

WELLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARDWALK BANTER

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You Really Love Your Library!

In April and May, library staff asked patrons to tell us what they love about their library for a chance to win a WPL prize pack. Interested patrons were provided a paper heart to write their comments. The completed hearts were then hung on our display case.

The answers varied, but all proved one thing: you all really, really love WPL!

Here are some of our favourite answers:

"I love the liaberry [sic] because it is quiet and the staff are so sweet and it is a lot of fun here."

"I love all of the wonderful activities the library offers for my whole family and all of the friendly staff who make all of this possible."

"I feel at home in the library."

"Being able to borrow video games for my Nintendo Switch!"

"Love the library because it is peaceful and welcoming and I know there are hundreds of adventures awaiting in all those pages. I'm so glad my mother introduced us all to the joy of books."

If you missed out on the hearts but still want to tell us your favourite things about the library, we are always ready to listen! You can tell us in person or by email at info@wellandlibrary.ca.



Poetry Contest Winner

In April, we hosted a National Poetry Month contest. This year's winning poem is "Breakwall" by Cortney Peters:

*Drops of morning rain
As the sun shines proud
Jumping in the puddle
Of my own self doubt*

*Splashing along
Rays peak through
Let go of my worries
The reflection of you*

*Powering along
A breakwall of waves
I make my own way
Against currents and change*

*Finding my joy
In the spaces between
Like seaweed in a lake
Begging to be seen*

*That's where I stand
Maybe we can meet
Sinking into the sand
My safest retreat*

*Tears of joy
Heal every pore
Leaning into being
Swept away at the shore*

*It's here that I sing
Serenity with the birds
A message in a bottle
To your neck of the woods*

Entries were judged by multi-published veteran poets. One judge called the poem "an internal ode to joy" with 'some startling lines that show a lot of promise;' another called it "sophisticated, well-crafted, nicely paced" with "inventive imagery."

Big congratulations to Cortney on this achievement!

Little Free Pantry Poster Contest



We're adding a Little Free Pantry to the Main Branch and need your help getting the word out!

The pantry will provide our neighbours with nourishment and personal care items without expectation or strings. Through this practice of trust, we believe that we will all benefit and can make something big from something "little."

All entries to the poster contest must incorporate the phrase, "take what you need, give what you can" and must be submitted via the link on our website starting Monday, August 7 and closing Thursday, September 21.

The winning design will be featured on a new library bookmark and the artist will win a WPL prize pack including an awesome WPL zip-up hoodie!



From Computer Science (000) to History and Geography (900)

We've added colourful shelf labels to the Juvenile Non-Fiction sections at all of our branches to make it easier for kids to find the subject that interests them. Looking for classic fairy tales like Snow White, or strategies on how to win Minecraft games, or joke books to crack up friends? There's a label for that! Come check it out and let us know what you think!



Borrow Fishing Gear at WPL!

We are excited to announce that we have joined the Kids Tackle Program! Supported by the St. Catharines Game and Fish Association, this new program provides fishing rods, tackle boxes, life jackets, and everything else a child would need to try fishing. Starting in June, fishing kits and life jackets can be borrowed from all WPL branches for a one-week loan period. Items must be checked out on an adult card. Happy fishing!



Volunteer Opportunity Returns



After a two-year hiatus, WPL volunteers can now return to assisting with the genealogical indexing of births, deaths, and marriages appearing in the Welland Tribune between the years of 1933 and 1990. This work is incredibly valuable to the library and to the community.

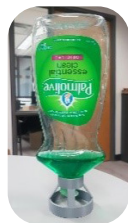
This volunteer role is self-led and can be conducted at any time that suits your schedule during library hours.

If this quiet, self-paced work might be of interest to you, please fill out a volunteer application (on our website under the About Us tab), or contact us at info@wellandlibrary.ca or by phone at (905) 734-6210 for more information.

Make and Create in our Makerspace

WPL aims to provide everyone in our community with access to emerging technologies. These technologies are available in our Makerspace.

Have you ever been frustrated by your detergent bottles toppling over when you're trying to get the last drops? We 3D printed this solution: a holder to keep bottles right side up, or rather, upside down!



Contact the library to find out how to print one of your own!

Local Stories: Large Meaty Prunes, 2Lbs for 25 cents

Inflation is on everyone's mind nowadays, especially at the supermarket. These local ads from 50 and 100 years ago really highlight just how much times have changed.

A pound of bacon for 35 cents sounds reasonable. We also wouldn't mind a can of Heinz beans for 19 cents or a tub of margarine for 79 cents! It's interesting to note that a tin of peas in 1923 cost 14 cents, and a tin of peas in 1973 cost 21 cents, although we're guessing that the size of the tins must have been quite different. *Welland Public Library Photo Collection, 1923 and 1973*



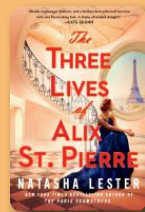
WANTED: Human Library Participants

- Are you a senior adult living in a long-term care home with a great story to tell? If this describes you (or someone you know) we would love to hear from you.
- We are looking for participants who are willing to be interviewed on camera to share their stories of overcoming hardships and any lessons and insights learned along the way.
- These video stories will be compiled in our Human Library Collection where patrons can view the videos in-library and learn of the diverse backgrounds of local seniors.
- For more information, please contact us at (905) 734-6210.
- *Funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizon for Seniors Program*



FEATURED COLLECTION: BEYOND NANCY DREW

In recent years, the number of female writers writing spy stories featuring female protagonists has steadily grown, particularly with stories set during World War II and the following Cold War era. If you're looking for excitement in the form of espionage, pick up one of these thrilling stories featuring wily women and unleash your inner sleuth!



- *The Three Lives of Alix St. Pierre* by Natasha Lester
- *That Summer in Berlin* by Lecia Cornwall
- *Liberation* by Imogen Kealey
- *An Unlikely Spy* by Rebecca Starford

- *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson
- *The Librarian Spy* by Madeline Martin
- *A Most Clever Girl* by Stephanie Marie Thornton
- *Atomic Love* by Jennie Fields

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

* Diamond Trail Branch Summer Hours from July 3 - September 2