

# Welland Public Library

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## FAMILY LITERACY DAY - JANUARY 27, 2013

Fifteen minutes of fun for families everywhere!



What can you do in 15 minutes? Play a game? Sing a few songs? You can do all that, and learn together as a family at the same time!

On Family Literacy Day, Canadian families are being challenged to have 15 minutes of fun learning together and the Welland Public Library is playing along!

On Sunday, January 27th at 2:30pm, come to the Library with your family and have 15 minutes of fun with our celebrity storytellers! Enjoy some

great picture books read by:

- Mayor Barry Sharpe
- Fire Chief Denys Prevost
- a Welland police officer,
- Freddie the Clown
- and Grace, a golden retriever from St. John Ambulance!

Afterwards, swing by the program room to make a quick craft to take home to remember the fun you had.

There are some great ways to enjoy literacy activities at home with your family that are so much fun you'll want to do them all the time! Reading a book

together is great, but what about playing a board game together? Or maybe coming up with a new ending to your favourite book? Get together with your siblings or your friends, and put on a play for your parents or invent a new game to play at the park.

So stop by the Library on January 27th to listen to some stories, have a good time, and get some great tips for how you can make practicing literacy something fun and easy to do at home, every day.

## UNDERGROUND RAILROAD'S NEXT STOP...WPL

Why is it vital to preserve Niagara's black history? Wilma Morrison has the answer.

With February being Black History Month, there is no better time for her to share her knowledge with people. The recent Order of Ontario recipient has

been educating thousands of visitors and locals on black history in the Niagara Region for over 50 years. She spearheaded the establishment of the Norval Johnson Heritage Library, which hosts over 1,200 volumes dedicated to black history and also

provides access to the Next Generation genealogy program. She is coming to the Welland Public Library during Black History Month to tell us the importance of black history in the Niagara Region.

Check our website in January for date and time of this program.



**THANK YOU TO  
THE STUDENTS  
OF FITCH STREET  
PUBLIC SCHOOL  
FOR DECORATING  
OUR CHRISTMAS  
TREE!**



**LIBRARY CLOSED  
February 18, Family Day**

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## FOR CHILDREN

### School-age Programs

#### Lego Extravaganza (Ages 5 and up)

Thursday, January 3

2:00-4:00pm



Do you love to build with Lego? Come to the library for a Lego competition with prizes galore! Don't want to compete? Just come and have fun!

*FREE: registration required*

#### Great Groundhogs! (Ages 5-8)

Saturday, February 2

10:00-11:00am

Will it be an early Spring or six more weeks of winter? Listen to fun stories about Groundhog Day and make a groundhog craft!

*FREE: registration required*

#### Very Valentine! (Ages 5-10)

Tuesday, February 12

6:30-7:30pm



Come and make a valentine for that special someone! Refreshments will be served.

*FREE: registration required*

### Preschool Programs

*Advance registration required for all programs*

#### Bouncing Babies (0-12 months & caregiver)

Mondays, January 14 – February 25 \*

10:00 – 10:30am

\* No session February 18

#### Busy Bodies (12-23 months & caregiver)

Tuesdays, January 15 – February 26

10:15– 10:45am

#### Tales for Twos (24 months & caregiver)

Wednesdays, January 16 – February 27

10:15 – 10:45am

#### Storytime (3-5 years)

Tuesdays, January 15 – February 26

2:00 – 2:45pm

## MARCH BREAK FUN

March Break is March 11-15, and we are busy planning an awesome week of fun for school-aged kids. Be prepared to have fun with special performers and activities.

Programs will be announced the week of February 19th and registration will begin **Monday,**

**February 25.** You won't want to miss out!



## FOR TEENS

### Anime Club

Saturday, January 19 and February 16:

2:30-4:00pm

Discuss, share and watch some of your favourite anime with new and old friends. Snacks are provided.

*FREE: registration required*

### Research and Electronic Resources For High School Students

Wednesday February 13

6:30-7:30pm

Get an early start to the new semester. Learn about valuable resources that students can use to help with their homework assignments and projects. This session is targeted towards high school students, their parents and educators.

*Limited to 25 participants*

## FRENCH MOVIES

The Library, in conjunction with Club Renaissance, offers French movies each month. Admission is FREE and everyone is welcome. The movie will be screened on the following days.

Monday, January 7: 1:30pm

Monday, January 21: 1:30pm

Monday, February 4: 1:30pm

Monday, February 11: 1:30pm

*Check our website, Facebook page and Twitter feed to find out which movies will be shown each month.*

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

### We are looking for volunteers for two to three hours a week.

#### Duties:

- . Transcribing Birth, Death and Marriage Announcements from microfilm
- . Inputting transcribed data into the Welland Public Library Genealogy Database

#### Qualifications:

- . Have a strong interest in Local History
- . Basic knowledge of computers
- . High school graduate, college diploma or university degree preferred
- . Ability to work alone with minimum supervision, and with strong attention to detail
- . Recent Police Records check required.



Download application form at [www.welland.library.on.ca](http://www.welland.library.on.ca)

Call us at 905 734 6210 ext. 2503 with any questions.

## INFORMATION LITERACY & COMPUTER LABS

### Introduction to eBooks and eReaders

Wednesday, January 9: 2:30-3:30pm and

Wednesday, January 23: 6:30-7:30pm

Learn how to use the OverDrive service to download an eBook, transfer that eBook to an eReader, place holds and search for eBooks.

*Limited to 25 participants*

### Introduction to Microsoft Windows 7

Wednesday, January 16: 2:00-4:00pm

Using hands-on experience, learn the basics of navigating through Windows 7, personalizing your desktop, organizing and managing files, creating folders and opening programs.

*Limited to 10 participants*

### Introduction to the Internet

Wednesday, February 6: 2:00-4:00pm

Discover the Internet and how it works, click onto links and use a search engine. This is a basic introduction to the Internet, and is for those who have very little experience.

*Limited to 10 participants*

## Tech Time

Need help with your eBooks and downloading to your personal device from OverDrive? Book a half-hour session with library staff and get one-on-one assistance. Tech Time is available on the following days from 10:00am-Noon:

Saturday, January 12

Saturday, January 26

Saturday, February 9

Saturday, February 23

Call the Library or visit the Information Desk to book your appointment.

## Legal Seminar

Wednesday, January 23: 2:00pm

Do you have questions about Employment Law?

Community Legal Services - Niagara South is offering a legal seminar to give you the answers. A staff lawyer will facilitate this program.



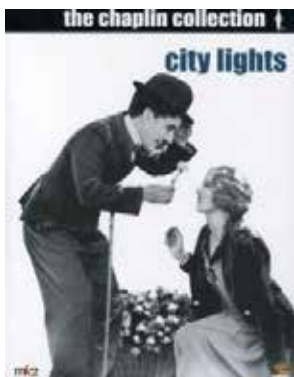
## Horticulture Workshop - Valentine's Day

Monday, January 28: 2:00pm

Create a heart-shaped Valentine topiary with scarlet wire, ivy and a decorative container. This program is hosted by Karin Vermeer.

*Admission: \$10 (includes pot, ivy and supplies)*

## CLASSIC FILMS



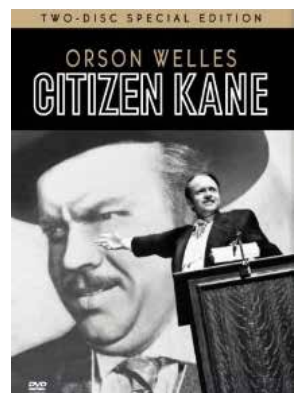
### City Lights

Thursday, January 24:

1:30-3:00pm

See this re-mastered 1931 Charlie Chaplin classic in full digital HD.

*Admission is \$1.00 and includes popcorn.*



### Citizen Kane

Thursday, February 21:

1:30-3:00pm

Voted the greatest film of all time by the American Film Institute, this 1941 masterpiece by Orson Welles is a must see for any film fan.

*Admission is \$1.00 and includes popcorn.*

## Evening Book Club

Tuesday, January 29: 7:30-8:30pm

**The name of the wind: the Kingkiller Chronicle day one by Patrick Rothfuss**

Tuesday, February 26: 7:30-8:30pm

**The informationist by Taylor Stevens**

## Afternoon Book Club

Wednesday, January 16: 2:30-3:30pm

**Tiger's Wife by Tea Obreht**

Wednesday, February 20: 2:30-3:30pm

**The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty**



For more information on any of our programs, call 905-734-6210, ext. 2521 or go to [www.welland.library.on.ca](http://www.welland.library.on.ca)





**NFB  
FILM  
CLUB**

The Welland Public Library in partnership with the National Film Board of Canada, is screening a variety of new NFB productions. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to watch these extraordinary movies, to be held in the Library Program Room.



Thursday, January 10: 7:00pm

**The Visitor (Animation/1 min)**

A small boy is left alone to play in a large and empty house. A dark cloud, shaped like a monster, starts following him. The chase will not end until he discovers the source of his fears.



**Payback (Documentary/86 min)**

Based on Margaret Atwood's bestseller *Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth*, this film explores debt, not simply as an economic condition, but as a primal human dilemma.

Thursday, February 7: 7:00pm

**Islet (Animation/7 min)**

Nicolas Brault, aboard the sailing ship Sedna IV in the Far North, uses bold lines to describe a world in which whales fall out of the sky and fish turn into balloons. The film reminds us that we are all affected by the fate of the melting Arctic.



**Vanishing Point (Documentary/82min)**

For communities in the Arctic, a warming planet changes the way people live. This NFB documentary examines those changes by tracing the connection between two northern communities. People in Greenland have maintained a highly traditional way of life while their distant Canadian cousins in Baffin Island have adapted contemporary technologies to the inescapable changes that affect their hunting traditions.



**INCOME TAX  
CLINICS**

The Library will be hosting Income Tax Clinics for seniors and people on low and fixed incomes beginning in March 2013.

Clinics will be conducted by volunteers from the CRA Volunteer Tax Service and from the Niagara District Chartered Accountants Association.

All clinics will be by appointment only. The Library will begin taking appointments on **Tuesday, February 19.**

**LEARN SIMPLE TAX  
SAVING TECHNIQUES**

**Monday, February 11  
3:30pm**

Learn whether to invest in a Registered Retirement Savings Plan or a Tax Free Savings Account and find out how you can maximize your tax benefits. This seminar is for both the young and not so young.

**LIBRARY HOURS**

Mon.to Thurs. 9:00am - 9:00pm  
Friday 9:00am - 6:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Sunday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Closed Holidays

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**WELLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY'S  
MISSION STATEMENT**

The Welland Public Library... enriching the lives of our evolving and dynamic community.

**Did you know that parking is free at the Library in the public lot every evening after 6 pm, and all weekend?**