

# Welland Public Library

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### A Message from the CEO

2020 has been an incredibly challenging but equally extraordinary year for the Welland Public Library. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, our team transformed library operations allowing us to deliver essential programs, collections, and services in a way that was accessible, safe, and convenient.



Over the last year, the Library introduced a number of new services including curbside/quick pick-up service, a seed lending library, take home activity kits, and online programs and events. We have also enhanced our electronic collections, upgraded our online catalogue, and developed a new strategic plan to guide the Library over the next five years. In January 2021, we are looking forward to offering reciprocal borrowing through LiNC as this initiative will expand access to physical materials for our residents.

As I reflect upon the last year, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to our dedicated employees. WPL staff have displayed incredible resilience over the past year as the Library adapted services to meet the changing needs of our community during these unprecedented times. It is because of the hard work and commitment of our employees that the Library has not only been able to recover, but also innovate and thrive.

On behalf of the Welland Public Library, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our patrons for their continued loyalty and support. By borrowing physical and electronic materials, attending our online programs and events, and utilizing our services, the Library has maintained its role as an important resource for information, an invaluable support for residents, and an essential hub within our community.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to the Library Board, stakeholders, volunteers and community partners. Working together allows the Library to support pandemic recovery efforts within our municipality, support the vibrancy of civic life in Welland, and build a better tomorrow.

Wishing everyone a healthy, safe, and prosperous year in 2021.

Julianne Brunet  
Chief Executive Officer

### LiNC Launch: Borrowing Between Libraries Begins January 4th

Your library's collection just got a whole lot bigger! Starting January 4th, WPL patrons will have access to the collections of most Niagara Region public libraries including NOTL, Fonthill, Fort Erie, Grimsby, Port Colborne, Lincoln, Thorold, and the Niagara College Library. This means that you can place your holds online, by phone, or in person with all locations, and that most physical items can be requested and picked up – and returned to – any LiNC Library free-of-charge! Happy browsing!



*\*All items will be quarantined for 96 hours before transit.*

### Our 100th Anniversary

This year, the Welland Public Library will celebrate 100 years since its incorporation process began. The steps taken in November 1921 led the library to operating under an appointed governance Board (in accordance with the Public Libraries Act) in 1922, and a big move into the newly built Carnegie building on King Street in 1923. Prior to incorporation, the library was run by a library association comprised of local 'gentlemen' as indicated by a letter from the office of J.F. Gross, town solicitor, dated November 16, 1921. Stay tuned all throughout the year (and the next couple of years as well!) for details on the many ways that we'll be celebrating these milestones!



### LIBRARY CLOSURES

New Year's Day: January 1

Family Day: February 15



## Love Your Library: Rebecca and Eva

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. Please enjoy Rebecca and Eva's story here and consider sharing yours with us at [info@wellandlibrary.ca](mailto:info@wellandlibrary.ca). We'd love to hear from you!

*The Welland Public Library means so much to me. I guess you could say it's my "happy place." I first discovered the library when I lost my job I'd had for over 10 years in 2014. I was quite lost at the time and wasn't sure of the next steps in my life. I walked into the Main Branch and was immediately in awe of all of the wonderful books, the design of the library with reading nooks, great programming and endless possibilities. I explored and started reading all kinds of books, joined the book club(s) and different workshops. I met all sorts of different people, staff and patrons. The staff started to get to know me and it felt good to be recognized and I felt part of a community. It became a ritual for me once a week (or more) to stop by the library. It really helped and healed me during that weird transitional time during my life.*

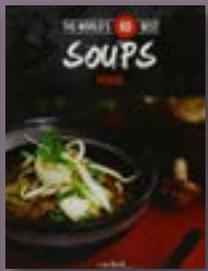
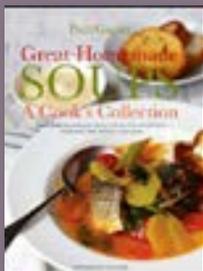
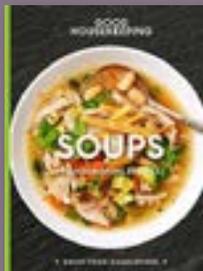
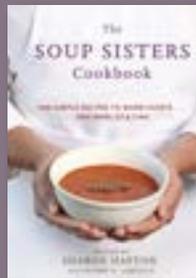
*When my daughter Eva was born in July 2018, it was a no brainer for me that I would introduce her to the Welland Public Library at a young age. She got her first library card at 3 months old (pictured here). We started attending the children's programming and have had so much fun exploring the library together. Eva is 2 years old now and we visit the Seaway Mall branch once a week. The staff have gotten to see her grow up and get to know her now too which is so special to me. We truly appreciate everything the library and staff do to engage families, adults and children alike. The programming is excellent (even while virtual now). The book selection is incredible. The staff are so creative, helpful and friendly. Thank you so much for everything you do. We are your #1 fans! We look forward to the years ahead as grateful and happy patrons of the Welland Public Library.*



## FEATURED COLLECTION

When it's snowing and blowing outside, nothing can warm you up like a big bowl of steaming hot soup. Not only is January National Soup Month, but February 4th is National Homemade Soup Day! Whether you're looking for a good old chicken noodle recipe, or something more unique, this edition's featured titles are sure to have just the recipe for you!

- *The Soup Sisters Cookbook* edited by Sharon Hapton
- *Soups : 70+ Nourishing Recipes* by Good Housekeeping
- *The Pho Cookbook: Easy and Adventurous Recipes for Vietnam's Favorite Soup and Noodles* by Andrea Nguyen
- *Great Homemade Soups: A Cook's Collection* by Paul Gayler
- *The World's 60 Best Soups ... Period* by Veronique Paradis



## Curbside Pickup Returns!

The Welland Public Library is pleased to offer the Curbside Pickup Program during the Provincial Lockdown.

Contact your local branch or email us at [info@wellandlibrary.ca](mailto:info@wellandlibrary.ca) to learn

more about the collections, programs, and services available during the temporary closure of our physical spaces.

Please note that our hours of operation at the Seaway Mall location have changed. Curbside pickup is available between the hours of 10:00am and 5:00pm Monday - Saturday.





### Winter Warmth Table: Meet Betty

In November, a bag of beautifully knit winter wear arrived at the library with a note. The note read, "These hats were knitted with love by Betty, a 93-year-old member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Women." That note led to the story below by Betty's long-time friend, Dianne (the original note writer), who has known Betty for 40 years and is inspired by her positive attitude.



*Betty has been a knitter since early childhood when her mother taught her how to knit and she has never stopped. It brings her a sense of joy.*

*When her children were young she knit sweaters and socks, hats, mittens and scarves. As her grandchildren arrived she was kept busy knitting for them, too.*

*Then her friend, Mary Lou asked her if she would knit baby outfits for Community Toys. Betty quickly said yes. At that time Community Toys provided all the wool.*

*Now at age 93, knitting still keeps Betty busy, as she creates a variety of hats for babies, kids and adults every afternoon and evening. She is thankful for all of the generous people who gift her with yarn and happy that her knitting can keep others warm. This year she has donated more than 150 hats to community groups in Welland.*

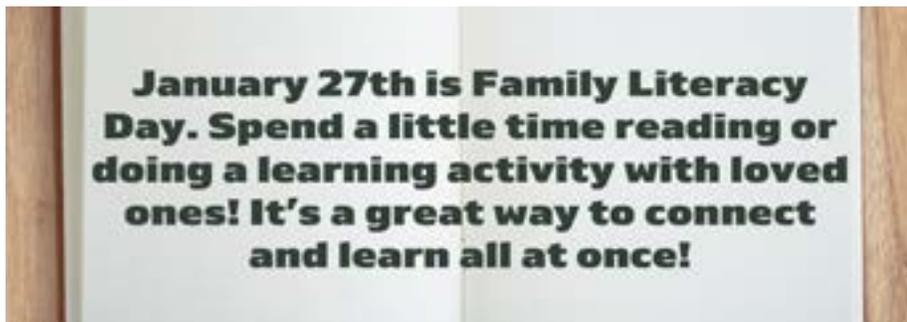
*Betty says that completing a hat fills her with a deep sense of satisfaction. There is another bonus too – knitting keeps her hands busy and out of the cookie jar.*

The Welland Public Library would like to express its utmost gratitude to Betty and the many other knitters and shoppers who have worked so hard to keep our Winter Warmth table stocked all season. We truly could not do it without you!



You, too, can help someone stay toasty warm this winter by donating to our Winter Warmth Table all season long. Donations of NEW, unused, winter wear (hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, etc.) are now being accepted (Main Branch only) and can be requested via the curbside pickup program

*\*All donations will be subject to a quarantine period before becoming available to the public.*

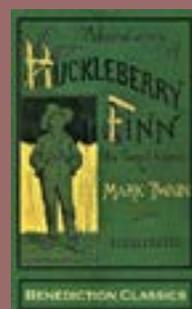
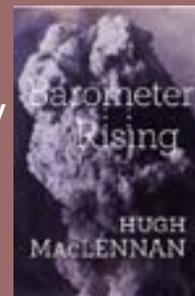


### FREEDOM TO READ WEEK: FEBRUARY 21-27, 2021

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms states that all citizens have certain fundamental rights including "freedom of thought, belief, opinion, and expression." Each year, Freedom to Read week celebrates these rights and asks Canadians to reaffirm their commitment to these intellectual liberties.

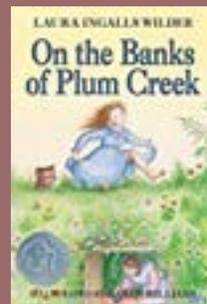
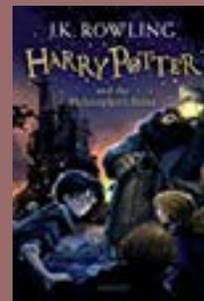
Did you know that these books have been challenged in Canada for things like vulgarity, racism in characterization, and representations of wizardry and magic? Check out one of these or many other challenged books today and exercise your right to decide for yourself!

*Barometer Rising* by Hugh MacLennan



*Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by J.K. Rowling



*On the Banks of Plum Creek* by Laura Ingalls Wilder



## Local Stories: 80s Kids

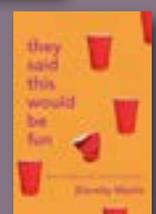
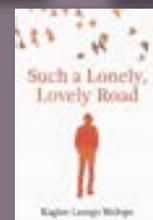
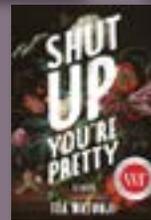
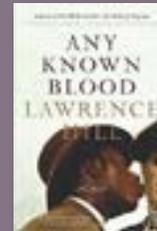
For many decades, story times, puppet shows, and all kinds of WPL arts and culture programming planned just for kids have sparked young imaginations and created life-long readers and library users. We look forward to welcoming kids back to in-person programs as soon as we possibly can!



## AUTHOR FEATURE: BLACK CANADIAN AUTHOR MUST-READS

In celebration of Black History Month and Canadian writers, we've selected just a few of many must-read titles by Black Canadians with subject matter ranging from the tragic legacy of colonialism to contemporary college life for a student of colour at a predominantly white campus. Check one out today and let us know what you thought at [info@wellandlibrary.ca](mailto:info@wellandlibrary.ca).

- *The Polished Hoe* by Austin Clarke
- *Any Known Blood* by Lawrence Hill
- *The Rage of Dragons* by Evan Winter
- *Shut Up You're Pretty* by Tea Mutonji
- *Such a Lonely, Lovely Road* by Kasigo Lesego Molepe
- *Daughters of Silence* by Rebecca Fisseha
- *The Skin We're In* by Desmond Cole
- *They Said This Would Be Fun* by Eternity Martis



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Hours		Hours		Hours		<b>Conor Echlin</b> Manager of Customer Experience <a href="mailto:cechlin@wellandlibrary.ca">cechlin@wellandlibrary.ca</a>	
Monday	9 am - 8 pm	Monday	4 pm-8 pm	Monday	10am - 5pm	<b>Daniella Liebrechts-Hamilton</b> Manager of Programming and Outreach <a href="mailto:dliebrechts@wellandlibrary.ca">dliebrechts@wellandlibrary.ca</a>	
Tuesday	9 am - 8 pm	Tuesday	4 pm-8 pm	Tuesday	10am - 5pm		
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