

# EDUCATION

## What's going on at your local library

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Looking for something fun to do this week? Here's a look at what your local libraries are hosting:

(Please note these functions are prone to change if the weather prevents the libraries from opening.)

### INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### Tuesday, March 24

- Story Time Stay and Play- 10:15 a.m.
- America's Failed Response to the Opioid

Crisis with author Soshana Walter- 1:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 25

- Rooted and Ready- 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 26
- Rooted and Ready- 6:00 p.m.

### CANEY CITY LIBRARY

#### Tuesday, March 24

- Board Meeting- 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 25

- Coffee- 8:00 a.m.
- Chair Yoga- 1:00 p.m.
- Senior Programming: Volunteer Project,

finish filling Easter Eggs- 2:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 26

- Community Coffee- 8:00 a.m.

#### Friday, March 27

- Say and Play Group: Caney Valley Rec Commission Team Work- 10:00 a.m.

#### Saturday, March 28

- Storytime- 10:00 a.m.

### COFFEYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### Tuesday, March 24

- Genealogy- 1:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 25

- Storytime- 10:00 a.m.

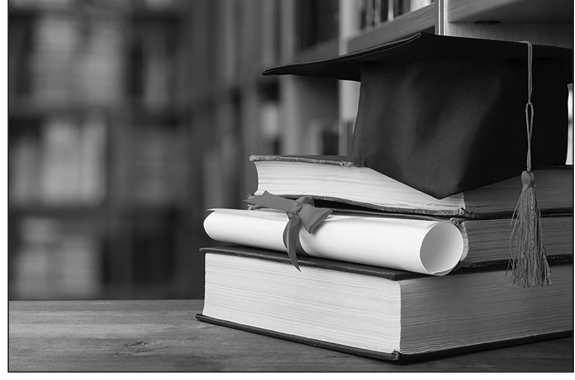
## Graduation by the numbers

Graduation is a momentous occasion in the lives of young adults and their families. Reaching this milestone is a testament to students' hard work, patience and perseverance and worthy of celebration. Here is a look at some notable figures regarding graduation in both the United States and Canada.

- According to Higher Ed Dive, U.S. high school graduates were projected to peak at 3.9 million in 2025 before declining. College graduation rates continue to hover around 61 percent.

- The high school completion rate in Canada is 88 percent, while the national first-time graduation rate is 84.3, according to Statistics Canada.

- According to 2021 census data, Canada leads the G7 group of industrialized democracies with 57.5 percent of its working-age



population (ages 25 to 64) holding a college or university credential.

- According to the National Center for Education Statistics, during the 2021-22 school

year, the U.S. average adjusted cohort graduation rate for public high school students was 87 percent. That marked 7 percentage point increase over a decade earlier.

- More than 61 percent of all college graduates are women, according to the Education Data Initiative.

- National Collegiate Athletic Association athletes maintain high graduation success rates, with 90 percent or better for all women's sports and 79 percent or better for men's, says the NCAA.

- By 2041, demographic shifts among graduates are likely. Hispanic public high school graduates are expected to grow to 36 percent of the graduating class, while white graduates are projected to decline by 26 percent, according to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

## U.S. & WORLD

### Iranian strikes injure over 100 in Israel as Netanyahu urges action

BY SARA LEMEL AND JOHANNES SADEK  
dpa  
(TNS)

Tel Aviv — More than 100 people have been injured in Iranian strikes on Israel, a military spokesman confirmed on Sunday, as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for other countries to join the war with Tehran. Spokesman Nadav Shoshani described the damage from the attacks in the desert cities of Arad and Dimona on Saturday evening as "catastrophic," with dozens seriously injured.

He said the strikes did not involve any new type of Iranian weapon, but rather ballistic missiles similar to those used repeatedly since the start of the war.

Iran has fired more than 400 ballistic missiles at Israel since the start of the war with Iran, with about 92% intercepted by Israeli air defence systems, according to the military.

Israel and the United States launched a bombing campaign against Iran on February 28. Tehran has responded with missile and drone attacks on Israel and US-allied countries in the

Gulf region.

Over the past three weeks, there have been four direct hits on Israeli cities - in Tel Aviv, Beit Shemesh, Arad and Dimona.

The military spokesman refused to comment when asked whether there were concerns about the safety of the Israeli nuclear reactor near Dimona.

Iranian state media had reported that the missile attacks on the desert cities were aimed at a nuclear research facility located around 10 kilometres from Dimona and 30 kilometres from Arad.

#### IRANIAN ATTACKS ALSO HIT TEL AVIV AREA

On Sunday, Israeli emergency services said an Iranian missile cluster bomb attack on Tel Aviv injured 15 people.

A 53-year-old man sustained serious injuries, the Magen David Adom rescue service said. Police reported multiple impact sites across the greater Tel Aviv area.

An Israeli military spokesman said Iran had again used cluster munitions in the attack. Such weapons typically break apart in mid-air, dispersing submunitions, or bomblets, over a wide

area.

According to the military, the impact radius of this type of weapon is around 10 kilometres.

Iran confirmed the attack, with the Tasnim news agency, which is close to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, reporting that missiles were fired at Tel Aviv as well as other cities in Israel.

#### NETANYAHU SAYS IRAN THREATENS 'ENTIRE WORLD'

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has urged other countries to join the fight against Iran, citing recent missile attacks as evidence of a growing global threat.

Speaking at the site of the missile strike in Arad, Netanyahu said recent developments showed Iran poses a danger far beyond the region.

"If you want proof that Iran endangers the entire world, the last 48 hours have given it," he said. "They have now the capacity to reach deep into Europe."

"They are putting everyone in their sights," he continued.

Netanyahu pointed to an Iranian missile launch targeting the US-UK military base on Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, about 4,000 kilometres from

Iran.

The Israeli leader also accused Tehran of seeking to disrupt global trade routes, including by threatening shipping through the Strait of Hormuz.

"They're stopping a maritime international route, an energy route, and trying to blackmail the entire world," he said.

The comments came after US President Donald Trump threatened to "obliterate" Iran's power plants if the Strait of Hormuz is not reopened within 48 hours.

The post on his Truth Social platform contradicted his earlier claim that the US was considering "winding down" the campaign against Iran.

#### GULF COUNTRIES REPORT FURTHER ATTACKS FROM IRAN

Iran launched further attacks on Gulf countries on Sunday, forcing the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain to fend off incoming threats.

In Qatar, seven people were killed in a military helicopter crash.

The Qatari Ministry of Defence said the helicopter went down in the country's territorial waters following a technical malfunction during a routine mission.

### Cuba says its military is prepared as Trump's threats multiply

BY TONY CZUCZKA  
Bloomberg News  
(TNS)

A senior Cuban official said the country is preparing for a possible military assault as President Donald Trump increases economic pressure on the government in Havana and suggests it could be the next U.S. target after Venezuela and Iran.

"Our military is always prepared," Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Fernandez de Cossio said in an interview airing Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." "And

in fact it is preparing these days for the possibility of military aggression. We would be naive if, looking at what's happening around the world, we would not do that. But we truly hope that it doesn't occur."

De Cossio declined to specify the military preparations. His comments are in line with Cuba's defiant stance as Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio ratchet up rhetoric against the communist-run leadership.

Since confirming talks with the U.S., Cuba's government released a small number of politi-

cal prisoners and offered to open up its economy to investment from Cubans living abroad. Rubio criticized those offers last week as "not dramatic enough."

De Cossio said that while Cuba "is open for business," political change dictated by the U.S. and discussions about prisoners in Cuban jails are off the table.

"The nature of the Cuban government, the structure of the Cuban government, and the members of the Cuban government are not part of the negotiation," he told NBC.

U.S. sanctions aimed at its Cuba's economy have tightened

under Trump and now include a de-facto fuel blockade, leaving the island squeezed of energy sources, supplies and funding. A nationwide blackout hit Cuba last week, at least the sixth within about a year. The island reported another complete outage on Saturday.

"It is very severe," de Cossio said of the fuel squeeze, adding that he hopes that "this boycott that the United States has been imposing does not last and cannot be sustained forever."

Cuba "is not in a state of collapse," he said. "We're being as creative as possible."

### Trump DHS Nominee Mullin advances in Senate procedural vote

BY ALICIA DIAZ  
Bloomberg News  
(TNS)

Republican Senator Markwayne Mullin advanced toward confirmation as secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, clearing a procedural obstacle on Sunday that put his nomination on track for a final Senate vote early this week.

The 54-37 procedural vote sig-

nals the 48-year-old first-term Oklahoma senator and former mixed-martial-arts fighter has sufficient support to be installed as leader of the department, which has been stuck in a funding shutdown for more than a month because of a partisan clash over aggressive immigration enforcement tactics.

Immigration agents' killing of two U.S. citizen protesters in separate incidents in Minneapolis

prompted demonstrations across the country. Democrats are demanding restrictions on immigration agents, including that they stop wearing masks in most situations and obtain judicial warrants before raiding private homes.

The funding lapse has halted nonessential functions at the department and most employees are being forced to work without pay. DHS airport security screeners are increasingly absent from work

as they go without paychecks, leading to lengthening wait times at airport checkpoints.

President Donald Trump ordered Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to airport duty to help ease some of the workload strain. Border czar Tom Homan said Sunday on CNN's State of the Union that they would not be screening luggage but working on "nonsignificant" tasks like guarding exits.

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