



# APRIL EVENTS CALENDAR

# APRIL *newsletter* 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>31</b>  KIDS CHESS CLUB CEN   3:30-4:30 PM  ADULT CHESS CLUB CEN   6:00-7:30 PM  YOUTH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CEN   6:00-7:30 PM	<b>1</b>  KNITTING GROUP CEN   10:00-11:00 AM  AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT CEN   4:00-5:00 PM	<b>2</b>  TAX CLINICS CENTENNIAL  EARLYON CEN   10:00-11:30 AM  CREATION STATION CR   4:00-5:00 PM	<b>3</b>  TAX CLINICS CRYSTAL RIDGE KNITTING GROUP CEN   10:00-11:00 AM TAI CHI CEN   2:00-3:00 PM RESUME BUILDING STV   3:30-4:30 PM STEAM CEN   4:00-5:00 PM COCOA CLUB STV   4:00-4:45 PM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  BOARD GAME CAFE STV   10:00-11:00 AM  CHILDREN'S PAINTING CR   11:00-12:00 PM
<b>7</b>  ADULT COLOURING CLUB STV   11:00-12:00 PM KIDS CHESS CLUB CEN   3:30-4:30 PM  ADULT CHESS CLUB CEN   6:00-7:30 PM	<b>8</b>  KNITTING GROUP CEN   10:00-11:00 AM  AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT CEN   4:00-5:00 PM  GIANT CANVAS ART CEN   6:00-7:00 PM	<b>9</b>  EARLYON CEN   10:00-11:30 AM  TAX CLINICS CRYSTAL RIDGE  CREATION STATION CR   4:00-5:00 PM	<b>10</b>  KNITTING GROUP CEN   10-11:00 AM TAI CHI CEN   2:00-3:00 PM AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB CEN   2:00-3:00 PM STEAM CEN   4:00-5:00 PM COCOA CLUB STV   4:00-4:45 PM FORT ERIE UKES CR   5:00-7:00 PM ADULT CRAFT NIGHT CEN   6:00-7:30 PM	<b>11</b>  TAX CLINICS CENTENNIAL  FRENCH CLUB CR   11:00-12:00 PM	<b>12</b>  THERAPY TAILS CEN   1:00-2:00 PM  ADULT COLOURING CLUB CEN   2:00-3:00 PM  MOVIE SHOWING: 'MIGRATION' CR   2:30-4:30 PM
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## AT THE FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### SEED LIBRARY

We're delighted to offer our very own Seed Library. No seeds? No problem! Donate to or borrow from our Fort Erie Public Library Seed Library. See page 6 for more information.



### YOUNG ADULT & TEEN LIT KIT:

In our Lit Kit boxes, you will receive 1 book (to keep), amongst a few other book-themed gifts, trinkets, and a personalized list of other read-alikes. The only thing you need to return is the box! See page 6 for more information.

## Join FEPL staff at FanCon!

Saturday, April 26 | 10am-5pm | 1640 Garrison Rd. Fort Erie

"The Fort Erie Public Library isn't just a place to borrow books (and it never was)! From free Wi-Fi and computer access to exciting programs like gaming nights, crafts, workshops, and volunteer opportunities, the Fort Erie Public Library is a community hub where you can learn, connect, explore, and have fun. Stop by our booth at GFESS and have a chance to play Minute-to-Win-It, make a button, and a few other surprises! We're also bringing our Big Blue Blocks and library card registration forms. It'll be a fun day and we can't wait to see you there!"



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<b>CENTENNIAL BRANCH</b> 136 Gilmore Rd., Fort Erie (905) 871-2546 Monday - Thursday: 9:30 - 8:00 Friday - Saturday: 9:30 - 5:00	<b>CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH</b> 89 Ridge Rd S., Ridgeway (905) 894-1281 Monday - Thursday: 9:30 - 8:00 Friday - Saturday: 9:30 - 5:00	<b>STEVENSVILLE BRANCH</b> 2508 Stevensville Rd., Stevensville (905) 382-2051 Monday & Saturday: 9:30 - 2:00 Wednesday & Thursday: 3:30 - 8:00
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**ADULT CHESS CLUB****CENTENNIAL BRANCH****Mondays | 6:00-7:30 PM**

All skill levels are welcome to join us to learn and play chess every Monday evening.

Feel free to drop in when you can!

**KNITTING GROUP****CENTENNIAL BRANCH****Tuesdays & Thursdays | 10:00-11:00 AM**

Bring your knitting, crochet, needlework, and other projects. No registration is required.

**TAI CHI****CENTENNIAL BRANCH****Thursdays | 2:00-3:00 PM**

Join Ray as he teaches a simple style of Tai Chi, combined with breathing and body conditioning exercises borrowed from Aikido. All ages. Registration is suggested, but not required.

**JOB GYM PRESENTS:  
RESUME BUILDING (16+)****STEVENSVILLE BRANCH****Thursday, April 3 | 3:30-4:30 PM**

Makana Scott from the Job Gym will host a monthly workshop to help Fort Erie residents with resumes. This workshop is fantastic for those interested in editing their resumes before job hunting. Registration encouraged.

**ADULT CRAFT NIGHT:  
PLANT POTS****CENTENNIAL BRANCH****Wednesday, April 10 | 6:00-7:30 PM**

We love these Mod Podge Plant Pots and you will too! Choose from a variety of floral napkins to decorate your new planter!

**ADULT COLOURING CLUB****CENTENNIAL BRANCH****Saturday, April 12 | 2:00-3:00 PM**

Are you someone who loves colouring? We do too! Come in to the library for a relaxing afternoon filling in beautiful seahorses. We'll meet every other Monday at the Stevensville branch, and monthly at the Centennial branch.

**STEVENSVILLE BRANCH****Monday, April 07 & 28 | 11:00-12:00 PM****FORT ERIE UKES****CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH****Thursday, April 10 | 5:00-7:00 PM****Thursday, April 24 | 5:00-7:00 PM**

Fort Erie Ukes (FEU), established in 2021, are a group of adult ukulele players and enthusiasts meeting every other Thursday. All skill levels are welcome to attend. We typically play 16-18 songs from our library and sprinkle in any open mics you may be working on.

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Sign up at [www.fepl.ca/newsletter](http://www.fepl.ca/newsletter)

# Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library



## GIANT USED BOOK SALE

**Saturday April 26**  
**9:30-3:00**



FICTION  
MYSTERY  
ROMANCE  
NONFICTION  
CHILDRENS  
YOUNG ADULT  
BIOGRAPHIES  
COOKBOOKS

DVDs  
TOTES  
SOCKS  
ART  
CDs

**CRYSTAL RIDGE LIBRARY**  
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**RIDGEWAY**

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All money raised goes towards Fort Erie Public Library Branches

**MORE ABOUT US:**

Further information about the Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library can be found on our website: [www.fepl.ca/friends](http://www.fepl.ca/friends) or by following us on our Facebook page: Friends of FEPL. We are always looking for new members or event volunteers (including students)!

**MEETINGS:**

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends will be held on Tuesday April 8th, 4pm at the Centennial Branch. In addition to the meeting, we will also be awarding 'The Maryann and Christopher Madden Memorial Volunteer Recognition Award' for 2024. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Thank you Delta Bingo for our fundraising partnership.



## Tax Clinics



Do you have a modest income and a simple tax situation? Through the Canada Revenue Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), the library is hosting free tax clinics where trained volunteers complete tax returns for people. These clinics are being held at both the Centennial and Crystal Ridge branches during April. Ask at the library, or call 905-871-2546, x 300 or 400 to find out if you qualify for this help, or to make an appointment. When you make an appointment, don't forget to ask for the list of things you need to bring along, to make the process go smoothly and quickly. We want to help make sure you get all the benefits and credits that you may be entitled to!

### TECH HELP



Need help with a device or have a tech question?  
Want to read ebooks and audiobooks on your device?  
Make an appointment by emailing [info@fepl.ca](mailto:info@fepl.ca).

### FOLLOW US!

 Fort Erie Public Library  
 @forteriepubliclibrary



### Say Cheese!



Please be advised that staff may take photos or recordings during programs for use in marketing materials, social media, or other promotional purposes. Patrons who do not wish to be photographed or recorded should inform a staff member prior to or during the program.



## SEED LIBRARY

The Seed Library is a free service for patrons of the Fort Erie community which hopes to foster well-being through gardening! Borrow seeds from the library and plant them at your home. At the end of the growing season, collect seeds from a few plants and return them to the library. Then next season, pick up more seeds to grow! By becoming a member, you can borrow seeds to grow, then harvest some of your plants to return to us. That's what keeps us going! By returning borrowed seeds or donating to the Fort Erie Seed Library, you're helping with food security, education in growing food and flowers, and helping people learn how to save seeds for the next year.

## YA & TEEN LIT KIT

Have you ever wanted your very own Book Subscription box? In our Lit Kit boxes, you will receive 1 book (to keep), amongst a few other book-themed gifts, trinkets, and a personalized list of other read-alikes. The only thing you need to return is the box!

*Please enter your email address when registering on Simpletix. Serena will email you personally with a quiz of your genre preferences, and hobbies to tailor your box specifically to you!*



### AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

#### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, April 10 | 2:00-3:00 PM

Looking for a good read? Join the Afternoon Book Club with our very own staff member, Derek, to read the best in modern and popular fiction.



### WRITERS' GROUP

#### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, April 15 | 6:00-7:00 PM

Have a story to tell? Join FEPL staff member and published author Derek for ideas and prompts to help you start your writing journey or refine your skills.



### ADULT CARDMAKING

#### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, April 15 | 6:00-7:00 PM

Please join us at the library to design cards! Look forward to a fun evening creating cards for all of your loved ones. All materials will be provided. Registration required.

### BERTIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

#### CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Wednesday, April 16 | 6:00-8:00 PM

Join us and Sarah Kaufman, of Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum, for a presentation on "Chloe Cooley, Enslavement and the Fight for Freedom." All welcome. Free admission.

### TRIVIA NIGHT

#### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, April 17 | 6:00-7:30 PM

Gather your friends, test your trivia knowledge, and have a chance to win bragging rights and a prize! Snacks are provided.



### ELL CONVERSATION CAFÉ

#### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, April 29 | 6:30-7:30 PM

In partnership with the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre, we are excited to introduce ELL (English Language Learners) Conversation Café - a place to gather and practice your English skills. Laura will guide the group with conversation topics, games, and more! Please feel free to bring your family; we will have crafts and games for children in attendance.

~ Presented by Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library ~

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We've joined the French Language collection at Cantook! Enjoy 11,000+ ebooks and 1,300+ audio titles with your Fort Erie Library card.

### PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration for April programming opens **Saturday, March 29 at 9:30am.** Register for events through our website, [www.fepl.ca](http://www.fepl.ca) or by calling or visiting the library.

Big thanks to the *Friends of the Library* for all of their support!







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**KIDS CHESS CLUB (7+)**  
CENTENNIAL BRANCH  
Mondays | 3:30-4:30 PM



All skill levels are welcome to join us to learn and play chess every Monday afternoon. Register or drop-in!

**AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT (4+)**  
CENTENNIAL BRANCH  
Tuesdays | 4:00-5:00 PM

Join us weekly at the Centennial Branch for a creative break after school. Drop-in.

**EARLYON**  
CENTENNIAL BRANCH  
Wednesdays | 10:00-11:30 AM



Join us for stories, songs, crafts and playtime. In partnership with EarlyON. Registration required.

*special events*

**GIANT CANVAS ART**  
CENTENNIAL BRANCH  
Tuesday, April 8 | 6:00-7:00 PM

This program is meant for teens specifically, although we do encourage older children (ages 11-13) to sign up too. In this program, we are creating GIANT Canvas Art! We'll pick a colour palette and create abstract paintings to hang in our bedrooms at home.

**CREATION STATION! (6+)**  
CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH  
Wednesdays | 4:00-5:00 PM

Due to the popularity of our Big Blue Blocks, we are expanding the program! Every week we will alternate between various STEM programs and challenges including LEGO, Big Blue Blocks, Knex, and more! Drop-in.

**WEEKLY STEAM (6+)**  
CENTENNIAL BRANCH  
Thursdays | 4:00-5:00 PM



Join us every Thursday for a variety of hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) activities. STEAM, like STEM, combines the arts with sciences, weaving cross-disciplinary exploration. Registration required.

**COCOA CLUB**  
STEVENSVILLE BRANCH  
Thursdays | 4:00-4:45 PM



Join us Thursdays after school for Cocoa Club: a relaxing program where we will sip hot chocolate, read a story, and do a simple craft or colouring activity. Drop-in.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
CENTENNIAL BRANCH  
Thursday, April 17 | 4:00-5:00 PM



Kick off your Easter weekend with a fun family Egg Hunt at the Centennial branch!

**GROW A BEAN**  
CENTENNIAL BRANCH  
Wednesday, April 30 | 4:00-5:00 PM

Presented by the Horticultural Society, please join us as we learn to grow a bean! Kids will learn the importance of gardening as it teaches them responsibility and a love of nature!



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**CHILDREN'S PAINTING (4+)**  
CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH



Saturday, April 5 | 11:00-12:00 PM

Join us for our monthly Saturday morning painting class. Follow the program theme or freestyle! All supplies are provided. Registration required.

**FRENCH CLUB**  
CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH



Friday April 11 | 11:00-12:00 PM

For this program we'll be reading French picture books, colouring, and playing games. This program is open to those well-versed in French, or those just starting to learn. This club is intended for kids to socialize and sharpen their skills! Sometimes programs may be instructor-led, and sometimes not.

**MOVIE SHOWING: 'MIGRATION'**  
CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH  
Saturday, April 12 | 2:30-4:30 PM

Saturday afternoon is the perfect time to gather friends and family to watch a movie! Come out to enjoy snacks and a great film.

**MINI FAIRY DOORS**  
CENTENNIAL BRANCH  
Tuesday, April 29 | 5:00-6:00 PM



This program is meant for tweens and teens specifically, as we will be using a hot glue gun for this craft. Create your own small fairy door or hobbit door. All supplies are provided.

**THERAPY TAILS**  
CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Saturday, April 12 | 1:00-2:00 PM

Reading with a therapy animal can help reluctant readers, new language learners, and anxious readers gain confidence and develop a love of reading! Stop by on Saturday, April 12 to visit Therapy Tails.

**BOARD GAME CAFÉ (AGES 9-19)**  
STEVENSVILLE BRANCH



Saturday, April 05 & 19 | 10:00-11:00 AM

Join us in Stevensville every other Saturday morning for games, conversation, and good company. We'll also be playing at the Centennial branch every month. This is a drop-in program, so please pop in as you'd like!

**CENTENNIAL BRANCH**  
Thursday, April 24 | 6:30-7:30 PM

**TEEN CRAFT NIGHT: WALL ART**  
CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Thursday, April 24 | 6:00-7:30 PM

Join us to create beautiful wall art. These paper birds will remind you that spring is here! Registration required.

**YOUTH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, April 29 | 6:00-7:30 PM

Are you between the ages of 14 and 18, want to earn community involvement hours, build leadership skills and help improve what the library has to offer? YLA aims to create a welcoming atmosphere that encourages teens to become life-long library users while providing library-related services to youth in a fun and friendly environment.