

Canada Reads 2026 Contenders:

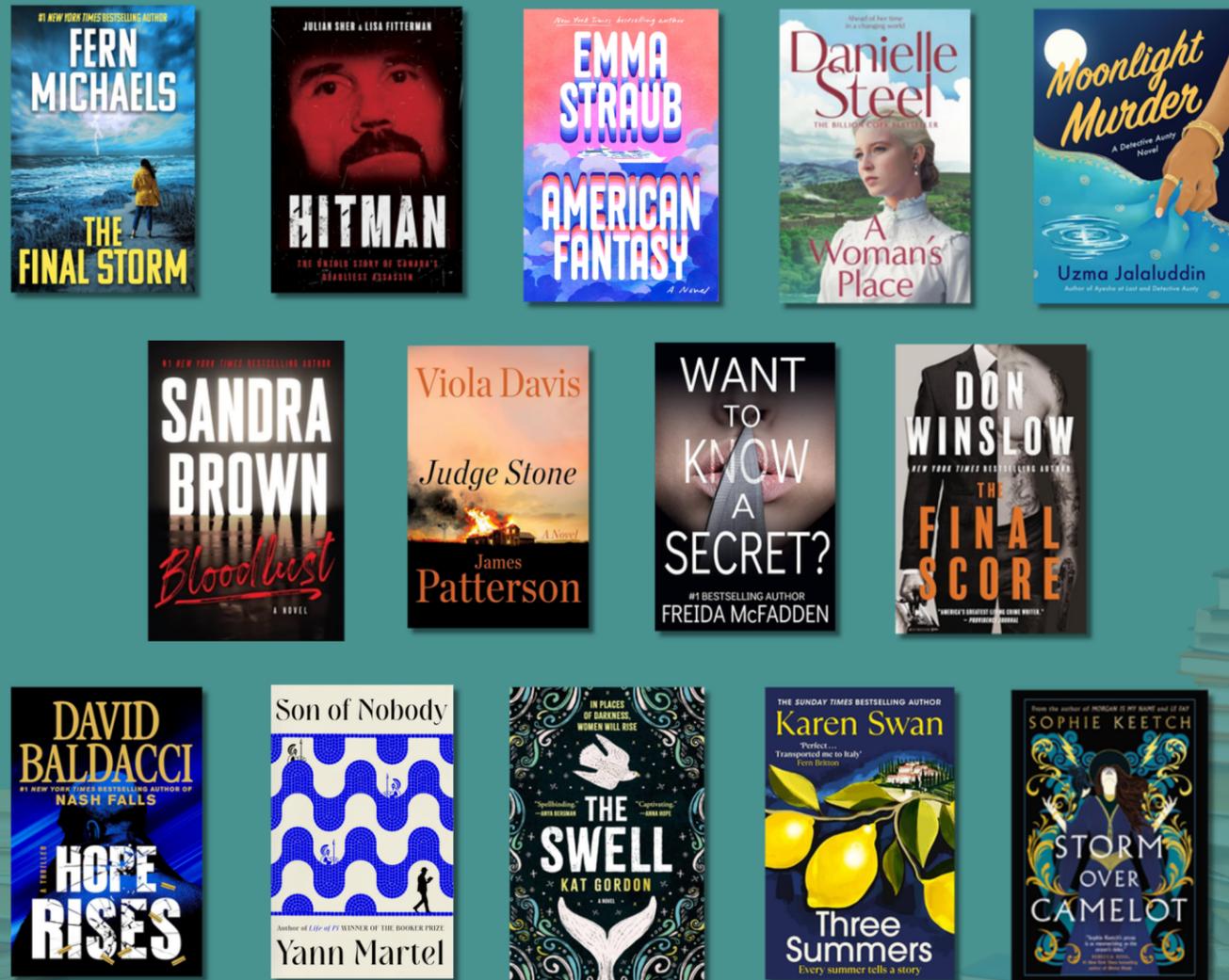


The 2026 Canada Reads contenders are, from left to right, Steve "Dangle" Glynn, Josh Dela Cruz, Tegan Quin, Elle-Máija Tallfeathers and Morgann Book. (K.C. Armstrong/CBC)



Debates will occur April 13-16 on CBC Radio ~ vote for the winner on fepl.ca!

Your Next Great Read:



APRIL *what's on* 2026

AT THE FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY



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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KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

KIDS CLUB

Looking for something fun to do after school? Come hang out at the library each week for a mix of stories, games, creative challenges, and cool crafts. It's a laid-back space to play, create, and connect with friends! **Drop in.**

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Mondays | 3:30-5:00 PM

KIDS' CHESS CLUB

Play, learn or watch. All skill levels are welcome to come play chess every Monday afternoon.

Drop in.

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Mondays | 4:00-5:00 PM

AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS **R**

Join us weekly on Tuesdays for a creative break after school. All supplies are provided, ages 4+. **Register or drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesdays | 4:00-5:00 PM

EARLYON

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

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Wednesdays | 10:00-11:00 AM

ART PARTY **R**

Join us every Thursday for Art Party- a place to explore and test out new artistic skills. We'll be using paint, pastels, charcoal, clay, watercolour- and more. **Register or drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursdays | 4:00-5:00 PM

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Join us for a chill book discussion based on your reading interests. You can bring whatever you're currently reading to discuss with friends at the Centennial Branch. We'll share what we like (and don't like) about popular titles, and maybe even swap books. **Drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesdays | 5:00-6:00 PM

TEEN CROCHET CLUB

Learn how to crochet squares for a community project! We meet every second Tuesday to work together to create a beautiful teen-made blanket. **Drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, April 7th & April 21st | 6:00-7:00 PM

EASTER EGG DECORATING **R**

Upcycle plastic eggs into beautiful Easter keepsakes. Using a variety of materials kids can create their own designs to share with the family. All supplies provided. **Registration required.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, April 2nd | 6:00-7:00 PM

KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop on over to the library for an egg-citing Easter Egg Hunt! Children and families are invited to search high and low throughout the library to find hidden eggs filled with surprises. Keep your eyes open - some eggs may be trickier to spot than others! Once you've gathered your finds, bring them to the desk for a small prize. This drop-in program is perfect for all ages and a fun way to celebrate the season. **Drop in.**

**** Please bring your own baskets! ****

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Saturday, April 4th | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

ANIMAL PORTRAITS **R**

Let your imagination run wild with egg carton animal portraits! Kids will design and build their very own animals using cardboard and paint.

All ages! **Registration suggested but drop ins welcome.**

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Saturday, April 04th | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

HOME ALONE COURSE **R**



St. John Ambulance

The Home Alone course is for any young person (aged 10 and over) who will be spending short periods of time at home alone. This course covers many issues that will help children and their parents feel more confident.

Register through

St. John Ambulance online or by calling:

(905) 685-8964. Fee: \$65

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Saturday, April 11th | 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

SEWING 101: SCRUNCHIES! **R**

Learn how to sew fabulous and simple-to-make hair accessories. Using strips of colourful fabric and elastic we will create wearable fashion! Keep them for yourself or give them to a friend. All supplies are provided. **Registration required.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Saturday, April 11th | 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

TWEENS & TEENS CRAFT: **R**

DIY LIPGLOSS

In this hands-on program, kids and teens will learn how to make their very own DIY lip gloss using simple, safe ingredients. Choose your favourite colours, add a hint of shimmer, and customize your gloss with fun scents to create something totally unique. Teens will also customize their own Lipgloss brand/label! Participants will learn the skills to make more at home. All materials are provided.

Registration required.

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Monday, April 13th | 6:00-7:00 PM

TEEN SEED LIBRARY VOLUNTEER DROP IN

Help us package seeds for the 2026 seed library launch in April and receive your volunteer hours!

Tasks include: putting seeds in envelopes, applying sticker labels, and sealing packages. **Drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, April 14th | 3:30-5:00 PM

TWEENS & TEENS CRAFT: **R**

COLLAGE CLUB - 3D EDITION!

Love collaging? Use your skills to decoupage your very own treasure box. With Mod Podge, magazine images, stickers, and more, you can cut and paste to create something unique.

Registration required.

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, April 16th | 6:00-7:00 PM

KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

HOME SCHOOL HANGOUT

Connect with other home school families to work together and play together. Every month we'll follow a different guided activity involving STEAM, STEM, or art. **Drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Friday, April 17th | 10:00-11:00 AM

THERAPY TAILS

Reading with a therapy animal can help reluctant readers, new language learners, and anxious readers gain confidence and develop a love of reading. **Drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Saturday, April 18th | 1:00-2:00 PM

KIDS PAINTING 101 **R**

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

Registration required.
CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH
Saturday, April 18th | 3:00-4:00 PM

MOVIE: THE LORAX

It's movie day! Join us at the library for a screening of *The Lorax*. Come for the movie, stay for the popcorn! **Drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Wednesday, April 22nd | 4:30-6:00 PM

BTPM PRESENTS: *Lyla in the Loop*

Join us for a special screening of *Lyla in the Loop* in partnership with Buffalo Toronto Public Media! Follow Lyla, a curious and creative problem-solver, as she uses critical thinking, collaboration, and engineering skills to tackle everyday challenges in fun and imaginative ways. This engaging PBS Kids series celebrates perseverance, friendship, and the power of trying again.



After the episode, stick around for a hands-on craft inspired by the show! Kids will get to design and build their own creative project, putting their project-solving skills into action just like Lyla.

Recommended for children aged 4-8. **Registration required, ONLY through BTPM events.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Saturday, April 18th | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM



STEAM SERIES: **R** Bee Watering Fountains



In this program, kids will build and paint their own bee watering fountain while exploring the science behind pollinators and why they're essential to our ecosystems. Participants will discover how small, earth-friendly actions can help support bees and protect our planet. Each child will leave with a colourful, functional piece for their garden and the knowledge to help our environment thrive! Use of hot glue gun required. **Registration required.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Thursday, April 30th | 6:00-7:00 PM

YOUTH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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. **Register or Drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Tuesday, April 28th | 6:00-7:30 PM



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library

USED BOOK SALE
Saturday April 25
9:30-3pm

100s of DVDs/CDs
1000s of Books

FICTION
MYSTERY
LOCAL INTEREST
NONFICTION
CHILDRENS
YOUNG ADULT
BIOGRAPHIES
COOKBOOKS
+MANY MORE

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Thank you for your support

April 25
CASH DEBIT CREDIT ACCEPTED

All money raised goes towards Fort Erie Public Library Branches

SAVE THE DATE! TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Saturday, June 13th, 2026 | Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd, Fort Erie
6:00-9:00 pm (Doors open at 5:00 pm) | Tickets: \$20 each | Maximum 6 people per team

Tickets can be purchased through Canada Helps:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/friends-of-the-fort-erie-public-library/events/trivia-night-fundraiser/>



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

The Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library play an important role in strengthening the connection between the library and our community — and we are always looking for new volunteers! We are a friendly group of dedicated volunteers who are passionate about supporting the Fort Erie Public Library. Are you interested in getting involved in local, community-driven events? Would you like to help organize or participate in fundraising initiatives?

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Email us: friendsoftheforteriepubliclibrary@gmail.com

Visit our website: www.fepl.ca/friends

Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/friendsofFEPL

Join us on Instagram: [@friendsoftheforteriepubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/friendsoftheforteriepubliclibrary)



Thank you Delta Bingo for our fundraising partnership.



All library branches are closed on:
Friday, April 03rd & Monday April 06th.

**HAPPY
EASTER**



SEED LIBRARY
Visit any branch to view and select a variety of seeds! Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, you can now borrow seeds, grow your own plants, and return seeds from your harvest to keep the cycle going.



PRINT | COPY | SCAN
Wirelessly from your device!
\$0.25 for black & white
\$0.50 for colour
Resumes or Government Documents are free



To **sign up** for a library card, at any branch, please bring a piece of photo ID along with proof of residence in the Greater Fort Erie area. You can also apply for a card online.



Find out about upcoming programs and registration dates right away. Sign up at:
www.fepl.ca/newsletter



One eRead Canada

This years pick:
'What I Know About You', by Éric Chacour



Introduction to the Library: Tour & Sign Up

Are you a teacher interested in teaching your students more about their local library? Arrange a class visit or library tour to learn about our collections and services.

Questions? Visit fepl.ca/Services or Email Serena at smariage@fepl.ca



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.



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ADULT CHESS CLUB

All skill levels are welcome to **drop in** and play Chess when you can! * Passive Program *
CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Mondays | 6:00-7:30 PM

KNITTING GROUP

Bring your knitting, crochet, needlework, and other projects. **Drop in.** * Passive Program *
CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Tuesdays | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

TAI CHI R

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 encouraged, but not required.
CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Thursdays | 2:00-3:00 PM

FORT ERIE UKES

Fort Erie Ukes (FEU), established in 2021, is 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. **Drop in.**
CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH
Thursday, April 02nd, 16th & 30th | 5:00-7:00 PM

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT: TEA LIGHT CANDLE HOLDER DECORATING R

Decorate a new piece for your book shelf or coffee table! Tea lights and candle holding vases/jars are provided.
Registration required.
CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Tuesday, April 7th | 6:00-7:30 PM
STEVENSVILLE BRANCH
Thursday, April 30th | 6:00-7:30 PM

JOB GYM PRESENTS: Employment Services (16+)

Join us at the library alongside the Job Gym for weekly employment services workshops. Stop by anytime on Tuesdays, from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm.
Drop in.
CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Tuesday, April 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
9:30 AM-3:00 PM

ADULT SEED LIBRARY: VOLUNTEER DROP IN

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CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Saturday, April 11th | 9:30-11:30 AM

* Passive Programs are self-run - Library staff will set it up, but the rest is up to you! Come and go as you please. *



ADULT PROGRAMS

PRESSED FLOWER FRAMES WITH CRESCENT GARDEN FLORIST ^R

Join us in making beautiful pressed flower frames with Crescent Garden Florist!

Registration required. \$20 registration fee will apply.

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Saturday, April 11th | 2:00-3:30 PM

TECH HELP: PHONE AND PERSONAL DEVICE SUPPORT

Do you need help with your phone, laptop, tablet, e-reader or any other personal device? Bring it to the library and Laura will help you.

Drop in.

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, April 14th | 2:00-3:00 PM

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Tuesday, April 28th | 2:00-3:00 PM

CLOUD MANAGEMENT

Do you want a better understanding of what a "cloud" is? Learn that and some basic examples of Clouds and how to save, delete and navigate your Cloud. **Drop in.**

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

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HAPPY IN MY HOME OUTREACH

Happy in my Home, Community Support Services of Niagara, is a volunteer-based not-for-profit agency providing comprehensive client-driven community support services to help older adults and adults with disabilities live independently in their own homes. Learn more about their services at the library. **Drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Wednesday, April 15th | 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

BERTIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

'Is There a Loyalist in Your Family Tree'

In recognition of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolutionary War, join us to hear Janet Hodgkins, UE, of the Wainfleet Historical Society, present the real story of the Loyalists who came to Canada and learn how to discover if you have one in your family. All welcome.

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Wednesday, April 15th | 6:00-7:30 PM

ADULT PROGRAMS

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB ^R

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

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, April 16th | 2:00-3:00 PM

ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT ^R

Gather your friends, test your trivia knowledge, enjoy snacks, and have a chance to win bragging rights and a prize.

Registration required.

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Monday, April 20th | 6:00-7:30 PM

ADULT CARDMAKING ^R

Please join us at the library to design and make greeting cards All materials will be provided.

Registration required.

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Monday, April 27th | 6:00-7:00 PM

A COZY MYSTERY NIGHT WITH IRENE JORGENSEN ^R

Join us in conversation with cozy mystery author, and creator of the Olivia Twist series, Irene Jorgensen. **Registration required.**

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Tuesday, April 28th | 6:00-7:00 PM



Win a free paperback or e-book!

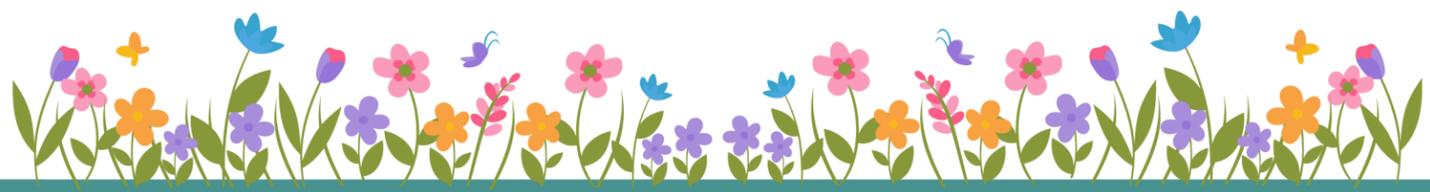
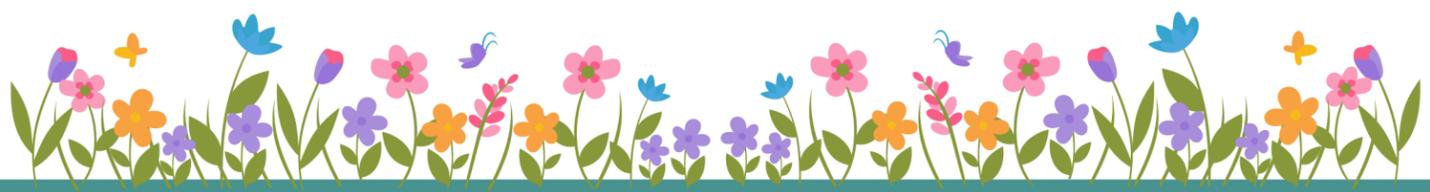


ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

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. **Drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, April 28th | 6:30-7:30 PM





APRIL CALENDAR



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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