We love libraries.

Every October, we get the chance to celebrate libraries in a BIG way during Ontario Public Library Week.

Come and celebrate with us!

**OCT 20 - 26** | Food For Fines
**OCT 21** | Booktoberfest
**OCT 25** | PCIN 20th Anniversary Celebration

**Ontario Public Library Week**
Oct 20 - 26
"When in doubt, go to the library."
- J.K. Rowling

Stratford Public Library – Ever. Wonder.
**MONDAYS**
6:30 – 7:15

**WHALE OF A TALE**
Looking for ways to make learning to read a playful experience? Join us for interactive storytelling, songs, puppets, crafts, and play.
**LOCATION:** STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

**TUE SEP 3 TO OCT 8**
10:00 – 11:30

**WIGGLY WORMS**
Wiggle, wiggle, wiggle! At Wiggly Worms, we're all about wiggling! Explore gross motor activities, dramatic play, sensory stations, and more!
**LOCATION:** FESTIVAL MARKETPLACE SHOPPING CENTRE, 1067 ONTARIO ST.

**WED SEP 12 TO DEC 12**
10:00 – 11:30

**PARENTS & TOTS (PLOW)**
Play, sing and read together! Join Public Library on Wheels (PLOW) to share in the fun of learning. Library materials are available to take home and enjoy.
**LOCATION:** AVON MENNONITE CHURCH (90 GREENWOOD DRIVE, STRATFORD)

**FRI SEP 13**

**IT’S A MYSTERY | 10:30-11:30AM**
Grab your detective hat and a magnifying glass for this mysterious STEAM program!
**LOCATION:** STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

**SPL BIKE RALLY | 2:00-4:00PM**
Rally at the Skate Park for bike repair, cycle safety, vinyl cut decorations and more!
**LOCATION:** ALL WHEELS SKATE PARK

**TUE OCT 1 TO NOV 19**
4:00 - 4:30
4:30 - 5:00

**READING BUDDIES**
Reading is better with a buddy! This 8 week reading support program gives children one-to-one reading practice with a volunteer. French and English buddies available.
**LOCATION:** STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY LOWER FLOOR
**REGISTRATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 3. PROGRAM RUNS OCT 1 - NOV 19.**
**REGISTER:** TMACGREGOR@PCIN.ON.CA / X 140

**TUE SEP 3 TO OCT 8**
10:00 – 11:30

**CUSHION CONCERT: DRUM CIRCLE WITH SAM KARGUS**
Come and be part of a drum circle! Learn how to hand drum with the djembe, darbuka, and frame drums! All ages welcome!
**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STRATFORD SYMPHONY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
**LOCATION:** STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

**WEEKLY**

**BABY STEPS**
Giggles! Bounces! Oh My! Join Diane for a morning of rhymes, songs and stories for babies with their parents and caregivers. Come early to socialize and play before storytime.
**WEDNESDAYS, 10:15AM - 11:15AM | OCT 2 - NOV 20**

**STORY STARTERS**
Activity stations bring stories to life which help children learn through play, talking, singing, listening and reading.
**THURSDAYS, 10:30AM - 11:30AM | OCT 3 - NOV 21**
STRESS AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS
Are you feeling anxious or stressed? We are recognizing Canadian Mental Illness Awareness Week with a discussion on emotional wellness with Morgan Kneider Patterson. Teens and adults welcome.
REGISTER: shengeveld@pcin.on.ca / x 131
LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

TEEN WRITING WORKSHOP | SAT NOV 2, 2-3PM
Local award-winning author/illustrator Marthe Jocelyn will be offering tips and tricks for creative writing at this free writing workshop. No experience required! Registration is required.
To register: contact Sally at shengeveld@stratford.ca / 519.271.0220 x 131

SEW SIMPLE
Learn how to hand sew after school with your friends and create some great projects! All supplies provided. Ages 9+
REGISTER: shengeveld@stratford.ca / x 131
LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

SCIENCE LITERACY WEEK | SEPT 16 - 22
Science is everywhere - at the Library, especially! Try out mindblowing experiments and test out new technologies on every floor. What will you discover? Can’t get enough? Explore STEM Village online at splibrary.ca/stemvillage

TECH TUTORS
Want to use your device to its fullest? We can help with that! Tech Tutors are available for free, drop in sessions, three times a week on the main floor of the library. Bring your device and get support.
TUESDAYS 10:30AM - 12:30PM
WEDNESDAYS 4:00PM - 6:00PM
SATURDAYS 10:30AM - 12:30PM
GIRLS WHO CODE
Did you know that women make up 50% of the Canadian workforce but less than 25% of STEM jobs? Let’s change that. Learn how to code at this 10-week session that uses tech to solve real world problems. Ages 13-18.
REGISTER: spark@stratford.ca / x 123. Limited spaces available
LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

FOOD FOR FINES
Got fines? We’ve got you covered. Bring in non-perishable food items during Ontario Public Library Week (Oct 20-26) and we’ll waive your fines. Please donate generously. All donations will benefit the House of Blessing.

DIGITIZATION DROP-IN
Bring your old VHS, DVDs, slides and negatives to learn how to preserve old family memories with digitization equipment. Working on your family tree? Test out the free genealogy databases available with your library card. Please bring a USB storage device.
LOCATION: SPL MAKERSPACE

SPOOKY STEAM
Things are about to get spooktacular! Bring the whole family to test out spooky STEAM stations, including robotics, LEDs, and more. All ages welcome.
LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

COMMUNITY ART AT SPL
CALLING ALL ARTISTS!
Did you know that the Library showcases local art work? Submit your application online or ask staff how you can show your creative works in your public library.

MAKERSPACE OPEN LABS
Ever wonder what you can create? Try a 3D print, use the vinyl cutter to make custom projects, turn photo negatives into digital files, or design with Adobe software. You can even try coding a robot! A knowledgeable staff person will help get you started. Makers must have a valid Library Card. Closed Aug 31 - Sept 7 and Oct 12
TUESDAYS 1-4PM
WEDNESDAYS 1-4PM
THURSDAYS 6-8:30PM
SATURDAYS 1-4PM
Youth ages 9-11 must have an adult with them during Open Labs.
CAREGIVER CONNECTION GROUP
Do you provide support or care to someone? Connect with other caregivers for a coffee break on the 4th Monday of each month.
LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

PINTS AND PAGES
Come meet – over a pint – and discuss whatever it is you’ve been reading - be it a book, a magazine, a blog, or even a Twitter thread at The Queen’s Inn.
SEPT 16 | NOV 18 | DEC 16 | FEB 27 | MAY 28 | JUN 25, 6:30-8:00pm

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION: STRATEGIES FOR STRATFORD
Active transportation is good for our streets, our hearts, and our planet. Join expert panelists for an active discussion on active transportation.
This program is part of the Living with Climate Momentum series in partnership with Climate Momentum (climatemomentum.ca)
REGISTER: rgodfrey@stratford.ca / x 132
LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

CROSS CANADA GRANDPAS
Cycling across Canada at age 76? Why not?! Join cyclist Volkmar Bandermann for inspiring tales about his 2017 cross-country cycling adventure with his “grandpa” buddies.
REGISTER: rgodfrey@stratford.ca / x 132
LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

NEW NEIGHBOUR NIGHT
New to the area? Haven’t met anyone around town? Drop in for refreshments at New Neighbours Night, the perfect opportunity to gather at the library, meet other new people and local organizations!
SEPT 26 | OCT 24 | JAN 23 | FEB 27 | MAY 28 | JUN 25, 6:30-8:00pm
Located in the Stratford Public Library Program Room

WHAT'S COOKIN'??
Foodie Alert! Join industry professionals from Library Bound Inc. as they share the hottest new cookbooks this Fall.
REGISTER: rgodfrey@stratford.ca / x 132
LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

SWAN (Stratford Writers' Area Network) OPEN MIC
Come and hear from local indie authors, including: Dianne Lyoness, Kate Breukleman, Carla Coles, Tony & Rhonda Leestepj Read, Gillian Thomas, Elaine Cougler, Lisa Hutchinson, Barbara Storey, John Matsui and Sheri McDonald.
REGISTER: rgodfrey@stratford.ca / x 132
LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

BOOKTOBERFEST
Sample local craft beer and find new literary loves during this FREE night out! We’re excited to be teaming up with seven local establishments to bring you the best books to pair with their delicious brews. Participants must be 19+
Get your FREE tickets at: splibrary.ca/booktoberfest
LOCATION: JOBSITE BREWERY
WHAT ARE SPL STAFF READING?

• Harry’s Trees by Jon Cohen
• Palaces for the People by Eric Klinenburg
• The Chelsea Girls by Fiona Davis
• The Reason You Walk by Wab Kinew
• The Woefield Poultry Collective by Susan Juby
• The Mental Load: A Feminist Comic by Emma
• Maestra by L.S. Hinton
• Gods of Jade and Shadow by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

TO MY MIND, THERE’S NOTHING COZIER THAN READING A CREEPY BOOK IN A TENT BY FLASHLIGHT, AS A STORM ROLLS GRAVELLY THUNDER OFF THE DISTANT GRANITE HILLS. EACH TIME I CAMP, I HOPE FOR AT LEAST ONE SUCH NIGHT, AND KEEP MY FINGERS CROSSED ONE OF THE BOOKS I BROUGHT FITS THE BILL.”

- S. Costache

THE NOT-SO GREAT OUTDOORS BY RICK MERCER

“As a young girl and her parents pack their car for a camping vacation in the wilderness, she wonders what could be so “great” about the outdoors.”

- S. Hengeveld

Full reviews available at spl.bibliocommons.com and in the Beacon Herald

LIMITED INTER-LIBRARY LOAN SERVICE RESUMES

As of August 1st, libraries in Perth County are once again able to fulfill requests for Inter-Library Loan (ILLO) Services from public and university libraries throughout the province.

SPL customers can request up to 2 titles per week online at splibrary.ca/illoform or by visiting the Library.

PCIN 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Perth County Information Network is turning 20! You’re invited to celebrate with us on Thursday, October 25th. Come and enjoy local goodies and the MakerSpace Open House from 1-4pm. Speeches will begin at 2:30pm.

BOOK REVIEWS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

The River by Peter Heller

“To my mind, there’s nothing cozier than reading a creepy book in a tent by flashlight, as a storm rolls gravelly thunder off the distant granite hills. Each time I camp, I hope for at least one such night, and keep my fingers crossed one of the books I brought fits the bill.”

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LIBRARY HOURS

SUNDAY 2PM - 5PM
MONDAY 10AM - 9PM
TUESDAY 10AM - 9PM
WEDNESDAY 10AM - 9PM
THURSDAY 10AM - 9PM
FRIDAY 10AM - 6PM
SATURDAY 10AM - 5PM

UPCOMING CLOSURES

Sunday September 1 + Monday September 2 (Labour Day)
Sunday October 13 + Monday October 14 (Thanksgiving)

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