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## MILANO CORTINA 2026

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**Join us to cheer on Team Canada!**

Celebrate and watch the action with your library.

# FEBRUARY 2026

AT THE FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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

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



## EARLYON

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

## CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Wednesdays | 10:00-11:00 AM**

## ART PARTY

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**

*weekly*

## 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 SEED LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

### DROP IN

Help us package seeds for the 2026 seed library launch in March and get your volunteer hours! Tasks include: putting seeds in envelopes, applying sticker labels, and sealing packages. **Drop in.**

## CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Tuesday, February 03<sup>rd</sup> | 3:30-5:00 PM**

## KIDS CARDMAKING

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Spread a little love! Kids are invited to get creative with stickers, stamps, colourful paper, and all things sparkly as we design handmade Valentine's Day cards. Whether they're crafting for friends, family, or someone special, this drop-in program is all about creativity, kindness, and fun! **Drop in.**

## CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> | 4:00-5:00 PM**

## STEVENSVILLE BRANCH

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> | 4:00-5:00 PM**

## 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](http://fepl.ca/Services) or Email Serena at [smariage@fepl.ca](mailto:smariage@fepl.ca)



Registration Required

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

*newsletter*

## USED BOOK DRIVE

The Friends are now accepting donations for our Spring sale!

We gladly welcome gently Used Books, DVDs, and CDs.

Donations can be dropped off on Tuesdays from 3 PM to 7 PM at the 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 on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 at the Crystal Ridge Library.

## 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?

## DISCOVER MORE ABOUT US:

Discover who we are and how to become a member:

Email us: [friendsoftheforteriepubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheforteriepubliclibrary@gmail.com)

Visit our website: [www.fepl.ca/friends](http://www.fepl.ca/friends)

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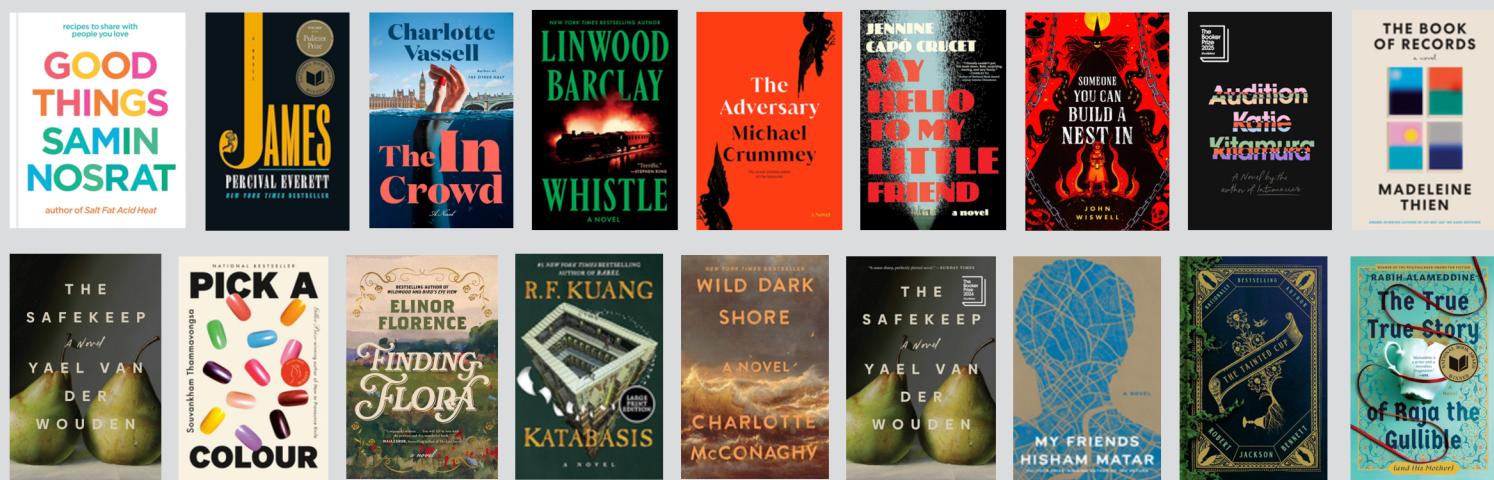
Thank you Delta Bingo for our fundraising partnership.

# RECOMMENDED READS

## Canada Reads 2026 Longlist:



## 2025 Award Winners:



## Upcoming Releases:



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## TWEENS, TEENS & YOUNG ADULT R CANDLE PAINTING

Set the mood this Valentine's Day with a cozy, creative candle-painting session just for tweens and teens. Customize your own candle using paint, heart details, doodles, or minimalist designs—perfect for gifting, decorating your room, or adding to your aesthetic shelf. This chill art hangout is all about self-expression, good vibes, and making something uniquely yours. All materials are provided. **Registration required.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Saturday, February 07<sup>th</sup> | 2:00-3:00 PM**

## TEEN CROCHET CLUB

Join us at the library and learn how to crochet squares! We will meet every second Tuesday at 6pm to work together over the fall and winter on creating a beautiful teen-made blanket to display in the library. Once finished, we'll raffle it off to a lucky member of the community. **Drop in.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM**

## LOVELY ART: Tweens & Teens Watercolour

Feel the love this Valentine's Day with watercolour painting. The perfect gift for your sweetheart, your BFF, or to keep for your very own self! All supplies are provided.

**Registration required.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM**

## MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY: PRINCESS DIARIES

Bring your friends for a screening of Princess Diaries! Come for the movie, but stay for the free popcorn. **Drop-ins** are welcome.

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Saturday, February 07<sup>th</sup> | 3:30-5:00 PM**

## SENSORY STORYTIME: IN R CONNECTION WITH AUTISM ONTARIO

In partnership with Autism Ontario, join us for a fun four-week Sensory Storytime series designed for children who benefit from a supportive, sensory-friendly environment. Each Saturday, we'll explore engaging stories, calming activities, and a hands-on craft tailored to different sensory needs. This one-hour program encourages creativity, comfort, and connection for children and their families.

**Participants must register through Autism Ontario: [www.autismontario.com](http://www.autismontario.com).**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Saturday, February 07<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:00 AM**

## "LOVER" TAYLOR SWIFT PARTY R

Calling all Swifties! Join us for a "Lover" by Taylor Swift inspired party. Make and trade friendship bracelets, design your own buttons, and sing your heart out with karaoke featuring your favourite TS hits. Come dressed in your favourite Swift era (optional!) and enjoy a fun, music-filled night.

**Registration encouraged but drop-ins welcome.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM**

## BE MY VALENTINE PARTY

Join us for Valentine games, crafts, treats, and more! All ages welcome. **Drop in.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> | 1:00-2:00 PM**



Registration Required

# KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

## STEAM SERIES: Crystal Geodes R

Kids will learn about crystal formation and geology while creating their very own colourful crystal geodes to take home out of tin foil, sugar, and glue. We'll learn how minerals grow, experiment with safe household materials, and watch real science shimmer to life. A hands-on STEAM adventure perfect for curious minds!

**Registration required.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM

## 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, February 20<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 AM-11:30 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, February 21<sup>st</sup> | 1:00-2:00 PM

## TANGLED LANTERNS R

Be our guest for a fairy-tale-themed craft! Kids will create their own enchanting *Tangled*-inspired lanterns using Popsicle sticks, transparency paper, and glowing LED lights. Bring your imagination and step into the story as we make a little magic to take home!

**Registration required.**

### CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> | 2:00-3:00 PM

## MOVIE: TANGLED

Join us at the library to watch the animated musical fantasy comedy film *Tangled*. Loosely based on the German fairy tale 'Rapunzel', *Tangled* tells the story of Rapunzel, a young princess with magical long blonde hair who tries to leave her secret tower. She accepts the aid of an intruder, the outlaw Flynn Rider, to take her out into the world which she has never seen.

**Drop in.**

### CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> | 3:00-5:00 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, February 24<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:30 PM

## KIDS WINTER PAINTING R

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

**Registration required.**

### CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM

## HOME ALONE COURSE R



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) 356-7340. Fee: \$65

**Registration via St. John Ambulance required.**

### CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

# ADULT PROGRAM CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
02 CLOUD MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SESSION STV   10:00 AM	03 ADULT KNITTING GROUP   CEN   10:00 AM	04 TAI CHI CEN   2:00 PM	05 FORT ERIE UKES CR   5:00 PM	06	07
ADULT CHESS CLUB CEN   6:00 PM	ADULT CRAFT NIGHT: <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">R</span> CEN   6:00 PM				
09 ADULT CHESS CLUB CEN   6:00 PM	10 ADULT KNITTING GROUP   CEN   10:00 AM	11 MEET THE ARTIST: DAVID LOW CEN   2:30 PM	12 TAI CHI CEN   2:00 PM	13 JOB GYM: RESUME BUILDING CEN   3:30 PM	14 3D PRINTING INFORMATION SESSION & DEMO CEN   10:00 AM
BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT   CR   6:00 PM			AFTERNOON <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">R</span> BOOK CLUB CEN   2:00 PM		
16 LIBRARY CLOSED Happy Family Day!	17 ADULT KNITTING GROUP   CEN   10:00 AM	18 ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">R</span> CEN   6:00 PM	19 TAI CHI CEN   2:00 PM	20	21
	CLOUD MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SESSION CR   1:00 PM	BERTIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING CR   6:00 PM	FORT ERIE UKES CR   5:00 PM		
23 CLOUD MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SESSION CEN   1:00 PM	24 ADULT KNITTING GROUP   CEN   10:00 AM	25 HAPPY IN MY HOME OUTREACH   CEN   11 AM	26 TAI CHI CEN   2:00 PM	27 LIBRARY CLOSED	28 ADULT SEED LIBRARY VOLUNTEER DROP IN CEN   9:30 AM
ADULT CHESS CLUB CEN   6:00 PM	WRITER'S CIRCLE CEN   6:00 PM	ADULT CRAFT NIGHT: <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">R</span> STV   6:00 PM		Staff Training Day	
ADULT CARDMAKING <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">R</span> CR   6:00 PM	ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE CEN   6:30 PM				



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# ADULT PROGRAMS

## 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

**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> | 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, February 23<sup>rd</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM**

## 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, February 24<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-7:30 PM**

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

## WRITER'S CIRCLE

Writers are invited to bring their material to read to the group and peer-edit work. **Drop in.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM**

## 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, February 25<sup>th</sup> | 11:00 AM-2:00 PM**

## ADULT SEED LIBRARY: VOLUNTEER DROP IN

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### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> | 9:30-11:00 AM**



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.

A staff member will be happy to assist you.

# KIDS & TEENS EVENT CALENDAR

MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

02	03	04	05	06	07
KIDS CLUB CR   3:30 PM	TEEN SEED LIBRARY VOLUNTEER DROP IN CEN   3:30 PM  AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS CEN   4:00 PM	EARLYON CEN   10:00 AM	ART PARTY CEN   4:00 PM		SENSORY STORYTIME: <span style="font-size: small;">R</span> IN CONNECTION WITH AUTISM ONTARIO CEN   10:00 AM
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	TEEN CROCHET CLUB CEN   6:00 PM	LOVELY ART TWEEENS <span style="font-size: small;">R</span> & TEENS WATERCOLOUR CEN   6:00 PM			
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			STEAM SERIES: Crystal <span style="font-size: small;">R</span> Geodes   CEN   6:00 PM		THERAPY TAILS CEN   1:00 PM
					TANGLED LANTERNS <span style="font-size: small;">R</span> CR   2:00 PM
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	YLA MEETING CEN   6:00 PM				

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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

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**

## CLOUD MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SESSION

In this introductory session, you will learn what a cloud is, how to access it, as well as save, move and delete items. Drives that will be discussed include iCloud, Google Drive and OneDrive. Please bring your device with you and Laura can help you with any trouble you're having with your drive. **Drop in.**

### STEVENSVILLE BRANCH

**Monday, February 02<sup>nd</sup> | 10:00-11:30 AM**

### CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> | 1:00-2:30 PM**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> | 1:00-2:30 PM**

## ADULT CRAFT NIGHT: DIAMOND ART COASTERS R

Join us at the library and create diamond art coasters! All supplies provided.

**Registration required.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> | 6:00-7:30 PM**

### STEVENSVILLE BRANCH

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:30 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, February 05<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> | 5:00-7:00 PM**

## BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT

Have an arts project you are working on? Bring it to the library to create in community! **Drop in.**

### CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

**Monday, February 09<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM**

**\* Passive Program \***  
These are *passive programs*, which means they are totally self-run. Library staff will set it up, but the rest is up to you! Come and go as you please.

## MEET THE ARTIST: DAVID LOW

David Low is an award winning photographic artist whose work has been in numerous juried shows including the Art Gallery of Burlington (AGB), the Grimsby Art Gallery, the headquarters of Great West Life and Cre8ery Galleries in Winnipeg, at the Niagara Falls Annual Art Shows. Visit David at the library to learn more about him and his art. **Drop in.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> | 2:30-4:00 PM**



## 3D PRINTING INFORMATION SESSION AND DEMO

Join Sara who will teach you all you need to know about how to use our 3D printer and make print job requests. **Drop in.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> | 10:00-11:00 AM**

## JOB GYM PRESENTS: R Resume Building (16+)

Rydder 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.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> | 3:30-4:30 PM**

## BERTIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

"The History of the Peace Bridge" with Nicole Komar of the Fort Erie Historical Museum. The story of who, how, why and when the historic bridge came about 100 years ago. All welcome.

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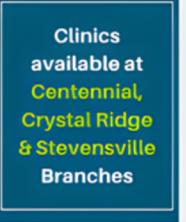


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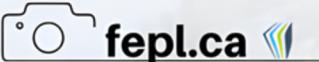
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Wednesday & Thursday: 3:30 - 8:00

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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

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



## EARLYON

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

## CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Wednesdays | 10:00-11:00 AM

## ART PARTY

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

*weekly*

## 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 SEED LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

### DROP IN

Help us package seeds for the 2026 seed library launch in March and get your volunteer hours! Tasks include: putting seeds in envelopes, applying sticker labels, and sealing packages. **Drop in.**

## CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, February 03<sup>rd</sup> | 3:30-5:00 PM

## KIDS CARDMAKING

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Spread a little love! Kids are invited to get creative with stickers, stamps, colourful paper, and all things sparkly as they design their own handmade Valentine's Day cards. Whether they're crafting for friends, family, or someone special, this drop-in program is all about creativity, kindness, and fun! **Drop in.**

## CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> | 4:00-5:00 PM

## STEVENSVILLE BRANCH

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> | 4:00-5:00 PM



Registration Required

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

*newsletter*

## USED BOOK DRIVE

The Friends are now accepting donations for our Spring sale!

We gladly welcome gently Used Books, DVDs, and CDs.

Donations can be dropped off on Tuesdays from 3 PM to 7 PM at the 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 on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 at the Crystal Ridge Library.

## 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?

## DISCOVER MORE ABOUT US:

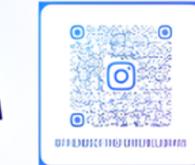
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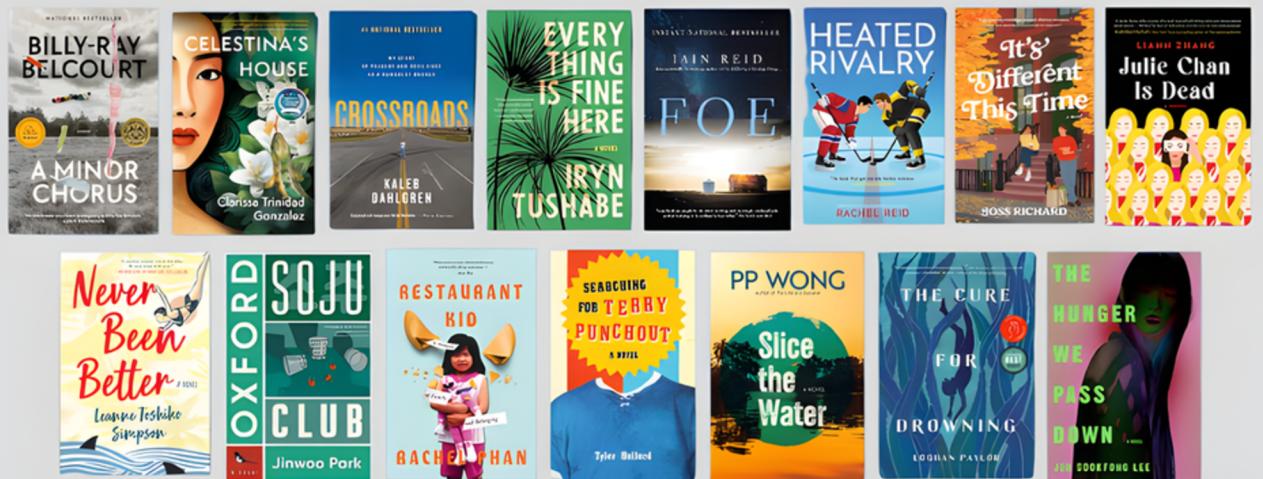
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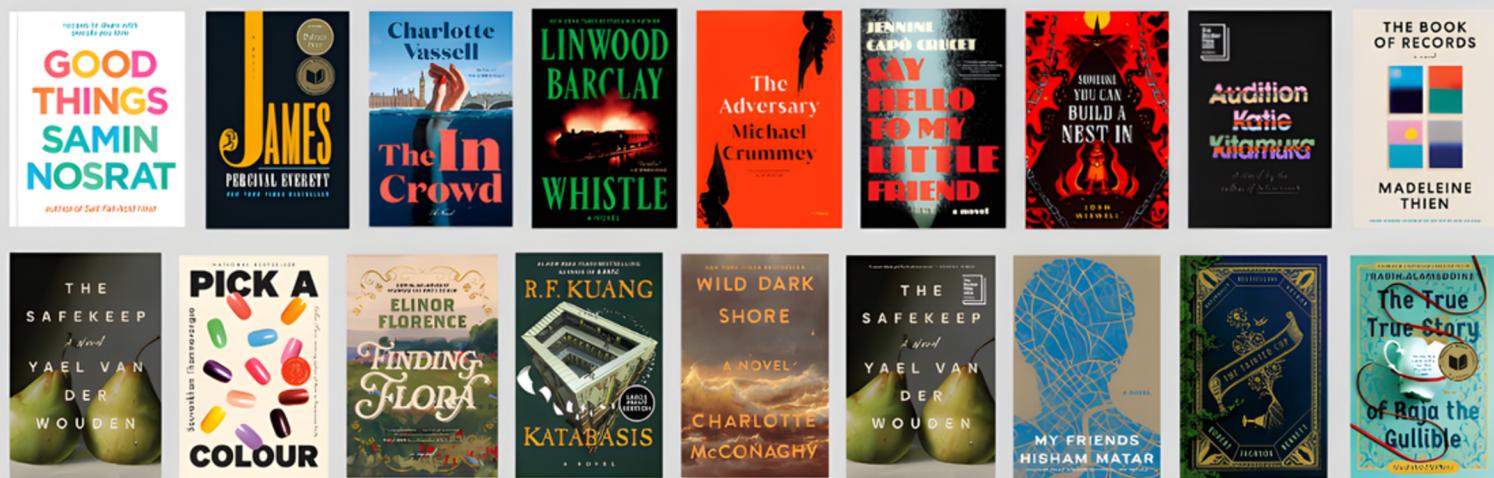
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# RECOMMENDED READS

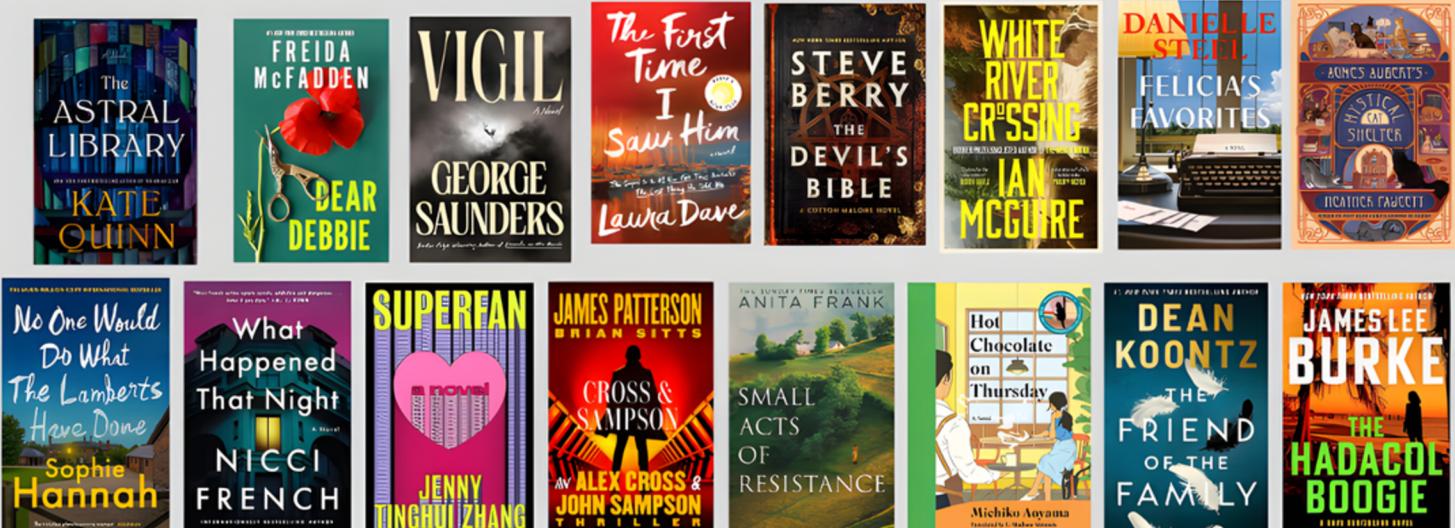
## Canada Reads 2026 Longlist:



## 2025 Award Winners:



## Upcoming Releases:



# KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

## TWEENS, TEENS & YOUNG ADULT R CANDLE PAINTING

Set the mood this Valentine's Day with a cozy, creative candle-painting session just for tweens and teens. Customize your own candle using paint, heart details, doodles, or minimalist designs—perfect for gifting, decorating your room, or adding to your aesthetic shelf. This chill art hangout is all about self-expression, good vibes, and making something uniquely yours. All materials are provided. **Registration required.**

**CENTENNIAL BRANCH**

**Saturday, February 07<sup>th</sup> | 2:00-3:00 PM**

## MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY: PRINCESS DIARIES

Bring your friends for a screening of Princess Diaries! Come for the movie, but stay for the free popcorn. **Drop-ins** are welcome.

**CENTENNIAL BRANCH**

**Saturday, February 07<sup>th</sup> | 3:30-5:00 PM**

## SENSORY STORYTIME: IN R CONNECTION WITH AUTISM ONTARIO

In partnership with Autism Ontario, join us for a fun four-week Sensory Storytime series designed for children who benefit from a supportive, sensory-friendly environment. Each Saturday, we'll explore engaging stories, calming activities, and a hands-on craft tailored to different sensory needs. This one-hour program encourages creativity, comfort, and connection for children and their families.

**Participants must register through Autism Ontario: [www.autismontario.com](http://www.autismontario.com).**

**CENTENNIAL BRANCH**

**Saturday, February 07<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:00 AM**

## TEEN CROCHET CLUB

Join us at the library and learn how to crochet squares! We will meet every second Tuesday at 6pm to work together over the fall and winter on creating a beautiful teen-made blanket to display in the library. Once finished, we'll raffle it off to a lucky member of the community. **Drop in.**

**CENTENNIAL BRANCH**

**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM**

## LOVELY ART: Tweens & Teens Watercolour

Feel the love this Valentine's Day with watercolour painting. The perfect gift for your sweetheart, your BFF, or to keep for your very own self! All supplies are provided.

**Registration required.**

**CENTENNIAL BRANCH**

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM**

## "LOVER" TAYLOR SWIFT PARTY R

Calling all Swifties! Join us for a "Lover" by Taylor Swift inspired party. Make and trade friendship bracelets, design your own buttons, and sing your heart out with karaoke featuring your favourite TS hits. Come dressed in your favourite Swift era (optional!) and enjoy a fun, music-filled night.

**Registration encouraged but drop-ins welcome.**

**CENTENNIAL BRANCH**

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM**

## BE MY VALENTINE PARTY

Join us for Valentine games, crafts, treats, and more! All ages welcome. **Drop in.**

**CENTENNIAL BRANCH**

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> | 1:00-2:00 PM**



Registration Required

# KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

## STEAM SERIES: Crystal Geodes

Kids will learn about crystal formation and geology while creating their very own colourful crystal geodes to take home out of tin foil, sugar, and glue. We'll learn how minerals grow, experiment with safe household materials, and watch real science shimmer to life. A hands-on STEAM adventure perfect for curious minds!

**Registration required.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM

## 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, February 20<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 AM-11:30 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, February 21<sup>st</sup> | 1:00-2:00 PM

## TANGLED LANTERNS

Be our guest for a fairy-tale-themed craft! Kids will create their own enchanting *Tangled*-inspired lanterns using Popsicle sticks, transparency paper, and glowing LED lights. Bring your imagination and step into the story as we make a little magic to take home!

**Registration required.**

### CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> | 2:00-3:00 PM

## MOVIE: TANGLED

Join us at the library to watch the animated musical fantasy comedy film *Tangled*. Loosely based on the German fairy tale 'Rapunzel', *Tangled* tells the story of Rapunzel, a young princess with magical long blonde hair who tries to leave her secret tower. She accepts the aid of an intruder, the outlaw Flynn Rider, to take her out into the world which she has never seen.

**Drop in.**

### CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> | 3:00-5:00 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, February 24<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:30 PM

## KIDS WINTER PAINTING

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

**Registration required.**

### CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM

## HOME ALONE COURSE



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) 356-7340. Fee: \$65

**Registration via St. John Ambulance required.**

### CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

# ADULT PROGRAM CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
02 CLOUD MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SESSION STV   10:00 AM	03 ADULT KNITTING GROUP   CEN   10:00 AM	04 TAI CHI CEN   2:00 PM	05 FORT ERIE UKES CR   5:00 PM	06	07
ADULT CHESS CLUB CEN   6:00 PM	ADULT CRAFT NIGHT:  CEN   6:00 PM				
09 ADULT CHESS CLUB CEN   6:00 PM	10 ADULT KNITTING GROUP   CEN   10:00 AM	11 MEET THE ARTIST: DAVID LOW CEN   2:30 PM	12 TAI CHI CEN   2:00 PM	13 JOB GYM: RESUME BUILDING CEN   3:30 PM	14 3D PRINTING INFORMATION SESSION & DEMO CEN   10:00 AM
BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT   CR   6:00 PM			AFTERNOON  BOOK CLUB CEN   2:00 PM		
16 LIBRARY CLOSED Happy Family Day!	17 ADULT KNITTING GROUP   CEN   10:00 AM	18 ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT  CEN   6:00 PM	19 TAI CHI CEN   2:00 PM	20	21
	CLOUD MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SESSION CR   1:00 PM	BERTIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING CR   6:00 PM	FORT ERIE UKES CR   5:00 PM		
23 ADULT CHESS CLUB CEN   6:00 PM	24 ADULT KNITTING GROUP   CEN   10:00 AM	25 HAPPY IN MY HOME OUTREACH   CEN   11 AM	26 TAI CHI CEN   2:00 PM	27 LIBRARY CLOSED	28 ADULT SEED LIBRARY VOLUNTEER DROP IN CEN   9:30 AM
ADULT CARDMAKING  CR   6:00 PM	WRITER'S CIRCLE CEN   6:00 PM	ADULT CRAFT NIGHT:  STV   6:00 PM		Staff Training Day	
		ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE CEN   6:30 PM			



Registration for February programming opens **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**. Register for events through our website, [www.fepl.ca](http://www.fepl.ca), or by calling or visiting the library.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## 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

**Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> | 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, February 23<sup>rd</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM**

## 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, February 24<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-7:30 PM**

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

## WRITER'S CIRCLE

Writers are invited to bring their material to read to the group and peer-edit work. **Drop in.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM**

## 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, February 25<sup>th</sup> | 11:00 AM-2:00 PM**

## ADULT SEED LIBRARY: VOLUNTEER DROP IN

Help us package seeds for the 2026 seed library launch in March! Tasks include: putting seeds in envelopes, applying sticker labels, and sealing packages. **Drop in.**

### CENTENNIAL BRANCH

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> | 9:30-11:00 AM**



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.

A staff member will be happy to assist you.

# KIDS & TEENS EVENT CALENDAR

MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

02	03	04	05	06	07
KIDS CLUB CR   3:30 PM	TEEN SEED LIBRARY VOLUNTEER DROP IN CEN   3:30 PM  AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS CEN   4:00 PM	EARLYON CEN   10:00 AM	ART PARTY CEN   4:00 PM		SENSORY STORYTIME: <span style="font-size: small;">R</span> IN CONNECTION WITH AUTISM ONTARIO CEN   10:00 AM
KIDS' CHESS CLUB CEN   4:00 PM	TEEN BOOK CLUB CEN   5:00 PM	KIDS CARDMAKING <span style="font-size: small;">R</span> CEN   4:00 PM			TWEENS, TEENS & YOUNG ADULT CANDLE PAINTING CEN   2:00 PM <span style="font-size: small;">R</span>
					MOVIE: PRINCESS DIARIES   CEN   3:30 PM
09	10	11	12	13	14
KIDS CLUB CR   3:30 PM	AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS CEN   4:00 PM	EARLYON CEN   10:00 AM	ART PARTY CEN   4:00 PM		SENSORY STORYTIME: <span style="font-size: small;">R</span> IN CONNECTION WITH AUTISM ONTARIO CEN   10:00 AM
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	TEEN CROCHET CLUB CEN   6:00 PM	LOVELY ART TWEEENS <span style="font-size: small;">R</span> & TEENS WATERCOLOUR CEN   6:00 PM			
16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>  Happy Family Day!	AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS CEN   4:00 PM  TEEN BOOK CLUB CEN   5:00 PM	EARLYON CEN   10:00 AM	ART PARTY CEN   4:00 PM	HOME SCHOOL HANG OUT CEN   10:00 AM	SENSORY STORYTIME: <span style="font-size: small;">R</span> IN CONNECTION WITH AUTISM ONTARIO CEN   10:00 AM
			STEAM SERIES: Crystal <span style="font-size: small;">R</span> Geodes   CEN   6:00 PM		THERAPY TAILS CEN   1:00 PM
					TANGLED LANTERNS <span style="font-size: small;">R</span> CR   2:00 PM
					MOVIE: TANGLED CR   3:00 PM
23	24	25	26	27	28
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KIDS' CHESS CLUB CEN   4:00 PM	TEEN BOOK CLUB CEN   5:00 PM		KIDS WINTER PAINTING <span style="font-size: small;">R</span> CR   6:00 PM		HOME ALONE COURSE <span style="font-size: small;">R</span> CR   10:00 AM
	TEEN CROCHET CLUB CEN   6:00 PM				
	YLA MEETING CEN   6:00 PM				



**PROGRAM REGISTRATION**  
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# ADULT PROGRAMS

## 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

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**

## CLOUD MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SESSION

In this introductory session, you will learn what a cloud is, how to access it, as well as, save, move and delete items. Drives that will be discussed include iCloud, Google Drive and OneDrive. Please bring your device with you and Laura can help you with any trouble you're having with your drive. **Drop in.**

**STEVENSVILLE BRANCH**

**Monday, February 02<sup>nd</sup> | 10:00-11:30 AM**

**CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH**

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> | 1:00-2:30 PM**

**CENTENNIAL BRANCH**

**Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> | 1:00-2:30 PM**

## ADULT CRAFT NIGHT: DIAMOND ART COASTERS R

Join us at the library and create diamond art coasters! All supplies provided.

**Registration required.**

**CENTENNIAL BRANCH**

**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> | 6:00-7:30 PM**

**STEVENSVILLE BRANCH**

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:30 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, February 05<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> | 5:00-7:00 PM**

## BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT

Have an arts project you are working on? Bring it to the library to create in community! **Drop in.**

**CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH**

**Monday, February 09<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:00 PM**

**\* Passive Program \***  
These are *passive programs*, which means they are totally self-run. Library staff will set it up, but the rest is up to you! Come and go as you please.

## MEET THE ARTIST: DAVID LOW

David Low is an award winning photographic artist whose work has been in numerous juried shows including the Art Gallery of Burlington (AGB), the Grimsby Art Gallery, the headquarters of Great West Life and Cre8ery Galleries in Winnipeg, at the Niagara Falls Annual Art Shows. Visit David at the library to learn more about him and his art. **Drop in.**

**CENTENNIAL BRANCH**

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> | 2:30-4:00 PM**



## AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB R

Looking for a good read? Join the Afternoon Book Club with Laura to read the best in modern and popular fiction.

**Registration required.**

**CENTENNIAL BRANCH**

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> | 2:00-3:00 PM**

## 3D PRINTING INFORMATION SESSION AND DEMO

Join Sara who will teach you all you need to know about how to use our 3D printer and make print job requests. **Drop in.**

**CENTENNIAL BRANCH**

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> | 10:00-11:00 AM**

## BERTIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

"The History of the Peace Bridge" with Nicole Komar of the Fort Erie Historical Museum. The story of who, how, why and when the historic bridge came about 100 years ago. All welcome.

**CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH**

**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> | 6:00-7:30 PM**