

Edmonton Public Library Entertains

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The Edmonton Public Library will be abuzz in the next several weeks when its fall schedule of programs gets underway. Several presentations may be of interest to U of A students, staff and children of the above.

This fall's edition of the Children's Entertainment Series began a couple of weeks ago. Featured are music, puppets and films. All presentations are held on Friday evenings in the Centennial (Main) Library Theatre at 7:00 pm, admission is \$2.00.

● October 5 *Paulo* — Paul Finkleman presents musics and humour designed for children, but enjoyable to all.

● October 12 — The Alberta Opera Touring Association presents a delightful production of the timeless fairy tale *Hansel and Gretel*. The best of drama and music for children.

● October 19 — *Mary Poppins* comes to life performed by Maggie Grayson who is joined by several young dancers and a pianist for this eagerly anticipated production.

● October 26 — A night of true excitement *Hallowe'en Fun* is the theme of this ghoulish evening of films. Included will be "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", "Trick or Treat" and the "Old Mill." All those costumed in appropriate attire are admitted free.

● November 2 — Walt Disney's acclaimed featured *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* is presented. This animated classic is sure to be enjoyed by all, whether seeing it for the first or the twenty-first time.

● November 9 — The Children's Library's own *Bob Bell* will amuse and amaze children of all ages with his delightful feats of magic.

● November 16 — The Axis Mime Theatre of Vancouver presents comedy and mystery with their production of *Mask Man*. Modern music is central in this performance which explores the masks people wear.

● November 23 — A colourful exhibition of traditional *Ukrainian dance* by the students of St. Andrew's Church Dance School.

● November 30 — Children will delight to the adventures of Peter Pan and his friends in

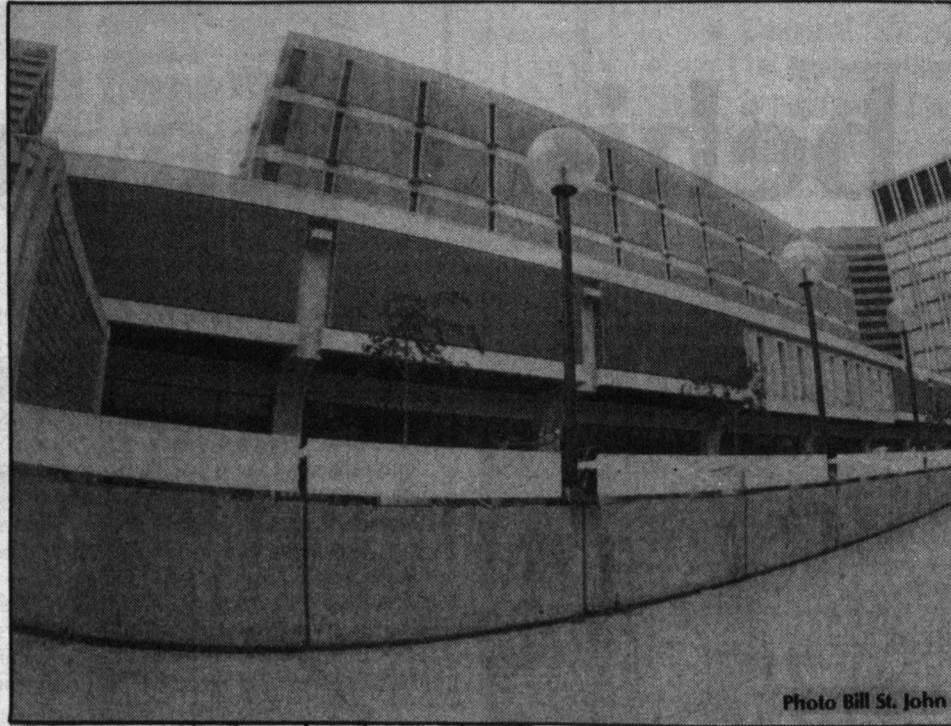


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The Edmonton Public Library: alternative entertainment

the classic Walt Disney film "Peter Pan".

● December 7 — An annual event, CBC Radio will again stage a Christmas Opera. In previous years this production has played to sold out, thrilled audiences.

● December 14 — A delicious mixture of fables, songs and stories is presented by Victoria's internationally acclaimed Kaleidoscope Story Theatre.

Puppet shows will also be a fixture at the Centennial Library in the coming months. Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 1:30 and 3:00 free puppet shows will be presented in the Children's Theatre:

● October 13 & 14 "A Celebration of Nature"
● October 27 & 28 "Witch Amiss"

● November 10 & 11 "Legend of the Peach Festival" featuring Chinese show puppets.

● November 24 & 24 "Puppet Circus"

● December 8 & 9 "Puppet Symphony"

● December 22 & 23 "Shoemaker and the Elves"

On December 24 there will be a special Christmas puppet show. Admission is free, all are invited and it begins at 2:00 pm.

Also for youngsters is a French Storytime for pre-schoolers held at several branches. Admission is free.

Capilano: Stories, music and activities for three to five year olds for which no experience with the French language is necessary. Tuesdays, October 2-30 at 2:30. Pre-register at 468-1806.

Centennial: A weekly half-hour of songs, stories and films for four and five year olds who have some French knowledge. Begins October 9 at 2:00 pm. Pre-register at 423-2331 ext 348.

Jasper Place: A Storytime for four and five year olds with some experience with French. Tuesdays, October 9 - November 13 at 10:30 am. Pre-register by October 6 at 489-0310.

Also for children is "Magic For Beginners", held Mondays at 4:30 to 5:30 pm commencing October 15. Children aged nine and up will learn, in four sessions, the fundamentals of magic. The course is free, but please pre-register at 423-2331, ext 348. The course will be offered at the Centennial (Main) Branch only.

If the various children's series hold no interest for you, the Library offers a couple of very interesting programs for adults. For film buffs a film series is offered.

1939 is the year in focus for this season's film series being held in the Centennial Library Theatre every Wednesday in October at 7:30 pm. Admission is just \$2.00.

Wednesday October 3 *Gone With the Wind*

October 10 *Wuthering Heights*.

October 24 *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*

October 31 *The Wizard of Oz*.

The Centennial Library houses the only continual photography gallery in the city. This month, until October 30, the National Film Board presents an exhibition featuring the works of Freeman Patterson. Mr. Patterson is a photographer of international stature, the works to be featured reflect Patterson's relationship with nature.

The Edmonton Public Library is an inexpensive source of entertainment for students and their young families. The children's programs are entertaining and educational and can serve as an introduction to the arts. The adult film series and exhibition offer cultural stimuli for the poverty-stricken student. For more extensive information, contact the Edmonton Public Library.

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