

WELLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARDWALK BANTER



A BOOKMOBILE STORY



The Welland Public Library owes its rich bookmobile history to the Welland County Library. The Welland County Library served rural Welland County from 1946 to 1969, with a bookmobile being a necessary part of their service.

On January 1, 1970, Welland County merged with Lincoln County to form the new Niagara Region governmental structure. The Welland County Library service ended, and its assets were turned over to the Board of Education.

On July 22, 1971, Welland Public Library agreed to purchase the used bookmobile for \$1,000, as well as a building at 650 South Pelham Road for \$15,000. This building would become the Northwest Branch, operating as WPL's secondary branch from 1972 to 2009.



WPL did not use the bookmobile during 1972; instead, it was rented to the Fort Erie Public Library for the whole year for \$750. The library first used the bookmobile in June 1973 at a stop in Dain City, where it was very successful with over 100 items circulated. Later stops around the city averaged 60 to 70 check-outs per stop.

A new yellow bookmobile was purchased in 1979 due to costly repairs required on the nearly 20-year-old vehicle. It was built and put into service in October 1979, and during its first four weeks, circulation averaged higher than that of the previous bookmobile. In the summer of 1987, the bookmobile received a new beige coat of paint.



The bookmobile was finally decommissioned on March 21, 1995, due to repair costs being beyond the library's budget. Over 22 years, it made many stops at parks, malls, schools, and retirement homes, providing important services to the community.



In 2026, the Bookmobile is coming back! The mobile library will bring stories, technology, and library programs right into the heart of our community. But it needs the perfect name, and we need **YOUR** ideas! Now's your chance to help give it a name that will roll with us for years to come.

Visit the library website to submit your ideas from October 1-31 and be part of this exciting new chapter in our library's journey.



Celebrating Ontario Public Library Week

October is Canadian Library Month, and from October 19 to 25, we celebrate Ontario Public Library Week. This year's theme, "Libraries For Life," highlights the essential role libraries play in lifelong learning and community connection. Stay tuned for our activities throughout the month by visiting our website! www.welland.librarycalendar.com. Libraries continue to enrich and empower our community!



Winter Warmth Donations



We are now accepting donations for our Winter Warmth table. New and very gently-used coats, hats, scarves, mitts/gloves, and other winter wear will be accepted. Heavy socks (new only) are also a much-needed item. Homemade items are welcome and appreciated.

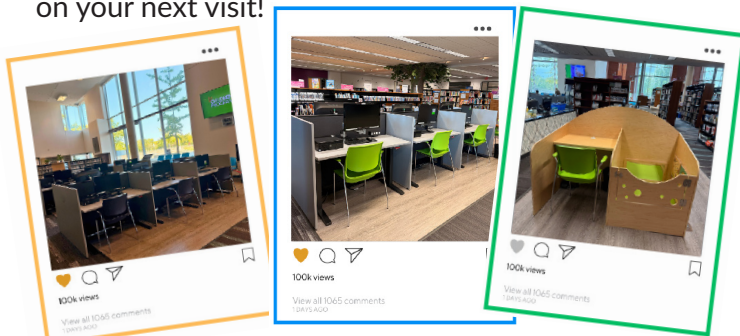
Knit for Charity



It's cozy and warm season! Share that feeling with others by knitting (or crocheting) a hat, gloves, scarves and/or socks for our winter warmth table. Register to receive a supply of yarn (while supplies last) or use your own to create a warm item.

A Fresh Look for Computer Stations at Main Branch

The library has introduced brand new furniture to make using our computers more comfortable and convenient. Height-adjustable tables, a new laptop bar, and easily accessible outlets provide flexible workspaces. A family workstation and thoughtfully arranged seating offer both space and privacy, helping patrons focus. Stop by and explore the new computer stations on your next visit!



LIBRARY CLOSURES

Monday, October 13 - Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day
Friday, December 26 - Boxing Day
Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day

VISIT US AT ANY OF OUR BRANCHES

***Main Branch**
50 The Boardwalk
Welland, ON L3B 6J1
905-734-6210 ext. 2521

Diamond Trail Branch
315 Southworth Street
Welland, ON L3B 1Z8
905-734-6210 ext. 2501

Seaway Mall Branch
800 Niagara St.
Welland, ON L3C 5Z4
905-734-6210 ext. 2518

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*Sunday Hours begin October 19 at Main Branch

The Purse Project Network Niagara Collection: November 1 - 30

In partnership with the Purse Project Network Niagara, we're collecting purses for women and grooming kits for men filled with full-size personal care items. Donated purses and grooming bags must be new or in like-new condition (no scuffs, tears, pen marks, etc.). Donations can be dropped off at any of our branches and will be distributed to local community support organizations including The Hope Centre during the first two weeks of December. For inquiries about participation in this project, please contact us at 905-734- 6210. For more information visit our website.



Rhythms of the Future

A Stage for Student Talent at WPL

This Fall, WPL will host mini concerts for talented student musicians. Young artists are invited to participate and showcase their creativity to friends, family, and neighbors.



Participants will be featured on our social media for extra visibility and receive a gift card to a local pizzeria. It's a great chance to gain performance experience and connect with other young musicians. Sign up today by visiting our website!

FALL BOOK SALE

Prepare to rummage! On Saturday, October 25, you can find books to curl up with this fall at this one-day only book sale! The sale will start at 9:00 am and wrap up at 4pm. The sale will be offered at the Main Branch only. Bring a grocery tote or small box and fill it for only \$5. WPL totes will be available for purchase (\$2) each. Alternatively, fill a WPL bag for \$1 with a donation of a non-perishable food item, going towards our Little Free Pantry. Items of need include granola bars, cereal, and pre-packaged snack items. All book sale proceeds support library collections, programs, and services.

