Welcome, Fall

BRANCHING OUT

Libraries hold the unique title of being one of the last free public spaces open to all people in the community. With this title comes a responsibility to always strive to offer not only the best possible services but also the services that are most needed. With this in mind, the Welland Public Library partnered with the Pelham Public Library and the John Howard Society of Niagara to secure a grant from the Niagara Prosperity Initiative – a group that provides funding to advocates for change and supports families in meaningful ways at the neighbourhood level.

This September, Shanen Smith, Strengthening Families for the Future Program Coordinator with the John Howard Society of Niagara (a position funded by the Niagara Prosperity Initiative grant), will become a regular presence on the library floor. Initially, Shanen will spend eight hours each week at WPL branches getting to know the public in each distinctive neighbourhood with the aim of letting people know that “someone they can trust is available to offer support and provide connections to resources.” Later in the year, Shanen plans to offer free workshops that will address topics like nutrition, smoking cessation, mental illness, and addiction.

A directory of community resources such as food and shelter options, job search help providers, mental health services, and LGBTQ+ resources will also be compiled so library staff can always provide patrons with the most current information.

The Welland Public Library welcomes Shanen and this exciting new venture.

PLAY FOR PEACE with Chinwa Rhythms

Saturday, September 23
Main Branch @ 2:00pm

Join us in the library lounge for a world music adventure in celebration of International Day of Peace. Karl Dockstader of the Oneida Nation, a leader in the Niagara Indigenous community, will lead us in a traditional opening address celebrating peace, friendship, and unity. The celebration will continue with drum therapist and music teacher, Mark Chindemi of Chinwa Rhythms leading an open drum circle and teaching rhythms along the way using world instruments including African flutes, didgeridoos, and djembes (West African drums). All are welcome to listen and participation IS encouraged!

HEALTHY & BALANCED LIVING FOR SENIORS SPEAKER SERIES

Seaway Mall Branch

This eight-part series, starting September 26th, will explore the many ways by which older adults can maintain optimal health and wellness. Exercise and yoga, keeping your mind sharp, and gadgets that can make daily tasks easier are just a few of the topics that will be presented. This series is made possible through the Ontario Seniors Community Grant Program.

September 26: 2:00pm - Gentle Chair Yoga
October 17: 2:00pm - Elder Abuse Prevention
October 31: 2:00pm - Maintaining Brain Health and Fitness & Brain Games with Minds in Motion
November 28: 2:00pm - Succeeding in Safety & Mobility and Ask the Pharmacist

Registration is not required. This series returns January 30, 2018.

LIBRARY CLOSURES:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - LABOUR DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 - THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY HOURS COMING SOON!
The library will be open on Sundays beginning on October 15th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.
THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER STUDENTS!

The staff of the Welland Public Library would like to thank our MLIS co-op student, Madeline Gerbig from U of T, our Canada Summer Jobs students, Erica Dobbelsteyn, Alexis Wilson, and Stephen Malcolm, and Alison Pierson, our Tech Programmer co-op student from Niagara College, for their hard work and dedication all summer long! Best wishes for bright futures. Visit us soon!

FAREWELL, SUMMER!

And so ends another successful summer season. This year we had an amazing time celebrating Canada’s 150th during our fun-filled programs at all three branches.

Babies, children, and families participated in reading programs, cooking activities, science experiments, and a variety of crafts and games.

Our TD Summer Reading Club was a huge success with 449 registrants who read a total of 5510 books! Great job to all who joined!

Thank YOU for attending and making this summer such an enjoyable one. We wish you the best in the school year.

It’s sweater weather! Time for pumpkin spice, bonfires, spooky cemeteries, and of course, cozying up with a great book from the Welland Public Library! Whether you’re looking for a captivating fiction title, or fall crafts and activities, the library has what you’re looking for! Find beloved fall classics, Halloween thrillers, or fall recipes and crafts. Here are some autumn-themed books you are guaranteed to “fall” in love with!*

*some titles only available online

ALL THINGS FALL

It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown by Charles M. Schulz
The Talisman by Stephen King & Peter Straub
Warm Knits, Cool Gifts by Sally Ledbetter Melville
Dracula by Bram Stoker

101 Autumn Recipes: A Bushel of Yummy Recipes for Enjoying the Harvest Season! by Gooseberry Patch

Autumn: A Novel by Ali Smith

Madeline Gerbig  Alison Pierson  Erica Dobbelsteyn  Alexis Wilson  Stephen Malcolm
USB TURNTABLE

Are your vinyl records collecting dust in the attic? You’re in luck! Welland Public Library’s latest gadget, the USB turntable, allows you to convert tracks on vinyl records to CD audio or MP3 formats. The USB turntable is free to use and will be available in late October at our Main Branch.

Some things to note:
- The USB turntable is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Patrons are encouraged to call ahead to check availability.
- Tracks must run through normally as part of the conversion process (ie. a five minute track will take five minutes).
- Library staff are available to offer assistance, but the USB turntable is a self-serve device; it is perfectly legal to convert your own records, but copyright legislation prohibits library staff from doing this for you.
**LOCAL HISTORY**

In September 1970, Crystal Beach was gearing up for Labour Day weekend events including fireworks.

Herbie the Love Bug was also showing at the Welland Drive-In on Labour Day weekend.

Taken from the Welland Evening Tribune September 2, 1970

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**NEW BOOK RELEASES**

Check out these new titles this fall!

**FICTION:**
- *Birdcage Walk* by Helen Dunmore
- *The Only Café* by Linden MacIntyre
- *A Killer Harvest* by Paul Cleave
- *The Paris Spy* by Susan Elia MacNeal

**NON-FICTION:**
- *No Remedy For Love* by Liona Boyd
- *Understanding Trump* by Newt Gingrich
- *Burn Your Mortgage* by Sean Cooper
- *Mary Berry Everyday* by Mary Berry

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**PRACTICAL PRINTS... Share your 3D prints with us!**

Have a door that constantly swings open? Or one that startles you when it slams closed? That door definitely needs to be stopped! This 3D printed door stop is the solution. Sign up for a 3D Printing Basics class at WPL and print and take home this practical fix and others for free!

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**Diamond Trail Branch**
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Welland, ON L3B 1Z8
905-322-1061

**Seaway Mall Branch**
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Welland, ON L3C 5Z4
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