

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. starting October 18
Closed October 12
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
Toddler Tales (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities.	Thursdays Oct 1–29, 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 Oct 1–29, 12–1 p.m.
Story Explorers (3–5 years)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays Oct 2–30, 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 Oct 2–30, 12–1 p.m.
Tales & Tunes (Family)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays Oct 7–28, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Halloween Story Stroll at Victoria Park (Family)

Saturday, October 24 – 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Join Woodstock Public Library and Oxford EarlyON for this fun Halloween-themed Story Stroll! Ghouls and Goblins will have fun reading the story as they stroll around Victoria Park anytime from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.! Costume dress-up is encouraged. Treat bags and activities will be available while quantities last. **No registration required.**

Programs for Children

Outdoor Movie (Family)

Tuesday, October 6 – 6:30–8:15 p.m.

Gather with friends and neighbours on the library lawn for an outdoor movie the whole family can enjoy. Snacks and refreshments available. Bring a blanket or chair. **No registration required.**

In case of rain, we will reschedule to October 19. This program is supported by:



United Way
Oxford

Family Science Night (Family)

Wednesday, October 7 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of scientific discovery! Try out science activities, complete the Chemistry scavenger hunt, and participate in the Myth or Fact trivia for a chance to win a prize. **No registration required.**

Retro Video Gaming Night! (All Ages)

Thursday, October 15 – 6–8 p.m.

Feeling nostalgic about the games from your youth? Want to finally play the original Mario Party your parents won't stop talking about? Then join us for an evening of retro gaming! **No registration required.** In partnership with Operandi Gaming Community.

Programs for Children

Bird Watching for Kids (Family) Saturday, October 17 – 10:30–11:15 a.m.

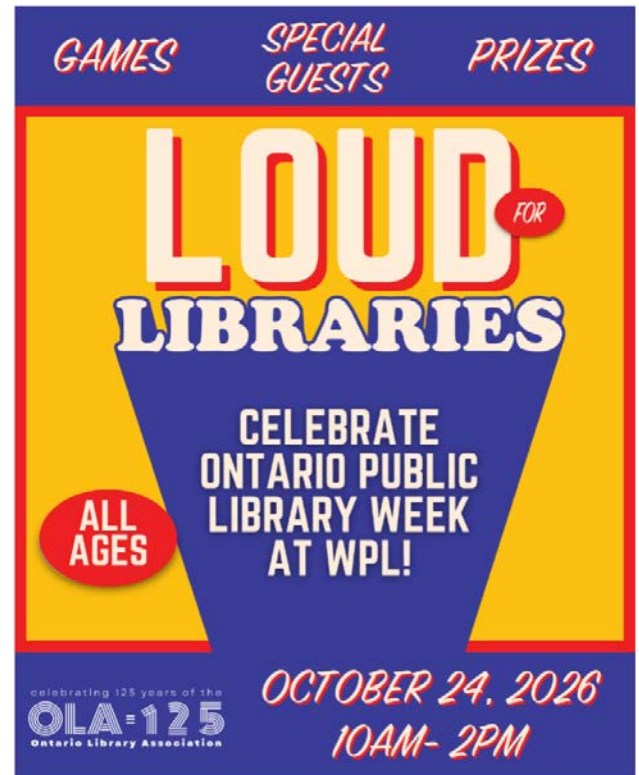
Learn more about the birds that call Woodstock home! We will meet at the Woodstock Public Library, then walk over to Vansittart Park. Bring binoculars to help spot birds along the way. No registration required.

Homeschool Meetup (Family) Monday, October 26 – 1–3 p.m.

Stop by the library and meet other Homeschooling families for an afternoon of fun! Play games or test out a robot or two. We will also provide the snacks! No registration required.

Two Row Learning (6–12 years) Monday, October 26 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Explore and immerse yourself in Indigenous culture, knowledge and teachings. Free pizza and snacks. No registration required.



Programs for Teens

Lunch Time Breakout (12–18 years) Thursdays starting October 1 – 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.

Teen Brain Break (12–18 years) Thursday, October 1 – 3–4 p.m.

Need a break from homework, stress or scrolling? Drop in anytime during the hour to hang out and recharge. Play board games, craft, colour or grab a snack. Come solo or bring friends- everyone is welcome! No registration required.

Teen Pizza Pop-up (12+ years) Monday, October 5 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Drop in to enjoy pizza and games! Learn about library resources and upcoming programs for teens. No registration required. This program is supported by:



Amigurumi Ghost Workshop (12–18 years) Wednesday, October 21 – 6–8 p.m.

Learn how to loom knit a mini Amigurumi ghost! Experienced and beginner loom knitters are welcome. All supplies provided. Registration required. Registration opens October 7 at 10 a.m.

Programs for Adults

Chit Chat Circle

Tuesdays in October – 1:30–3 p.m.

Socialize in a safe space hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). We will discuss a variety of wellness topics. Refreshments provided. **No registration required.**

WPL Book Club

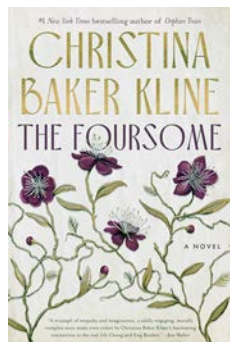
Thursday, October 8 – 7–8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13 – 2–3 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. **Open to all. No registration required.**

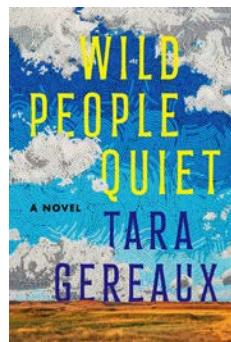
October Title

The Foursome: A Novel
Christina Baker Kline



November Title

Wild People Quiet
Tara Gereaux



Knitting and Crochet Drop-In

Saturdays, October 10 and 24 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Come out for a cozy hour of knitting and crochet! Bring your project or check out our collection of crochet and knitting books for patterns. New to the craft? We will have extra crochet hooks, knitting needles, and yarn for you to get started! **No registration required.**

Indigenous Drumming and Sharing Circle

Wednesday, October 14 – 5–6 p.m.

Join Becca Neepin from Two Row Creations for a Drumming and Sharing Circle that begins with a smudging circle, followed by time for reflection and open conversation. All community members are invited to participate, with the Circle centring and uplifting Indigenous voices and perspectives. The event will take place outside on the library lawn but will be moved indoors in case of inclement weather. **No registration required.**

Dungeons and Dragons: Dungeon of the Mad Mage (18+ years)

Saturday, October 17 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us to play the *Waterdeep: Dungeon of the Mad Mage* module. No previous DND or roleplaying experience is required but a willingness to have fun with a group of like-minded people is. **Registration required. Registration opens October 3 at 10 a.m.**

Crafty Adults

Monday, October 19 – 7–8 p.m.

Learn how to make homemade sugar scrub bars. These bars are the perfect way to pamper yourself this dry season! No prior experience is required. All materials provided. **Registration required. Registration opens October 5 at 10 a.m.**

Brain Health Workshop with

Brain Health Screening

Wednesday, October 21 – 3–4:15 p.m.

A Brain Health Workshop from Baycrest Academy for Research and Education. Learn about brain health and aging. Participants can also take a free Brain Health Assessment, ask questions about their results, and receive personalized tips. **Registration required. Registration opens October 7 at 10 a.m.**

**Sunday Service at the Library
resumes on Sunday, October 18**

Programs for Adults

"The Forest City Killer"

with Author Vanessa Brown

Thursday, October 22 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Join us for a compelling evening with author Vanessa Brown as she presents her gripping true-crime book, *The Forest City Killer: A Serial Murderer, a Cold-Case Sleuth, and a Search for Justice*. Registration required. Registration opens October 8 at 10 a.m.

Haunted Jail Tour

30-minute tours at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. :

Tuesday, October 27

Wednesday, October 28

Thursday, October 29

Join us for a guided Halloween tour around the old Woodstock Jail. We'll begin in front of the Library then proceed North on Graham Street, then circle the Southwestern Public Health building. Registration required. Registration opens October 13 at 10 a.m.

Cyber Assist

Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Fridays, 2:30–3:30 p.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.

OXFORD READS

An Introduction to Nature Therapy with Laurel Martin

Saturday, October 17 – 9:30–11 a.m.

Slow down and immerse your senses in nature! Different from a hike, this guided Nature Therapy walk will offer a series of invitations aimed at helping you connect with the natural environment, your inner-self and with others on the walk. Program takes place at Trillium Woods Provincial Park. Registration required. Registration opens October 3 at 10 a.m.

A Conversation with Laura Darby – Bear Attack Survivor

Wednesday, October 21 – 7–8 p.m.

Laura Darby shares her personal experience of being attacked by a black bear while working as a wildlife analyst for the Ministry of Natural Resources in Thunder Bay. She is an advocate for outdoor safety, and her presentation emphasizes bear awareness co-existing in the wilderness. This is a virtual presentation. Presentation link will be emailed to program registrants. Registration required. Registration opens October 7 at 10 a.m.

Oxford Reads: Gala with Claire Cameron

Friday, October 30 – 7–8:30 p.m.

Join us for our special in-person Gala at Woodstock Collegiate Institute featuring Canadian author, Claire Cameron. Claire will be available following the program for a book signing. Registration required. For more information on this event and to secure your free tickets, please visit the Oxford Reads website: www.oxfordreads.ca

