

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 19)
Closed October 13
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 |
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| Tales & Tunes (Family) | An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities. | Wednesdays Oct 1–29, 10:30–11:30 a.m. |
| Toddler Tales (12–36 months) | An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities. | Thursdays Oct 2–30, 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 2–30, 12–1 p.m. |
| Story Explorers (3–5 years) | Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers. | Fridays Oct 3–31, 10:30–11:30 a.m. |
| Strollers and Stories (Birth–18 months) | Join us for a half-hour neighbourhood walk ending with a 15-minute story-time at Victoria Park. Meet at the corner of Hunter St. and Graham St. by noon to join us! | Fridays Oct 3–31, 12–1:00 p.m. |

I SPY: A Haunted Jamboree (Family) October – All Month

Drop into the library and check out the display case in the Children's Department to test your skills with our monthly I Spy quizzes for great prizes.

Seedy Saturday Storytime (Family) Saturday, October 11 – 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.

Two Row Learning (6–12 years) Monday, October 27 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Immerse yourself in Indigenous culture at the Two Row Learning sessions! Join us for an engaging exploration of Indigenous knowledge and teachings, presented by The 8th Fire, and sponsored by R&B Creative Creations, Line-X Woodstock, and Transitions Equine Assisted Learning.
No registration required.

Gourd Painting Party (12–18 years) Tuesday, October 21 – 6:30–8 p.m.

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

Halloween Story Stroll at Victoria Park (Family) Saturday, October 25 – 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 around Victoria Park anytime from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.! Costume dress-up is encouraged. Treat bags and activities available while quantities last. **No registration required.**



Programs for Children

LEGO Club (5+ years)

Saturday, October 4 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Children aged 5+ are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon of LEGO creations! Follow one of the challenge cards, use the LEGO Wall, or make your own creation – with or without help from friends old and new! Children ages 5–9 must be accompanied by an adult. Drop in, no registration required.

PA Day Movie: Dog Man (Family)

Friday, October 10 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us for the movie Dog Man (PG) this PA Day. Popcorn included! No registration required.

Seedy Saturday (All Ages)

Saturday, October 11 – 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).

The day will include:

- Family Storytime at 11 a.m.
- Seed saving activities
- Seed donation station for your seed library
- Music and Games
- Prizes

No registration required.

Code with Scratch (6–12 years)

Thursday, October 9 & 23 – 3:30–4:30 p.m.

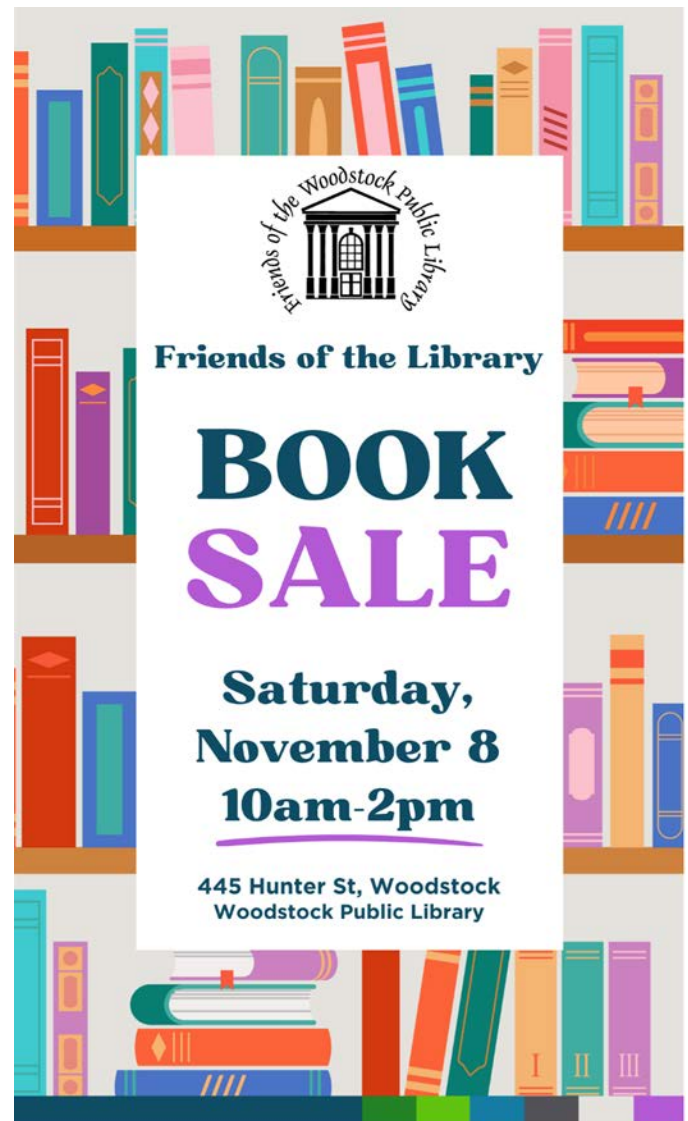
Drop in and have fun coding with Scratch! Beginners are welcome. Laptops and iPads will be provided, however participants are welcome to bring their own device and are encouraged to bring headphones. If using a library device, please bring a USB so the project can be taken home. Drop in, no registration required.

Oxford Reads Presents a Drum Making

Workshop (6–12 years)

Tuesday, October 7 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Woodstock Public Library is thrilled to present an Indigenous drum making workshop led by the Two Row Initiative, as a part of Oxford Reads. The workshop, for children ages 6–12 years, will be a hands-on experience where participants learn about Indigenous cultural teachings, particularly the significance of drums, and have the opportunity to make their own drum using natural materials. Registration required.



Programs for Teens

WPL Teen Reviewers (14–18 years) **October – All Month (Online Event)**

Help us promote books, movies, video games, and more to other teens by writing reviews! Each review can earn one (1) volunteer hour, with a maximum of 10 hours per school year. A review can be submitted by filling out our online WPL Teen Reviewer form.

Lunch Time Breakout (12–18 years) **Thursdays, October 2–30 – 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.**

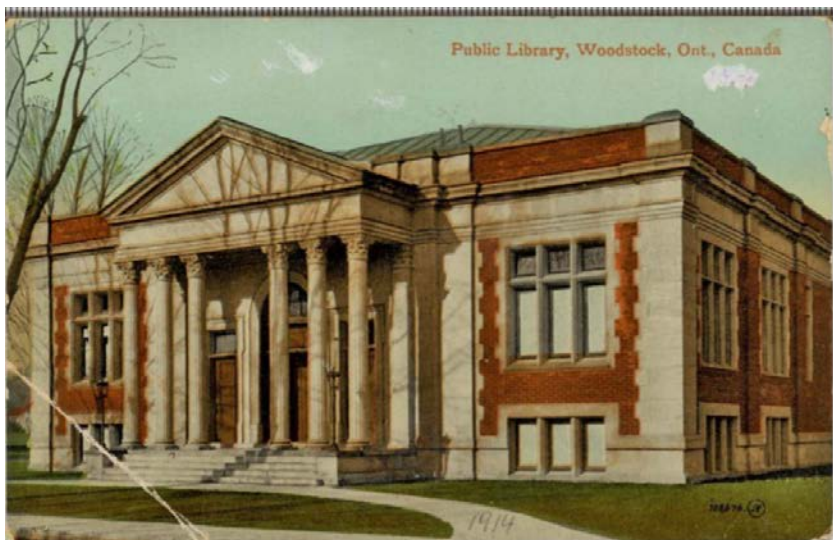
Writers' Group (15+ years) **Wednesdays in October – 6–8 p.m. (no event October 15)**

Active and aspiring writers of all kinds are welcome to join once a month for a time of fellowship, support, and quiet writing. Our format includes opening discussion, quiet writing, and an opportunity to share or discuss at the end. Snacks provided. **No registration required.**

Loom Knitting Circle (12–18 years) **Thursday, October 2, 16 & 30 – 3–4:30 p.m.**

Learn how to loom knit a hat or scarf this fall! Loom knitting is great for beginners, as the loom provides a stable structure, making it less likely to drop stitches and easier to manage the yarn. **No registration required.**

Programs for Adults



Doors Open Woodstock: Community Memory Project – Cummins 1924 Rural Directory Map **Saturday, October 4 – 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Celebrate Doors Open Woodstock with the 100th anniversary of the printing of the 1924 Issue of the Cummins Rural Directory Map of Woodstock & Oxford. Visit the lobby to examine and inspect the century old copy of the Cummins Rural Directory Map. **No registration required.**

WPL's Carnegie Library Tour **Saturday, October 4 – 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Join us in celebrating local heritage with a special library staff guided tour of the 116 year-old architectural marvel known as the Woodstock Public Library. **Registration required.**



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Programs for Adults

“Charismatic Chiaroscuro: Poetry and Art” with Meena Chopra

Wednesday, October 8 – 6:30–8:15 p.m.

Join us for an evening with Author Meena Chopra as she discusses her latest multimedia book *Charismatic Chiaroscuro: Poetry and Art*. We will start the evening with an Art Video film showing the artistic and literary immersion of traditional and digital media, followed by a reading from *Charismatic Chiaroscuro*. We will finish the night with a Q&A session. **No registration required.**

WPL Book Club

Thursday, October 9 – 7–8 p.m.

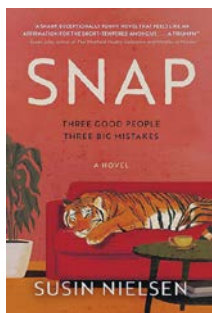
Tuesday, October 14 – 2–3 p.m.

Begin each month with a good read! Open to all.
No registration required.

October Title

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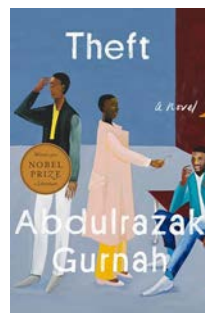
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November Title

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“Me and Flo: How Two Canadian Women Collaborated Artistically Across Centuries” with Emily De Angelis

Wednesday, October 15 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Join us for a special evening with Emily De Angelis, local author of YA novel *The Stones of Burren Bay*. Emily will share the artistic life of Florence Carlyle, a Woodstock painter who lived a century ago, and how it has inspired her own writing. Emily will share learning about Carlyle's work and being inspired to create *senryu* poems which accompanied an exhibit of Carlyle's works at the Woodstock Art Gallery. **Registration required.**

National Histories in a Local Setting: the ‘Sixties Scoop’ in Oxford County with Dr. Cody Groat

Thursday, October 16 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Explore the ways in which the mass removal of Indigenous children following amendments to the Indian Act in 1951, also known as the Sixties Scoop, has had local and regional impacts, touching on the calls for a National Inquiry, and considering the ways that this might impact organizations such as the Children's Aid Society of Oxford County. **Registration required.**

Welcoming
Dr. Coady Groat

Thursday, October 16
6:30–8 p.m.

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Oxford Reads Book Club: A Life in Two Worlds Thursday, October 2 – 7–8 p.m.

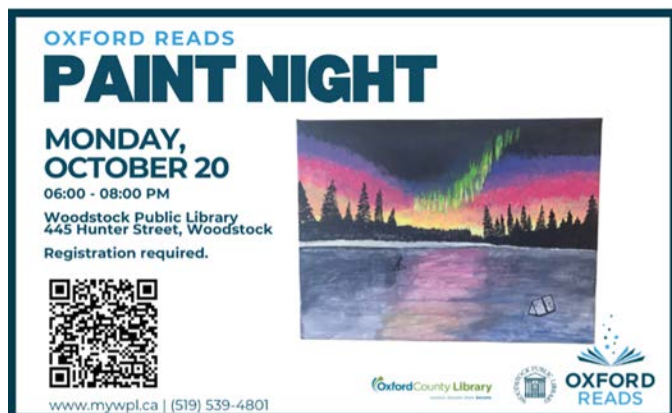
Join us for an evening of discussion for this year's Oxford Reads title. Come and share your thoughts on the book and hear what others have to say about *A Life in Two Worlds* by Ted Nolan. No registration required.

Oxford Reads: Memoir Writing with Elaine Cougler Saturday, October 18 – 2–4 p.m.

Join us at the Woodstock Public Library for a memoir writing workshop with local author Elaine Cougler. The workshop will be hands-on as Elaine draws on questions, skills and ideas from participants interested in writing their personal memoirs. Using her own memoir, *My Story, My Song*, as a guide, she will also introduce other sources as inspiration. Registration required.

Oxford Reads: Paint Night Monday, October 20 – 6–8 p.m.

Join Oxford County Library artist, Dianne, at one of the Painting Programs inspired by this year's Oxford Reads selection, *Life in Two Worlds: A Coach's Journey from the Reserve to the NHL and Back* by Ted Nolan. Be prepared to amaze yourself as you create your own masterpiece. All supplies will be provided. Registration required.



Oxford Reads: Gala with Ted Nolan Friday, November 7 – 7–8 p.m.

The 2025 Oxford Reads title is *A Life in Two Worlds: A Coach's Journey from the Reserve to the NHL and Back* by Ted Nolan. Join Oxford County Library and Woodstock Public Library for our special in-person Gala at the Market Centre, featuring Ted Nolan. Copies of his book will be sold at the event. Ted will be available following the program for a book signing. For more details and to reserve your free tickets, please visit www.oxfordreads.ca.



Retro Video Gaming Night! (all ages) Thursday, October 23 – 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 come on down to the Woodstock Public Library for an evening of retro gaming! Play a sampling of retro games on various consoles. In partnership with Operandi Gaming Community. No registration required.

Haunted Jail Tour Monday, October 27 – 6–7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 28 – 6–7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 30 – 6–7:30 p.m.

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 for the 30-minute ghostly tour.

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 librarian. Sessions are 30 minutes in length. Book online or call 519-539-4801, extension 3006.



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 15 and enter today!

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