

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER PROGRAM GUIDE

ALL PROGRAMS REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://WELLANDLIBRARY.CA/EVENTS/](https://wellandlibrary.ca/events/) TO REGISTER

GENERAL INTEREST

Legacy Planning: Who Gets the Cottage?

It's about more than just the cottage. Legacy planning could raise many challenges. Financial Planner, Keith McConkey, will share ideas about estate maximization and equalization, and look at charitable giving as a way to both do good and reduce the tax burden on an estate.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Tuesday, September 13	Starting at 6:00pm	Hybrid - SWM

Fall Tech Wednesdays

Do you need help with library resources on your devices? Book a 15 minute time slot with a knowledgeable staff member.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Wednesdays, Sept 14 - Oct 26	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Main Branch

Kanopy Movie Night

Join us as we explore countries around the world through beautiful Kanopy documentaries. Stop by the Greek Islands in September, and in October, we'll look for adventure in Peru! Participants must have a library card.

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Date(s)	Time	Location
Tuesdays, Sept 20 & Oct 18	Starting at 6:00pm	Main Branch

Mohawk Institute Residential School Virtual Tour and Debrief

This tour of the former Mohawk Institute Residential School will share the history of the school from its opening in 1831 until it closed in 1970. Participants will virtually tour the school and will have the opportunity to ask questions or share comments with the Cultural Interpreter.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Friday, Sept 23	Starting at 9:30am	Hybrid - Main Branch

GENERAL INTEREST

EC Brown Fall Walk with NPCA



Come visit the **EC Brown Conservation Area** with Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority staff member, Kerry Royer. Learn about this unique natural area along the Welland River and the wetland restoration project that began in 2007. This walk is approximately 1 hour in length. Please note that there are no washrooms on-site. Wear appropriate closed-toe footwear and bring your own water. *Presented in partnership with the Lincoln Pelham Public Library*

Date(s)	Time	Location
Saturday, September 24	Starting at 10:00am	480 River Rd

Bullet Journaling Part 2

Melanie Taylor-Ridgeway is back for a follow-up class! Learn some journaling basics and share tools and tips. Bring your journals to share with the class.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Monday, October 3	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Seaway Mall

Income Tax Preparation for Modest Incomes

Join a representative from the CRA and get some great tips for tax time. Some topics to be discussed include:

- Importance of filing your taxes
- Benefits and credits
- Canada Child Benefit
- And more!



Date(s)	Time	Location
Wednesday, Oct 5	1:00pm - 2:00pm	Hybrid - Main Branch

Ghost Stories of Niagara with Kyle Upton

Join us for spooky stories and encounters with spirits of the War of 1812! Kyle Upton, the creator of the Ghost Tours at Fort George (the longest continually operating ghost tour in Canada) will lead this session. Learn everything you want to know about a fort that's been haunted for more than 200 years!

Date(s)	Time	Location
Saturday, October 22	Starting at 2:00pm	Welland Museum

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Monday, September 5 - Labour Day
Monday, October 10 - Thanksgiving





LIBRARY MONTH!

Reading Gives you Wings

Celebrate Canadian Library Month by taking flight at one of our branches! We have created beautiful “feathered” wings displays where you can take a photo to show how “reading gives you wings.”

Date(s)
October 3 - 31

DIY Ornaments with Old Books

In honour of Ontario Public Library Week, pick up an old book and instructions on how to use it to make a literary ornament!



Date(s)
October 17 - 22

CELEBRATING SENIORS

Seniors iPad Boot Camp

We’ll help you learn to use your iPad with a little confidence in this two-part program. Please bring your own device and passwords with you.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Thursday, Sept 15 & 22	2:30pm - 4:00pm	Main Branch



“Making Niagara Age-Friendly” with Dominic Ventresca

Niagara has a large population of older adults – one of the highest percentages in Canada. Find out how Niagara is becoming more “age-friendly” (as part of a global movement inspired by the World Health Organization), and how you can benefit from local initiatives. Presented in partnership with Lincoln Pelham Public Library.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Tuesday, Sept 27	Starting at 6:00pm	Lincoln Pelham Public Library

Understanding Memory Loss -Workshop For the Caregiver with McMaster Family Health

Join a McMaster Family Health Registered Nurse, Occupational Therapist, Social Worker, and Pharmacist for an educational session about caring for a loved one living with memory loss/dementia. Learn about the different forms of dementia and how to manage behavioural changes, the importance of self-care, and strategies such as mindfulness. Please register online at www.wellandmcmasterfht.com/eventcalendar.php

Date(s)	Time	Location
Thursday, September 29	9:00am - 12:00pm	Seaway Mall

CELEBRATING SENIORS



National Seniors Day: Seniors Saturday

To celebrate National Seniors Day, community organizations and experts in senior living are coming together to provide you with resources and support in one easy location. Organizations include: City of Welland, Community Support Services Niagara, Alzheimer’s Association, Age Friendly Niagara, and more! Our new Memory Care Kits will be available to browse. Fill out a ballot to win a prize!

Date(s)	Time	Location
Saturday, October 1	10:00am - 1:00pm	Seaway Mall

ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Silent Book Club

Sometimes called an “Introvert’s Happy Hour,” a Silent Book Club involves no homework, no discussion questions, and no pressure. Members simply congregate and read quietly, with no phones or chitchat, for an hour. A discussion about their chosen work is encouraged before and/or after the designated reading time, but is completely optional.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Weds, Sept 14 & Oct 12	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Main Branch

Community Book Club Author Talk: Vanessa Riley

Vanessa Riley is an award-winning author of historical romance, mystery, and fiction novels featuring realistic multicultural communities and powerful persons of color. Vanessa is a frequent speaker at literary, women’s, and STEM events. You won’t want to miss this! Presented in partnership with West Lincoln and Lincoln Pelham Public Libraries.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Thurs, September 29	Starting at 2:00pm	Hybrid - Main Branch

Book Club: The Island of Missing Trees

On the island of Cyprus, two teenagers, one Greek and one Turkish, fall in love under the lush fig tree at the local tavern. When war breaks out, Kostas and Defne are separated, but they never stop wondering what happened to each other. Years later, a woman in London tries to unravel the secrets of her family rooted in the fig tree that grows in her backyard.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Thursday, October 27	Starting at 2:00pm	Seaway Mall



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Forest Walk with McMaster Family Health

Spend time in nature to improve your health and wellness! Led by a Social Worker and Certified Forest Therapy Guide, forest therapy isn't just exercise for the body, it's exercise for the soul. Participants will enjoy a guided stroll through the forest with a focus on mindfulness techniques. Recommended for all ages and abilities. Register with McMaster Family Health at 905-704-3660 extension 3. Once registered, you will receive an email with the starting location of the walk.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Tuesday, September 13	10:00am - 12:00pm	Merritt Island

ARTS & CRAFTS

Adult Craft Kits

Our adult craft kits continue with fall inspired themes. Pick yours up at any of our branches, while supplies last.

Date(s)	Location
September 6 & October 3	All Branches

Quilting Group

Join us for fun quilting projects every month, then show off the results to our group.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Weds, Sept 7 & Oct 5	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Seaway Mall

Busy Hands & Happy Hearts Sewing

This group, led by Joni of Diamond Angel Quilts, will focus on sewing crafts for home and for charity. Supplies needed include basic sewing supplies and a sewing machine. Outlines and optional supply kits at cost will be discussed in session.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Thurs, Sept 8, 15 & Oct 13, 27	10:00am - 3:00pm	Seaway Mall

Painting with Jane

Let out your inner artist and join us the second Thursday of each month to paint along with Jane via her popular YouTube channel. All materials are provided, just bring yourself and some creativity. Fee: \$5/person



Date(s)	Time	Location
Thurs, Sept 8 & Oct 13	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Seaway Mall

ARTS & CRAFTS

National Colouring Day



We all love to colour! Join us at any branch on National Colouring Day and colour just for fun. Try one of our colouring books or get creative with paper and crayons, coloured pencils, or markers. On this day, it's all about your imagination and creating a colorful world!

Date(s)	Time	Location
Wednesday, September 14	All Day	All Branches

Adult Craft Night

Engage your creativity, relieve stress, and make something beautiful. Enjoy a relaxing evening crafting at the library with others.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Mon, Sept 19 & Oct 17	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Diamond Trail

Live Paint Night with Cookie

Join Antoinette "Cookie" Bortolon for live art lessons with acrylic paint on canvas. Fee: \$5 per person

Date(s)	Time	Location
Tues, Sept 27 & Oct 25	Starting at 6:00pm	Seaway Mall

CLUBS

Knitting Club

Are you a skilled knitter or looking to learn new skills? Come out to the Knitting Club and share your tips and tricks with others while enjoying a relaxing evening. Please bring your own yarn, needles, and supplies.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Wednesdays, Sept 7 - Oct 26	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Main Branch

Scrabble Club

Test your word skills at the library! All skill levels are welcome to join this relaxed club for Scrabble aficionados! No registration is required. * No program October 10

Date(s)	Time	Location
Mondays, Sept 12 - Oct 31*	12:00pm - 1:00pm	Main Branch
Thursdays, Sept 15 - Oct 27	1:00pm - 2:00pm	Seaway Mall

Adult Chess Club

Come play chess with other enthusiasts! Boards will be supplied. Players of all skill levels are welcome to join.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Tuesdays, Sept 13 - Oct 25	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Diamond Trail
Wednesdays, Sept 14 - Oct 26	10:00am - 12:00pm	Seaway Mall



FAMILY EVENTS

Drop-in Zone

Looking for something to do after school? Each week a different craft or activity will be available for you and your family to enjoy. No registration required. * No program on October 10.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Mondays, Sept 12 - Oct 17*	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Diamond Trail

Dot Day: Make Your Mark

Make your mark on Dot Day! We all have creative potential and Dot Day celebrates self-expression and encourages people to release their creativity. We invite you to make your mark at any of our branches. While visiting, guess how many pom poms are in the container for a chance to win a prize!



Date(s)	Time	Location
Thursday, September 15	All Day	All Branches

Reading at Niagara SPCA & Humane Society

Children of all ages and reading levels are welcome to join us at the Niagara SPCA & Humane Society, Welland location to share their favourite animal stories. Children can also volunteer to write a short bio about one of the animals waiting for a 'forever' home. Register for a 15 minute time slot.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Mondays, Sept 26 & Oct 24	4:00pm - 5:00pm	Welland SPCA

Every Child Matters

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) is recognized each year on September 30. Visit any of our branches to create a bracelet and/or button in recognition of our commitment to honour the children who attended residential schools. While supplies last.



Date(s)	Location
September 26 - 30	All Branches

Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin!



Come into any of our branches and try to guess the weight of the pumpkin. Fill out a ballot and submit your guess for a chance to win some Shriners Creek Kettle Popcorn. Good luck! Thank you Shriners Creek and Sobey's Welland for their generous donation.

Date(s)	Location
October 3 - 26	All Locations

FAMILY EVENTS



A Fall Walk with NPCA

Come explore Merritt Island with a naturalist from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority. The naturalist will help identify some local plants and wildlife in the area and lead a scavenger hunt where kids will learn about the natural environment. Participants will receive a copy of *The Pocket Scavenger* by Keri Smith, while supplies last. Please meet at the Merritt Island parking lot. Rain or shine - remember to dress for the weather!

Date(s)	Time	Location
Saturday, October 29	10:00am - 11:00am	Merritt Island

PRESCHOOL

Histoire en français (0 - 6 Years)

Il etait une fois...venez lire une histoire en français avec On y va à la bibliothèque! Pour plus d'information: 905-734-1141 poste 2237 ou onyavelland@cschn.ca



Once upon a time...join us for storytime in French with EarlyOn at the library! For more information please contact: 905-734-1141 ext. 2237 or onyavelland@cschn.ca.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Tues, Sept 13 & Oct 11	10:00am - 11:00am	Main Branch

Wiggles & Giggles (0 - 12 months - caregiver)

It's never too early to bring babies and books together! Enjoy stories, rhymes, bouncing, parachute play, and bubbles in this fun and interactive program.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Weds, Sept 14 - Oct 12	9:30am - 10:00am	Main Branch

Toddler Tales (1 - 2 years + caregiver)

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



Date(s)	Time	Location
Tuesdays, Sept 13 - Oct 18	9:30am - 10:00am	Zoom
Tuesdays, Sept 13 - Oct 18	10:15am - 10:45am	Seaway Mall



PRESCHOOL

Kinder Corner (3 - 5 years)

Build upon your child's love of reading and language development in this creative and interactive program. A themed craft will be included each week.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Fridays, Sept 16 - Oct 21	9:45am - 10:30am	Seaway Mall

SCHOOL AGE

Cursive Writing Club (8 - 12 years)

Learn a new skill this fall! Kids will receive a workbook, make a stress ball, learn some hand relaxation exercises, and explore different methods of writing cursive.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Thursdays, Sept 22 - Oct 6	5:00pm - 6:00pm	Seaway Mall



Kids Chess Club (7 - 12 years)

Let's play chess! Whether you're a beginner or an advanced chess player, you'll have fun learning tips and tricks to improve your strategy.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Wednesdays, Sept 14 - Oct 19	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Seaway Mall

FAMILY HEALTH

Drop-In: Ask a Nurse a Question (Adult + Child(ren))

A Niagara Region Family Outreach Nurse will be onsite to discuss a variety of parenthood and family related topics including:

- Your pregnancy
- Adjusting to parenthood
- Infant feeding support
- Your well-being as a parent
- Parenting tips
- Your child's growth and development from 0-18 years



Parents can have their questions answered and be linked to local support services and resources. No registration required.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Wednesdays, Sep 14 - Oct 26	10:00am - 11:00am	Main Branch
* No session Oct 5		

FAMILY HEALTH

Kids Have Stress, Too! (Adults)



Led by Bethesda Services, this workshop provides education for caregivers on how to proactively support their child's emotional resilience in stressful situations. Coping strategies discussed in this workshop may be helpful for everyone in the family.

Two individualized consultations are provided to give you an opportunity to discuss the implementation of strategies in your home.

To register call 905-684-6918 ext.170 or serviceinfo@bethesdaservices.com

Date(s)	Time	Location
Tuesday, October 4	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Main Branch

Post Partum Depression Workshop (Adult + Child(ren))



Pregnant people and new parents with babies up to 18 months of age who have been feeling depressed, down, or anxious may be eligible to participate in this group-based Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) program. During this nine-week series, participants will meet weekly with a public health nurse to learn skills, strategies, and tools to help manage depression and anxiety. A workbook will be provided to record your goals and progress. A public health nurse will contact those interested by text/phone within 2-3 business days of registration to complete a form to help determine if this group will meet your needs. To register, visit <https://www.niagararegion.ca/parents/courses/default.aspx>.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Wednesdays, Oct 26 - Dec 21	10:30am - 12:30pm	Main Branch



Car Seat Clinic (Adult + Child(ren))

If you have questions about car seat use and installation, you are not alone! This one-on-one clinic aims to educate parents on the proper use and installation of child safety seats so that you'll leave the session knowing how to keep your most precious cargo safe. * If you have any physical limitations, please bring a guest to help install your car seat with you! Register to book your 30 minute time slot.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Saturday, October 1	9:00am - 12:00pm	Main Branch



TRICK OR TREAT - MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

It's Halloween and we're ready for a Spooktacular time at the library, are you? Visit the Seaway Mall Branch between 5pm and 8pm, dressed in costume to receive a treat!

CAN'T MAKE IT IN? VISIT ANY BRANCH UNTIL 8 FOR A TREAT!

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

The International Dyslexia Association defines it as a "neurological condition caused by a different wiring of the brain." Although having dyslexia makes it challenging to learn how to read, it's certainly not impossible and we're here to help! Literacy kits that are geared towards beginner, struggling, or even advancing readers have been added to our collection and are available to borrow. Just search the term "reading kits" in our catalogue for a list of what's available. Decodable books (as recommended by the International Dyslexia Association) for children, teen, and adult readers have also been added to the collection and can easily be found with the red "Decodable" sticker.

TEENS

Teen Scene (13 - 18 years)

Join us in September for Glow-in-the-Dark Bingo, and in October for Library Whodunit, an escape-room mystery inspired by the classic game, Clue.



Date(s)	Time	Location
Thursdays, Sept 15 & Oct 20	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Seaway Mall

Resume and Cover Letter Workshop (14 - 19 years)

The purpose of a resume is to get you an interview! Job Gym Employment Counsellors will show you how to write a cover letter and how to present your qualifications in a way that employers will notice!



Date(s)	Time	Location
Monday, September 26	Starting at 6:30pm	Main Branch

Before Your G1 with AAPEX Driving Academy (15 - 19 years)

This workshop by AAPEX Driving Academy is designed to make getting your learner's permit a piece of cake! Participants will learn valuable information and study tips to help ensure success on the G1 written exam. You will also learn about the graduated licensing system and receive a guide for parents and beginners.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Monday, October 24	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Main Branch

Interview Skills Workshop (14 - 19 years)

Thinking about getting a job? The interview is your opportunity to shine! Job Gym Employment Counselors will teach you how to answer interview questions with confidence, the do's and don'ts in an interview, and after-the-interview techniques that could put you ahead of the competition.

Date(s)	Time	Location
Monday, October 3	Starting at 6:30pm	Main Branch

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

* SUNDAY HOURS AT MAIN BRANCH BEGIN OCTOBER 16 (1:00PM - 5:00PM)