

2025 FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, OCT. 14

A Celebration of Miriam Toews
Starring Miriam Toews
Hosted by Shelley Youngblut
Patricia A. Whelan Theatre, Central Library
@ 7:30 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)



WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15

Cover Stories
Starring Kelly Hill
Hosted by Shelley Youngblut
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 12 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

Bestseller Power Hour: Clare Leslie Hall
Hosted by Leah Sarich
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 5:30 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)



The Kris Demeanor & Deborah Willis Variety Show: Starring Antonio Michael Downing, Ben Ladouceur, Neil Smith & Madeleine Thien
DJ Dance Centre
@ 7:30 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

An Evening with Brian Thomas Isaac & Tracey Lindberg
Hosted by Shelagh Rogers
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 7:30 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

THURSDAY, OCT. 16

What a Pair! Antonio Michael Downing & Shelagh Rogers
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 5:30 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

The Way We... Talk About Monsters
Starring Cherie Dimaline, Tracey Lindberg, Linden MacIntyre, Vinh Nguyen, David A. Robertson, Saeed Teebi & Souvankham Thammavongsa
Hosted by Pam Rocker
DJ Dance Centre
@ 7:30 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)



Big Queer Poetry Cabaret
Starring Amber Dawn, Billy-Ray Belcourt, Ben Ladouceur & jaye simpson. Featuring Timothoni
& Jane Madeleine
Hosted by Paula Turcotte
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 7:30 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

FRIDAY, OCT. 17

A Morning with Sharon Butala & Marilyn Simonds
Hosted by Rosemary Griebel
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 10 AM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)



Influencer Power Hour
Starring Liann Zhang
Hosted by Joelle Tomlinson
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 5:30 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

Literary Death Match
Starring Emily Austin, Cory Doctorow, Emma Donoghue, Gabrielle Drolet, Jon Hickey, Wesley King & Andrew Phung
Hosted by Adrian Todd Zuniga
DJ Dance Centre
@ 7:30 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)



O Canada!
Starring Elamin Abdelmahmoud, Ann-Marie MacDonald, David Moscrop & Paul Myers
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 7:30 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)



Literary Thirst Trap
Starring Amber Dawn & jaye simpson
Memorial Park Library, Salon (1st Floor)
@ 8 PM, FREE [MORE INFO](#)

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

You Were Made for This Steady Brightness
Starring Billy-Ray Belcourt,
Cherie Dimaline, Jon Hickey
& katherena vermette. Hosted by David
A. Robertson & Stephanie Sinclair
DJD Dance Centre
@ 10 AM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

**What a Pair! Vinh Nguyen
& Andrew Phung**
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 10 AM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

Quelle Paire!
Jean-Philippe Baril Guérard
& Neil Smith (bilingual)
Memorial Park Library, Salon (1st Floor)
@ 10 AM, FREE [MORE INFO](#)

**Big Tech's Betrayal—and How to
Break Free! Starring Cory Doctorow**
Hosted by Zain Velji
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 1 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)



**Inside Emma Donoghue's Big Generous
Brain. Hosted by Shelley Youngblut**
DJD Dance Centre
@ 1 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

How to... Entice Middle-Grade Readers
Starring Wesley King, Susin Nielsen
& David A. Robertson
Hosted by Paula Turcotte
Memorial Park Library, Salon (1st Floor)
@ 1 PM, FREE [MORE INFO](#)

Leacockians Unite!!!!
Starring Emily Austin, Terry Fallis,
Will Ferguson & Natalie Sue
DJD Dance Centre
@ 3 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

A Celebration of John Candy
Starring Paul Myers
Hosted by Eric Volmers
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 3 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

How To... Swerve Genres
Starring Souvankham Thammavongsa
& katherena vermette
Hosted by David A. Robertson
Memorial Park Library, Salon (1st Floor)
@ 3 PM, FREE [MORE INFO](#)



The Sh!t No One Tells You About
Publishing: Starring Jennifer Lambert,
Bianca Marais & Stephanie Sinclair
Hosted by Shelley Youngblut
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 5:30 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

The Way We... Talk About Candy
Starring Jean-Philippe Baril Guérard,
Holly Brickley, Gabrielle Hamilton,
Ann-Marie MacDonald, Paul Myers,
Terry O'Reilly & Andrew Phung
Hosted by Pam Rocker
DJD Dance Centre
@ 7:30 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

Otherring & Empathy
Starring Marcello Di Cintio,
Linden MacIntyre & Saeed Teebi
Hosted by Christina Frangou
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 7:30 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

SUNDAY, OCT. 19

Daybreak Alberta Live
with Paul Karchut
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 8 AM, FREE [MORE INFO](#)

The Morning Yap
Starring Holly Brickley, Bianca Marais,
Susin Nielsen & Liann Zhang
Hosted by Ali Bryan
DJD Dance Centre
@ 10 AM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

Revolution of Revolutions
Starring Scott Anderson
Hosted by Marcello Di Cintio
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 10 AM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

Radishes & Butter
Starring Gabrielle Hamilton
Hosted by Shelley Youngblut
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 11:30, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

How to... Extend Your Shelf Life
Starring Anne Collins, Terry Fallis,
Linden MacIntyre & Marilyn Simonds
Hosted by Rita Sirignano
DJD Dance Centre
@ 1 PM, FREE [MORE INFO](#)

The Sh!t No One Tells You About TV
Starring Tracy Dawson, Susin Nielsen
& Andrew Phung
Hosted by Stephen Hunt
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 1 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

Against the Grain with Terry O'Reilly
Hosted by Leah Sarich
Patricia A. Whelan Theatre, Central Library
@ 3 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

Inside Kate Beaton's Big Generous Brain
Hosted by Gabrielle Drolet
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
@ 3 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

What a Pair!
Eliana Ramage & katherena vermette
Memorial Park Library, Salon (1st Floor)
@ 3 PM, FREE [MORE INFO](#)

Freedom to Speak, Read & Write:
Bright Ideas in Dark Times
Starring Elamin Abdelmahmoud, Scott
Anderson, Gabrielle Drolet
& David Moscrop
Hosted by Shelley Youngblut
Patricia A. Whelan Theatre, Central Library
@ 7 PM, \$25 [MORE INFO](#)

FESTIVAL VENUES

WORDFEST @ MPL
Memorial Park Library, 2nd Floor
1221 2 St SW, Calgary, AB T2R 0W5

ALEXANDER CALHOUN SALON
Memorial Park Library, Main Floor
1221 2 St SW, Calgary, AB T2R 0W5

DJD DANCE CENTRE
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Calgary, AB T2G 0Z9

CENTRAL LIBRARY
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Calgary, AB T2G 2E7