

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday Closed
Closed September 7
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 Sept 9–Oct 28, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Toddler Tales (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities.	Thursdays Sept 10–Oct 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 Sept 10–Oct 29, 12–1 p.m.
Story Explorers (Family)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays Sept 11–Oct 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 Sept 11–Oct 30, 12–1 p.m.

Multilingual Storytime: Mandarin/English (Family) Saturday, September 19 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the diversity of our community at the Woodstock Public Library!

Every month we will learn about a new culture through language, art, song and story. This month we will be joined by Jing Zhang (Ginny) to learn about the Mid-Autumn Festival and learn some Mandarin! **No registration required.** This program is supported by the United Way Oxford.



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Programs for Children

Amazing Adaptations:

Forest Animals with the UTRCA (Family) Saturday, September 12 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Discover how different animals adapt to life in the forest through puzzles and hands on activities. This program takes place at Pittock Conservation Day Use area. **See our website for all the details.** Registration opens August 29.



Two Row Learning (6–12 years) Monday, September 14 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.

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

Retro Video Gaming Night (All Ages) Thursday, September 17 – 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? Visit the library for an evening of retro gaming! In partnership with Operandi Gaming Community.
No registration required.

Programs for Children

Adventure with Muk (10–14 years)
Saturday, September 19 – 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Muk invites you to join him on a Dungeons and Dragons adventure for young players. Develop your character to adventure with Muk and friends through Dankwood. Registration opens September 5.



Homeschool Meetup (Family)
Monday, September 28 – 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.**

Halloween Costume Exchange (Family)
Tuesday, September 29 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Have a closet full of old Halloween costumes, but your child is looking for a new one this year? Bring your gently used costumes to swap! Please only bring costumes that would fit a child 0-12 years. Bring items without stains or rips, and please wash any clothing item before the event. **No registration required.**

Programs for Teens

Teen Pizza Pop-up (12+ years)
Monday, September 14 – 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.**

Lunch Time Breakout (12–18 years)
Thursdays starting September 17 – 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 September 17 and 24 – 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 Volunteer Fair (13–18 years)
Saturday, September 26 – 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Looking for community service hours, a meaningful way to contribute to the Woodstock community, or interested in gaining valuable work experience? Drop by to meet several community organizations that are seeking teen volunteers. Perfect for students in Grades 9 through 12. Don't miss your chance to get involved and give back! **No registration required.**

Teen Volunteers Wanted!



**Youth Leadership Council
Volunteers Wanted! (Grades 9–12)**

Earn community service hours, develop leadership skills, and help shape library programs and services for teens. Join the Woodstock Public Library's Youth Leadership Council and make your voice heard! Contact programs@mywpl.ca for more details

Contact us (519) 539-4801 Website mywpl.ca

Programs for Adults

Wellness Series

Join us for a wellness series with Jenni Dean, a Registered Orthomolecular Health Practitioner and Nutritionist. Registration required for each date. Registration opens two weeks before program date.

Visceral Fat and Metabolic Risk

Thursday, September 3 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Cortisol and Stress and Metabolic Burnout

Thursday, October 1 – 6–7:30 p.m.

WPL Book Club

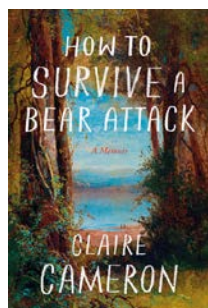
Tuesday, September 8 – 2–3 p.m.

Thursday, September 10 – 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. Open to all. No registration required.

September Title

How to Survive a Bear Attack
Claire Cameron



October Title

The Foursome: A Novel
Christina Baker Kline



Financial Empowerment for Seniors with Social Planning Council Oxford

Thursday, September 10 – 1–2:30 p.m.

This interactive workshop has been designed specifically for seniors who want to build confidence in managing their finances. Participants will learn practical strategies for budgeting, managing debt and creating savings plans to support current and future needs. Registration opens August 27.

Mah-Jongg

Tuesdays in September – 10:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

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

Puzzle Exchange

Saturday, September 12 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Love puzzles? Looking for a new challenge? Bring your completed jigsaw puzzles to our Puzzle Exchange and swap them for some new-to-you ones. Stop by, browse the selection, and take home your next puzzle! No registration required.

Indigenous Drumming and Sharing Circle

Wednesday, September 16 – 6–7 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.

Chit Chat Circle

Tuesdays in September – 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.



BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

2026 Information Session

Curious about joining a City Board or Committee?

Learn how to get involved in local leadership, including the Library Board, at the Boards and Committees Information Session.

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 9

Location: Meeting Room,
Woodstock Public Library,
445 Hunter St, Woodstock

Programs for Adults

Knitting and Crochet Drop-In

Saturday, September 12 and 26 – 3:30–4:30 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.

Dungeons and Dragons:

Dungeon of the Mad Mage (18+)

Saturday, September 19 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us to play the *Waterdeep: Dungeon of the Mad Mage* Dungeons and Dragons module. No previous DND or roleplaying experience is required, but a willingness to have fun with a group of like-minded people is. Game play is two hours. Registration opens September 5.

Pub Trivia Night

Wednesday, September 16 – 7–8:30 p.m.

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

Crafty Adults

Monday, September 21 – 7–8 p.m.

Create the perfect reading atmosphere in your room, join us at the library to make your very own custom candles! All supplies will be provided by the library. No experience necessary. Registration opens September 8.

The Mystic and the Missing Girl – A Conversation with Vikki VanSickle

Tuesday, September 22 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Join award-winning Canadian author and Woodstock native Vikki VanSickle for the launch of her newest novel, *The Mystic and the Missing Girl*. Drew Benson, a reluctant psychic, investigates a decades-old missing girl case to clear her late aunt's name, uncover the truth, and save her struggling metaphysical shop in a small lakeside town. The evening includes a conversation moderated by local author Emily De Angelis, a reading, audience Q&A, and book signing. Copies will be available for purchase through Commonplace Books. Registration opens September 8 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.



**CULTURE
DAYS**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

DEAHL POETRY

Meeting Room, Woodstock Public Library



6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

**"ALWAYS A PART OF THE LAND"
WITH DR. CODY GROAT**

Meeting Room, Woodstock Public Library

Programs for Adults



Terry Parker Wildlife Photography

Monday, September 28 – 7–8 p.m.

at Woodstock Public Library

Discover Canadian wildlife through the lens of photographer Terry Parker, who has spent years working around bears and teaching the public about bear behaviour. Registration opens September 14 at 10 a.m.

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PHOTOGRAPHICS

Oxford Reads 2026

Selected Title

How to Survive a Bear Attack by Claire Cameron



Guided Hike with Oxford County Trails Council

Tuesday, September 29 – 5:30–7 p.m.

at 504918 Old Stage Road, Norwich ON N4S 7V8

Discover the wetlands of Hodges Pond Trail with the Oxford County Trails Council on a guided nature hike. Registration opens September 15 at 10 a.m.



To register, visit www.mywpl.ca or contact the Woodstock Public Library at (519) 539-4801.



We have a winner!

Woodstock's official bird is...



The Black-capped Chickadee!

Thank you to everyone who voted to help select Woodstock's official bird.



On-Call Crossing Guards Wanted

Help kids get to school safely! We're looking to add to our roster of on-call crossing guards to help fill in when needed.



If you love kids and are looking for occasional work, learn more about the position at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/applynow