

# WELLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARDWALK BANTER

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## Happy New Year and a Great Big Thank YOU!



At WPL, 2023 was a year full of growth and change in many areas of library service. We launched our Little Free Pantry to help address food insecurity, celebrated ten years of our Diamond Trail Branch, supported children's literacy with the Reading Buddies program, added to our ever-growing non-traditional collections with the toy lending library, began lending tablets, and continued digitizing and cataloguing local history materials to make them more accessible. We also started planning for the celebration of the library's 200<sup>th</sup> year of operation in 2024. Keep an eye out for much more on that in the coming months!

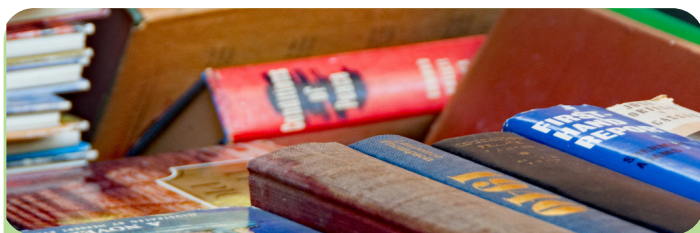
We'd like to start the New Year by taking this opportunity to thank all of you who support our community initiatives time and time again throughout the year. From donations of hats, mitts, and scarves for our Winter Warmth table, to food and personal care items for our Little Free Pantry, to purses for the Purse Project in November, and everything in between. We really could not do any of this without your generosity! Together, we are helping to improve this community as a whole.

We'd also like to thank all who regularly come out to borrow items, use our resources both in-library and online, and attend our programs. A public library is truly defined by those who use it, and in our opinion, you all simply rock!

So, thank you; we look forward to serving you throughout 2024!

We will continue to accept Winter Warmth donations through the end of March, and are continuously accepting donations for the pantry.

For more information on these or any other library programs or initiatives, please contact us at (905) 734-6210 or email [info@wellandlibrary.ca](mailto:info@wellandlibrary.ca).



### Winter Book Sale: Saturday, February 3

Find books to curl up with this winter at this one-day-only book sale! The sale will start at 9am and wrap up at 4pm. Other library materials may also be available to browse and buy. The sale will be offered at the Main Branch only. Bring a grocery tote or small box and fill it for \$5. WPL totes will be available for purchase (\$2 each).

All book sale proceeds support library collections, programs, and services.



### New: Fiero Code Coding Resource

WPL has added a new game-based resource that can teach kids (or kids at heart!) how to code. Fiero Code can be accessed on our website by opening the Online Resources tab and selecting 'Learning.'

Patrons do not need their library card number or PIN for this resource, but will need to create an account using an email address and password.

Fiero Code is recommended for people aged 8-18 but of course, can be enjoyed by anyone.

Fiero Code teaches 6 coding languages and hosts three coding competitions per year that patrons are welcome to compete in - past prizes have been robots and drones!

### LIBRARY CLOSURES

Monday, February 19

Friday, March 29

Sunday, March 31

Monday, April 1



## 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.

When you have two piping-hot drinks and you don't want to use a disposable takeout tray, or if you're embarking on a long winter walk, this great gadget will hold those toasty, too-hot-to-handle beverages perfectly!

Contact the library to find out how to print one of your own.

## Local Stories: Winter Carnival



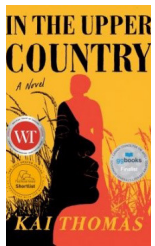
The first Welland Winter Carnival took place in 1963 and featured a week-long slate of winter activities celebrating the season. This photo from February 1972, depicts a broomball game between the City's Parks and Recreation department and CHOW AM Radio (now known as 91.7 Giant FM) on the frozen pond at Chippawa Park.

Today, the Club Richelieu Winter Carnival continues the tradition in the city. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy activities that celebrate winter and traditional French culture.

Welland Public Library Photo Collection, February 1972

## One Book One Niagara:

*In the Upper Country* by Kai Thomas



Award-winning *In the Upper Country* by Kai Thomas features "an extraordinary exchange of life stories that reveal the interwoven history of Canada and the United States; of Indigenous peoples from a wide swath of what is called North America and the Black men and women brought here into slavery and their free descendants on

both sides of the border." (cbc.ca). It is also this year's One Book One Niagara selection.

One Book One Niagara is a Region-wide book club that selects a book of cultural importance and culminates in a speaking engagement with the author.

Give it a read this winter, then join us at the author event this April. Place a copy on hold today!



## Featured Collection: Fall in Love with Slow Cooking

As the terms 'wintry mix' and 'blizzard conditions' creep back into the weather report, we think it might be time to start utilizing the unsung hero of your kitchen...the slow cooker! Browse these cookbooks to find scrumptious recipes that will help you save time and get dinner on the table within minutes of kicking off your snowy boots.

*Essential Slow Cooker Recipes: 103 Fuss-Free Slow Cooker Meals Everyone Will Love* by Addie Gundry



*Hungry Girl Simply Comfort: Feel-Good Favorites for Your Slow Cooker & Air Fryer* by Lisa Lillien



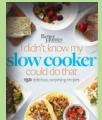
*Fresh Flavors for the Slow Cooker: 77 Mouth-watering Recipes* by Nicki Sizemore



*Adventures in Slow Cooking: 120 Slow-Cooker Recipes for People Who Love Food* by Sarah DiGregorio



*I Didn't Know My Slow Cooker Could Do That: 150 Deliciously Surprising Recipes* by Better Homes and Gardens



*Simple, Easy, Fast Slow Cooker* by Taste of Home



*Slow Cooker Favourites: From Lasagna to Crème Brûlée* by Ricardo Larrivée



## Every Gift Makes a Difference.

All contributions to WPL enrich the education, vitality, and cultural growth of our entire community.

If you choose to make a gift to the library, you can also decide where you'd like your gift to apply. Choose from these categories: Vibrant Spaces, Community-Driven Programs & Events, Dynamic Collections, Innovative Services & Technology, or Area of Greatest Need. Thank you for your support!

**For more information or to donate, please call (905) 734-6210 ext. 2500.**

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### Main Branch

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### Seaway Mall Branch

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