

CHILDREN'S AND TEENS JULY-AUGUST PROGRAM GUIDE 2025

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HIGHLIGHTS

Storywalk

All Locations **D**
June 30-August 30

Enjoy a unique experience as pages of a book, printed in large format, are displayed along a path, inviting readers to walk, read, and explore.

Team T&J: Kids Jumpin' Jamboree

Seaway Mall Branch (Family) **D**
Wednesday, July 2 @ 12:30-1:30pm

This high-energy, super-powered music show is perfect for every child and family to enjoy. Presented in partnership with Seaway Mall.



Belongings Creative Community Workshop

Main Branch (Family) **R**
Saturday, July 5 @ 2:00-4:00pm

A mix of circus and arts activities infused with story-sharing, guided by professional artists from Femme du Feu Creations. We'll play with scarves, feathers, juggling balls, and more. Activities for all ages and for all abilities! Signed food waiver form required.



Reading Buddies

Main Branch **R**
*Mondays, July 7 - August 11 @ 6:00-7:00pm **no session August 4
Thursdays, July 10 - August 14 @ 3:30-4:30pm

Children aged 5-11 will be paired with a teen volunteer who will use books and literacy based games to practice reading.



Irish Dance Show & Demo

Seaway Mall Branch (Family) **D**
Wednesday, July 9 @ 1:00-2:00pm

Join the De Menezes Reilly Irish Dancers to see traditional Irish dancing, and learn some Irish dance moves. Presented in partnership with Seaway Mall.



Basics of Astronomy with Jay

Welland Museum (Family) **D**
Saturday, July 12 @ 2:00-3:00pm

Join us for an exciting astronomy presentation with local expert, Jay. He will discuss the solar system, moon phases, auroras, and astronomical events such as eclipses. Presented in partnership with Welland Museum.



Get Ready for Mad Science!

Seaway Mall Branch (Family) **D**
Wednesday, July 16 @ 12:00-1:00pm

This captivating show is designed to spark curiosity, ignite imagination, and leave audiences in awe of the wonders of science! Presented in partnership with Seaway Mall.



Bollywood Dance Workshop

Seaway Mall Branch (Family) **D**
Wednesday, July 23, @ 11:00am-12:00pm

Join Surbhi Kalavrund for a Bollywood dance workshop and dance demo! Presented in partnership with Seaway Mall.



Foam Party (Waiver Required)

Diamond Trail Branch (Family) **D**
Friday, July 25 @ 1:30-2:30pm

Come on out for a Foam Party! Kids will play, dance, and party in several feet of bubbly suds! The Welland Fire Fighters just might bring their hose, too! Be prepared to get wet—bring a towel. Foam is hypoallergenic but may irritate sensitive eyes.



Meet My Weird School Author: Dan Gutman

Zoom (7-13 Years) **R**
Saturday, July 26 @ 10:30-11:30am

We are excited to present popular children's author of the My Weird School series, and more awesome books, Dan Gutman! Join this NOT bummer in the summer virtual author visit on Zoom, and pick up a take home activity kit at your library branch!



End of Summer Bash

Main Branch (Family) **D**
Wednesday, August 13 @ 11:00am-12:00pm

Celebrate your reading success with crafts, glitter tattoos, visit the Ice Dogs hockey booth, tinker with Robothink, get hands on with Niagara Handweavers, free giveaways, and more!





FAMILY

Lego Challenge

Diamond Trail Branch
Wednesdays, July 2 - August 13 **D**
@ 2:00-4:00pm

Build with our library Lego collection and use a challenge card to up your building skills. Adult supervision is required.



Crafting Your Way Around the World

Main Branch
Thursdays, July 3 - August 14 **D**
@ 10:00am-12:00pm

Each week, make a craft inspired by different cultures from around the world! While supplies last.



Fun with Origami

Main Branch
Thursdays, July 3-August 14 **D**
@ 2:00-4:00pm

This self-directed, hands-on Origami making session will help you learn how to fold, bend, crease, and create your very own origami project! While supplies last.



Tech Toy and Coding

Seaway Mall Branch
Thursday, July 3 @ 2:00-4:00pm **D**

Drop-in and try various tech toys and coding resources, including Fiero Code, Makey Makey, Ozobots, Sphero, the Dash robot, and more! Adult supervision recommended.



STEAM Toy Lab

Diamond Trail Branch
Thursdays, July 3-August 14 **D**
@ 6:00-7:30pm

Drop-in to explore the world of STEAM through fun, hands-on toys! Children will design, build, and experiment with creative projects that spark curiosity and problem-solving skills.



All Branches

There's always something to do at the Library! Drop-in activities include craft tables and fun scavenger hunts that change weekly!

Just Dance, Instant Sports and Karaoke

Diamond Trail Branch
Mondays, July 7- August 18 **D**
@ 2:00-4:00pm
** No session August 4

Drop-in and burn some energy with Just Dance, Instant Sports, or Karaoke! Bring a friend. Adult supervision recommended.



French Storytime with Madame Béatrice

Seaway Mall Branch
Tuesday, July 8 **R**
@ 2:00-3:00pm

La couffure d'une princesse by Haitian author Marie Aliette Forges

Seaway Mall Branch
Tuesday, July 22 **R**
@ 2:00-3:00pm

Un si beau sourire by Indigenous author Sunshine Quem Tenasco.



Art Factory

Main Branch
Tuesdays, July 8 - August 12 **D**
@ 10:00am-12:00pm

Drop-in, unplug and spend time as a family to make an amazing craft while visiting the library. Make a different craft each week! While supplies last.



Kanopy and Kraft

Diamond Trail Branch
Tuesdays, July 8 - August 19 **D**
@ 2:00-4:00pm

Enjoy a short family movie from around the world, using our Kanopy movie library database, and do a related craft each week. Adult supervision recommended. While supplies last.



Family Yoga

Seaway Mall Branch
Saturdays, July 12 & August 23 **R**
@10:00-11:00am

This family class is structured so both parents and children can enjoy themselves while moving in a supportive, non-competitive environment. Dress comfortably.



Art on the Canal - Holiday Crafts in Summer

Main Branch
Tuesday, July 15 & August 12 **R**
@ 5:30-6:30pm

Let's do some nature crafts! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to be creative at Art on the Canal. In case of inclement weather, meet us inside the Main Branch.



PRESCHOOL

Candy Bar Bingo

Seaway Mall Branch
Monday, July 14 @ 2:00-3:00pm

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This is a fun, energetic bingo game where players exchange a candy bar for a bingo card and compete to win more candy bars. Food waiver required before participation.



Family Paint

Diamond Trail Branch
Wednesday, July 16 & 30
@ 2:30-3:30pm

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Paint along to a YouTube art tutorial for kids, as a family. Each family member can paint their own canvas or create one together.



Family 3D Printer Demo

Main Branch
Thursday, July 17
@ 2:30-3:30pm

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Learn 3D Printer basics with library staff.



Button Mania

Main Branch
Monday, July 21 @ 2:00-3:30pm

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



Indigenous Beading

Main Branch
Saturday, August 16 @ 1:00-4:00pm

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Join us for an afternoon of learning about traditional Indigenous beadwork, taught by the talented Mika of Indigenous Dreams! The crafts is intended for beginners (starting at age 7), though everyone is welcome!



Storytime for Preschoolers

Seaway Mall Branch (3-5 Years)
Friday, July 4, 18 & August 1
@ 9:45-10:30am

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Enjoy stories, music, and rhymes that develop your child's early literacy skills.



Toddler Tales: Summer Fun

Seaway Mall Branch (1-3 Years)
Tuesdays, July 8 & August 5
@ 10:15-10:45am

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Foster a love of reading in this program that develops language abilities. We will explore themed stories, rhymes, a song, activities, and bubbles!



Histoire en français

Main Branch (0-6 Years)
Tuesdays, July 15 & August 12,
@ 10:00-11:00am

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Il était une fois...venez lire une histoire en français avec On y va à la bibliothèque! Il s'agit d'une baisse de classe. Aucune inscription n'est requise!



Once upon a time...join us for storytime in French with EarlyOn at the library! No registration is required.

5-7 YEARS

Tales & Tunes in Hindi

Main Branch
Wednesdays, July 2 & August 6,
@ 10:00-11:00am

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Join us at the library for a fun-filled Hindi story time with tales, songs, and rhymes that spark imagination and celebrate culture.



Create a Story

Main Branch
Wednesdays, July 9-30
@ 10:00am-11:00am

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Create a fun interactive story that you can re-tell at home to your family and friends. Sign up for one or sign up for them all!



Around the World Story and Craft

Seaway Mall Branch
Tuesdays, July 15-29
@ 10:00-11:00am

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Each week listen to different stories from different countries, followed by a fun craft and activity, and a short film from the National Film Board of Canada.

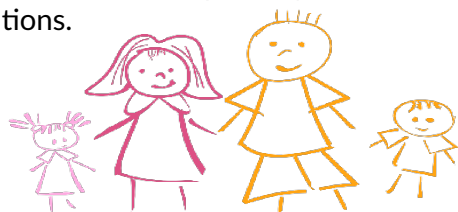


Dino Dig

Seaway Mall
Monday, July 28 @ 2:00-3:00pm

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Dig into the world of dinosaurs! Make a craft, dig in an "archaeological" site, play a game, activities and more!





8-12 YEARS

SJA Home Alone Workshop

Main Branch

Saturday, July 5 @ 9:30am-1:00pm

This St. John Ambulance workshop is for any young person (aged 8 and over) who will be spending short periods of time home alone. This course covers topics such as establishing routines, house keys and code locks, using a telephone in an emergency, recognizing hazards, strangers, internet safety, fire safety, basic first aid and safety tips. Fee: \$60/person



Bad Guys Bonanza

Seaway Mall Branch

Monday, July 7 @ 2:00-3:00pm

Celebrating the anti-heroes from this popular book series by Aaron Blabey. Join us for *Bad Guys* inspired games, trivia, and activities based on this popular series of books.



Let's Play Chess

Seaway Mall Branch

Wednesdays, July 9 - August 13 @ 2:30-4:00pm

Whether you're a beginner or an advanced chess player, you'll have fun learning tips and tricks to improve your strategy in this weekly program. Recommended for kids aged 7-13.



Amazing Race: WPL Edition

Seaway Mall Branch

Thursdays, July 10 & 17 @ 2:30-3:30pm

Complete a series of activities, challenges and puzzles, like on the popular TV show, to win a prize!



Where in the World is...?

Seaway Mall Branch

Thursdays, July 31 & August 7 @ 2:30-3:30pm

Each week follow the trail of a famous jewel thief to be the first to solve the case, and make a craft. Based on a popular global riddle game.



Taylor Swift Party

Main Branch

Monday, August 11 @ 11:00am-12:00pm

Calling all Swifties! Join us at the library for a morning of music, fun, and all things Taylor Swift!



Improv Class for Kids

Main Branch

Saturday, August 16 @ 10:30-11:30am

This intro to improv for kids focuses on game play, saying yes, building confidence, and having fun! Fee: \$5/person



Book Club: Anne of Green Gables

Seaway Mall Branch

Monday, August 18 @ 2:00-3:00pm

Pick up your copy of the classic novel, *Anne of Green Gables*, read it over the summer, and then return with the book on Monday, August 18, ready to discuss it as a group, ask questions, and make a related craft.



11-14 YEARS

Make Your Own Mixes

Main Branch

Fridays, July 4 - August 15 @ 10:00-11:00am

Get ready to make some mason jars or sealed bag meals, mixes and desserts! Sign up for one or all. Signed food waiver required prior to participation.



Taste Testing Snacks

Main Branch

Monday, July 14 @ 2:00-3:00pm

Book your trip to taste the most unique and tastiest snacks from around the world. Play trivia and learn fun facts about snacks from different cultures! Food waiver form is required before participation.



Tween Escape Room

Seaway Mall Branch

Monday, July 21 @ 2:00-3:30pm

Work as a group to solve the riddles in this escape room themed, Travel Around the World in 80 minutes. Escape to win a prize!



Chocolate Kiss Catchers

Main Branch

Friday, August 8 @ 2:30-3:30pm

Learn how to make a plastic canvas kiss catcher that holds a chocolate "kiss". Food waiver form required before participation.



One Piece Party

Seaway Mall Branch

Monday, August 11 @ 2:00-3:00pm

Like *One Piece*? So do we! Join us for crafts, trivia, and more!





TEENS

Soap Making with Cherry Suds

Main Branch (Waiver Required) **R**
Tuesday, July 8 @ 6:00-7:00pm

Come and make your own soap trio! You'll learn how to melt and pour soap, use scented oils and botanicals to create 3 of your own soaps! Recommended for ages 11 to 17. Fee: \$15/person



Pysanka Egg Decorating

Main Branch (Waiver Required) **R**
Friday, July 11 @ 2:00-3:00pm

Learn to make beautiful eggs using the technique called pysanky.



Soapstone Carving Workshop

Main Branch **R**
Saturday, July 19
@ 10:00am-12:00pm

Learn how to carve your own soapstone sculpture with the Niagara Peninsula Geological Society.



Career Exploration with Job Gym

Main Branch **R**
Saturday, July 19 @ 12:00-2:00pm

This is an interactive workshop designed to help individuals explore different career paths and gain a deeper understanding of their professional interests and skills. Through hands-on and guided activities, assessments, and discussions, participants learn about various industries, job roles, and opportunities available in the job market.



Teen Space: Craft & Chat

Main Branch **R**
Tuesday, July 22 & August 19
@ 5:30-7:30pm

Looking for a place to chill, get creative, and meet new people? Come hang out with us! We'll have fun activities, arts and crafts, and pizza to keep you fueled. If you're dealing with grief or loss, this is your space to create and relax. Presented in partnership with Hospice Niagara. *Pizza is generously donated by The Rex



Chapters of Pride Book Club with PFLAG

Seaway Mall Branch **R**
Tuesday, July 22
@ 6:00-7:30pm

PFLAG Niagara will lead this teen book club in a discussion about *This is How it Always Is*, a novel by Laurie Frankel. This is a story of a young girl with gender dysphoria, highlighting love, family, and acceptance.



Scent-sational Sips

Seaway Mall Branch **R**
Wednesday, July 30 @ 6:00-7:00 pm

Craft felt drinks that smell as good as they look! Mix summer-inspired scents and cute designs to create your own air fresheners—perfect for lockers, cars, or just good vibes.



Basic Car Care with AAPEX

Main Branch **R**
Tuesday, August 18 @ 6:00-7:30pm

Learn the basics of how to check your vehicle with Apex Driving Academy experts, including how to check your transmission and power steering fluids, how to take your tire pressure, and much more!



Teen Make Up Tips with Anna

Seaway Mall Branch **R**
Saturday, August 9 @ 2:00-3:00pm

Join this ever popular teen make-up tutorial class, with professional make up artist, Anna Lukomska. Ask questions and makeovers available, if time allows.



Beaded Safety Pin Art

Main Branch **R**
Monday, August 11 @ 2:00-3:00pm

Beading safety pins is a fun craft that will keep you busy and boredom away!



Code in the Case

Main Branch **R**
Wednesday, August 13
@ 6:00-7:00 pm

Can you crack the case? Solve puzzles, find clues, and unlock the secrets hidden inside an ordinary pencil case in this fun, fast-paced escape room challenge for teens!



The Library is your destination for fun and learning! From interactive programs to exciting events, there's always something new to explore.



The TD Summer Reading Club (TDSRC) is Canada's biggest summer reading program for all reading interests and abilities! Joining the TDSRC encourages reading through fun activities and opportunities to win great prizes every week, all summer long! The TDSRC will launch at all of our branches on Saturday, June 21.

How to Join:

- ① Visit one of our locations or register online starting Saturday, June 21.
- ② Once registered, you will receive your welcome pack.
- ③ Continue to visit any of our branches - or fill out our online reporting form - each week to receive your weekly prize and to enter for your chance to win a grand prize. Reporting opens Monday, June 30 and ends Saturday, August 16.



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DROP-IN -



LIBRARY CLOSURES

Tuesday, July 1 - Canada Day
Monday, August 4 - Civic Holiday
Monday, September 1 - Labour 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	Closed

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

Hours

Monday	1 pm - 5 pm
Tuesday	1 pm - 5 pm
Wednesday	1 pm - 5 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

*Diamond Trail Summer Hours from July 1 - August 30