



FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR



FEBRUARY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 KIDS CHESS CLUB CEN 3:30-4:30 PM TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) CEN 6:00-7:30 PM	28 KNITTING GROUP CEN 10-11:00 AM AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT CEN 3:30-4:30 PM	29 EARLYON CEN 10-11:30 AM	30 KNITTING GROUP CEN 10-11:00 AM TAI CHI CEN 2-3:00 PM STEAM CEN 3:30-4:30 PM FORT ERIE UKES CR 5:00 PM	31	1 MOVIE SHOWING: ELEMENTAL CR 2-4:00 PM
3 KIDS CHESS CLUB CEN 3:30-4:30 PM CLOUD PLAYDOUGH CEN 4:30-5:30 PM	4 KNITTING GROUP CEN 10-11:00 AM AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT CEN 3:30-4:30 PM	5 EARLYON CEN 10-11:30 AM CREATION STATION CR 3:45-4:45 PM	6 KNITTING GROUP CEN 10-11:00 AM TAI CHI CEN 2-3:00 PM STEAM CEN 3:30-4:30 PM COCOA CLUB STV 4-4:45 PM TEEN CRAFT NIGHT CEN 6-7:30 PM	7 LIBRARY CLOSED For staff training	8 TANGLED LANTERNS CEN 10-11:00 AM OPEN HOUSE: MEET THE CEO STV 10-11:00 AM CR 1-2:00 PM CEN 2:30-4:30 PM
10 KIDS CHESS CLUB CEN 3:30-4:30 PM	11 KNITTING GROUP CEN 10-11:00 AM AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT CEN 3:30-4:30 PM RESUME BUILDING CEN 12-1:00 PM	12 EARLYON CEN 10-11:30 AM CREATION STATION CR 3:45-4:45 PM VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS CEN 4-5:00 PM	13 KNITTING CEN 10-11:00 AM TAI CHI CEN 2-3:00 PM AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB CEN 2-3:00 PM STEAM CEN 3:30-4:30 PM COCOA CLUB STV 4-4:45 PM FORT ERIE UKES CR 5-7:00 PM VALENTINE'S PARTY! CEN 6:30 PM	14 FRENCH STORYTIME CR 10-10:30 AM THERAPY TAILS CEN 12-1:00 PM <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 ADULT COLOURING CLUB CEN 2-3:00 PM
17 LIBRARY CLOSED 	18 KNITTING GROUP CEN 10-11:00 AM AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT CEN 3:30-4:30 PM WRITERS' GROUP CEN 6-7:00 PM	19 EARLYON CEN 10-11:30 AM CREATION STATION CR 3:45-4:45 PM ADULT CARDMAKING CEN 6-7:30 PM BERTIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING CR 6-8:00 PM	20 KNITTING CEN 10-11:00 CBC NURSERY WORKSHOP CEN 10 AM TAI CHI CEN 2-3:00 PM STEAM CEN 3:30-4:30 PM COCOA CLUB STV 4-4:45 PM TRIVIA NIGHT CEN 6-7:30 PM	21	22 CHILDREN'S PAINTING CR 11-12:00 PM
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CENTENNIAL BRANCH 136 Gilmore Rd., Fort Erie (905) 871-2546 Monday - Thursday: 9:30 - 8:00 Friday - Saturday: 9:30 - 5:00	CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH 89 Ridge Rd S., Ridgeway (905) 894-1281 Monday - Thursday: 9:30 - 8:00 Friday - Saturday: 9:30 - 5:00	STEVENSVILLE BRANCH 2508 Stevensville Rd., Stevensville (905) 382-2051 Monday & Saturday: 9:30 - 2:00 Wednesday & Thursday: 3:30 - 8:00
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ADULT PROGRAMS



KNITTING GROUP CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 10:00 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.



AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, February 13 | 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.



ADULT COLOURING CLUB: MANDALAS CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Saturday, February 15 | 2:00-3:00 PM

Love Colouring? We do too! Come in to the library for a relaxing afternoon filling in beautiful mandalas. All supplies are provided. Registration required.

WRITERS' GROUP CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, February 18 | 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.



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FORT ERIE UKES CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Thursday, February 13 | 5:00-7:00 PM

Thursday, February 27 | 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.

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



February Newsletter

BOOK DONATIONS:

Have books at home you no longer need? Donate them to support our upcoming fundraisers! The Friends of the Library are accepting used books in good condition across all genres. Donations can be dropped off every Tuesday at the Crystal Ridge Library Branch from 3pm-7pm.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS:

Have you had a chance to meet our new Library CEO Jen Kendall? If not, then plan to join us as we host a library open house on Saturday, February, 8th. She will visit all 3 branches during that day, so please join us for treats and conversation on how to ensure our library is serving all patrons.

Stevensville Branch: 10:00-11:00 AM

Crystal Ridge Branch: 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Centennial Branch: 2:30-4:30 PM

MORE ABOUT US:

Further information about the Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library can be found on our website: 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 next General Meeting of the Friends will be held on Tuesday, March 11th, 4pm at the Centennial Branch. Everyone is welcome to attend.

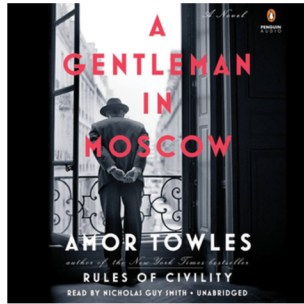
COMING SOON:

Our next Big Book Sale Fundraiser will be on April 26, 2025. Hope to see you there!



STAFF PICKS

Amy R's Pick: *A Gentleman in Moscow* - Amor Towles



While Russia undergoes decades of tumultuous upheaval, the Count, stripped of the trappings that defined his life, is forced to question what makes us who we are.

Towles is a gifted writer. He provides just enough detail for his settings and his characters to become real in our minds. The gracious Count, the amazing women who pass in and out of his life, the nasty Bishop—we want to know what happens to them all.

Laura's Pick: *The Luminaries* - Eleanor Catton



Richly evoking a mid-nineteenth-century world of shipping, banking, and gold rush boom and bust, *The Luminaries* is at once a fiendishly clever ghost story, a gripping page-turner, and a thrilling novelistic achievement. It richly confirms that Eleanor Catton is one of the brightest stars in the international literary firmament.

Dawn's Pick: *The Sequel* - Jean Hanff Korelitz



Anna Williams-Bonner has taken care of business—that is to say, she's taken care of her husband. Now she is living the contented life of a literary widow, enjoying her husband's royalty checks in perpetuity, but for the second time in her life, a work of fiction intercedes, and this time it's her own debut novel, *The Afterword*. After all, how hard can it really be to write a universally lauded bestseller?

**** Have you read the first in the series, 'The Plot'? ****

Serena's Pick: *The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt* - Riel Nason



Ghosts are supposed to be sheets, light as air and able to whirl and twirl and float and soar. But the little ghost who is a quilt can't whirl or twirl at all, and when he flies, he gets very hot. But one Halloween, everything changes. The little ghost who was a quilt has an experience that no other ghost could have, an experience that only happens because he's a quilt . . . and he realizes that it's OK to be different.

ADULT PROGRAMS

BERTIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Wednesday, February 19 | 6:00-8:00 PM

This month: Surprise at the Lighthouse - Rick Doan and Brian Smyth introduce the new Fresnel Lens at Point Abino Lighthouse. A Netflix original "Slumberland" purchase.



TRIVIA NIGHT CENTENNIAL BRANCH



Thursday, February 20 | 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.

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT: CANDLE PAINTING

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Wednesday, February 26 | 6:00-7:30 PM

Spend an evening turning regular taper candles into elegant works of art to display in your home. All supplies are provided.

Registration required.



ADULT CARDMAKING CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Wednesday, February 19 | 6:00-7:30 PM

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

JOB GYM PRESENTS: RESUME BUILDING (16+)



CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, February 11 | 12:00-1:00 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.



ESL CONVERSATION CAFÉ CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, February 25 | 6:30-7:30 PM

In partnership with the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre, we are excited to introduce ESL 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.

LIBRARY OF THINGS



Borrowing Policy: Can be checked out for a week and needs to be returned to circulation desk.

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.

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Weekly

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 | 3:30-4:30 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.



CREATION STATION! (6+)

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH
Wednesdays | 3:45-4:45 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 | 3:30-4:30 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.

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Monthly

TEEN CRAFT NIGHT: YARN HEARTS CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, February 06 | 6:00-7:30 PM

Join us to create colourful yarn hearts to add some love to any space! Registration required.



FRENCH STORYTIME (AGES 4-11) CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Friday, February 14 | 10:00-10:30 AM

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 out to learn!



CHILDREN'S PAINTING (4+) CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Saturday, February 22 | 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.



TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Monday, February 24 | 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? TAG 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. This is currently a community-run program.



BOARD GAME CAFÉ (AGES 9-19) CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, February 27 | 6:30-7:30 PM

Join us for a variety of family board games! We'll be playing new ones every month. This is a drop-in program so please pop in as you'd like!



BLUEY SCAVENGER HUNT

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

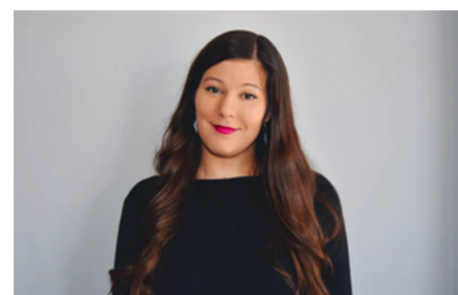
The month of February

At Crystal Ridge, take your shot playing our Bluey Scavenger Hunt in the library!

CBC NURSERY WORKSHOP: LEARN MOHAWK

CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Thursday, February 20 | 10:00-11:00 AM

We are **THRILLED** to present Miss Kristi Talbot, an Indigenous Registered Early Childhood Educator, as she teaches classic nursery rhymes and children's songs in the Mohawk language. No experience necessary. Parental/caregiver involvement is recommended and encouraged. Join our singing circle to learn classic favourites such as: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star", "Head and Shoulders", and more.



new this month!

INFORMATION

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 March and 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!

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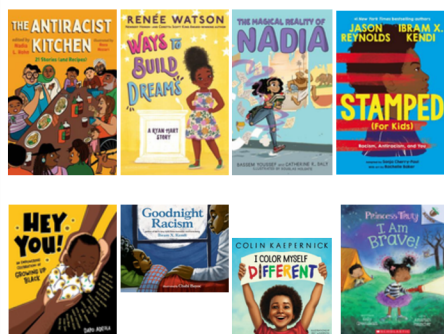
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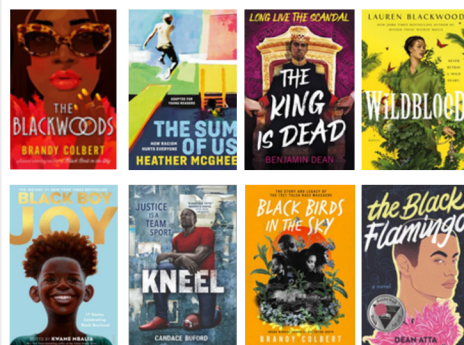


February is Black History Month

Children's Reads:



Teen Reads:



Adult Reads:

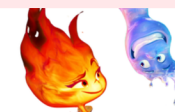


SPECIAL EVENTS

MOVIE SHOWING: 'ELEMENTAL' CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Saturday, February 01 | 2:00-4:00 PM

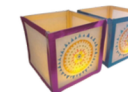
Love is in the air! Crystal Ridge will be hosting a movie showing in the afternoon. Our movie this month is 'Elemental': a Disney love story about very different people learning to love their differences.



TANGLED LANTERNS (7+) CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Saturday, February 08 | 10:00-11:00 AM

Join us at the library to recreate the lanterns featured in Disney's Tangled! Registration required.



VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS: DROP-IN CARD MAKING STATION ALL BRANCHES

Saturday, February 01 - Thursday, February 13

Unable to make it to our card-making sessions for Valentine's Day cards? Not a problem! Stop by the children's section of any branch to drop off your own Valentine's Day Card or make one at our crafting station!



THERAPY TAILS CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Friday, February 14 | 12:00-1:00 PM

The Library is celebrating Valentine's Day with our greatest love-- dogs! 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 February 14 to visit Therapy Tails.



VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, February 13 | 6:30-7:30 PM

Celebrate the day of love with a fun party at the library! We'll play games, craft, eat snacks, and have a little dance party! All ages welcome!



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