



EAST CENTRAL NEWCOMER
WELCOME CENTRE

The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

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Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



OFFICE UPDATE

As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our office is open to the public by appointment only. We will continue to provide service to our clients through phone calls and emails.

Proper preventative measures including: one client at a time, physical distancing, increased cleaning and the wearing of masks will be strictly followed.

To book an appointment, please call (306) 783-2777 or email ecnwcinfo@ecnwc.ca. Our service hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your patience!

We provide free settlement services to newcomers and their families within the East Central region.
It is our goal to provide you with the information, referrals and advice you may need to assist in your settlement in Canada and our community!

Call our office at (306) 783-2777 if you have ANY questions.
We are happy to help you!

This is HOME

Meet Hanna Yokozawa Farquharson!

Hanna moved from Japan in 2011 and now calls Saltcoats, Saskatchewan home! She is a textile artist and her work was scheduled to be at the Community pARTners Gallery, but due to the pandemic, the gallery moved online at <https://yorktonarts.ca/visual-arts>. She will also have her first solo exhibition where her textile art will be on display at the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery from September 13 to October 31. The Gallery opens back up to the public on August 10th.



"The prairie landscape inspires me greatly. I find the prairie landscape has a simplicity, purity, depth to them and living in a small rural town gives me a warm feeling of belonging. Long cold winters force us to stay home more and that is a great chance to focus and reflect about ourselves deeply. That is the same process to make art." - Hanna



School is starting back up on September 1st in the Good Spirit School Division!

The Good Spirit School Division website (www.gssd.ca) has further information on their response to COVID-19 and how they plan to adapt for the new school year.

If you require help registering your child in school or need any information regarding school please contact our office and, our Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) can assist you!

FUN Fact about Canada!

More than half of all the lakes in the world are located in Canada! The country counts more than 3 million lakes including two of the biggest lakes in the world: Great Bear Lake and Great Slave Lake.



EXPLORE our Community!



Yorkton has a number of parks that everyone is welcome to use! These parks include both active parks (to play at) or passive parks (to sit and relax at). There are play structures, spray parks, tennis courts, walking and hiking trails, picnic areas, disc golf courses and large green spaces spread throughout our city! If you would like to learn more you can visit the City of Yorkton website at <https://www.yorkton.ca/dept/leisure/parks.asp> or contact our office and we will get you a map and list of all the parks!

Yorkton also has a rich collection of art on display throughout the city and many historical landmarks. If you are interested in exploring the Art, Heritage and History of the City of Yorkton call our office at (306) 783-2777 and arrange for pick-up of the "Art Centre" and "Heritage & History" guides. These pamphlets highlight the art and history in our city for you to self explore!

For more information and updates, please visit and like our East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Facebook Page.





Community Activities & Event



Here is a list of some of the activities or events happening in our community this month! If you are interested in any of these please call our office at (306) 783-2777 and we can help you register and /or attend with you.

Parks Pop Up Program

All Ages / Leisure

WHAT? Join the City's Park Ambassadors as they explore Yorkton Parks! They will have educational activities and games set up.
WHEN/WHERE? Program runs from 2pm to 4 pm on the following dates:
August 6th – City of Yorkton Cemetery
August 10th – Crosthwaite Park
August 17th – Weinmaster Park
August 19th – Knights of Columbus Park
*Dates are subject to change so follow the Facebook Group "recreation your summer"



COSTS? FREE

Gallagher Centre Drive In Movie

All Ages / Entertainment

WHAT? Attend a drive-in movie to watch Disney's Frozen II right from your vehicle! Legacy Co-op will provide complimentary snacks and a window washing!
WHEN? August 7th at 9:00pm (Doors open at 8:30pm)
WHERE? Gallagher Centre Parking Lot
COSTS? \$25 per vehicle. Limited tickets available.



Teddy Bear's Picnic Story Time

Younger Children / Leisure

WHAT? Join Parkland Library for story time in the park!
WHEN? August 13th at 10:30 am
WHERE? Logan Greens (by the Logan and Tupper Entrance)
COSTS? FREE but must pre register.



Parkland Valley SCR Summer Tour

Children aged 6-12 / Recreation

WHAT? A play program that uses fun active games to learn about leisure.
WHEN? Aug 14, 2020 at 1PM to 3PM
WHERE? Yorkton Public Library (but contact us to see if they are coming to your town too)
COST? Free but must pre-register.



VIRTUAL – Are you interested in virtual programming from the comfort of your own home?



The following organizations are offering virtual programming this summer:

- The **Yorkton Public Library** posts an activity on their Facebook Page every week day. They have Monday Madness, Tuesday Crafts, Wacky Wednesday Experiments, Story Time Thursdays and Fitness Fridays. Registration is required for some of the activities.
- **The Western Development Museum** is offering a virtual summer camp where you can make your own exhibit on August 10th to 14th. Aimed at children aged 6 to 10. Must pre-register. Also the Museum opens back up to the public on August 12th.
- **SIGN Yorkton** and **Yorkton Early Years Family Resource Centre** are offering children specific camps, workshops and different sessions online throughout August.
- **Boys and Girls Club of Yorkton** offer weekly activities kits for children to participate with.
- **Yorkton Parks and Recreation** created the Facebook group "reCreation Your Summer" where they post activities throughout the week to keep you busy.

