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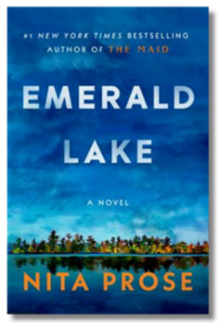
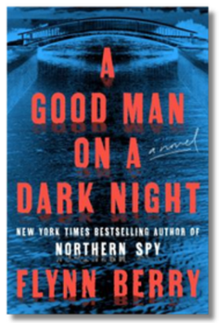
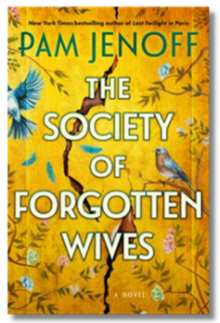
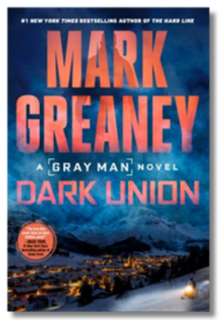
OCTOBER 2026
what's on at the Fort Erie Public Library



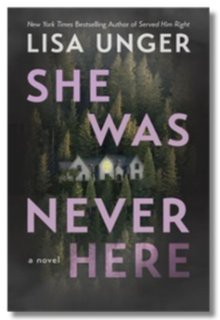


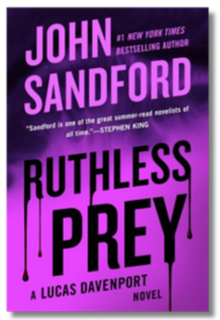














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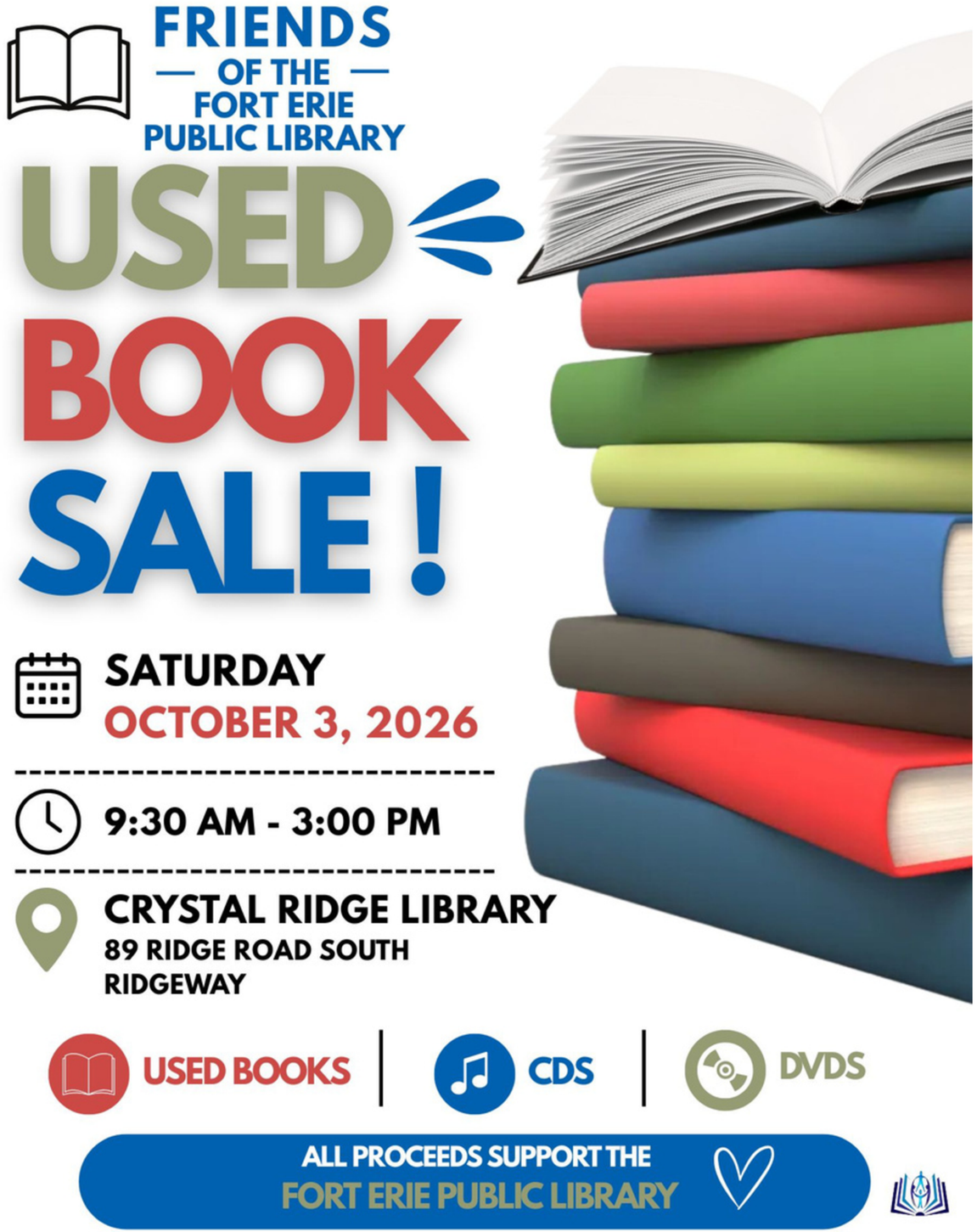

At a glance

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

October Closures

All branches are closed on:

Thanksgiving | Monday, October 12
Staff Training Day | Friday, October 23

Registration information

All Fort Erie Public Library programs are **free!**

About our programs

While many programs are drop-in, some require registration. Programs and events can fill up quickly, so we use an online ticketing system called SimpleTix to help ensure the best experience for all participants.

SCAN ME!

Registration for October programs opens September 26 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.

Thank You

Thanks to a generous donation from the Friends, more than five new giant games have been added to the Library of Things!

Coming Soon to the Library of Things

Giant Tetris, Yahtzee, Plinko, Connect 4, Guess Who? and more!



Learn more about their achievements, fundraising efforts, and contributions to the Library at fepl.ca/friends.

Weekly Kids and Teen Programs

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 | No program October 12

Homework Help
Centennial | Mondays | 5-7:45 pm

Need a quiet place to finish homework or get some extra practice? Drop into the library each week to work on school assignments, study for upcoming tests, or build your skills with worksheets we provide.
Drop-in | No program October 12
Grades 1-12 | Laptops provided upon request

Kids' Chess Club
Centennial | Mondays | 5-6 pm

Play, learn or watch. All skill levels are welcome to come play chess every Monday.
Drop-in | No program October 12

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

Join us for a story time and a craft!
Drop-in | All ages

Tween and Teen Crochet Club ®
Centennial | Tuesdays | 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

EarlyOn
Centennial | Wednesdays | 10 am - 12 pm

Join us for stories, songs, crafts and playtime. In partnership with EarlyON.
Drop-in | EarlyOn

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

Art Party–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 and up

Kids Lit Kits ®

Get your very own Book Subscription Box!

In our Lit Kit boxes, you will receive 1 book (to keep), along with a few other book-themed gifts, trinkets, and a personalized list of other read-alikes. The only thing you need to return is the box!

Simply return the box when you're done. Enter your email when registering, and Serena will send a short questionnaire to tailor your kit to your interests.



Register and reserve your box by **October 19** at fepl.simpletix.ca or scan the QR code. We'll let you know by email when it's ready to pick up.

Media Literacy Week

MEDIA LITERACY WEEK
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October 26 - 30

From spotting misinformation to understanding AI, Media Literacy Week is all about building the skills needed to navigate today's digital world.

Follow FEPL on social media throughout the week for tips, resources, and conversations about being informed, safe, and confident online.

Thank you to our sponsor

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Fort Erie for their generous donation as a Gold Sponsor. Their support helps fund public technology upgrades and expand access to digital eBooks, connecting more people with library resources and services.

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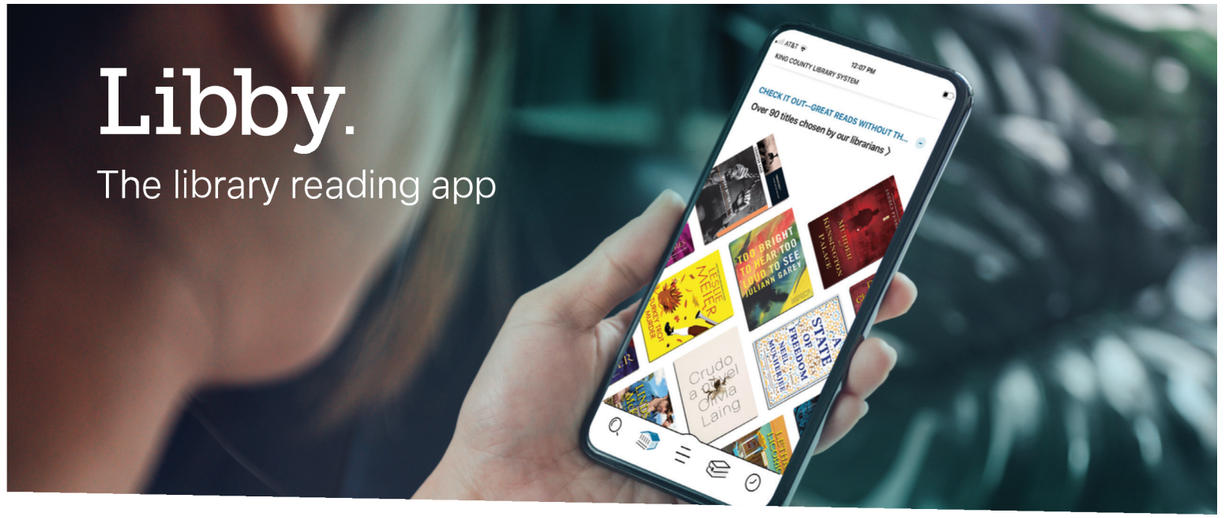

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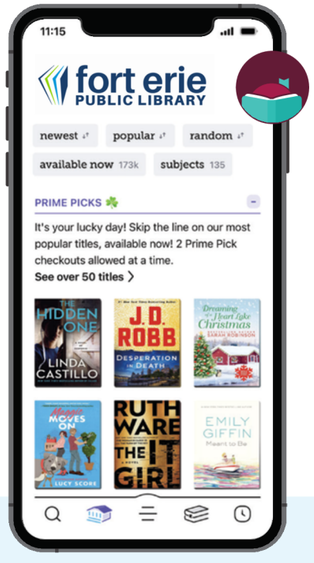

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Monthly Kids and Teen Programs

STEAM: Glow in the Dark Slime (R)

Centennial | October 1 | 6:30-7:30 pm

In this activity, kids will make their own glow-in-the-dark slime, add a collection of creepy and gross ingredients like bugs, eyes, and other mysterious surprises. Once their slime is ready, they'll top it off in a spooky cauldron to create a glowing potion!

Registration required | All ages

Littles Story Hour

Centennial | October 9 | 10-11 am

Join us for a Story Time at the library! Enjoy a selection of engaging stories, songs, and toys designed to spark and encourage a love of reading.

Drop-in

Babysitting Basics (St. John Ambulance)

St. John Ambulance

Crystal Ridge | October 10 | 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.

Homeschool Hangout

Centennial | October 16 | 10-11 am

Each month will feature a different Art or STEAM project. Families can explore stories, games and activities, having fun spending time together while learning with friends.

Drop-in

Therapy Tails

Centennial | October 17 | 1 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

YLA Meeting

Centennial | October 27 | 6:30 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? 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.

Drop-in

One Book, One Niagara **Book Club** *teen edition*

Ages 17+

Members of the One Book One Niagara book club will meet to discuss "A Dark Forgetting" by Kristen Ciccarelli.

Book Club Discussion
Centennial | October 8 | 6 pm
Light refreshments provided

For more information, contact
Sara, Library Programming Assistant
905-871-2546 ext. 311 | sdobbie@fepl.ca



To learn more and join the conversation scan the QR code or visit **fepl.ca/onebook-2026**

Special Events Kids and Teen

Drawing Contest

Design a Jack-o'-lantern

October 1-30 | All Branches

Calling all our ghoulish friends! We need your help to turn pumpkins into Jack-o'-lanterns in time for Halloween.

1. Head into any branch to pick up your pumpkin template.
2. Turn it into a spooky, scary, silly, or even a cute jack-o'-lantern.
3. Submit it at the front desk where you can fill in a ballot for a chance to win.



Submit your drawing by Oct. 30 for a chance to win!

YLA Movie Night

Centennial | October 8 | 5-8 pm

Join us for a chill night hanging out with friends while watching "Freakier Friday". Halloween vibes and snacks provided!
Drop-in

Sewing 101: Halloween Edition (R)

Centennial | October 10 | 2-3 pm

Get into the spirit of Halloween with this simple and spooky sewing project. Learn to stitch a mini treat bag with haunted fabric, a needle and thread.
Registration required | All supplies provided
Use of a hot glue gun may be required

Potion Making 101 (R)

Centennial | October 15 | 6-7 pm

Step into our potion lab and get ready to create some magical mixtures! Kids will combine a variety of mysterious ingredients—from colourful powders and glitter to strange textures and surprise additions—inside their very own glass potion bottle.
Registration required

Harry Potter Wands (R)

Centennial | October 17 | 11 am -12 pm

Get creative and craft your very own Harry Potter wand! Using wooden dowels, hot glue, paint, glitter, and fun decorations like spiders and other magical elements, kids can design a wand that is completely their own.
Registration required | Ages 6 and up
Use of a hot glue gun required

Paper Mâché (R) Trick-or-Treat Buckets



Part One - Construction
Centennial | October 17 | 3-4 pm
Get ready for Halloween! Kids will use paper mâché and a balloon to create their very own spooky trick-or-treat bucket.

Part Two - Painting
Centennial | October 19 | 6-7 pm
This activity is limited to those signed up for Part 1.
Kids will get a chance to paint and decorate their homemade trick-or-treat buckets and add a handle!

Registration required for both part one and two

Around the Library

Special Thank You

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

Say Cheese!

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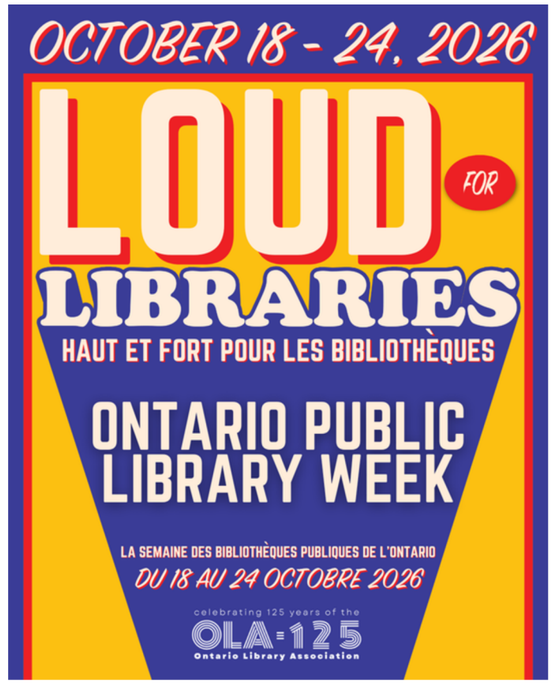

We want to be part of **your story**

From a fun drawing contest and trick-or-treating at the library to a scavenger hunt and our annual Halloween Bash, we want to see your October moments at FEPL.

Tag @forteriepubliclibrary and share your story with us!



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for programs, news and everyday moments.

Special Events Adult

TRICK-OR-TREAT & Scavenger Hunt

October 31

Visit any branch in your Halloween costume for a spooktacular adventure! Trick-or-treat your way through the library while searching high and low for mysterious Halloween objects hidden throughout the branch. Can you find them all? Complete the scavenger hunt, then stop by the front desk to claim a prize!

Wired to Wonder: Embracing the ADHD brain

Three-week series by Bridges Community Health Centre

Centennial | October 13, 20, 27 | 6-7:30 pm

Learn how your ADHD brain works—and how to work with it. This three-week series explores practical strategies for improving focus, motivation, and emotional regulation in a supportive, judgment-free environment. Led by Melissa.

Registration required for each date

Happy in My Home

Centennial | October 13 | 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. Learn more about their services at the library.

Drop-in

Adult Library Volunteer Presentation

Centennial | October 13 | 6-7 pm

Learn about how to get involved with volunteer opportunities with adult programming.

Drop-in

Adult Craft at Crystal Ridge: Fall Garlands

Crystal Ridge | October 17 | 10:30-11:30 am

Make a beautiful fall garland for your home.

Registration required | All supplies included

Adult Craft Night at Stevensville: Fall Wreaths

Stevensville | October 29 | 6-7:30 pm

Make a beautiful fall wreath just in time for Halloween.

Registration required | All supplies included

The Haunted Library Game

Centennial | October 22 | 6-7 pm

Join us for a choose your own adventure game where you must survive the weekend in the haunted library or perish! Kids will need to make choices to ensure their survival. At the end of the game, winners will take home a prize.

Registration required | Family Fun!

Spooky Perler Beads

Centennial | October 26 | 1-2 pm

Create your own creepy, cute, and Halloween-inspired designs using Perler beads. Choose from ghosts, pumpkins, spiders, bats, monsters!

Registration required | All supplies provided



Story Time with Phil the Green Bin

Centennial | October 30 | 11-11:30 am

Story Time with Phil features "Wendy the Worm Finds Her Way," an interactive story about composting and caring for our environment.

Through a storybook reading and game, children learn how food scraps become healthy soil and the important role worms play in nature.

Registration required

Spooky Story Hour

Crystal Ridge | October 31 | 10 am

Come join us for a Story Time at the library! Enjoy a selection of engaging stories, songs, and toys designed to spark and encourage a love of reading.

Drop-in

Kids Paint Class: Halloween Edition

Crystal Ridge | October 31 | 3-4 pm

In this activity, kids will create a beautiful acrylic painting. Painting is done step by step.

Registration required | All supplies provided

Use of a hot glue gun may be required

Socials at the Library



Bridge

Centennial | October 27 | 2-3 pm

Are you a competitive bridge player looking for someone to play with? Or looking to learn from someone with experience?

Drop-in

Bingo

Centennial | October 28 | 2-3 pm

A welcoming opportunity for older adults to socialize, make connections, and enjoy a friendly game of bingo.

Drop-in | Light refreshments will be provided

For program information, call or visit any branch, or explore more at **fepl.ca**

Halloween BASH

Frightfully delicious treats and refreshments provided!

Centennial | October 29 | 6-7 pm

Get your spook on with us at our annual Halloween party! Parade around the library in your costume, win prizes, and enjoy some scary (but not too scary) crafts and games.



Weekly Adult Programs

Drop-in and enjoy our passive programs!

Job Gym Employment Services

Job Gym will be offering employment services at the Centennial and Crystal Ridge branches.

Crystal Ridge
Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:30 am-5 pm

Centennial
Tuesdays | 9:30-5 pm

Drop-in | Ages 16 and up

Adult Chess Club

Centennial | Mondays | 6-7:30 pm

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

Knitting Group

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

Bring your knitting, crochet, needlework, and other projects.

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. All ages.

Guitar Club

Centennial | Thursdays | 3-4 pm

Bring your guitar and enjoy playing with others!

Fort Erie Ukes

Crystal Ridge | 5-7 pm
Thursday, October 1, 15 and 29

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 might be working on.

Monthly Adult Programs

Afternoon Book Club

Centennial | October 8 | 2-3 pm

Join us to discuss our pick of the month.
For more information, contact
Laura, Community Services Librarian
905-871-2546 ext. 309 | lgalea@fepl.ca

Adult Trivia Night (R)

Centennial | October 15 | 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 | October 21 | 6-8 pm

Remember When with Ken Fretz
Bertie Historical Society member Ken Fretz, who grew up on a local dairy farm and worked in the dairy industry more than 40 years, will present "Remember When" a history of the local dairy industry in Bertie Township.
Drop-in

Card Making (R)

Crystal Ridge | October 26 | 6-7 pm

Join us at the library to design cards! Look forward to a fun evening creating cards for all of your loved ones.
Registration required | All materials provided

English Conversation Circle

Centennial | October 27 | 6-7 pm

In partnership with the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre, English Language Learners Conversations Circles are a place to practice your English skills through guided conversation, games and more. Children are welcome.
Drop-in | Registration encouraged

Craft Night at Centennial: Button Pumpkin (R)

Centennial | October 28 | 6-7:30 pm

Make a beautiful pumpkin to add to your fall decor! Supplies are included. If you have some buttons that you would like to use, please feel free to bring them!
Registration required | All supplies included

Tech Help

Phone and Personal Device Support

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

Stevensville
October 5 | 10-11 am

Crystal Ridge
October 13 | 2-3 pm

Centennial
October 14 | 2-3 pm

For more information, contact
Laura Galea, Community Services Librarian
905-871-2546 ext. 309 lgalea@fepl.ca

Fire Prevention with the Fort Erie Fire Department

October is Fire Prevention Month, and the Fort Erie Fire Department is visiting FEPL branches to share important fire safety and prevention information with residents.

Drop-in for resources, safety tips, and information.

Stevensville
October 19 | 10 am -12 pm

Crystal Ridge
October 20 | 10 am -12 pm

Centennial
October 22 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

For program information, call or visit any FEPL branch, or explore more at **fepl.ca**

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more information

October Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm Homework Help | CEN | 5 pm Kids' Chess Club | CEN | 5 pm Adult Chess Club | CEN | 6 pm Crystal Ridge Craft: Book Bedazzling (R) | CR | 6 pm	29 Job Gym | CEN | 9:30 am-5 pm Knitting Group | CEN | 10 am After School Craft & Stories | CEN | 4 pm English Conversation Circle | CEN | 6 pm	30 **LIBRARY CLOSED** **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**	1 Tai Chi | CEN | 2 pm Guitar Club | CEN | 3 pm Art Party | CEN | 4 pm Fort Erie Ukes | CR | 5 pm STEAM: Glow in the Dark Slime (R) CEN | 6:30 pm	2 Knitting Group | CR | 10 am	3 Friends of the FEPL Used Book Sale | CR | 9:30 am
5 Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm Tech Help | STV | 10 am Kids Club | CR | 3:30 pm Homework Help | CEN | 5 pm Kids' Chess Club | CEN | 5 pm Adult Chess Club | CEN | 6 pm	6 Job Gym | CEN | 9:30 am-5 pm Knitting Group | CEN | 10 am After School Craft & Stories | CEN | 4 pm Tween & Teen Crochet Club | CEN | 6 pm (R)	7 Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm EarlyOn | CEN | 10 am	8 Tai Chi | CEN | 2 pm Afternoon Book Club | CEN | 2 pm Guitar Club | CEN | 3 pm Art Party | CEN | 4 pm YLA Movie Night | CEN | 5 pm One Book One Niagara Book Club: Teen Edition | CEN | 6pm	9 Knitting Group | CR | 10 am Littles Story Hour | CEN | 10 am	10 St. John Ambulance Babysitting Basics | CR | | 10 am Sewing 101: Halloween Edition (R) CEN | 2 pm
LIBRARY CLOSED **Thanksgiving**	13 Job Gym | CEN | 9:30 am-5 pm Happy in My Home | CEN | 10 am Knitting Group | CEN | 10 am Tech Help | CR | 2 pm After School Craft & Stories | CEN | 4 pm Tween & Teen Crochet Club | CEN | 6 pm (R) Wired to Wonder | CEN | 6 pm (R) Adult Library Volunteer Presentation | CEN | 6 pm	14 Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm EarlyOn | CEN | 10 am Tech Help | CEN | 2 pm	15 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) Potion Making 101 | CEN | 6 pm (R)	16 Knitting Group | CR | 10 am Homeschool Hangout | CEN | 10 am	17 Adult Craft at Crystal Ridge: Fall Garlands | CR | 10:30 am (R) Harry Potter Wands | CEN | 11 am Therapy Tails | CEN | 1 pm Paper Mâché Trick-or-Treat Buckets: Part One | CEN | 3 pm (R)
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26 Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm Spooky Perler Beads | CEN | 1 pm (R) Kids Club | CR | 3:30 pm Homework Help | CEN | 5 pm Kids' Chess Club | CEN | 5 pm Adult Chess Club | CEN | 6 pm Card Making | CR | 6 pm (R)	27 Job Gym | CEN | 9:30 am-5 pm Knitting Group | CEN | 10 am Bridge | CEN | 2 pm After School Craft & Stories | CEN | 4 pm Wired to Wonder | CEN | 6 pm (R) English Conversation Circle | CEN | 6 pm Tween & Teen Crochet Club | CEN | 6 pm (R) YLA Meeting | CEN | 6:30 pm	28 Job Gym | CR | 9:30 am-5 pm Bingo | CEN | 2 pm EarlyOn | CEN | 10 am Adult Craft Night at Centennial: Button Pumpkin (R) | CEN | 6 pm	29 Tai Chi | CEN | 2 pm Guitar Club | CEN | 3 pm Art Party | CEN | 4 pm Fort Erie Ukes | CR | 5 pm Adult Craft Night at Stevensville: Fall Wreaths (R) STV | 6 pm Halloween Bash | CEN | 6 pm	30 Knitting Group | CR | 10 am Story Time with Phil the Green Bin (R) | CEN | 11 am Drawing Contest entries due today!	31 Trick-or-Treat and Scavenger Hunt at the Library CEN & CR | 9:30 am -5 pm STV | 9:30 am - 2 pm Spooky Story Hour | CR | 10 am Kids Paint Class: Halloween Edition (R) CR | 3 pm

CEN Centennial | **CR** Crystal Ridge | **STV** Stevensville ● Kids Programs ● Adult Programs (R) REGISTRATION REQUIRED FEPL.CA