



HERE COMES THE SUN!



A New Addition to the Main Branch

Late this winter, our long-time goal of adding a second donor wall at the Main Branch finally came to fruition. A huge thank you to our very talented volunteer craftsman, Alan O'Neill, who brought the design to life by carving various sizes of leaves in wood, applying a variety of coloured stains to the leaves, and choosing to use natural rope for the branches. Not to mention the extensive planning, measuring, and preparation necessary to ensure it all turned out perfectly! Thank you, Alan, for your hard work and dedication to this project!



The original entrance way wall displaying recognition plaques will remain while the new wall will allow us to recognize the generous support of our more recent and future donors. WPL is a registered non-profit charity, and donations made to the library help us to continuously deliver exceptional patron experiences, maintain diverse in-library and online collections, expand program offerings as guided by our patrons, and foster partnerships with organizations.

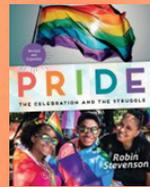
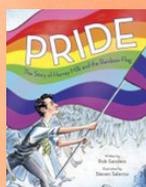


For more information about donations to WPL, please contact us at (905) 734-6210 extension 2500.

Proud in June and All Year Long

The first Pride celebration took place in Toronto in June of 1972 joining a gay liberation movement ignited by the Stonewall Riots in New York City 3 years earlier. Since then, Canada has made progress towards legal equality and acceptance of all LGBTQIA+ peoples, and that progress takes centre stage each June with Toronto's massive Pride parade along with celebrations nationwide.

To learn more about the history of Pride or for ideas on how to show your pride this June and beyond, give these titles a try:



TD Summer Reading Club 2022

The TD Summer Reading Club (TDSRC) is Canada's biggest bilingual summer reading program for kids of all ages, interests, and abilities. Join the fun for reading recommendations and free activities all summer long! Participate anytime, anywhere – at your public library, at home, online, or wherever your summer takes you.



Registration for the TDSRC begins Saturday, June 25. Visit any of our branches to receive your reading kit or register online by visiting our website at wellandlibrary.ca.

Making Connections: WiFi Hot Spots and Chromebooks at WPL



CANADA HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

The Welland Public Library is always looking for new ways to offer support to the community. Earlier this year, our connectivity and digital device lending program was made possible through funding by the Government of Canada's Canada Healthy Communities Initiative. Since January, Chromebooks funded by this initiative have been checked out to WPL patrons 61 times and WiFi Hot Spots have gone out 77 times. Place one – or one of each – on hold today!



LIBRARY CLOSURES

Monday, May 23rd - Victoria Day



FEATURED COLLECTION: CELEBS TELLING STORIES

There's been a lot of buzz around the recent literary pairing of James Patterson and Dolly Parton and their novel, *Run Rose Run*. Celebrities writing tales isn't a novel idea (pardon the pun!) yet, that hasn't stopped them from doing it for decades! From short stories to science fiction and everything in between, here are some other famous names who have tried their hand at writing fiction:

- ***Holy Cow* by David Duchovny**
- ***A Bright Ray of Darkness* by Ethan Hawke**
- ***As the Wicked Watch* by Tamron Hall**
- ***Shopgirl* by Steve Martin**
- ***Fan Fiction* by Brent Spiner**
- ***A Vision of Fire* by Gillian Anderson**
- ***A Tale Out of Luck* by Willie Nelson**
- ***Uncommon Type* by Tom Hanks**



3D Printed Gifts

WPL aims to provide everyone in our community with access to emerging technologies. These technologies are housed in our Makerspace at the Main Branch.

April showers bring May flowers, and what better way to showcase some beautiful flowers than this unique 3D printed vase?

Whether for Mother's Day or just to put a smile on someone's face, this vibrant vase is sure to brighten someone's day.

To find out more, call us at (905) 734-6210.



The Mural Minute: What's Your Story?

This Boardwalk Banter feature showcases the artwork and stories of community tile painters on last year's 100th Anniversary Mural Mosaic Project. Please enjoy!

With the world finally starting to return to something closer to 'normal,' many in the community are heading back to their favourite locales and there's truly no better time than now to support local businesses.

Locally owned and/or operated businesses, past and present, have always been a source of pride in Welland. This is evident in our mural mosaic as several participants chose to honour a local business with their painted tile.

Do you know all of the businesses shown here? Stop by the Main Branch to see the mural and try to find more!



Local Stories: Lighting Up The Sky

Victoria Day was first celebrated on May 24, 1845 – Queen Victoria's birthday – and was declared an official national holiday when she died in 1901.

The weekend before (or of) May 24 became widely known as the 'May long weekend' (or 'May Two-Four') with many considering it the official start to the Canadian summer. Today, this beloved weekend sees a whirlwind of activity with gardens planted, pools opened, bands playing, and parades marching by, and it's often all capped off with a fireworks celebration of our beautiful country!

After many years of being held at Memorial Park or Maple Park, The Welland Sports Complex hosted the Victoria Day fireworks for the first time in 1990.

This Victoria Day weekend, on May 21, 2022, the fireworks will light up the sky from the new Empire Sportsplex behind the Flatwater Centre. We hope to see you there!

Image from WPL Local History Collection; *The Welland Tribune*, May 1990



Lighting up the sky
A packed Sports Complex stadium watched the sky aflame with fireworks during yesterday's Victoria Day fireworks display. It was the complex's first year hosting the event and wrapped up a day that included something for everyone.

Main Branch Hours			Diamond Trail Branch Hours			Seaway Mall Branch Hours			Main Branch		
Monday	9 am - 8 pm	Monday	4 pm - 8 pm	Monday	10 am - 7 pm	50 The Boardwalk Welland, ON L3B 6J1			905-734-6210 ext. 2521		
Tuesday	9 am - 8 pm	Tuesday	4 pm - 8 pm	Tuesday	10 am - 7 pm	Diamond Trail Branch			315 Southworth Street Welland, ON L3B 1Z8		
Wednesday	9 am - 8 pm	Wednesday	4 pm - 8 pm	Wednesday	10 am - 7 pm	905-734-6210 ext. 2501			Seaway Mall Branch		
Thursday	9 am - 8 pm	Thursday	4 pm - 8 pm	Thursday	10 am - 7 pm	800 Niagara St. Welland, ON L3C 5Z4			905-734-6210 ext. 2518		
Friday	9 am - 6 pm	Friday	Closed	Friday	10 am - 5 pm						
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm	Saturday	11 am - 3 pm	Saturday	10 am - 5 pm						
Sunday	Closed	Sunday	Closed	Sunday	Closed						