

# NEWS & VIEWS



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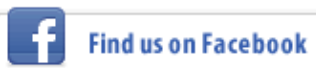
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## Summertime in Victoria

Victoria is a wonderful place to be all year round but it seems the city really comes alive in the summer with the multitude of festivals and events. There is never a shortage of lively musical performances, outdoor movies, and farmers markets to awaken the senses. Or if its peace and tranquility you're looking for, that can be found too in our many coves and bays, as well as nature trails for varying athletic abilities.



In this summer edition of News and Views, you will find information on Canada Day events, musical performances, the Dragon Boat Festival, kids summer reading programs at the library, drop in times at UVIC's CARSA Fieldhouse, summer outdoor movies, and more.

Whether you are currently taking classes, writing your thesis, or enjoying an extended summer break, take time to enjoy the long, warm summer days and the multitude of what this city has to offer.

## Family Centre Closure

Please note that the Family Centre will be **CLOSED for the month of August**. The last day of programs will be Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. The Family Centre will reopen after the September long weekend on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Family Centre Weekly Programs

<b>Monday – Family Learn and Share</b>	10:00am-12noon
<b>Wednesday – Early Learning Program</b>	10:00am-12noon
<b>Friday – Early Learning Program</b>	10:00am-12noon

In addition to weekly programs, the Family Centre is open Mondays 9-2pm; Wednesdays 9:30-3:00pm; Thursdays 1:00 - 5:00pm and Fridays 9:30 - 1:30pm. We also have monthly book clubs and special events. For more information please check out our Facebook page or contact us at [familyc@uvic.ca](mailto:familyc@uvic.ca).

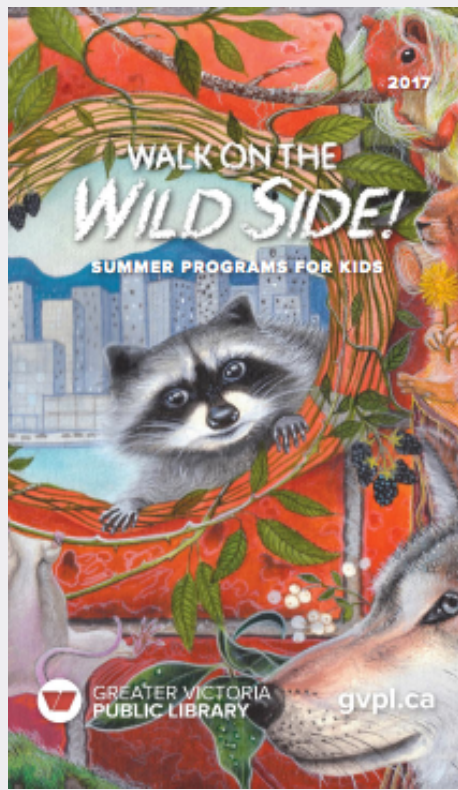


**CANADA 150**

With 2017 marking Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, there are no shortage of celebrations taking place. Since June 21<sup>st</sup>, Victoria has been enjoying free outdoor events. Over the 11 days leading up to July 1<sup>st</sup>, Victoria has been commemorating our nation and city’s multicultural artistry, while enjoying diverse food and beverage offerings. On Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> the site opens at 11:00am. The Family Zone and food trucks will be open as well as the return of The Coast Capital Savings Living Flag. The grand finale will be the Main Stage programming of musical performances and a spectacular firework display. For a full schedule of events, see <http://spirit150victoria.ca/celebrate-canada/schedule/>.

Other events going on across our city on Canada Day include:

- Canada Day at Craigflower Manor
- Canada Day Picnic at the Gorge Waterway Park
- Canada Day Parade (Gorge Rd and Admirals Rd)
- Canada Day Pancake Breakfast at the Gatsby Mansion
- Bear Mountain Canada Day Run
- Celebrations at Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse



**Attention Kids!!!**

Greater Victoria Public Library Summer Reading Program

Take a walk on the wild side with GVPL’s Summer Reading Club! Whether you’re reading at home or on holidays, you can track your daily reading on your reading record and enjoy weekly incentives along the way. Beginning June 29, drop by any library branch to pick up a self-paced reading record. Staying in town? GVPL offers free library programs at branches throughout Greater Victoria.



**Summertime Movies Outside**

All movies start at 9pm and are playing at Beacon Hill Park except Jumanji, which will play at the Legislature Lawn.

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> – **Jumanji**

Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – **Rush Hour**

Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – **Spice World**

Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – **The Outsiders**

Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> – **Dirty Dancing**

Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – **Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory**

**Family Centre Summer Camps**

July 10-14, 1-3pm, Nature Camp

July 24-28, 1-3pm, Art Camp

These camps are for kids entering Grades 1-7. Enquire with the Family Centre at [family@uvic.ca](mailto:family@uvic.ca) for availability.



## Bring your Ball, Frisbee or Just your Feet to Run...



Open Play times welcome all sports and games . Space is shared and playing together is encouraged. Soccer times are for recreational games that welcome all to play. Children are to be supervised by an adult.

Monday	Soccer	12:00-2:30 pm	Field 2 A/B or Field 3
Tuesday	Soccer	12:00-2:30 pm	Field 2 A/B or Field 3
Wednesday	Open Play	12:00-3:00 pm	Field 3
Thursday	Open Play	11:00-2:00 pm	Field 3
Friday	Soccer	12:00-2:30 pm	Field 2 A/B or Field 3
Saturday	Open Play	11:00-1:00 pm	Field 3
Sunday	Open Play	2:00-5:00 pm	Field 3

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## Victoria Dragon Boat Festival



The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Canada Dry Victoria Dragon Boat Festival is one of Victoria's most spectacular summer festivals, this August 18, 19, and 20. This amazing outdoor event is free to the public and open to all ages, situated in Victoria's vibrant Inner Harbour. Featuring exciting dragon boat races, amazing entertainment from local cultural acts and bands, food trucks and vendors, activities for families in the cultural tent, and more, the Victoria Dragon Boat Festival is one of the must-see events on Victoria's busy summer festival calendar.

## Summer 2017 Musical Events



**Symphony Splash.** On Sunday, August 6, 2017, tens of thousands of people will take to Victoria's Inner Harbour for the 28th annual Victoria Symphony Splash. From a floating stage in the Inner Harbour, the VS orchestra and special guests will perform, ending with a grand finale performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture – with fireworks of course!

### **Summer Evenings at Butchart Gardens.**

Each summer The Gardens complements the sights and scents with a festival of daily concerts, which take place on the Concert Lawn stage. Sit on a bench, or bring a blanket and sit on the lawn. Performances happen on the open-air stage every evening in July and August and the lineup includes a wide variety of artists to suit almost every musical taste. All the entertainment is included with admission. Please see the link for the entertainment calendar:

[http://www.butchartgardens.com/files/9214/9694/1723/2017\\_Summer\\_Entertainment\\_Calendar.pdf](http://www.butchartgardens.com/files/9214/9694/1723/2017_Summer_Entertainment_Calendar.pdf)



**Bites Brews Bands on the Barge.** Local Musicians on the Breakwater Barge with Victoria's finest truck food, craft beer from Phillips, Hoyne, Driftwood, Sea Cider, and Wine from Artisan Wine Store Mark Anthony every Friday from 5pm-9:30pm. The Breakwater is located at 199 Dallas Road.

# Programs and Events

## Family Learn and Share

On Monday mornings from **10:00am-12:00pm** the Family Centre hosts a drop-in program for families to interact and learn from one another. Each week there is a designated focus topic and facilitator. For the month of July there will still be a drop-in program on Monday mornings, but we will not have guest facilitators.

## Early Learning Program:

Families are welcome to this drop-in program that runs on **Wednesday from 10:00am-12:00pm and Friday mornings from 10:00am-12:00pm**. Learning through play is encouraged in an environment that promotes children's inherent love of learning and sense of wonder. Each morning session concludes with a storytime with songs/music as well as an opportunity for outdoor play.

## Book Club:

The Family Centre has a book club that meets on **the third Thursday of each month** to discuss a novel chosen by the group. If you enjoy reading and would like to get together with others please come along. To find out more join our Facebook group or send us an email at [familyhousingbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:familyhousingbookclub@gmail.com).

## After School Program:

School aged children are invited to participate in the summer camps (see pg. 2). The After School Program will resume in the fall.



For more information on additional upcoming summer events, please like our Facebook page 'UVIC Family Centre'.

# Community Events



**British Columbia Aviation Museum Annual Open House, 1910 Norseman Road Sidney, July 29, 10-4. Admission by donation.**

"Come out and join us for a fun-filled family day! Take a plane ride. Sit in the cockpit of a jet fighter. Have your face painted."

**Beach Food Fridays and Saturdays at Colwood waterfront. Esquimalt Lagoon.**

Head to the beach in Colwood every Friday and Saturday through the summer for eats from local food trucks! Watch for live local music at select Beach Food dates in 2017 too.

Garage  
**SALE!**



Sell your stuff, buy other people's stuff here in Lam Circle!

Meet your neighbours!

Let's continue to build a strong, healthy, connected community, and have some FUN!

PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS! EVERYONE IN LAM CIRCLE IS WELCOME!