



Niagara's Mobile Closet: "All individuals have the right to essential clothing."

Niagara's Mobile Closet is committed to filling gaps in clothing accessibility barriers for those who have complex needs by providing a completely free shopping experience where each person chooses their own items. Their mission is to provide new and gently-used clothes, and other daily necessities, to the unsheltered and low-income population in the Niagara Region. They strive to do this in a way that is kind, non-judgmental, and respectful.



WPL and the Community Services Division of the City of Welland has partnered with Niagara's Mobile Closet for a shopping event to be held at our Main Branch location (in front of Civic Square) on **Monday, March 21 from 12:30-2:30 pm.**

Free haircuts (done on dry hair) by stylists from Alessandro Salon will also be provided on-site to interested shoppers.

Joining the fun is "Club Wellness," a recreational therapy group that will facilitate entertaining activities (optional) for those waiting their turn to shop.

Time to Get Growing

The goal of community seed libraries is to protect genetic diversity in our food system and promote public access to seeds. WPL's seed library lets you "borrow" seeds to plant in your home or community garden.



Visit the Main Branch to choose up to 10 packets of seeds per growing season and enter them in our Seed Library sign-out binder.

Once the growing season is done, harvest your seeds, place them in an envelope or bag, and label it with the type of plant and variety. Then drop the seeds off at any WPL location and they'll be added into the collection for next year!

Need help getting started? Search our online catalogue for a wide variety of resources, or visit www.seedsavers.org for excellent free information on how to grow and save seeds for specific plant varieties.

If looking to get more involved, The Welland Horticultural Society offers opportunities with community gardening through regular meetings, workshops, and programs. Consult their website for more information: <http://www.wellandhort.ca/>.

April Website Scavenger Hunt

Think you have a keen eye?! Find the flowers that are hidden on the website and social media pages in this new scavenger hunt celebrating spring! Click on the pictures to reveal a letter, then use the letters to unscramble a spring-themed phrase. Once you decipher the phrase, fill out the online April Website Scavenger Hunt form found on our website for your chance to win a prize.



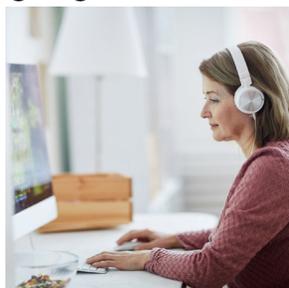
LIBRARY CLOSURES
Good Friday: Friday, April 15
Easter Monday: Monday, April 18



Brainfuse is for Adult Learners, Too!

Free to all WPL cardholders, Brainfuse, an online tutoring resource, offers students live one-on-one homework and study help.

But, did you know that Brainfuse is also an invaluable resource for adults seeking to gain or upgrade a wide variety of skills? Whether you are going back to school, switching jobs, or just want to brush up on an academic skill, Brainfuse is ready to help.



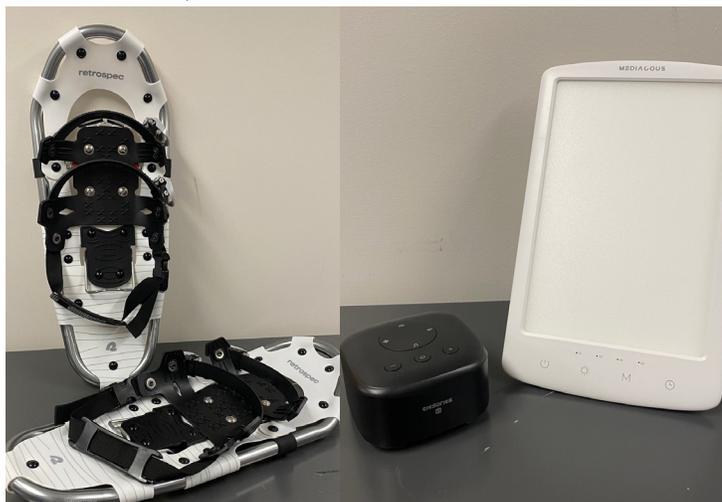
Brainfuse offers:

- High School Equivalency Preparation
- Canadian Citizenship Test Preparation
- Help with Microsoft Office (including Excel!)
- Career and Job Search Tips and Resources
- And so much more!

Visit wellandlibrary.ca, then select Digital Library, Online Resources, Learning (from the drop down menu), click Brainfuse Help Now, and finally, adult learners, and you'll be on your way to fueling your brain!

New Items in our Library of Things

Our Library of Things is expanding with 3 new and exciting items that focus on boosting your physical and mental health. You can now borrow snowshoes (available in various sizes), white noise machines, and light therapy lamps. For a complete list of items in our Library of Things, visit our website at www.wellandlibrary.ca/non-traditional-collections.

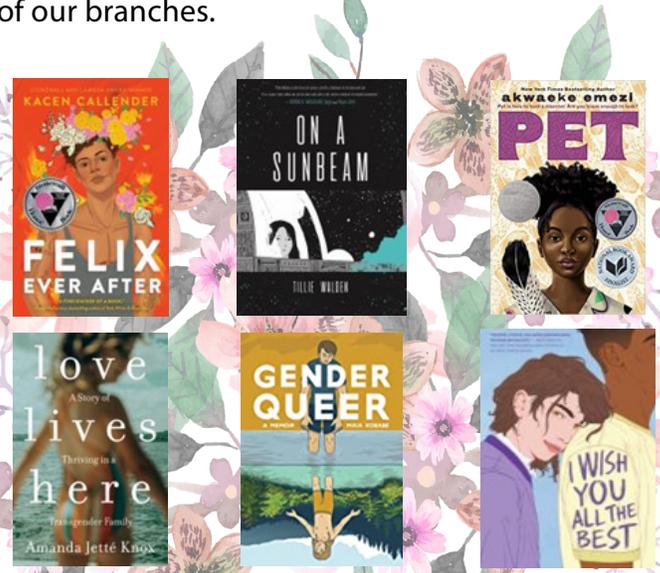


International Transgender Day of Visibility: March 31, 2022

International Transgender Day of Visibility was founded in 2009 to bring awareness to the discriminatory obstacles faced by the transgender community and to recognize their countless accomplishments and unwavering resilience.

This March, check out one of these books featuring transgender people or characters. Their stories that strive to elevate understanding and acceptance.

All titles can be picked up or placed on hold at any of our branches.



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 at the Main Branch.

Spring is here and it's time to get cracking on some fun Easter activities!

This cute and clever contraption holds an egg perfectly so that kids of all ages can paint and decorate their Easter eggs easily and, most importantly, mess-free. Parents, you can thank us later!

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

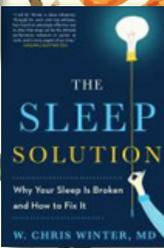
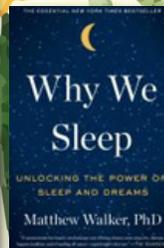
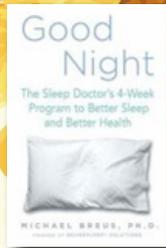
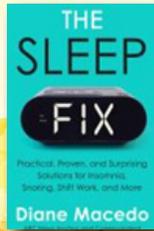




NEW/FEATURED COLLECTION: SPRING SLEEP SOLUTIONS

As the days get longer and we spring forward for Daylight Savings on March 13, you may find yourself lying awake at night. If counting sheep doesn't seem to be doing the trick, take a look at these books that might help you get back on track and have you hitting the snooze button:

- ***The Sleep Fix: Practical, Proven, and Surprising Solutions for Insomnia, Snoring, Shift Work and More* by Diane Macedo**
- ***The Sleep Revolution: Transforming Your Life, One Night at a Time* by Arianna Stassinopoulos**
- ***Good Night: The Sleep Doctor's 4-Week Program to Better Sleep and Better Health* by Michael Breus**
- ***Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep and Dreams* by Matthew P. Walker**
- ***Restful Insomnia: How to Get the Benefits of Sleep Even When You Can't* by Sondra Kornblatt**
- ***The Sleep Solution: Why Your Sleep is Broken and How to Fix It* by W. Chris Winter**



Local Stories: Celebrating Earth Day

The promise of spring has us excitedly awaiting brighter days, new buds, and fresh green growth! It also has us thinking about our planet and how we can help keep it clean and healthy.



Earth Day aims to "build the world's largest environmental movement to drive transformative change for people and the planet." The mission is "to diversify, educate and activate."

Every small action counts and contributes to our shared experience on this planet. For more information on Earth Day and how you can help all year long, visit earthday.org.

Shown here is a participant in an Earth Day celebration that saw community members planting trees to form a natural wildlife corridor beside St. Joseph's School.

Earth Day is Friday, April 22; how will you celebrate?

Image from WPL Local History Collection; The Welland Tribune, April 23, 1991

Poetry and Prose in the Park: Saturday, April 23rd

In celebration of National Poetry Month and local authors everywhere, we're hosting an awesome outdoor poetry reading AND meet-the-author event!

Join us at the Chippawa Park pavilions from 11:00 am-2:00 pm on Saturday, April 23 to hear poetry readings, participate in a poetry workshop, meet local authors of both fiction and non-fiction, and ask all of your burning questions about the writing process, the publishing world, and everything else in between. You don't want to miss it!

Poets' and authors' books will be available for sale at the event. Cash only.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page throughout the month of April for short readings from some event poet participants.

This event is in partnership with the Community Services Division of the City of Welland.





Our deepest gratitude for the generosity of all who donated to the Welland Public Library in 2021. Your support means so much!

Mary Lescisin	Nicholas & Virginia Petrachenko	Marvin Nussbaum	Georgina George	Helen Pearce
Gloria Marchionda	Jeffrey Weiner	Suzanne LaRose	Betty Kennedy	Paula Carson
William Hannell	Anne Murynch	Erin Cotter	Andy Falusi	Wendy Timms
Mary Hornak	Cathy & Brian Alakas	Abbie Adelman	Lindsay Bryan	Jason Swenor
Kiwanis Club of Welland	Melanie & Chris Kerho	Canada Helps	Peter Bryan	Leanne Crouch
Donald & Kathy Hornby		Michael Walsh	Claudette LeBlanc	Anonymous

Every Gift Makes a Difference.

All contributions to WPL enrich the education, vitality, and cultural growth of our entire community. If you choose to make a donation to the library, you can also decide where you'd like your monetary gift to apply. Choose from these categories: Vibrant Spaces, Community-Driven Programs & Events, Dynamic Collections, Innovative Services & Technology, or Area of Greatest Need.

Thank you for your support!

For more information or to donate, please call (905) 734-6210 ext. 2500.

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