

# SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER PROGRAM GUIDE 2025

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Rhythms of the Future: Concert Series

This fall, WPL presents a new concert series spotlighting local student bands. Launching on Saturday, October 4, we will host mini concerts until the end of December, featuring student musicians performing a range of genres. Visit our website for updates.



#### Fall Nature Walk with NPCA **R**

Wainfleet Bog (All Ages)  
Saturday, September 6  
@ 10:00-11:00am



Join NPCA representative on a walk and learn about Bog plants, butterflies, migrating songbirds and animals that make their homes in the restored habitat sections. Presented in partnership with Wainfleet Public Library.

#### More than Just Books: What's Included with Your Library Card? **R**

Seaway Mall Branch (All Ages)  
Tuesday, September 9  
@ 6:15-7:00pm



In celebration of Library Card Month, come in and see what else your library card can do for you! Services explained will include eBooks, magazines, movies, and more.

#### Thrive Together: Empowering Families & Kids **R**

Seaway Mall Branch (Adults)  
Saturday, September 13  
@ 9:30am-12:30pm



Join us for a seminar to support and empower families in raising resilient kids and teens. Enjoy expert talks, resource tables, and connections with local organizations. Pre-register or drop in! Presented with Seaway Mall.

#### Music Lovers Presentation: Josephine Matyas and Craig Jones **D**

Welland Museum (Adults)  
Saturday, September 20  
@ 2:30-3:30pm



Those with a travel itch as well as lovers of music can dive right into a "road trip style" presentation by co-authors Josephine Matyas and Craig Jones. Presented in partnership with Welland Museum.

#### One Book One Niagara: Edward Y.C. Lee **R**

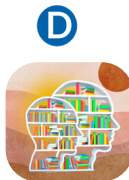
First Ontario Performing Arts Centre  
Friday, October 3 @ 7:00 PM (Adults)

We are proud to once again partner with public libraries across Niagara to bring this FREE event to YOU! One Book One Niagara is featuring Edward Y.C. Lee and his title *The Laundryman's Boy*. Visit our website for free ticket and event details.



#### Living Library: Occupation Exploration **D**

Main Branch  
Saturday, October 4  
@ 11:00am-1:00pm



Visit with all or one of our living books that will be sharing their personal career journeys, answering questions, and helping to educate others as they move forward with their own occupational choices.

#### Autism Awareness Day **D**

Seaway Mall Branch (All Ages)  
Saturday, October 18



Join us for a day to learn and create awareness about Autism! Start with PAWS Therapy Dogs (9:30-10:30am), followed by Bringing Art to Life (10:00am-12:00pm) where artwork meets storytelling with our Writers Guild. Enjoy a storytime and sensory activities with Niagara Children's Centre (2:00-3:00pm) and wrap up with tween/teen Art activity (3:15-4:00pm). Everyone's welcome!

#### Members Choice Book Club Author Talk Ann Walmsley **R**

Seaway Mall Branch (Adults)  
Thursday, October 30  
@ 2:00-3:30pm



*The Prison Book Club* by Ann Walmsley is a memoir of her time leading a men's prison book club. She'll join us online to discuss it and the power of reading.

#### Holiday Harmonies **D**

Main Branch (All Ages)  
Saturday, December 13  
@ 2:30-4:00pm



Are you in the holiday spirit? Come and enjoy some festive winter themed music with Mike Kuchar and his daughter Barbara. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.



# ADULTS

## Historical Niagara with Dave Bennison



Seaway Mall Branch  
Saturday, September 6  
@ 2:30-4:30pm

Explore shipwrecks in and around the Niagara area including ships built in Niagara that met an untimely end. Artifacts will be on display and the popular "show and tell" will take place, so bring any small items you want to share or learn more about.



## Pop-Up Markets



Main Branch  
Mondays, September 8, October 6,  
November 3, December 15  
@ 1:15-2:30 pm

Diamond Trail Branch  
Thursdays, September 18, October  
23, November 20, December 18  
@ 5:30-6:30pm

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



## Digital Skills Workshop for Seniors



Main Branch  
Wednesdays, September 10 -  
October 29 @ 1:00-3:00pm

This 8-session series for seniors (55+) will enhance your digital skills and boost your knowledge in devices, apps, and more. This program is facilitated by Bridges Niagara and is being offered in **Spanish and English**. To register or questions, contact [digitalskillsforse-niors@bridgesniagara.ca](mailto:digitalskillsforse-niors@bridgesniagara.ca)



Esta serie de 8 sesiones para personas mayores (55+) mejorará tus habilidades digitales y aumentará tu conocimiento sobre dispositivos, aplicaciones y más. Este programa es facilitado por Bridges Niagara y se ofrece en español e inglés.

## OGS: Family Research Help



Seaway Mall Branch  
Saturdays, September 13 and  
November 8 @ 1:30-3:30pm

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



## Putting Your Garden to Bed



Seaway Mall Branch  
Saturday, September 20  
@ 2:30-3:30pm

Master Gardeners Brenda Sawchuk and Eva Weber will outline the process of preparing your garden for winter, which involves cleaning up and protecting plants.



## Canadian Library Month Bingo Challenge!



All Locations  
October 1 -31



Pick up a Bingo card and complete activities throughout the month for a chance to win a prize! Visit the Library for more details.

## iPad for Beginners



Main Branch  
Wednesdays, November 5,  
12 & 19 @ 2:30-3:30pm

Learn how to use your Apple iPad, including: basic functions, apps, and downloading eBooks in this 3 week course. No computer experience is required.



## Welland that Was: Welland's Historical Buildings



Seaway Mall Branch  
Saturday, October 4 @ 2:30-3:30pm

Take a glimpse into the rich past of the City of Welland. Learn about a variety of shops and buildings that were located in and around the city's core downtown area circa late 19th-early 20th century.

## Niagara's Mobile Closet



Main Branch  
Monday, October 20  
@ 11:00am-1:00pm

This is a 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.



## Stranger Things at the Library



Diamond Trail  
Saturday, October 25  
@ 1:00-2:00pm



Welcome in the spooky season by celebrating the ultra popular show Stranger Things. Create crafts and participate in trivia about the Stranger Things Universe.

## Survivor Benefits with Service Canada



Seaway Mall Branch  
Monday, October 27  
@ 11:00am-12:30pm



This information session will discuss survivor benefits available under the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and the Old Age Security (OAS) program for those who have lost a spouse, parent, or common-law partner.

## Classic Board Game Night



Diamond Trail Branch  
Monday, November 10  
@ 6:00-7:30pm



Bring your friends and play some classic games like Sorry, Checkers, Battleship, and more!

## Borneo : Birds, Orangutans, and so much more.



Seaway Mall Branch  
Saturday, November 15  
@ 2:30-3:30pm



Borneo is well known as a global hotspot for biodiversity. Join avid birder, Marcie Jacklin, for this special presentation that explores amazing animal and plant life.

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# ALL ABOUT BOOKS

## Evening Book Club

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*The Rex*  
Monday, September 15  
@ 6:00-7:30pm



In anticipation of meeting the author at the One Book One Niagara event on October 3, we will discuss Edward Y.C. Lee's novel *The Laundryman's Boy*.

## Members Choice Book Club

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*Seaway Mall Branch*  
Thursday, September 25  
@ 2:00-3:30pm



*The Shadows We Hide* by Allen Eskens is a gripping mystery about secrets, family, and truth.

## Non-Fiction Book Club

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*Diamond Trail Branch*  
Wednesdays, October 1,  
November 5, December 3  
@ 6:30-7:30pm



Pick up your copy of the monthly book club pick and join us for an interesting discussion.

## PFLAG Chapters of Pride Book Club

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*Seaway Mall Branch*  
Tuesday, November 4 @  
6:00-7:30pm

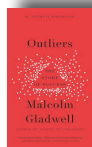


Join members of PFLAG for an exciting book chat. Read a book of your choice and share it with others.

## Members Choice Book Club

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*Seaway Mall Branch*  
Thursday, November 27  
@ 2:00-3:30pm



*The Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell explores the hidden factors behind extraordinary success.

## Evening Book Club

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*CC's Dugout Italian Eatery*  
Monday, December 8  
@ 6:00-7:45pm



*The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters is a poignant novel about family, loss, and identity.

# ARTS AND CRAFTS

## Line Art Exploration

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*Diamond Trail Branch*  
Saturday, September 27  
@ 12:30-1:30pm



Explore and create expressive art using simple lines and designs. No experience is necessary and all materials are supplied.

## Holiday Decorations

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*Diamond Trail Branch*  
Saturday, November 22  
@ 1:00-2:00pm



Come create some easy crafts for the holiday season.

## Holiday Ornaments

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*Main Branch*  
Tuesday, December 2 @ 5:30-7:15pm



Drop in for some holiday fun and make some festive ornaments.

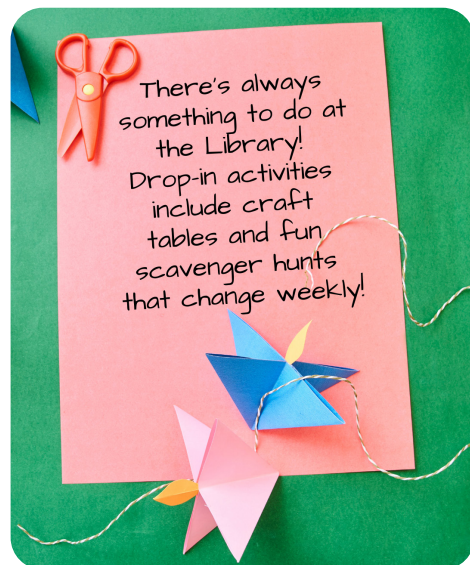
## Holiday Wreaths with Wendy Somers

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*Seaway Mall Branch*  
Saturday, December 6  
@ 1:30-3:00pm



Floral Designer and Master Gardener, Wendy Somers, will help guide you in creating a beautiful greenery wreath to hang on your front door.



# PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

## Infant Massage

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*Main Branch*  
Thursdays, September 18 - October 9  
@ 1:30-3:00pm



Massaging your baby brings wonderful benefits. Join Christina McNicoll, RECE infant massage instructor from EarlyON by Port Cares to learn massage techniques.

## The Truth About Struggling Readers

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*Main Branch*  
Friday, October 3 @ 4:30-5:30pm



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! Intended for parents/caregivers with children aged 5-7.

## Ready to Rescue

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*Main Branch*  
Monday, October 6 @ 2:00-4:00pm

The Niagara Falls Health Centre team leads this informal workshop, teaching skills that can assist a child in emergency situations; facilitated by a Red Cross First Aid & CPR Instructor.

## Early Literacy with Babies

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*Main Branch*  
Thursdays, October 23  
& 30 @ 1:30-2:30pm



Join EarlyON by PortCares for this two-part interactive series to explore development, enjoy activities, and discover tips and resources.

## Triple P: Positive Parenting

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*Main Branch*  
Mondays, November 3-24  
@ 5:45-7:45pm



Learn about parenting in a positive way. 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.

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Yoga on the Canal R

Main Branch  
Tuesdays, Sept 2 & 16  
@ 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.

## Hospice Niagara Grief Circle: Peer Support Group R

Main Branch  
Tuesdays, September 2-October 21  
@ 6:00-7:30pm



Share the story of your grief in a safe and supportive space with others who understand from personal experience. Visit our website for more information.

## Restorative Yoga with Andrea R

Main Branch  
Thursdays, September 11 & October 9 @ 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.

## Chair Yoga R

Diamond Trail Branch  
Saturdays, September 13, October 11, December 20  
@ 1:00-2:00pm



Chair yoga is an effective and accessible exercise for people of all ages. Come out and give this a try!



## Mind and Body Wellness Series R

Seaway Mall Branch  
Tuesday, September 23  
@ 6:00-7:30pm



Psychotherapist Tracy Gostlow will explore how emotional and physical healing go hand in hand. Learn practical, empowering ways to care for your whole self.

**October 21 @ 6:00-7:30pm**

Join Sifu Jen Brailey in this discussion and short demonstration of the ancient Chinese martial art, Tai Chi.

**November 18 @ 6:00-7:30pm**

Join Reiki Master Andrea Wehlann, to learn more about this hands-on energy healing techniques.

**Tuesday, December 9  
@ 6:00-7:30pm**

Julie from Welland Health Wise explains how essential oils offer a range of potential benefits, primarily through aromatherapy and topical application.

## PAWS Therapy Dogs D

Seaway Mall Branch  
Saturdays, September 20, November 15, December 13 @ 10:30-11:30am  
Saturday, October 18  
@ 9:30-10:30am



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.

## Understanding Memory Loss Workshop R

Seaway Mall Branch  
Thursday, October 2 @ 1:30-4:00pm



Join Welland McMaster Family Health Team health care practitioners and community partners as they discuss dementia and caregiving tips for those caring for someone with memory loss.

## Harm Reduction and Naloxone Administration R

Seaway Mall Branch  
Tuesday, October 7 @ 6:00-7:45pm

StreetWorks will be offering a presentation on the philosophy and practices of harm reduction, including comprehensive naloxone training.

## WMFHT Mobility and Movement: Supporting Safe Mobility and Daily Function R

Seaway Mall Branch  
Tuesday, November 4 @ 1:30-3:30pm

Join Welland McMaster Family Health Team's Occupational Therapist to learn about fall prevention strategies for daily routines, different types of mobility aids and devices, and the importance of movement in maintaining health and wellness.

# FAMILY

## Saturday Storytime D

Seaway Mall Branch  
Saturdays, September 6, October 4, November 1 & December 27  
@ 10:00-10:45am



Wiggle and giggle as a family at this monthly storytime filled with stories, songs, felt board, parachute play, bubbles, and more!

## Story & Sketch R

Main Branch  
Saturday, September 13  
@ 2:30-3:30pm



WPL and the Art Gallery of Welland are inviting families to gather for a lively storytime and engaging art activity inspired by the book. Visit our website for more details.

## PD Day Fun with Ozobots! D

Main Branch  
Friday, September 19 @ 2:00-3:30pm



Come check out our littlest robots... Learn how to make them obey your commands, do tricks, and more!

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### Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin!

All Locations  
October 1 - 25



Guess the pumpkin's weight at any branch for a chance to win Shriner's Creek Kettle Popcorn! Thanks to Shriners Creek and Sobey's Welland for their generous donations!

### Pumpkin Decorating

Seaway Mall  
Saturday, October 25  
@ 1:00-3:00pm



Come transform pumpkins into your favourite character. While supplies last. Presented in partnership with Seaway Mall. Thank you to Sobey's Welland for their generous donation!

### 3D Printer Demo



Diamond Trail Branch  
Saturday, November 8  
@ 1:00-2:00pm



Learn 3D Printer basics with library staff.

### Breakfast with Santa & Storytime

Seaway Mall  
Saturday, November 22  
@ 9:30-10:30am



After you've enjoyed Breakfast with Santa, join us for a special storytime in Santa's Castle (Centre Court) where he will read some favourite holiday books. Visit our website for more details. Presented in partnership with Seaway Mall.

### PD Day Button Mania

Main Branch  
Friday, November 28  
@ 2:00-3:30pm



Drop-in and make a cool button of your own. Limit of 2 buttons per person. While supplies last.

### Holiday Saturday Storytime

Seaway Mall Branch  
Saturday November 29  
@ 10:00-11:00am



Join us for winter holiday themed stories, word games, felt board activity, songs, and a craft.

### Hide and Seek Elf on the Shelf®

All Locations  
November 26- December 17



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 Collectively Unique Boutique for their donation.

### Drop-In Magnet Making

Main Branch  
Tuesday, December 30  
@ 2:00-3:30pm



Bring your creativity and drop-in to design and create your own magnet with our button maker! While supplies last.

## TEENS

### Teen Scene: Dried Flower Creations

Main Branch  
Wednesday, September 24  
@ 6:00-7:00pm



Craft stunning bookmarks and soothing tealight holders using dried flowers. Just bring your imagination!

### Teen Scene: Spooky Wreaths

Main Branch  
Wednesday, October 22  
@ 6:00-7:00pm



Make a spooktacular wreath to decorate your home.

### Teen Scene: Yarn and Chill

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



Drop in for relaxing music, friendly chats, and wrap a yarn letter or make a small yarn pumpkin.

### Teen Scene: Stencil Art

Seaway Mall  
Wednesday, November 12  
@ 6:00-7:00pm



Create a cool looking piece of stencil art in under an hour. No painting experience required.

### Teen Scene: Bottle Your Creativity

Main Branch  
Wednesday, November 19  
@ 6:00-7:00pm



Learn the basics of the Cricut Maker and walk away with a custom bottle that's uniquely yours!

### Teen Scene: Cookies in a Jar

Main Branch  
Wednesday, December 17  
@ 6:00-7:00pm



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

### Job Gym: Resumes and Job Searching for Teens

Main Branch  
Monday, December 29  
@ 1:00-2:30pm



Thinking about getting a job? Need help writing your resume? Job Gym Employment Counsellors will teach you how to create a great resume.

## CHILDREN

### Let's Play Chess

Seaway Mall Branch  
Wednesdays,  
September 10 - October 15  
@ 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

Diamond Trail  
Thursdays, October 2-  
December 4 @ 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.

# ONGOING PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Histoire en français <b>D</b>	0-6 years	Tuesdays, September 16, October 21 & November 18 - December 16	Main Branch	10:00 - 11:00am
Toddler Tales <b>R</b>	1-2 years + caregiver	Tuesdays, September 9 - October 14 & November 4 - December 9	Seaway Mall	10:15 - 10:45am
Artsy Babies <b>R</b>	0-11 months + caregiver	Tuesdays, September 9 - October 14 & November 4 - December 9	Main Branch	2:00 - 2:30pm
Artsy Babies <b>R</b>	0-11 months + caregiver	Thursdays, September 11 - October 16 & November 6 - December 11	Main Branch	10:45 - 11:15am
FunTime Fridays <b>R</b>	2-4 years + caregiver	Fridays, September 12 - October 17 & November 7 - December 12	Seaway Mall	9:45 - 10:30am

# ONGOING ADULT ACTIVITIES

Welland Writer's Guild <b>D</b>	Wednesdays, September 3, 17 & October 1, 15, 29 & November 12, 26 & December 10	Main Branch	6:00 - 7:30pm
Creative Canvas (\$5) <b>R</b>	Thursdays, September 11, October 9, November 6, December 11	Seaway Mall	6:00 - 7:45pm
ESL Conversation Circle <b>D</b>	Thursdays, September 4 - December 18	Main Branch	2:00 - 4:00pm
Knitting Club <b>D</b>	Wednesdays, September 3 - December 17	Main Branch	6:00 - 7:30pm
Crochet Club <b>D</b>	Mondays, starting September 8* * No session October 13	Seaway Mall	6:00 - 7:30pm
Scrabble Club <b>D</b>	Thursdays, September 4 - December 18	Seaway Mall	1:00 - 3:00pm
Scrabble Club <b>D</b>	Mondays, starting September 8* * No session October 13	Main Branch	1:30 - 3:30pm
Adult Chess Club <b>D</b>	Wednesdays, September 3 - December 17	Seaway Mall	10:00am - 12:00pm
Paint With Robin (\$5) <b>R</b>	Tuesdays, September 30, October 28, November 25	Seaway Mall	6:00 - 7:30pm
Community Connections Books and More <b>D</b>	Thursdays, September 4-December 18	Seaway Mall	11:00am - 12:00pm
Healthy Safe and Strong (60+) <b>R</b>	Fridays, September 5 - December 19 * * No session October 3 (Register with Niagara Region @ 905-984-2621)	Seaway Mall	1:30 - 2:30pm 3:00 - 4:00pm
Yoga for Older Adults <b>R</b>	Mondays, September 8 - December 15* * No session October 13 / Thursdays, September 11 - December 18	Seaway Mall	9:30 - 10:30am

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## LIBRARY CLOSURES

Monday, October 13 - Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day  
Friday, December 26 - Boxing Day  
Thursday, 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 19 at the Main Branch