

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 1–5 p.m.
Closed January 1 & February 17
445 Hunter St., Woodstock ON
www.mywpl.ca

Storytimes!

Each program includes age-appropriate stories, rhymes, songs, and activities designed by library professionals to help children develop literacy skills and a love of reading. Dedicated time for play and to meet other families is provided at the end of the program. Children should be accompanied by a caregiver. No registration required.

Program	Description	Dates/Times
Tales & Tunes (Family)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays Jan 15–Mar 5, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Toddler Tales (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities.	Thursdays Jan 16–Mar 6, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Books & Bounces (birth–18 months)	Babies and caregivers will hear stories, and learn songs, rhymes, and bounces that will help foster a love of reading.	Thursdays Jan 16–Mar 6, 12–1 p.m.
Story Explorers (3–5 years)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays Jan 17–Mar 7, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Baby Sign Storytime (birth–18 months)	Infants and their caregivers are invited to learn ASL vocabulary signs through stories and rhymes.	Fridays Jan 17–Mar 7, 12–1 p.m.

**Multilingual Storytime –
French/English (Family)**
Saturday, January 18 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Gain early exposure to the French language and literacy skills through songs, rhymes and stories. Majority of the program will be presented in French with some English to aid comprehension. No registration required.

**Multilingual Storytime –
Mandarin/English (Family)**
Saturday, February 1 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the diversity of our community through language, art, song and story. This month is Mandarin! We will also learn about the Lunar New Year. No registration required.

FAMILY LITERACY DAY



Celebrate Family Literacy Day with the WPL
Saturday, January 25, 2025 – 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

- Storytime with author, Loretta Garbutt – 10:30–11:15 a.m. ●
- Eco-friendly Craft Club – 2:30–4 p.m. ●

Plus prizes ● activities ● and more, all day long!

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Programs for Children

Family Movie (Family)

Friday, January 3 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us for a family friendly movie! We will be showing *Abominable* (PG). Popcorn included! No registration required.

Homeschool Meet-Up (Family)

Monday, January 6 – 1–3 p.m.

Monday, February 3 – 1–3 p.m.

Meet other Homeschooling families for an afternoon of fun! Play board games or test out a robot. Snacks provided. No registration required.

PA Day Movie (Family)

Friday, January 17 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us for a family friendly movie this PA Day! We will be showing *Harold and the Purple Crayon* (PG). Popcorn included! No registration required.

Afterschool Hang Out (9+ years)

Thursday, January 23 – 3:30–5 p.m.

Thursday, February 20 – 3:30–5 p.m.

Come by after school and try out some fun games, robots, and crafts! Snacks will be provided. No registration required.

Retro Gaming Night! (All Ages)

Thursday, February 6 – 6–8 p.m.

Feeling nostalgic about the games from your youth? Then come on down for an evening of Retro Gaming! Play a sampling of retro games on various consoles. In partnership with Operandi Gaming Community. No registration required.



Valentine's Day STEAM Drop-In (6–12 years)

Saturday, February 15 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Come by and try out some "sweet" STEAM activities! No registration required.

Programs for Teens

Brightside Pizza Pop-Up (12+ years)

Monday, January 6 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Monday, February 3 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Enjoy pizza and games with Brightside. Brightside Youth Hub is a Woodstock-based group dedicated to helping youth get access to the services they need at no cost. No registration required.

Design a Vision Board (12–18 years)

Tuesday, January 7 – 6–8 p.m.

Join us to create your own vision board for 2025! Create a collage of words and images to motivate and inspire you throughout the year. All supplies provided. No registration required.

Lunch Time Breakout (12–18 years)

Thursdays, January 9–February 27 – 11–11:45 a.m.

Can you and your friends solve all the puzzles to break open the box? A new Breakout EDU game will be featured each week! No registration required.

Sips & Snacks! (12–18 years)

Tuesday, February 4 – 6–8 p.m.

Come celebrate the end of exams by joining us for a hot chocolate and tea bar, snacks, and a movie. No registration required.

Programs for Adults

Knitting and Crochet Drop-In

Saturdays, January 4 & 18 – 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Saturdays, February 1 & 15 – 3:30–4:30 p.m.

A cozy hour of knitting and crochet! Bring your current project or check out our collection of crochet and knitting books for patterns. No registration required.

Board Game Drop-In

Mondays, January 6 & 20 – 2–4 p.m.

Monday, February 3 – 2–4 p.m.

Play your favourite classic board game or challenge yourself to try something new. A new set of games will be put out every drop-in session. All board games provided. No registration required.

Mah-Jongg

Tuesdays, January 7–February 25 – 10:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

American Mah-Jongg is an exciting game that will challenge participants. Join us! No registration required.

Chit Chat Circle

Tuesdays, January 7–February 25 – 2–3:30 p.m.

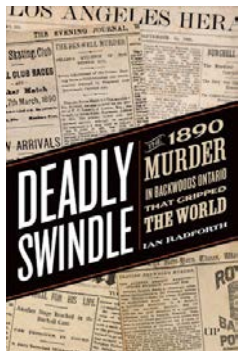
Socialize in a safe space hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). No registration required.



Canadian Mental
Health Association
Thames Valley
Addiction and Mental Health Services

“Deadly Swindle” with Author Ian Radforth

Thursday, January 9 – 6:30–8 p.m.



Join author Ian Radforth, writer of the recent non-fiction book, “*Deadly Swindle: An 1890 Murder in Backwoods Ontario that Grippped the World*” for a fascinating discussion about one of Canada’s most sensational murder cases and how the regional and international press ran with it. Registration required. Registration now open.

WPL Book Club

Tuesday, January 14 – 2–3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 11 – 2–3 p.m.

Thursday, February 13 – 7–8 p.m.

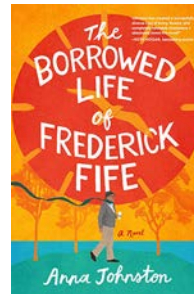
Begin each month with a good read! Join us for our afternoon or evening session for a lively discussion on the title selected.

Note: no evening session in January. Open to all. No registration required.

January Title

The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife

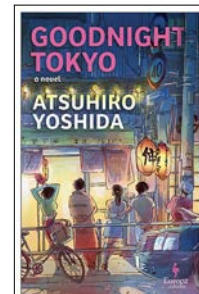
Anna Johnston



February Title

Goodnight Tokyo

Atsuhiko Yoshida



Pub Trivia Night

Wednesday, January 15 – 7–8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19 – 7–8:30 p.m.

Join us at Upper Thames Brewing Company each month where you and your teammates can test your smarts against other beer enthusiasts! No registration required.



Queer Conversations (16+ years)

Tuesday, January 14 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 11 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Join us and the Oxford County Community Health Centre for a gathering of 2SLGBTQIA+ community and conversation. No registration required.



Oxford County
Community Health Centre

Programs for Adults

Heads up for Healthier Brains

Thursday, January 16 – 6–7 p.m.

January is Alzheimer’s Awareness Month. Join the Alzheimer Society Southwest Partners for a “Heads up for Healthier Brains” presentation, followed by a question-and-answer period on dementia, brain health, and community resources. Registration required. Registration opens January 2 at 10 a.m.

Yoga & Wisdom with Soraya Benevides

Thursday, January 23 – 7–8 p.m.

Local author, Soraya Benevides, will share how she came to the practice of yoga, the benefits of yoga and the transformative potential it can provide. She will share from her newest book, *Yoga & Wisdom: A Practical Guide with Reflections to Transform your Life*, an illustrated guide that includes step-by-step instructions for beginners. No registration required.

Crafty Adults

Thursday, January 30 – 7–8 p.m.

Thursday, February 24 – 7–8 p.m.

Come out for a fun night of crafting! Check our website for craft details each month. All materials provided. Registration required. Registration opens 2 weeks in advance of the program date.

Researching the History of Your Home

Thursday, February 20 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Discover how you can use library resources to research the history of your home! Attendees will have the opportunity to try out their own personal searches. Bring your laptop or tablet or use one from the library. Registration required. Registration opens February 6 at 10 a.m.

Travelogue: Svalbard – Far Beyond the Arctic Circle

Thursday, February 27 – 7–8 p.m.

Travel beyond the Arctic Circle with Murray Coulter and Bob Axon. Learn about an accumulated history of whaling, coal mining and modern-day eco-tourism in the land of the midnight sun. Registration required. Registration opens February 13 at 10 a.m.

Cyber Assist

Tuesdays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Fridays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Book one-on-one assistance with our technology specialist. Sessions are 30 minutes in length. Book online or call 519-539-4801, extension 3006.

Genealogy Assist

Book a one-on-one session with a genealogy specialist librarian. Learn how to use the library’s digital microfilm readers and e-Resources including Ancestry Library Edition and Paper of Record. Each session is 50 minutes in length. Registration required. Check our website or call 519-539-4801, extension 3006 for available dates and times.

Summer Student Program Assistant Positions 2025

There’s still time to apply!

Visit our website to apply and learn more!

Applications close January 10, 2025

