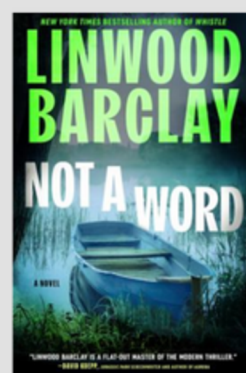


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SEPTEMBER 2026

what's on at the Fort Erie Public Library



Discover what's new
Scan the QR code to explore our latest books and new releases.

CENTENNIAL BRANCH

136 Gilmore Road, Fort Erie
905-871-2546
Monday - Thursday: 9:30 am - 8 pm
Friday - Saturday: 9:30 am - 5 pm

CRYSTAL RIDGE BRANCH

89 Ridge Road South, Ridgeway
905-894-1281
Monday - Thursday: 9:30 am - 8 pm
Friday - Saturday: 9:30 am - 5 pm

STEVENSVILLE BRANCH

2508 Stevensville Road, Stevensville
905-382-2051
Monday and Saturday: 9:30 am - 2 pm
Wednesday and Thursday: 3:30 - 8 pm

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 September 7, 28

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 | Program starts September 14
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 | Program starts September 14

After School Craft and Stories

Centennial | Tuesdays | 4-4:45 pm

Join us for a story time and a craft!

Drop-in | All ages

EarlyOn

Centennial | Wednesdays | 10 am

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

Drop-in | EarlyOn starts September 9

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 | No program September 29

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 plus

Monthly Kids and Teen Programs

Homeschool Hangout

Centennial | September 18 | 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 | September 19 | 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

YOUTH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Share your ideas, help shape teen programs and services, and make a difference at the library.

YLA is a fun, friendly way for teens from ages 14-18 to get involved, build leadership skills, connect with others and earn community involvement hours.

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Meet and Greet

Centennial | Thursday | 6 pm

Curious about YLA? Meet the members, they'll answer your questions, fill you in on past and upcoming projects, and let you know how you can join and get involved.

drop-in

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YLA Meeting

Centennial | Tuesday | 7 pm

Bring your ideas and join the conversation as YLA works together on projects, programs and ways to make the library a welcoming place for teens.

ALL AGES WALK

Saturday, September 26 | 10-11 am | Stevensville Conservation Area

Join us for a fun and educational walk! We're excited to partner with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for a guided walk led by Katy as we explore the beauty of Stevensville Conservation Area.

This walk is considered to be a beginner level walk with some light hills and inclines. The paths are not stroller friendly. Please wear light-coloured clothing, closed-toe footwear and bring bug spray, sunscreen and water.



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One Book, One Niagara Book Club

teen edition

Ages 17+

Each year One Book, One Niagara selects a book for the entire region to read and share together. This year, the selection is a YA fantasy novel titled "A Dark Forgetting" by Kristen Ciccarelli.

Book Club Discussion Thursday, October 8

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



Ages 17 plus due to mature content.

Special Events Kids and Teen

Bird Sculptures STEAM Series ^R

Centennial | September 10 | 6-7 pm

Fall in love with nature this season with this multi-media art project. Kids can explore habitat building techniques using a variety of materials like plasticine, beads, twigs and feathers to create a one-of-a-kind bird that will live in its very own nest.

Registration required | All supplies provided

Use of hot glue gun may be required

Little's Story Hour

Centennial | September 11 | 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

Back to School Binders ^R

Centennial | September 12 | 2-3 pm

Get into the spirit of a new school year with one-of-a-kind binders. Use glitter, stickers, cut-outs, and more to decorate your school swag. Bring your own binder or take one of ours!

Registration required

Tweens and Teens Craft: ^R Painted Coat Hangers

Centennial | September 17 | 6-7:30 pm

Make your closet glamorous with this DIY project. Using craft paint, you can create your own designs to make practical coat hangers way more fun!

Registration required | All supplies provided

Craft Cart Creations

Crystal Ridge | September 19 | 9:30-5 pm

Feeling crafty? Stop by the Craft Cart and make something fun! Drop-in any time to discover our craft cart and come up with your own creation.

Drop-in | Self-run program | All ages

Kids' Painting ^R

Crystal Ridge | September 19 | 11-12 pm

Join us for a guided paint lesson with step by step instruction.

Registration required | All supplies provided

Author Visit: The Perfect Color ^R with Paula Banks Dahlke

Centennial | September 26 | 11 am -12 pm

Join us at the library for a special visit with author Paula Banks Dahlke, who will be reading her wonderful book, The Perfect Color! Enjoy a fun story time, and meet the author. It's a wonderful opportunity for young readers and families to connect with the library, books, and discover a new favorite story.

Registration required

Friends of the Library Updates

Used Book Drive

The Friends are now accepting donations for our Fall used Book Sale!

We welcome your gently used books, DVDs, and CDs. Your donations help support the Fort Erie Public Library and its programs and services.

Please note: We are unable to accept items that are yellowed, moldy, water-damaged, or otherwise damaged. Thank you for helping us ensure our sale has quality items for our community.

Donation Drop-Off:

Tuesdays from 3-7 pm
Crystal Ridge Branch 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?

Giant Fall Used Book Sale

Saturday, October 3 | 9:30 am - 3 pm
Crystal Ridge Branch Library

Come browse our huge selection of gently used books, DVDs, and CDs. There will be something for readers of all ages, and every purchase helps support the Fort Erie Public Library!

General Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be held:

Tuesday, September 8 at 4 pm

Centennial Branch Library

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Upcoming Events

September 5 - Crystal Beach End of Summer Parade

Come out and wave to the Friends as our floats make their way through the parade!

October 3 - Fall Used Book Sale

Join us at the Crystal Ridge Branch for our Giant Fall Used Book Sale.

Teen and YA Lit Kits

Have you ever wanted
your very own Book
Subscription box?

In our Lit Kit boxes, you will receive 1 book (to keep), among 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!

Enter your email address when registering on SimpleTix. Serena will email you personally with a quiz of your genre preferences and hobbies, to tailor your box specifically to you!

Register at fepl.simpletix.ca and order your box by September 21 ^R

We'll email you when your box is ready for pick-up!

For more information

Email us: friendsoftheforteriepubliclibrary@gmail.com

Visit our website: www.fepl.ca/friends

Follow us on  Facebook: facebook.com/friendsofFEPL

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



Thank you Delta Bingo
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September Closures

All branches are closed on:

Labour Day
Monday, September 7

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Wednesday, September 30



Say Cheese!

Staff may take photos or recordings during programs and events for use in marketing materials, social media, or other promotional purposes. Patrons who do not wish to be photographed or recorded should inform a staff member prior to or during the program.

Print, Copy and Scan

Print, copy, or scan at any of our branches. Print from a library computer or send your print job wirelessly from your own device. Scanning, resumes and government documents are free.



to our Friends of the Library
for all of their support

Building Improvement Update

Temporary service changes to Centennial
The ongoing Ceiling Replacement Project coordinated by the Town of Fort Erie will begin September 2026. The Centennial branch will remain open during renovations. Book collections will be temporarily relocated, and there may be changes to noise levels, spaces and access within the building.

Battery Recycling Update

We no longer accept batteries for recycling
To help protect library materials and support the safety of our staff and patrons, please do not place batteries in the library book returns. Thank you for helping us keep our book returns safe.

Share Your TD Summer Reading Club Experience

Your feedback helps shape future summer reading programs.



Take the survey
scan the QR code



Job Gym Employment Services

Job Gym will be offering employment services at the Centennial and Crystal Ridge branches. Drop-ins are encouraged | Ages 16 plus

Centennial
Tuesdays
9:30-5 pm

Crystal Ridge
Mondays and Wednesdays
9:30-5 pm

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.

Guitar Club

Centennial | Thursdays | 3-4 pm
Bring your guitar and enjoy playing with others!

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. Program starts September 17

Fort Erie Ukes

Crystal Ridge | 5-7 pm
Thursday, September 3 and 17
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.

Let's learn
together
teacher edition

We'd love to welcome your class to the library
Our class visit programs encourage curiosity, creativity and a love of learning through engaging, hands-on activities for students of all ages.

Programs are available at any branch, in your classroom or in your school library.



Passive
Programs

Weekly adult programs offer ways to connect at your own pace. Drop in for activities, or enjoy self-run passive programs, we'll set everything up and you can come and go as you please.



Explore and find more information
scan the QR code or visit fepl.ca

Monthly Adult Programs

Let's talk BOOK CLUBS

Afternoon Book Club

Centennial | September 10 | 2-3 pm

Join us to discuss our pick of the month.

Stevensville Book Club

Stevensville | September 24 | 6-7 pm

In our first meeting, we will discuss summer reading, favourite titles, and your likes and dislikes to guide our future book choices.

For more information, contact

Laura, Community Services Librarian
905-871-2546 ext. 309 | lgalea@fepl.ca

Craft Night at Stevensville: Wine Glasses ^R

Stevensville | September 16 | 6-7 pm

Paint beautiful wine glasses to enjoy this fall. Instructions on how to bake your wine glass at home will be provided.

[Registration required](#) | [All supplies included](#)

Bertie Historical Society Meeting

Crystal Ridge | September 16 | 6-8 pm

Early Black Fort Erie: Examining Facts, Tales and Hidden Histories by Rochelle Bush. This talk covers Black history from enslavement to the Underground Railroad to Civil Rights. It will examine historic records, explore oral accounts, and introduce forgotten narratives.

[Drop-in](#)

Card Making ^R

Crystal Ridge | September 21 | 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](#)

Adult Trivia Night ^R

Centennial | September 22 | 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](#)

English Conversation Circle

Centennial | September 29 | 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.

[Registration encouraged](#) | [Drop-in](#)

Special Events Adult

Clay Craft with Serena ^R

Centennial | September 10 | 6-7:30 pm

In this guided clay craft, you'll learn the basics of working with Air Dry Clay to create a beautiful small pot. Take it home in 2-3 days to paint and glaze it!

[Registration required](#)

Access to Dental Services: ^R

A Presentation by Bridges
Community Health Centre

Crystal Ridge | September 15 | 10-11 am

Connect with Valerie Wehlann, Dental Health Community Worker at Bridges Community Health Centre, to learn more about the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) and the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP). This session will provide helpful information on eligibility, coverage, and how to access affordable dental care in your community.

[Registration required](#)

All Ages Walk

Stevensville Conservation Area

September 26 | 10-11 am

In partnership with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, join us for a fun and educational walk with Katy from the NPCA. This walk is considered to be a beginner level with some light hills and inclines. The paths are not stroller friendly. Please wear light-coloured clothing, closed-toe footwear and bring bug spray, sunscreen and water.

[Registration encouraged](#) | [Drop-in](#)

An Introduction to the Owls of Southern Ontario: A Presentation by Marcie Jacklin

Centennial | September 26 | 2-3 pm

Join Marcie in conversation about different owl species, their behaviours, habitats and how we can help them thrive. Marcie is a birder of 35 years, a volunteer with The Owl Foundation in Vineland and a member of 3 Niagara nature clubs and the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Marcie was the Niagara Regional Coordinator for the Third Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (2021-2026) and was the winner of the Canadian Wildlife Person of the Year Award in 2021.

[Registration encouraged](#) | [drop-in](#)

Crystal Ridge Craft: ^R Book Bedazzling

Crystal Ridge | September 28 | 6-7:30 pm

Bring a book you'd love to decorate! If you don't have a book, books will be available on request for you to decorate.

[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 and Laura will help you.

Crystal Ridge

September 15 | 2-3:30 pm

Centennial

September 16 | 2-3:30 pm

Stevensville

September 21 | 10-11 am



CEN | September 22 | 2-3 pm

Join us for Bingo at the library!

Bringing older adults together to connect, socialize and enjoy shared activities at the library.

[Light refreshments will be provided](#)



September Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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