



The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

October 2021

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.

ECNWC OFFICE UPDATE

We are open for walk-ins and in-person appointments. We will also provide service through phone calls, emails and other media. We're allowing a limited number of clients in the office at once, therefore please book appointments. Preventative measures including sanitizing, masking and distancing 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.

The office will be CLOSED on October 11, 2021.

Upcoming Satellite Office Schedule:

October 12 – Churchbridge October 26 – Invermay
November 9 – Kamsack November 23 - Preeceville

Please call (306)783-2777 if you would like to meet with our staff in these communities on the above dates

This is HOME – STAFF Edition

Meet Leah Lutz (previously Leah McNeill)

Leah was married in August and now has a new last name!

Leah is a Settlement Worker in Schools (SWIS) with the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. She covers the schools in the Good Spirit School Division and Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools that are located outside of Yorkton. Leah was hired when our SWIS program first started in February 2018 so has been with our office for 3.5 years!



"In my position, I am given the opportunity to meet many new families. I am grateful for all I have learned about different cultures and languages. I love watching our communities grow with newcomers' arrivals and I always strive to ensure families are able to settle as quickly and seamlessly as possible. I absolutely adore doing fun activities with the students/families and building meaningful relationships with each and every one of my clients.

I feel very lucky to call Saskatchewan home. I enjoy that the entire province has a "small-town" feel; however, it is large enough to complete post-secondary programs and for families to have all they need. The landscape is beautiful ranging from prairies to badlands to sand dunes. The changing seasons allow for super fun activities like tobogganing, skating, corn trails, hiking and going to the beach, to name a few of my favourites. As most newcomers have noted to me, everyone is extremely friendly and helpful in Saskatchewan. In 2004, I moved from the Ottawa area to Yorkton. I consider Yorkton home because it has been where I have spent most of my life. I have family immigration history in the Yorkton area and feel close to my ancestors here. Yorkton is a beautiful community with friendly and helpful people. This is a city I have never wanted to leave and am excited to raise a future family in. Some fun facts about me: I have a 2 year old beagle, I teach dance classes at Extravagance Yorkton, I have 2 older sisters and my favourite movie is The Lion King!" - Leah

STARTING SEPTEMBER 7 FULLY VACCINATED FOREIGN NATIONALS CAN COME TO CANADA, AS LONG AS THEY:

- ✓ ARE ASYMPTOMATIC
- ✓ HAVE PROOF OF A VALID PRE-ARRIVAL COVID-19 MOLECULAR TEST RESULT (ANTIGEN TESTS, OFTEN CALLED RAPID TESTS, ARE NOT ACCEPTED)
- ✓ HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR MANDATORY INFORMATION VIA ARRIVECAN, INCLUDING PROOF OF VACCINATION
- ✓ ARE ADMISSIBLE UNDER THE IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE PROTECTION ACT.



THEY ALSO MAY BE REQUIRED TO TAKE A TEST ON ARRIVAL.

To learn more, please click [HERE](#).

FUN Fact about Canada!

Canada's national animal is the beaver. Why? Because the country was built on the fur trade and the beaver was in high demand for its pelt.



The beaver was given official status as an emblem of Canada on March 24, 1975. However, the beaver was a part of the Canadian identity long before the National Symbol of Canada Act. After the early European explorers realized Canada was not the spice-rich Orient, the main profit-making attraction was the beaver population. In the late 1600s and early 1700s, the fashion of the day demanded fur hats, which needed beaver pelts. As these hats became more popular, the demand for the pelts grew. The trade of beaver pelts proved so profitable that many Canadians felt compelled to pay tribute to the buck-toothed animal. Learn more about the beaver, [here](#).

EXPLORE our Community – CORN TRAILS



Are you looking for a fun family activity to do this fall?

If so, put Corn Trails on your list of places to visit! Corn Trails is a non-traditional corn maze located near the north end of Good Spirit Lake along the Canora Beach Road. These trails intertwine through a corn field, making it fun for the whole family to try and find their way out! Corn Trails cut their own trails randomly throughout the corn field with an entrance and an exit in mind. The trails in between just evolve as they cut. Lots of dead ends and loops are incorporated to add difficulty and fun. Corn Trails is open Fridays from 5pm to 8pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 12pm to 6pm for the month of October. They also have a mini golf course at the trails and add in a Halloween theme called "Terror in the Trails" on October 22, 23, 29 and 30. There is a small admission fee to visit. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.corntrails.com/>

For more information and updates, please visit and like our [East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Facebook Page](#).





Community Activities & Event

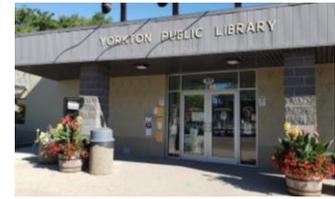
Here is a list of some of the upcoming activities or events happening in our community!
If you are interested in any of these please call our office at (306) 783-2777 and we can help you register and /or attend with you.



Global Story Time

All ages / Education

WHAT? Join Yorkton Public Library as they engage with community members to showcase special multilingual stories. They are excited to celebrate the vast culture right here in Yorkton.
WHEN? Stories to be presented online starting October 6th, 2021.
WHERE? Yorkton Public Library's YouTube channel and Facebook Page
COST? FREE



Thanksgiving Day

Canadian Holiday

WHAT? Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in Canada where Canadians give thanks for a successful year and harvest.
WHEN? Monday, October 11, 2021
WHERE? Celebrated in homes across the country by gathering loved ones and preparing a Thanksgiving Meal, which usually includes turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce and many other dishes.



SGL – Winter Driving

16+ / Education

WHAT? We have partnered with SGL to offer a virtual presentation that reviews information you will need to know about winter driving here in Saskatchewan! Be prepared for winter!
WHEN? Wednesday, October 13th, 2021 from 1pm to 2pm
WHERE? ONLINE through Zoom.
COST? FREE but you must pre-register. Please email sallard@ecnwc.ca to register.



Citizenship Test Tutorial

All ages / Art & Music

WHAT? Attend our Citizenship Test Tutorial to review the Discover Canada Official Study Guide and receive tips to help you prepare for your test! Open to Permanent Residents who have already submitted their Citizenship application.
WHEN? Wednesday, October 20th, 2021, 2:00PM to 4:00 PM
WHERE? Online through ZOOM
COST? FREE but must pre-register by emailing sallard@ecnwc.ca or call (306) 783-2777.



Halloween

Celebration

WHAT? Some of the common activities on Halloween in Canada include trick-or-treating, dressing in costumes, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns or visiting haunted attractions.
WHEN? Sunday, October 31, 2021



Multifaith Festivals in October

Baha'i Faith	15 – 'Ilm (Knowledge)
Buddhism	5 – Bodhidharma Memorial
	13 – Nichiren Shonin Memorial
	19 – Pavarana
	20 – Kathina begins
Christianity	3 – World Communion Sunday
Hinduism	7-14 – Navaratri
	12 – Saraswati Puja
	15 – Dassehra
	24 – Karwa Chauth
Islam	18 – Mawlid al-Nabiy

Jainism	12-20 – Aymbil Ori
	21 – Atmasiddhi Rachna Divas
Scientology	7 – International Association of Scientologists Day
Sikhism	20 – Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji
Wicca	31 – Samhain
Zoroastrianism	2 – Mehregan
	12 – 16 – Ghambar Ayathrem
Aboriginal Spirituality	Pekelanew (The Moon That Turns the Leaves White)

These dates were highlighted in the Multifaith Calendar which is distributed by the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan.



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