

HIGHLIGHTS

Looking for the Stars! **R**

Main Branch (Family)
Tuesday, April 2 @ 6:00-8:00pm

Stan Sammy, from the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) Niagara Centre, will talk about the planets, discuss what is visible in the night sky, and all about the total solar eclipse! Families will have an opportunity to go outside with telescopes to do some stargazing*.

* Dependent on sky conditions.



World Autism Day Talk with Michael Jacques **R**

Main Branch (All Ages)
Tuesday, April 2 @ 6:00-7:00pm

Join local author, Michael Jacques in this inspirational talk about acceptance and belonging. At a young age, Michael was diagnosed with autism and an intellectual disability and has since published books that touch on topics such as inclusion, independence, and the power of perseverance.

Niagara's Mobile Closet **D**

Civic Square Plaza
Monday, May 13 @ 11:00am-1:00pm

Niagara's Mobile Closet returns to WPL with their 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.



Earth Day: Community Park Cleanup **R** (All Ages)

Monday, April 15 - Sunday, April 21

In honour of Earth Day, residents of Welland are asked to come together to take part in the "Community Parks Clean Up".

Kits for the clean-up, including bags and gloves, will be available for pick up from April 15 to 19 at all library branches and Seaway Mall Customer Service on a first come basis, while supplies last. Details and park locations will be available with the kits. Presented in partnership with Seaway Mall and City of Welland.



One Book One Niagara: Kai Thomas **R**

Welland Centennial Secondary School (Adults)
Tuesday, April 23 @ 7:00pm - Doors Open; 7:30pm - Event Start

Join us for an evening with Kai Thomas, author of the One Book One Niagara selected title, *In the Upper Country!* Get your free tickets to the Grand Finale by visiting <https://onebookoneniagara.ca/events/>

Pop-Up Produce Market **D**

Main Branch
Mondays, April 29, May 27 & June 24 @ 1:00-3:00pm
Diamond Trail Branch
Thursdays, April 11, May 9 & June 6 @ 5:00-7:00pm

Fresh produce will be available at Pop-Up Markets at the Main and Diamond Trail Branches. No set prices, pay what you can! Please bring your own bag.

Métis 101- Métis history, culture, traditions and way of life in today's society **R**

Welland Museum (All Ages)
Saturday, June 15 @ 2:30-4:00pm
Senator Jean-Jacques (Jack) Séguin with the Niagara Region Metis Council (NRMC) will present a workshop on Métis history, culture, traditions and way of life in today's society.

Dreamcatchers with Mika Wooley

Seaway Mall Branch (Family) **R**
Thursday, June 20 @ 6:00-7:30pm

Join Mika from Indigenous Dreams and learn how to make a dreamcatcher and all about its cultural importance and tradition. Fee: \$10/person.

TD Summer Reading Club Launch

Main & Seaway Mall Branches **D**
Saturday, June 29 @ 9:30am-4:30pm
Diamond Trail Branch
Saturday, June 29 @ 11:00am-3pm



The TD Summer Reading Club (TDSRC) is back! Kick-off summer by visiting any of our branches to register for the TDSRC. Participate in fun activities, scavenger hunts, get a free book, and more! While supplies last.

3rd Annual Local Authors Day **D**

Main Branch (All Ages)
Saturday, April 6 @ 10:00am-1:00pm

Meet local authors writing in a variety of genres for children and adults. Authors will read from their works from 12:30-1:00 pm.



GENERAL INTEREST

ESL Conversation Circle **D**

Main Branch
Tuesdays, starting April 2
@ 2:30-3:30pm



In partnership with the Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre and the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre, this group is led by a trained ESL instructor and open to newcomers or anyone looking to improve their English language skills.

Writer's Guild

Main Branch
Wednesdays, April 3, 17 & May 1, 15,
29 & June 5, 19 @ 6:00-7:30pm

Looking for a scribe tribe to share your creative writing with!? Look no further! You are invited to join the newly-formed Writer's Guild.



Learn More About Your iPad

Main Branch
Wednesdays, April 10 & 17
@ 2:00-3:00pm



This 2-part class is useful for beginners or those wishing to learn more about their iPad. We discuss gestures, navigating through the Home Screens, highlighting important settings, how to download from the App Store, and using Safari to browse the Internet.

National Scrabble Day - Come Play A Game!

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturday, April 13 @ 9:30am-12:00pm

It's National Scrabble Day! Drop to play a friendly game of Scrabble with others.

Rooted in Beauty-Native Plants in the Garden **R**

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturday, April 20 @ 2:30-4:00pm

Join Heather Swann from Plantwise Garden and Landscaping Design for an inspiring seminar that explores the benefits of Ontario's beautiful native plants and incorporating them into our landscapes.



Decluttering with Urge to Purge

Seaway Mall Branch **R**
Monday, April 22 @ 10:00-11:00am

Need help with extensive decluttering, hoarding, or household clearance? Representatives from Urge to Purge will share all the tips you'll need in this information session.



Teen/Adult Summer Makeup on a Budget **R**

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturday, May 4 @ 11:00-12:00pm



Enjoy learning some trending light summer makeup looks with Ania from Artistry by Ania.

Developing Concepts Through Tactile Materials **R**

Main Branch
Monday, May 6 @ 6:00-7:30pm

Come learn how to create individualized tactile materials (e.g. sensory bins, experience books, etc...) to support concept development! This creative and informative workshop is led by Deaf-blind Intervener, Tishawna, and is great for parents, caregivers or support staff of individuals with disabilities of all ages.



Language Development in Kids **R**

Main Branch
Tuesday, May 7 @ 9:30-10:30am

A registered Speech Language Pathologist will discuss preschool and school-aged language development and provide you with activities and suggestions on how to work on these skills at home!

OGS Open Forum **D**

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturdays, May 18 & June 1
@ 2:00-4:00pm

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



More Than the ABC's **R**

Main Branch
Tuesday, June 4 @ 9:30-10:30am

We will discuss the core components of literacy and what skills a child needs in order to become a successful reader! Melissa Gagnon, Registered Speech-Language Pathologist, will provide you with activities and suggestions on how you can work on these skills at home!

SENIORS MONTH

Seniors on the Move: AAPEX Driving Academy **R**

Main Branch
Thursday, May 30 @
10:00am-12:00pm

Regain confidence to drive in Niagara's ever updating, fast-paced traffic environments. Attend an in-person seminar for senior and mature drivers, providing an overview to changing technologies and the effects that age can have on driving abilities.

Musical BINGO

Seaway Mall Branch
Wednesday, June 5 @ 2:00-3:00pm

Calling all BINGO lovers! Have you ever tried Musical Bingo? It's all the fun of regular BINGO but to music. Come give it a try! Fee: \$2/person.

Crafternoon

Seaway Mall Branch
Wednesday, June 12 @ 2:00-3:00pm

We have a couple of cute crafts for you to try. Make a cute pom-pom owl and/or a geometric wall décor painting.

DROM Fit

Seaway Mall Branch
Wednesday, June 19 @ 2:00-3:00pm

DROM is a unique combination of drumming (the DR) and meditation (the OM) to energize, relieve stress, bring clarity and calm – all while having fun drumming on an exercise ball or on tables and chairs. Fee: \$2/person

Laughter Yoga for Older Adults

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

Did you know that laughter offers the same workout as 100 sit ups? Give your funny bone a workout and enjoy Laughter Yoga with Lana for a fun afternoon. Fee \$2/person.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Yoga on the Canal

Main Branch
Tuesdays, June 11 and 25
@ 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.

PAWS Therapy Dogs

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturdays, April 20 and June 1
@ 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
Thursdays, April 25, May 23, and
June 13 @ 6:30-7:30pm

Beginner-friendly, gentle Hatha yoga for everybody. Dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat, water, blanket, and eye pillow (if you have one). Presented in partnership with the City of Welland

Care For the Caregiver

Seaway Mall Branch
Tuesday, April 30 - May 28*
@ 1:00-4:00pm *No class May 21



Are you caring for a loved one? Are you exhausted by your caregiving role and have no time for yourself? Do you want to make the most of the time spent with the person you are caring for? During this 4-week series with the Welland McMaster Family Health team, you will learn ways to feel more empowered and confident by building and improving your skills as a caregiver. To register, call WMFH at 905-704-3660 or visit www.wellandmcmasterfh.com/eventcalendar.php

Yoga for Older Adults

Seaway Mall Branch
Mondays, May 6 to June 24*
@ 9:30-10:30am *No class May 20

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

Meditation/Journaling with Marcia

Seaway Mall Branch
Tuesdays, April 16, May 21 and
June 18 @ 1:00-2:00pm

When combined, these relaxation practices can be especially effective in cultivating mindfulness, reducing stress, and promoting overall well-being. Please bring a journal and pen. Fee \$3 per person.



ARTS & CRAFTS



Spring Wreath with Wendy Somers

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturday, May 4 @ 2:30-4:00pm

Master Gardener Wendy Somers is back to show us how to make a heart-shaped spring wreath. Fee \$15/person.



Calligraphy with John Manley

Seaway Mall Branch
Mondays, May 13 & May 27
@ 6:00-7:00pm



Have you wanted to learn the art of calligraphy? These sessions will introduce basic strokes that get quick style results along with size, spacing and different styles of calligraphy.

Learn to Make Cricut Cards

Main Branch
Tuesday, May 21 @ 6:00-7:30pm

Making cards in Cricut Design Space can be easy once you know the steps. This card making session will show you how to get started.

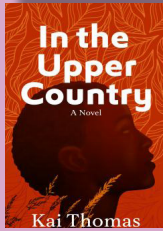


ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Evening Book Club R

MT Bellies
Monday, April 15 @ 6:00-7:30pm

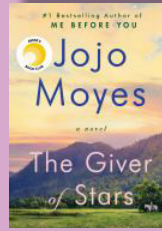
Read this year's One Book One Niagara selection with us! The book *In the Upper Country*. This is a wonderful story of two strong-willed women, based in the fictional town of Dummore located in Upper Canada.



Evening Book Club R

Boston Pizza
Monday, June 10 @ 6:00-7:30pm

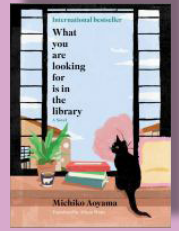
The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes is a great historical fiction novel recounting the extraordinary mountain women delivering books as a part of Eleanor Roosevelt's traveling library.



Afternoon Book Club R

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

Michiko Aoyama's novel, *What You Are Looking for is in the Library*, is a pleasantly written book about five different people who find their way to a rather special library at a time when they need help in their lives.



Afternoon Book Club R

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

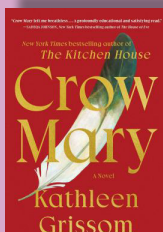
We will be discussing the novel *Rage The Night* by Donna Morrissey. This is an intimate story of one man's quest to discover the truth of his birth and a fascinating account of a true 1914 Newfoundland tragedy.



Afternoon Book Club R

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

Inspired by true events, *Crow Mary* by Kathleen Grissom tells us the story of Goes First, an indigenous woman from the Crow Tribe who at the age of sixteen married Abe Farwell, a white fur trader who gave her the name "Mary".



FAMILY



Wild, Weird, and Wacky Weather R

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturday, April 13, 2:00-3:00pm

Fascinated by weather? Enjoy this exciting talk about wacky and wild weather by local photographer and storm chaser, David T. Chapman. Participants will view amazing photos and are encouraged to ask questions about the weather!

Family Craft Night: DIY Succulent Hand Planter R

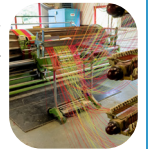
Main Branch
Tuesday, May 14, 6:00-7:00pm

Come join us to create a planter in the shape of two holding hands. You paint the planter and plant a live succulent with 2 Chicks/Le Studio. Fee: \$15/family

Spin Days at the Library with NHWS Studio D

Main Branch
Saturday, April 27, 12:00-4:00pm

For more than 75 years, the Niagara Handweavers and Spinners Guild has been supporting fibre artists and craftspeople in the Niagara Region. Come join the members of the NHWS as they spin and share their knowledge about all things fibre.



Family Craft Day: Stenciling on a Canvas Bag R

Main Branch
Saturday, June 8, 10:00-11:00am

2 Chicks/Le Studio is back to create some family fun! This functional project, using stencils and paint on a canvas bag, is a great way to spend time with your loved ones! \$15/family or per project.

**THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO AT THE LIBRARY!
AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES CHANGE WEEKLY.**

Tissue Paper Art R

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

Join us to learn the different techniques of textured art. Create your own textured art by combining tissue paper, glue, and paint.

DIY Confetti Shaker Bookmarks R

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

Calling all book lovers to create confetti bookmarks for yourself, plus they make great gifts, too!



Perler Bead Crafts R

Main Branch
Wednesday, June 5 @ 6:00-7:00pm

Use your imagination to make fun melty bead designs. Turn them into coasters, keychains and more!

Pizza and Poetry R

Main Branch
Monday, April 29 @ 5:00-6:30pm



Poetry evokes emotion, creates connections with the world, and conveys thoughts and ideas through creative expression. It is also a way for us to explore the experience of grief. In this safe and supportive space, teens experiment with language and its creative possibilities as they explore their unique experiences with grief and loss. Young poets will read and write poetry and have opportunities to share stories of their loved ones — and eat pizza! Presented by Hospice Niagara for teens aged 14 to 17 years who have had someone close to them die, regardless of the cause.

Free Comic Book Day D

All Branches
Saturday, May 4

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.

Getting Your G1 R

Main Branch
Monday, June 3 @ 6:00-7:45pm

This free workshop by AAPEX Driving Academy is designed to make getting your learner's permit a piece of cake! Participants will learn valuable information and study tips to help ensure success on the G1 written exam.



CHILDREN'S



Reading Buddies R

Diamond Trail (5-11 yrs)
Thursdays, April 4-June 6
@ 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.



Multilingual Storytime R

Main Branch (3-7 yrs)
Wednesdays, April 10 & May 8
@ 6:00-7:00pm



Join us at the library for stories and songs in Hindi and English. We will end with a fun craft.

TelusWise Footprint Workshop R

Main Branch
Tuesday, April 30 @ 6:00-7:00pm

(Recommended for kids in Grade 2-6 + caregiver) This workshop is designed to help elementary school students learn how to be good digital citizens and keep their digital footprint clean.



Improv for Kids R

Main Branch (8-11 yrs)
Saturdays, April 27 & May 25
@ 10:30-11:30am

This intro to improv focuses on game play, saying 'yes', building confidence and having fun! \$5/session.



Let's Play Chess R

Seaway Mall Branch (7-13yrs)
Wednesdays, April 10-May 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.



ONGOING PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Histoire en français	D	0-6 years	Tuesdays, April 2-30, May 21 & June 18	Main Branch	10:00am - 11:00am
Histoire en français	D	0-6 years	Thursdays, April 4, May 2, and June 6	Main Branch	1:00-2:00pm
Small One-ders	R	12-23 months + caregiver	Mondays, April 8-June 3 **No program May 20	Seaway Mall	11:30am -12:00pm
Toddler Tales	R	1-2 years + caregiver	Tuesdays, April 2 - June 4	Seaway Mall	10:15am - 10:45am
Artsy Babies	R	0-12 months + caregiver	Wednesdays, April 3 - June 5 ** No program April 17, 2-2:30pm	Main Branch	9:45am - 10:15am & 2:00pm - 2:30pm
FunTime Fridays	R	2-4 years	Fridays, April 5 - June 7	Seaway Mall	9:45am - 10:30am

ONGOING ADULT ACTIVITIES

Adult Craft Kits	R	Tuesday, April 2	All Branches	While Supplies Last
Knitting Club	D	Wednesdays, starting April 3	Main Branch	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Scrabble Club	D	Thursdays, starting April 4	Seaway Mall	1:00pm - 2:30pm
Scrabble Club	D	Mondays, starting April 15	Main Branch	1:30pm - 3:30pm
Adult Chess Club	D	Tuesdays, starting April 2	Diamond Trail	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Adult Chess Club	D	Wednesdays, starting April 3	Seaway Mall	10:00am - 12:00pm
Painting With Jane (\$5)	R	Thursdays, April 11, May 9 & June 13	Seaway Mall	6:00pm - 7:45pm
New! Mixed Media with Robin (\$5)	R	Tuesdays, April 30, May 28 & June 25	Seaway Mall	6:00pm - 7:45pm
Hospice Niagara Grief Walk	R	Fridays, April 5, 19 & May 3, 17, 31 & June 14 (Register with Hospice Niagara @ 905-984-8766 ext. 233)	Seaway Mall	11:00am-11:45am
Group Exercise Program for Older Adults (60+)	R	Fridays, April 5 - June 28(Register with Niagara Region @ 905-984-2621)	Seaway Mall	1:00pm -2:00pm OR 2:30pm - 3:30pm



Summer is just around the corner! Watch for information about our free activities for all ages, happening all summer long!



REGISTER AT WWW.WELLANDLIBRARY.CA

DROP-IN - D

REGISTER - R

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

*Sunday hours end April 28

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

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Monday, April 1st - Easter Monday

Monday, May 20th- Victoria Day