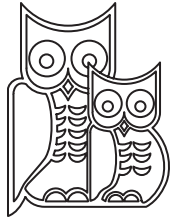


WHAT'S NEW @ St. Catharines Public Library

January/February 2019



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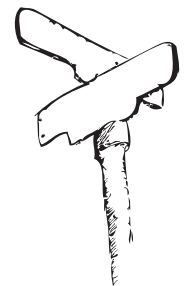
ST. CATHARINES PUBLIC LIBRARY STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The St. Catharines Public Library Board is committed to providing all the citizens of St. Catharines with the highest level of library services, materials and facilities within the resources available to meet their informational, educational and recreational needs.

THE UNIVERSE'S "BOOK OF RECORDS"

The study of the universe, by its very nature, is a study of exotic extremes. Featuring elements that are billions of times bigger or brighter than we could imagine, travelling almost at light speed, time-warping gravity, and mind-numbing distances, there are places where the laws of physics that normally explain our world... simply can't! Just how bizarre can the universe get? Inspired by the *Guinness World Records* books, Dr. Brian Pihack will take you on a guided tour of the biggest, brightest, hottest, and meanest record holders in the universe's "book of records".

- Wednesday, January 23 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free



**More tales
of Facer Street -
see page 11
for details!**

AUTHOR READING/BOOK SIGNING

Niagara, Black Waters Flow Deep By Michael Pawlowski

Niagara, Black Waters Flow Deep is the fictionalized historical account of Solomon Moseby, a slave who fled to freedom in Upper Canada in 1837 on a stolen horse before being imprisoned. On September 12, 1837, a riot took place in Niagara that involved both black and white residents demanding Moseby's release, and he escaped extradition back to slavery in America. In celebration of Black History Month, join author Michael Pawlowski as he commemorates the contributions of our Afro-Canadian community to our local history.

- Tuesday, February 5 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free



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For Children

FAMILY 3D PRINTING (AGES 6-12 WITH CAREGIVER)

Discover the world of 3D printing and learn how to prepare and print 3D items as a family. The program fee includes the printing of an item using up to 30 grams of filament. Printed items will need to be picked up at a later date. Caregivers will have to help younger children on the computer.

- Wednesday, January 2 • 2:00-3:00 or 3:30-4:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 20 • 4:00-5:00 pm
 - Central, Learning Resource Centre
 - Fee: \$5.00 + HST per person

Tell Tails: Therapy Tails Ontario (Ages 6 - 12)

Reading should be fun! By reading to a furry friend, children can improve their reading skills, confidence, interest and enjoyment in reading. Every Therapy Tail dog is specially trained and certified to sit quietly and listen while your child reads aloud to it. Please register in advance.

- Thursdays, January 10 and February 14
 - 6:30-7:15 pm • Merritt
- OR
- Saturdays, January 19 and February 16
 - 2:15-3:00 pm • Dr. Huq
 - Free

The New sessions of Books & Babies and Stories 'N More begin in January. Check the Story Time Flyer for the dates and times at each Library location

**Remember TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE
for all programs.**

LITTLEBITS GADGETS AND GIZMOS (AGES 8-12)

Join us as we make a variety of gadgets and gizmos out of easy-to-use electronic building blocks that snap together.

- Saturday, January 12 • 2:30-3:30 pm
- Central, Story Hour Room • Free



Cocoa Club (Ages 6-12)



Ready for a break after school? In this weekly program, you will enjoy a mug of hot chocolate as we read aloud from an exciting children's novel. Please bring your own mug.

- Wednesdays, January 16 – February 20
- 4:00-4:45 pm • Merritt • Free

Winter Water Colour Art (Ages 4-7)

Enjoy winter without the cold. Join us for winter stories and create your own winter scene painting using crayons and beautiful water colours.

- Tuesday, January 22 • 4:00-5:00 pm
- Central, Story Hour Room • Free

REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS:

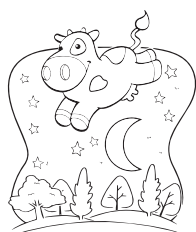
1. Children must meet the minimum age requirement at the start of the program.
2. Registration is required unless indicated.
3. You may register in person at any Library location.
4. Fees must be paid when you register.
5. Programs may be cancelled due to insufficient interest.

For Children

Bird Feeders (Ages 6-10)

Make and decorate your own bird feeder. Your feathered friends will appreciate this craft!

- Tuesday, January 22 • 4:00-5:00 pm
- Dr. Huq • Fee: \$2.00



PYJAMA STORY TIME (AGES 5 & UNDER WITH CAREGIVER)

New time

Wear your coziest pyjamas and join us for an evening of fun stories and cool crafts. Please register in advance.

Once Upon a Time

- Wednesday, January 23 • 6:30-7:00 pm
- Dr. Huq • Free

Families

- Wednesday, February 27, 6:30-7:00 pm
- Dr. Huq • Free

GROUNDHOG DAY (AGES 3-6 WITH CAREGIVER)

Will the groundhog see his (or her) shadow, or is Spring on its way? Enjoy stories and activities as we celebrate Groundhog Day!

- Saturday, February 2 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- Dr. Huq • Fee: \$1.00

Love Bugs (3-6 with caregiver)

Join us for all things Valentine's Day. Listen to Valentine-themed stories and create your own little love bug.

- Saturday, February 9 • 2:30-3:15 pm
- Central, Story Hour Room
- Fee: \$1.00

Dragonology (Ages 5-8)

Calling all dragon riders! Join us as we venture to the island of Berk with activities, games and a craft inspired by the How to Train Your Dragon series.

- Saturday, February 23 • 2:30-3:30 pm
- Central, Mills Room • Fee: \$3.00

PICTURE PERFECT POST (AGES 8-12)

Do you miss writing letters by hand? Join us as we teach you how to make your letters look Pinterest-perfect!

- Wednesday, February 27 • 4:00-4:45 pm
- Merritt • Fee: \$2.00

CLASS VISITS @



ST. CATHARINES PUBLIC LIBRARY

For Schools, Day Cares
and Home School Families

Bring your students to the Library for a book browse or arrange for a tour or program by calling 905-688-6103, ext. 252. Class visits are offered year round at all library locations.

MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS will be offered from March 9-16, 2019.
Flyers will be available at all Library locations in January or visit the Library's website.

For Tweens

Anime Club (Ages 10-15)

Are you an anime fan? Join us as we discuss a variety of anime and enjoy tasty treats along the way. This club meets on the first Thursday of each month.

- Thursdays, January 3, February 7 • 6:30-7:30 pm
 - Merritt • Free
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FORTNITE

BATTLE ROYALE GAMING (Ages 10-15)

Get your space on the Battle Bus! We'll be PC gaming the popular Fortnite:Battle Royale in solo, duo, and squad missions. Work together to earn points – the longer you survive in the game the more points you earn! Space is limited, please remember to register in advance.

- Friday January 18 • 4:00-5:00 pm
 - OR
 - Saturday February 16 • 2:30-3:30 pm
 - Central Library, Learning Resource Centre
 - Free
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Crocheting for Tweens (Ages 9-14)

Have you ever wanted to make your own scarf? Learn the basics of crochet and get started on your first project. You'll learn the skills needed to make scarves, hats, mittens, blankets, stuffed animals, and much more! Supplies required: 5mm crochet hook (also known as H size crochet hook) and worsted weight yarn (will have a number 4 on the tag) in a single colour.

- Thursdays, January 24 – February 7
 - 4:00 – 5:00 pm • Dr. Huq • Free
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ROCKS & MINERALS CLUB (AGES 9-14)

Learn about the rocks and minerals of the world and those found right in your backyard! We'll be experimenting in growing crystals and making our own fossils. The Niagara Peninsula Geological Society has generously loaned their samples so you can see real rocks, minerals, and fossils up close!

- Tuesdays, January 29, February 5 • 4:00-5:00 pm
 - Central Library, Story Hour Room
 - Fee: \$3.00 for 2 sessions
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Board Game Bonanza (Ages 9-14)

Come on down to the Board Game Bonanza at the Merritt Library! Spend the afternoon playing some fun games like Coup, Apples to Apples, Uno-Stacko, and Hang-Man.

- Friday, February 15 • 2:00-3:30 pm
 - Merritt • Free
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Green Screen Creations (Ages 9-14)

Play around with our new green screen – get creative with props and poses, and see yourself in places you only ever imagined!

- Friday February 15 • 2:30-3:30 pm
 - Central Library, Rotary/Bankers Room
 - Fee: \$1.00
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ART ADVENTURES (AGES 9-14)

We're exploring art in this new 3-week series! Each session we'll look at different ways of making art including drawing, painting, and craft projects. No experience or talent necessary, and all supplies will be provided.

- Tuesdays, February 19, 26 & March 5 • 4:00-5:00 pm
 - Central Library, Story Hour Room
 - Fee: \$5.00 for 3 sessions
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For Tweens

Coding with littleBits Arduino (Ages 9-15)

Try your hand at computer programming and robotics using our littleBits Arduino Coding Kits.

- Thursday, February 21 • 4:00 – 5:00 pm
 - Dr. Huq • Fee: \$2.00
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LEGOS & LITTLEBITS (AGES 8-13)

Add LEGOs to your littleBits creations using littlebits Brick Adapters. What will you create?

- Thursday, February 28 • 4:00 – 5:00 pm
- Dr. Huq • Fee: \$2.00

For Teens

The Write Stuff (Ages 11-16)

Do you want to learn creative writing techniques to improve your short stories, poetry, or even a novel? Led by Brock University Associate Professor Gale Coskan-Johnson, you'll join other creative teens each month to explore writing styles and take your skills to the next level.

- Thursday January 17 • 7:00-8:30 pm
- Thursday February 21 • 7:00-8:30 pm
- Central, Story Hour Room • Free

Teen Advisory Council (Ages 12-18)

Council Members – remember that TAC will be meeting in February! We'll be discussing ideas for programs and participating in elections for the Officer positions. For more information, please call 905-688-6103 ext. 225.

- Thursday February 14 • 7:00-8:30 pm
 - Central Library, Story Hour Room • Free
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Re-Design a Book Cover (Ages 12-18)

During the month of January we will have an interactive art submission in the Teen Area at the Central Library. In celebration of 10 years in print for The Maze Runner, we invite you to re-design the book cover for this ever-popular read. Stop by the Central Library to draw and submit a new cover design – we'll post submissions as a gallery.

Freedom to Read Contest (Ages 12-18)

Freedom to Read Week is February 24-March 2 and we are celebrating everyone's right to read throughout the month of February with an awesome contest about banned books! We've shredded an old copy of a commonly banned or challenged book – try to guess the correct title and author and you could win a prize. To enter, please visit any branch of the St. Catharines Public Library.

Blind Date with a Book Display

Looking for something new to read? Stop by the Teen Area of the Central Library in February to discover new YA titles and authors – we've wrapped them up tight (but have given some hints of what's inside) so you can't judge a book by its cover! Take a chance, you may find your next great love.

MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS will be offered from March 9-16, 2019.
Flyers will be available at all Library locations in January or visit the Library's website.

BEGINNER'S COMPUTER COURSES

Computer Basics with Windows

Learn the basics of a Windows-based computer including using a mouse, navigating the desktop, and creating files and folders. No experience necessary. Register for one of the dates below.

- Friday, January 4 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Friday, February 1 • 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Free

Introduction to Searching Online

Learn about the features of the Chrome browser, how to enter an Internet address and how to navigate a website. Basic knowledge of computers is required. Register for one of the dates below.

- Friday, January 11 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Friday, February 8 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Free

Searching Online with Google

Improve your searching skills using online search engines like Google and learn how to mark your favourite websites with bookmarks. Basic knowledge of the Internet is required. Register for one of the dates below.

- Friday, January 18 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Friday, February 15 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Free

Searching Online Beyond Google

Learn how to use some of the more popular Google Apps to enhance your online use. We'll also explore the Library's collection of free databases. Basic knowledge of the Internet is required. Register for one of the dates below.

- Friday, January 25 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Friday, February 22 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Free

Computer Programs

Recommended for ages 15 and above.

- You must register for all courses with the exception of Tech Time.
- All programs are held at the Central Library unless otherwise noted.
- For information or to register, please call 905-688-6103, ext 211.
- Sessions may be cancelled if courses are not filled.
- Handouts for the free classes are \$2.00

GENEALOGY

Ancestry Library Edition

Find the story of your ancestors by learning to search Census Records, Wills, Passenger Lists, Birth, Marriage & Death Records on Ancestry.com. Preregistration is required.

- Thursday, January 17 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm

****NEW** FamilySearch.org**

Piece together your ancestor's history by learning how to search Historical Records, Genealogies, Memories, and Family Tree in FamilySearch.org, the world's largest free genealogy website. Pre-registration is required.

- Thursday, February 7 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Free

JOB SKILLS TRAINING

Job and Career Searching Online

Find online job postings using national and local websites. Discover new career possibilities using the Internet and library databases. Pre-registration is required.

- Tuesday, January 29 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Free

Microsoft Word: Basics

Create a document and learn basic formatting with **Microsoft Word 2010**.

Pre-registration is required.

- Thursday, January 24 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Fee: \$5.00 + HST

Microsoft Word: Beyond the Basics

Expand your knowledge of **Microsoft Word 2010** by learning how to use templates, columns, tables and mail merge. Pre-registration is required.

- Thursday, January 31 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Fee: \$5.00 + HST

Microsoft Excel: Basics

Create a household budget using **Microsoft Excel 2010**. Learn how to insert text, format a spreadsheet, use basic formulas and more. Pre-registration is required.

Dr. Huq Family Branch

- Wednesday, February 13 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Fee: \$10.00 + HST

Microsoft Excel: Beyond the Basics

Expand your knowledge of **Microsoft Excel 2010** and learn how to sort, filter and graph information on a spreadsheet. Pre-registration is required.

Dr. Huq Family Branch

- Wednesday, February 20 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Fee: \$10.00 + HST

SOCIAL MEDIA ESSENTIALS**Facebook Basics**

Explore the world of social networking with Facebook. Create a profile, connect with friends and update your status. You'll also learn how to upload photos, find organizations and master private messaging and chat. Basic knowledge of computers and the Internet are required. Pre-registration is required.

- Tuesday, February 5 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Fee: \$5.00 + HST

****NEW**Facebook for Business**

Facebook is one of the most popular ways to promote and market your small business. Explore the basics of using Facebook for your business and learn how to create better posts and engaging content to reach your target audience. Pre-requisite: *Facebook Basics* or Facebook experience. Pre-registration is required.

- Thursday, February 21 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Fee: \$5.00 + HST

****NEW**Instagram**

Learn about the popular social media platform Instagram. Discover how to post pictures, and connect with friends and family. Patrons are invited to bring their own tablets if they wish. Basic computer and mouse skills and a valid email address are suggested. Pre-registration is required.

- Tuesday, January 15 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Fee: \$5.00 + HST

TECH HELP**Book a Librarian**

Get the most out of your technology with our Book a Librarian service! Book a half-hour session with a librarian and receive help with email, social media, the library's digital collections or other basic tech questions. Bring your own device or use the Library's computers. Register for one of the dates below.

Central Library

- Tuesday, January 29, February 19
- 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Wednesday, January 16, February 6 • 2:00-4:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 23, February 27 • 6:30-8:30 pm
- Thursday, January 3 • 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Thursday, January 10, February 14
- 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Free

Dr. Huq Family Branch

- Tuesday, January 8, February 12 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Free

Merritt Branch

- Thursday, January 17, February 7 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Free

Downloadable Magazines 101

Learn how to download free digital magazines to your computer, tablet, and/or smartphone from **RBdigital**. **Participants must have a valid St. Catharines Library card and email address and may bring a mobile device to the program.** Pre-registration is required.

- Wednesday, February 6 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm • Free

Tech Time

Join us for a Free, drop-in session where adults can receive one-on-one help with basic computer software issues, the Internet, gadgets and much more. Drop in at one of the following times.

- **Central Library** • Saturday, January 26
• 10:00 am - 12:00 noon • Free
- **Dr. Huq Family Branch** • Saturday, January 12
• 9:30 - 11:30 am • Free
- **Merritt Branch** • Saturday, February 23
• 9:30 - 11:30 am • Free

Planning Travel Online

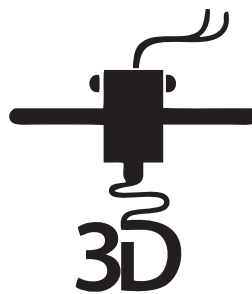
Want to plan a vacation online but don't know where to begin? From transportation to accommodation and what to do when you arrive, this class will introduce you to a few of the many travel sites and apps available to get you started. Pre-requisite: Some experience using an Internet browser. Pre-registration is required.

- Wednesday, January 16 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Free

3D Printing Basics

Learn the basics of 3D printing and find out how the Library's MakerBot Replicator works, how to find and download 3D files from Thingiverse, and see one of our 3D printers in action. Pre-registration is required.

- Tuesday, January 22 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Free (the option of printing your own object will include a minimal Fee)



3D Public Printing

Want to design your own jewellery or make a case for your smartphone? 3D printing is available to the public. Bring in your 3D design file (.stl, .obj or .thing) on a USB drive and staff will print it for you.

Cost of printing is \$5.00+HST for all prints up to and including 30 grams of filament, plus an additional \$0.15 for each additional gram. Printing will be done according to the Library's 3D Printing Policy.

If you are interested in learning more about 3D printing, please register for our 3D Printing Basics class.

For further information,
please call 905-688-6103, Ext. 211.

Trace Your Ancestors

Genealogical research is one of the most popular and fastest growing hobbies in North America. Ancestry Library Edition and FamilySearch.org are tools that can help you trace your roots. Both databases provide access to billions of genealogical records from all over the world, which you can access for free at the St. Catharines Public Library. Included are census, vital, church, court and immigration records to name a few. FamilySearch.org is available to everyone, but the St. Catharines Public Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library, which provides patrons with an additional 350 million images. These images are only available from within the library. Visit the library and enjoy access to two of the largest collections of genealogical and historical records in the world.

Afternoons for Adults

Looking Back St. Catharines: Blizzard of '77

Join Sara Nixon of the St. Catharines Museum to take a trip down a snow-covered memory lane and share your stories about the Blizzard of '77! We all have one to tell. We will uncover the facts of the treacherous winter storm of 1977 that left Niagara paralyzed for days. Photos and first-hand accounts will be shared and there will be plenty of opportunities for participants to share their own experiences. Please register in advance.

- Tuesday January 15, 2019 • 2:00 pm
 - Central Library, Mills Room
 - Fee: \$2.00 + HST

Safety at Home

Please join Laurie Elliott-Leach of Community Support Services of Niagara for a presentation on Safety at Home. Laurie will talk about what you can do to decrease the risks of slips, falls and other hazards, so that you can remain in your own home longer.

- Tuesday January 29, 2019 • 2:00 pm
 - Central Library, Mills Room

Diabetes Prevention and Management

Join your local Diabetes Educators to learn about diabetes prevention as well as basic management strategies. A nurse and dietitian will discuss topics such as healthy eating, meal planning, exercise and blood glucose testing to help you prevent diabetes as well as learn some tips on management. This session will benefit those with a family history of diabetes, pre-diabetes and people with diabetes.

- Tuesday February 5, 2019 • 2:00 pm
 - Central Library, Mills Room

Conservation in Niagara: Experiencing Nature in your Backyard

Niagara's conservation areas have much to offer whether it's natural heritage features, rich local history, beautiful hiking trails or recreational activities for all ages. Join us for an interactive presentation on the work of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, focused on special projects, ecology, species at risk, volunteering and partnerships.

- Tuesday February 19, 2019 • 2:00 pm
 - Central Library, Mills Room

Looking Back St. Catharines: The Underground Railroad

Please join Sarah Nixon of the St. Catharines Museum for a Black History Month presentation. This special Looking Back St. Catharines program explores the rich history of the Black community here in St. Catharines. We share music from the Underground Railroad as well as stories of escaped slaves who were able to find freedom in St. Catharines and build their legacies here. Please register in advance.

- Tuesday February 26, 2019 • 2:00 pm
 - Central Library, Mills Room
 - Fee: \$2.00 + HST

Join us for any or all of these informative afternoon sessions.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Join fellow book lovers at the Library's monthly book club meetings. Space is available at Central's book clubs, Merritt's Wednesday afternoon and Dr. Huq's Thursday evening book club.

For more information, please call:
 Central-905-688-6103, ext. 227
 Dr. Huq-905-688-6103, ext. 300
 Merritt-905-688-6103, ext. 400

Romance Lovers Book Club

Do you love romance novels? The Central Library runs a monthly book club where we will discuss all different types of romance novels. Meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 8 and Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 pm. For more information or to register, please call 905-688-6103 ext. 227.

ADULT CRAFTING CIRCLE

Crafters of all skill levels are invited to join the Library's Adult Crafting Circle. Explore the Library's crafting collections and share current projects with others. All types of crafts are welcome. Experienced crafters are invited to bring current projects, while new crafters can bring questions and any projects they have started. Please register in advance.

- Thursdays January 10, 24, February 14, 28
 • 2:00-3:30 pm
- Central Library, Story Hour Room • Free

The Benefits of Planning Ahead: *Introduction to Meal Planning*

Are you looking for simple ways to minimize stress around planning meals, save time and money on food, and improve your overall health? Join Health and Wellness Coach Kristen Westcott as she explains the benefits of meal planning, including increasing your nutrition, decreasing food waste, and how just 60 minutes of prepping your meals in advance can save you hours of cooking later in the week.

- Tuesday, January 8 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

Cookbook Club

Do you enjoy cooking and want to share your love of food? The Cookbook Club is looking for new members. Try out new recipes and share results, pick up cooking tips and discuss your food experiences with others. Come join our own "food network". The club meets every second month.

- **Soups and Stews**
- Saturday, January 19 • 11am-12 noon
- Merritt Branch



For further details or to register, please call the Merritt Branch at 905-688-6103, ext. 400.





Brock Talks

Please join us for another exciting series of talks with Brock University's Faculty of Humanities. Professors will speak about their fascinating areas of research from a wide range of disciplines!

The Facer Street Gang Rides Again

The Facer Street Gang, including Maja Bannerman, Ron Edding, Terri Favro, and Stan Skrzyszewski, will share stories, songs, and poems dealing with both the darker and the lighter side of Facer Street and Niagara. Stan will also discuss his most recent book, *A Walk Down Facer Street: 1870 - 1939*, which celebrates the history of this vibrant, culturally rich neighbourhood where diversity still resides.

- Saturday, January 12 • 2:00-4:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

Invisible Animals

Professor Donna Szoke

Donna Szoke, Chair and Associate Professor of Visual Arts, Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts, will explore the role of invisible animals in her recent artwork. Donna's prints, videos, art installations, and media artwork question our relationships to animals, both seen and imaginary. She will speak about her work as "research-creation" and unpack the idea that making art is a form of doing research, and a way of creating new knowledge through visual art.

- Tuesday, January 15 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

Living Well with Dementia

January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month, and the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region will join us to present a **Finding Your Way® Forum** (www.findingyourwayontario.ca). The theme of this forum is "Living Well with Dementia", and it will bring together various community partners to provide information about supports and services in our community that can help people living with dementia and their families to continue to stay engaged and stay safe. Working together, we can support people with dementia to live well in our community.

- Thursday, January 17 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

Scientific Insights from Poets, Painters and Philosophers

Dr. Francine McCarthy

Although the creative arts appear to be separated from the natural and physical sciences by an enormous chasm, "scientific" research is a creative endeavor and artists interpret and draw inspiration from the natural world. Francine McCarthy, Professor and Graduate Program Director, Department of Earth Sciences, will examine how the many insights of creative artists and philosophers have enriched scientific inquiry through the millennia.

- Wednesday, February 27 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

More Brock Talks to be announced!

AUTHOR READING/BOOK SIGNING**Saturday Morning Author Series**

*Co-Sponsored by the
Canadian Authors Association, Niagara Branch*

Research:**A Seductive Distraction to Writing**

Experienced professional researcher Susan D. Young has contributed to several biographical and historical texts, as well as BBC2's ***Secret History of our Streets*** television series. Please join us as she demystifies the research process and shows you how to make research meaningful to your written work in setting, dialogue, plot, characters, and more! Susan will guide you through research avenues and explore how research can frame your arguments, provide rich anecdotes and impressive data.

- Saturday, February 16 • 10:00 am- 1:00 pm
- Central Library, Rotary/Bakers Room • Free

**Please register in advance
as seating is limited.**

**Shaking Parkinson's
By Eleanor Johnston**

Shaking Parkinson's is the story of Joyce Saunders, a musician who refuses to accept her Parkinson's diagnosis and tries to hide her illness from friends and family. Local author and retired teacher Eleanor Johnston drew on her own experience with Parkinson's disease to write this novel, which explores the challenges of learning to live with the complex neurodegenerative disease. Please join us as Eleanor reads from her book and discusses how patients and caregivers can adapt to the difficulties and uncertainty of living with Parkinson's.

- Wednesday, February 20 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

Online Fiction Book Club

You have heard of our Online Nonfiction Book Club and now you can join us for our Fiction Club on Goodreads.com. Each month we will feature a new fiction title to discuss. This free online platform gives you the flexibility to participate in a book club despite your busy schedule.

JANUARY – The Hate U Give, by Angie Thomas

Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds -- the poor, mostly black neighborhood where she lives and the wealthy, mostly white prep school that she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is soon shattered when she witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer. Facing pressure from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and decide to stand up for what's right.

FEBRUARY – The Great Alone, by Kristin Hannah

Hannah's vivid depiction of a struggling family begins as a young father and POW returns from Vietnam, suffering from PTSD. The Allbright family, barely making ends meet in 1974, moves from Seattle to the untamed wilderness of Kaneq, Alaska, to claim a parcel of land left to Ernt by a slain Army buddy. At first, Alaska seems to be the answer to their prayers, but in their small cabin the family soon learns that in the wild there is no one to save them but themselves.

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Online Nonfiction Book Club

Check out our online nonfiction book club hosted through **Goodreads.com**. This **free** online platform gives you the flexibility to participate in a book club despite your busy schedule. New members are always welcome.

JANUARY – Lose Well By: Chris Gethard

This book alerts readers to the fact that odds are -- failure is imminent. Chris Gethard, however, maintains that failure is an art form, and failure is the only way to discover who you are and what's most important to you. The author illustrates this philosophy with hilarious tales about his own missteps, misadventures, and public failures. With his trademark wit and inspiring storytelling, Gethard teaches us how to how to fail with grace, laugh on the way down, and as we dust ourselves off, how to turn our failures into opportunities.

FEBRUARY – Educated: A Memoir By: Tara Westover

Tara Westover was raised in a survivalist family in the mountains of Idaho - isolated from mainstream society. Hospitals and medical attention were forbidden and Westover did not receive a formal education until the age of 17. Her thirst for knowledge was transformational and she eventually earned a PhD from Cambridge University. Place this book on hold today, marvel at this remarkable coming-of-age story, and join the discussion online!

Online book club members will have a chance to win prizes just for participating. Visit the website below for more details.

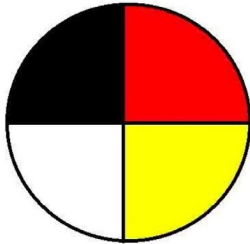
Find login instructions here:

<http://www.stcatharines.library.on.ca/index.php/services/book-clubs>

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Oodenaahn: A Place of Many Hearts

Local Indigenous consultant Jason Shawana will discuss the richness and beauty of Indigenous ways of being and knowing. This presentation will give an understanding of the impacts of colonization on Indigenous communities and family life through an experiential exercise that highlights what it means to live in a place of many hearts.

- Tuesday, March 5 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

EXPRESS CHECKOUT

Self-checkout terminals are now available at Central, Dr. Huq and Merritt locations to help make your visit quick and convenient. The machines are user-friendly and allow patrons to checkout most materials, review their account and pay fines.

BOOKS TO GO and HOLDS TO GO

@ Seymour-Hannah

Sports and Entertainment Centre

240 ST PAUL STREET WEST

Open daily 6:30 am to 11:00 pm

Excluding Holidays

BOOKS TO GO is a mini-library kiosk located in the main entrance of the Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre. It is accessible during Seymour-Hannah's open hours.

In order to borrow items, you must be 12 years and older, have a valid St. Catharines Public Library card and know your PIN, typically the last 4 digits of your phone number.

HOLDS TO GO is a service which allows St. Catharines Public Library patrons to request items from the Library's online catalogue and have them sent to the self-service holds locker(s) for pick up. In order to place and pick up holds, you will need a valid SCPL Library card and PIN, typically the last 4 digits of your phone number.

For more details on **BOOKS TO GO** and **HOLDS TO GO**, please pick up the brochures at any SCPL Branch, visit our website www.stcatharines.library.on.ca or call 905-688-6103, Ext. 210.



cloudLibrary Coming Soon!

On January 15, 2019, the St. Catharines Public Library will be offering an easier way to download eBooks and eAudiobooks. We are switching from OverDrive to a new and improved service called cloudLibrary. In addition to our current collection of approximately 6,000 titles, cloudLibrary will give you access to titles from other libraries in the Ontario cloudLink group. With cloudLibrary, you will have access to over 50,000 eBooks and eAudiobooks!

More information will be available on the St. Catharines Public Library's website soon.

Find it Online!

Maclean's Magazine Archive

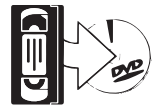
Love reading Maclean's Magazine? Then you'll love the Library's new online resource: Maclean's Magazine Archive! This resource offers access to every story and issue from 1905 to 2015. In full-text PDF format complete with original layout and advertisements, this searchable database provides an excellent perspective of this influential magazine. Click on the **Online Resources** tab on the Library's website and select **Newspapers & Magazines** to access this extensive resource.

PROCTORING SERVICES

The St. Catharines Public Library offers a proctoring service for those looking to take exams for distance education or professional certifications. There is a fee of \$25+HST for this service. Exam proctoring is by appointment and students must confirm a date and time with the Library two weeks prior to the examination date.

Please visit www.stcatharines.library.on.ca/services/proctoring or call 905-688-6103 ext. 211 for more information.

CONVERT YOUR VHS TAPES TO DVDs



You can now convert your personal VHS tapes to DVDs at the Central Library. The entire VHS tape or selected segments can be converted. Please note that the equipment will perform the conversion but it cannot change or improve upon the image on the VHS tape. Commercially produced tapes cannot be converted.

For more information or to book an appointment, please call the Adult Information Services Department at 905-688-6103, Ext. 211.

LIBRARY Hours

CENTRAL LIBRARY

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905-688-6103,

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Tues. - Thurs.	10 am - 9 pm
Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday	1:30 pm - 5 pm
	Oct. - Dec.
	Jan. - May

DR. HUQ FAMILY LIBRARY BRANCH

425 Carlton Street, L2M 4W8

905-934-7511

Tues. - Fri.	10 am - 8 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday	1:30 pm - 5 pm
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MERRITT LIBRARY BRANCH

149 Hartzel Road, L2P 1N6

905-682-3568

Tues. - Fri.	10 am - 8 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm

PORT DALHOUSIE LIBRARY BRANCH

23 Brock Street, L2N 5E1

905-646-0220

Tuesday	1 pm - 8 pm
Thursday	10 am - 8 pm
Saturday	11 am - 4 pm

Sunday Hours

Central Library
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Dr. Huq Family
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1:30 pm - 5 pm

January 6 - May 5, 2019

Closed Easter Sunday



SATURDAY MORNING GARDENING CLINICS

A Master Gardener will be in the
foyer of the Central Library
on Saturday, February 2
from 9:30 - 11:30 to answer your
gardening questions.

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Regular Meetings

Central, 54 Church Street

7:00 pm

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Thursday, February 21, 2019



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ATTENTION TEACHERS Research Skills Development For Grade 8 Students

Prepare your students for high school by introducing them to research and information resources (print and electronic) available at the library. We are now booking into early June 2019.

Call 905-688-6103, ext. 228 for further information or to book a visit.

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