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## Last chance to see Terry Fox exhibition

VICTORIA, BC—"I want to set an example that will never be forgotten."— [Terry Fox](#). September is the last opportunity to see [Terry Fox: Running to the Heart of Canada](#) at the Royal BC Museum. The popular exhibition features many personal belongings, including Terry's shoes, prosthetic leg and journal, as well as the encouraging letters and mementoes Canadians sent Terry. Learn more about the young man whose legacy continues to inspire Canadians before the exhibition closes on October 1.

Hear what the Marathon of Hope was like from someone who was there in 1980 – Terry's friend and public relations manager Bill Vigars. Come to Live at Lunch: Legacy of Terry Fox on Wednesday September 6 at noon. This event is by donation.

Discover how BC families have contributed to the nation in the Royal BC Museum's other feature exhibition [Family: Bonds & Belonging](#), on until October 31. Share your own family photo on Twitter or Instagram with the tag [#RBCMFamily](#) to be featured in the exhibition.

This is your last opportunity to take part in [Cedar-Weaving](#) and [Canoes and Culture](#) workshops led by a member of the Cowichan Tribes in the *Our Living Languages* exhibition before they end for the summer. On Friday, September 1 at 2:00 pm, learn about the importance of cedar, from transportation to clothing, in Coast Salish culture and weave a cedar rose you can take home. On Saturday, September 2 at 2:00 pm, discover the importance of canoes to the Coast Salish people, handle cultural objects from the museum collection and make your own Coast Salish canoe model out of paper. These workshops are included with museum admission or membership and are proudly sponsored by Helijet.

Saturday, September 2 marks the last [Music at the Museum](#) event in our feature exhibition *Family: Bonds & Belonging* from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Hear Canadian music, from classics to new jams, from every province and territory of this beautiful country. Included with museum admission or membership.

Bring your family down to the museum and drop in on [Wonder Sunday: It's All in the Family](#) from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Hang out in the *Family: Bonds & Belonging* pillow fort, create your own shadow puppet story and learn a thing or two about genetics. This program takes place every Sunday in September and is included with museum admission or membership.

A new home learners workshop series called [Qwal Qwal: Let's Talk](#) starts on Monday, September 4 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, repeating each Monday for four weeks. The series draws on content from the *Our Living Languages* exhibition and is co-facilitated by a novice Hul'q'umi'num' speaker from Leey'qsun. Questions about how language is developed, how it shapes the way we see the world and what languages are spoken here in BC will be explored. Tickets are \$75 per person (10 percent member discount).

In 2015 and 2016 Victorians were rocked by a divisive debate about a makeshift encampment on the courthouse lawn known as Tent City. It's been a year since the tents were removed and inhabitants relocated to new social housing. Join us at [It's Complicated: Tent City](#) on Wednesday, September 20 at 5:15 pm to 7:00 pm for a



respectful discussion about this issue in the context of family and community. This event is by donation and takes place in Clifford Carl Hall.

As part of [Science Literacy Week](#) the Royal BC Museum is joining forces with the [Science Writers and Communicators of Canada](#) for [Celebrating Excellence in Science Journalism and Communication](#) on Friday, September 22 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Local innovators in science communication will discuss how they create dynamic and engaging content that ranges from books to museum exhibitions. Mark Leiren-Young will receive an award for his book *The Killer Whale Who Changed the World* at this event, which is included with museum admission or membership.

What happens in the museum after dark? Find out at the Royal BC Museum's [Night at the Museum](#) on September 30 from 6:00 pm to October 1 at 9:00 am. This is a popular annual family sleepover that the museum has hosted since 2011. The theme is linked to our feature exhibition *Family: Bonds & Belonging*. Visitors will camp in the galleries, tell stories, watch home movies, play board games and even have a pillow fight or two (inspired by the massive pillow and blanket fort in the exhibition). Should be a ton of family fun! Tickets are \$80 per person (10 percent member discount).

Summer hours (Sunday to Thursday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Friday and Saturday 10:00 am to 10:00 pm) continue until October 7, when the museum switches to winter hours (Monday to Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm).

For more information about any of these events, visit our online calendar at [royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/visit/calendar](http://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/visit/calendar).

### **About the Royal BC Museum**

The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. We are a hub of community connections in BC— onsite, offsite and online—taking pride in our collective histories.

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