

WELLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Dear Welland Residents & Library Members,

On behalf of the Staff and the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very happy new year. I would also like to express my deepest appreciation for your unwavering support of the Welland Public Library. It is our privilege to serve our community, and we look forward to engaging with you over the next year.

In 2024, the library celebrated its 200th anniversary of operation within the City of Welland and posted record high program attendance, unprecedented use of our collection, and increased visits to our spaces. Together, we have celebrated our past, reconnected in the present, and are forging ahead towards a bright and exciting future.

This year, we have a number of wonderful public-facing projects planned including furniture/shelving upgrades and technology replacement. We also plan to formalize our customer experience expectations and with your help, develop a new strategic plan to guide service delivery until 2030. We look forward to hearing from you, our residents and user groups, to ensure that our plans align with your needs in both the present and the future.

We also have few surprises planned, so stay tuned to our social media channels and publications for details.

If you are new to Welland or haven't visited the library recently, we encourage you to make it your new year's resolution to drop by and rediscover the fantastic variety of programs, services, and collections that WPL has to offer.

Warmest wishes for the year ahead

Julianne Brunet
Chief Executive Officer

LIBRARY JAMS

A Musical Series

Main Branch & Seaway Mall
January-February-March



ACCORDIONIST • IAN FITZE • ROCKSTAR AND SIDEMAN
MIKE KUCHAR BAND • CHIX AT SIX • MIDNIGHT J
ALISON WALLWORK • DOUG MUNDY TRIO

Local seniors are joining our roster to bring live music in the library! Everyone is invited to listen to these local talents, so bring your family and friends and get ready to sing, dance, and have fun.

Watch our website for more details.

Light refreshments will be provided.



Make a pledge as a family to learn ways to be more green.



Family Literacy Day

January 27 is Family Literacy Day, a day created by ABC Life Literacy Canada to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in literacy-related activities as a family. This year, families are encouraged to make a pledge to learn ways to be more green. This could be something as simple as remembering to turn the lights off or learning ways to reuse items. Being green together is a fun way to learn as a family while being kind to the environment. In celebration of this special day, pick up a free kit of word games and activities at any of our branches on January 27, while supplies last.

New Technology Added To Our Library



4 New iPads Added to the Library of Things

The Visual Artists of Welland (VAW) have donated four new iPads to the Welland Public Library. These devices will be added to the Library of Things collection, providing community members with access to more technology for borrowing. For more information about our Library of Things collection, check our website.



New 24 inch iMac Computer Now Available at Main Branch

Launching on January 6th, 2025, the new 24-inch iMac is designed to empower our creative patrons. With powerful software like Final Cut Pro, Logic Pro, and Adobe Creative Cloud, this iMac offers the perfect tools for design, video editing, and music production, helping bring your creative projects to life.



Tax Clinics at WPL

WPL will be hosting Income Tax Clinics for people living on modest and fixed incomes starting Monday, February 24, 2025, until the end of April 2025. 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 3, 2025. To book your appointment, please call 905-734-6210.

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Wednesday, January 1 - New Years Day
Monday, February 17 - Family Day

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

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

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