

# Welland Public Library

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### WPL Launches Instrument Library

WPL aims to ensure that everyone in the community can access new learning opportunities. With this in mind, we're adding a whole collection of borrowable musical instruments this summer! The collection will include instruments that are just right for beginners and instruments for those who are looking to improve their skills. Our Instrument Library will include string and percussion instruments like Boomwhackers®, a tongue drum, a mandolin, acoustic guitars, bass guitars, and more! For a complete list of items in the collection, visit our Library of Things page at <https://www.wellandlibrary.ca/non-traditional-collections>.



On July 6, families are invited to try the instruments at our collection launch program! Activities for kids will also be available to help celebrate! See the summer program guide for details.

### Let's Chat!



We've recently added a convenient new way for patrons to get in touch with us! Need to know the title of the latest book by your favourite author? Send us a chat message! Are you having trouble registering online for one of our programs? Drop us a line

in the chat! Password not working? Ask in the chat! Of course, you can also give us a call or send an email, but the chat is a fast, new way to get answers to simple questions quickly. Give it a try today!

To access our online chat, click on the purple chat box at the bottom right of our website homepage. Messages will be answered as soon as possible (during operating hours).



### The WPL Book Sale is Back!

This special one-week book sale opens on Saturday, September 3 at 9am and closes at 4pm on Saturday, September 10 (or whenever we run out of books!). Other library materials may also be available.

The sale will be offered at the Main Branch only. Bring a grocery tote or small box and fill it for \$5. WPL totes will be available for purchase for an additional \$2 each. All book sale proceeds support library collections, programs, and services. Come on out and browse through fiction and non-fiction titles to find just the book you've been looking for!

### Niagara's Mobile Closet Returns to WPL on July 25

After a very successful event in March, we've partnered once again with Niagara's Mobile Closet to bring back their unique all-free shopping experience to those with clothing and shoe accessibility barriers. The Mobile Closet will be at the Main Branch on Monday, July 25 from 11am-1pm. Joining the fun is Alessandro Salon providing free haircuts on dry hair, Club Wellness leading activities to keep you entertained while you wait to shop, and more! Watch for updates on our social media.



If you are interested in donating new or gently used clothing and/or shoes to Niagara's Mobile Closet, please check their website at [www.niagarasmobilecloset.com](http://www.niagarasmobilecloset.com) or visit their Facebook page to find out what their most needed items are. You are welcome to bring your donations to the event or to donate at any time directly to Niagara's Mobile Closet!

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



**LIBRARY CLOSURES**  
Friday, July 1 - Canada Day    Monday, August 1 - Civic Holiday    Monday, September 5 - Labour Day



## 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.



Whether you're blowing up balloons to celebrate a special occasion, or the kids just want to chase each other around the yard with water balloons on a hot day, this handy tool will have people believing you're a balloon professional. Wow the kids as you tie up balloon after balloon with ease and without tying up your fingers, too!

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

## Oh, Canada!

Enticed by the promise of warmer climates, tropical beaches, or European adventures, it is all too often that people – not just Canadians! – bypass exploring their home country.

Let's end that trend in 2022! There is so much to see in Canada: from Peggy's Cove to Vancouver Island, from Îles-de-la-Madeleine to Prince Edward Island, or somewhere closer to home like the hot sands of Grand Bend or the hiking trails of the Bruce Peninsula.

Visit us today and we'll direct you to all of the guides that will help you decide where to head first!



## NEW/FEATURED COLLECTION: YES, YOU CAN WIN FRIENDS WITH SALAD!

Summer's in full swing and hopefully, the seeds you planted from our seed library have sprouted into bountiful plants! Or maybe your green thumb wasn't quite so green this year, but you got carried away at the farmer's market and came home with a truckload of produce. Either way, there is nothing more satisfying on a hot summer day than a crisp, cool salad - on its own or as BBQ side - and we've got plenty of cookbooks to give you fresh ideas for how to enjoy your bounty.

*Good Housekeeping Super Salads: 70 Fresh and Simple Recipes*

*The 5-minute Salad Lunchbox: Happy, Healthy & Speedy Salads to Make in Minutes* by Alexander Hart

*Salad Love: 260 Crunchy, Savory, and Filling Meals You Can Make Every Day* by David Bez

*The Complete Salad Cookbook: A Fresh Guide to 200+ Vibrant Dishes Using Greens, Vegetables, Grains, Proteins, and More* by America's Test Kitchen

*Food52 Mighty Salads: 60 New Ways to Turn Salad into Dinner and Make-Ahead Lunches*, Too by editors of Food52

*500 Best-Ever Salads: Presenting Every Kind of Salad, From Appetizers and Side Dishes to Impressive Main Courses, with Meat, Fish and Vegetarian Options, and More than 500 Color Photographs* consultant editor Julia Canning

*Mandy's Gourmet Salad: Recipes for Lettuce and Life* by Mandy Wolfe



## LOCAL STORIES: ILLUMINAQUA MEMORIES

From 2007 to 2013, Welland's IlluminAqua concert series ignited summer nights from the Merritt Park amphitheater on the old Welland Canal. With its unique floating stage pulsing with music and coloured lights, and fire pods aglow on the water beneath cascading sunsets, the series was a veritable treat for the senses.

Crowds of locals and revelers from afar lined both sides of the canal – some even kayaking to the stage for a unique perspective – to hear music of genres including jazz, blues, folk, rock, and Celtic music. Acts included well-known fan favourites like Ron Sexsmith, Street Pharmacy, Don McLean, Natalie McMaster, Steven Page, Ashley MacIsaac, Sarah Harmer, Jim Cuddy, and many more. This beloved series will never be forgotten.

Welland's live music legacy continues this summer with the return of Concerts on the Canal which will kick off on June 24 at Merritt Park.

Image from City of Welland's Discover Welland guide, 2010.



## 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

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

### Diamond Trail Branch

315 Southworth Street  
Welland, ON L3B 1Z8  
905-734-6210 ext. 2501

### Hours

Monday	1 pm - 5 pm
Tuesday	1 pm - 5 pm
Wednesday	1 pm - 5 pm
Thursday	4 pm - 8 pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	11 am - 3 pm

### Seaway Mall Branch

800 Niagara St.  
Welland, ON L3C 5Z4  
905-734-6210 ext. 2518

### Hours

Monday	9am - 8pm
Tuesday	9am - 8pm
Wednesday	9am - 8pm
Thursday	9am - 8pm
Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday	9am - 5pm