

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24 KIDS CHESS CLUB CEN 3:30-4:30 PM TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) CEN 6:00-7:30 PM	25 KNITTING GROUP CEN 10-11:00 AM AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT CEN 4:00-5:00 PM ESL CONVERSATION CAFÉ CEN 6:30-7:30 PM	26 EARLYON CEN 10-11:30 AM CREATION STATION CR 3:45-4:45 PM ADULT CRAFT: CANDLE PAINTING CEN 6-7:30 PM	27 KNITTING CEN 10-11:00 AM TAI CHI CEN 2-3:00 PM STEAM CEN 4:00-5:00 PM COCOA CLUB STV 4-4:45 PM FORT ERIE UKES CR 5-7:00 PM BOARD GAME CAFE CEN 6:30-7:30 PM	28	1 ADULT COLOURING CLUB CEN 2-3:00 PM
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March Break 10 PAPER-MACHE DONUTS 1 CEN 11-12:00 PM MINUTE-TO WIN-IT CR 12-5:00 PM GALAXY JARS CEN 2:30-3:30 PM KIDS CHESS CLUB CEN 3:30-4:30 PM ADULT COLOURING CLUB STV 11-12:00 PM	11 KNITTING GROUP CEN 10-11:00 AM SCOOP MCCOY CEN 11-12:00 PM BUTTON MAKER STUDIO CEN 2-3:00 PM AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT CEN 4:00-5:00 PM	12 EARLYON CEN 10-11:30 AM CBC NURSERY WORKSHOP CEN 11-12:00 PM PAINT SWAP CEN 2-3:00 PM CREATION STATION CR 3:45-4:45 PM	13 KNITTING CEN 10 AM PAPER-MACHE DONUTS 2 CEN 11 AM TAI CHI CEN 2 PM AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB CEN 2-3:00 PM KIDS TRIVIA CR 2 PM COCOA CLUB STV 4 PM STEAM CEN 4 PM FORT ERIE UKES CR 5-7:00 PM JUST DANCE CEN 6 PM	14 FRENCH STORYTIME CR 10-10:30 AM MAD SCIENCE CR 11-12:00 PM DIY SLIME CR 2-3:00 PM	15 DOG MAN DAY! STV 10-11:30 AM THERAPY TAILS CEN 2-3:00 PM MARIO KART TOURNAMENT CEN 3-4:00 PM
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March Break

MONDAY, 10 - SATURDAY, 15



Learn to sing in Mohawk with Miss Talbot!





Scoop McCoy is back with a magic show!



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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 COLOURING CLUB CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Saturday, March 01 | 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 peacocks. We'll meet every other Monday at the Stevensville branch, and monthly at the Centennial branch.

STEVENSVILLE BRANCH

Monday, March 10 & 24 | 11:00-12:00 PM



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+)

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Thursday, March 06 | 2:00-3:00 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.



AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, March 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.



FORT ERIE UKES CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

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

Thursday, March 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.

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PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration for March programming opens
Saturday, February 22nd at 9:30am.
Register for events through our website,
www.fepl.ca or by calling or visiting the library.

March Newsletter



BOOK DONATIONS:

Do you have books at home that you no longer need? We are seeking book donations for our upcoming fundraisers! The Friends are accepting donations of used books in good condition from all genres. Please drop off your donations at the Crystal Ridge Library Branch on Tuesdays between 3 PM and 7 PM.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS:

We hope you had the opportunity to meet our new Library CEO, Jen Kendall, at the Library Open House on Saturday, February 8th. The Friends were proud to host the event, during which Jen visited all three branches, connecting with patrons over treats and conversations about how to best serve our community. It was a wonderful day, and those who attended were engaged and enthusiastic about the future of our 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 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 Saturday, April 26, 2025. Hope to see you there!



Thank you Delta Bingo for our fundraising partnership.

Email
Newsletter



Find out about upcoming programs and registration dates right away!

Sign up at www.fepl.ca/newsletter



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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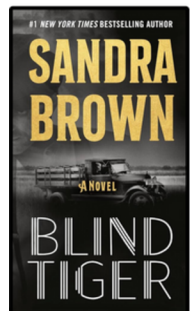
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Want to read ebooks and audiobooks on your device?
Make an appointment by emailing info@fepl.ca.

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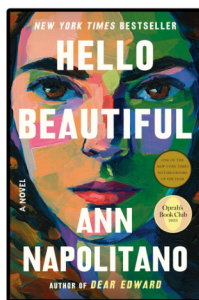
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Debbie's
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Julie's
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Amy R's
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Serena's
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WRITERS' GROUP CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, March 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.

BERTIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

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

Trains in Fort Erie - Presentation by Ken Jones - Learn about the Niagara Railway Museum, heritage of railways in Fort Erie, and Amusement Park Trains. All welcome. Free admission.

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT: PIPE CLEANER BOUQUETS CENTENNIAL BRANCH

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

These adorable bouquets are a cinch to make and beautiful to look at. Join us for an evening of creativity! All supplies provided. Registration required.



TRIVIA NIGHT CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, March 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.



ESL CONVERSATION CAFÉ CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, March 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.

ADULT CARDMAKING CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Wednesday, March 26 | 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.



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

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 | 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.

**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 | 4:00-5:00 PM**

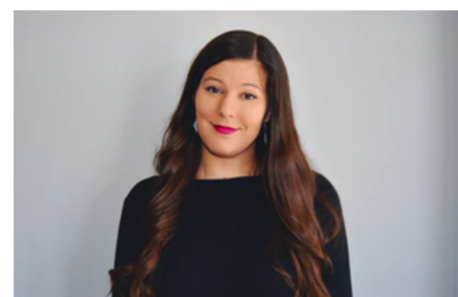
Join us every Thursday for a variety of hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) activities. STEAM, like STEM, combines the arts with sciences, weaving cross-disciplinary exploration. Registration required.

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.

CBC NURSERY WORKSHOP: LEARN MOHAWK**CENTENNIAL BRANCH****Wednesday, March 12 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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.



Monthly

TEEN CRAFT NIGHT: UPCYCLED TIN CANS**CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH****Thursday, March 06 | 6:00-7:00 PM**

Turn empty food cans into funky organizers. These upcycled tin cans are not only fun to make, but great for the environment! Registration required.

MOVIE SHOWING: 'THE WILD ROBOT'**CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH****Saturday, March 08 | 2:00-4:00 PM**

Saturday afternoon is the perfect time to gather friends and family to watch a movie! Come out to see the best animated film of the year at Crystal Ridge.

FRENCH STORYTIME (AGES 4-11)**CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH****Friday, March 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+)****CENTENNIAL BRANCH****Saturday, March 22 | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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

Registration required.

**BOARD GAME CAFÉ (AGES 9-19)****STEVENSVILLE BRANCH****Saturday, March 08 & 22 | 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, March 27 | 6:30-7:30 PM****TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)****CENTENNIAL BRANCH****Monday, March 31 | 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.

