Welland Public Library

BOARDWALK BANTER

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StreetWorks Niagara and Narcan® Training at Main

StreetWorks Harm Reduction Program offers safer substance use supplies, harm reduction information, community clean ups, peer programming, connection to testing, and more! A StreetWorks Outreach Worker will be on site at the library's Main Branch from 10:00am - 12:00pm on November 12, November 19, and December 3 to offer case management supports, connection to internal and external resources, and free Narcan® kits (while supplies last).

A StreetWorks Naloxone (Narcan®) training session will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, November 10 at 6:00pm. Naloxone is an opioid antagonist that can quickly reverse an opioid overdose. This session will be led by a StreetWorks Outreach Worker. Registration is required.

Youth Wellness Hub Niagara at WPL: Thursdays at Main

The Youth Wellness Hub Niagara (YWHN) is a one-stop-shop for youth ages 12-25 to access a range of health and mental health services. They also offer a variety of wellness activities in their space at 225 East Main St.

YWHN will be at the library every Thursday from 2:00pm - 4:00pm to talk about their services with anyone who'd like to stop by. Their services include wellness activities, peer support, mental health counselling, primary care mental health caseworkers, substance use counselling, and education and employment support. Drop into our Main Branch to learn more about how YWHN can be there for you or someone you care about.

Saturday, November 6th: Music Trivia Night Fundraiser - with a side of Matteo's Meatballs

Test your music trivia skills in support of your library from the comfort of your own home at our 7th Annual Trivia Night! This event will be held via Zoom.

We're kicking things up a notch this year with the addition of a delicious meal from Matteo's (125 E. Main St., Welland)! Your meal will include penne and meatballs, bread and butter, and a dessert!

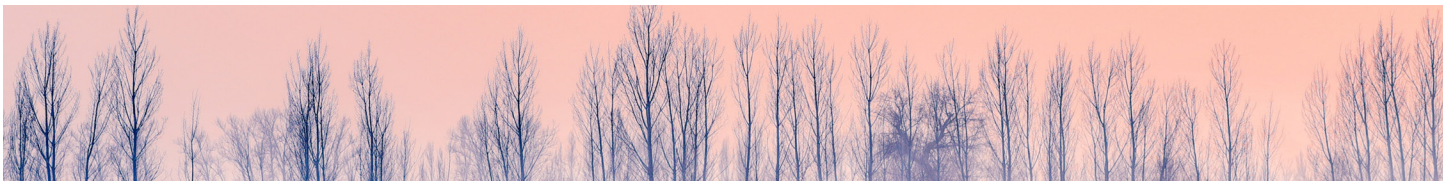
Let's gather our teams (virtually!) for a fun evening of friendly competition and great local food. All registered participants will be entered in a prize draw. Tickets including meal are just $25 per person; tickets to play only are $10 per person. Tickets can be purchased in person at all branches or by phone at (905) 734-6210 starting Thursday, October 7. Meals can be picked up at Matteo's between 4:30pm and 6:30pm on the day of the event. Trivia will start at 7:00pm.

All proceeds support library programs and community initiatives.

LIBRARY CLOSURES & REDUCED HOURS

December 24: 9:00am-2:00pm*
December 25: Closed (all branches)
December 26: Closed (all branches)
December 31: 9:00am-2:00pm*
January 1: Closed (all branches)

*Diamond Trail Only
December 24: 9:00am-1:30pm
December 31: 9:00am-1:30pm



DSBN – Transition to Employment: Tuesdays at Main and Diamond Trail

DSBN – Transition to Employment is now at the Main Branch from 2:00pm - 4:00pm and at the Diamond Trail Branch from 4:15pm - 5:30pm every Tuesday! All community members are welcome and encouraged to drop in to speak with an Employment Consultant. They can review your resume and cover letter, provide tips and tricks on applying to jobs, coach on interviewing, and suggest job leads. Any employment questions you may have, Transition to Employment will be ready to answer them!

NEW WPL Website Coming Soon

After several months of research and planning, our brand-new website is ready to launch November 1st! The new site is super user-friendly with a layout that guarantees smooth navigation. You'll find that registering for programs is now much easier, too!

As we migrate to our new site, there may be some service disruptions beginning October 28th. Please feel free to call your local branch at 905-734-6210, and a staff member will be happy to help!

WINTER WARMTH TABLE DONATIONS

Donations of new coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and other winter wear are now being accepted. Homemade items are welcome and appreciated. Help someone keep warm this winter. Donations will be accepted at the Main Branch only.

Assistive Hearing Technology at All Branches

We are thrilled to announce that we have now added Hearing Loops Inc. Assistive Hearing Technology at all of our branches.

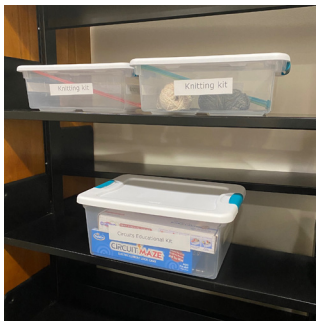
The Contacta Speech Transfer System amplifies staff and patron voices to reduce barriers when providing and receiving service. The microphone and speaker system allows for clear sound and communication and helps maintain confidentiality while speaking through protective plexiglass.

Each Assistive Hearing Station is also fully equipped with a hearing loop system. A hearing loop provides a direct link to the source of sound for those with hearing loss; once picked up by the microphone, speech is converted to a magnetic signal, and finally transmitted to the user via a hearing loop aerial. The library patron need only turn their hearing device to the 'T' position to hear with clarity.

Technology will be installed in our program spaces in the coming weeks.

Patrons with questions about this system are encouraged to contact us at (905) 734-6210.

Educational Kits



Our Educational Kit collection has grown so much in recent weeks that we've had to find a new location to house all of the materials! These kits support a variety of learning levels and interests to complement the Ontario Curriculum. Kits include the Osmo Educational Kit, Celestron Travel Scope, Newton's Laws kit, and more. Beginning November 1st, find a complete list of these educational kits by visiting our website and clicking on Services and Non-Traditional Collections.

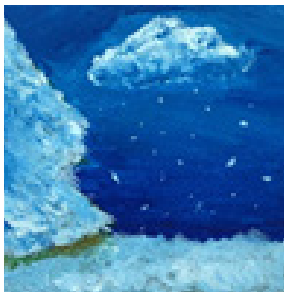
Mural Stories: Winter is Coming

This Boardwalk Banter feature showcases the tile artwork and stories of community tile painters on the Mural Mosaic Project. Please enjoy!

These magical wintry scenes were painted by (l-r) Dorothy K., Ann Marie B., Shiloh C. Kayla Y., and Zalika. Kayla, who worked on her painting with her class, enjoyed this project as she "love[s] painting new things… [and] going to the library for books and activities."

Many thanks to all of these painters for reminding us of the beauty of winter as it approaches.

If you'd like to share your mural story, email us at info@wellandlibrary.ca.



Live Online Tutoring with BrainFuse

Ignite your mind with Brainfuse! Brainfuse offers real time assistance for all learners. This amazing free resource that connects students with live tutors for homework help, learning games, skill tests, study tips, and more, is available through our website with your WPL card number and PIN. Check it out today and be on your way to making learning fun!

Our New Logo!

The Welland Public Library is pleased to announce that our new logo has been chosen! The winning design received 48.5% of the 820 votes cast.

The new logo, designed by a library staff member, depicts a topographical map of our location on the canal. The designer explained that, "...waterways are similar to stories. They begin and branch off into different twists and turns. Whether it be in books, movies, programs, or even our patrons. Stories are an integral part of the past, present, and future of the library."

A huge thank you to the Welland community for taking part in the selection process!

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Unique 3D Printed Holiday Gifts

WPL aims to provide everyone in our community with access to emerging technologies. These technologies are housed in our Makerspace at the Main Branch.

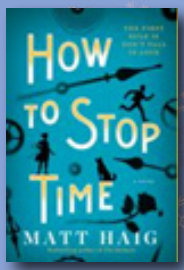
Looking for a one-of-a-kind gift for someone special? Why not create your own with the help of our 3D printer!? The options are truly endless.

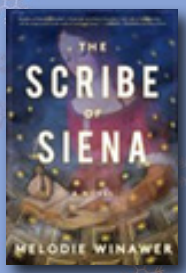
This library patron designed a memento of a cherished holiday. He explained, "what started as a lightbulb from the hardware store is now a summer camping memory. The 3D-printed trailer was created by the library at just the right size to fit through the bulb. This project was both a fun and challenging experience."

If you've created a unique 3D printed item, we'd love to see it and hear the story behind it. Please share with us at info@wellandlibrary.ca.

FEATURED COLLECTION: BACK IN TIME

The latest chapter in Diana Gabaldon's ever-popular Outlander series is being published this November. You can place *Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone* on hold in our online catalogue using your library card number and PIN today! While you wait to read the latest adventures of Claire and Jamie, here's a list of time-hopping titles that will have you swooning:





- ***Overseas* by Beatriz Williams**
- ***The Winter Sea* by Susanna Kearsley**
- ***Murder in Time* by Julie McElwain**
- ***How To Stop Time* by Matt Haig**
- ***Valley of the Moon* by Melanie Gideon**
- ***Time After Time* by Lisa Grunwald**
- ***The Scribe of Siena* by Melodie Winawer**
- ***The Little Shop of Found Things* by Paula Brackston**

Local Stories: Welland Farmers' Market

Since the 1960s, downtown Welland has come alive each year with the sights and sounds of Christmas as hundreds of people line city streets to watch the annual Santa Claus Parade.

Held to kick off the Christmas season, the parade lifts our spirits with marching bands, floats, snowmobiles, carollers, and more!

For several years in the 1980s, Commander Tom, aka Tom Jolls, television weatherman and beloved local celebrity, was a much-anticipated fixture of the parade. Do you remember?

For more information on the history of the Welland Santa Claus Parade, visit the library and take a look at our newspaper clipping file.

Every Gift Makes a Difference.

All contributions to WPL enrich the education, vitality, and cultural growth of our entire community.

If you choose to make a donation to the library, you can also decide where you'd like your monetary gift to apply. Choose from these categories: Vibrant Spaces, Community-Driven Programs & Events, Dynamic Collections, Innovative Services & Technology, or Area of Greatest Need.

Thank you for your support!

For more information or to donate, please call (905) 734-6210 ext. 2500.

Main Branch Hours

Monday	9 am - 8 pm
Tuesday	9 am - 8 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 8 pm
Thursday	9 am - 8 pm
Friday	9 am - 6 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday	Closed

Diamond Trail Branch Hours

Monday	4 pm-8 pm
Tuesday	4 pm-8 pm
Wednesday	4 pm-8 pm
Thursday	4 pm-8 pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	11 am - 3 pm
Sunday	Closed

Seaway Mall Branch Hours

Monday	10am - 7pm
Tuesday	10am - 7pm
Wednesday	10am - 7pm
Thursday	10am - 7pm
Friday	10am - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 5pm
Sunday	Closed

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Diamond Trail Branch
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905-734-6210 ext. 2501

Seaway Mall Branch
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