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December 2026

what's on at the Fort Erie Public Library



Holiday fun for kids and teens

Cookie decorating, holiday lanterns, card making & more!

Festive craft nights for adults

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At a glance

Library Branches

Centennial Branch
136 Gilmore Road, Fort Erie

Monday - Thursday: 9:30 am - 8 pm
Friday - Saturday: 9:30 am - 5 pm
905-871-2546

Crystal Ridge Branch
89 Ridge Road South, Ridgeway

Monday - Thursday: 9:30 am - 8 pm
Friday - Saturday: 9:30 am - 5 pm
905-894-1281

Stevensville Branch
2508 Stevensville Road, Stevensville

Monday and Saturday: 9:30 am - 2 pm
Wednesday and Thursday: 3:30 pm - 8 pm
905-382-2051

Library Closures

Thursday, December 24-Sunday, December 27

Thursday, December 31-Friday, January 1

Registration Information

About our programs

There's something for everyone at the library! Many programs are drop-in, while others require registration through SimpleTix, our online registration system. Spaces can fill quickly, so register early for programs you'd like to attend. Programs are free unless noted.

SCAN ME!

Registration for January opens on December 19 at 9:30 am
To register:
Scan the QR code
Visit fepl.ca/events_simpletix
Call any library branch

Good to Know

While we do our best to keep programs running as scheduled, occasional changes may be necessary. Registered participants will be notified whenever possible, and updates are posted on our social media channels and will be available by calling any branch.

The Library of Things — just got — bigger and more fun

Now available through the Library of Things

- Axe Throw Set
- Giant Connect 4
- Giant KerPlunk
- Giant Plinko
- Giant Guess Who?
- Giant Yahtzee
- Giant Tumble Tower Set



Thank you to the Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library!
Their generous donation helped add these new giant games to our Library of Things.

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Tai Chi | CEN | 2 pm Guitar Club | CEN | 3 pm Art Party | CEN | 4 pm Crochet & Cross Stitch Club | CR | 6 pm Kids Mitten Garland | CEN | 6 pm (R) Craft Night at Centennial: (R) Christmas Chain Garland | CEN | 6 pm	**4** Knitting Group | CR | 10 am	**5** Sewing 101: Holiday Edition (R) CEN | 2 pm
10 Tai Chi | CEN | 2 pm Guitar Club | CEN | 3 pm Art Party | CEN | 4 pm Fort Erie Ukes | CR | 5 pm Adult Trivia | CEN | 6 pm (R)	**11** Knitting Group | CR | 10 am	**12** Snowy Storytime | CR | 9:30 am (R) Kids Holiday Painting Class (R) CR | 10 am Babysitting Course | CEN | 10 am (St. John Ambulance)
17 Tai Chi | CEN | 2 pm Guitar Club | CEN | 3 pm Art Party | CEN | 4 pm Kids Christmas Card Making | CEN | 6 pm (R) Crochet & Cross Stitch Club | CR | 6 pm Craft Night at Stevensville: (R) Christmas Ornaments | STV | 6 pm	**18** Knitting Group | CR | 10 am	**19** Therapy Tails | CEN | 1 pm Holiday Perler Beads | CEN | 2 pm (R)
24 CLOSED	**25** CLOSED	**26** CLOSED
31 CLOSED	**1** CLOSED	**2**

(R) REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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December Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
30 Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm Kids Club | CR | 3:30 pm Adult Chess Club | CEN | 6 pm	**1** Job Gym | CEN | 9:30 am-5 pm Knitting Group | CEN | 10 am Euchre | CR | 1 pm After School Craft & Stories | CEN | 4 pm Tween & Teen Crochet Club | CEN | 6 pm R Echoes of the Ancestors | CEN | 6 pm	**2** Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm EarlyON | CEN | 10 am
7 Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm Kids Club | CR | 3:30 pm Adult Chess Club | CEN | 6 pm Holiday Lanterns | CEN | 6:30 pm Craft Night at Crystal Ridge: R Bedazzled Snowmen | CR | 6 pm	**8** Job Gym | CEN | 9:30 am-5 pm Knitting Group | CEN | 10 am Happy in My Home Outreach | CEN | 10 am Euchre | CR | 1 pm Tech Help | CEN | 2 pm After School Craft & Stories | CEN | 4 pm Tween & Teen Crochet Club | CEN | 6 pm R	**9** Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm EarlyON | CEN | 10 am
14 Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm Kids Club | CR | 3:30 pm Adult Chess Club | CEN | 6 pm	**15** Job Gym | CEN | 9:30 am-5 pm Knitting Group | CEN | 10 am Euchre | CR | 1 pm Tech Help | CR | 2 pm After School Craft & Stories | CEN | 4 pm Tween & Teen Crochet Club | CEN | 6 pm R	**16** Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm EarlyON | CEN | 10 am Bertie Historical Society Meeting | CR | 6 pm
21 Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm Tech Help | STV | 10 am Kids Club | CR | 3:30 pm Cookie Decorating with a Movie R CEN | 6 pm Adult Chess Club | CEN | 6 pm Card Making | CR | 6 pm R	**22** Job Gym | CEN | 9:30 am-5 pm Knitting Group | CEN | 10 am Euchre | CR | 1 pm After School Craft & Stories | CEN | 4 pm	**23** Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm
28 Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm Kids Club | CR | 3:30 pm Adult Chess Club | CEN | 6 pm	**29** Job Gym | CEN | 9:30 am-5 pm Knitting Group | CEN | 10 am Euchre | CR | 1 pm After School Craft & Stories | CEN | 4 pm YLA Year End Wrap Up | CEN | 6 pm	**30** Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm

CEN Centennial | **CR** Crystal Ridge | **STV** Stevensville R Kids Programs R Adult Programs

Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library

Used Book Drive

The Friends are now accepting donations for our Spring sale!

We gladly welcome gently used books, DVDs, and CDs.

Please Note: We cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, or magazines.
Thank you for understanding.

Donation Drop-Off:
Tuesdays from 3-7 pm
Crystal Ridge Branch

Save the Date - Spring Book Sale

The Friends are excited to share that we will be having our next Giant Used Book Sale

Saturday, April 24, 2027
Crystal Ridge Branch

Happy Holidays

Wishing everyone a Joyful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Did you know?

The Friends now have their own monthly newsletter!

Each issue features upcoming events, member spotlights, fundraising activities and other Friends news and updates. You can read the latest issues online at www.fepl.ca/friends or find them on our social media pages.

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Thank you, Delta Bingo for our fundraising partnership.

Giving Tuesday is on December 1!

This global initiative brings people together to give back and support causes close to their hearts. It encourages donations, volunteer efforts, and acts of generosity that make a positive impact in communities worldwide.

For the Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library, Giving Tuesday presents a wonderful opportunity to advance our mission of supporting library services for Fort Erie residents.

This year, all funds raised will go towards supporting the Teen Innovation Hub, helping us provide more books and resources for young readers in our community.

You can donate online securely through Canada Helps - link is available on our webpage (www.fepl.ca/friends) or by dropping off a cheque at any of the three Fort Erie Public Library branches.

Thank you!

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Kids and Teen Programs

Weekly

Kids Club
Crystal Ridge | Mondays | 3:30-4:30 pm

Join us to play, craft, and unwind after school at this family-friendly program.
Drop-in | All ages

After School Craft and Stories
Centennial | Tuesdays | 4-4:45 pm

Enjoy a storytime and a craft at the library!
Drop-in | All ages

Tween and Teen Crochet Club
Centennial | Tuesday 8 & 15 | 6-7 pm

Whether you're looking to learn new skills or are already proficient, this is the place to hang out with fellow crocheters! Work on new projects together or finish your own designs in a relaxing environment. Crochet hooks and yarn are available, but you're welcome to bring your own.
Registration required | Ages 10+

EarlyON
Centennial | Wednesday 2, 9 & 16 | 10 am - 12 pm

Join us for stories, songs, crafts and playtime. In partnership with EarlyON.
Drop-in | Birth to 6 years with a parent/caregiver

Art Party
Centennial | Thursdays | 4-4:45 pm

Art Party is a place to explore and test out new artistic skills. We'll be using paint, pastels, charcoal, clay, watercolour and more.
Drop-in | Ages 6+

Monthly

Therapy Tails
Centennial | Saturday, 19 | 1-2 pm

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 | All ages

YLA Year End Wrap Up!
Centennial | Tuesday, 29 | 6-7:30 pm

If you are a teen volunteer and have participated in YLA events this year, join us to celebrate our 2026 accomplishments! An evening of snacks, ideas for the New Year, and maybe even a karaoke dance party! New members are always welcome.
Drop-in | Ages 13-18 (Grades 8-12)

Babysitting Course (St. John Ambulance)

St. John Ambulance

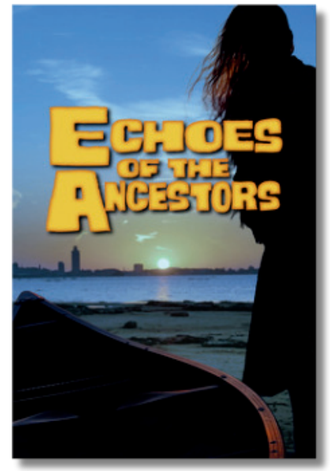
Centennial | Saturday, 12 | 10 am - 5 pm

Babysitting is a job with significant responsibility and the Babysitting Course helps prospective babysitters learn the skills they need. This course is for youth aged 11 to 15 years old. It teaches new babysitters the necessary tools to provide care to children in a variety of situations. The course emphasizes safety rules, responding to emergencies, and developing leadership skills.

Fee applies. Registration and payment must be made through St. John Ambulance. FEPL does not process registrations or payments.

Echoes of the Ancestors

Centennial | Tuesday, December 1 | 6-7:30 pm



Echoes of the Ancestors is a new three-part documentary series produced by Michael Summers and Mitch Baird of the McLean Consulting Group.

The series explores the cultural and historical significance of Indigenous burial grounds and archaeological sites in the Fort Erie region, including the Orchid and Surma Ossuary sites and the area surrounding the Peace Bridge.

Through archaeological research, community perspectives, and conversations with Indigenous knowledge holders and heritage professionals, the documentary connects the region's ancient Indigenous presence with questions that remain urgent today.
Drop-in

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Special Thank You

To our Friends of the Library for all of their support!

Say Cheese!

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LETTERS TO SANTA

November 2 - December 9

All Branches

Santa's postal elves are getting ready for another busy holiday season!

Kids can visit the library to write their very own letter to Santa. Our elves at the library will ensure your message gets delivered, and you'll receive a response from Santa.

1. Starting Monday, November 2, head to any branch to write your letter to Santa!
2. Be sure to include important information, like your name and phone number!
3. Receive a response from Santa!



Mailing Deadline: December 9

Mitten Tree

Saturday, November 21 - Saturday, December 19

Our annual mitten tree is back! Donate knitted hats, scarves, mittens, and/or gloves for those in need this winter.

Hang them on the "Mitten Trees" at any of our three branches starting Saturday, November 21 to Saturday, December 19.



Kids and Teen Special Events

Kids Mitten Garland (R)

Centennial | Thursday, 3 | 6-7:30 pm

In this winter craft, kids will decorate paper mittens with patterns, colours, and designs before connecting them together to create a festive mitten garland for their home or their room. A cheerful craft to brighten up the library for the winter season!
Registration required | Ages 5+

Sewing 101: Holiday Edition (R)

Centennial | Saturday, 5 | 2-3 pm

Using festive fabrics kids will hand sew a mini-stocking with all the trimmings.
Registration required | Ages 6+

Holiday Lanterns

Centennial | Monday, 7 | 6:30-7:30 pm

Light up the holidays! Join us as we use popsicle sticks, transparency paper, and markers to make our very own festive lanterns. Take home your handmade creation to add a little holiday sparkle to your space!
Drop-in | Ages 6+

Snowy Storytime (R)

Crystal Ridge | Saturday, 12 | 9:30-10 am

Join us before our painting class for some snowy holiday stories and a cup of hot chocolate.
Registration required | All ages

Kids Holiday Painting Class (R)

Crystal Ridge | Saturday, 12 | 10 -11 am

Get creative and paint a beautiful winter scene! Kids will follow a step-by-step painting lesson to create a snowy masterpiece.
Registration required | Ages 6+

Kids Christmas Card Making (R)

Centennial | Thursday, 17 | 6-7 pm

In this festive craft kids will design their own Christmas cards. Create a one-of-a-kind card to share a little Christmas cheer with someone special.
Registration required | Ages 6+

Holiday Perler Beads (R)

Centennial | Saturday, 19 | 2-3 pm

Get into the spirit of the season and create some festive designs with our perler beads. All supplies provided, including candy canes!
Registration required | Ages 5+

Cookie Decorating with a Movie (R)

Centennial | Monday, 21 | 6-7:30 pm

Kids will get to play pastry chef as they experiment with different piping tips, icing colours, and decorating techniques to transform plain sugar cookies into edible works of art. We'll have a holiday movie playing in the background to make it the perfect festive evening before the holidays.
Registration required | Ages 3+

YLA Angel Tree

This holiday season, the Youth Library Association (YLA) is hosting an Angel Tree at the Centennial Branch. Community members wishing to give can select an Angel from the tree beginning November 21. Gifts can be dropped off at the Centennial Branch for the YLA to wrap by December 16. Gift pickup is on Saturday, December 19, from 2-4 pm.



Weekly Adult Programs

Job Gym Employment Services
Crystal Ridge
Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:30 am-5 pm
Centennial
Tuesdays | 9:30 am -5 pm

Job Gym will be offering employment services at the Centennial and Crystal Ridge branches.
Drop-in | Ages 16 and older

Adult Chess Club
Centennial | Mondays | 6-7:30 pm

All skill levels are welcome to drop in and play Chess when you can!
Drop-in

Knitting Group
Centennial | Tuesdays | 10 am-12 pm
Crystal Ridge | Fridays | 10 am -12 pm

Bring your knitting, crochet, needlework, and other projects.
Drop-in

Euchre - New!
Crystal Ridge | Tuesdays | 1-4 pm

Presented by the Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library. Join in on the fun! Play Euchre with players in the community. Please bring your own deck of cards. This program is intended for those who know how to play.
Drop-in

Tai Chi
Centennial | Thursdays | 2-3 pm

Join Ray as he teaches a simple style of Tai Chi, combined with breathing and body conditioning exercises borrowed from Aikido.
Drop-in | All ages

Guitar Club
Centennial | Thursdays | 3-4 pm

Bring your guitar and enjoy playing with others!
Drop-in

Fort Erie Ukes
Crystal Ridge | Thursday, 10 | 5-7 pm

Fort Erie Ukes, established in 2021, are a group of adult ukulele players and enthusiasts. All skill levels are welcome to attend. Playing 16-18 songs from our library and sprinkle in any open mics you might be working on.
Drop-in

Monthly Adult Programs

Crochet and Cross Stitch Club
Crystal Ridge | Thursdays, 3 and 17 | 6-7 pm

Got a project you're working on? Come to the library and create in community!
Drop-in

Happy in My Home
Centennial | Tuesday, 8 | 10 am -12 pm

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.
Drop-in

Tech Help
Phone and Personal Device Support
Centennial | Tuesday, 8 | 2-3 pm
Crystal Ridge | Tuesday, 15 | 2-3 pm
Stevensville | Monday, 21 | 10-11 am

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

Adult Trivia Night (R)
Centennial | Thursday, 10 | 6-7:30 pm

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

Bertie Historical Society Meeting
Crystal Ridge | Wednesday, 16 | 6-8 pm

Christmas Sing-Along with Fort Erie Yukes
Join us and the Yukes in a good old-fashioned sing-along of traditional Christmas carols and songs, accompanied by ukuleles. Song sheets will be provided.
Drop-in | Free Admission
Food donations to COPE gratefully received.

Card Making (R)
Crystal Ridge | Monday, 21 | 6-7 pm

Design cards with us! Look forward to a fun evening creating cards for all of your loved ones.
Registration required | All supplies provided

Craft Nights

Craft Nights take place at each branch and include all supplies needed to create your project.

Registration is required and spots fill quickly. Scan the QR code to reserve your spot.

Craft Night at Centennial: (R) Christmas Chain Garland
Centennial | Thursday, 3 | 6-7:30 pm

Make a beautiful chain garland with holiday themed ribbon!
Registration required

Make it a family craft night!
While you create your Christmas Chain Garland, the kids can make their own Mitten Garland! Separate registration required.

Craft Night at Crystal Ridge: (R) Bedazzled Snowmen
Crystal Ridge | Monday, 7 | 6-7:30 pm

Add a bedazzled snowman to your collection of decorations this holiday season! Made with styrofoam balls, small gems, and adhesive glue.
Registration required

Craft Night at Stevensville: (R) Christmas Ornaments
Stevensville | Thursday, 17 | 6-7:30 pm

Choose two of four designs: decoupage, holiday glitter, bedazzling or pressed flower.
Registration required

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