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## Community Days returns to the Royal BC Museum with by-donation admission for everyone

VICTORIA, BC — The Royal BC Museum is opening its doors and its galleries to the public from January 6 to 12 for a week of admission-by-donation with Community Days.

Visitors are invited to explore the museum's core galleries, including new and reopened spaces, and [Canadian Modern](#), a feature exhibition from the ROM on modern design in Canada. *Canadian Modern*—highlighting the experimentation, innovation and ingenuity behind 100 culturally significant objects created in Canada—is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor next to [Old Town, New Approach](#), and will be at the Royal BC Museum through February 16.

Elsewhere on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor are two recently refreshed spaces, the [Jonathan Hunt House](#) and [Our Living Languages](#), which was developed in partnership with the First Peoples' Cultural Council. Both spaces are a celebration of the province's rich Indigenous history and the communities that continue to shape and influence the region.

Alongside longstanding visitor favourite [HMS Discovery](#) is a newly reimagined space called [Forgotten Landscapes](#). In May 2023, our exhibition team uncovered long-lost landscape paintings from the early 1900s. Initially meant to display taxidermy, these showcases were later repurposed for maritime artifacts. Now, these original paintings are back on display.

As always, the museum's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is home to the [Natural History gallery](#), featuring stunning recreations of British Columbia's most iconic fauna, flora, and natural landscapes.

While you're here, continue the adventure at [IMAX® Victoria](#) with a screening of *The Trolley*, *Superhuman Body: World of Medical Marvels*, *Wingsuit Flyers*, *Arctic: Our Frozen Planet*, and the newest addition to the lineup, *Space: The New Frontier*. Regular admission prices apply at all IMAX® Victoria screenings during Community Days.

January 9 through 13 is also [Letter Writing Week](#) at the Royal BC Museum. We provide the paper, pens, envelopes and even the stamps—you write the letter. Stop by our letter writing station on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor mezzanine between 12 to 3 PM to reacquaint yourself with the lost art of letter writing.

Lastly, start the new year with a [moment of stillness and reflection](#) throughout our galleries from January 6 to 19. Discover self-guided wellness stations designed for mindfulness and

intention, including gratitude exercises, poetry writing, breathwork and more as part of the wellness getaway happening across Victoria organized by [Tourism Victoria](#).

Donations gathered during Community Days help fund the museum's vast range of operations, including creating online learning programs and events, collecting specimens from across BC, digitizing historical photographs and documents, conserving artifacts and more.

To learn more about what is happening at the museum, visit [Calendar | Royal BC Museum and Archives](#) and [IMAX® Victoria](#).

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**About the Royal BC Museum:** The Royal BC Museum, which includes BC Archives, IMAX® Victoria and PARC Campus, is one of the oldest continually operating museums in Canada. A centre of learning and research, it strives to broaden our understanding of British Columbia through collections, exhibitions, outreach and community engagement. The museum celebrates the province's diverse landscapes and the lives of the people who live here, enables research and knowledge sharing that advances our understanding of our world, and provides a dynamic place for discussion and reflection. IMAX® Victoria delivers educational and entertaining experiences that accompany the learning journey the museum offers.

The Royal BC Museum is located on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen peoples, known today as the Songhees and Xwsep̓əm (Esquimalt Nation). We acknowledge and respect the history of Indigenous peoples, who are our partners in museum matters and community alike.

Give the gift of membership! More information is available at [Memberships | Royal BC Museum and Archives](#)

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