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Visit any of our branches to print from a library computer, or send a print job using your own device.



Black & White: \$0.25

Colour: \$0.50

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LIBRARY OF THINGS



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Email Newsletter

Find out about upcoming programs and registration dates right away.
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GETTING A LIBRARY CARD

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.

Say Cheese!



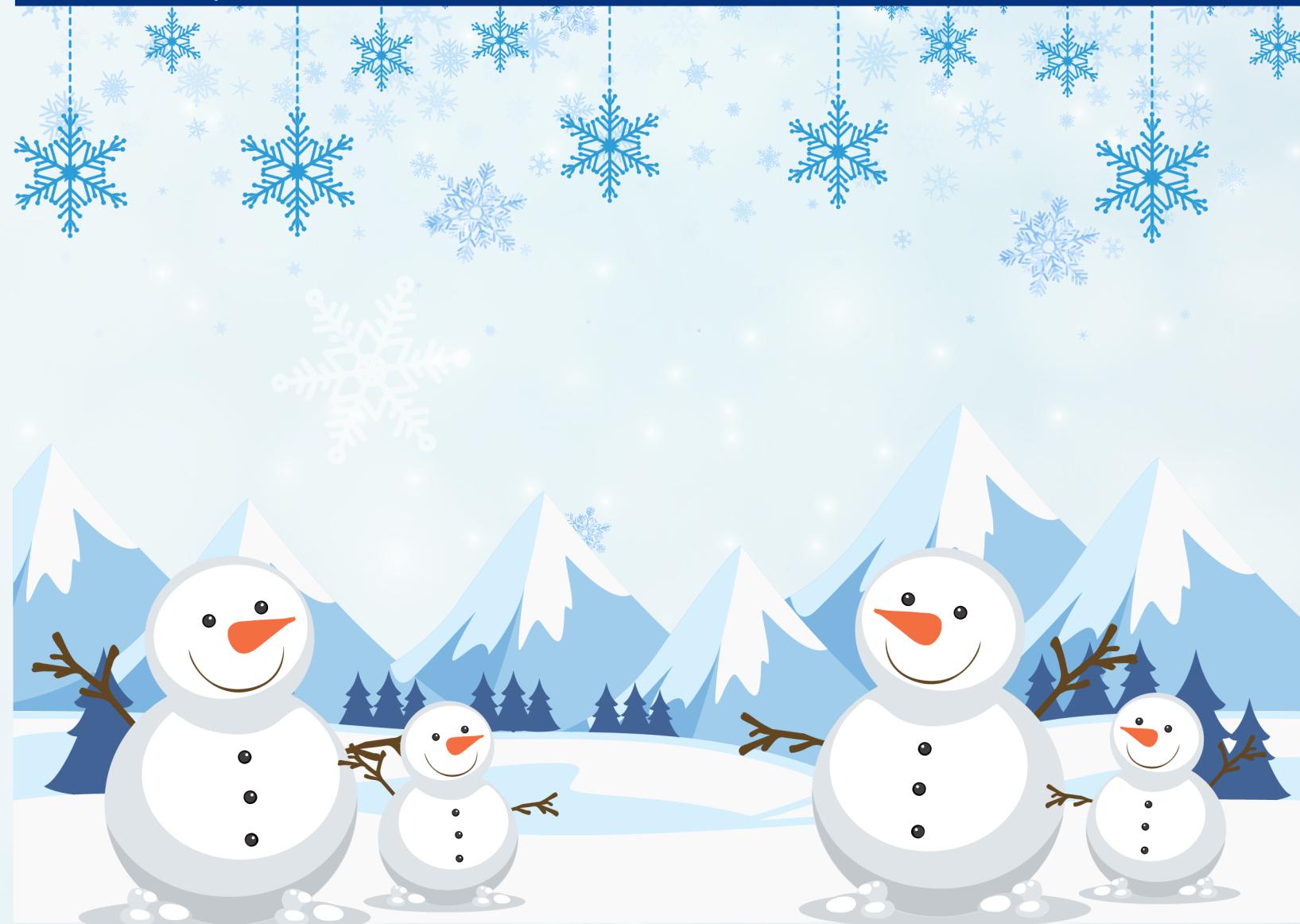
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JANUARY 2026

what's on

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 PROGRAMS



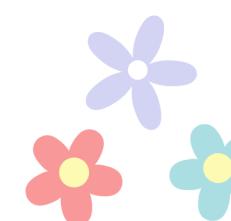
KIDS CLUB

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



EarlyON
Child and Family Centre



weekly

AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS

Join us weekly for a creative break after school. All supplies are provided, ages 4+.

Register or drop in.

CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Tuesdays | 4:00-5:00 PM



passive programs

The following 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.

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



Registration Required

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

newsletter

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!

Are you interested in getting involved in local, community-driven events? Would you like to help organize or participate in fundraising initiatives?

We are a friendly group of dedicated volunteers who are passionate about supporting the Fort Erie Public Library. We meet monthly to plan fundraising activities, community outreach, and special events.

Join us at our next General Meeting on Tuesday, January 13 at 4:00 PM at the Centennial Branch. Everyone is welcome!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our Friends and the Fort Erie community for your support on Giving Tuesday, December 2nd. Together, we raised over \$1650.00 in donations! All proceeds raised will go to support the Junior Collections at all three library branches.

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 items that are yellowed, moldy, or damaged. Thank you for understanding. 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 25th 2026.

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT US:

Discover who we are and how to become a member:
Email us: friendsoftheforteriepubliclibrary@gmail.com
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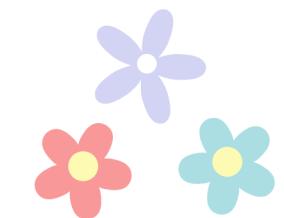
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ADULT PROGRAM CALENDAR

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monthly

KIDS 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, January 09th | 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

STEAM SERIES: Salt Painting R
In this creative STEAM program, kids will design and make their own salt paintings using glue, salt, and paint. Along the way, they'll discover the science of absorption as the salt pulls the colour through their artwork like magic. It's the perfect mix of art and science. **Registration required.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Thursday, January 15th | 6:00-7:00 PM

MOVIE: *The Bad Guys 2*
Bring your friends for a screening of The Bad Guys 2- a hilarious, action-packed film for animal lovers! Come for the movie, but stay for the free popcorn. **Drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH
Friday, January 16th | 2:00-4:00 PM

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, January 17th | 1:00-2:00 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, January 22nd | 6:00-7:00 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 or Email Serena at smariage@fepl.ca



Registration for January programming opens **Saturday, December 20th at 9:30am.**
Register for events through our website, www.fepl.ca, or by calling or visiting the library.

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KIDS SPECIAL EVENTS

KIDS COLLAGE CLUB: NEW YEAR NEW ME

Kick off the new year with creativity and join us for a special Kids Collage Club where kids will design their own *Resolution Boards* using magazines, stickers, colourful papers, and more. We'll talk about goals, wishes and things we're excited to try in the coming year. All supplies provided. Perfect for young artists who love to scrapbook and create their own unique art. **Drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Wednesday, January 07th | 4:00-5:00 PM

TWEEN BAG CHARMS R

Ready to level up your backpack or purse? Come hang out and create your own awesome bag charms! Mix and match beads, charms, colours, and textures to create your own unique bag charm. All ages welcome.

Registration required.

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, January 08th | 6:00-7:00 PM

SQUISHMALLOW PERLER BEADS R

Kids and tweens are invited to skip school - (it's a PD Day shhhh) - to design their own colourful Perler bead masterpieces. This month we'll be creating our favourite squishmallow friends. All supplies included.

Registration required.

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Friday, January 16th | 1:00-2:00 PM

BUILD A CAR: WOODWORKING FUN R

In this guided workshop, kids and their parents will work together to create a simple wooden toy car using real tools like hammers and nails. Participants will learn basic tool safety, teamwork, and construction skills while assembling and decorating their own take-home car. Then we'll paint them! **IMPORTANT:** This program involves the use of hammers and nails. Parent or guardian supervision is required at all times to ensure a safe and fun experience for everyone. All materials provided. Suitable for young builders eager to learn and create. Space is limited so please register in advance. **Registration required.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Saturday, January 24th | 2:00-3:30 PM



ADULT PROGRAMS

STEVENSVILLE STUFFY SLEEPOVER R

After a craft and story, leave your stuffy behind for a sleepover at the library! Who knows what kind of mischief your stuffies will get up to? Check Facebook and Instagram the next day for a video of their adventures. Please return to the library the following day to pick up your buddy.

Registration required.

STEVENSVILLE BRANCH

Wednesday, January 28th | 4:00-5:00 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, January 26th | 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.

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, January 27th | 6:30-7:30 PM

Passive Programs

Looking for something fun to do? Stop by and check out our **self-guided** programs. We'll have all the supplies you need to dive in and get started. 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.

SEWING 101 R

Get ready to stitch up something special! In this beginner-friendly workshop, kids will learn the basics of hand sewing, while creating and stuffing their very own mini pillow to take home. This creative, confidence-building program is perfect for young makers who want to try a new skill in a supportive, hands-on environment.

All materials provided; no prior sewing experience needed! **Registration required.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Saturday, January 31st | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

ADULT CHESS CLUB

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

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Mondays | 6:00-7:30 PM

KNITTING GROUP

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

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesdays | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

ADULT COLOURING CLUB

Are you someone who loves colouring? Visit the library. This month's theme: Happy Winter. **Drop in.**

STEVENSVILLE BRANCH

Monday, January 05th & 19th | 11:00-1:00 PM

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Saturday, January 31st | 2:00-3:00 PM

BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT

Bring your projects and craft in community. **Drop in.**

STEVENSVILLE BRANCH

Monday, January 19th | 10:00-11:30 AM

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Tuesday, January 20th | 6:00-7:00 PM

ADULT PROGRAMS

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, January 17th | 9:30-11:00 AM

JOB GYM PRESENTS: 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.

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Tuesday, January 13th | 9:30-10:30 AM

ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT

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, January 14th | 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, January 15th & 29th | 5:00-7:00 PM



TEEN PROGRAMS

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 CRAFT NIGHT: String Art

Create a beautiful work of art with a hammer and nails. Follow a pattern or design your own! All supplies included. **Registration required.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, January 22nd | 6:00-7:30 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, January 27th | 6:00-7:00 PM

TEEN CROCHET CLUB

Learn how to crochet squares for a community project. 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 and raffle off to a lucky winner. **Drop in.**

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, January 13th & 27th | 6:00-7:00 PM

RECIPES WITH DEB

Learn easy, cost-friendly, and tasty recipes for Instapot and crockpot with Deb!

Registration required.

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Wednesday, January 21st | 2:00-3:00 PM

BERTIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

"Show & Tell" - Members and guests are invited to bring family or interesting heritage articles and tell their story. All welcome.

No admission fee, no registration.

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Wednesday, January 21st | 6:00-7:30 PM

TEEN SEED LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

DROP IN

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday January 20th | 3:30-5:00 PM

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.**



KIDS PROGRAM CALENDAR

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ADULT PROGRAMS

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

ADULT CRAFT: Wreathmaking

Join us at the library to create wood bead wreaths for every season to decorate your homes. All supplies provided.

Registration required.

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Tuesday, January 6th | 6:00-7:30 PM

STEVENSVILLE BRANCH

Wednesday, January 28th | 6:00-7:30 PM

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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.

Registration required.

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, January 15th | 2:00-3:00 PM

SCRAPBOOKING

Scrapbook your memories from 2025 or capture memories of your loved ones and make a scrapbook with us! Scrapbooks and supplies provided.

Registration required.

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Saturday, January 31st | 10:00-11:30 AM

E-READER SUPPORT

Need any help with your e-reader? Drop by and Laura will guide you through your questions.

Drop in.

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Saturday, January 03rd | 2:00-3:30 PM

STEVENSVILLE BRANCH

Monday, January 05th | 10:00-11:30 AM

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Wednesday, January 07th | 1:30-3:00 PM

GENERATIONS CONNECT: YLA & Senior Tech Program

Need tech help? Stop by the Centennial or Crystal Ridge branches to get help from a member of the Youth Library Association! They can help you with your devices, email, and any other tech need. **Drop in.**

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

Friday, January 09th | 3:30-4:30 PM

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Thursday, January 22nd | 6:00-7:30 PM

