# NFPL GUIDE DECEMBER 2024

## **ALL AGES**

#### **GINGERBREAD CONTEST**

Throughout the month of December, pick up your gingerbread outline from any NFPL location and use your imagination to make them into your favourite book character. Winners will be awarded their own gingerbread house kit.

Gingerbread templates will be available starting Monday, December 2 at all locations.

Return your completed gingerbread art by Monday, December 30.

#### **TINY ART**

Show us your creative side - on a small scale!

Pick up a tiny canvas at any of our locations between December 16 and 28 to create your masterpiece at home (while supplies last) or attend one of our three drop in programs.

STAM | Monday Dec 9 | 4pm VIC | Monday Dec 16 | 4pm COM | Wednesday Dec 18 | 4pm

Return completed pieces by December 30.
Submitted artwork will be exhibited in January.

# TABLET DRAWING R Do you have a love for the

Do you have a love for the arts & want to explore digital drawing? Explore your skills using a drawing tablet. **Ages 13+** 

VIC | Thursday Dec 5 | 3:30pm

#### **SWITCHED ON GAMERS**

Work together. Battle it out. Test your skills on our Nintendo Switch. **Ages 9+**VIC | Friday Jan 3 | 1pm

# **TEENS**

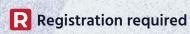
#### TRIVIA & HOT CHOCOLATE BAR R

You'll be quizzed on the best (and worst!) moments of 2024. Questions will include pop culture, books and media, and major events. Make a warm drink at our hot chocolate bar. **Ages 9+** 

VIC | Thursday Jan 2 | 1pm

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







# **KIDS**

#### **CREATIVE ONES**

This fun program uses a variety of sensory materials to grow your child's love of discovery. **Ages 1-2 +caregiver VIC | Monday Dec 2 | 1:30pm** 

COM | Monday Dec 16 | 1:30pm

#### LEGO® ROBOTICS | ESSENTIAL R

Continue learning the basics of coding and robotics with our LEGO® robotic kits - SPIKE Essential. **Ages 6+VIC | Tuesday Dec 3 | 4pm** 

#### **CREATION STATION**

If you can imagine it, you can create it. We supply everything you need. **All ages** 

STAM | Saturday Dec 7 | 1pm CHIP ARENA | Saturday Dec 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** 

COM | Saturday Dec 7 | 1pm

#### STUFFY SLEEPOVER R

Bring a stuffed animal and come in your favourite pjs to participate in a bedtime themed storytime. Say goodnight to your stuffy friend and be sure to check our Facebook page to see what they get up to overnight. **All ages** 

VIC | Tuesday Dec 10 | 6:30pm

### DIY PHOTO COASTERS R

Bring in your favourite photo and create your own personalized photo coasters. Keep them for yourself or give them to someone special. **Ages 8+** 

VIC | Wednesday Dec 11 | 4pm

#### **PLAYDOUGH PARTY**

Enjoy a multi sensory experience while you explore, shape and create with playdough. **Ages 6+** 

VIC | Saturday Dec 14 | 1pm

#### SENSORY PLAY SUNDAY

A slippery, sticky, hands-on experience. Dress to get messy. **All ages** 

COM | Sunday Dec 15 | 1pm

#### **ORNAMENT FUN!** R

Join us for a festive holiday crafting program where kids can create their own unique ornaments! Using materials like popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners, pom-poms, and more, children will have fun making colourful decorations to take home. **Ages 6+** 

VIC | Tuesday Dec 17 | 4pm

#### **ELF ACADEMY**

Join us for a whimsical adventure where you can craft your very own elf name, design your own playful elf ears, and dive into a variety of exciting reindeer games! Unleash your creativity and join the fun. **Ages 4-8 COM | Thursday Dec 19 | 4pm** 

#### **BLOCK PARTY**

Pretend you're the architect! Build whatever you like using your imagination and a variety of blocks. **All ages COM | Sunday Dec 22 | 1pm** 

#### **THERAPY TAILS**

It's "dog days" at the library with Therapy Tails. Read some stories and say hello to some furry friends.

#### All ages

COM | Saturday Dec 28 | 1pm

#### **GIANT GAMES DROP IN**

Games are more fun when they're huge! Come play oversized versions of some of your favourite games.

All ages

VIC | Saturday Dec 28 | 1pm

# COUNTDOWN TO NEW YEARS EVE R AT NOON

Decorate your party hat and get your dancing shoes on. Don't miss our countdown to noon to celebrate the New Year. **All ages** 

VIC | Tuesday Dec 31 | 11:30am

#### **BOOK BUZZ R**

Spark a love of reading through exciting stories and literacy games. **Ages 7-11** 

COM | Thursday Jan 2 | 1pm

#### MAKE YOUR OWN CANDY CANE FOREST R

Create your very own whimsical and enchanting forest using ice cream cones and a variety of candy and embellishments. **Ages 6+** 

VIC | Friday Jan 3 | 11am

## **ADULTS**

#### **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 | 12:30pm VIC | Thursdays | 1pm

#### **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

#### **CHESS CLUB**

Drop in and enjoy a friendly game of chess with other adults. No experience? No problem! Get some pointers from our resident chess enthusiasts. Chess sets provided, but players are also welcome to bring their own. Ages 16+

COM | Thursdays | 3pm

#### HATHA YOGA R **ALL LEVELS**

Join us for a gentle Hatha Yoga class. This class will focus on pictures and movement that will help stretch and strengthen your body, bring you into alignment and quiet your mind, allowing you to feel refreshed and ready to enjoy your day. Please bring your own yoga mat and arrive 5 minutes early.

STAM | Tuesdays Dec 3, 10, 17 | 9:15am

#### 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 | Tuesdays Dec 3, 10, 17 | 7pm

## ORNAMENT DECORATING R

Get creative and decorate your own ornament. VIC | Wednesday Dec 4 | 11am

#### **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS R**

Join in on the action and adventure as we campaign our way through the world of Dungeons and Dragons. No previous gaming experience required!

VIC | Thursdays Dec 5, 12, 19 | 6:30pm

#### **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 Dec 6, 13, 20 | 2pm

#### PENCIL CRAYON COLOURING R

Join Carol, retired teacher and colouring enthusiast. to learn about shading, colour choice, the colour wheel, blending, and the benefits of colouring on pre-drawn pictures.

STAM | Monday Dec 9 | 6:30pm

#### NEUROGRAPHIC ART R

Neurographic Art is a relaxing art form that allows participants to create interesting abstract art. It is a peaceful and calming experience.

VIC | Tuesday Dec 10 | 10am

#### INSURANCE INFORMATION SESSION R

This session will provide a better understanding of life insurance in Ontario and will help you become a better informed consumer. This session is particularly geared for newcomers and refugees, but all are welcome.

VIRTUAL | Tuesday Dec 10 | 3pm

## YOUTUBE BASICS FOR SENIORS R

Discover how to navigate, browse, and interact with videos on YouTube. Learn how to use this powerful platform to access information, entertainment, and more! VIC | Wednesday Dec 11 | 2:30pm

#### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

Drop in for a visit and celebrate the holidays with crafts and music. There will be crafts for all ages. CHIP ARENA | Wednesday Dec 11 | 3pm - 6pm

## **ADULTS**

#### **PUZZLE EXCHANGE**

Do you have puzzles you've already done, but don't want to throw out? If they are in good condition and have all their pieces, why not bring them to our puzzle exchange? This is a 1 for 1 exchange, so the more people who participate, the more variety of puzzles there will be!

VIC | Thursday Dec 12 | 6pm

#### SILENT BOOK CLUB R

Join a group of book lovers for an afternoon of silent reading. Chat with your fellow readers from 12:00-12:30, then settle down to read whatever book you choose for one hour. Then, have another half hour to discuss what you're reading, want to read, or other bookish topics.

STAM | Saturday Dec 14 | 12pm

#### **GNOME ORNAMENT**

Stop by and make a yarn gnome ornament just in time for the holiday season. Perfect to hang on the tree or to add some fun winter decor to your home.

VIC | Saturday Dec 14 | 1pm

#### 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 Dec 16 | 1:30pm

#### ZENTANGLES R

Create beautiful works in an easy-to-learn and relaxing way using repetitive patterns.

VIC | Tuesday Dec 17 | 9:30am

#### **LEGAL CLINIC**

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

Drop in or register by calling 905-682-6635 VIC | Thursday Dec 19 | 1pm

#### PIANO CONCERT

Please join us in welcoming Luis Gonzalez as he and his friends perform a piano concert. At 12:30pm Luis will speak about the music he is about to play including the history and information about the composers. The concert will officially begin at 1pm.

VIC | Sunday Dec 22 | 12:30pm

# **LOCATIONS & HOURS**

#### **HOURS** (ALL LOCATIONS)

Monday - Thursday.....9am - 8pm Friday......9am - 5pm Saturday - Sunday ......11am - 3pm

#### **VICTORIA AVENUE**

4848 Victoria Ave | 905-356-8080

#### **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

7150 Montrose Rd | 905-371-1200

#### STAMFORD CENTRE

3643 Portage Rd | 905-357-0410

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