NFPL GUIDE

SPRING 2024

Registration opens **Monday March 25**

KIDS

FOREST OF READING CELEBRATION

Join us in celebrating the winners of the Forest of Reading categories. Check to see if the books we've voted for match up with what Canada voted for. There will be activities, games and stories that highlight some of the great nominees. The Forest helps celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators. **All ages**

COM, STAM | Sunday May 26 | 1pm

PIGEON DAY! R

Celebrate the anniversary date of the Pigeon Books by coming to our Pigeon Day! Create your own cardboard creation vehicle (a bus? a sleigh? a roller coaster? The options are endless) and then pull up to watch Pigeon movies. **Ages 5-10**

VIC | Monday April 1 | 1:30pm

COMIC BOOK EXTRAVAGANZA & STAR WARS DAY

In partnership with Big B Comics Niagara, located next door to the Stamford Library! Crafts, free comics and more! Join us in celebrating both Free Comic Book Day and Star Wars Day! **All ages**

STAM | Saturday May 4 | 1pm

For more info, our most up-to-date calendar, & to register, visit us at **nflibrary.ca**

Virtual | Offsite | R Registration required

NIAGARA FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

KIDS

GIANT GAMES DROP IN
Games are more fun when they're huge! Come play oversized versions of some of your favourite games. **All ages**
COM | Monday Apr 1 | 10am

BUTTON MAKING
DIY customized buttons. Because who doesn't love a button? **All ages**
COM | Monday Apr 1 | 1pm

CREATION STATION
If you can imagine it, you can create it. We supply everything you need. **All ages**
CHIP ARENA | Saturday Apr 6 | 1pm

SENSORY PLAY SUNDAY
A slippery, sticky, hands-on experience. Dress to get messy. **All ages**
VIC | Sunday Apr 7 | 1pm
COM | Sunday May 5 | 1pm

PD DAY DROP-IN FUN
For this special PD Day all activities will be about space and the eclipse. Join us for games, crafts, obstacle courses, scavenger hunts and more. Have some fun at the library on your day off from school! Eclipse glasses will be given out to customers who attend this PD Day on a first come first serve basis. **All ages**
ALL LOCATIONS | Monday Apr 8 | 10am

THERAPY TAILS
It's "dog days" at the library with Therapy Tails. Read some stories and say hello to some furry friends. **All ages**
VIC | Saturday Apr 20 | 1pm
COM | Saturday May 18 | 1pm

1S, 2S & 3S R
Join us for songs, stories, music and activities. **Ages 1-3**
COM | Mondays Apr 15-May 13 | 10:30am
VIC | Tuesdays Apr 9-May 14 | 10:30am
CHIP ARENA | Wednesdays Apr 10-May 15 | 10:30am
STAM | Thursdays Apr 11-May 16 | 9:30am

SHAKE, SHIMMY & DANCE R
Make some noise and bring your dancing shoes for our music and movement storytime! **Ages 2-6**
STAM | Mondays Apr 15-May 13 | 9:30am
COM | Wednesdays Apr 10-May 15 | 10:30am
VIC | Thursdays Apr 11-May 16 | 10:30am

BABYTIME R
Have fun with music, rhymes, tickles and bounces. Let us introduce you and your baby to a variety of pre-reading activities that will build literacy skills! **Ages 0-1**
VIC | Mondays Apr 15-May 13 | 1:30pm
COM | Thursdays Apr 11-May 16 | 1:30pm

CREATION STATION
If you can imagine it, you can create it. We supply everything you need. **All ages**
COM | Wednesdays Apr 10-May 15 | 4pm

AFTER SCHOOL KIDS CLUB
Hang out, play games, and do crafts with your friends! **Ages 6+**
CHIP ARENA | Wednesdays Apr 10-May 15 | 4pm

FUN FOR ONES R
For babies who are walking and talking and their adult caregiver. Join us for songs, stories, music and activities **Ages 1-2**
VIC | Fridays Apr 12-May 17 | 10:30am

PUPPET MAKING R
In this five week workshop you will build your own puppet stage, create puppets and learn to bring them to life. **Ages 7-12**
VIC | Mondays Apr 15-May 13 | 6:30pm

READING BUDDIES R
A fun, weekly program that gives children one-to-one reading practice with a teen Reading Buddies volunteer. This program will be held virtually through Zoom. **Ages 5-10**
VIRTUAL | Thursdays Apr 11-May 16 | 4pm

LITTLE EXPLORERS
Join us for a play-based, STEAM based learning experience. We will have 6 unique stations out for children and families to explore. **Ages 0-5**
COM | Fridays Apr 12-May 17 | 10:30am

FAMILY STORYTIME R
Join us at the library for a fun, interactive storytime. Families will participate in songs, fingerplays, stories, and hands-on activities. **All ages**
STAM | Tuesdays Apr 9-May 14 | 6:30pm

STORY CIRCLE R

We invite you to join Miss Dianne for a Story circle. Come and join us for some songs, stories, rhymes and fingerplays all about Spring. Dianne Plummer-Tomlinson spent 50 years as an Early Childhood Educator. Some titles she held include being the Program Coordinator for the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program and an EarlyON Coordinator. **All ages**

VIC | Wednesday Apr 10 | 10:30am

DRAGONS LOVE TACOS PARTY

Join us for a funny story time adventure complete with a taco craft and dragon activities. **Ages 2-7**

VIC | Saturday Apr 13 | 1pm

PLAYDOUGH PARTY

Squish, stretch, and shape playdough in a variety of open-ended play activities suitable for all ages. Things could get messy, be prepared to make a mess!

Ages 2-12

COM | Sunday Apr 21 | 1pm

MESSY MASTERPIECES

It's time to get messy! Using a variety of creative materials and your imagination, get ready to make your unique masterpiece. **All ages**

VIC | Saturday Apr 20 | 11:30am

PAPER MOSAICS R

This class introduces the fascinating technique of mosaic art, using colourful paper pieces to create stunning images and patterns. Perfect for kids with a love for colour and craft. **Ages 6-10**

VIC | Wednesday Apr 24 | 4pm

STEM SATURDAYS

Enjoy storytime and then participate in a STEM-related craft experiment. **Ages 2+**

CHIP ARENA | Saturday Apr 27 | 1:30pm

VIC | Saturday May 25 | 1pm

ORIGAMI R

Explore the art of Origami! Perfect for curious minds and busy hands, this class will leave participants with an array of paper creations and the skills to continue exploring the art of origami on their own. Join us for this folding adventure, and watch your child's creativity unfold! **Ages 8+**

STAM | Tuesday May 7 | 4pm

ZENTANGLE R

Join us in the meditative art of Zentangle, a drawing method that combines structured patterns with creative freedom, making it accessible and enjoyable for children of all skill levels. **Ages 7-11**

VIC | Wednesday May 22 | 4pm

FAMILY BINGLOW R

Black light bingo, fun for the whole family. Play some bingo and try your chances at winning a book prize.

Ages 5+

VIC | Sunday Apr 28 | 1pm

LEGO® ROBOTICS

BEGINNER R

Children and caregivers work together to learn some basics of coding and robotics using LEGO® WeDo 1.0.

Ages 5-12

VIC | Tuesday May 21 | 4pm

ESSENTIAL R

Continue learning the basics of coding and robotics with our LEGO® robotic kits - SPIKE Essential. **Ages 6-12**

VIC | Tuesday May 28 | 4pm

TEENS

READING BUDDIES R
Mentor children, Grades KG-4, with reading practice and literacy-based activities. This program will be held virtually through Zoom. **Ages 13-17**
VIRTUAL | Thursdays Apr 11-May 16 | 4pm

COLLAGING R
Use an array of old magazines, coloured paper and colouring mediums to tell a story, convey emotions, or create a unique piece of artwork! **Ages 13 -18**
STAM | Tuesday Apr 16 | 3pm

SECRETS TO SCHOLARSHIPS R
There are more scholarships available than you may think, and can be a game changer for a student's career and financial well-being. This presentation will help empower attendees with information to find and win scholarships. Presented by Christopher Grafos, the founder of BridgesEDU Scholarships.
STAM | Thursday Apr 18 | 6:30pm

ZENTANGLE R
Join us in the joyful and meditative art of Zentangle, a drawing method that combines structured patterns with creative freedom, making it accessible and enjoyable for everyone. **Ages 13-18**
STAM | Tuesday May 14 | 3pm

PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR YOUTH R
Are you planning your education or looking to enter the workforce? Service Canada offered programs and services to assist you with both. Discover the grants and loans available to help you with your schooling. Research job opportunities and employment programs that will help you gain the experience you need to make career decisions. All of this information and more is available to you.
STAM | Tuesday May 28 | 3pm

ADULT

ONE BOOK ONE NIAGARA
Join the libraries of Niagara for the second annual OBON event. The community is encouraged to read In the Upper Country by Kai Thomas.

The event will feature a conversation between Thomas and local author Patty Krawec, followed by a Q&A and a book signing.

240 Thorold Rd, Welland
Welland Centennial Secondary School
Tuesday Apr 23 | 6:30pm

AUTHOR EVENTS

DAN SMEENK R
We are excited to have author Dan Smeenk come and speak about his book, "Autistic Adults: Exploring the Forgotten End of the Spectrum". Join us for a reading, conversation, Q&A and a signing at the end.
VIC | Monday Apr 15 | 6:30pm

DAVID LEE R
David Lee will be celebrating his trilogy's long-awaited completion, talking about its background and creation, and reading from the last book, The Great Outer Dark.
STAM | Tuesday May 21 | 6:30pm

JESSICA SHEPPARD R
We are excited to have Award-winning author Jessica Sheppard speak at our Library. She will do a book reading from her novel, "The Adventures of Izzy Adams: Descending into Darkness", offer a Q&A and will have books available for purchase at the end of the event.
STAM | Friday May 17 | 2pm

Donate today!

Your donations will support the future of the Niagara Falls Public Library

Visit our website to learn more and make a donation
nfpl.info/SupportNFPL

ADULTS

GAME CAFE
Join us for an afternoon of games, coffee, and laughs. Try your hand at scrabble, battleship, brain puzzles, card games and more.
CHIP ARENA | Fridays | 2pm

NEXT STEPS & ESSENTIAL CARES R
Families and friends of individuals with a diagnosis of dementia can learn more about dementia, develop caregiving strategies, and become familiar with community resources and support.
Register by calling 905-687-3914
COM | Wednesdays May 8-22 | 1:30pm

PAINTING WITH DONNA R
Join our very special paint class run by Donna. The program will take place in person at the Chippawa Arena where Donna will offer instruction virtually. Recreate a beautiful painting through step-by-step instructions. All materials included.
CHIP ARENA | Monday Apr 15 | 2pm
CHIP ARENA | Saturday May 18 | 11:30am

GRIEF CIRCLE R
Home Hospice will provide an eight-week, peer based support group that will balance the importance of sharing your story and understanding grief. This group has been designed for people whose loss has occurred at least three months prior to the group start date.
Register by emailing adultprograms@hospiceniagara.ca
VIC | Tuesdays Apr 9-May 28 | 6pm

DEATH CAFE R
A Death Cafe is a group, usually strangers, directed discussion of death, dying and all things surrounding those events with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group not a grief support or counselling session. We offer an accessible, respectful and confidential space.
VIC | Sunday May 26 | 12:30pm

KNITTING/CROCHET CLUB
Come join us for an evening of knitting and crocheting! Bring your current projects, share ideas, and who knows, you might get hooked! Bring your own supplies!
VIC | Thursdays Apr 11-May 30 | 7pm

MADE IN NIAGARA R
Join us as we walk down memory lane and take a look at some of the items that were made in Niagara Falls through a photo presentation. Niagara Falls has a long history of being a place where things were made. At one time, Niagara Falls was full of factories that made all sorts of things such as beverages, cereal, silverware, corsets and more! Many of us here may have a connection to these factories through spouses, friends, parents, other family members, or even you yourself!
STAM | Tuesday May 28 | 1:30pm

HOW TO DECLUTTER TOYS R
Overwhelmed with your kids' toys? Tired of tripping on them and not having a good system to keep them organized and under control? Decluttering expert Lori Hulett will walk you through how to declutter the toys and keep these systems in place.
VIC | Monday Apr 22 | 6:30pm

2SLGBTQ+ NEWCOMER SOCIAL DROP IN
Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre will be hosting a 2SLGBTQ+ Social Night for Newcomers and Refugees. Representatives from other Queer friendly organizations in Niagara will be joining us. Everyone is welcome.
VIC | Wednesday Apr 24 | 4:30pm

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP R
This Financial Literacy Workshop will look at budgeting, how to understand credit scores, smart saving strategies and provide an introduction to investing. There will also be a Q&A at the end with take home resources and toolkits for continued learning.
VIC | Thursday Apr 11 | 10am
VIC | Thursday Apr 25 | 2pm

CRAFTERNOONS
Join other crafters, knitters, crocheters and artists for an afternoon of creating and learning. Spend the afternoon sharing ideas, chatting and more.
COM | Mondays | 1:30pm*
STAM | Tuesdays | 1pm**
VIC | Thursdays | 1pm
Excluding *May 20 **May 28

NEWCOMER ENGLISH CLUB

Build speaking confidence and improve English conversation skills at a weekly program offered in partnership with Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre. Make new friends while learning about life in Canada and other programs and events in the community.

COM | Wednesdays | 3:30pm
VIC | Thursdays | 2pm

WREATH CRAFT R

Make a decorative wreath using recycled library books.

CHIP ARENA | Friday Apr 12 | 10am

LEGAL CLINIC

Free satellite legal clinic brought to you by Niagara Community Legal Clinic.

Register by calling 905-682-6635
VIC | Thursdays Apr 25, May 30 | 1pm

GARDEN ON A BUDGET R

Here we will explore money-saving gardening tips such as starting your own plants and conserving water. Learn how to successfully garden on a budget. Door prizes will be given out at the end of the workshop.

VIC | Thursday Apr 4 | 11am

EDIBLE ORNAMENTAL GARDENING R

Explore all the unique and beautiful plants that we can grow and eat. Door prizes will be given out at the end of the workshop.

VIC | Thursday May 2 | 11am

PIANO CONCERT

Please join us in welcoming Luis Gonzalez as he and his friends perform a piano concert. All ages

VIC | Saturdays Apr 13, May 18 | 1pm

ART JOURNALING

Dive into the colourful world of self-expression with our 3 class series of art journaling. Participants are asked to bring their own journal (ie. a sketchbook) & we will provide all the materials and journal prompts! (Participants are also welcome to bring their own photographs if desired).

VIC | Wednesday May 1, 8, 15 | 11am

MACRAME ART R

Learn the basics of Macrame knots! In this session we will be making a keychain.

VIC | Tuesday Apr 30 | 2pm

WELCOME TO CARP FISHING R

Dive into the captivating world of carp fishing with Kevin as your guide! Uncover the secrets of Canada's formidable sport fish, the Common Carp, as we delve into essential techniques on tackle, baiting, rigs, and optimal fishing spots. Explore not only the thrill of the catch but also the vital principles of safety, mindfulness, environmental stewardship and practicing catch and release.

CHIP ARENA | Tuesday Apr 23 | 6:30pm
CHIP ARENA | Friday May 24 | 10am

TAKING KIDS FISHING R

Embark on a memorable adventure with Kevin and discover the joys of taking kids fishing! Gain invaluable insights into creating unforgettable outings, equipped with essential tips on tackle, bait, safety, and optimal fishing spots. Plus, learn about our Tackle Share program, ensuring everyone has the gear they need for an unforgettable day of angling fun!

CHIP ARENA | Saturday Apr 13 | 1pm
STAM | Saturday May 18 | 1:30pm

PUZZLE DROP IN

Join us for a morning of puzzling! Work on your own, or work on a big group puzzle while socialising with other adults.

CHIP ARENA | Wednesdays May 22, 29, Jun 5 | 10:30am

NEUROGRAPHIC ART R

Join artist and teacher Ellen Smith as she gently guides you through the mindful art practice of neurographic art. Eclipse glasses will be given out to customers who attend this program on April 8.

VIC | Mondays Apr 8, May 6 | 10am

NATIONAL FILM DAY
MR. DRESS UP

For so many Canadians, Ernie Coombs and his character Mr. Dressup was an enduring childhood fixture, promoting the power of creativity, play and imagination. This heartwarming documentary traces the roots of this universally celebrated and uniquely Canadian children's programme, its enduring legacy, and how it stayed true to its aim throughout its run of almost 30 years. Join us on National Film day to watch and discuss this great documentary.

STAM | Thursday Apr 18 | 2pm

ADULTS

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS

EMAIL HELP R
In this session you will practice basic email functions including send, read, reply, forward, delete email, review how junk mail works and learn to attach files.
VIC | Monday Apr 15 | 10:30am

ANDROID HELP R
Have questions about your android device? Register for this class to learn more about your tablet or smartphone and how to access library electronic resources.
VIC | Monday Apr 29 | 1pm

APPLE HELP R
Have questions about your Apple device? Register for this class to learn more about your iPad or iPhone and how to access library electronic resources.
VIC | Monday May 13 | 10am

GOOGLE PRODUCTS R
In this session you will learn about the free Google products you have access to with your Gmail. This will include a quick overview of Google Sheets, Google Docs, Google Slides and Google Drive. A Gmail account is required to take this class.
VIC | Monday May 27 | 1pm

LOCATIONS & HOURS

VICTORIA AVENUE
4848 Victoria Ave
905-356-8080

Mon - Thu	9am - 8pm
Fri	9am - 5pm
Sat - Sun	11am - 3pm

COMMUNITY CENTRE
7150 Montrose Rd
905-371-1200

Mon - Thu	9am - 8pm
Fri	9am - 5pm
Sat - Sun	11am - 3pm

NOVELBRANCH
Book vending machine
@ the Chippawa Willoughby Memorial Arena
9000 Sodom Rd

STAMFORD CENTRE
3643 Portage Rd
905-357-0410

Mon - Thu	9am - 8pm
Fri	9am - 5pm
Sat - Sun	11am - 3pm

CHIPPAWA
3763 Main St
905-295-4391

Mon	12pm - 8pm
Wed	9am - 8pm
Fri	9am - 5pm
Sat	11am - 3pm

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