2016 – 2017 Program Guide

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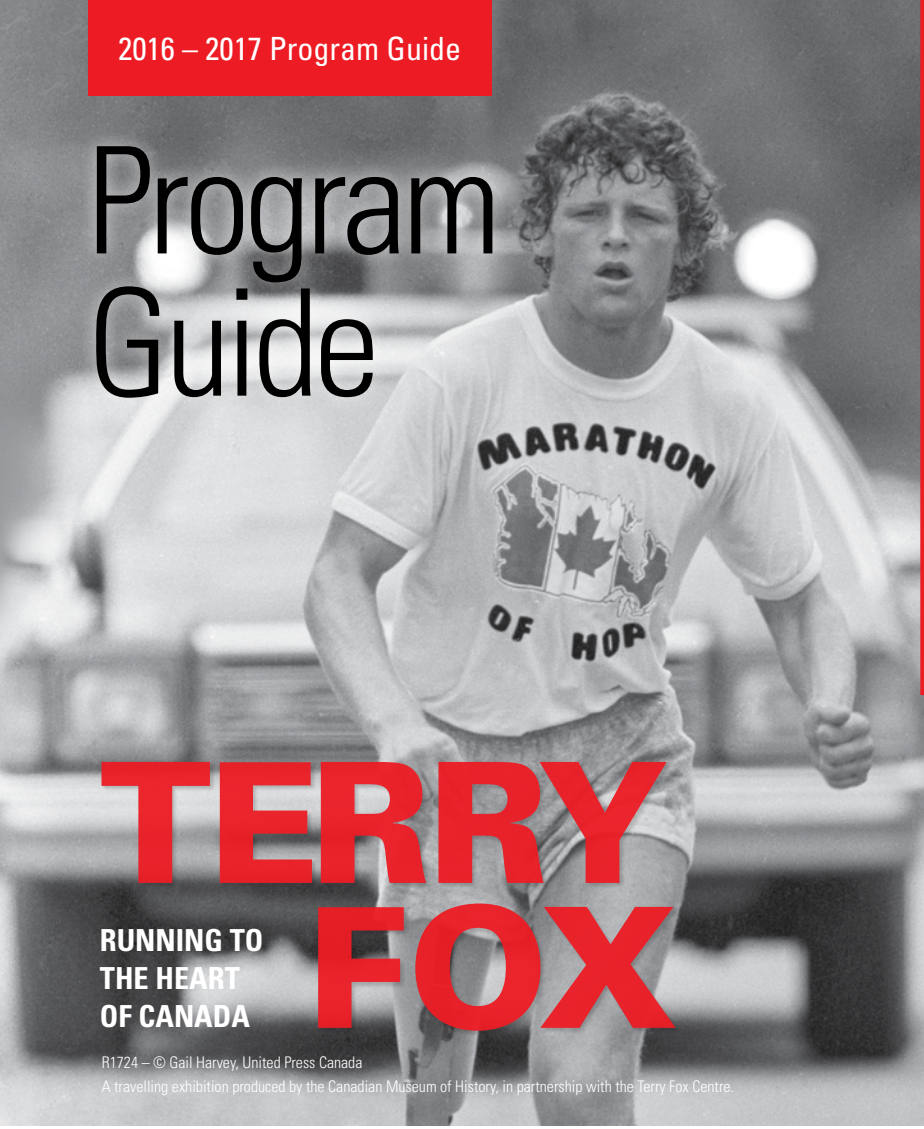

ROYAL BC MUSEUM

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Celebrating 130 Years!

On October 25, 2016, the Royal BC Museum turns 130 years old!

We are celebrating with a kids' Ice Age art contest and a special public viewing of some of our Emily Carr originals.

We're looking forward to the next 130 years as your provincial museum, a hub of community connections for all British Columbians, taking pride in our collective histories.

Happy birthday … to everyone who contributes to, learns from and visits the Royal BC Museum.

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Wonder Sunday

See, Think, Activate!

Our Wonder Sunday family series now takes place every Sunday, starting October 16. Join us in the galleries for some fun learning.

Included with admission or membership.

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Quality Foods

Creeping and Crawling

This month we celebrate the animals of Halloween. Bats, owls and spiders will creep and crawl their way through the museum. Don't miss our annual Wonder Sunday Halloween on October 30.

Oct 16, 23, 30 | 1:00–3:00 pm

Massive Mammoths

This month we think big … really big. Explore how mammoth teeth and tusks are both very heavy and very cool. Why did mammoths go extinct and should we try to bring them back from extinction if we could? These are some of the questions for the month.

Nov 6, 13, 20, 27 | 1:00–3:00 pm

A Season of Celebration

This month we celebrate the season. Hanukkah, Christmas, Potlatches and Solstice are just a few of the ways that people around BC come together during this time of year. Come share your traditions and learn from others.

Dec 4, 11, 18 | 1:00–3:00 pm

For the Love of Writing

This month we turn to the written word. From diaries to text messages, words shape our understanding of ourselves and our connection to the world around us. Using archival documents, we'll explore ways of communicating—and even write a letter or two.

Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 | 1:00–3:00 pm

Our Multicultural World

This month we celebrate the ways that culture gets expressed across BC. It is through our rich diversity of traditions and sharing that we can better cultivate empathy and understanding. This month marks the beginning of the Chinese New Year, Black History Month and International Mother Languages Day.

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 | 1:00–3:00 pm

Night at the Museum

Our annual sleepover is back, in a big way. Come spend the night with us as we travel back in time with the mammoths. Explore *Mammoths! Giants of the Ice Age* without the crowds, go on a midnight behind-the-scenes tour and wake up with morning yoga. Activities, games, tours, and food will make this your most memorable museum visit ever.

Sept 24 | 6:00 pm – 9:30 am
$80 per person

10% member discount.

Watch for another sleepless night in June when we host a Night at the Museum for our upcoming *Family: Bonds and Belonging* exhibition.

130th Fun Facts

The first curator of the Royal BC Museum, John Fannin, was lured to BC by the gold rush.

Learn more >

Prices do not include applicable taxes. Subject to change.

Early Shift: Going away party for Mammoths

On the last day of 2016 and the last day of our exhibition *Mammoths! Giants of the Ice Age*, join us for a going away party for the ages. This family friendly event will involve food, games and art making to keep everyone's trunks and tusks active.

Dec 31 | 6:00–9:00 pm
$24 per Adult
$16 per Youth

10% member discount.

Father Christmas in Old Town

Visit with Father Christmas in Old Town, have your photo taken and share your holiday wishes.

Dec 2–4 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Dec 9–11 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Dec 16–18 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Included with admission or membership.
Photo by donation.

Family Day

Get a sneak peek at our hands-on interactives for the upcoming *Family: Bonds and Belonging* exhibition and share your own story of what family means to you.

Feb 13 | 1:00–3:00pm
Included with admission or membership.

Prices do not include applicable taxes. Subject to change.

Members get all the perks!

Royal BC Museum members receive 10% off camps! For more member benefits visit our membership page.

Join today >

Spring Break Camps

Aspiring shutterbugs can develop their skills by participating in a photography-inspired camp. Campers will learn about photo composition and storytelling, venture to Beacon Hill Park to capture dynamic nature shots and explore the Royal BC Museum's Natural History collection.

Mar 20–24 and 27–31
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
$224 per person

Ages 7–11

Summer Camp: Family

Campers will explore the feature exhibition *Family: Bonds and Belonging*. Check back later in the year for more details.

130th Fun Facts

The museum has been publishing books since 1891 when John Fannin published *Check List of British Columbia Birds*.

Learn more >

Remember When: Seniors On-Site Program

Enjoy time spent with others while recalling days gone by or while discovering something new. One-hour facilitated handling session for seniors to discuss, share and learn. With two themes to choose from—'In the Parlour' and 'Natural History'—there is something for everyone to try.

$10 per person

10% member discount.

Maximum 10 participants.

Programs can be booked for groups by contacting our booking office.

Design Challenge… Team Building Workshop

Bring your team to the museum for a three hour team building workshop. Your group will go behind the scenes then up to the gallery before working in small groups to create your own mini-displays. This workshop will challenge your creativity, communication and team spirit.

$1,000 per group

Book by contacting our booking office.

Mammoths and other Megafauna: Collections of the Royal BC Museum

Talk by Curator of Archaeology Grant Keddie.

New discoveries and new research are beginning to tell a different story about the nature of the Ice Age and its inhabitants in British Columbia. Our mammoth fossils and those of other large mammals have only recently begun to reveal their secrets.

Sept 22 | 7:00–8:30 pm
$12 per person

10% member discount.

Night Shift: Haunted Hollywood

The Royal BC Museum is going Hollywood this Halloween for our annual adult-only after-hours party. Wander the galleries themed to different horror films, get down to live music and enjoy diabolical drinks and food. Don't be left in the dark; purchase your tickets now! Last year's event sold out early.

Oct 29 | 8:00 pm – 12:00 am
Earlybird price $35 per person until Sept 16
Sept 17: $40 per person

10% member discount.

Food and drink for purchase.

19+, photo ID required for entry.

For costume restrictions and a full list of prohibited items, please see our website.

NEW! Museum Happy Hour

Tired of the same old thing? Why not come to the Royal BC Museum after work and try something new! Bring your friends the last three Thursday nights in November and enjoy a casual evening at the museum. Enjoy drink and food specials while you explore the galleries and take part in an activity.

$10 per person

10% member discount.

On the Homefront

Swing into the 1940s, learn how to glam up World War II style and try the jive. Feeling more conservative? Knit socks for soldiers or try darning your own.

Nov 10 | 5:15–7:00 pm

New Ways of Looking

Use technology to experience the Natural History gallery from a new perspective, try your hand at creating a new museum interactive and be among the first to try our new augmented reality app.

Nov 17 | 5:15–7:00 pm

Press Record

What do oral histories reveal about our past? Take your place in history and record your own interview and maybe even become part of our new podcast. Enjoy home movies from our Archives.

Nov 24 | 5:15–7:00 pm

Prices do not include applicable taxes. Subject to change.

Un•Expected Conversation Art and Public Spaces: Cultivating Creative Culture

How well does Victoria integrate art and creativity into our cityscape? How can public art encourage creative community engagement and affect our culture? Join our mayor and local creatives to discuss how to make our city and its public spaces more vibrant and interactive. We'll share some of the inspiring installations and active spaces around Victoria, and explore how we can further inspire creativity in our city. Please come and join the conversation.

Nov 23 | 5:00–7:00 pm
Clifford Carl Hall | Free

In partnership with the City of Victoria.

Have We Got a Story to Tell—Big Beasts!

Our popular Moth Radio Hour-inspired storytelling event series continues with absolutely true and daring tales of folks adventuring among the biggest of creatures. Elephants, bears, oh my. Victoria-area storytellers will get the ball rolling with their stories. Then it's your turn to step up to the mic.

Nov 30 | 7:00–9:00 pm
$12 per person

10% member discount.

Night Shift: Wild Romance

Explore attraction, instinct, passion and love. Enjoy the lead-up to Valentine's Day with an evening of live music, presentations and adult-only crafts and activities sure to get your heart racing.

Feb 11 | 8:00 pm – 12:00 am
Early bird pricing: $35 per person until Jan 27
Jan 28: $40 per person

10% member discount.
Food and drink for purchase.
19+, photo ID required for entry.

Learning Portal

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Science Literacy Week

Join the nationwide movement to celebrate science. Events at the Royal BC Museum include:

Surprising Science

Mingle with museum staff and community members stationed around the museum galleries. Both natural and human history science will be explored.

Sept 20 | 1:00–3:00 pm
Included with admission or membership.

Behind the Scenes Tours

See for yourself where we usually keep those jars, boxes and bins, and experience the working environment of our talented researchers and staff.

Tours are limited to 10 people.
Sign up begins one hour prior to the tour start time.

Butterflies and More

This tour will focus on our Entomology collection and the wonderful world of insects.

Sept 21 | 12:00 pm
Included with admission or membership.

Museum Alchemy

This tour will focus on the magic made by our exhibit arts team.

Sept 21 | 1:00 pm
Included with admission or membership.

Mammal Matters

This tour will focus on our vertebrate collection from the small to the mighty.

Sept 21 | 2:00 pm
Included with admission or membership.

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Sept 22 | 7:00–8:30 pm
$12 per person

10% member discount.

Kid Science

To be a scientist one must have a curious and open mind—which is perfect for kids. Join Royal BC Museum Learning staff and collaborators from around the city at stations set up to explore scientific discovery through a kid's eye.

Sept 25 | 1:00–3:00 pm
Included with admission or membership.

Women and Leadership: Radical Conversations About Gender Justice, Art and Reconciliation

This conference, presented by The Friends of St. Ann's Academy, provides an opportunity for women and girls to come together in arts-based workshop, community and gallery tours and panel discussions with women leaders, artists, educators, activists and politicians.

Oct 13–15
Locations: St. Ann's Academy, Royal BC Museum and Mungo Martin House.

Living Languages

This workshop in the galleries explores issues of representation and reconciliation in museums by contrasting two iconic installations – *Our Living Languages: First Peoples' Voices in British Columbia*, which opened in 2014, and the *First Peoples Gallery*, created almost 40 years before.

Oct 14 | 2:15–3:35 pm
$10 per person

10% member discount.

Feminist Museum Hack

During this workshop you will visit the *Becoming BC Gallery*, identify an area to be "hacked" and then work in small teams to create a prototype installation to address the missing feminist narrative.

Oct 15 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
$10 per person

10% member discount.

Home Movie Day

Enjoy home movies from the BC Archives playing throughout the day in the Majestic Theatre in Old Town.

Oct 15 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Included with admission or membership.

Fieldtrippers

Join us for themed outdoor field trips led by museum staff and community collaborators.

For information on meeting locations, age and mobility guidelines see our website.

Spider Sunday!

Royal BC Museum biologists Claudia Copley, Darren Copley and Robb Bennett will demonstrate spider collecting techniques, do a show and tell and dispel the many myths about spiders and other closely related arachnids. Bring your curiosity and any live spiders you want us to identify.

Oct 2 | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
By donation.

Birding by the Bay

Join Royal BC Museum biologists Darren Copley and Claudia Copley on a birding trip to Cowichan Bay as part of the WildWings Nature & Arts Festival, an annual month-long celebration of the return of the Trumpeter Swans to their overwintering grounds.

Nov 5 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
By donation.

In-seine: Sailfins, Shrimps, and Sea Slugs!

Join Royal BC Museum researchers as they conduct an evening beach seine at Willows Beach. As many as 20 species of fish, crabs, shrimp, and other invertebrates will be brought in using a large net, so everyone will get an up-close look at what lives beneath the waves.

Dec 12 | 7:30–9:30 pm
By donation.

Life on Marine Debris

It's not just garbage. Explore the shoreline with Natural History Curators Dr. Henry Choong and Dr. Joel Gibson. See how natural and human created marine debris interacts with life in the marine and coastal environment.

Jan 14 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
By donation.

Owl Outing

Join Royal BC Museum biologists Darren Copley and Claudia Copley on an owl prowl to a local natural area. We will search for some of the common wintering species in our region. You'll learn to identify the different species by sight and sound, as well as some of their natural history.

Feb 4 | 7:30–9:00 pm
By donation.

*Space is limited to 20 participants, so please pre-register for this program by emailing rbcm_groups@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca

Letter Writing Week

The New Year is a great time to make a resolution to slow down. What better way to do that than to put away your smartphone, sit down and write a letter at our letter writing booth. We provide the paper, pens, envelopes and even the stamps. Who knows, the letter you write could one day become part of our archives.

Jan 2–8 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Included with admission or membership.

International Mother Languages Day

Take a closer look at the First Peoples' Cultural Council and the Royal BC Museum's *Our Living Languages* exhibition examining the diversity of First Nations languages in British Columbia with special activities and presentations.

Feb 19 | 1:00–3:00 pm
Included with admission or membership.

Prices do not include applicable taxes. Subject to change.

Lest We Forget: Remembrance Commemorations

Look for performance-based presentations by musicians, singers and storytellers, and outreach school programs. Finalized schedule available online in October.

Nov 10–11 | 12:00–3:00 pm
Included with admission or membership.

All commemorative events are supported by Veterans Affairs Canada Community Engagement Fund.

10th Annual Carol-Along with the Carillon

Gather under the Centennial Carillon with your fellow singers, family, friends and pooch. Provincial Carillonneur Rosemary Laing will accompany the choir below in a one of a kind carolling party. Hot chocolate and cookies help to make the season bright and at the end of the forty-five minute set, the Carillon is lit for the holidays.

Dec 4 | 4:30–5:15 pm
Free

Father Christmas in Old Town

Visit with Father Christmas in Old Town, have your photo taken and share your holiday wishes.

Dec 2–4 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Dec 9–11 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Dec 16–18 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Included with admission or membership.
Photo by donation.

Christmas in Old Town

The sights and sounds of Christmas long ago. Visit the wood-cobbled streets laced with festive garlands and see the shops decked with seasonal finery.

Nov 13 – Jan 9
Included with admission or membership.

Helmcken House Old-Fashioned Christmas

Step through the doors of the oldest house in British Columbia, still on its original site, and experience what Christmas would have been like in Victoria over 100 years ago. Decorations, music and first-hand accounts will take you back to Christmas past.

Dec 17–31 | 12:00–4:00 pm
Included with admission or membership.

130th Fun Facts

In 1904 white bears, thought to be a new species of bear, were named *Ursus Kermodei* after Francis Kermode, the curator of the Royal BC Museum.

Learn more >

SEQUOIA
coastal coffee

Gather, experience, reflect, share over Sequoia's carefully crafted coffee and cuisine.

Featuring coffee from 2% Jazz, baked goods from Cascadia Bakery and cuisine by Truffles Catering.

Located inside the Royal BC Museum, Clifford Carl Hall.

More information >

Trailhead Tours

Lightly guided volunteer-led option. Grades K–7

Themes include Simple Machines: Museums as Maker Space (NEW), Gold Rush (NEW), Reading an Object, The Numbers of Nature: Making Sense of Data in an Unstable World (NEW), Mammoths (NEW), Predator vs. Prey.

Nov – Mar
(Tuesdays and Thursdays)
$60 per class

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Learning Labs

Inquiry based, staff-led. Grades 3–12

Governance and Beyond

This lab explores the different ways of governance, beginning with indigenous ways of knowing and being. The day-long lab starts at the Royal BC Museum and finishes across the street at the Legislative Assembly of BC. Students will be able to experience the processes of governing through a diverse lens, across multiple institutions.

Oct and Nov (Wednesdays)
$99 per class

In partnership with the Parliamentary Education Office.

S.O.S. (Steward Our Soils)

Soil is the foundation of all that we consume, whether it's the nutritious food we eat, the clothes we wear or the medicines that keep us healthy. Students will talk worm anatomy before holding real live worm friends, identify native plants in the museum and archives gardens and explore the natural history gallery, becoming soil stewards along the way!

Apr (Wednesdays)

In partnership with the Compost Education Centre.

From the Beginning: Origin Stories and Indigenous Culture

This lab will focus on alternative histories and narratives of origin. Through art and belongings, students will explore stories of connection to the earth, interconnection through families and clans and the role of oral and visual storytelling and teachings.

Jan to Jun (Monday, Wednesday or Friday)

In partnership with the University of Victoria Legacy Galleries.

Between the Generations

This lab will feature an opportunity for intergenerational exchange through modern history objects and stories.

Jan to Jun (Fridays)

In partnership with the Glenshiel Housing Society.

Knowing Your Place: Empathy, Dialogue and the Power to Connect

This lab is designed for classrooms to reflect on their understanding of place. The visit includes a facilitated conversation with a similar aged classroom in the Peace River area. The focus will be on using objects and ideas of the museum and nature to build stronger bonds of understanding and mutual respect.

Jan to Jun (Mondays)

Let's Talk

This lab is up to you. Give us a sense of what you want and we'll work with you to create something that fits your classrooms needs. For classes coming from beyond Greater Victoria this option can provide an introduction to the museum and behind the scenes access, while giving students plenty of time for open exploration of the museum.

Jan to Jun (Monday, Wednesday or Friday)

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130th Fun Facts

Woolly hasn't always been in an open diorama; prior to 2005 he resided in a glass box.

Learn more >

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

It's hungry work discovering our province's past!

Visit the Royal BC Museum's back courtyard to enjoy some of Victoria's tastiest grub from local food trucks including DeadBeetz, Pig BBQ Joint, Puerto Vallarta Amigos, Yummy Truck and The Love Perogy. Stay to enjoy our warm and welcoming eating area.

More information >

Inquiry Guides

Self-guided resources for the permanent galleries and special exhibitions.

Look for our age appropriate K–2, 3–7 and 8–12 scaled guides on our website.

Learning Portal, Digital Fieldtrips and Outreach Kits

Not on Vancouver Island? No problem. In addition to our ever-growing Learning Portal, we are also developing video conferencing for classrooms and Outreach Kit options to connect classrooms around the province to the Royal BC Museum. Contact the Learning Department for details.

Year-round

130th Fun Facts

In 1951 a young Fenwick Lansdowne was given a summer job at the museum as an assistant to Clifford Carl who saw his talent for illustrating birds. Lansdowne went on to become a renowned wildlife artist .

Learn more >

Learning Portal

The Royal BC Museum at your fingertips! The Learning Portal is a fresh, interactive online resource that supports exploration of our collections. Featuring videos, sounds, stories and images; all available from the site for anyone to investigate, assemble or share.

We are always adding to the Learning Portal. Keep checking back.

Year-round

Follow your curiosity now >

Outreach Kits

What can graffiti tell us about the experiences of early Chinese Canadians? The Writing on the Wall Outreach Kit allows you to explore this question with your class using primary source materials from the Royal BC Museum and Archives.

Order your kit now >

- Ideal for grades 5 and 9/10
- Matches Curricular Competencies from the new BC curriculum
- Free one week loans

Home Learners Series

Museum Design/ Thinking/Doing

This four-week workshop is an opportunity to understand the way design shapes experience. By employing elements of "Design Thinking", participants will help develop and co-create a kid space within our upcoming Royal BC Museum exhibition on families.

Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7
10:00–12:00 pm or
1:00–3:00 pm
$75 per person

In the spring, look for workshops on Contemporary First Nations Art and Natural History Collecting.

Partner School Project

Year two of our Partner School Project will focus on natural history and the ocean. This year we are partnering with Oak Bay High School, where students will spend the year looking at the Natural History galleries and creating exhibitions to provide a fresh youth perspective on the museum.

Learn more >

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KIDS' CLUB MEMBERS

Kids' Club

Join us for the first Wonder Sunday of each month for a special behind-the-scenes tour just for Kids' Club members, then join us and other families for Wonder Sunday. Each month will be a new theme and topic to explore.

Free for Royal BC Museum Kid's Club Members
Learn more and join today >

Creeping and Crawling

Explore the alive and dead insects of the collections.

Oct 16 | 1:00–1:30 pm and 1:30–2:00 pm

Massive Mammoths

Explore the exhibit arts area to get inspiration to make your own mini diorama.

Nov 6 | 1:00–1:30 pm and 1:30–2:00 pm

A Season of Celebration

Explore the Human History collection and find objects of celebration.

Dec 4 | 1:00–1:30 pm and 1:30–2:00 pm

Live @ Lunch

Free noon-hour talks on the first Wednesday of the month feature curators, and staff researchers working at the Royal BC Museum.

Species at Risk Travelogue

Hear about the adventures of the *Species at Risk* team as they travelled through the Kootenays sharing the importance of protecting BC's biodiversity.

Sept 7 | 12:00–1:00 pm
Community Room

Invertebrate Collections: Exploring Our Remote Coast

Collections Manager Heidi Gartner shares the revelations of her summer field research.

Oct 5 | 12:00–1:00 pm
Community Room

The Great War and BC Photographers

Curator of Images Don Bourdon brings the perspective of BC photographers into focus with surprising and touching images from the First World War.

Nov 2 | 12:00–1:00 pm
Newcombe Conference Hall

Filmmaker Stanley Fox

Archivist Dennis Duffy features BC filmmaker Stanley Fox, his collection of film and photography memorabilia and some excerpts from his earliest footage and films.

Dec 7 | 12:00–1:00 pm
Newcombe Conference Hall

Insects Sea to Sky

Meet our new Curator of Entomology Dr. Joel Gibson and discover why he finds insects so fascinating.

Jan 4 | 12:00–1:00 pm
Newcombe Conference Hall

Lizard Invasion

Curator of Vertebrates Dr. Gavin Hanke examines the rapid spread of the European Wall Lizard in British Columbia.

Feb 1 | 12:00–1:00 pm
Newcombe Conference Hall

Friends of the BC Archives Lectures

$5 per person; free for Friends of the BC Archives
Newcombe Conference Hall

Perambulate Around the Precinct

Presented by Victoria historian Patrick Dunae.

Patrick will lead a 'walk talk' around Heritage Court and the Cultural Precinct, describing the area as it was before 1966 when construction began for the new Provincial Archives and Museum. He'll point out the location of once-fashionable homes, including an Edwardian-era mansion designed by Samuel Maclure, and look closely at some of the public art and architecture on the Royal BC Museum complex. The 'walk talk' begins at the Netherlands Carillon Tower.

Sept 18 | 2:00–3:00 pm

Aqua Vitae: A History of the Saloons and Hotel Bars of Victoria, 1851–1917

Presented by Glen A. Mofford.

Glen will give an illustrated talk on the research behind his new book and its contents, including some familiar buildings and landmarks. He will describe what took place in them during the days of 5-cent beers, smoky saloons and swinging doors, and touch on Prohibition in BC, specifically in Victoria. Glen will also discuss his current research project on the beer parlours of Greater Victoria.

Oct 30 | 2:00–3:00 pm

There is no charge for this public presentation, which will follow the business portion of the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the BC Archives.

A Perfect Eden: Encounters by Early Explorers of Vancouver Island

Presented by Michael Layland.

Michael will introduce his latest book, a companion to his 2013 *The Land of Heart's Delight*. These stories create a multilayered tale of discovery, exploration and encounter, from pre-contact through 1858. The talk will be supported by a presentation of some of the 100-plus illustrations in the book.

Nov 20 | 2:00–3:00 pm

130th Fun Facts

In 1941, during the Second World War, the plan, in the event of a bomb landing in the museum, was for botanist Hardy and artist Beebe to smother the ordnance using sand or remove it with shovels. Luckily this action was never required.

Learn more >

This exhibition was created by The Field Museum, Chicago.

WALK AMONG GIANTS

Mammoths! Giants of the Ice Age

See it before it's gone…

Millions of years ago, giants roamed the earth.

Often standing more than 4 metres (14 feet) tall, mammoths and mastodons towered over the lands of Europe, Asia and North America from as long ago as 1.8 million years in the past to as recently as 10,000 years ago, during the Ice Age.

With a rich collection of fossils, casts, preserved flesh, immersive media and engaging interactives, *Mammoths! Giants of the Ice Age*, will transport visitors to a time when giants walked among us.

For the first time ever in Canada, you are able to see Lyuba, a 40,000 year-old baby Woolly mammoth. Discovered in Siberia in 2007, Lyuba is the world's most complete preserved mammoth. This is a remarkable opportunity for visitors to see an animal—now extinct—that once roamed across much of BC.

This exhibition was created by The Field Museum, Chicago.

MAMMOTHS
GIANTS OF THE ICE AGE

EXHIBITION OPEN

Closes December 31, 2016

Purchase tickets now >

DISRUPTION
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OUR LIVING LANGUAGES

First Peoples' Voices in British Columbia

This groundbreaking exhibition celebrates the resilience and diversity of First Nations languages in BC in the face of change. Learn what First Nations communities throughout the province are doing to help their languages survive and flourish, in this beautifully designed exhibition space, featuring original First Nations artwork and interactive stations.

In partnership with

FIRST PEOPLES' CULTURAL COUNCIL

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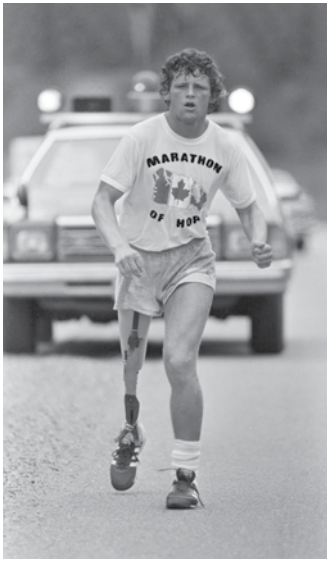
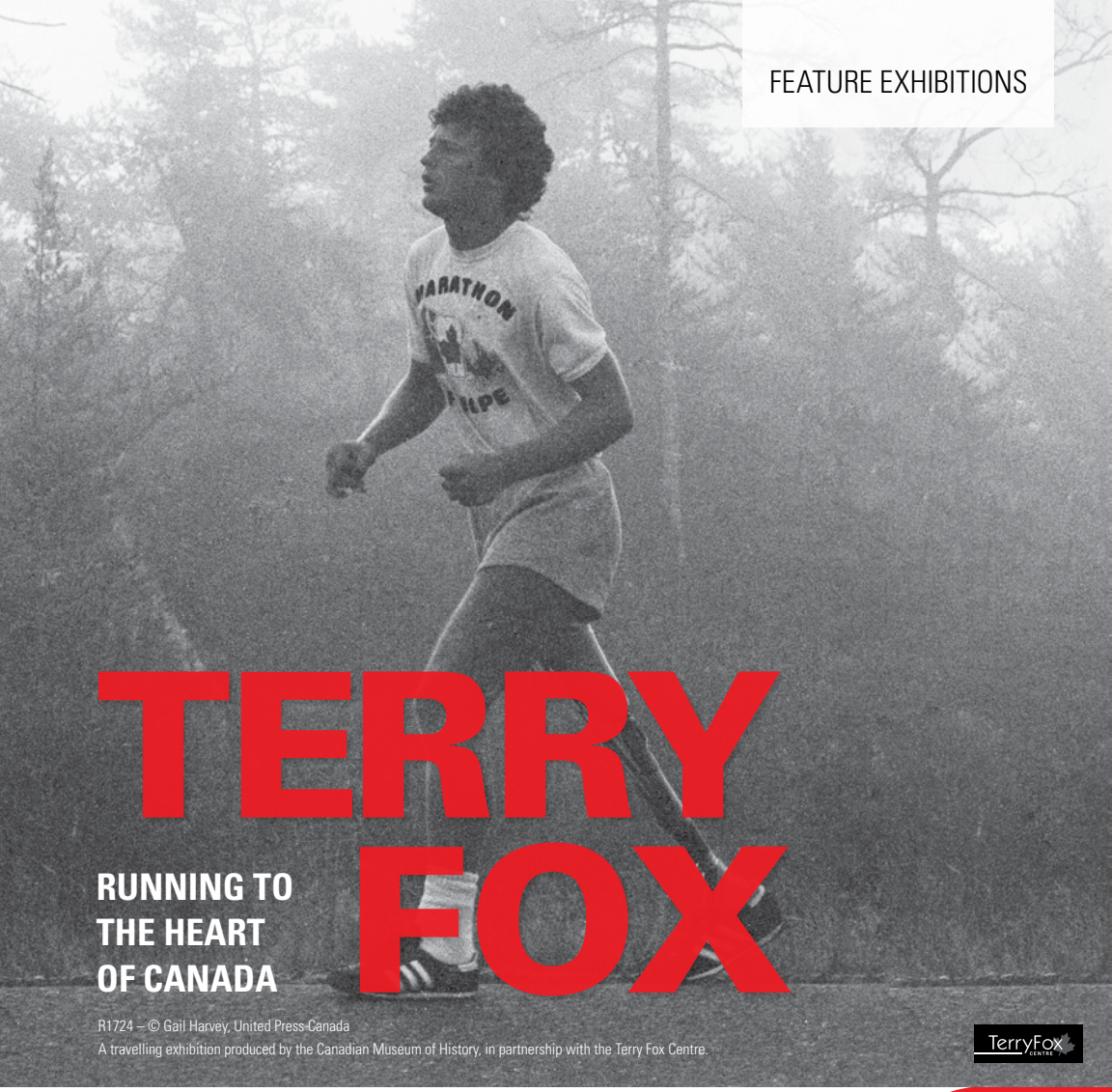
Celebrate the achievements of one of Canada's greatest heroes–Terry Fox.

At the age of 18 Terry Fox lost part of his right leg to bone cancer. The loss didn't diminish his drive or courage; in fact, it inspired greatness. Once he recovered, this young man from Port Coquitlam, BC set out to run across Canada in what he called a "Marathon of Hope" to raise money for cancer research. In the summer of 1980 Terry began his 143-day, 5,300 kilometre journey, starting in St. John's, Newfoundland. His plan had been to run across the country. Sadly Terry's cancer returned and he was forced to finish his run in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Terry Fox still succeeded in his goal of raising awareness of and money for cancer research—a legacy that continues to this day. Explore the story of a young man who inspired a nation and established himself as a hero through his courage, hope and determination.





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Family Bonds & Belonging

It's NOT All Relative

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What is a family? Can you pick your family or is it determined by blood? Is family who you share holidays with? Or who you share your daily routines with, like getting coffee together or hitting the gym? Explore these questions and discover some surprising answers in the Royal BC Museum's feature exhibition, *Family: Bonds and Belonging*

Walk into a living interactive photo album and discover the truths and secrets of some of the First Nation families, early settler families and immigrants from all over the world who began their families here.

See how traditions have changed and stayed the same. Explore stories from early and contemporary families, appreciate the traditions brought to BC by immigrant families and discover more about your own family.

Celebrate the contribution of BC families to Canada during our country's 150th birthday.

Take part in this journey that explores the joy and pain of bonds and belonging. Family: It's not all relative.

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The Emily Carr Collection

Picture this: over 100 impressive paintings and a treasure trove of 1,000 sketches and handicrafts; diaries, notebooks, scrapbooks, letters and manuscripts—the world's largest collection of Emily Carr materials, spanning her entire career. Add to this a wealth of contextual pieces: photographs, research files and sound recordings of interviews and reminiscences. The Royal BC Museum is the proud steward of this exceptional collection, which offers a uniquely holistic view of Carr's life and work.

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100 Objects of Interest

Our mission is to promote an understanding of the living landscapes and cultures of British Columbia. The objects in our collections speak volumes, helping us to understand our past and present and to envision our future. We are proud to present 100 highlights from the museum and archives—chosen by curators, archivists and staff—from among the more than seven million objects in our collection.

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Transcribe

Transcribe gives you the opportunity to make the Royal BC Museum's extensive collections more accessible, all from the comfort of your home! The transcriptions you create will become searchable data, facilitating learning and research around the world. Whether you choose to transcribe one page, one hundred pages, or just browse our collections, you are helping us share the stories that matter.

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Hands-on in the Galleries

Look for learning team volunteers around the museum explaining mammoths, birds, tide pools, gold panning and more.

Daily, Year-round

Behind the Scenes Tours

Experience the working environment of our talented researchers and staff. Tours are limited to 10 people. Sign up within one hour prior to the tour start time at the information desk in the main lobby.

Third Wednesdays and last Saturday of every month
Sept – June

Gallery Tours

Join us for engaging tours through our permanent galleries and learn about the fascinating history of BC. New tours coming your way. Current Tour Topics include
Gold Rush
Becoming BC
Natural History
Museum Highlights

Daily, Year-round
Free with admission or membership.

Check our website for tour topics, time and meeting locations.

130th Fun Facts

The night before the Modern History Gallery opened in 1972, the wooden cobbles in Old Town had to be removed and replaced. They had been cleaned with water, causing the wood to swell, creating a very uneven surface.

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The Sustainability Dilemma

Essays on British Columbia Forest and Environmental History

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Royal British Columbia Museum and Archives

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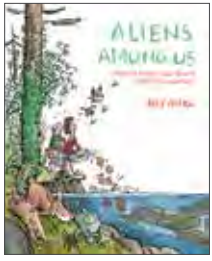

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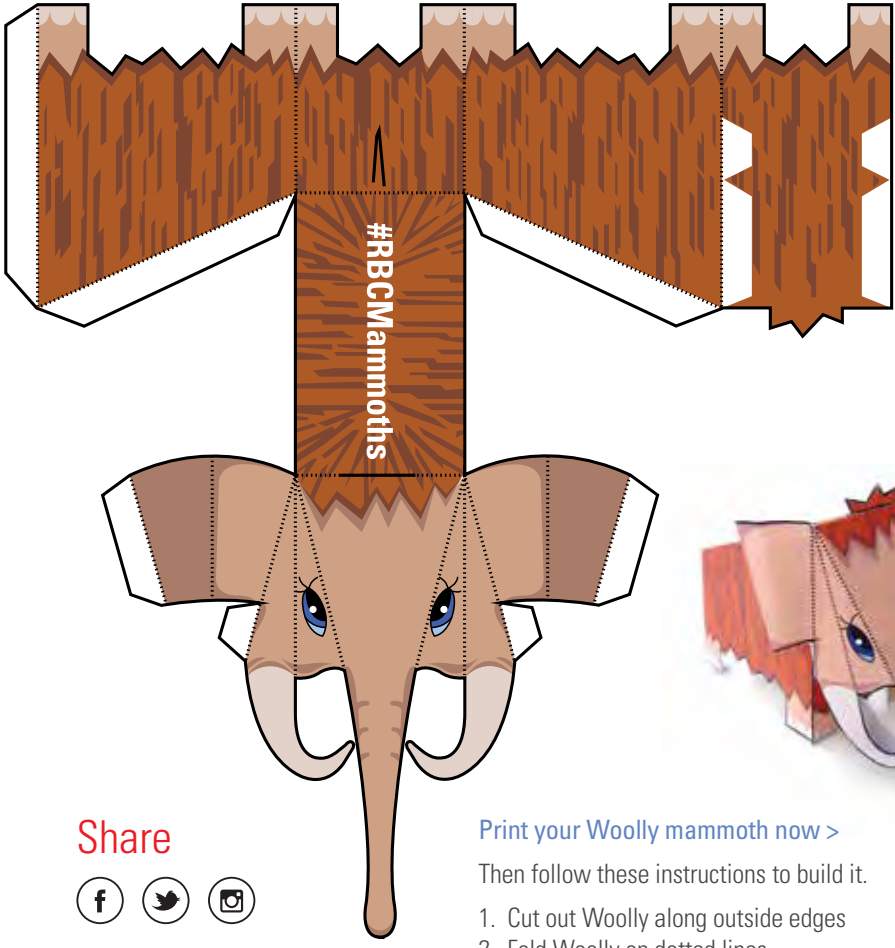

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Summer Hours (May 20 – Oct 8)
Sunday–Thursday | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday–Saturday | 10:00 am – 10:00 pm

IMAX Victoria

10:00 am – Evening (times vary)

Royal Museum Shop

Daily | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sequoia Coffee

Mon – Fri | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sat – Sun | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Food Truck Festival

September – October 2
Sun – Thur | 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Fri – Sat | 11:00 am – 9:00 pm

Fall Winter Hours beginning October 3
Mon – Sat | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

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