



NFPL

GUIDE

SUMMER 2025

Registration opens **Monday June 16**

CHIPPAWA PROGRAMS ON THE MOVE!

Our new Chippawa Library location is opening this summer!

We're excited to bring full service back to the Chippawa community but we're still waiting for a firm opening date.

For now, Chippawa programs are being relocated to our other locations. Keep a lookout for the arrow - this means the program will move to the new Chippawa Library once it's open!

Check nfpl.info/Chippawa to stay up to date.



For more info, our most up-to-date calendar, & to register, visit nfplibrary.ca



Registration required



Chippawa program



Offsite



KIDS

JUMPIN' JAMBOREE **R**

TEAM T&J's Kids Jumpin' Jamboree takes interactive entertainment to incredible heights with a high-energy, super-powered music show for every kid & family. This is a live experience like you've never seen!

VIC | Wednesday Jul 2 | 3:30pm

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE BEGINNER

Special guest Christina Moreau, OCT, American Sign Language (ASL) Professor from George Brown College, will be teaching us some basic practical phrases in ASL. Learn how to greet someone, introduce yourself, talk about numbers & colours, & more! **Ages 6-12**

Our instructor is deaf, so there will be limited verbal cues during the class

VIC | Thursdays Jul 3 - 31 | 1pm*

**excluding Jul 10*

WATERCOLOUR ART **R**

Get creative by adding colour to the art sketches from our Local History Collection. The public domain art will be your backdrop as you use watercolour to give these pieces a new look. **Ages 9+**

VIC | Thursday Jul 3 | 2pm

PLAYDOUGH PARTY

Enjoy a multi sensory experience while you explore, shape & create with playdough. **All ages**

STAM | Saturday Jul 5 | 11:30 am

1S, 2S & 3S **R**

Join us for songs, stories, music & activities. **Ages 1-3**

COM | Mondays Jul 7 - Aug 11 | 10:30am*

VIC | Tuesdays Jul 8 - Aug 12 | 10:30am

➡ VIC | Wednesdays Jul 9 - Aug 13 | 10:30am

STAM | Thursdays Jul 10 - Aug 14 | 10:30am

**excluding Aug 4*

SHAKE, SHIMMY & DANCE **R**

Make some noise & bring your dancing shoes for our music & movement storytime! **Ages 2-6**

STAM | Mondays Jul 7 - Aug 11 | 10:30am*

COM | Wednesdays Jul 9 - Aug 13 | 10:30am

VIC | Fridays Jul 11 - Aug 15 | 10:30am

**excluding Aug 4*

BABYTIME **R**

Have fun with music, rhymes, tickles & bounces. Let us introduce you & your baby to a variety of pre-reading activities that will build literacy skills! **Ages 0-1**

VIC | Mondays Jul 7 - Aug 11 | 1:30pm*

COM | Thursdays Jul 10 - Aug 14 | 1:30pm

**excluding Aug 4*

FAMILY ART **R**

Enjoy creating, getting messy & learning new skills with your whole family. Each week you will work on a project & get to take it home with you. **Ages 5+**

A caregiver must stay for this program

VIC | Mondays Jul 7 - Jul 28 | 6pm

STEAM TEAM

Explore a STEAM activity every week as we learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math! **Ages 9-12**

COM | Mondays Jul 7 - Aug 11 | 2pm*

**excluding Aug 4*

MINI STEAM

Explore a STEAM activity every week as we learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math! **Ages 6-8**

STAM | Tuesdays Jul 8 - Aug 12 | 2pm

VIC | Wednesdays Jul 9 - Aug 13 | 10:30am

FAMILY STORYTIME **R**

Join us for a fun, interactive storytime. Families will participate in songs, fingerplays, stories, & hands-on activities. **All ages**

STAM | Tuesdays Jul 8 - Aug 12 | 6:30pm

SNAKE BREAK

Drop in to meet our special summer guest: a ssssensational, sssslithery snake! Come pet & hold the snake or just say hello anytime between 2 - 2:30pm every Wednesday afternoon. Learn more about the snake & ask the handlers questions. **All ages**

VIC | Wednesdays Jul 9 - Aug 27 | 2pm

FUN FOR ONES **R**

Join us for songs, stories, music & activities. **Ages 1-2**

For babies who are walking & talking & their adult caregiver

VIC | Thursdays Jul 10 - Aug 14 | 10:30am

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Join us for a play-based, STEAM based learning experience. We will have 6 unique stations for children & families to explore. **Ages 0-5**

➡ **COM** | **Fridays Jul 11 - Aug 15** | **10:30am**

MESSY MASTERPIECES

It's time to get messy! Get ready to make a unique masterpiece using a variety of creative materials & your imagination. **All ages**

COM | **Saturday Jul 12** | **11:30am**

POSTCARDS TO OUR TWIN CITY LOCAL HISTORY PROGRAM

We're sending postcards to Niagara Falls Public Library in New York! Come in to look at Local History's collection of vintage postcards & make a postcard to send across the river. Can't make it? Pick up a postcard from any of our locations. **All ages**

Please return your completed postcard by August 8

COM | **Thursday July 17** | **2pm**

STAM | **Monday July 21** | **2pm**

THERAPY TAILS

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

VIC | **Saturday Jul 19** | **11:30am**

COM | **Saturday Aug 16** | **11:30am**

SENSORY PLAY SUNDAY

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

STAM | **Sunday Jul 20** | **11:30am**

GIANT GAMES

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

All ages

VIC | **Saturday Jul 26** | **11:30am**

BLOCK PARTY

Pretend you're the architect! Drop in for our always fun block party! We have all kinds of blocks & LEGO® for all ages - come build something amazing! **All ages**

COM | **Sunday Jul 27** | **11:30am**

VIC | **Saturday August 16** | **11:30am**

BUTTON MAKING

DIY customized buttons. Because who doesn't love a button? **All ages**

STAM | **Saturday Aug 2** | **11:30am**

HOURL OF CODE GET TO KNOW SCRATCH

Scratch is a coding website that helps children learn the basics of coding through creating games, stories, & more. We'll spend an hour exploring Scratch's website & going through coding activities. **Ages 6+**

VIC | **Thursday Aug 7** | **2pm**

LEGO® CHALLENGE

Join us for a fun afternoon of building! Make new friends & challenge yourself to create your own designs & build lots of structures. **Ages 5+**

COM | **Saturday Aug 9** | **11:30am**

UNDER THE SEA CRAFT

Create some fun underwater creatures. **Ages 7+**

➡ **STAM** | **Monday Aug 11** | **6:30pm**





KIDS

PLAY WITH CLAY CREATIONS

Have fun creating your own one-of-a-kind clay masterpiece. **Ages 6+**

VIC | Friday Aug 15 | 11am

PUZZLE PARTY

Families can choose from an assortment of puzzles to complete together. **All ages**

VIC | Sunday August 17 | 11:30am

BOARD GAME NIGHT

Join us for some classic board games. Haven't played before or want to try something new? We'll teach you how to play!

 **STAM | Monday Aug 18 | 6:30pm**

MIXED MEDIA ART CLASS

Get creative by remixing art from our Local History Collection. The public domain art will be your backdrop as you use collage materials, markers, & pencil crayons to create a new masterpiece! **Ages 9+**

VIC | Thursday Aug 21 | 2pm

STEM SATURDAYS

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

 **COM | Saturday Aug 23 | 11:30am**

CREATION STATION

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

COM | Sunday August 24 | 11:30am

KINDERGARTEN 101

Help your child get ready for school with Kindergarten 101. Our kindergarten-style storytime routine is designed to foster independence & play-based learning. Parents & caregivers foster independence by leaving the program (but not the Library) & return for the final 20 minutes to participate in activities with their child.

Children must be starting Kindergarten for the first time in Fall 2025

VIC | Monday Aug 25 - Wednesday Aug 27 | 10am

REPTILE SHOW

Have you enjoyed getting to know our friendly snake all summer long? Come to the reptile presentation & meet some of the fascinating reptiles that call Ontario home. After the presentation there will be an opportunity for everyone to pet & hold some of the animals & ask questions. **All ages**

VIC | Saturday Aug 30 | 11:30am

ADULTS

CRAFTERNOONS

Join other crafters, knitters, crocheters & artists for an afternoon of creating & learning. Spend the afternoon sharing ideas, chatting & more.

COM | Mondays | 1:30pm*

STAM | Tuesdays | 1pm**

VIC | Thursdays | 1pm

*excluding Aug 4

**excluding Jul 1

ENGLISH CLUB IN THE LOOP

This welcoming & dynamic English club is designed for learners. Our focus is on engaging & educational activities that build language skills in meaningful ways. From reading & discussing short stories, offering guest speaker sessions & skill-based workshops, we aim to keep members "in the loop" with language, culture, & community.

VIC | Mondays | 6pm*

*excluding Aug 11

ENGLISH CAFE

In a relaxed, friendly space English learners come together to practice, connect, & grow. Like your favorite café, it's all about good conversation—only here, the menu includes fun topics, interactive games, & occasional themed sessions to help boost your English confidence & fluency.

COM | Wednesdays | 3:30pm

ENGLISH CLUB NEWCOMERS

Build speaking confidence & improve English conversation skills in our weekly program. Make new friends while learning about life in Canada & other programs & events in the community.

VIC | Thursdays | 2pm

CHESS CLUB

Drop in anytime between 3pm - 6pm & enjoy a friendly game of chess with other adults. No experience? No problem! Get some pointers from our resident chess enthusiasts. **Ages 16+**

COM | Thursdays | 3pm

GAME CAFE

Join us for an afternoon of games, coffee, & laughs. Try your hand at Scrabble, Battleship, brain puzzles, card games & more.

➡ **COM | Fridays | 2pm**

BUSTED CANVAS

Bust down conventions & go beyond the barriers with Mod Podge! We'll show you how to create your very own busted canvas.

➡ **STAM | Monday Jul 7 | 6pm**

LEGAL CLINIC

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

Drop in or register by calling 905-682-6635

VIC | Thursdays Jul 3, 31, Aug 7, 28 | 1pm -3pm

NEUROGRAPHIC ART

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

VIC | Tuesday Jul 8, Aug 12 | 10am

FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE BASICS

Together we'll go over how to browse, buy & sell items, & cover safety tips for buyers & sellers when using Facebook Marketplace.

Participants are encouraged to bring a device already logged into Facebook Marketplace

VIC | Thursday Jul 10 | 2pm

EMBROIDERED BOOKMARK

Create a beautiful embroidered bookmark. Follow a pattern, or create a design of your own.

Embroidery skills not required

VIC | Thursday Jul 10 | 6:30pm

ADULTS

TWIN HEARTS MEDITATION

With soothing guidance, this program encourages mindfulness & stress reduction, making it perfect for all experience levels.

 **STAM** | Saturday Jul 12 | 11:30am

VIC | Saturday Aug 23 | 11:30am

PUZZLE MAKING SOCIAL

Join us for a fun evening of puzzle making & laughter.

 **STAM** | Monday Jul 14 | 6pm

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VIC | Wednesday Jul 15 | 10am

ROCK PAINTING

Learn the art of painting on rocks for crafters as well as fine artists. Learn how to use Posca acrylic paint pens.

Participants are welcome to bring their own flat rock

 **STAM** | Saturday Jul 19 | 1pm

WIRE TREE OF LIFE SUNCATCHER

Create a beautiful wired craft to hang in your window.

 **STAM** | Monday Jul 21 | 6pm

ZENTANGLES

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

VIC | Tuesday Jul 22, Aug 26 | 10am

FUN & GAMES DROP IN

Come out & join in card games, board games & a lot of laughter.

 **STAM** | Monday Jul 28 | 6pm

NACCO MOVIE NIGHT

Join the Niagara African Caribbean Culture Organization (NACCO) each month for a movie from the National Film Board of Canada.

VIC | Wednesday Jul 30 | 4pm The Stand

VIC | Wednesday Aug 27 | 4pm North Star

NACCO ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS

Join the Niagara African Caribbean Culture Organization (NACCO) each month for helpful information on being a newcomer to Canada.

VIC | Friday Jul 4 & Aug 1 | 11am

PRODUCE MARKET

Stop by the fresh produce pop up market hosted by Links for Greener Learning & United Way.

First come first serve

VIC | Thursdays Jul 10, Aug 14 | 12pm

CROCHET GRANNY SQUARE TOTE BAG

Come learn the granny stitch & how to make a granny square tote bag.

Beginner crochet skill required

VIC | Thursday Aug 7 | 6:30pm

JEWELLERY MAKING

Discover the art of jewellery making and learn to use essential tools through a series of guided projects. Then, choose from over 20 different projects to apply your new skills. Previous students with introductory experience are welcome to join

Participants are welcome to bring their own beads

STAM | Saturday Aug 9 | 1pm

HUMAN LIBRARY ON THE BRUCE TRAIL

Join us for a cultural exchange on the beautiful Bruce Trail! In this unique program, each experienced Bruce Trail hiker becomes a “book” to be borrowed by a newcomer or English language learner for a guided walk & meaningful conversation.

 **OFFSITE** | Monday Aug 11 | 5pm

WATERCOLOUR ART

Get creative by adding colour to the art sketches from our Local History Collection The public domain art will be your backdrop as you use watercolour to give these pieces a new look.

VIC | Wednesday Aug 13 | 10am

SUMMER BOOK CLUBS

BEADED PLANT **R**

Create your own viral beaded plant! Using a selection of beads, wire & a small pot, we'll make a fun hanging plant that can't die!

VIC | Thursday Aug 14 | 6:30pm

PAPER QUILLING **R**

Paper quilling is hundreds of years old. This craft uses paper strips curled into interesting shapes for cards, frames, shadow boxes, & even jewellery. Learn basic shapes through guided projects.

➡ STAM | Saturday Aug 16 | 1pm

PRESERVING VHS TAPES **R** LOCAL HISTORY PROGRAM

Our Local History team will show you how to use the Library's Digitization Station. Then, you can come back to the library on another day to transfer your movies from VHS to a USB so they last for generations.

VIC | Saturday August 30 | 12pm

Interested in our book clubs but can't commit to a full season? Join us for one of our special book clubs in July or August.

SUMMER FLING **R** THRILLER EDITION

We will read **If We Were Villains** by **M. L. Rio**. The book will be available the month before the meeting & can be picked up at the Victoria Avenue Library.

VIC | Thursday Jul 17 | 7pm

SUMMER FLING **R** LOVE STORY EDITION

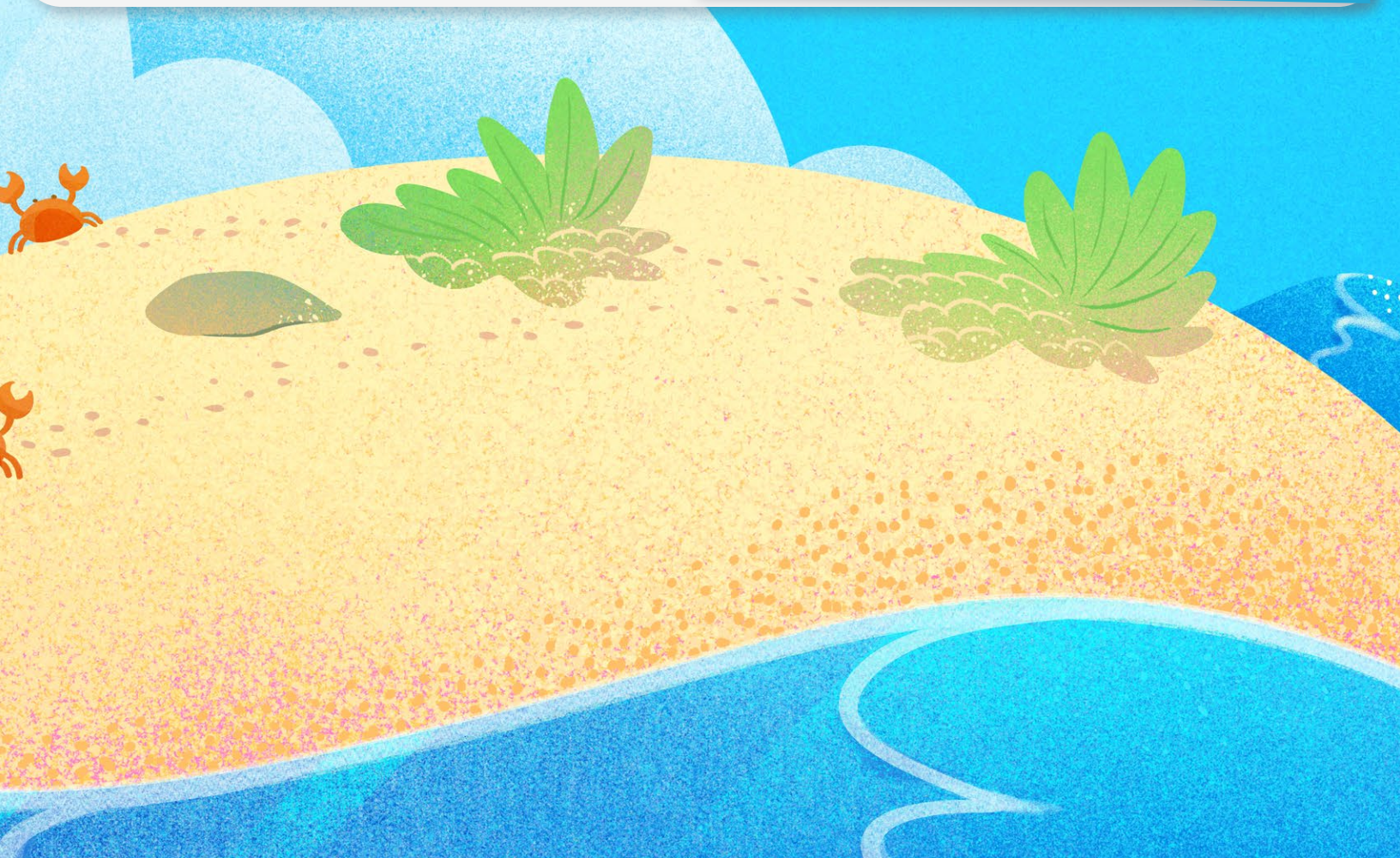
We will read **My Oxford Year** by **Julia Whelan**. This is a love story that will make you swoon (& maybe cry) & will have a movie adaptation on Netflix. The eBook & audiobook are available on Hoopla.

VIC | Tuesday Jul 29 | 7pm

SUMMER FLING **R** SCIENCE FICTION EDITION

We will read **Our Wives Under the Sea** by **Julia Armfield**. The book will be available the month before the meeting & can be picked up at the Victoria Avenue Library.

VIC | Thursday Aug 21 | 7pm



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



Chippawa Library coming this summer!

3848 Main St

check nfpl.info/Chippawa
to stay up to date.

PARK VISITS

We'll be at parks & pools throughout Niagara Falls every week during the summer, weather permitting. Visits will begin Monday, July 7 & the last park visit will be on Friday, August 22. Register for our Summer Reading Club, redeem your points for beads, & take part in activities for all ages. The library Bookmobile will be at some of our visits this summer to provide additional library service.

The visit will be cancelled if there is inclement weather or a heat warning & the Bookmobile is not visiting the park. Check our website for updates.

Mondays

Buck Hinsperger | 2pm - 4pm

Tuesdays

F. H. Leslie Park +BKM | 2pm - 4pm

Wednesdays

Butternut Park | 2pm - 4pm

Thursdays

Niagara Falls Lions Pool +BKM | 2pm - 4pm

Carolyn Park +BKM | 5:30 - 7:30pm

Fridays

Deerfield Park | 2pm - 4pm

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