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Seed Library Returns

The Seed Library has returned to the WPL! This program offers free fruit, vegetable, herb, and flower seeds to the community to encourage self-reliance, sustainability, and healthy eating. We encourage users to harvest and dry the seeds in the fall and return them to the library for the following season.

The Seed Library is located at our Main Branch but users can request that seeds be sent to any of our branches, just call or email info@wlandlibrary.ca. A full list of available seeds can be found on our website under Library of Things. The seed library will continue as long as supplies last.

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.

We found the perfect solution to the age-old dilemma of how to read a book using only one hand so that you can enjoy sipping a cup of tea with the other! Contact the library to find out how to 3D print one of your own.



New Items Added To Our Library of Things

C-Pens:

We have added C-Pens to our collection to help community members who are learning English or suffer from reading difficulties such as dyslexia. A C-Pen is an award-winning assistive technology device that reads any printed text aloud by scanning the words. This small and discreet device reads texts in both English and French. C-Pens are available for a one-week loan.



CO-2 Monitors and Radon Detectors

Check the air quality in your home with our newest additions to the Library of Things: CO-2 Monitors and Radon Detectors. CO-2 and Radon are both odorless and colorless and high levels of either can contribute to significant health issues. These kits give a free reading of either the CO-2 or Radon levels in your home so that, if needed, you can take further action to improve the air quality of your residence.



NOTHING SEEN OF THE ECLIPSE

Clouds Refused to Roll by and Magnificent Spectacle Was Lost

The much awaited event of Saturday, the obliteration of the sun by the moon, which scientists claimed would give the thrill of the century, failed to live up to expectations. Though the eclipse threw the earth into darkness, the most magnificent and terrifying spectacle the Heavens have to offer was not visible and as a result the people of Southern Ontario, who it was claimed would have the best view of the phenomenon, were much disappointed.

Locally, there was practically nothing to be seen owing to the heavy clouds. Soon after nine o'clock, darkness descended and almost as quick as a flash, day was transformed into night. The street lights were necessary as were those in the houses and business places. Automobiles running at the time also were to be seen with headlights.

Equally as mystifying as the darkness approached so did it disappear, and in a little over a minute all was light again. The event, which it is said will not occur again for 219 years, had gone and the many preparations made for its viewing were all in vain.

Looking south, a peculiar sight was to be seen. It appeared as though the horizon was low in the sky. It was tipped with a bright line and made a quite unusual spectacle.

Nothing Seen of the Eclipse

In the hope of getting a clear view of the eclipse many people locally provided themselves with stained and dark glass, spectacles, field glasses, etc. The clouds, however, refused to roll by and nothing was to be seen of the event which will not be on view again until the year 2144. Had the day been clear, the eclipse surely would have presented a magnificent sight. Flashes, millions of miles in length, would have been seen shooting from the edge of the sun. Other wonders of the Heavens also would have been on view. Much interest in the event was taken not only by the older people of Welland but by the school children too. The pupils were to have related to their teachers just what they saw.

High school students with Principal Guy E. Johnson and pupils of the public school with Principal John Flower mounted to the top storeys of the city buildings in the hope of catching a more clear view of the eclipse. Their efforts, however, were in vain and the boys and girls were consequently much disappointed.

The weather man certainly was unkind on Saturday and spoilt the sight of the century.

Local Stories: Nothing Seen of the Eclipse

The last total solar eclipse to pass over Welland occurred on Saturday January 24, 1925. The included newspaper article is from the Tuesday, January 27, 1925 edition of the Welland Tribune, discussing the events of the eclipse from the previous Saturday. Unfortunately there were heavy clouds during the event, so while day shockingly turned to night around 9 in the morning, a view of the total eclipse was not possible through the clouds. 99 years later, on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 3:19 PM Wellanders get another chance to take in the astonishing sight of a total solar eclipse, this time hopefully with no clouds to obstruct the view!

To view the full article please visit our website.

Books are Blooming

Featured Collection:

Novels to Cultivate Your Imagination and Plant Seeds of Adventure

Plants are starting to grow and early Spring flowers are blooming! To help get you in the planting mood, here is a list of novels that all involve a garden. Some take place in other periods, some in other countries, and some contain long-buried secrets. After a day of digging in the dirt, relax with one of these titles and let your imagination blossom!

The Last Garden in England by Julia Kelly

The Poison Garden by A.J. Banner

The Forbidden Garden by Ellen Herrick

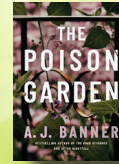
The Girl in the Garden by Kamala Nair

The Heirloom Garden by Viola Shipman

The Apothecary's Garden by Jeanette Lynes

The Garden of Small Beginnings by Abbi Waxman

The Winter Garden by Nicola Cornick



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Spring Book Sale: Prepare to rummage! Saturday, May 11



Find books to curl up with this spring 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 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.



LIBRARY CLOSURES

Monday, April 1st - Easter Monday

Monday, May 20th - Victoria Day

Tuesday, Jun 4th - Staff Development 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

*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

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Tuesday 9am - 8pm
Wednesday 9am - 8pm
Thursday 9am - 8pm
Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday Closed