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HIGHLIGHTS

Poet-Tree

Main Branch (All Ages)
April 1 - 30

Celebrate Poetry Month with us! Write a verse on our cut out leaves, and hang it on our tree for all to see.



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Local Authors and Poets Day

Main Branch (All Ages)
Saturday, April 5 @ 10:00am-2:00pm

Meet local authors writing in a variety of genres for children and adults. Authors will read from their works from 12:30-1:30 pm.



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Postcards from the Park with Peter Ferguson

Seaway Mall Branch (All Ages)
Saturday, April 5 @ 2:30-4:00pm

For 21 years Peter had been a successful nature photographer dealing with the flora and fauna found within Algonquin Park, with many of his images being published in park guides. Peter will present his favourite images and share the stories involved in their creation. The title of "Postcards from the Park" is a reference to the many images that were published by the park as postcards.

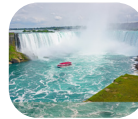


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Celebrating Earth Day with The Niagara Geopark

Seaway Mall Branch (All Ages)
Tuesday, April 22 @ 6:00-7:30pm

Join us this Earth Day for an introduction to The Niagara Geopark, your gateway to exploring the fascinating story of the Niagara region. Home to the iconic Niagara Falls and the stunning Niagara Escarpment UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, this area is brimming with natural wonders that have captured the imagination of millions. Learn how you can be a part of this exciting environment so special to our area.



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TDSRC Launch

All Branches
Saturday, June 21

The TD Summer Reading Club (TDSRC) is back! Visit any of our branches to register for the TDSRC. All branches will have drop-in activities, scavenger hunts, and more to kick off your child's summer reading success! While supplies last. Thank you to Staples Welland for their continued support.



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Braiding Sweetgrass with Indigenous Dreams

Main Branch (Family)
Saturday, June 21 @ 2:00-3:00pm

Join Mika Woolley (Mohawk) from Indigenous Dreams to learn about sweetgrass and the teachings of this medicine, which is sacred to the Haudenosaunee.



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Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 3 (All Ages)
All Branches

Free Comic Book Day returns with more great titles to discover! Thank you to Sketchbook Comics for providing all titles. Visit any of our branches to pick one up, while supplies last.



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Collecting Nature's Beauty: Fine Minerals and Crystals

Seaway Mall Branch (Adult)
Saturday, June 28 @ 2:30-3:30pm

Jonathan Vasilyev will provide an introduction to the millennia-old hobby of mineral collecting. He will use beautiful examples to discuss criteria for collecting, give advice for creating visually impactful displays, and provide strategies to build a quality collection on a budget. Participants can bring their crystals, meteorites, or fossils for a free appraisal and identification.

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ADULTS GENERAL INTEREST



Pop-Up Markets

Diamond Trail Branch
Thursdays, April 10 & May 22
@ 5:30-7:00pm

Main Branch
Mondays, April 14, May 12 & June 9,
@ 1:15-3:00pm

Pay what you can as there are no set prices at this in-library fresh produce market! Please bring your own bag.



Ontario Geological Society-Family Research Help

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturdays, April 12 & May 10
@ 2:30-4:40pm

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



Edible Native Gardens with Ontariogreen

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturday, May 3
@ 11:00am-12:00pm

This presentation looks at native plants, from trees and shrubs to flowers and ferns, that can be made into a variety of dishes and accompaniments to add variety to your cooking endeavors.



Historic Fires of Welland: National Firefighters Day

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

Join the Welland Museum for a gripping presentation on some of the most significant fires in Welland's history. We'll explore the downtown infernos that reshaped our community.



Niagara's Mobile Closet

Civic Square Plaza
Monday, May 26
@ 11:00am-1:00pm

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



So You Want to Be a Writer? with Yvonne Van Lankveld

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturday, May 31 @ 2:30-3:30pm

Do you have a short story tucked away? Want to write a memoir but don't know how? Wondering what it takes to publish? Come to this writers workshop to learn more about fulfilling your literary dreams with local author, Yvonne Van Lankveld.



Master Gardener Wendy Somers: Summer Bouquets

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturday, June 14 @ 2:30-4:30pm

Meet Wendy Somers a master gardener in Niagara. Wendy will focus on the plentiful summer flowers and each participant will take home a bouquet of greens in a container.

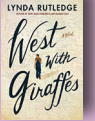


ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Evening Book Club

M.T. Bellies
Monday, April 14 @ 6:00-7:30pm

West with Giraffes
by Lynda Rutledge.



Members Choice Book Club

Seaway Mall Branch
Thursday, May 1 @ 2:00-3:30pm

The Maid
by Nita Prose.



Members Choice Book Club

Seaway Mall
Thursday, May 29 @ 2:00-3:30pm

The Nightingale
by Kristin Hannah



Evening Book Club

Bridgewater Brewery
Monday, June 9 @ 6:00-7:30pm

Other Birds
by Sarah Addison Allen.



Members Choice Book Club

Seaway Mall Branch
Thursday, June 26 @ 2:00-3:30pm

The Invention of Wings
by Sue Monk Kidd.

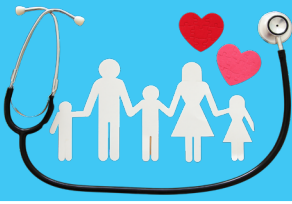


Adult Summer Reading Passport

All Branches
Saturday, June 28

This summer, we invite you to join us as we read our way around the world. Get started by picking up your passport at any of our branch locations, then read books that feature various countries and keep track of them in your passport. Turn your passport in at the end of the summer for a special prize.





HEALTH & WELLNESS

Return2Hope Counselling Group Therapy



Main Branch
Wednesdays, April 2 - June 4
@ 11:00am-12:30pm

Are you interested in learning more about proven strategies for self-care and mental wellbeing in a safe and supportive group environment? If so, you are invited to join our weekly group therapy sessions led by a counsellor from The Hope Centre's Return-2Hope program.



Healthy Aging with WMFHT



Seaway Mall Branch
Wednesdays, April 9 - 30
@ 1:00-4:00pm

The Welland McMaster Family Health Team, including a Dietitian, Registered Nurse, Pharmacist, Nurse Practitioner, and Social Worker will present information and answer questions about various topics related to healthy aging. Register for all or just the ones that are applicable to you. Register by calling 905-704-3660 or online at wellandmcmasterfht.com/eventcalendar.php



Meditation with Marcia



Seaway Mall Branch
Tuesdays, April 15, May 20
& June 17 @ 1:00-2:00pm

When combined, these practices can be especially effective in cultivating mindfulness, reducing stress, and promoting overall well-being. Please bring a journal and a pen. Fee \$5.00/person



PAWS Therapy Dogs



Seaway Mall Branch
Saturdays, April 19, May 31
& June 14 @ 10:30-11:30am

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.



Restorative Yoga with Andrea



Main Branch
Thursday, April 24 & May 29
@ 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.



Yoga for Older Adults



Seaway Mall Branch
Thursdays, May 8 - June 26* *No session May 19 @ 9:30-10:30am

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



WMFHT Care for the Caregiver



Seaway Mall Branch
Tuesday, May 13 - June 3
@ 1:30-3:30pm

Caregiver burnout affects the caregiver and the care recipient. The Welland McMaster Family Health Team's Health Educator runs this 4-week course that provides tips, strategies, and resources to reduce burnout. Please register by calling 905-704-3660 or online at www.wellandmcmasterfht.com/eventcalendar.php



Yoga on the Canal



Main Branch
Tuesday, June 17 @ 6:00-7:00pm

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



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FAMILY

Mother's Day Flower Cards

Main Branch **D**
Saturday, May 10 @ 2:00-4:00pm

Come out and personalize a flower scratch card to give to the special mother in your life! This is a drop in program to honour all moms! While supplies last.



Celebrate Your Father

Main Branch **D**
Monday, June 9 @ 6:30-7:30pm

Father's Day is a special occasion celebrated worldwide to honor fathers for their love, guidance, and support. Come out to express your appreciation and create a Father's Day Magic Flashlight Card! This is a drop in program to honour all dads! While supplies last.



CHILDREN

Reading Buddies

Diamond Trail **R**
Thursdays, April 10 - June 5
@ 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.



Let's Play Chess

Seaway Mall Branch (7-13 yrs) **R**
Wednesdays, April 9 - May 14
@ 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.



TEENS

Air-Dry Magnets

Main Branch **R**
Wednesday, April 23
@ 6:00-7:00pm

Get creative at the library! Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop where you'll design and craft your own unique fridge magnets using air-dry clay.



Glow Up!

Main Branch **R**
Wednesday, May 21
@ 6:00-7:00pm

Light up your space with a DIY ping pong ball tealight where you'll transform simple ping pong balls into stylish, glowing decorations. These are perfect for adding a cozy vibe to your room!



DIY Comic Book Coasters

Main Branch **R**
Wednesday, June 18
@ 6:00-7:00pm

Calling all comic book fans! Join us for a fun, hands-on DIY session where you'll turn comic book pages into awesome tile coasters. All materials provided—just bring your creativity!



PARENTS & CAREGIVERS



Infant Massage

Main Branch
Thursdays, April 24 - May 15
@ 1:30-3:00pm

Massaging your baby brings wonderful benefits, including bonding with baby, relieving gas, colic and constipation, and promotes relaxation/sleep. Join Christina McNicoll, RECE an infant massage instructor from EarlyON by Port Cares to learn massage techniques. Must be infants that are not crawling.



Early Literacy with Babies (2 Part Series)

Main Branch
Thursdays, May 22 & 29
@ 1:30-2:30pm

Join Early-ON by Port-Cares in this two-part, interactive series to learn about development, enjoy activities together, discover tips, resources & supports. Don't miss the opportunity to connect with other parents and learn how to weave literacy into your baby's daily routines.



Triple P: Positive Parenting

Main Branch
Mondays, May 26 - June 16
@ 5:45-7:45pm

(Recommended for caregivers with children aged 2-12 years.) Join this program to learn about parenting in a positive way. You'll learn strategies you can use and adapt to suit your family's needs. Work with a Niagara Region Public Health nurse to set your own goals and work out what changes you would like to see in your child's behaviour.



Pregnancy & Early Stages of Infancy Development

Main Branch
Tuesday, May 6
@ 11:00am-12:00pm

In this workshop, Kiara Kells from Best for Baby Health Inc. will be discussing the structural changes of the body during pregnancies and the early development of babies in their first few years of life.



First Words for Baby

Main Branch
Tuesday, May 27 @ 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).



Tactile & Visual Communication

Main Branch
Monday, May 12 @ 6:30-7:30pm

Dive into the fascinating world of tactile communication with an interactive simulation and engaging hands-on activities. Experience Braille firsthand. Feel the patterns, learn how this writing system works and create a tactile name tag! You won't want to miss this opportunity to broaden your understanding of accessibility.



SJA New Parent & Grandparent Safety Workshop

Main Branch
Saturday, June 7 @ 9:30am-12:30pm

This new SJA workshop focuses on accident and injury prevention, first aid, choking and CPR techniques used on newborns, infants and young children. Learn essential emergency skills including CPR and choking that could save the life of your family's youngest members! Fee: \$55/person (includes a CPR kit)



The Library is your destination for fun and learning! From interactive programs to exciting events, there's always something new to explore.



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ONGOING PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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| Histoire en français D | 0-6 years | Tuesdays, April 22, May 20 & June 17 | Main Branch | 10:00am - 11:00am |
| Toddler Tales R | 1-2 years + caregiver | Tuesdays, April 1 - June 3 | Seaway Mall | 10:15am - 10:45am |
| Artsy Babies R | 0-11 months + caregiver | Wednesdays, April 23 - June 4 | Main Branch | 2:00pm - 2:30pm |
| Artsy Babies R | 0-11 months + caregiver | Thursdays, April 24 - June 5 | Main Branch | 10:45am - 11:15am |
| FunTime Fridays R | 2-4 years | Fridays, April 4 - June 6 ** No session April 18 | Seaway Mall | 9:45am - 10:30am |

ONGOING ADULT ACTIVITIES

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| Welland Writer's Guild D | Wednesdays, April 2, 16, 30 & May 14, 28 & June 11, 25 | Main Branch | 6:00pm - 7:30pm |
| Community Connections Books and More D | Thursdays, starting April 3- June 26 | Seaway Mall | 11:00am - 12:00pm |
| ESL Conversation Circle D | Thursdays, April 4 - June 27 | Main Branch | 2:00pm - 3:00pm |
| Knitting Club D | Wednesdays, starting April 2 | Main Branch | 6:00pm - 7:30pm |
| Scrabble Club D | Thursdays, starting April 3 | Seaway Mall | 1:00pm - 2:30pm |
| Scrabble Club D | Mondays, starting April 7 **No session May 19** | Main Branch | 1:30pm - 3:30pm |
| Adult Chess Club D | Wednesdays, starting April 2 | Seaway Mall | 10:00am - 12:00pm |
| Painting With Jane (\$5) R | Thursdays, April 10, May 8 & June 26 | Seaway Mall | 6:00pm - 7:45pm |
| Paint Night with Robin (\$5) R | Tuesdays, April 29, May 27 & June 24 | Seaway Mall | 6:00pm - 7:30pm |
| Hospice Niagara Grief Walk R | Fridays, April 4 & May 2, 16, 30 (Register with Hospice Niagara @ 905-984-8766 ext. 233) | Seaway Mall | 11:00am-11:45am |
| Healthy Safe and Strong (60+) R | Fridays, April 4 to June 27 (Register with Niagara Region @ 905-984-2621) ** No session April 18) | Seaway Mall | 1:00pm -2:00pm OR 2:30pm - 3:30pm |



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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

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday
Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday
Monday, April 21 - Easter Monday
Monday, May 19 - Victoria Day
Tuesday, June 10 - Staff Development Day

| Hours | | Hours | | Hours | |
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| Monday | 9 am - 8 pm | Monday | 4 pm-8 pm | Monday | 9am - 8pm |
| Tuesday | 9 am - 8 pm | Tuesday | 4 pm-8 pm | Tuesday | 9am - 8pm |
| Wednesday | 9 am - 8 pm | Wednesday | 4 pm-8 pm | Wednesday | 9am - 8pm |
| Thursday | 9 am - 8 pm | Thursday | 4 pm-8 pm | Thursday | 9am - 8pm |
| Friday | 9 am - 6 pm | Friday | Closed | Friday | 9am - 5pm |
| Saturday | 9 am - 5 pm | Saturday | 11 am - 3 pm | Saturday | 9am - 5pm |
| *Sunday | 1 pm - 5 pm | Sunday | Closed | Sunday | Closed |

*Sunday hours end April 27