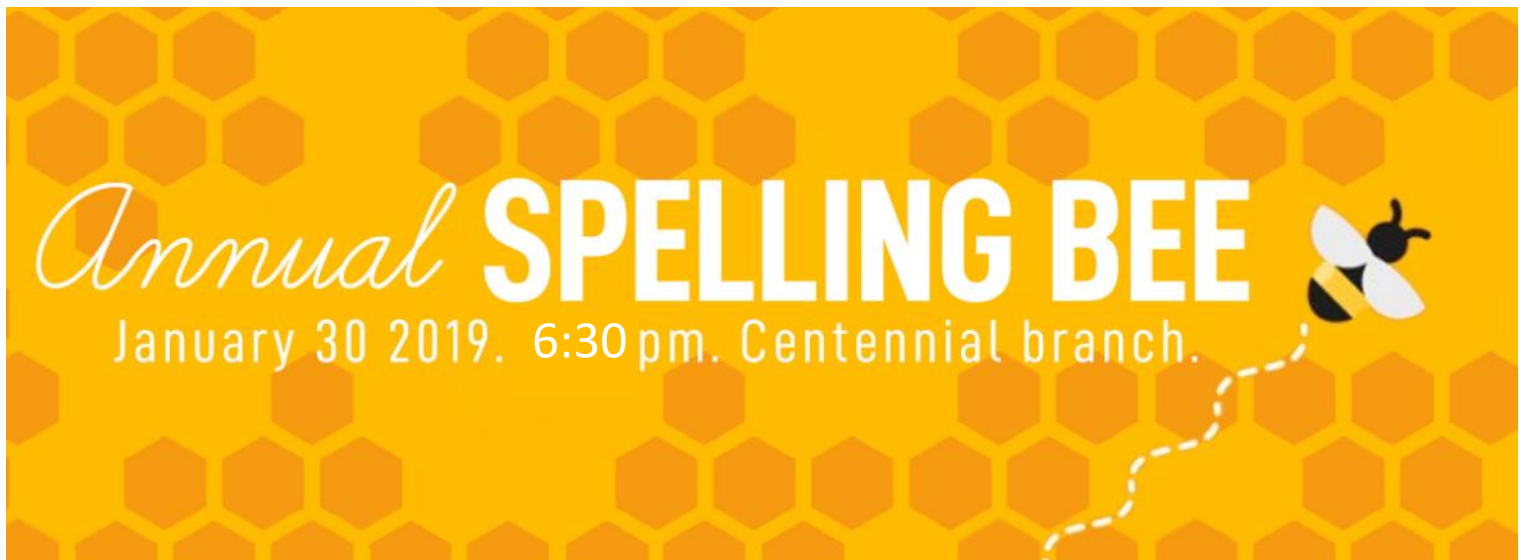


# FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY AT YOUR LIBRARY

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2019



## TUTU WORKSHOP

Learn how to make your own magical tutu! You will get to choose the colours, measure to fit, and create your own beautiful, fluffy tulle skirt. Perfect for costumes, dress up, or everyday wear! Ages 4 - 13, though children aged 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Limited seats available. Register by calling 905-871-2546 .

**JAN 19 • 2:30 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE • \$2**

## SOUP IN A JAR

Assemble all the dry ingredients to make a soup, then take them home in a jar to make a delicious pot of soup at home! Please register.

**JAN 12 • 2:30 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE • \$5**

## SPELLING BEE

Students in grades 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 are invited to challenge themselves at spelling. Please register at the library or by calling 905-871-2546. Spelling lists will be available on our website.

**JAN 30 • 6:30 PM • CENTENNIAL**

## LEARN TO MEDITATE

Meditation may be used with the aim of reducing stress, anxiety, depression, and pain, and increasing well-being. Learn about meditation and why it might help you, followed by a guided mediation. Please register.

**JAN 24 • 7 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE**

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# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## ADULT PAINT WORKSHOP

Join us to paint a simple landscape and learn basic acrylics techniques. Registration required. Ages 16+ unless accompanied by an adult.

**JAN 2 • 6:30 PM • CENTENNIAL • \$5**

## FAIRY GARDENS

A Fairy Garden is a miniature garden complete with tiny structures and living plants or moss. Join us to build your own. Please register.

**FEB 9 • 2:30 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE • \$5**

## POKÉMON FOR PARENTS

Do your kids love playing Pokémon? Are they looking to take their game to the next level but aren't sure how? Join Pokémon Professor Christian Kentie from The Frugal Dutchman to learn the ins and outs of competitive and casual organized play.

**JAN 26 • 2 PM • CENTENNIAL**

## ESTATE PLANNING

Learn the ins and outs of estate planning. Registration required.

**FEB 6 • 7 PM • CENTENNIAL**

## SOUP IN A JAR

Assemble all the dry ingredients to make a soup — take them home in a jar for when you need them!

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## ALL ABOUT HYGGE

Learn all about Hygge (pronounced hue-guh), the Danish concept of being comfortable and cozy. Please register. Ages 16+ unless accompanied by an adult.

**JAN 9 • 7 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE**

## ESSENTIAL OILS 101

Learn all about essential oils, with optional bracelet making afterwards. \$10 a bracelet. Please register. Ages 16+ unless with an adult.

**JAN 16 • 6 PM • CENTENNIAL**

## LEARN TO MEDITATE

Learn about meditation and why it might help you, followed by a guided mediation. Please register.

**JAN 24 • 7 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE**

## SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

A support group for parents of children with special needs. Join to meet other parents, learn about different resources, and ask questions.

**FEB 7 • 7 PM • CENTENNIAL**

## ESCAPE ROOM

Can you escape? You and your friends will be "locked" in a room and will have to work together to solve the clues to escape. Ages 16+. Please register.

**FEB 27 • 7 PM • CENTENNIAL**

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS BY CALLING 905-871-2546**

## COMPUTER BASICS

Hands-on computer basics classes for adults who are absolute beginners. Each which will have a different topics (see below). Please register week by week to ensure there is a computer for you, or bring your own computer. You must have a valid e-mail address.

**JAN 10 • Getting Started with Email**

**JAN 17 • Sharing Photos**

**JAN 24 • How to Search on Google**

**JAN 31 • Advanced Google Searching**

**FEB 7 • Using Google Maps**

**FEB 14 • Using the Library Website**

**FEB 21 • How to Use Facebook**

**FEB 28 • How to Use Pinterest**

**EVERY THURSDAY • 2 PM • CENTENNIAL**

## TRAVEL TALKS

Join a former travel agent for a talk about travel, followed by a great book recommendation.

**JAN 18 & FEB 15 • 2:30 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE**

## CARD MAKING

Join Marianne from The Card Chalet to make a beautiful scrapbook-style card. Ages 16+ unless accompanied by an adult. Please register.

**FEB 13 • 7 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE**

## VALENTINES FOR VETERANS

Supplies will be available in all branches to create a valentine thanking a Canadian veteran for their service.

**FEB 3 to 7 • ALL BRANCHES**

## KNITTING GROUP

Beginners welcome! Materials provided, or bring your own project. Ages 16+. Drop in.

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS • 6:30 PM • CENTENNIAL**

## WRITERS' GROUP

Library staffer and published author Derek Clendening offers tips and advice to writers of all ages, teen through senior.

**FEB 5 • 6:30 PM • CENTENNIAL**

## TRIVIA TIME

Join us at Brimstone Brewing Company in Ridgeway for an evening of trivia! Teams of 4-6 recommend but not required. Ages 19+. Please register by calling the library.

**JAN 23 & FEB 20 • 7 PM • BRIMSTONE BREWING • \$2 per person**

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



### NEXT MEETING

Come see our wish list from FEPL staff, and our proposed budget for 2019. All are welcome.

**JAN 8 & FEB 12 • 4 PM • CENTENNIAL**

### ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

Our annual all you-can-eat pasta and meatball fundraising dinner! Tickets \$9 in advance, \$10 at door & \$9 for takeout. \$5.50 for children. Call 905-871-7474 or email friends@fepl.ca for ticket delivery.

**JAN 10 • ITALO-CANADIAN HALL**

### SOCIAL NIGHT

Enjoy a delicious meal with fellow library lovers. Reserve your spot by contacting Darlene at darleneclavel@outlook.com or phone 905-894-1941 before February 8. Dinner buffet, non-alcoholic beverages and cake all included.

**FEB 12 • 5 PM • OLD BANK BISTRO • \$25\***

*\*Price to be confirmed upon reservation.*

# PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

## PAINTING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

A professional artist will lead us step-by-step through a beautiful painting. Ages 6 - 12. Registration required. If you have registered and need to cancel, please let us know in advance so we can give the spot to another child.

**JAN 2 • 2 PM • CENTENNIAL • \$2**

## BABYSITTING COURSE

This course is designed to teach babysitting, leadership and first aid skills. Participants learn to care for infants, toddlers, school-aged children, and themselves. Ages 11-14 \$45 course fee Pre-registration required. Call St. John Ambulance to register: 905-356-7340. Space limited to 18 participants

**JAN 5 • 10 AM—4 PM • CENTENNIAL**

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Students in grades 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 are invited to challenge themselves at spelling. Please register in advance. Spelling lists will be available on our website.

**JAN 30 • 6:30 PM • CENTENNIAL**

## UKELELE 101

Kids aged 7-12 can try their hand at a new instrument - the Ukulele! Together we will learn the basic chords and strumming patterns. Ukuleles will be provided by the library, or you can bring your own. This workshop is intended for kids who have never played the ukulele before, or who have a small amount of experience. Space is limited. Registration required.

**JAN 3 • 2 PM • CENTENNIAL • \$2**

## BIG BLUE BUILDING PARTY

In partnership with Healthy Kids Niagara we will Power Off and Play with giant blue building blocks! Build a life-sized castle, fort, dragon, airplane, and more! Drop in. All ages.

**JAN 5 • 10 AM • CRYSTAL RIDGE**

## STUFFIE SLEEPOVER

After craft and a story, leave your stuffie behind for a sleepover at the library! Check Facebook the next day for a video of their adventures! All ages.

**JAN 16 & FEB 20 • 6 PM • STEVENSVILLE**

## HOME ALONE

Safety, first aid, and comfort skills are covered in this course through interactive games and role playing. Ages 8 and up. Registration required. Call St. John Ambulance to register: 905-356-7340. Cost is \$35 per participant.

**FEB 9 • 10 AM —1 PM • CENTENNIAL**



## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Dungeon Master Christian from the Frugal Dutchman will lead you and your team through a legendary campaign. Beginners are welcome. We will be playing 5th edition. You may select your class and race at registration, or opt for a randomized character. Ages 12+. Register in advance to secure your spot.

**JAN 15 & FEB 5, 19 • 6 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE**

## TWEEN CLUB

Every Monday night is Tween Club! Kids going into grades 5 - 8 are welcome to join for snacks, crafts, games. Register for free at any branch to save your spot! Upcoming themes include: karaoke, candy sushi, minute to win it games and more!

**MONDAYS • 6:30 PM • CENTENNIAL**

## STORYTIME

Join us for reading, writing, talking, singing and playing - the five fundamental skills that get children Ready to Read! All ages welcome. Drop in. *On alternate weeks Tuesday storytime is run in partnership with the EarlyON Parent Literacy Council.*


**TUESDAYS • 10:30 AM • CENTENNIAL**

**WEDNESDAYS • 2:30 PM • CRYSTAL RIDGE**

## PUPPY PALS

Let's celebrate one of the cutest creatures in the world - PUPPIES! We'll read puppy stories, make a puppy craft, and play freeze dance! You're invited to dress up in your favourite puppy themed clothes. All Ages. Drop In.

**JAN 9 • 6 PM • CENTENNIAL**

 Name: Maya  
Age: 9

I ♥ My Library!

Tell us why you love your library! What do you do there? What does the library mean to you?

~~Books~~ I can read as much as I want!  
you can place the staff  
book's on hold/are so Nice!  
New book's always come in  
Summer reading club!  
they Always have Fun events  
Book's for all ages!  
you can draw  
Movies  
internet

Select submissions will be shared with the public. By submitting your comments you are agreeing to publication.

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## LOCAL HISTORY



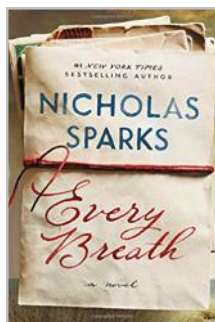
Non-existing buildings are easier to forget, but they leave a mark on those who've lived in Fort Erie long enough.

The G.T.R. is one of those places. An acronym for 'Grand Trunk Railroad', the GTR spent more than a century in Fort Erie's landscape. It stood on the north side of Gilmore Road, starting out as what would've been known as a 'hotel'. At the time, hotels were bars that also rented rooms. Our town had several, including the King Edward and the Americana. In fact, the term 'hotel' stuck long after they became simply restaurants.

Pictured here are people standing in front of the G.T.R. in 1904. The building looks different than most would remember. In the early 2000s, it even underwent several name changes, first to Mints and then New York, New York, although it would always be colloquially known as the G.T.R. The G.T.R. burned down in 2003 and a vacant spot by Gales gas station has remained since. Though gone, it remains part of our town's history.

*We have hundreds of similar photos in our local history database. Check them out at [www.fepl.ca/localhistory](http://www.fepl.ca/localhistory).*

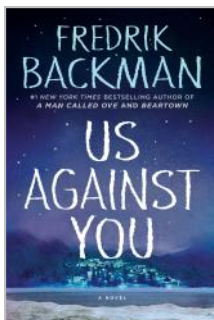
## STAFF PICKS



### DEBBIE RECOMMENDS...

**Every Breath by Nicholas Sparks**

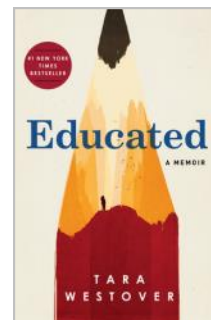
"Nicholas Sparks returns with a story about a chance encounter that becomes a touchstone for two vastly different individuals. The book spans decades and continents, showing the bittersweet workings of fate. If you enjoyed *The Notebook*, you'll love this!"



### SEAN RECOMMENDS...

**Us Against You by Fredrick Bachman**

"A continuation of Beartown. A Swedish book but has such a Canadian feel about hockey and life in a small town. How far people will go to sell their souls for hockey, or any sport they love. Creates very believable and conflicted people."



### LAURA RECOMMENDS...

**Educated by Tara Westover**

"Westover grew up with survivalist parents in a rural community in Idaho. This is her stunning memoir about family, loss and her struggle for a better future. If you liked *Wild* or *The Glass Castle*, you'll love this book as well."

# JANUARY EVENTS CALENDAR



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Kids Painting Workshop</b> 2 PM – CEN  <b>Adult Paint Workshop</b> 7 PM – CEN	<b>3</b> <b>Ukulele 101</b> 2 PM – CEN  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Babysitting Course</b> 10 AM – CEN  <b>Big Blue Building Party</b> 10 AM – CR
<b>7</b> <b>Tween Club: Karaoke</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	<b>8</b> <b>Storytime</b> 10:30 AM – CEN  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN  <b>Friends of the Library</b> 6 PM – CEN	<b>9</b> <b>Storytime</b> 2:30 PM – CR  <b>Puppy Pals</b> 6 PM – CEN  <b>All About Hygge</b> 7 PM – CR	<b>10</b> <b>Job Gym</b> 1 PM – CR  <b>Computer Basics</b> 2 PM – CEN  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Soup in a Jar</b> 2:30 PM – CR
<b>14</b> <b>Tween Club: Nail Art &amp; Video Games</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	<b>15</b> <b>Storytime</b> 10:30 AM – CEN  <b>D &amp; D (12+)</b> 6 PM – CR  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	<b>16</b> <b>Storytime</b> 2:30 PM – CR  <b>Stuffed Sleepover</b> 6 PM – STV  <b>Essential Oils 101</b> 6 PM – CEN	<b>17</b> <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN  <b>Book Club</b> 6:30 PM – CEN  <b>Computer Basics</b> 2 PM – CEN	<b>18</b> <b>Travel Talks</b> 2:30 PM – CR	<b>19</b> <b>Tutu Workshop</b> 2:30 PM – CR
<b>21</b> <b>Tween Club: Minute to Win It Challenges</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	<b>22</b> <b>Storytime</b> 10:30 AM – CEN  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	<b>23</b> <b>Storytime</b> 2:30 PM – CR  <b>Trivia Time</b> 7 PM – Brimstone	<b>24</b> <b>Computer Basics</b> 2 PM – CEN  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN  <b>Learn to Meditate</b> 7 PM – CR	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Pokemon for Parents</b> 2 PM – CEN  <b>Therapy Tails</b> 2 PM – CEN
<b>28</b> <b>Tween Club: Candy Sushi</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	<b>29</b> <b>Storytime</b> 10:30 AM – CEN  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	<b>30</b> <b>Storytime</b> 2:30 PM – CR  <b>Spelling Bee for Kids</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	<b>31</b> <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN  <b>Computer Basics</b> 2 PM – CEN	<b>HOMEWORK HELP</b> Every school day from 3–5 PM at CEN	CEN—Centennial CR—Crystal Ridge STV—Stevensville

# FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CEN—Centennial CR—Crystal Ridge STV—Stevensville	<b>HOMEWORK HELP</b> Every school day from 3–5 PM at CEN			1	2
4 <b>Tween Club: Movie Night</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	5 <b>Storytime</b> 10:30 AM – CEN  <b>D &amp; D (12+)</b> 6 PM – CR  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN  <b>Writers Group</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	6 <b>Storytime</b> 2:30 PM – CR  <b>Estate Planning</b> 7 PM – CR	7 <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN  <b>Computer Basics</b> 2 PM – CEN  <b>Support Group</b> 7 PM – CEN	8	9 <b>Home Alone Course</b> 10 AM – CEN  <b>Fairy Gardens</b> 2:30 PM – CR
11 <b>Tween Club: Palentine's Day</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	12 <b>Storytime</b> 10:30 AM – CEN  <b>Friends of the Library</b> 4 PM – CEN  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	13 <b>Storytime</b> 2:30 PM – CR  <b>Card Making</b> 7 PM – CR	14 <b>Job Gym</b> 1 PM – CR  <b>Computer Basics</b> 2 PM – CEN  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	15 <b>Travel Talks</b> 2:30 PM – CR	16
18 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> Family Day	19 <b>Storytime</b> 10:30 AM – CEN  <b>D &amp; D (12+)</b> 6 PM – CR  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	20 <b>Storytime</b> 2:30 PM – CR  <b>Stuffie Sleepover</b> 6 PM – STV  <b>Trivia Time</b> 7 PM – BRIMSTONE BREWERY	21 <b>Computer Basics</b> 2 PM – CEN  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	22	23 <b>Therapy Tails</b> 2 PM – CEN
25 <b>Tween Club: Nail Art &amp; Video Games</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	26 <b>Storytime</b> 10:30 AM – CEN  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN	27 <b>Storytime</b> 2:30 PM – CR  <b>Escape Room for Adults</b> 7 PM – CEN	28 <b>Computer Basics</b> 2 PM – CEN  <b>Knitting</b> 6:30 PM – CEN		

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