



**Passport to Literacy Activity**



- ◆ Pick up your FREE *Passport to Literacy* at the library
- ◆ Follow the GPS coordinates or street address to the **checkpoint**.
- ◆ Complete the **literacy activity** at the checkpoint. Get your passport stamp.
- ◆ **Return** your passport to the library to enter into a draw for some great prizes.

**Thanks** to our local businesses who are checkpoints and prize donors.

Brought to you by PLOW and Perth-Middlesex Early Years.

**Time Out with Authors**  
 on Thursdays in February

SPL Auditorium 12-1pm All Welcome

Calling all Book Lovers! Meet some of the many authors who call Stratford home.

- Feb. 2 Local history writer  
**Dean Robinson**
- Feb. 9 Award winning young adult and children's author  
**Marthe Jocelyn**
- Feb. 16 New York Times Best selling Romance and Fantasy novelist  
**Deborah Cooke**  
 (aka Claire Delacroix / Claire Cross)
- Feb. 23 Historical biographer  
**Diane Egerton**



Refreshments provided.  
 Supported by The Thursday Noon Hour Club



**Stratford-Perth County Branch**

You are invited to help launch the  
**Stratford-Perth County Historical Plaque Program**

Sunday February 5, 2012 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
 Stratford Public Library Auditorium

Plaques will be presented to 12 property owners. They will help tell the story of the ordinary people who lived, worked and shared in the life of the community.

Supported by a grant from the Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation.

*The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario was founded in 1933 to assist in preserving Ontario's architecturally significant landscapes and structures – not just those of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, but modern and contemporary ones, as they are all part of our heritage. ACO seeks to educate and advocate.*

**WATERLOO LECTURES**

**HARRY POTTER: Heroic Fantasy, Murder Mystery or Video Game?**

With Neil Randall, PhD, Associate Professor, English, University of Waterloo

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 7:00 PM-9:00 pm

The two-hour lectures at the Stratford Public Library are free of charge and open to the public.

Details: [stratfordcampus.uwaterloo.ca/programs/lectures/waterloo/descriptions.php](http://stratfordcampus.uwaterloo.ca/programs/lectures/waterloo/descriptions.php)

**PERSONAL FINANCE 401**

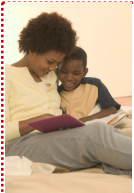


**RRSP or TFSA? What's the difference?**

Build your retirement plan and understand what you're getting. Not sure of the acronyms? Come and find out at this FREE information session.

Thursday, February 16th - 1:30 - 3pm or 7 - 8:30 pm

Presented by Betsy Prospero, CFP and Carien Jutting, CFP, Fiscal Wellness, Stratford.



**Story Time** : register now  
The 8 week session is FREE thanks to The Friends of SPL, and begins January 18 and 19.

**Babytime** A time of songs, lullabies and tickles for parents and their babies, ages 8-18 months accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Wednesday mornings 10:30 to 11am

**Tales for Twos** An introduction to the Library, to early literacy and to group activities, with stories, rhymes, and songs. Children 18 to 30 months must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11am

**Story Garden** Stories, music and a craft for pre-schoolers ages 2<sup>1/2</sup> - 5. Parents/caregivers are welcome to join in the 45 minute program.

Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:15am

## Surveys .....we have Surveys!



[www.stratford.library.on.ca](http://www.stratford.library.on.ca)

### How Can SPL Help You?

The Library wants to hear from as many people, and as many perspectives, as possible

- ♦ about how you want the next 5-7 years to go for you and your community
- ♦ about how the library might help.

[www.stratford.library.on.ca/librarytomorrow.html](http://www.stratford.library.on.ca/librarytomorrow.html)

## OUR LIBRARY TOMORROW IMAGINE THE FUTURE

Share your vision and thoughts on the library

### Make the library your entertainment centre.

How much would you pay out-of-pocket for your library services? Do the math!

[www.stratford.library.on.ca/calculator.html](http://www.stratford.library.on.ca/calculator.html)

### Library Hours

Sunday	2pm-5pm
Monday	1pm-9pm
Tuesday	10am-9pm
Wednesday	10am-9pm
Thursday	10am-9pm
Friday	10am-6pm
Saturday	10am-5pm
CLOSED Family Day Feb. 20	



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**ONLINE :** 24/7



## Audio Book Cloud

This is an online audio book library collection of streaming audio books.

Your Audio Book Cloud books are never all checked out, never on hold. As many people can listen to the same book at the same time as you like (your audio book club!) Titles include unabridged high quality audio versions of classics of American and world literature, non-fiction, fiction, and children and teen books.



### MONDAY

6:30 - 7:15 **Whale of a Tale @ SPL** (preschoolers) FREE drop-in Note: No program on holiday Mondays.

### TUESDAY

**GOOD BOOK GROUP - 4th TUESDAY** of each month.

Read the book, join the discussion. 7:00pm at SPL

Contact: J Patterson 519.273.3523

January 24 *The Know-It-All* by A.J. Jacobs

February 28 *The Room* by Emma Donoghue

### THURSDAY

1:30 - 3:00 **Thursday Theatre @ Optimist Hall**, 72 Water Street, Stratford. \$2.00 / person includes snack.

**FRIDAY** [last Friday of each month]

### Donation Day

Next Donation Day will be **January 27**.

We accept good used books, cds, movies.

Details 519.271.0220 ext. 34

**Please: No magazines, textbooks, or musty items!**