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Celebrate Canada's 150 with us!

The Royal BC Museum has a full calendar of events and exhibitions to celebrate. There's something for everyone.





Wonder Sunday

See, Think, Activate!

Our Wonder Sunday family series takes place every Sunday from March to May. Join us in the galleries for some fun learning.

Included with admission or membership.

Animal Families

Everyone has a family, including all the creatures of the animal kingdom. Learn about various animal parenting skills and engage in some taxonomy—the classification of animals based on the characteristics they share with their relatives.

March 5, 12, 19 and 26
1:00–3:00 pm

April Fool's

Did you know that a Killdeer will pretend to have a broken wing to distract predators from its nest? Or that the Viceroy butterfly mimics the famous Monarch to avoid predation? Nature does a wonderful job of tricking other animals—and even people! Discover various camouflage techniques and learn about how animals fool other creatures in order to stay safe. Don't forget: there's an April Fool's scavenger hunt happening museum-wide.

April 2 | 1:00–3:00 pm

Terry Fox

Canadian icon and hero Terry Fox is an inspiration to all. Wonder Sunday will branch out of the exhibition to continue his legacy

and promote hope. Engage in activities and discussions relating to Terry Fox's life and the Marathon of Hope.

April 9, 16, 23 and 30
1:00–3:00 pm

Family Science

Is DNA the only thing that ties families together? Become a geneticist and learn about our genetic codes and hereditary traits. Share your family stories and learn what makes people related to one another.

May 7, 14, 21 and 28
1:00–3:00 pm

Look for more themes in the fall!

Kids' Club

Join us at 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 offers a new theme and topic to explore.

Animal Families

March 5 | 1:00–1:30 pm and 1:30–2:00 pm

April Fool's

April 2 | 1:00–1:30 pm and 1:30–2:00 pm

Terry Fox

April 9 | 1:00–1:30 pm and 1:30–2:00 pm

Family Science

May 7 | 1:00–1:30 pm and 1:30–2:00 pm

Kids' Club is free for Royal BC Museum members.

[Join today >](#)

Night at the Museum Sleepover

Our annual Night at the Museum is a big old family sleepover. Come spend the night with us as we camp, tell stories, watch home movies, play board games and even

have a pillow fight or two (he started it!). This fun and playful event will make for your most memorable museum visit ever.

June 17 | 6:00 pm – 9:30 am
\$80 per person,
10% member discount

Wonder Weekend

The museum comes alive with family-themed activities in and out of the galleries. Listen to family bands, create art and learn more about the diverse communities of families in BC.

Wonder Weekend includes our annual Penny Carnival on July 1 (Canada Day). Bring your pennies and step right up to try your hand at egg-and-spoon races, a bean bag toss and other surprises.

July 1 and 2
11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Royal BC Museum precinct

Genetics Day with Let's Talk Science

It all runs in the family—but why? The Royal BC Museum is teaming up with Let's Talk Science to introduce young people to genetics with a hands-on, minds-on, behind-

the-scenes event. Attendees will learn about families and genetics from experts in the field and university students, and by experiencing the feature exhibition *Family: Bonds and Belonging*. Learn more about what makes your family unique.

July 5 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Register through Let's Talk Science at outreach.letstalkscience.ca/uvic
Grades 6–9 (Ages 11–15)

Greater Victoria Public Library's Canada 150: Family Stories

Join museum staff, hear some great BC family stories and learn what it means to be part of a Canadian family. Participants will also have a chance to create and share their own family stories.

July 7 and August 11
10:30–11:30 am
Register through the Greater Victoria Public Library at gvpl.ca/programs-events

CAMPS



The Director's Cut Camps

The Royal BC Museum is partnering with *The Director's Cut* to unleash campers' imagination and creativity this summer. Under the guidance of expert filmmakers, campers will use the latest in digital equipment to create a very short film or stop-motion animation movie. Then family and friends will enjoy the films on the big screen at our Friday Popcorn Film Festival.

Claymation

Young filmmakers will work in small crews to create backgrounds and clay characters and to design sets. They will learn how to use stop-motion technology and then add titles, sound effects, voices and special effects in post-production.

July 31 – August 4

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

\$280 per person

Ages 9–14

Lego Animation

Young filmmakers will work in small crews using their Lego characters to create backgrounds, sets and a storyline. They will learn how to use stop-motion technology and then add titles, sound effects, voices and special effects in post-production.

July 24–28 and August 14–18

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

\$280 per person

Ages 6–10

Filmmaking

Campers will team up with other talented filmmakers to take a turn in the director's chair and create a short film. Using the latest in digital technology, hardware, green screens and more, they will learn about scriptwriting, storyboarding, camera angles, shooting techniques and film editing.

July 17–21

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

\$280 per person

Ages 9–14

Mini Mornings Story Camp

Our littlest campers will discover the basics of story-telling in this play-based morning camp. Exploring with word, song, picture and movement, campers will be introduced to storytelling in a fun, creative and supportive environment.

July 10–14 and August 21–25

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

\$120 per person

Ages 5–6

Summer Camps

Story Camp

What makes a good story?

In parallel with our upcoming exhibition *Family: Bonds and Belonging*, campers will explore this question by uncovering stories within the museum's collections and from family histories. Fun field trips, engaging guest speakers and behind-the-scenes access will inspire campers to craft and share their own stories.

July 10–14, July 17–21, July

24–28, July 31 – August 4,

August 14–18 and August

21–25 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

\$280 per person

Ages 7–11

Spring Break Camps

Focus on Nature

Aspiring shutterbugs can develop their skills by participating in this 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.

March 20–24 and

March 27–31

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

\$224 per person

Ages 7–11



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, Puerto Vallarta Amigos, Yummy Truck and The Love Perogy. Stay to enjoy our warm and welcoming eating area.

[More information >](#)

ADULT PROGRAMS



Museum Happy Hour

Drink, eat, meet and explore. Join us after work on select Thursdays for themed happy hours in one of our core galleries.

Select Thursdays in March and July

\$10 per person

19+ only

Drinks and food available for purchase.

Please note that these events are limited to designated galleries and are not museum-wide.

Teacher's Lounge

Bring your report cards and do your marking in the galleries or celebrate being done. You don't need to be a teacher to come—you just need a love of learning and a desire to have fun!

March 9 | 5:15–7:00 pm

Becoming BC gallery, third floor

Do you mind?

The *Natural History* gallery is a perfect place to slow down and reconnect mindfully. Learn to be more present and connected to the space and people around you through yoga, meditation and more.

March 16 | 5:15–7:00 pm

Natural History gallery, second floor

Indi-genius

We've partnered with our friends from Open Space to bring you this evening exploration of the dynamic relationship between historical Indigenous art objects and contemporary Indigenous art practices.

March 23 | 5:15–7:00 pm

First Peoples gallery, third floor

Art Attack

Be inspired by the museum collections and galleries, and kick-start a more creative summer at our art party.

July 6 | 5:15–7:00 pm

Natural History gallery, second floor

The Other F-Word

Take a lighthearted look at the not-always-lighthearted topic of families.

July 13 | 5:15–7:00 pm

Becoming BC gallery, third floor

Pride!

Bring stories and voices of the LGBTQ+ community to the Royal BC Museum.

July 20 | 5:15–7:00 pm

Becoming BC gallery, third floor



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It's Complicated: A Discussion Series

Family matters aren't always easy or straightforward, whether it's your biological family or family of choice. This participatory discussion series tackles perspectives and definitions, upending assumptions to help us better understand ourselves and our family roles. An intriguing mix of facilitators will get the conversation started, but where it goes from there is up to you.

By donation
Newcombe Conference Hall

Family Legal

What do we need to know when it comes to adoption, divorce and other legal matters concerning the family?

May 17 | 5:15–7:00 pm

Repatriation

In honour of National Aboriginal Day, we will discuss how the repatriation of First Nations belongings can affect a family, a community and a nation.

June 21 | 5:15–7:00 pm

Gender

Let's deconstruct the roles of women, get to know some gender-creative kids and consider global perspectives on gender.

July 19 | 5:15–7:00 pm

Bring your Boomer or Millennial

Bring an elder and/or teen for a multigenerational dialogue.

August 16 | 5:15–7:00 pm

Museum Sage Mondays

Make a personal connection with a museum object and gain insight into a life question. A guide trained in the creative Museum Sage experience will help you use non-visual senses to find 'your' piece.

Mondays in April and May
3:00–5:00 pm

Included with admission or membership

Remember When: A Seniors On-Site Program

Seniors, this one-hour facilitated session is for you.

Drop in, discuss, share and learn using objects from the Royal BC Museum's education collection. This program can also be booked for groups by contacting our booking office.

Wednesdays
March 15 – May 31
10:30–11:15 am

\$10 per participant.
No charge for accompanying caregivers.

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 a gallery before working in small groups to create your own mini-displays. This workshop will challenge your creativity, communication and team spirit.

Maximum 20 participants
\$1,000 per group
Group programs can be booked by contacting our booking office at rbc_m_groups@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca



ALL AGES

Stories at Helmcken House

Before there were clay tablets, papyri, parchments, books, emails or texts, there were stories told from memory. Stories were carried from person to person, informing, entertaining, inspiring and creating community through sharing. The power of the spoken word is profound.

Enjoy stories at Helmcken House on the third Saturday of every month. The [Victoria Storytellers' Guild](#) and talented Victoria artists

of the spoken word will delight audiences of all ages with folktales, myths, legends and personal stories from around the world.

March 18, April 15 and May 20 | 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm and 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Included with admission or membership

Why We Are Here! Choral Event

The Belfry Theatre presents Nightswimming's *Why We Are Here!*, created by Brian Quirt and Martin Julien.

Why We Are Here! is a pop-up choir that places audiences at the centre of an exhilarating choral adventure in which audience members are the singers. Featuring one of Victoria's top choral leaders, *WWAH!* is an interactive singing experience that brings friends and strangers together to create and experience an invigorating theatrical event about right here and right now.

March 13 | 7:00–10:00 pm
\$10 per person



Fieldtrippers

Join us for themed outdoor field trips led by museum staff and community collaborators. Wear suitable footwear and be prepared for rain.

Cowichan Estuary Hike

Spend Earth Day with Archaeology Collections Manager Dr. Genevieve Hill, Curator of Botany Dr. Ken Marr, Educator Hannah Morales and representatives from the Nature Conservancy (NCC). From place names and oral history to artifacts, radiocarbon

dates and plants, participants will learn about the ways in which Cowichan First Nations and their ancestors have long lived in this ecologically and culturally rich area.

April 22

Saturday 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

By donation

Bring lunch and water. Meet on Khenipsen Road at the driveway for NCC's Chase Woods Nature Preserve, at the standing stone sign.

Insects at the Summit

Spring is a great time to gather on a hilltop: you can take in the view, breathe some fresh air and

see the wildflowers in bloom. Many insects also gather on hilltops—to find mates. Join Entomology Curator Joel Gibson as he leads a walk around the summit of Pkols (Mount Douglas). We will observe some of the fascinating flying creatures that gather there.

May 7

Sunday 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

By donation

Meet at the summit parking lot in Mount Douglas Park. There is no road access to the summit at this time of day. Participants must hike to the top on their own.

In Seine

Join researchers from the Royal BC Museum as they conduct a beach seine at Willows Beach. Here is a chance to get an up-close look at organisms which live beneath the waves, including fishes, crabs, shrimp, and other invertebrates.

June 25

Sunday 9:30–11:30 am

By donation

Meet at Willows Beach. From Estevan, turn left onto Esplanade and drive toward the north end of the beach. Park on the right near the large white Royal BC Museum van.

Check our [website](#) for details and more Fieldtrippers to come.

National Canadian Film Day 150

Celebrate Canadian cinema by attending the screening of films from the BC Archives and be part of a massive one-day, coast-to-coast-to-coast film festival.

April 19 | 1:00–3:00 pm

Included with admission or membership
Newcombe Conference Hall

Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day and your community at the 6th Annual Creatively United for the Planet Sustainability Showcase.

This popular event features a variety of local leaders and change-makers in action with displays, films and workshops of interest to all ages. From food to forestry, art to education, and transportation to energy, this arts-and-culture event brings it all together under one roof.

Presenters include:

- Singer, composer, author, storyteller and keynote speaker Ann Mortifee OC
- Emmy-nominated screenwriter, award-winning novelist and storyteller Pauline Le Bel
- Textile artist and creative upcyclist Jaime Murdoch

April 22 | 10:00–5:00 pm

Included with admission or membership. Some lectures and workshops are ticketed, see website for more details.

Astronomy Day

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (Victoria Centre) will host the celebrations for International Astronomy Day. Join us and explore the mysteries of the universe! Learn about the constellations through planetarium programs, look safely at the sun through a solar telescope and participate in hands-on activities and presentations. Outdoor and indoor activities will be available.

April 29 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Free | Clifford Carl Hall upper and lower courtyard

Science Odyssey

Join us for a nationwide celebration of science showcasing of the richness of Canada's science and innovation culture.

Every Living Thing: Experiencing a Bioblitz

This documentary film will take you on an amazing journey. Experience what it's like to spend four weeks over two summers exploring all aspects of nature in New Brunswick's Grand Lake Protected Natural Area.

May 12 | 5:00 pm

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Surprising Science

Mingle with museum staff and community members stationed around the galleries. We will explore the science of both natural history and human history.

May 16 | 1:00–3:00 pm

Included with admission or membership

Behind-the-Scenes Tours

See for yourself where we usually keep all those jars, boxes and bins, and experience the working environments of our talented researchers and staff. Tours are limited to 10 people. Sign up begins one hour prior to the tour start time.

May 17, June 21, July 5, 12, and 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

Included with admission or membership

Mammal Matters

Take a tour of the vertebrate collection from the small to the mighty.

11:00 am

Butterflies and More

Journey into our entomology collection and explore the wonderful world of insects.

12:00 pm

That's Debatable: a Curatorial Showdown on World Oceans Day

Our natural history curators engage in a knock-down, drag-out debate to decide on the most interesting and important species in or near the ocean. Come see some unique specimens from the collection, and cheer for Team Vertebrate, Team Invertebrate or Team Entomology. The audience will decide the winner. Not up for debate: the importance of the ocean in our lives and the need to preserve it.

June 8 | 12:00–1:00 pm
Included with admission or membership

Have We Got a Story to Tell: Family Feud

Our popular storytelling event series inspired by the Moth Radio Hour continues, presenting absolutely true and daring tales of family fiascos. It's funny now, so let's embrace the memories and celebrate all that family has to offer. Victoria-area storytellers will get the ball

rolling with their stories—then it's your turn to step up to the mic.

June 9 | 7:00–9:00 pm
Included with admission or membership

Archives Workshops: Family Stories

Are you interested in researching your family history in British Columbia but unsure where to start? Discover the many investigative tools and resources the BC Archives offers, and find out how much fun it can be to build your family tree.

Researching Family History
Learn to use our genealogy database as well as our general collections catalogue to trace your family roots in British Columbia.

June 24 | 1:00–3:00 pm
\$30 per person

Writing Your Story
What do you do with all that family knowledge? Hear from experienced genealogists about what you can do for posterity with your research into your family roots.

August 12 | 1:00–3:00 pm
\$30 per person

BC Heritage Fair: Provincial Showcase

Heritage Fairs are province-wide educational initiatives that encourage students to explore Canadian heritage in a dynamic, hands-on learning environment. Sixty passionate youth from around BC will make history come alive as they tell the stories of Canadian heroes, contributions, sacrifices and tragedies.

July 8 | 12:00–3:00 pm
Free | Clifford Carl Hall

Victoria Summer Music Festival

Enjoy the sounds of a brass quartet playing in front of the Royal BC Museum as part of a city-wide event. Check our website for more details to come.

July 26



LECTURES

Live @ Lunch

Find out what's happening at the museum and archives in these monthly talks featuring curators, staff and researchers. First Wednesday of each month. By donation.

The Rapid Spread of the European Wall Lizard
Dr. Gavin Hanke, Curator of Vertebrate Zoology

March 1 | 12:00–1:00 pm

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Intertidal Plants and Marine Invertebrates of Estuaries on the Mid-Coast of British Columbia
Dr. Henry Choong, Curator of Invertebrates, Dr. Erica Wheeler, Botany Collection Manager and special guests

April 5 | 12:00–1:00 pm

Finding Family in the BC Archives
Genevieve Weber, Archivist

May 3 | 12:00–1:00 pm

Generations of British Columbia Families
Dr. Tzu-I Chung, Curator of History

June 7 | 12:00–1:00 pm

Friends of the BC Archives Lecture Series

Red Lights on Fraser Street: Nanaimo, 1890–1940

Aimee Greenaway, interpretation curator at the Nanaimo Museum, uses archival records to illuminate the sex trade in Nanaimo. She'll discuss the careers of some remarkable women and a few scandals involving corrupt politicians and police officers.

March 19 | 2:00–3:30 pm
Free for Friends of BC Archives
\$5 at the door
Newcombe Conference Hall

The Sustainability Dilemma
Robert Griffin, retired Royal BC Museum curator, and Richard Rajala, UVic historian, will discuss the research behind their new book on the history of forestry and the environment in BC.

April 23 | 2:00–3:30 pm

Family: Bonds and Belonging—Finding Family at the BC Archives

Emma Wright, archives manager at the BC Archives, will talk about the upcoming exhibition *Family: Bonds and Belonging* and related events, programs and genealogical resources at the BC Archives.

May 21 | 2:00–3:30 pm

Distinguished Lecture: Dr. Vivienne Poy

Heroes and Gamblers: Tales of Survival and Good Fortune of the Poy Family
Celebrate Asian Heritage Month with the Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy as she talks about her family's history in the 19th and 20th centuries in Australia and North America. This lecture connects stories of horrors and heroisms, struggles and fortunes across different societies and continents.

May 28 | 2:00 – 3:30 pm
By donation

SCHOOL PROGRAMS



School programs are designed to provide a dynamic menu of options for students and teachers, to nurture a lifelong love of learning and to ignite inquiry about museum objects and ideas.

Learning Labs

Learning Labs are inquiry based and staff-led, investigating big ideas with the galleries as a backdrop.

S.O.S. (Steward Our Soils)
Soil is the foundation of all that we consume, whether it's the food we eat, the clothes we

wear or the medicines that keep us healthy. Students will learn about worm anatomy with real live worm friends, identify native plants in the Royal BC Museum gardens and explore the *Natural History* gallery onsite, becoming soil stewards along the way!

April | Wednesdays

From the Beginning: Origin Stories and Indigenous Culture

Presented in partnership with the University of Victoria's Legacy Galleries, this lab will focus on 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.

**March to June
Wednesdays and Fridays**

Between the Generations
This lab, presented in partnership with the Glenshiel Housing Society, is an opportunity for an intergenerational exchange of ideas and perspectives, using objects and stories from our modern history collections as a starting point.

March to June | Fridays



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

This lab is designed for classes to reflect on their understanding of place. The visit includes a facilitated conversation with a similarly aged class from the Peace River region. The focus will be on using objects and ideas from the museum and the natural world to build stronger bonds of understanding and mutual respect.

March to June | 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 class's needs. If your class is visiting from outside Greater Victoria, we can provide an introduction to the museum and behind-the-scenes access, while leaving plenty of time for open exploration of the museum. Contact Chris O'Connor, learning program developer, at coconnor@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca for more information.

March to June

Inquiry Guides

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

Look for age-appropriate K–2, 3–7 and 8–12 scaled guides on our [website](#).

Home Learners Series

Collect/Connect/Correct

Museums collect objects and specimens in order to better understand who we are and where we live. In this way, stuff matters. But people do as well. What decisions do individuals make on what to collect? What are the ethics of collecting? This spring Home Learners block, we'll dig deep into the natural history collection, investigating the people and things that help tell the story of British Columbia. Home Learners will also have an opportunity to make their own collection and tell their own story.

April 3, 10, 24 and May 1
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$75 per participant
Designed for ages 7–11

Repatriation in an Age of Reconciliation

This four-week-long workshop will present an opportunity to better understand the role of cultural belongings within a museum setting and the important work of reconnecting these things with First Nations communities. Our exploration will be driven by Indigenous perspectives on repatriation and enacted in the spirit of reconciliation.

June 5, 12, 19 and 26
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$75 per participant
Designed for ages 10–14

Partner School Project

The second year of our Partner School Project has focused on local stream ecosystems and our sense of place. Our 2017 partnership with Oak Bay High School and Monterey Middle School has produced a reimagining of the *Natural History* galleries, providing a fresh youth perspective on the museum. Stay tuned for details of the opening of the students' gallery intervention in June.

GALLERY PROGRAMS



Hands-on in the Galleries

Check out our ongoing activities and the 'closer-look' stations located throughout our galleries, hosted by our knowledgeable volunteers.

Daily

Behind-the- Scenes Tours

Experience the working environments of our talented researchers and staff. Tours are limited to 10 people.

Select Wednesdays
11:00 pm and 12:00 pm

Gallery Tours

Join us for engaging tours through our permanent galleries and learn about the fascinating natural history and human history of BC.

Daily

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 to investigate,

Check our website for tour topics, times and meeting locations. Included with admission or membership.



assemble or share. Educators can use the Learning Portal to support their lesson planning and to share their own discoveries with other educators around the province.

Follow your curiosity now >

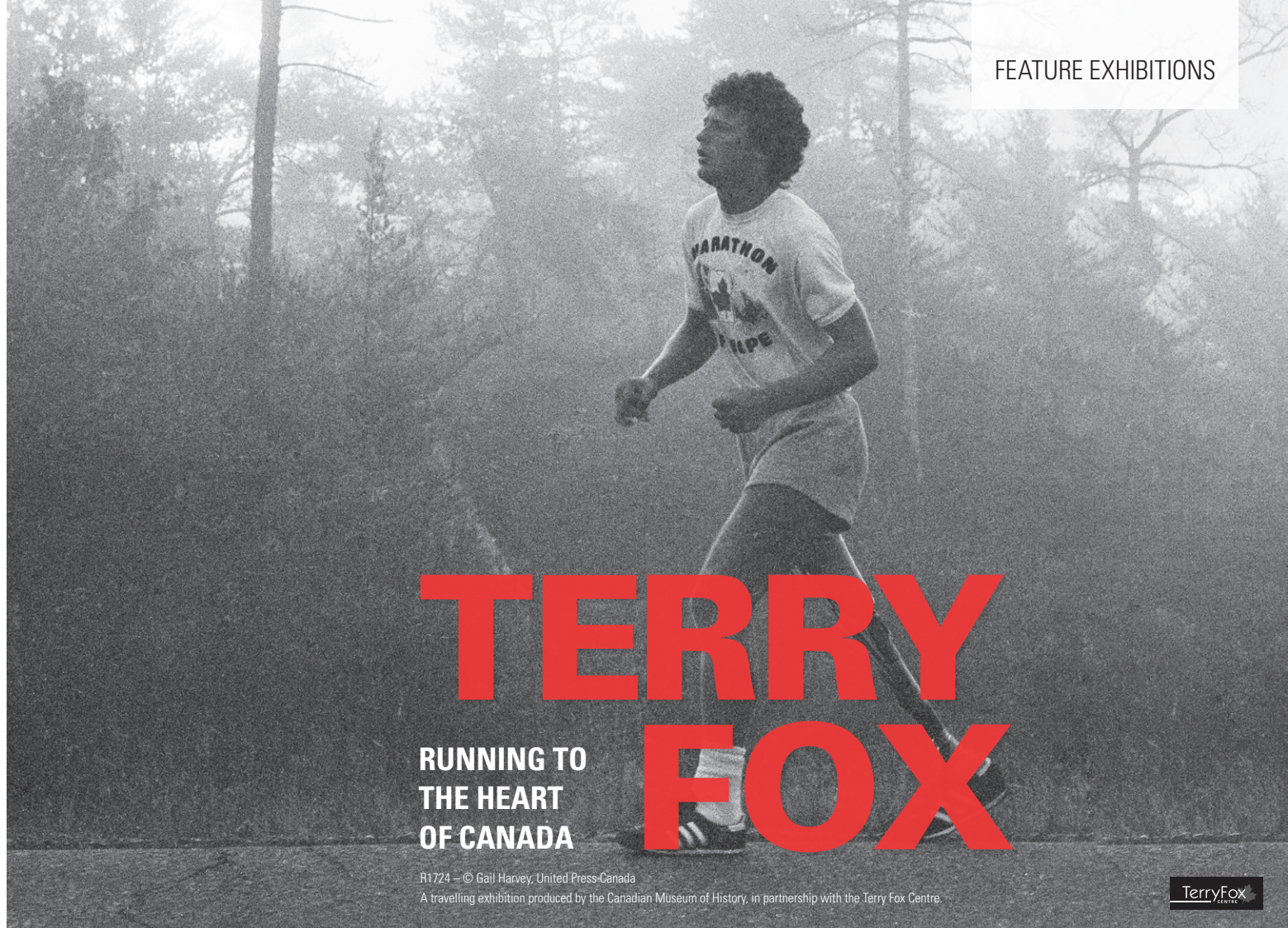
Celebrate the achievements of Terry Fox, one of Canada's greatest heroes.

At the age of 18, this young man from Port Coquitlam, BC, lost part of his right leg to bone cancer. But the loss didn't diminish his drive. Instead, it inspired greatness.

In the summer of 1980, Terry set out to run across Canada in what he called a "Marathon of Hope" to raise money for cancer research.

He ran 5,300 kilometres before his cancer returned and he was forced to stop. But his story moved millions and his legacy continues to this day.

This powerful exhibition tells the story of the Marathon of Hope through a wealth of maps, historic photographs and newspaper images. The exhibition features a day-in-the-life of the run, Marathon of Hope T-shirts, cards and letters sent by Canadians, the heartbreaking end of the Marathon, and the thrilling story of Terry Fox's legacy.



FEATURE EXHIBITIONS

TERRY FOX

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THE HEART
OF CANADA

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What *is* family? Is family always determined by blood, or can you choose it? Is it the confidants in your book club? Or the coworkers in your company town?

This provocative exhibition explores these questions and offers up some surprising answers, kicking down the proverbial “white picket fence” to challenge conventional ideas and assumptions about family.

Walk through an interactive photo album to see what First Nations families, early settlers and recent immigrants from all over the world have

in common. Hang out in the “rumpus room” and watch archival home movies. Discover tools to help you dig into your own family history in BC.

Explore stories from historical and contemporary families, and learn about traditions brought to BC by immigrant families. Celebrate the contribution of BC families to Canada during our country’s 150th birthday—and leave your own mark on the exhibition, telling us what family means to you.

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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.

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FEATURE EXHIBITIONS





The Emily Carr Collection

Picture this: over a hundred impressive paintings and more than a thousand sketches, 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.

[Explore online now >](#)

100 Objects of Interest

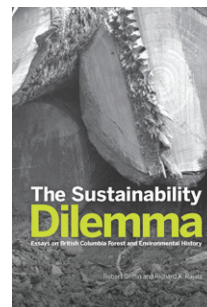
Our mission is to promote an understanding of the living landscapes and cultures of British Columbia. The objects in our collections speak volumes, helping us to understand our past and present and to envision our future. We are proud to present one hundred highlights from the museum and archives—chosen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

[Explore online now >](#)

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.

[Explore online now >](#)



The Sustainability Dilemma

Essays on British Columbia Forest and Environmental History

Robert Griffin and Richard A. Rajala

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The Sustainability Dilemma opens a window into a time of changing social attitudes often at odds with government agendas and looks at some of the more controversial issues British Columbians have faced over the past 60 years, revealing both the innovations and the frustrations of BC's Forest Service during this period.



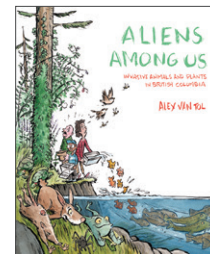
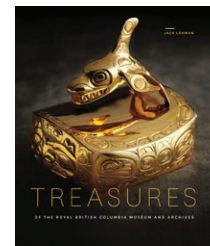
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