

HIGHLIGHTS

200th Anniversary Commemoration

Time Capsule Activities **D**

Main Branch

Saturday, November 9, @ 1:00-4:00pm

Families can drop in and make a craft, spin a wheel for prizes, and write a message to the future for inclusion in our time capsule.

200th Anniversary Celebration Day **D**

Main Branch

Wednesday, November 27

We're officially celebrating 200 years of operation in Welland! Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate with us. The day will be packed with activities including speeches from public officials and dignitaries, live classical music, a photo booth for the public and the sealing of our time capsule, with complimentary food and drinks starting 1pm! Watch our socials and website for detailed information.

Into the Wild of Nature **R** Photography

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturday, September 7
@ 2:30-3:30pm



This fascinating nature photography presentation with David Chapman, will focus on three exciting areas of outdoor photography; landscapes, wildlife, and macro photography.



African Travels: Gorillas, Elephants and Shoebills with Marcie Jacklin **R**

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturday, September 21
@ 2:30-3:30pm



Environmentalist, Marcie Jacklin returns to discuss the landscapes and environment observed during her travels to Kenya, Ghana, and Uganda.

Learn Traditional Haudenosaunee Teachings **R**

Main Branch
Saturday, September 28
@ 2:00-3:00pm

Embark on a transformative journey with Mika Woolley, the CEO of Indigenous Dreams! Learn about the traditional Haudenosaunee teachings passed down by many generations as we delve into harnessing the power of the medicine wheel in our daily lives.

Human Library **D**

Main Branch
Saturday, October 19
@ 11:00am-1:00pm

Join the conversation at our first in-person Human Library! Our "books" are all human volunteers who have opted to speak about their experiences openly to interested readers and answer their questions. Each "book" may be checked out for a period of 15 minutes. This is a drop-in event where attendees can check out "books" on a first-come, first-served basis.

Behind the Scenes: Cookbook Creation with Anna Olson **R**

Seaway Mall Branch
Tuesday, October 29 @ 6:00-7:00pm



Anna's back! Join Chef Anna Olson as she shares what it takes to develop recipes and write a cookbook. She'll share cooking and baking tips and enjoys taking questions from the group. Her latest cookbook, Baking Wisdom, along with previous publications, will be available for purchase.

Niagara's Mobile Closet **D**

Civic Square Plaza
Monday, November 18
@ 11:00am-1:00pm



Niagara's Mobile Closet returns to WPL with their completely free shopping experience for those with clothing and shoe accessibility barriers. Several community support organizations offering resources and information will also be on site.

ADULT

Pop-Up Produce Market D

Main Branch

Mondays, September 9, October 7,
November 4, December 16
@ 1:30-3:00pm

Diamond Trail Branch

Thursdays, September 12, Novem-
ber 7 and Wednesdays, October 9,
December 4 @ 5:30-7:00pm

Fresh produce will be available at Pop-Up Markets at the Main and Diamond Trail Branches. No set prices, pay what you can! Please bring your own bag.



Family History with Dan Barrett R

Seaway Mall Branch

Mondays, September 9, 23 Oct 7
@ 6:00-7:00pm



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.

American Sign Language for Beginners (ASL) R

Seaway Mall Branch

Saturday, September 14 or 28
@ 2:30-3:30pm

Christina Moreau,
OCT, American Sign
Language Professor



from George Brown College, will be teaching us some basic practical phrases in ASL that you can use in everyday conversations. Learn how to greet someone, introduce yourself, and more!

3D Printer Demo R

Main Branch

Wednesday, November 13
@ 2:30-3:30pm

Learn 3D printer basics with library staff.



Ontario Genealogy Society: Help with Your Family History

Main Branch D

Saturdays, September 14 &
November 16 @ 2:00-4:00pm

Seaway Mall Branch

Saturday, October 19 @ 2:00-4:00pm

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



Climate Action Day: Creating Healthy Urban Forests with Liz Benneian R

Seaway Mall Branch

Wednesday, September 25
@ 6:00-7:00 pm



Liz Benneian from Ontariogreen will discuss the challenges and opportunities in maintaining and enhancing the tree canopy in our cities of Niagara, including Welland. Liz will also talk about some innovative initiatives that are happening in some of our communities.

Happy In My Home R

Seaway Mall Branch

Saturday, November 2
@ 10:00-11:00am

Join us to discover Happy in My Home, Community Support Services of Niagara (CSSN). CSSN is a volunteer-based, client-driven community support service to help seniors and adults with disabilities live independently in their own homes.



Travel Itineraries with CAA Journeys R

Seaway Mall Branch

Saturday, November 2, 2:00-
3:00pm

Join representatives from CAA Journeys and learn about some incredible scenery both at home and abroad, and the logistics of putting together a great travel itinerary.



ALL ABOUT BOOKS



Community Connections Book Club R

Seaway Mall Branch

Thursdays, starting Sept 12th
@ 11:00am-12:00pm

In collaboration with the NHS Outpatient Mental Health, this bi-weekly book club will discuss small portions of a selected book at each meeting between September and December. Two books are chosen for this time.

Evening Book Club R

Bridgewater Brewery

Monday, September 16
@ 6:00-7:30pm

The House at the Edge of Night is a beautiful novel written by Catherine Banner.

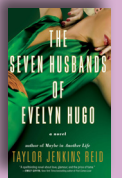


Afternoon Book Club R

Seaway Mall Branch

Thursday, September 19
@ 2:00-3:30pm

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo is a captivating story written by Taylor Jenkins Reid.



Canadian Library Month - No Pressure Book Club D

Main Branch
Thursday, October 17
@ 3:00-4:00pm

Introducing No Pressure Book Club, where we talk all things books and reading. With no set theme or topic, No Pressure Book Club is designed for those who simply like to chat with fellow readers and share what they've been reading or listening to - whether it's books, short stories, poems, audiobooks, or podcasts.

Afternoon Book Club with Yvonne Van Lankveld R

Seaway Mall Branch
Thursday, October 31
@ 2:00-3:30pm

Join local author Yvonne Van Lankveld to discuss her popular book, *The Park Street Secrets*.



Afternoon Book Club with Patty Krawec R

Seaway Mall Branch
Thursday, November 28
@ 2:00-3:30pm

Join us for an afternoon with Anishinaabe/Ukrainian writer and speaker Patty Krawec. We will read and discuss her first book, *Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining Our Future*.



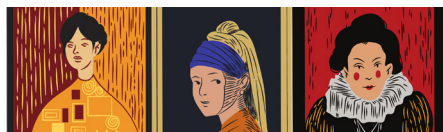
Evening Book Club R

Ye Olde Squire
Monday, December 9
@ 5:45-7:30pm

We will be reading *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. While not entirely centered on the holidays, this heartwarming classic novel includes memorable holiday scenes and celebrates the spirit of family.



ARTS & CRAFTS



Grandparents Day Circuit Cards R

Main Branch
Thursday, September 5
@ 3:00-4:30pm

In celebration of Grandparents Day, drop-in to create a special card for your loved ones. Choose from 1 of 3 designs to make with our Cricut Maker.



Art of Sketching with Chris Summerhayes R

Seaway Mall Branch
Tuesdays, September 24, October 22, and November 26
@ 1:00-2:00pm

Join artist Chis Summerhayes from the Art Guild in Port Colborne to learn pencil drawing basics. Fee: \$10 for 3 sessions. Materials included.



Introduction to Photography with Peter Ferguson R

Seaway Mall Branch
Tuesdays, October 8, 15 and 22
@ 6:00-7:30pm

Explore the basics of photography using a camera and cell phone. Learn what constitutes a "good" photograph and how to process your images. Fee: \$10/3 sessions



Adult Craft Night: Make a Rag Wreath R

Main Branch
Tuesday, November 5
@ 6:00-7:30pm

Join us to make a holiday rag wreath using fabric strips and remnants from other sewing and craft projects.



Holiday Greenery Wreath with Wendy Somers R

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturday, November 30
@ 2:30-4:00pm

Master Gardener, Wendy Somers, will guide you in creating a beautiful greenery wreath to hang on your front door. Fee: \$15/person



Holiday Adult Craft Night R

Main Branch
Tuesday, December 10
@ 6:00-7:30pm

Create your own personalized holiday ornament with adhesive vinyl and other material using the Cricut maker.



HEALTH & WELLNESS



Fall Nature Walk with NPCA R

Mud Lake Conservation Area
Saturday, September 7
@ 10:00-11:30am

Learn about local wildlife, native plants, and hiking in all seasons with the NPCA. Please wear sturdy shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. Uneven ground and slippery conditions possible. Presented in partnership with Port Colborne Public Library.



Yoga for Older Adults R

Seaway Mall Branch
Mondays, September 9 - December 16 * No program October 14,
@ 9:30-10:30am

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



PAWS Therapy Dogs D

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturdays, September 21,
November 16 and December 14
@ 10:30-11:30am



Read with certified dogs from Therapeutic Paws of Canada (TPOC) at the library!

Return2Hope Counselling

Main Branch R
Tuesdays, September 10 -
November 26 @ 11:30am-12:45pm

Are you interested in learning more about proven strategies for self-care and mental wellbeing in a safe and supportive group environment? If so, join our weekly group therapy sessions led by a counsellor from The Hope Centre's Return2Hope program.

Yoga on the Canal

Main Branch Gazebo R
Tuesday, September 10 and 24,
@ 6:00-7:00pm



Come nurture in nature! Guided outdoor yoga practice for all levels. Connect, move, and breathe together. Presented in partnership with the City of Welland.

Meditation with Marcia

Seaway Mall Branch R
Tuesdays, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17, 1:00-2:00pm

Meditation and journaling are two beneficial relaxation practices. Please bring a journal and pen. Fee: \$5/person

Restorative Yoga with Andrea

Main Branch R
Thursdays, September 26, October 17 & November 28, 6:30-7:30pm

Beginner-friendly, gentle Hatha yoga for everybody. Bring a yoga mat, blanket, and eye pillow (if you have one). Presented in partnership with the City of Welland.

Understanding Memory Loss Workshop for the Caregiver R

Seaway Mall Branch
Thursday, October 17
@ 9:00am-12:00pm

Are you caring for someone with memory loss? Join the Welland McMaster Family Health Team's Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Social Worker, and Pharmacist to discuss common issues and strategies. Community partners from Niagara Region Seniors Program, Alzheimer's Society, Ontario Caregiver Organization, and Happy in My Home will also be in attendance. Register online at wellandmcmasterfht.com/eventcalendar.php



PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

First Words for Baby

Main Branch
Tuesday, September 17
@ 5:00-6:00pm

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 (infant to 3 years).



Infant Massage R

Main Branch
Thursdays, September 19 - October 10 @ 1:15-2:45pm

Massaging your baby brings wonderful benefits, including relieving gas, colic and constipation, and promotes relaxation/sleep. Join EarlyON by Port Cares to learn massage techniques. Must be infants that are not crawling. Must be available to attend all 4 classes.



The Truth About Struggling Readers R

Main Branch
Tuesday, October 29 @ 5:00-6:00pm

Join Melissa Gagnon, a Registered Speech Language Pathologist, to learn one of the primary reasons kids are struggling with reading and how you can support your child at home on their journey to becoming successful readers! Intended for children ages: 5 - 7 year old



FAMILY



Make Your Mark and Colour!

All Branches D
Saturday, September 14

We're combining Dot Day and National Colouring Day to celebrate creativity, courage, and wellness with these global initiatives. Make your mark by dropping in to create, colour, and relax on this special day.



Halloween: The Bellwoods Game

Seaway Mall Branch R
Saturday, October 5
@10:00-11:00am

Meet Celia Krampien, the author of The Bellwoods Game, a popular chapter book, for youth. Listen to her read from her book and ask questions, followed by an activity.



Halloween Makeup with Ania

Seaway Mall Branch R
Saturday, October 19
@10:30-11:30am

Ania returns with a special Halloween makeup tutorial for the family!



Pumpkin Decorating D

Seaway Mall, Centre Court
Saturday, October 26, 12:30-2:00pm

Come decorate pumpkins that look like your favorite book characters! Use supplied paint and other craft materials to transform pumpkins. *While supplies last. Presented in partnership with Seaway Mall. Thank you to Sobeys Welland for their support!



Breakfast with Santa & Storytime

Seaway Mall, Centre Court D
Saturday, November 23, 9:30am

After you've enjoyed Breakfast with Santa, join us for a special storytime in Santa's Castle (Centre Court) where he'll read some favourite holiday books. Starting November 12, visit Seaway Mall Customer Service to purchase tickets for Breakfast with Santa. Want to enjoy just the reading? Storytime in Santa's Castle is free and welcome to all! Presented in partnership with Seaway Mall.



Hide and Seek Elf on the Shelf

All Branches D
December 2 - December 16



Starting, December 2, our Elf on the Shelf® and Elf Pets® will be hanging around and hiding out at our branches. Find one and get a ballot for a draw to win a prize. Thank you to Giant Tiger for their support.

Santa Reads! R

Seaway Mall branch
Saturday, December 14
@ 2:00-3:00pm

Listen to Santa read stories, ask him holiday questions, play a game, and make a craft!



Nature Masterpieces R

Main Branch
Saturday, January 4
@ 2:00-3:00pm

Do you want to learn about the treasures hidden inside of our earth? Join us as we explore amazing world of crystals and fossils with Jonathan Vasilyev. Everyone will get a free apatite crystal for their own collection and get to see mind blowing museum quality specimens from around the world.



Let's Play Chess R

Seaway Mall Branch
Wednesdays, Sept 11 - Oct. 16,
@ 4:30-6:00pm

Whether you're a beginner or an advanced chess player, you'll have fun learning tips and tricks to improve your strategy.

Reading Buddies R

Diamond Trail
Thursdays, Sept 26 - Nov 28* No session October 31 @ 5:30-6:30pm

Reading Buddies is a program aimed at providing an engaging environment to help improve reading skills. Children aged 5-11 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.

The Art of Plasticine Workshop R

Main Branch
Tuesday, November 12
@ 6:00-7:00pm

Come join us this fall to play with plasticine and learn about form, colour and texture by creating wonderful and engaging illustrations inspired by Barbara Reid! We will be using colourful plasticine to create engaging artwork inspired by fall colours!

TEENS



Perler Bead Crafts R

Main Branch
Wednesday, September 11
@ 6:00-7:00pm

Use your imagination in making fun melty bead designs. Turn them into coasters, keychains and much more! All supplies included.

Resumes and Job Searching for Teens with Job Gym R

Main Branch
Monday, October 21
@ 6:00-7:45pm

Calling All Teens! Thinking about getting a job? Need help writing your resume? Job Gym Employment Counselors will teach you how to create a great resume and also great job searching techniques that could put you ahead of the competition.

Spooky Wreath R

Main Branch
Wednesday, October 23
@ 6:00-7:00 PM

Make a spooktacular Halloween wreath to decorate your home. All supplies included!

Pour Painting R

Main Branch
Wednesday, November 20
@ 6:00-7:00 PM

Explore the art of acrylic pour painting, also known as fluid art, to make a unique canvas to take home.

Cookies in a Jar R

Main Branch
Wednesday, December 18
@ 6:00-7:00 pm

The holidays are on their way and that means coming up with gift ideas for your friends and family. Sign up to create this gift that looks great and is super easy to make, too!

ONGOING PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Histoire en français R	0-6 years	Tuesdays, September 10, October 8, November 5 & December 3	Main Branch	10:00am - 11:00am
Toddler Tales R	1-2 years + caregiver	Tuesdays, September 17-October 15 and November 5-December 10	Seaway Mall	10:15am - 10:45am
Artsy Babies R	0-11 months + caregiver	Wednesdays, September 18-October 16	Main Branch	2:00pm - 2:30pm
Artsy Babies R	0-11 months + caregiver	November 6- December 11	Main Branch	10:45am - 11:15am
FunTime Fridays R	2-4 years	Fridays, September 20-October 18 and November 8-December 13	Seaway Mall	9:45am - 10:30am

ONGOING ADULT ACTIVITIES

Welland Writer's Guild R	Wednesdays, starting September 4 (bi-weekly)	Main Branch	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Creative Artists Unite Exhibition D	Saturday, October 19 (Special event with Writer's Guild)	Seaway Mall, Hart Court	12:30 - 4:00 PM
ESL Conversation Circle D	Tuesdays, September 10 - December 17	Main Branch	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Knitting Club D	Wednesdays, starting September 4	Main Branch	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Scrabble Club D	Thursdays, starting September 5	Seaway Mall	1:00pm - 2:30pm
Scrabble Club D	Mondays, starting Sept 9 *No program Oct 14	Main Branch	1:30pm - 3:30pm
Adult Chess Club D	Wednesdays, starting September 4	Seaway Mall	10:00am - 12:00pm
Painting With Jane (\$5) R	Thursdays, Sept 19, Oct 24 & Nov 21	Seaway Mall	6:00pm - 7:45pm
Paint Night with Robin (\$5) R	Tuesdays, September 24, November 26 and December 17 and Monday, October 28	Seaway Mall	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Hospice Niagara Grief Walk R	Fridays, September 6, 20 & October 4, 18 (Register with Hospice Niagara @ 905-984-8766 ext. 233)	Main Branch	11:00am-11:45am
Hospice Niagara Grief Walk R	Fridays, November 1, 15, 29 & December 13 (Register with Hospice Niagara @ 905-984-8766 ext. 233)	Seaway Mall	11:00am-11:45am
Group Exercise Program for Older Adults (60+) R	Fridays, starting September 6 (Register with Niagara Region @ 905-984-2621)	Seaway Mall	1:00pm -2:00pm OR 2:30pm - 3:30pm

REGISTER AT WWW.WELLANDLIBRARY.CA **R**

DROP-IN - **D**

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Monday, September 2 - Labour Day
Monday, October 14 - Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day
Thursday, December 26 - Boxing Day
Sunday, December 29
Wednesday, January 1 - New Years 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

*Sunday Hours begin October 20 at Main Branch