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CHILDREN'S BOOK GIVEAWAY

Starting: Fri. Dec. 15, 2023, 9 a.m.

Give the gift of reading this holiday season with a free children's picture book! Starting on Fri. Dec. 15, the first 120 people in the door will get a free picture book thanks to First Book Canada. One book per family. Available while supplies last.



ADULT PAINTING WITH KYLA: WINTER MOON

Thurs. Dec. 21, 2023

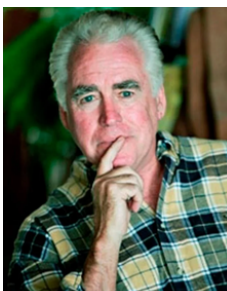
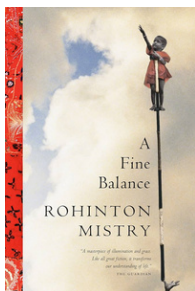
1 - 2:30 p.m. & 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Paint from a unique perspective in this acrylic painting workshop. The scene is of a beautiful, calm winter's night. The viewpoint being from inside a hollowed-out tree. Learn sketching and painting techniques that help create a balanced painting. Cost is \$15 per person. Pre-register.



BILL'S BEST READS WITH WILLIAM THOMAS

We are excited to introduce Bill's Best Reads! Each month, we will feature a book hand-selected by bestselling author, scriptwriter, and nationally syndicated humour columnist, William Thomas.



This month's selection: **A Fine Balance** by Rohinton Mistry
You can place a hold on this book through the library's website or by calling: 905-834-6512.

BUTTONS AND BOOK SALE

Looking for a great stocking stuffer? Buy a library button for \$2 each. Gently used book packages available for purchase while supplies last. Support your local library while buying a unique gift for someone special.

FILL THE FIRE TRUCK FOOD DRIVE

Until Dec. 11, 2023 Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services is hosting a "Fill the Fire Truck" food drive in support of Port Cares. The need for food in our community is more pressing than ever. Please consider donating non-perishable food items this holiday season. The library is a drop-off location for your non-perishable food donations.



HELP FILL OUR MITTEN TREE



Donate new mittens, hats, gloves and scarves to place on our Mitten Tree for Port Cares. Whether handmade or bought, help someone have a warm winter this year. Thank you for your support!

HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be

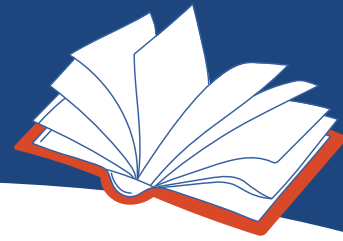
Closed: December 25, 26, 27, 2023

Open: December 28, 29, 30, 2023

Closed: Monday, January 1, 2024

Open: Tuesday, January 2, 2024,

Doors open at 9:30 a.m.



"I can get all the I Spy books I want, and I can get the games I want. I can play at the park outside the library. I love the library."

PROGRAMS

STORY TIME WITH SHELLY

Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2023, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Meet us in the Children's Room for a fun, free, family story time.
All ages. Drop-in. Free.

BABY TIME

Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12 & 19, 2023, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.
Songs, stories, and rhymes with your little one. For ages 0 to 2.
Free. Pre-register.

TOT TIME

Thursdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2023, 10:15 – 11 a.m.
Enjoy stories, crafts, and a circle-time.
For ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver.
Pre-register. Free.



BOOKMARK CONTEST

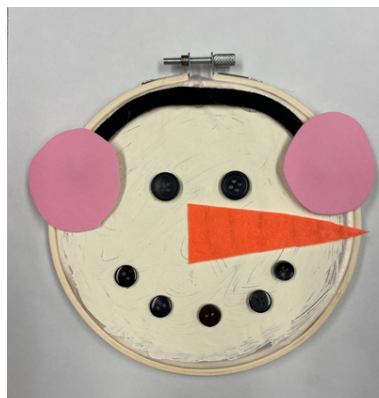
Submit a bookmark design by December 30, 2023 for a chance to be our featured artist for January.
The theme is "Winter Wonderland."
Available in the Children's Room.
Free.

Congrats to our November winner, Ruby, who drew a picture of her pet goldfish named Maggie.



SNOWMAN ORNAMENT

Wed. Dec. 13, 2023, 4 – 5 p.m.
Get ready to let it snow with this cute snowman craft. For ages 8-12.
Pre-register. Free.



SUBSCRIBE

Subscribe to our monthly newsletter by visiting our website.

SCAVENGER HUNTS

Find the scavenger hunt items and win a small prize. This program runs in the Children's Room every day with a new theme each week. Drop-in.

Nov 27 - Dec 2	Board Game Pieces
Dec 4 - 9	Trees
Dec 11-16	Penguins
Dec 18-30	Sugar Cookies

ART IN THE ATRIUM

**Lakeshore Catholic High School
December 2023**

We are excited to welcome art students from Lakeshore Catholic High School.

Support these talented artists by visiting their show.
Be sure to sign the guestbook!

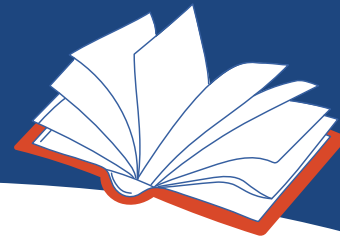


DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Mon. Dec. 18, 2023, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Join us for a screening and discussion of two documentaries. Pre-register. Free.

Mary of Nazareth (1996, 50 min.)
Though she is rarely mentioned in the Gospels, she is doubtlessly the most important and most revered woman in biblical history.

Christmas Unwrapped (2005, 50 min.)
The history of Christmas and the traditions that make the holidays the most wonderful time of the year.



Learn more about services and programs offered by local community support groups. Drop-in. Free.

COMMUNITY CONNECT

Resume Refresh with PC Works

Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12 & 19, 2023,

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Bring in a paper or digital copy of your resume and get tips on how to improve it. PC Works will work to refresh and optimize your resume to highlight their skills to match your employment goals. Don't have a resume yet? PC Works can help get you started. Drop-in. Free.



Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program Presentation

Tues. Dec. 12, 2023, 2 – 3 p.m.

Learn about eligibility and enrollment in the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) with Valerie Wehlann. The government of Ontario developed the OSDCP to provide free dental care for low-income seniors (65 and older). Valerie works as the Dental Health Community Worker at Bridges Community Health Centre. Pre-register. Free.



Call Valerie at 905-871-7621 ext. 2245 for any additional dental assistance related questions.

Birchway Niagara (Formerly Women's Place)

Thurs. Dec. 14, 2023, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Learn about communication, boundaries, safety planning, and healthy relationships. Learn how to help someone who may be experiencing abuse. Confidential meeting spaces available. Drop-in. Free.



Raising Resilient Children

Mon. Dec. 18, 2023, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: L.R. Wilson Archives

This seminar focuses on learning strategies to help build positive feelings in your child and help your child recognize and accept feelings, deal with negative feelings and upsetting stressful life events. This seminar is presented by a Niagara Region Public Health Nurse. Pre-register. Free.



Service Canada

Third Wednesday of each month

Next session: Wed. Dec. 20, 2023

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Service Canada provides Canadians with a single point of access to a wide range of government services and benefits through the Internet, by telephone, in person, or by mail.



Service Canada will be in your community to help you apply for the programs and services: Old Age Security (OAS), Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Employment Insurance (EI), Social Insurance Number (SIN), and My Service Canada Account (MSCA). Drop-in. Free.

PFLAG Niagara

Sat. Jan. 6, 2024

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Wondering what all the fuss is about pronouns? Struggling to keep track of all of the letters in 2S&LGBTQQIA+ and what they mean? Maybe you have questions but aren't sure if you'll say the right thing or use the correct terms, or you want to know more about how you can be a better ally to the community. Pflag Niagara is here for you!



In communities across the country, the Pflag Canada network provides peer support, education and advocacy for a Canada that affirms, respects, and values all sexualities, genders, and gender expressions. Volunteers from Pflag Niagara can answer your questions and share resources and information. Stop by and say Hello! Drop-in. Free.



Need one-on-one tech help?

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A bilingual encyclopedia managed by the non-profit Historica Foundation.



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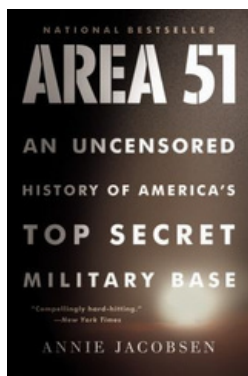
courses. This resource offers the ability to learn at your own pace and to print certificates of achievement upon completion.

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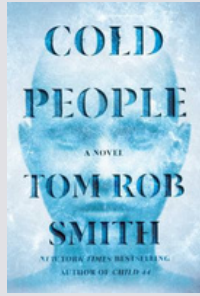
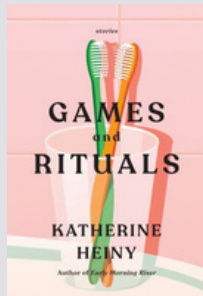
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CHECK OUT OUR DECEMBER LIBRARY STAFF PICKS

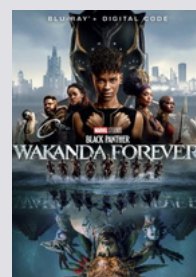


NEW LIBRARY MATERIALS

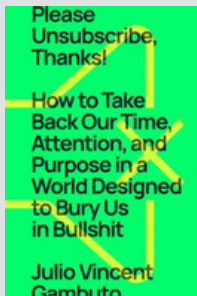
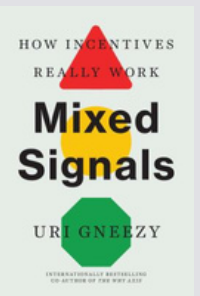
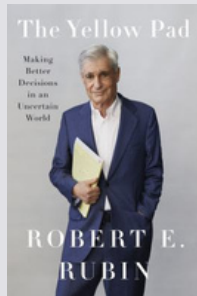
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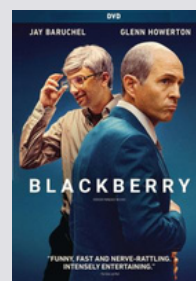
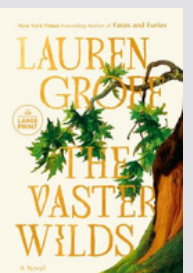
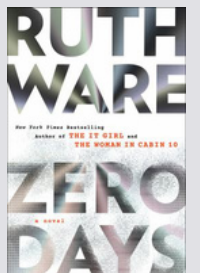
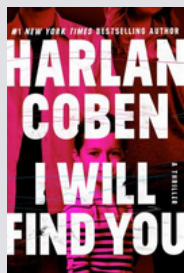
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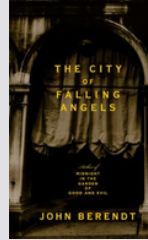
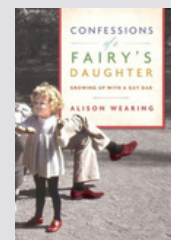
ADULT NON-FICTION BOOKS



LARGE PRINT BOOKS

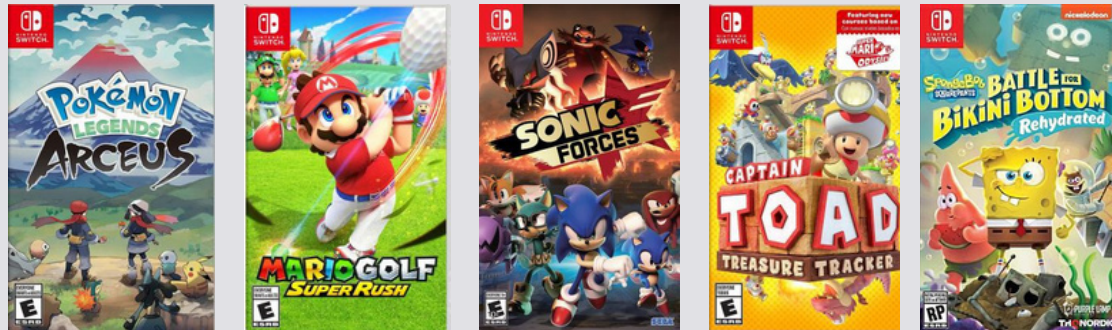


BOOK CLUB SETS



COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT

NINTENDO SWITCH GAMES



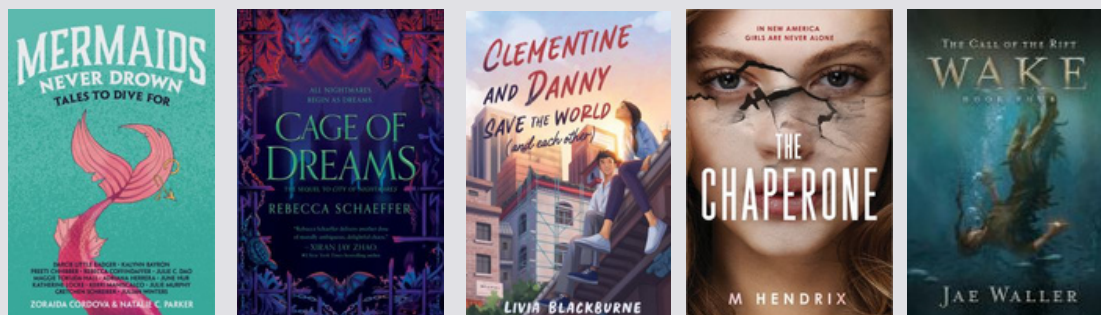
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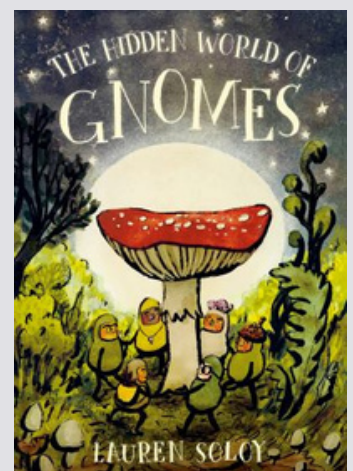
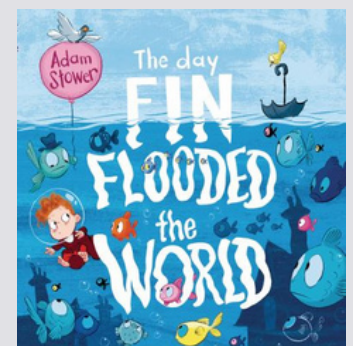
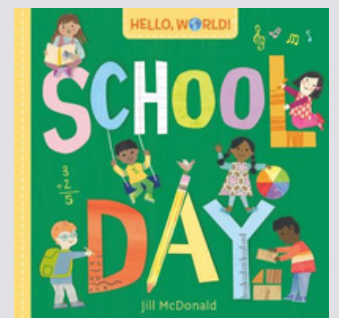
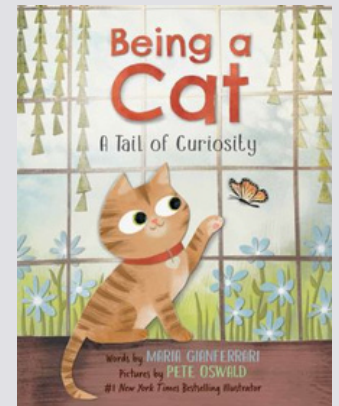
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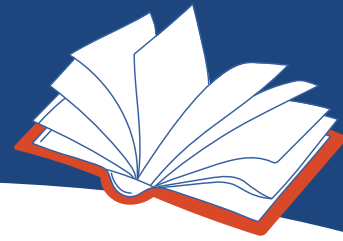


YOUNG ADULT FICTION



IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM





"We have gotten to know some of the wonderful librarians. They have made my family feel truly welcome and part of the community."

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Donor Recognition Program: To show our appreciation and to recognize your support, the names of contributors of \$50.00 or more will be listed on our Donor Recognition Wall.

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Library Book Sale: Gently used books, magazines, DVDs, music CDs, and more. Prices start at 50¢. Find a treasure, buy a gift, and support your library.

A charitable tax receipt will be issued for monetary gifts of \$10.00 or more.

SEED LIBRARY

Did you check out seeds from the Seed Library this spring? Now that the cool weather is coming - it is time to start collecting seeds from your plants to return to the library. We have lots of great books about seed saving. Please let us know if you have any questions!



BOARD GAMES

We have over 60 board games that you can check out. Fun for all ages. Free one-week loans on a teen or adult library card.

VIDEO GAMES

Do you like to play video games? We have games for PS3, PS4, PS5, Xbox One, Xbox Series X, Wii, and Nintendo Switch. Free one-week loans on a teen or adult library card.

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Contact us for more details.
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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday, Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The book drop is open 24/7 to return your books and library materials.

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