

Welland Public Library

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Love Your Library Campaign

Our Love Your Library campaign aims to collect and share patrons' stories of what the library means to them and the special role that it has played in their lives. One such story came to us from someone you may recognize: celebrity baker, author, and Welland resident, Anna Olson. Please enjoy her story here and consider sharing yours with us at info@wellandlibrary.ca. We'd love to hear from you!



Peace, Love, Libraries

The newest addition to our WPL apparel line is here! It's the Peace, Love, Libraries tee and one of these retro, faded, purple or green beauties can be yours for just \$15! Buy one today at any of our branches for your library-loving friend, family member, neighbour, Secret Santa pal, or for yourself because you deserve it! Peace!



The library has been a sanctuary for me since the age I was allowed to walk to my local library by myself, as a child. I remember the moment when I made the move from browsing and sitting in the children's section to the adult section and my whole world opened up. Throughout my high school and university years, the library was the safe and peaceful place to study, research and read for personal relaxation. I even worked at the library at Queen's University, admittedly so that I could get the "first" pick of books for my research papers. I never could have imagined that I would be an author and that my cookbooks would be part of a library collection. I value that people have access to my recipes through the Welland library - recipes are meant to share.

When I travel, I love to visit historic libraries - there is such a feeling of sanctuary in old libraries and the architectural attention to detail pays homage to their importance in the information they hold. I love how libraries have now evolved as a gathering place, but their focus remains constant - a library is a place for individuals to find information and take it in at their own pace and by whatever means. We are all equal in our quest for knowledge when we are in a library. - Anna Olson, October 2020

Winter Warmth Table Donations

You can help someone stay toasty warm this winter by donating to our annual Winter Warmth Table! Donations of NEW, unused, winter wear (hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, etc.) are now being accepted (Main Branch only). *All donations will be subject to a quarantine period before becoming available to the public.



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

We'd like to express our gratitude to the Kiwanis Club of Welland for their generous and continued support of our programs and community initiatives, and for being so flexible and amenable during the pandemic. We'd also like to thank Canada Council of the Arts/The Writers' Union of Canada for sponsoring our author reading with Terri Favro.



Regional Library Card Campaign: One Card, One Million Possibilities!

Niagara Region public libraries and the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) have come together to make it easier than ever for students - or anyone! - to sign up for a library card. Visit our website to find the online registration link, and complete the form. With just a few clicks, you'll be all set to explore the catalogue and place items on hold, access digital collections (books, music, movies), use research databases, and participate in a wide variety of virtual programming - all for free! When you're ready to visit in person, a physical card will be waiting for you. Call your local branch or email us at info@wellandlibrary.ca



LIBRARY CLOSURES & LIMITED HOURS

Christmas Eve: 9:00am-2:00pm*
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DIAMOND TRAIL ONLY
Christmas Eve: 9:00am-1:30pm
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NEW/FEATURED COLLECTION

Ho ho ho! Do you need a book to fill your silent night? Or maybe you're looking for a lively read to get you rocking around the Christmas tree? WPL has a batch of 2020 Christmas titles - from holiday romances to cozy mysteries - to read by the fire. Pick up one of these titles, pour yourself a glass of eggnog, and wrap yourself up in a warm blanket to wait for Santa's arrival!



Jingle All the Way by Debbie Macomber

The Christmas Table by Donna VanLiere

Silent Bite by David Rosenfelt

Christmas Cupcake Murder by Joanne Fluke

One More for Christmas by Sarah Morgan

Fall Prize Winners

Mary Blokzyl (pictured here) completed our strategic plan survey and was the lucky winner of a \$100 Seaway Mall gift card in the prize draw. Thank you to all who participated; your input helps to shape the future of our library. Please visit our website to view our 2021-2025 strategic plan!



Monique Trottier Rak was the winner of a music literature/library swag prize pack in our Tuesday Trivia social media contest, and Doug Stones, Victor Dametto, and Gavin Sardella, were the prize draw winners of \$100 Amazon gift cards following our annual Music Trivia Night fundraiser held via Zoom on November 7th. Thanks to everyone who came out (actually, stayed in!) for a very different – yet still fun! – trivia night experience. We hope to see you live and in person in 2021!

Make and Create in our Makerspace

WPL aims to provide everyone in our community with access to emerging technologies. These technologies are housed in our Makerspace.

What's better than a homemade gift from someone you love? Dream up something special and create it with the Cricut Maker, the latest addition to our Makerspace. You'll be ready for the holiday season in no time and your loved ones will have meaningful gifts to cherish forever. Happy holiday crafting! To find out more, call us at (905) 734-6210 ext. 2521.



LOCAL HISTORY

For decades, Welland residents have lit up the city with holiday cheer by decorating their homes with string upon string of colourful lights and lawn ornaments ranging from reindeer to candy canes. This tradition is one thing that won't change for the 2020 holiday season! If you're looking for inspiration, this glowing example from December 1998 might just spark your creativity. We're so looking forward to seeing the city aglow!



Find this photo and others like it in our online catalogue.

YOUR LIBRARY IS GROWING!

Reciprocal borrowing starts January 4th! This means that your WPL card now gives you access to the catalogues and collections of all libraries in the Libraries in Niagara Cooperative (LiNC). A search of the WPL catalogue will now return results from all LiNC libraries. You can place holds on items from any of the libraries listed and have them delivered directly to your home library!



This also means that if you visit another LiNC library, you can use your WPL card to borrow most of their items. Items borrowed directly from other LiNC libraries can be returned to WPL or to any of the other partner libraries.

For more information, please contact your local branch.

Main Branch		Diamond Trail Branch		Seaway Mall Branch		LIBRARY MANAGEMENT	
50 The Boardwalk Welland, ON L3B 6J1 905-734-6210 ext. 2521		315 Southworth Street Welland, ON L3B 1Z8 905-322-1061		800 Niagara St. Welland, ON L3C 5Z4 289-820-7472		Julianne Brunet Chief Executive Officer jbrunet@wellandlibrary.ca	
Hours		Hours		Hours		Conor Echlin Manager of Customer Experience cechlin@wellandlibrary.ca	
Monday	9 am - 8 pm	Monday	4 pm - 8 pm	Monday	10am - 7pm	Daniella Liebrechts-Hamilton Manager of Programming and Outreach dliebrechts@wellandlibrary.ca	
Tuesday	9 am - 8 pm	Tuesday	4 pm - 8 pm	Tuesday	10am - 7pm		
Wednesday	9 am - 8 pm	Wednesday	4 pm - 8 pm	Wednesday	10am - 7pm		
Thursday	9 am - 8 pm	Thursday	4 pm - 8 pm	Thursday	10am - 7pm		
Friday	9 am - 6 pm	Friday	Closed	Friday	10am - 5pm		
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm	Saturday	11 am - 3 pm	Saturday	10am - 5pm		
Sunday	Closed	Sunday	Closed	Sunday	Closed		

Welland Public Library DECEMBER PROGRAMS

ALL PROGRAMS REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://WELLANDLIBRARY.CA/EVENTS/](https://wellandlibrary.ca/events/) TO REGISTER



COMMUNITY AND WELLNESS

“Under the Mask” Button Venture

Are you a teacher, daycare provider, home care worker, or someone who just wants to share their smile again? We miss your smile, too! Let us put your picture on a button for everyone to see. Buttons are free of charge - while supplies last. Send your headshot to info@wellandlibrary.ca with the subject line “Photo Buttons” and a staff member will contact you to arrange pick up when your button is ready! Visit our website for formatting details.



HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Niagara Community Garden Network- An Introduction to Food Preservation – Pickles + Canning (Live)



In this workshop you'll learn about different food preservation methods, with a deeper exploration of pickling and canning. Registration required.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Tuesday, Dec 8	6:00pm - 7:00pm	ONLINE

MAKERSPACE AND TECHNOLOGY

Cricut Machine Basics - Christmas Ornament (Live)

Our Cricut Maker is now available for patron use. The Cricut Maker can be used to create things for your home or gifts for your friends or family. Join the live demonstration to learn how to design a Cricut Christmas ornament. Registration required.

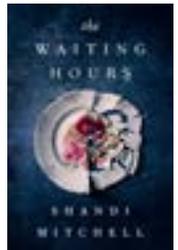


Date(s)	Time	Location
Tuesday, Dec 15	2:00pm-3:00pm	ONLINE

BOOK CLUBS

Virtual Page Turners Book Club (Facebook)

Join our Facebook Group to take part in our Virtual Book Club. This is a great club for those who are looking for a flexible literary interaction. Our December book is *The Waiting Hours* by Shandi Mitchell. Copies will be available at the Main Branch. Please call 905-734-6210 ext. 2521 to have a copy sent to one of our other branches.



ARTS AND CRAFTS



A Stroke of Genius (Live)



This month, learn how to paint a super-easy, winter-inspired rustic wreath with acrylics on canvas. Staff will lead you through this instructional video with artist Angela Anderson. Fee: \$10 Registration is required.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Thursday, Dec 17	Starting at 6:00pm	ONLINE

Intro to the New Catalogue

Have you heard? The library has a new catalogue as part of joining LiNC. Learn just how easy it is to search the catalogue, place holds, and manage your account. Registration required.



Age(s)	Date(s)	Time	Location
Adult/Teens	Wed, Dec 9	Starting at 12:00pm	ONLINE
Families/Kids	Fri, Dec 11	Starting at 4:15pm	ONLINE



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Children, Families, & Teens

All programs require registration unless otherwise noted

FEATURED EVENTS

Santa: Live from the North Pole (Live)

The Welland Downtown BIA, in partnership with the City of Welland and the Welland Public Library, has organized a special event so kids can connect directly with Santa via Zoom this holiday season. Kids will have the opportunity to share their wish list and will receive a book along with a magnetic picture commemorating their virtual visit with Santa. Please register with Downtown Welland BIA by emailing info@downtownwelland.ca. Space is limited so be sure to register early!



Age	Date(s)	Time	Location
Family	Saturday, Dec 5 & 12	10:00am - 12:00pm	ONLINE

Holiday Treat Storytime (Live)

Snuggle up with a loved one and listen to some of our favourite holiday stories. Grab a kit ahead of time or prepare your own so you can follow along as we decorate a holiday treat. Registration required.



Age	Date(s)	Time	Location
0-5+caregiver	Wednesday, Dec 16	Starts at 9:30am	ONLINE

BABY, TODDLER, PRESCHOOL



Toddler Tales (Live)

Foster a love of reading in this program that develops language abilities. Please register in advance to watch live from home.

Age	Date(s)	Time	Location
2-3 yrs	Wednesday, Dec 2 & 9	9:45am-10:15am	ONLINE

Tell A Tale (Facebook Live)

AGES: Geared towards 3-5 year olds

Enjoy our school-aged programs from the comfort of your own home. Program videos will be available on our Facebook page even after the live event is over! You will also find fun downloadable activities to print and create at home!



Date(s)	Time	Location
Thursdays, Dec 3 & 10	Starts at 9:30am	ONLINE

SCHOOL-AGED & FAMILY

Scientists in School Virtual Workshops: Candy Science



AGES: 4-12 years (Live)

Discover the surprising science hiding in a bag of Skittles. Explore solubility, buoyancy, reactivity, and the odds of finding your favourite colour. How sweet it is! Registration and completed Food Waiver form required.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Saturday, Dec 5	2:00pm-3:00pm	ONLINE

Mad Science with Crayola Imagine Arts Academy: Slithering Snakes



AGES: School-Aged Children (Live)

Snakes are fascinating and often misunderstood reptiles. Their skin has a unique texture and they come in a wide range of patterns and colours. Using these patterns and colours as inspiration, kids will design their own three-dimensional, patterned snakes. Registration required.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Wednesday, Dec 9	4:30pm-5:30pm	ONLINE



Family BINGO (Live)

Calling all BINGO Fans! Join us online for a few games of BINGO! No bingo dabbers needed. Lots of great prizes to be won! Registration required.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Wednesday, Dec 30	Starts at 2:00pm	ONLINE

TEEN PROGRAMS



Quaran"teen": Knit Your Own Bookmark

Learn the basics of knitting! You will learn how to cast on and cast off as well as knit and purl, the two most used stitches, so you can design a bookmark of your very own. Needles and yarn provided. Registration is required.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Thursday, Dec 10	Starts at 6:00pm	ONLINE

Grab and Go Kits @ All Branches

Each week we will have an activity kit for your child to follow along with via our Youtube channel and Facebook Page. While supplies last!

Hide and Seek Elf on the Shelf®

Keep your eyes peeled for our Elf on the Shelf® and Elf Pets®! Starting December 1st, our Elf on the Shelf® and Elf Pets® will be hanging around to help keep things in order during the busy holiday season. Visit any of our branches to see if you can find them. Found one? Ask staff for a form to let us know where it was hiding. Each entry will be put in a draw to win a 3D printed snowflake of your own!