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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Loud In The Library **D**

Main Branch

Thursday, January 4

5:30 - 7:30pm

(All Ages)

Looking for some wallet-friendly fun to close out the holiday season? Join us for pizza, snacks, giveaways, and, of course, MUSIC-live and loud, and all free! Tell your friends-everyone is welcome at this all-ages community event. Bring a box of granola bars (or similar), a box of cereal, or a package of juice boxes to be eligible for awesome Loud in the Library swag! (With musical guests: AfterSchool and The Hi-Jinks)



### Youth Performance Troupe's Circus Show **R**

The Bank Art House (Family)

Saturday, January 6, 2:00pm

Join WPL and Femmes du Feu Creations at the Bank Art House to watch the Youth Performance Troupe's show. After the show, library ticket holders will be able to try out the aerial silks, trapeze, aerial hoop, juggling, basic acrobatics, tight wire, and more. Limited tickets available. Select Library Youth or Library Adult ticket to qualify. Fee: \$10/person.



### Family Literacy Day Scavenger Hunt **D**

Seaway Mall Branch (Family)

January 20-27\*\*during Seaway Mall Branch operating hours

A treasure is hidden somewhere in the Seaway Mall. Visit the Seaway Mall Branch to get your first clue, then follow the remaining clues found at participating locations throughout the mall by scanning the posted QR code. Good luck!



### Historical Niagara with Dave Bennison **R**

Welland Museum (Adult)

Saturday, February 24, 2:30pm

Dave Bennison returns to speak about Snake Hill Park, the go-to place in the 1880s. Dave will guide us through the evolution of this park up until present day. Presented in partnership with the Welland Museum.

### African Travels: Gorillas, Elephants, and Shoebills! with Marcie Jacklin

Seaway Mall Branch (All Ages) **R**

Saturday, January 13, 2:30pm

Environmental-ist Marcie Jacklin returns to discuss the landscapes and environments observed during her travels to Kenya, Ghana, and Uganda.



### Sisters in Sync **D**

Seaway Mall Branch (All ages)

Saturday, February 17, 11:00am-3:00pm

Sisters in Sync is a local organization on a mission to empower Black girls and women, helping them to be, become, and belong. Join them as they visit the Seaway Mall with Bishop Ryan High School's electrifying Step Squad for two short performances! They will also be hosting a captivating book reading and an information table. Presented in partnership with Seaway Mall.



### Meet Me at the Tree Storytime

Main Branch (Family) **R**

Saturday, January 13, 10:00-11:00am

Come celebrate what's growing in the library! Meet us by our new tree and enjoy stories, activities, and a snack. Signed food waiver required for participation.



### Exploring Black History on the Niagara Peninsula with Rochelle Bush **D**

Seaway Mall Centre Court (All Ages)

Saturday, February 10, 2:00pm

Learn about early Black settlers, communities, and events in old Lincoln and Welland Counties. Presented in partnership with Seaway Mall.

### Human Library Launch **D**

Main Branch (All Ages)

Tuesday, February 27, 2:00pm-4:00pm

WPL is launching a digital Human Library featuring local seniors sharing their unique histories. These video recordings can be viewed on our website or at the Main Branch kiosk.

Join us for a celebration - with live music, special guests, and refreshments - of these valued citizens, and of the collection and preservation of their wisdom and stories.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Winter Apres Work Relaxing Yoga with Steven **R**

Seaway Mall Branch,  
Tuesdays, January 9, 23 and February 6, 20, 5:30-6:30pm

Join Steven from last summer's Yoga on the Canal for a relaxing yoga session before heading home to the laundry and dishes that await you.

### PAWS Therapy Dogs **D**

Seaway Mall Branch  
Saturday, January 13 and February 24, 10:00-11:30am

Visit with dogs from Therapeutic Paws of Canada (TPOC) at the library! Read with TPOC certified dogs who help to provide stress relief and comfort, and really love a good book.



### Meditation/Journaling with Marcia

Seaway Mall Branch **R**  
Tuesdays, January 16 and February 13, 1:00pm



When combined, these relaxation practices can be especially effective in cultivating mindfulness, reducing stress, and promoting overall well-being. Please bring a journal and pen. Fee \$3 per person.

### Feeling SAD: Discussing Seasonal Affective Disorder **R**

Seaway Mall Branch  
Thursday, February 15, 10:00-11:30am

Join Welland McMaster Family Health Team's Social Worker for an educational session about Seasonal Affective Disorder and strategies to reduce symptoms. To register, call the Welland McMaster Family Health Team at 905-704-3660 or register online at [www.wellandmcmasterfht.com/eventcalendar.php](http://www.wellandmcmasterfht.com/eventcalendar.php)

### Seniors Yoga **R**

Seaway Mall Branch  
Mondays, January 8-February 26\*  
\*No class February 19, 9:30-10:30am

Pose and stretch in this yoga class designed for older adults. Presented in partnership with the Seaway Mall.



### First Words for Baby **R**

Main Branch  
Thursday, February 8, 9:30-10:30am

Learn about speech and language strategies that can be applied to everyday routines and activities. A registered Speech Language Pathologist will walk you through how to successfully use the strategies with your child.

## FINANCIAL SERIES

Join us for three informative sessions with Lance Wiebe CFP from Desjardins Security.



### Retiring Soon or Recently Retired? **R**

Seaway Mall **R**  
Wednesday, January 10, 6:00pm

Learn which key lifestyle decisions to consider in advance of retiring, the physical and emotional challenges of transitioning from work to retirement, and how to enjoy your time and stay on top of your finances after retirement.

### Financial Planning: Your Nest Egg

Seaway Mall **R**  
Wednesday, February 21, 6:00pm

*In these volatile markets, are you comfortable with your financial future?*

This review of the financial planning process will help you to ensure that you are properly positioned with investments, insurance, estate planning, and tax reduction techniques.

### What is a Registered Disability Savings Plan? **R**

Seaway Mall  
Wednesday, March 13, 6:00pm

This seminar will delve into the Registered Disability Savings Plan and how it can help create long term savings for individuals who are receiving the Disability Tax Credit or those not sure if they qualify.

### Tax Clinics **R**

All Branches  
WPL will be hosting Income Tax Clinics for people living on low and fixed incomes starting Monday, February 26, 2024, until the end of April 2024. Clinics will be conducted by volunteers from the CRA Volunteer Tax Service and will be held in-person at the Main and Seaway Mall branches as well as drop-off/pick-up services at all branches. All clinics will be by appointment only. The library will begin taking appointments starting Monday, February 5, 2024. To book your appointment, please call 905-734-6210.

## ARTS AND CRAFT

### Adult Craft Night: Upcycled Wine Bottles **R**

Main Branch  
Tuesday, January 16, 6:00pm

Take your mind away from stressors one dot at a time. Create a painted wine bottle for a unique gift or to decorate your own home. Fee \$5 per person.

### Learn to Draw with Chris Summerhayes **R**

Seaway Mall Branch  
Tuesday, January 23, 1:00pm

Join artist Chris Summerhayes from The Art Guild in Port Colborne to learn pencil drawing basics.

### Adult Craft Night: DIY Book Bags **R**

Main Branch  
Tuesday, February 13, 6:00pm

You've got style! Join in for a fun night of creating a unique book bag using our custom Cricut stencils.

# ADULT

## GENERAL INTEREST

### Learn to Find Your Ancestors with Dan Barrett **R**

Seaway Mall Branch

Mondays, January 8, 22 and February 5, 6:00pm

This beginner program will teach the basics of how to research, catalogue, and organize your family history using traditional methods. Please bring a 3-ring binder and page dividers.

### English Conversation Circle

Main Branch **D**

Tuesdays, starting January 9, 2:30-3:30pm

Presented in partnership with the Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre and the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre, this group is led by an ESL instructor and open to newcomers or anyone looking to improve their English language skills.

### Writers Group **R**

Main Branch

Wednesday, January 10, 24 & February 7, 21, 6:00-7:30pm

Are you looking for a scribe tribe to share and develop your creative writing with? Look no further! Space is limited.



### Family History with OGA Open Forum **R**

Seaway Mall Branch

Saturday, January 20 and February 17, 2:00pm

The Ontario Genealogical Association will be on site to answer questions and provide direction to those researching their family history.



### Puzzle Swap **D**

Main Branch

Monday, January 29, 5:30-7:45pm

Need a puzzle refresh? Bring in puzzles that are in good condition (and have all of the pieces) and swap them for something new to you! Puzzles for any age are welcome. Puzzle drop-off is between 5:00pm to 5:30pm. Browsing begins at 5:30pm.



### Decluttering with Urge to Purge

Seaway Mall Branch **R**

Saturday, January 27, 10:00am

Need help with extensive decluttering, hoarding, or household clearance? Representatives from Urge to Purge will share all the tips you'll need in this information session.



## TECH



### VR for Seniors **R**

Main Branch

Wednesdays, January 10 and 24, 1:30-4:30pm

Try out an Oculus VR headset loaded with games and experiences geared towards older adults. Book your 30 minute session before they fill up!

### Family 3D Printing Demo **R**

Seaway Mall Branch

Saturday, February 10, 10:00am

Learn 3D printer basics with library staff.

# BOOKS

### Afternoon Book Club **R**

Seaway Mall

Thursday, January 25, 2:00 PM

In honour of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, we will be discussing the book, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz: A Novel* by Heather Morris.



### Author Talk: Josephine Matyas & Craig Jones **R**

Seaway Mall

Saturday, January 27, 2:00 PM

Join us for a book discussion and musical presentation of *Chasing the Blues: A Traveler's Guide to America's Music*. Co-authors Josephine Matyas and Craig Jones combine their research and writing skills to entice all travellers, and traveller-wannabes, to join them on this fascinating journey to the origin of it all. Books will be available at the library to read before the presentation.



### Valentine's Book Club **R**

Monday, February 12, 6:00 PM

Mr. Mike's Steakhouse

Join us for a romance story in Glendy Vanderah's debut book, *Where the Forest Meets the Stars*.



### Afternoon Book Club **R**

Seaway Mall

Thursday, February 29, 2:00 PM

Author Maria Coletta McLean will join our book club via Zoom to discuss her newest book, *Privacy is a Foreign Word in Supino*.



# CHILDREN

## Telus Wise Footprint Workshop (Grades 2-6 +caregiver) **R**

Main Branch

Tuesday, January 23, 6:00pm

This TELUS Wise Footprint workshop is designed to help elementary school students learn how to be good digital citizens and how to keep their digital footprint clean.



## Atelier de Ukulélés Pour Débutant (de 9 à 13 ans)

Main Branch **R**

Friday, February 2 (en Français) and February 16 (Bilingual), 11:00am-12:30pm

Partie et posture à l'instrument, nom des cordes et comment l'accorder, jeux à la main gauche pour les accords et à la main droite pour la rythmique, accords de do, fa et sol voire sol7 puis pratique d'une ou deux pièces instrumentales. UKULÉLÉ disponible ou apportez votre propre instrument. Les frais d'inscription sont de 5 \$ par joueur/participant Offert par La maison de la culture francophone du Niagara.

Students will learn the name of the strings and how to tune them, learn to play with the left hand for the chords and with the right hand for the rhythm, and by the end of class be able to play chords C, F, G, and even G7. Uku-lele provided or bring your own instrument. \$5/person. Presented in partnership with La Maison de la culture francophone du Niagara.

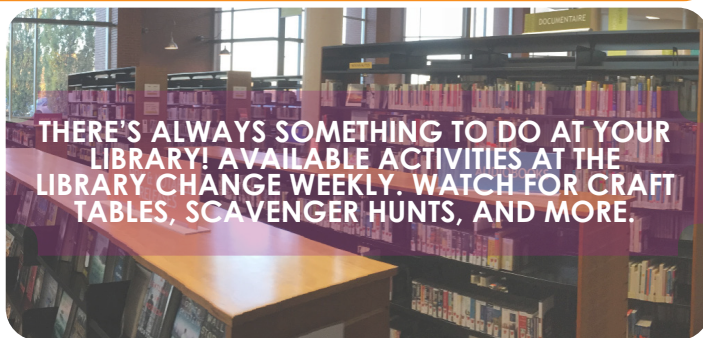
## Music Initiation Workshop with Suzanne Leclarc (4-8 years) **R**

Main Branch

Friday, February 2 (en Français) and February 16 (Bilingual) 9:45-11:00am

Expérimentation de petits instruments à percussions (manipulation et posture), différence entre la pulsation, le tempo et le rythme, percussion corporelle, reconnaissance de nuances voire de sons puis par le biais de chansons et de danses, apprentissage de figures de notes, du soupir puis pratique de formules rythmiques accompagnées. Offert par La maison de la culture francophone du Niagara.

Experiment with small percussion instruments and learn the difference between pulsation, tempo and rhythm, body percussion, recognise nuances and sounds through song and dance, learn note figures, and practice accompanied rhythmic formulas. Presented in partnership with La Maison de la culture francophone du Niagara.



# FAMILY

## Dog Days at the Library **R**

Main Branch

Monday, January 22 & February 26, 6:00-7:30pm

Therapy Tails Ontario will visit with children at the library with the aim of furthering children's reading skills in a non-judgmental way. Register for your ten minute reading session.



## My Pet Died: Grief Supprt for Youth **R**

Main Branch

Monday, February 5, 6:00-7:00pm

The death of a pet may be the first time a child will experience a significant loss in their life. Led by Hospice Niagara, kids have an opportunity to talk about their animal friend and their feelings of grief and loss.

## Cookie Gift Jars **R**

Main Branch

Tuesday, February 6, 6:00pm

Who doesn't love cookies? Learn how to make these mason jar cookies to give as a sweet gift.

## Family Craft Night **R**

Main Branch

Monday, February 12, 6:00-8:00pm

Join us for a fantastic night with Two Chicks and a Chop-saw and create this fun wood project with a loved one! Families will make one project together. Cost \$20/family.



# CHILDREN

## Reading Buddies (5-11 years)

Diamond Trail Branch **R**

Thursdays, January 11-February 22, 5:30-6:30pm

Children will be paired with a teen volunteer who will use books and literacy-based games to practice reading. Children of all reading levels are welcome.



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE

## Code Challenge

### Moonlighting Marvin

A free coding competition

February 1 - March 31

A free coding competition - build a website, win a robot!  
Access the competition inside **Fiero Code**.

Ask your librarian today!



## ONGOING PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Histoire en français	0-6 years	Tuesdays, January 30 & February 27	Main	10:00am - 11:00am
Small One-ders	12-23 months + caregiver	Mondays, January 08 - February 12	Seaway Mall	1:30pm - 2:00pm
Toddler Tales	1-2 years + caregiver	Tuesdays, January 09 - February 20	Seaway Mall	10:15am - 10:45am
Artsy Babies	0-12 months + caregiver	Wednesdays, January 10 - February 21	Main	9:45am - 10:15am & 2:00pm - 2:30pm
FunTime Fridays	2-4 years	Fridays, January 12 - February 23	Seaway Mall	9:45am - 10:30am

**STAY TUNED AND GET READY TO CATCH OUR MARCH BREAK PROGRAM GUIDE!**

# TEENS



## Tween Scene: Pom Pom Cactus R

Main Branch (12-14 Years)

Wednesday, January 17, 6:00-7:00pm

Make a fuzzy, colorful cactus - the perfect addition to your room or a great gift for a friend. Drinks and snacks provided. Signed food waiver required before participation.



## Telus in Control Workshop R

Main Branch (Grades 6-9+Caregiver)

Tuesday, February 20, 6:00pm

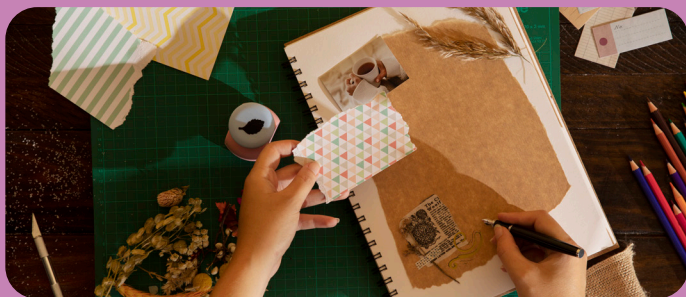
This TELUS Wise in Control workshop engages middle school, junior high, and high school students in a discussion about cyberbullying, identity theft, protecting and positively growing their online reputation, and more.

## Teen Scene: Zine Making R

Main Branch (13-17 Years)

Wednesday, February 28, 6:00-7:00pm

A "zine" is an independent publication, a DIY magazine-like thing. In this introductory workshop, join us to make a one-page zine on your topic of interest.



# ONGOING ADULT ACTIVITIES

Adult Craft Kits <span style="color: blue;">D</span>	Tuesdays, January 9 & , February 6	All Branches	While Supplies Last
Knitting Club <span style="color: blue;">D</span>	Wednesdays, Starting January 10	Main	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Scrabble Club <span style="color: blue;">D</span>	Thursdays, starting January 4	Seaway Mall	1:00pm - 2:30pm
Scrabble Club <span style="color: blue;">D</span>	Mondays, starting January 8	Main	1:30pm - 2:30pm
Adult Chess Club <span style="color: blue;">D</span>	Tuesdays, starting January 9	Diamond Trail	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Adult Chess Club <span style="color: blue;">D</span>	Wednesdays, starting January 10	Seaway Mall	10:00am - 12:00pm
Painting With Jane <b>(\$5)</b> <span style="color: red;">R</span>	Thursdays, January 18 & February 15	Seaway Mall	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Paint With Robin (Learn to Watercolor) <b>(\$5)</b> <span style="color: red;">R</span>	Tuesdays, January 30 & February 27	Seaway Mall	6:00pm - 7:45pm
Hospice Niagara Grief Walk <span style="color: red;">R</span>	Fridays, Jan 12, 26 & Feb 09, 23 (Register with Hospice Niagara @ 905-984-8766 ext. 233)	Seaway Mall	11:00am-11:45am
Group Exercise Program for Older Adults (60+) <span style="color: red;">R</span>	Fridays, starting January 12 (Register with Niagara Region @ 905-984-2621)	Seaway Mall	1:00pm -2:00pm OR 2:30pm - 3:30pm

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## LIBRARY CLOSURES

Sunday, January 1st - New Year's Day

Monday, February 19th - Family Day

**Main Branch**  
50 The Boardwalk  
Welland, ON L3B 6J1  
905-734-6210 ext. 2521

### Hours

Monday 9 am - 8 pm  
Tuesday 9 am - 8 pm  
Wednesday 9 am - 8 pm  
Thursday 9 am - 8 pm  
Friday 9 am - 6 pm  
Saturday 9 am - 5 pm  
Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

**Diamond Trail Branch**  
315 Southworth Street  
Welland, ON L3B 1Z8  
905-734-6210 ext. 2501

### Hours

Monday 4 pm-8 pm  
Tuesday 4 pm-8 pm  
Wednesday 4 pm-8 pm  
Thursday 4 pm-8 pm  
Friday Closed  
Saturday 11 am - 3 pm  
Sunday Closed

**Seaway Mall Branch**  
800 Niagara St.  
Welland, ON L3C 5Z4  
905-734-6210 ext. 2518

### Hours

Monday 9am - 8pm  
Tuesday 9am - 8pm  
Wednesday 9am - 8pm  
Thursday 9am - 8pm  
Friday 9am - 5pm  
Saturday 9am - 5pm  
Sunday Closed