



WELCOME TO ABBOTSFORD



Beautiful British Columbia

Public Library

- At Abbotsford Community Library, individuals can discover books, eBooks, CDs and more for all ages - with some in different languages.
- Most public libraries contain services for individuals with disabilities.
- Public libraries have various services to access, such as activities for children and workshops for adults.

Upcoming Events

Women's Bhangra Aerobic

- Location: Clearbrook Library
- Date & Time: May 26th, 2025 (Monday) from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Know Your Rights: Employment Standards, Sexual Harassment, and Human Rights in BC

- Location: Online
- Date & Time: May 27th, 2025 (Tuesday) from 5:30pm-7:00pm

Volunteer Work

The Library Champions Project

- Organization: NewtoBC
- Commitment: Short-term
- Start: September 2025 / October 2025

Volunteer Engagement Lead - CIBC Run for the Cure

- Organization: Canadian Cancer Society
- Commitment: Short-term
- Start: January 30, 2025

Fundraising and Stewardship - CIBC Run for the Cure

- Organization: Canadian Cancer Society
- Commitment: Short-term
- Start: January 30, 2025

Run Day Experience Lead - CIBC Run for the Cure

- Organization: Canadian Cancer Society
- Commitment: Long-term
- Start: January 30, 2025

Registration and Finance Lead - CIBC Run for the Cure

- Organization: Canadian Cancer Society
- Commitment: Short-term
- Start: January 30, 2025

Employment

- WorkBC allows individuals to navigate career options, possible jobs, and understand the local labor market.
- Through WorkBC, individuals can have an overview of occupations in BC along with their educational requirements, industry highlights, and annual earnings.
- Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants program supports new immigrants in finding employment with the experience and education they hold.

Education

- The Settlement Workers in Schools Program supports children of newcomers and their families to settle in schools and communities.
- Schools offer newcomers English Language Learning classes along with their regular classes to support them in learning English.
- Adult learners may graduate from high school by completing either B.C. Certificate of Graduation or B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma
- Adult Basic Education, Adult Upgrading Programs, and Adult Special Education are programs which support adults with their education.

Programs and Services for Newcomers to BC

- Children's Services (0 - 12) – *Abbotsford School District, Archway Community Services*
- Employment Services – *Archway Community Services, WorkBC Centre*
- English Language Services – *Abbotsford School District, Archway Community Services*
- Migrant Workers – *Archway Community Services*
- Refugee Services – *Archway Community Services*
- Seniors' Services – *Archway Community Services*
- Services Delivered in French – *La Cooperative du Relais Francophone de la C.B.*
- Settlement Services – *Archway Community Services, Fraser Health Authority, La Cooperative du Relais Francophone de la C.B.*
- Teen and Youth Services (13 - 30) – *Abbotsford School District, Archway Community Services*

Public Transportation

- BC Transit provides individuals with bus services.
- Individuals may purchase a bus pass or a book of tickets.
- Children under 5 years old, accompanied by an adult, may ride for free.
- Full-time students and seniors (65+) are eligible to pay a lower price with identification.
- Individuals with disabilities may also receive a special pass.

BC Driver's License

- Must be 16 years or older to apply for a license.
- Individuals under 19 years older must have a parent or guardian sign the application.
- Individuals may not need to take the knowledge or road test if they are from another province of Canada, United States, Japan, Germany, South Korea, Austria, or Switzerland.
- To take knowledge test, road test, and apply for a BC driver's license, go to ICBC located on South Fraser Way.

Shelters

- Cyrus Centre
- Penny's Place
- Older Adults Shelter (Sparrow Community Care Society)
- Lonzo Shelter / Riverside
- Sumas Shelter
- The Nest - Cedar Outreach Society
- Centre of Hope - Abbotsford Shelter



**For immediate
emergencies, call 9-1-1**



**For more information,
visit NewtoBC.ca**