

# 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 20)  
Closed October 14  
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
<b>Tales &amp; Tunes</b> (Family)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays, Oct 2–23 10:30–11:30 a.m.
<b>Toddler Tales</b> (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities.	Thursdays, Oct 3–24 10:30–11:30 a.m.
<b>Books &amp; Bounces</b> (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 3–24 12–1 p.m.
<b>Story Explorers</b> (3–5 years)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays, Oct 4–25 10:30–11:30 a.m.
<b>Baby Sign Storytime</b> (birth–18 months)	Infants and their caregivers are invited to learn ASL vocabulary signs through stories and rhymes.	Fridays, Oct 4–25 12–1 p.m.

### **Seedy Saturday Storytime** (Family) Saturday, October 5 – 11–11:30 a.m.

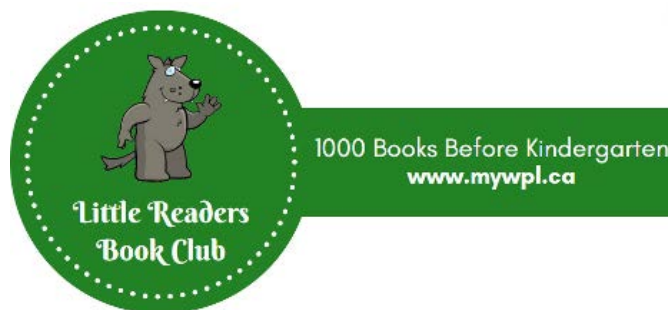
Join us for a special family storytime to celebrate gardens, seeds and harvests! Part of the Seedy Saturday activities. **No registration required.**

### **Multilingual Storytime** (Family) Saturday, October 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 the Ukrainian Community of Woodstock! **No registration required.**

### **Baby Picasso** (birth-18 months) Monday, October 21 – 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us for messy fun in this interactive storytime, designed especially for babies and their caregivers. Explore, experiment, and create art together! All materials are nontoxic and baby friendly. **Registration required.** Registration opens October 7 at 10 a.m.



### **Halloween Storytime** (Family) Wednesday, October 30 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

An interactive Halloween Family Storytime with songs, stories, and fun Halloween activities. Costumes are encouraged! **No registration required.**

### **Baby Halloween Party** (birth–18 months) Thursday, October 31 – 12–1 p.m.

A Halloween Party with songs, bounces, stories, and fun Halloween-themed activities. Costumes are encouraged but not required. **No registration required.**

# Programs for Children

**Seedy Saturday** (All Ages)  
Saturday, October 5 – 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Drop by the library anytime between 11 a.m.–3 p.m. for seed saving activities, a seed donation station, music, games, prizes, and more! In partnership with Woodstock Environmental Advisory Committee (WEAC). No registration required.

## SEEDY SATURDAY BOOKS



**PA Day Movie** (Family)  
Friday, October 11 – 2–4 p.m.

Join us for a family friendly movie this PA Day. Popcorn included! No registration required.

# CULTURE DAYS

**Sharing Traditions – Culture Days** (Family)  
Saturday, October 12 – 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Participate in Culture Days and share a family tradition! Do you have a favourite family recipe, a skill that was passed down, or a story that has been told for generations? Share it with us! Submit entries until October 11. Find full submission details on our website. All traditions will be displayed and celebrated at the library on October 12.

**Fun with Origami** (8–12 years)  
Saturday, October 12 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Try your hand at some basic designs as we dive into the ancient art of paper folding. All supplies provided. No registration required.

**Best Book Character Party** (Family)  
Saturday, October 26 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Celebrate Ontario Public Library Week with your favourite book character! Dress up like your favourite character, play games, and design your own character.

Visit [www.mywpl.ca](http://www.mywpl.ca) for more details! Registration required. Registration opens October 12 at 10 a.m.



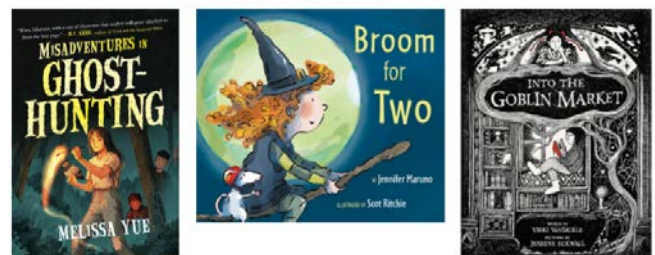
**Halloween Story Stroll at Victoria Park** (Family)  
Saturday, October 26 – 1–4 p.m.

Join Woodstock Public Library and Oxford EarlyON for a Halloween-themed Story Stroll! Ghouls and Goblins will have fun reading the story as they stroll around Victoria Park anytime from 1–4 p.m.! Costume dress-up is encouraged. Treat bags and activities available while quantities last. No registration required.

**Scream for STEAM:**  
**Halloween Drop-In** (6–12 years)  
Thursday, October 31 – 4–5 p.m.

Drop-in for some Halloween fun! Build skeletons, spin webs, animate Franken-worms, and make ghosts fly through thrilling challenges! No registration required.

## NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR HALLOWEEN



# Programs for Teens

## Teen Adventure Challenge (12–18 years) October, during library open hours

Solve riddles, embark on scavenger hunts and win prizes! Scan the QR code posted in the YA section or request a paper copy at the reference desk to get started! **No registration required.**

## Lunch Time Breakout (12–18 years) Thursdays, October 3–24 – 11 a.m.–12 p.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.**

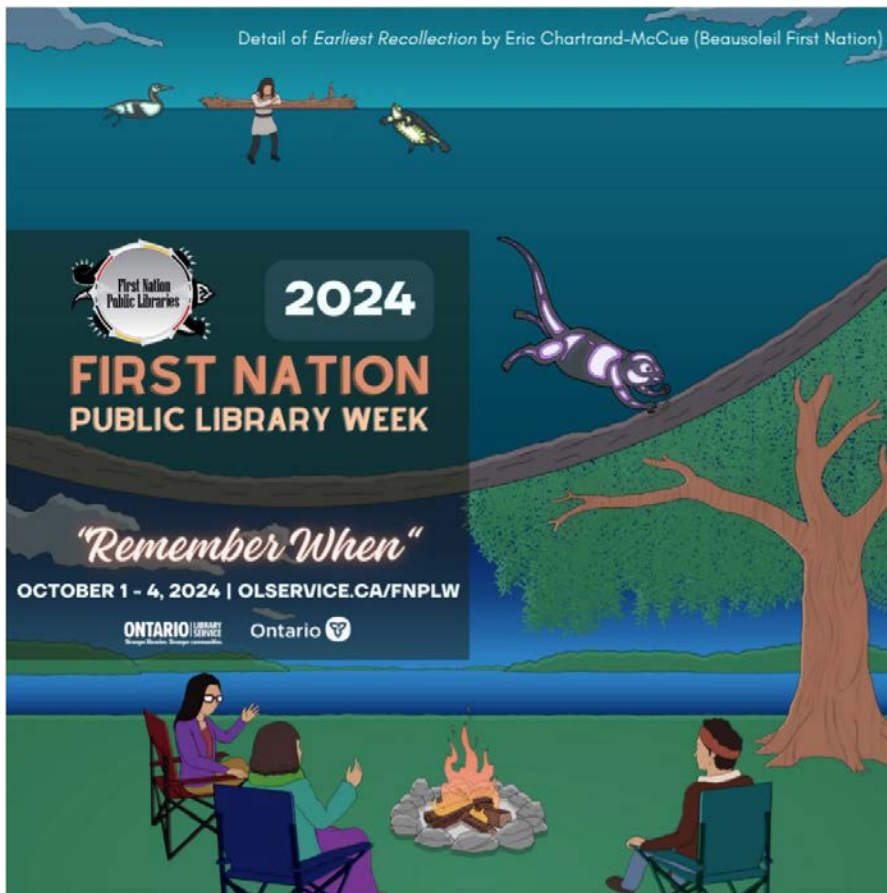
## Brightside Pizza Pop-Up (12–25 years) Monday, October 7 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

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.**

## Halloween Happenings for Teens (12–18 years) Tuesday, October 22 – 7–8 p.m.

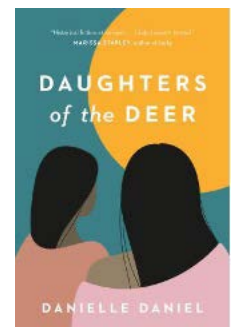
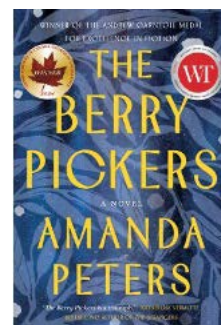
Paint some festive gourds for Halloween, followed by spookily fun cookie decorating. **No registration required.**

# Programs for Adults



## Elder's Panel – “Creation Stories from Across the Territory” Thursday, October 3 – 7–8 p.m.

Celebrate First Nation Public Library Week with a special film screening. The film brings together three First Nations people to recollect Creation Stories from across Turtle Island. Speakers in the film include Elders from Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory and Mattagami First Nation. **No registration required.**





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## Mah-Jongg

Tuesdays, October 1–29 – 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, October 1–29 – 2–3:30 p.m.

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

## WPL Book Club

Tuesday, October 8 – 2–3 p.m.

Thursday, October 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.

### October Title

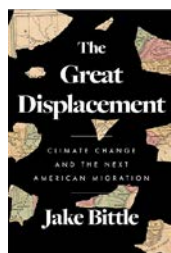
*The Great Displacement*

Jake Bittle

### November Title

*Clear*

Carys Davies



## Queer Conversations (16+ years)

Tuesday, October 8 – 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.

## Knitting and Crochet Drop-In

Saturday, October 12 – 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. No registration required.

## Pub Trivia Night

Wednesday, October 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.

## Writers' Group (15+ years)

Wednesday, October 23 – 6–8 p.m.

Active and aspiring writers of all kinds! Join us once a month for a time of fellowship, support, and quiet writing. Snacks provided. Mutual support appreciated! No registration required.

Local Author Fair

www.mywpl.ca  
for more information

November 16  
10am-2pm

WOODSTOCK Public Library

Oxford County Library

# Programs for Adults

## Oxford Reads Book Club at Beantown

Tuesday, October 15 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Join us at Beantown Coffee located at 9 Reeve Street for a library-led discussion about this year's Oxford Reads title, *Everyone in this Room will Someday be Dead* by Emily Austin. No registration required.

## Oxford Reads Presents: An Evening with a Death Doula

Wednesday, October 16 – 6–8 p.m.

Join Death Doula, Jayne Dill, as she shares what a Death Doula's role is and covers important topics relating to dying well. Registration required. Registration opens October 2 at 10 a.m.

## Oxford Reads Crafty Adults

Thursday, October 31

2:30–3:30 pm and 7–8 p.m.

Join us for a fun, craft-filled evening making Cemeterariums! All supplies provided. Two times available. Registration required. Registration opens October 17 at 10 a.m.

## Oxford Reads Gala –

### Featuring Canadian Author, Emily Austin

Friday, November 8 – 7–8 p.m.

The 2024 Oxford Reads title is *Everyone In This Room Will Someday be Dead* by Emily Austin. Join Oxford County Library and Woodstock Public Library for our special in-person Gala at the Market Centre, featuring Emily Austin! For more details and to reserve your free tickets, please visit [www.oxfordreads.ca](http://www.oxfordreads.ca).



## Haunted Jail Tour

Wednesday, October 23 – 6–6:30 p.m., 7–7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 28 – 6–6:30 p.m., 7–7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29 – 6–6:30 p.m., 7–7:30 p.m.

Join us for a guided Halloween tour around the old Woodstock Jail. Learn about the most infamous executions and some notable architectural features. Two timeslots available each evening. Registration required. Registration opens October 9 at 10 a.m.

**COURTHOUSE TOUR OPTION:** Our Courthouse Square is full of incredible stories. During the month of October, pick up a map from the library for a self-guided tour to discover the architecture and history of this unique area of Woodstock. A great alternative to our guided Haunted Jail Tours!

## Understanding AI: The Next Wave of Technology Advancement

Wednesday, October 30 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Join AI experts Davoud and Mohamed from Western University and learn the basics of AI including the positive impacts for our future. Registration required. Registration opens October 16 at 10 a.m.

## Cyber Assist

Tuesdays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 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.