

Welland Public Library

BOARDWALK BANTER

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SPLASH INTO SUMMER

WPL 100th Anniversary Geocaching Challenge

Geocaching is the recreational activity of searching for hidden objects by means of GPS coordinates. It's a fun, safe, and free interactive scavenger hunt that's the perfect outdoor activity for people of all ages!



WPL's geocaching challenge will include hidden geocaches representing Welland's past, present, and future. They'll be hidden across the city in green spaces, businesses, and historically significant sites. Stay tuned to our publications and social media in the coming months for information on the release of new geocaches.

Borrow a library geocache kit, use your phone's GPS, or visit any branch to get a printed map to find each location. Coordinates and more details on how to participate can be found at wellandlibrary.ca/geocaching.

A Floral Tradition



The Welland horticulture beds – expertly planted and maintained each year by the City of Welland Parks division – have added to the summer splendor of the city for as long as we can remember. WPL is thrilled to

announce that this year, for the first time ever, we will be part of this tradition with a horticulture bed bearing our name. Watch for it this summer at the Broadway and Prince Charles Drive intersection!



Free Newspaper Access – Including the Welland Tribune

WPL is pleased to introduce Pressreader, an electronic resource which gives you access to thousands of popular newspapers and magazines. Whether you're looking for local news sources like the *Welland Tribune* or the *Hamilton Spectator*, national and international papers like the *Globe and Mail* and the *Guardian*, or popular magazines like *Newsweek* and *The Walrus*, Pressreader has something just for you. Read articles on your computer, or on the go using Pressreader's iOS and Android apps. Visit our website for more information.

The Mural Minute: What's Your Story?

This new Boardwalk Banter feature column showcases the tile artwork and story of one of our painters for the Mural Mosaic Project, which can be viewed at the Main Branch. Enjoy!



This tranquil tile was painted by Marlena (age category: 26-49).

Of working on the mural project, Marlena said, "I love to be creative and express myself artistically, this gave me an outlet for that." Marlena also has fond childhood memories of the library, "I loved participating in the summer reading program as a kid. I read so many books so quickly that I often exceeded



my book limit and had to ask my Mom to let me borrow extra books with her library card."

If you know any avid young readers like Marlena – or even reluctant readers – the TD Summer Reading Club has something for everyone. It returns to WPL on June 26th!

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

3D Printed Garden Helpers

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



If you're into gardening, you already know how useful plant clips can be when trying to keep things tidy and upright in your patch. But did you know that we can 3D print them in a variety of sizes to support plants big and small? The clips can be printed relatively quickly and can be reused for many years. We'd love to see what you're growing; please share with us at info@wellandlibrary.ca.

To find out more, call (905) 734-6210 ext. 2521.

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Thursday, July 1: Canada Day

Monday, August 2: Civic Holiday



LOVE YOUR LIBRARY: STEPHEN M.

Our Love Your Library campaign aims to collect and share patrons' stories of what the library means to them and the special role that it has played in their lives. Please enjoy Stephen's story here and consider sharing yours with us at info@wellandlibrary.ca; we'd love to hear from you!



"Many believe that a library's sole purpose is to provide a quiet place where individuals can read a book or sign one out and return it at a later date. Although libraries offer these services, they offer their patrons much more. The Welland Public Library has children, adult, family and community outreach programs. It also facilitates learning by hosting various classes, as well as providing services where patrons can use and/or take out various forms of technology, such as videogame consoles and videogames. Videos, such as tv series and movies can also be taken home for viewing. Computers are available and can be used to browse the internet, write reports or even create a resume and cover letter. Children of all ages are given the opportunity to use their creative abilities by creating different types of art in programs offered and learn about and use different technology such as Sphero, Raspberry Pi and littleBits."

As a student, I have frequently used the library's facilities. The library has provided me with a quiet space to independently study, provided books with information relevant to my studies and the ability to conduct research using the available free Wi-Fi internet access. I have also had the chance to reserve study rooms to collaborate with classmates and complete group projects. All of these services provided by the library make it a valuable and irreplaceable resource for the community."

LOCAL STORIES: MERRITT PARK BAND STAND

Designed by Plymouth Cordage dwellings architect, W.E.C. Narra, and built between 1912 and 1914 by W.J. Hickey, the



Band Stand at Merritt Park was a music and arts venue for many Wellandians.

Along with concerts, it was used for oratories, celebrations, protests, and religious meetings.

In 1917, at Welland's incorporation as a city, Mayor Marshall Vaughan addressed a crowd of 10,000 – including the Governor General and a Duchess and her daughters – from centre stage.

In the late 1940's, weekly Sunday concerts became the main feature of the band shell. Musicians entertained the crowd with old-time favourites like "The Poet and the Peasant" and the "William Tell Overture," and popular hits such as "Yes, We Have No Bananas" and "Barney Google," the inviting sounds trailing along the banks of the canal through the heart of Welland.

In 1952, this beloved landmark was taken down; plans for the fountain that would replace it were approved later that same year.

FEATURED COLLECTION: SUMMER FARE

From breezy romance, to spies and intrigue, to chilling thrillers, we have a great selection of new books to keep your reading fresh all throughout the summer. Pour yourself a cold glass of lemonade, slather on some sunscreen, set up your favourite chair, and dive into one of these hot titles:

- **The Newcomer** by Mary Kay Andrews
- **Mother May I** by Joshilyn Jackson
- **People We Meet On Vacation** by Emily Henry
- **Dial A for Aunties** by Jesse Q. Sutanto
- **The Summer Job** by Lizzy Dent
- **Mary Jane** by Jessica Anya Blau
- **The Lion's Den** by Katherine St. John
- **The Rose Code** by Kate Quinn



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