



EVENTS

kids and teens
Spring 2022



Humour Month with Ashley Spires

Thursday, Apr 7, 10 am-11 am
Friday, Apr 8, 10 am-11 am
Grades 2-6

For Humour Month, FVRL is very excited to present

Ashley Spires! Ashley will discuss how making mistakes and trying over and over again is part of the process of making funny books for kids. This talk is perfect for getting kids interested in reading, drawing and being funny.

ASHLEY SPIRES is the author and illustrator of numerous award-winning children's books. She has created many beloved characters, including *Small Saul* (2016's TD Grade One Book Giveaway), *Esther the Fairy Scientist*, *Burt The Beetle* and *Binky the Space Cat*, who is now featured on his own animated television series. Ashley's bestselling book *The Most Magnificent Thing*, has been translated into 19 languages worldwide and was recently adapted into a short-animated film.

Ashley studied at Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design in Vancouver, BC, and Sheridan College in Oakville, ON. During the rare moments when she is not creating, she enjoys fostering kittens and supporting animal welfare in her community of Delta, British Columbia.

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Geohazards for Kids with Statlu Environmental

Friday, Apr 22, 10:30 am-11:30 am
Grades 4-7

Join us for this special Earth Day presentation! FVRL is excited to welcome Eryne and Ryan from Statlu Environmental Consulting.



Geohazards For Kids will explore three themes related to geohazards. Eryne and Ryan will start by explaining what geohazards are. Then, they'll discuss climate, weather and climate change. Finally, they'll synthesize your new information with a discussion on the November 15 and 16, 2021, atmospheric rivers we experienced. This is an exciting opportunity to engage your students with science and current events, and to learn about the real-life activities of both men and women working in STEAM fields in their own communities.

ERYNE CROQUET works as a Professional Geoscientist for Statlu Environment Consulting in Chilliwack. She works on projects, such as landslide investigation, terrain analysis and terrain stability hazard assessment, with a team of geoscientists. She uses her love of being outdoors to her advantage when doing field work in the diverse landscapes of British Columbia. Eryne's goal is to commute to the office using her e-bike as often as she can.

RYAN KREMSATER specializes in understanding soils and rocks surrendering to the will of gravity. He uses his knowledge of geology, geomorphology, rock mechanics and soil mechanics to study unstable slopes in British Columbia. He is always excited to learn new skills and brings a lot of energy to his work. Outside of work, Ryan spends his time mountain unicycling, skiing, hiking, and exploring with his camera, often pausing to inspect interesting rocks and landscapes.



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The History and Future of Pride

Friday, June 3, 10 am-11 am

Grades 6-12

FVRL is excited to welcome author Robin Stevenson for a virtual Pride Month program!

For LGBTQ+ people and their supporters, Pride events are an opportunity to honour the past, protest injustice and celebrate a diverse community. The high point of Pride, the Pride Parade, is spectacular and colourful. But there is a lot more to Pride than rainbow flags and amazing outfits. How did Pride come to be? And what does Pride mean to the people who celebrate it?

In this engaging and interactive presentation, Robin talks about the history of the LGBTQ+ movement, the challenges still faced by LGBTQ+ people and communities today, and the important work being done by activists to carry Pride forward into the future. Using images and anecdotes from the book, Robin shares historical photographs, stories of contemporary teens and pictures from Pride celebrations around the world.

ROBIN STEVENSON is the award-winning author of 30 books of fiction and non-fiction for kids and teens. Her writing has been translated into numerous languages and published in more than a dozen countries. Robin's books have won the Silver Birch Award, the Sheila A. Egoff Award and a Stonewall Honor, and have been finalists for the Governor General's Literary Awards, the Lambda Literary Awards and many others. She is the Book and Periodical Council of Canada's Champion of Free Expression for 2022.

Kid Activists: Find your Voice, Change the World

Wednesday, June 8, 10 am-11 am

Grades 3-7

Drawing on the book *Kid Activists: True Tales of Childhood from Champions of Change*, this presentation focuses on activism. Robin shares art from the book, quotes from activists, and stories that emphasize themes from the book.

She will talk about how activists experienced or witnessed injustice, how they learned from role models in their lives and how their work was fuelled by a vision of a better future.

Robin will emphasize the importance of activism being grounded in hope and in the belief that change is possible and worth fighting for – and the idea that there are many different ways to be an activist.

She will talk about her writing process, discuss how writing itself can be a form of activism and encourage kids to think about what issues they care about and how they might use their own voices to take action on those issues.



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