Shirley at schan@coqlibrary.ca



Family & All-ages

Pro D Movie Screening: Minions & Monsters

(8 years and up)

After making a splash in Hollywood, the minions lose everything and unleash monsters upon the world. Now it's up to them to save it! *(2026, 90 mins, rated G)*

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

Fri Oct 23 1:30–3:00 pm

Poirier Branch | Nancy Bennett Room

Fri Oct 23 1:30–3:00 pm

Registration: Drop-in

Information: Chris at cmiller@coqlibrary.ca



Holiday Card Making: An Inclusive Craft for All Ages

(6 years and up)

Are you looking to get into the holiday spirit and give back to your community? Join local volunteers for a card-making craft extravaganza!

City Centre Branch | Room 127

Thu Nov 26 5:00–6:30 pm

Registration: Drop-in

Information: Kelsey at kwaggener@coqlibrary.ca



Spanish Book Fair: Feria Del Libro en Español 2026

For all ages. At our book fair, meet Spanish language authors and publishers who are active in the Lower Mainland.

Story time in Spanish at 2:00 pm. Join us for activities and lots of fun! Drop in. No registration required.

¡Celebremos la lengua y cultura Latinoamericana, con una docena de autores locales y editores con sus libros en español para todas las edades!

Tendremos cuentos y canciones en español para niños a la 2:00 pm. No es necesario registrarse, ¡simplemente ven cuando quieras!

City Centre Branch | Rooms 127, 136 & 137

Sun Nov 1 12:00–4:00 pm

Registration: Drop-in

Information: Chris at cmiller@coqlibrary.ca
Luz at lfrankel-lopez@coqlibrary.ca

School-age Kids

Reading Buddies: Fall Session

Paired reading program for kids in grades 1-4 and teen tutors in grades 9-12. Teens earn community service hours.

Poirier Branch | Nancy Bennett Room

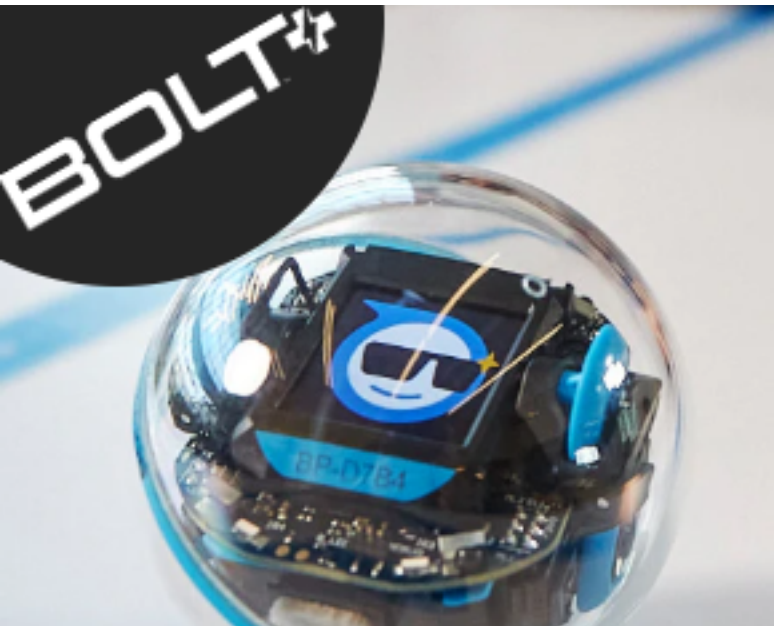
Tues Oct 20–Dec 1 4:00–5:00 pm

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

Thu Oct 22–Dec 3* 4:00–5:00 pm

* No program Nov 5

Registration: coqlibrary.ca/reading-buddies
Information: Chris at cmiller@coqlibrary.ca



First Look : Sphero Bolt+

(8-12 years)

Get an early look at Sphero BOLT+ before its official library launch! Explore its new features, try hands-on activities, and race a Sphero through a maze.

City Centre Branch | Room 137

Tues Nov 10 4:00–5:00 pm

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17233679

Poirier Branch | Nancy Bennett Room

Thu Nov 12 4:00–5:00 pm

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17233697
Information: Eun at ejungko@coqlibrary.ca



Homework Help Club

For kids in grades 1-6 and teen tutors in grades 8-12. Kids finish homework assignments and worksheets with help from teen tutors.

Poirier Branch | Nancy Bennett Room

Fri Nov 13–Dec 18 3:45–4:30 pm

Registration: coqlibrary.ca/homework-help-club
Information: Chris at cmiller@coqlibrary.ca

Debate 101: For Middle Schoolers

Learn debate skills from teen volunteers in a fun, interactive debate workshop! Learn critical thinking and public speaking skills, debate structure, and how to respectfully argue both sides of an issue.

In partnership with the Teen Advisory Council..

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137

Thu Nov 19 5:30–8:00 pm

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17184144
Information: Chris at cmiller@coqlibrary.ca



School-age Kids





Science Expo 2027 is coming!

Get excited to celebrate discovery and innovation from the bright young minds of Coquitlam!

Event info drops on our website on November 18th!

Go Weiqi: Learn and Play

Discover one of the world's oldest and most elegant strategy games! Beginners and curious minds are welcome to explore the ancient game of Go.

In partnership with Vancouver Go Academy

City Centre Branch | Room 127

Sun Nov 15 & Dec 6 1:00–3:00 pm

Registration: Drop-in

Information: Shirley at schan@coqlibrary.ca



Coding workshop with STEM Horizons

Learn the basics of coding with this workshop from STEM Horizons. Each workshop is designed for a different age and skill level

- Nov 28 Scratch the Surface (ages 11–14)
- Dec 19 Start from Scratch (ages 8–10)

City Centre Branch | Room 137

Sat Nov 28 1:30–3:30 pm

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17269225

City Centre Branch | Room 127

Sat Dec 19 1:30–3:30 pm

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17269225

Information: Chris at cmiller@coqlibrary.ca

Scary Story Contest

The Scary Story Contest is a long-standing spooky tradition for the aspiring young writers of the TriCities.

This is a partnership between Coquitlam Public Library, Port Moody Public Library, and Terry Fox Library.



Contest Guidelines

Incorporate three keywords into your frightening fiction for a chance to win prizes in the annual Scary Story Contest for teens.

The contest welcomes writers from the Tri-Cities in two age categories:

- 11–14
- 15–18

Each entry must include these three keywords:

- Shriek
- Desiccated
- Unnatural

Word Limit: 500

- Title & byline do not count towards the total
- If your story runs over 500 words, it will be disqualified
- Each story must be original: written by the person who submits it

Submission Instructions

Stories must be submitted as text inside the body of the email. Please copy and paste your story into the body of your message, do not submit your story as an attachment!

Deadline: Sunday, October 18, at 11:59 pm
Email: scarystorycontest2026@gmail.com

Include with your entry:

- Your name
- Your age
- Your city of residence
- Your phone number

The contest is open to students who live or go to school in Coquitlam, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Anmore, or Belcarra. If you live outside of the communities listed above, please include the name of your Tri-Cities school.

Judges

Initial judging will be completed by local library staff. Final judging will be by award-winning freelance journalist Richard Dal Monte, former editor of the Tri City News.

Prizes

$50, $30, $20 gift cards to Coquitlam Centre Mall for first, second, third in both categories. Stories and winners' names to be published on library web sites and/or social media, and may be shared with external news sites.

Interested but don't know how to start? Join the Haunting Hooks workshop! **Details on page 11.**

Scan the QR code to go to the Scary Story Contest page:
coqlibrary.ca/scary-story

FRASER RIVER LITERARY FESTIVAL

A week of stories, ideas, and community.

NOVEMBER 1

Local Writers Bookfair
11:00am–3:00pm

NOVEMBER 2

Trivia Takeover
6:30–8:30pm

NOVEMBER 4

Exploring the Outdoors with Kirsten Pendreigh
10:30–11:30am

Editing Workshop: Push Your Protagonist
with Tri-City Wordsmiths
7:00–8:30pm

NOVEMBER 5

Love, Life, & Lessons with Tanya Boteju
1:30–2:30pm

The Writer's Chair with Maria Reva
7:00–8:30pm

NOVEMBER 6

School Field Trip Through Time with Leah Payne
1:30–2:30pm

Afterhours at the Library: Novels and Noshes
with Western Sky Books and The Beanery
5:00–7:00pm

NOVEMBER 6

From Emerging to Famous with Loghan Paylor
5:30–6:30pm

Crooks & Crimes: Detectives in Mystery Fiction with Cathy Ace, Iona Whishaw, and Sam Wiebe
7:00–8:30pm

NOVEMBER 7

Literary Crafts
9:30–11:30am

***Love, Panda* Story Time & Stuffy Party with Elaine Su**
10:30–11:15am

AI & the Future of Storytelling
with Tri-City Wordsmiths
11:00am-12:30pm

Indigenous Storytelling
with Native Art Renaissance
12:30–2:00pm

Separated from Santo: Bringing History to Life Through a Graphic Novel with Brian Barazzuol & Cam Drysdale
with Arts New West
1:00–3:00pm

Literary Escape Artist with Eddy Boudel Tan
1:30–2:30pm

Strange Bodies, Fragile Worlds: Women, Horror, & the Art of Suvival
with SFU Writers' Studio
3:00–4:30pm

NOVEMBER 7

Cocktails & Conversations
Cocktail Reception *(ages 19+)*
5:00–7:00pm

Writers Roundtable
moderated by Ryan Murphy
7:00–8:30pm

NOVEMBER 8

Paint Swatch Poetry with Hannah Bel Davis
10:15am–12:15pm

Story Time & Craft with Vicky Fang
11:00–11:15am

Poetry & Art Salon: A Reflection on Remembrance, Grief, & Loss
with Royal City Literary Arts Society and New West Hospice Society
12:30–2:00pm

What Can Artists Do? Creating Theatre in a Time of Climate Change
with Climate Action Week
3:00–4:30pm

Book Fan Book Slam
6:00–7:30pm

For the Festival's full range of fantastic events, including those hosted by our partner New West Public Library, check out the website: **coqlibrary.ca/frlf**

COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEW WESTMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

JURIED ART EXHIBITION

SEPT 27 - NOV 22

THE LOUNGE, POIRIER BRANCH

The forces of nature. The bustle of the city. The energy of a sporting event. Motion has shaped human history by the movement of people, ideas, and cultures across time and place.

This year's Juried Art Exhibit brings together forty artists and their work around the theme *In Motion!* The artworks will be displayed for public viewing at the Poirier branch Library Lounge beginning September 27th.

Don't miss our Opening Reception, either!

Opening Reception
Friday, Oct 2 | 6:30–8:00 pm
Poirier Branch | Library Lounge

Grab a friend (or two!) and enjoy some refreshments while viewing the Exhibit and mingling with the artists. Dressing up is not required, but enthusiastically encouraged! This is an after-hours event.

Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase during the reception. To purchase alcoholic beverages, you must be 19+ and present valid government issued photo ID. Proceeds will go towards cost-recovery and Coquitlam Public Library's programs and services.

Registration is required.
No tickets will be available at the door.

Questions?
Contact Shirley at schan@coqlibrary.ca.

Coquitlam Public Library is grateful for the valuable support of our community partners Evergreen Arts and Place des Arts.



Brave Spaces
Speaker Series

City Centre Branch | Rooms 136 & 137
Tuesdays, October 6-27, 2026

Join the Coquitlam Public Library in this four-part speaker series with people from diverse backgrounds sharing their stories.

Registration is recommended for each session, but drop-ins are welcome.

OCTOBER 6

Kairos Blanket Exercise

6:30–8:00 pm

Experience a learning opportunity that explores the shared history between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

During this workshop, participants will be guided by a trained facilitator, Elder Sam George from Tsleil-Waututh Nation who is an Indigenous Elder and Knowledge Keeper.

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17279168

Information: Aman at asaroya@coqlibrary.ca
Ann at ajohannes@coqlibrary.ca

OCTOBER 13

Anti-South Asian Hate

6:30–8:00 pm

Anti-South Asian hate in Canada has risen sharply in recent years. This problem is growing worse both online and offline.

Learn more about the underlying causes for this hate and what you can do to support the South Asian community. There will be time for questions from the audience.

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17279311

Information: Aman at asaroya@coqlibrary.ca
Ann at ajohannes@coqlibrary.ca

OCTOBER 20

Jewish Muslim Dialogue

6:30–8:00 pm

A structured exchange between members of the Jewish and Islamic faiths aimed at building mutual understanding.

The discussion will explore practical ways to challenge stereotypes and strengthen relationships between neighbours.

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17279380

Information: Aman at asaroya@coqlibrary.ca
Ann at ajohannes@coqlibrary.ca

OCTOBER 27

Active Witnessing: Creating Safer Communities

6:30–8:00 pm

Active witnessing means noticing discrimination, harassment, or harm and choosing to safely take action instead of staying silent.

This workshop will teach you strategies to evaluate a situation and help you to safely stand up against racism and hate.

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17274578

Information: Aman at asaroya@coqlibrary.ca
Ann at ajohannes@coqlibrary.ca

Scan the QR code to go to our Brave Space Speaker Series page:
coqlibrary.ca/brave-spaces



Fiero Code Contest: The Botter Challenge

October 1st to November 30th

YOU are invited to join our free coding competition, “The Botter Challenge.” No coding experience required!

In partnership with Fiero Code, you’ll have the chance to learn some new coding skills and build a game in Code Blocks. Winners get cool tech prizes!

Scan the QR code to create a free Fiero Code account, build something awesome, and have the chance to win a cool prize.

How to Get Started

1. Log into Fiero Code and create a free account.
2. Navigate to the Contest page from the top menu.
3. Join the challenge and start building!
4. Publish your project before the end of November 30th.

Have fun!

Winter Reading Blitz

December 1-31 , 2026

Winter weather got you wishing you were somewhere else? Why not escape into a good book? This December we'll be running a special reading challenge for our older readers, with all participants who finish the challenge entered into a prize draw.

For teens ages 13+ and adults, runs this December.
More information on our website.



Holiday Hellos



Submission Deadline: November 27, 2026

We invite everyone to create season's greetings for older adults living in Coquitlam. We will add them to care packages and deliver them in time for the holidays. This project began during the COVID lock down, and has grown every year. **Last year, with your help, we brought holiday cheer to over 800 seniors in our community.**

We are delighted to support seniors in our community throughout the year through Library services and partnerships with community organizations serving seniors. We will be sending your Holiday Hellos to seniors that are registered customers of these services.

However, if you know someone that you think would love a Holiday Hello, contact **outreach@coqlibrary.ca.**

How to Participate

1. Create a holiday greeting—it can be a card, a letter, a drawing, etc.—whatever you think would brighten someone's day! Include your first name, but please do not include your last name.
2. Drop it off at our City Centre or Poirier branch, or on the Library Link by November 27th.
3. We will deliver it, along with a care package, in time for the holidays.

Scan the QR code to go to our Holiday Hellos page:
coqlibrary.ca/holiday-hellos

Teens



Haunting Hooks: a Teen Short Story Writing Session

Get into the spooky spirit with this writing workshop for Teens! This is great session to attend if you're interested in the Scary Story Contest, but all aspiring or practicing writers are welcome.

City Centre Branch | Room 127

Sat	Oct 3	11:30 am–1:00 pm

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17119893
Information: Kelsey at kwaggener@coqlibrary.ca

Cartoonists Club

(16 years and up)

Poirier Cartoonists Club is a casual club where you can meet up with other cartoonists and aspiring artists to share your drawings, socialize, and collaborate to create a Zine/Comic Strip together!

Poirier Branch | Board Room

Mon	Oct 5 & 19	6:00–7:00 pm
Mon	Nov 2, 16 & 30	6:00–7:00 pm
Mon	Dec 14	6:00–7:00 pm

Registration: Drop-in
Information: Kelsey at kwaggener@coqlibrary.ca

AI Filmmaking: A Hands-on Introduction

(15 years and up)

Step into the director's chair! This interactive workshop introduces you to the exciting world of AI filmmaking. The workshop is facilitated by David Brooks, founder of *RestartReality.com*

In partnership with RestartReality.com

City Centre Branch | Room 137

Thu	Oct 8	4:00–6:00 pm

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17274492
Information: Eun at ejungko@coqlibrary.ca

Teen Advisory Council Monthly Meetings

Volunteers plan and deliver programs for youth, and provide guidance on Library services, while earning community hours.

Virtual on Zoom

Wed	Oct 21	4:15–5:15 pm
Wed	Nov 18	4:15–5:15 pm
Wed	Dec 16	4:15–5:15 pm

Information: Chris at cmiller@coqlibrary.ca

Cricut Joy: Holiday Tags, Cards & More

Get a head start on your holiday crafting with Cricut Joy! Learn how to modify designs and explore the basics of cutting and drawing holiday projects.

Poirier Branch | Nancy Bennett Room

Mon	Nov 30	3:00–4:30 pm

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17233500

City Centre Branch | Room 136

Fri	Dec 4	3:00–4:30 pm

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17233506
Information: Eun at ejungko@coqlibrary.ca

Teen Scary Story Contest Deadline!

Reminder: Writers must submit their Scary Story Contest entries by midnight on **Sunday, October 18th!**

Submissions should be text inside an e-mail sent to **scarystorycontest2026@gmail.com**

Adults



Puzzle Exchange

Looking to swap out some of the puzzles you have with some “new to you” ones? Visit us and see what we have to offer!

Poirier Branch | Nancy Bennett Room
Sat Oct 3 1:00–3:00 pm
Registration: Drop-in
Information: Ann at ajohannes@coqlibrary.ca

Mock Citizenship Test

Ace the Canadian citizenship test by taking this practice version! The test can be intimidating, we are here to help! Let’s get you your citizenship!

Virtual on Zoom
Thu Oct 15 5:30–7:00 pm
Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17290609
Information: Kelsey at kwaggener@coqlibrary.ca

Picture Perfect: Choosing the Right Camera

Learn to choose the right digital camera for your needs, master essential camera settings, and discover techniques for capturing stunning portraits.

In partnership with Canon Canada.

City Centre Branch | Room 127
Wed Oct 21 6:30–8:00 pm
Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17295132
Information: Shirley at schan@coqlibrary.ca

Legal Compass

This legal literacy café for newcomers provides immigrants with accessible legal education from professional guest speakers. Empower yourself with knowledge.

Immigration Law

Ram Joubin from the Joubin Law Corporation will share expertise on essential rights and legal processes.

City Centre Branch | Room 127
Sat Oct 17 2:00–3:00 pm
Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17274677
Information: Shirley at schan@coqlibrary.ca

SHARP Workplaces

Elizabeth Korompai from the Community Legal Assistance Society will share expertise on filing workplace complaints, rights, and services.

City Centre Branch | Room 127
Tues Nov 17 6:00–7:00 pm
Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17250830
Information: Shirley at schan@coqlibrary.ca

Advanced Care Planning

Many of us know it’s important to plan ahead but it can be hard to know where to begin when it comes to future health care decisions. No matter your age or stage of life, Advance Care Planning is for everyone.

In partnership with the Regional Advance Care Planning Team from Fraser Health.

City Centre Branch | Room 136 & 137
Mon Nov 23 6:30–8:00 pm
Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17195749
Information: Ann at ajohannes@coqlibrary.ca

Supporting Early Learning on the Journey to Kindergarten

This session with Tazeen Bharucha from the YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral and Debra Vanderwood from School District #43 will look at the many ways families can support children as curious, capable, and confident learners.

In partnership with the YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral, School District #43 and the Tri-Cities Literacy Committee.

City Centre Branch | Room 136 & 137
Wed Nov 25 6:30–8:00 pm
Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17114417
Information: Ann at ajohannes@coqlibrary.ca

Public Arts in Public Cities

Join Indigenous planner, filmmaker, and educator, Kamala Jasmine Todd for a public talk considering the importance of Indigenous visibility and re-storying urban landscapes in thinking about how we build healthy, culturally resilient cities.

Registration recommended. ArtsConnect gratefully acknowledges the support for this talk through Spirit of Coquitlam Grant.

In partnership with ArtsConnect.

City Centre Branch | Room 127
Sat Nov 28 1:00–2:30 pm
Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17282732
Information: Shirley at schan@coqlibrary.ca

Computer 101: How Do I Use a Computer?

Are you a low income or newcomer adult who wants to learn how to use a computer? This special program will not only teach participants how to use a computer, every participant will also receive a refurbished laptop for free.

This program is for patrons who lack the financial or physical resources to get and learn from a computer.

Special thanks to Coquitlam Foundation & ReuseTechBC.

City Centre Branch | Room 127
Thu Dec 3 4:30–6:30 pm
Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17290577
Information: Kelsey at kwaggener@coqlibrary.ca

Korean Seniors Group

(recommended for age 55 years and up; in Korean)

Meet new friends and learn digital skills including how to install library apps, and read eBooks and eNewspapers on your smartphone.

City Centre Branch | Room 127
Thu Oct 1 10:00–11:30 am
Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17079512

Thu Nov 12 10:00–11:30 am
Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17079513

Thu Dec 3 10:00–11:30 am
Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17079514
Information: Young Ae at ykim@coqlibrary.ca or Shirley at schan@coqlibrary.ca



슬기로운 시니어 여가생활

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시간: 오전 10:00–11:30
장소: 시티센터지점 127룸 (1169 Pinetree Way)
대상: 55세이상
등록: 도서관 웹사이트 직접 등록하거나, 이메일 ykim@coqlibrary.ca (영문이름-First/Last Name함께)로 연락주세요!
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김영애 604-937-4142 또는 ykim@coqlibrary.ca
셜리찬 604-554-7345 또는 schan@coqlibrary.ca

Book Clubs

English as an Additional Language Book Club

Are you interested in joining a book club dedicated to Intermediate Level English language learners? Join us for a monthly book club and discover the joys of meeting to talk about books! New members are welcome.

City Centre Branch | Board Room

Mon	Oct 5	1:00–2:00 pm
Mon	Nov 2	1:00–2:00 pm
Mon	Dec 7	1:00–2:00 pm

Registration & Information:
Ann at ajohannes@coqlibrary.ca



Pride & Allies Book Club

Join Coquitlam Public Library for a Pride & Allies Book Club to discuss books chosen by Club members and Library staff. Everyone is welcome.

In partnership with Tri-Cities Pride Society.

Poirier Branch | Board Room

Thu	Oct 15	7:00–8:00 pm
Thu	Nov 19	7:00–8:00 pm
Thu	Dec 17	7:00–8:00 pm

Registration & Information:
Ann at ajohannes@coqlibrary.ca

Silent Book Club

Are you interested in attending a book club but don't want to commit to the conversation? Join us at local cafés for tasty book choices and tastier food options.

With Ibex Café and the Beanery Coffee House & Eatery

Beanery Coffee House & Eatery | 101–2591 Panorama Dr

Wed	Nov 18	2:00–4:00 pm

Ibex Café | 3537 Princeton Ave

Wed	Oct 21	2:00–4:00 pm
Wed	Dec 16	2:00–4:00 pm

Registration: Drop-in
Information: Kelsey at kwaggener@coqlibrary.ca

Virtual Book Club

Are you looking for a book club that meets online? Look no further than our Virtual Book Club! New members are welcome.

Virtual on Zoom

Mon	Oct 26	7:00–8:00 pm
Mon	Nov 30	7:00–8:00 pm
Mon	Dec 21	7:00–8:00 pm

Registration: Please ask to join via the "CoqLibrary Virtual Book Club" Facebook group.
Information: Ann at ajohannes@coqlibrary.ca

Are you a member of a community book club?

Reserve book club sets up to 12 months in advance with LibCal. Your set will be ready on your selected pickup date, for a 7-week loan.

Questions? Scan the QR code to watch a short tutorial.

Career Workshops

All job seekers are welcome. Registration opens approximately one month before the program date.

Information: Aman at **asaroya@coqlibrary.ca**

Resume Clinic

Do you need help perfecting your resume? Drop by our Resume Clinic and meet with the experienced staff from SUCCESS-BCNSP to receive personalized, one-on-one feedback and practical tips to help strengthen your resume.

City Centre Branch | Room 127

Thu	Oct 15	2:30–4:30 pm
Thu	Dec 17	2:30–4:30 pm

Registration:
Oct 15 coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17193292
Dec 17 coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17193337

Mock Interview Clinic

Ace Your Next Interview! Join us at the Mock Interview Clinic and practice your interview skills with experienced staff from SUCCESS-BCNSP to gain valuable feedback, boost your confidence, and improve your performance for your next interview.

City Centre Branch | Room 127

Thu	Nov 19	2:30–4:30 pm

Registration: coquitlam.libnet.info/event/17193784

Preparing for Job Interviews

Do you feel your interview skills are stopping you from getting the right job? Learn strategies that will help you structure answers and place your skills at a higher level, with the advice of a Career Advisor.

In partnership with WorkBC Centre.

Virtual on Zoom

Wed	Oct 28	2:00–3:30 pm

Registration: job-interview-workbc.eventbrite.ca

Job Search Strategies

Join this workshop to learn how to set SMART goals in creative ways and explore how to effectively manage your time when searching for a job. Also, get strategies in how to keep your motivation up and focus on getting a job that's right for you!

In partnership with WorkBC Centre.

Virtual on Zoom

Wed	Nov 17	2:00–3:30 pm

Registration: jss-workbc.eventbrite.ca



Creating Effective Resumes

Do you want to learn the basics of writing effective resumes? Join this workshop to learn:

- the purpose of an effective resume
- the different types of resumes
- strategies to make your resume attractive to potential employers

A WorkBC Employment Specialist will present on these key points and share quick tips to help you create a winning resume!

In partnership with WorkBC Centre.

Virtual on Zoom

Thu	Dec 10	2:00–3:30 pm

Registration: resumes-workshop-workbc.eventbrite.ca

Discovery Lab

Visit the Discovery Lab at our City Centre branch where you can view all of the items in our lendable technology collection. Our drop-in Senior Tech Clinic hour can help you troubleshoot your technology issues face-to-face.

Registration: Drop-in.
Information: Eun at lab@coqlibrary.ca

Lendable Technology

GoPro Camera & Accessories

The GoPro durable, waterproof action camera captures high-qulity videos and photos while you enjoy adventure sports, travel, or outdoor activities.

Light Therapy Lamps

Lamps emit a bright light that can help improve sleep, mood, energy, and focus. Choose from two different hues and three different brightness levels. Use the timer to customize the length of your session (10 to 60 minutes).

Cricut Joy

The Cricut Joy is a compact cutting machine that can cut, write, draw, and foil. Perfect for small spaces, quick projects, and on-the-go creativity.

Senior Tech Clinics

Drop-in for one-on-one tech help. Support is available for basic computer and technology questions such as using email, searching the Internet, using a mobile device, printing photos or files saved on email/mobile, and accessing eBooks.

City Centre Branch | Discovery Lab

Mon–Fri 10:00–11:00 am

Registration: Drop-in.
Information: Eun at lab@coqlibrary.ca

eResources

Road to IELTS

Road to IELTS—both Academic and General Training modules—will help you get ready for a great IELTS score.

Tumblebook Library

Prepare for the ICBC knowledge exam online, including practice for the learner's permit and full license.

LinkedIn Learning

Develop your business, creative, and technology skills through video courses and tutorials taught by industry experts.

Discovery Lab Staffed Hours

The Discovery Lab is open during regular library opening hours.

Until further notice, the Discovery Lab is only staffed during Senior Tech Clinic hours (Mon-Fri 10:00-11:00 am)

Please check **coqlibrary.ca/discovery-lab** for current information.

Scan the QR code to go to our Discovery Lab page:
coqlibrary.ca/discovery-lab

Library Link Schedule

There may be last-minute changes to the schedule due to repairs or holidays.

Before you visit the Link, please check **coqlibrary.ca/library-link** or phone **604-554-7323.**

Schedule in effect Sept 27 - Dec 20

Sundays

Riley Park | 1320 Riley St
10:30 am–12:00 pm

Sheffield Park | Chandler St & Sheffield Ave
1:00–2:30 pm

Tuesdays

Mountain View Elementary | 740 Smith Ave
9:10 am–10:10 am*
*Visits on Sept 29, Oct 13 & 27, Nov 10 & 24, Dec 8

Meadowbrook Elementary | 900 Sharpe St
9:10 am–10:10 am*
*Visits on Oct 6 & 20, Nov 3 & 17, Dec 1 & 15

Blue Mountain Park | 975 King Albert Ave
(on Porter St & Winslow Ave)
10:45–11:45 pm

Ranch Park Elementary | 2701 Spuraway Ave
12:45–1:45 pm*
*Visits on Sept 29, Oct 13 & 27, Nov 10 & 24, Dec 8

Hazel Trembath Elementary | 1100 Winslow Ave
12:45–1:45 pm*
*Visits on Oct 6 & 20, Nov 3 & 17, Dec 1 & 15

Wednesdays

Riverview Park Elementary | 700 Clearwater Way
10:00 am–11:00 am*
*No visit Sept 30 & Nov 11

Maillardville Community Centre | 1200 Cartier Ave
11:30 am–12:30 pm*
*No visit Sept 30 & Nov 11

Hampton Park Elementary | 1760 Paddock Dr
2:30–5:15 pm*
*No visit Sept 30 & Nov 11

Thursdays

Victoria Hall | 3435 Victoria Dr
9:30 am–11:45 am

Walton Elementary | 700 Gatensbury St
12:45–2:15 pm

Smiling Creek Elementary | 3456 Princeton Ave
5:00–7:00 pm*
Story Time *(for children ages 0–6 and their caregivers)*
Sept 17–Dec 3 6:00–6:30 pm
*Last stop before Christmas break is Dec 10

Fridays

Bramblewood Elementary | 2875 Galloway Dr
10:00–11:00 am*
*No visit Oct 23 & Dec 18

Galloway Park | 3404 Galloway Ave
11:30 am–1:30 pm

Saturdays

Bettie Allard YMCA | 555 Emerson St
10:00 am–1:00 pm

Como Lake Park | 1200 Cartier Ave
2:00–3:30 pm*
*No visit Nov 21

HollyDaze in the Heights | on Ridgeway Ave
Nov 21 only 4:00–9:00 pm

Scan the QR code to go to our Library Link page:
coqlibrary.ca/library-link







	City Centre Branch	Poirier Branch
	1169 Pinetree Way Coquitlam, BC V3B 0Y1 604-554-7323	575 Poirier Street Coquitlam, BC V3J 6A9 604-554-7323
Library Hours		
Monday - Thursday	9:00 am - 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Holiday Hours		
October 11	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Closed
October 12	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Closed
November 11	Closed	Closed
December 24	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
December 25	Closed	Closed
December 26	Closed	Closed
December 31	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
January 1	Closed	Closed

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