NFPL GUIDE

FALL 2026

Registration opens on **Monday, September 21st**



For more info, our most up-to-date calendar, or to register, visit nflibrary.ca

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Niagara Falls Public Library

ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK • LA SEMAINE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES PUBLIQUES DE L'ONTARIO

LOUD FOR LIBRARIES

HAUT ET FORT POUR LES BIBLIOTHÈQUES

OCTOBER 18 - 24, 2026 • DU 18 AU 24 OCTOBRE 2026

celebrating 125 years of the OLA 125 Ontario Library Association

Ontario Public Library Week
October 18 - 24:
Loud for Libraries

SPOOKTACULAR DANCE PARTY AT THE LIBRARY (R)

Join Party Perfect for a spooktacular dance party featuring a DJ, dazzling lights, energetic dance staff, and two very special guests, Ursula and Ariel! Come dressed as your favourite Disney princess, villain, or in your favourite Halloween costume. **Ages 4+**

VIC | **Monday Oct 19 | 6pm**

LOUD IN THE LIBRARY STORYTIME (R)

Not your typical storytime! Let's get loud for libraries with stories, songs, and musical instruments!

STAM | **Tuesday Oct 20 | 9:15am**

THE LIBRARY HAS THAT?

We've got books and so much more! Come and see all of the things you can borrow with your library card! **All ages**

VIC | **Tuesday Oct 20 | 4pm**

COMMUNITY SINGING GROUP

Love to sing or want to give it a try? Come sing with us! Join our welcoming community singing group where we'll learn a mix of new songs and holiday favourites while having fun, building friendships, and preparing for community performances. In partnership with NFCHC. No experience necessary - everyone is welcome!

VIC | **Tuesday Oct 20 | 6pm**

MAKE YOUR OWN MUSICAL INSTRUMENT (R)

What sort of noisemakers can we create with recycled materials?

COM | **Wednesday Oct 21 | 4pm**

BOOK TALK: BOOKS ABOUT BOOKS (R)

Let's talk about books...about books! We'll share some of our favourite stories that take place in bookstores, libraries, and the world of publishing. **Ages 16+**

VIC | **Wednesday Oct 21 | 7pm**

MUSIC JAM NIGHT

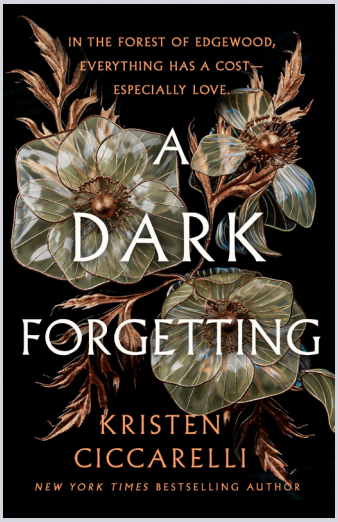
Join us at the library for Ontario Library Week's "Loud for Libraries" celebration! Bring an instrument, sing along, or simply enjoy the music. All ages, styles, and skill levels are welcome.

VIC | **Thursday Oct 22 | 6pm**

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Sunday, October 11, 2026 - Closed | All Locations
Monday, October 12, 2026 - Closed | All Locations





ONE BOOK
ONE NIAGARA

ONE BOOK ONE NIAGARA 2026 with Author Kristen Ciccarelli

One Book, One Niagara brings readers from across the region together through the power of a shared story. Join us for an evening with author Kristen Ciccarelli, as we celebrate the One Book, One Niagara selection, *A Dark Forgetting*. Book discussion, followed by author talk and book signing.

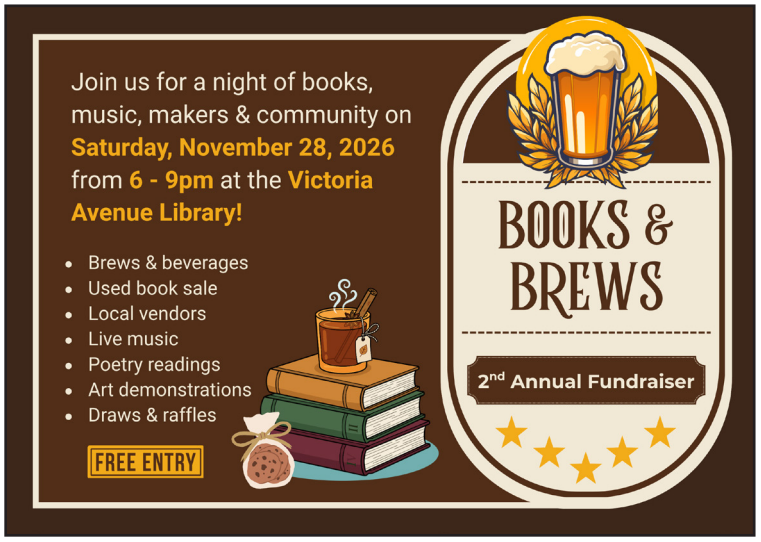
Get your tickets at: nfpl.info/OBON

OFFSITE | Thursday Oct 22 | 6pm

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

We appreciate you! Join us at the Library for Customer Appreciation Day as we celebrate the wonderful people who make our libraries such a special part of the community. Stop by to say hello, enjoy a little something from us, and let us show our appreciation for being part of the Library community. We look forward to celebrating with you!

ALL LOCATIONS | Friday Oct 23 | 9am





Join us for our second annual Trivia Night fundraiser at the library!

EVENT DETAILS

Saturday, October 24, 2026 | 6:30pm

Victoria Avenue Library

$20 a ticket or $160 for table of 8

Silent Auction | Food & Drinks*

**available for purchase*

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WIND
japanese and thai

Calling all brainiacs!

Enjoy a night of revelry, prizes, special guests, and, best of all, bragging rights!

Every single dollar raised this year will go toward buying children's **Playaway Launchpad Quests** (picture above) for all four of our library locations.

Trivia categories will include, but are not limited to: literature, food/drink, entertainment, sports, general knowledge, and a special category called 'kid at heart' celebrating our fundraising goal!

Visit **nfpl.info/Trivia** for tickets & info

KIDS PROGRAMS

Arts & Crafts

JACK-O-LANTERN CONTEST
Design your very best book-related pumpkin. Pick up a template at **any library location** starting on October 1 and return your completed design by October 29. The best designs will win a prize. **All ages**

ALL LOCATIONS | Oct 1-29

PINECONE BATS
Make treasures from nature walks into the cutest little flying friends! Join us in creating some easy, not-so-spooky crafts your kids will go batty for. **Ages 5+**

VIC | Sunday Oct 4 | 11:30am

FALL BEAN AND CLAY MOSAICS (R)
Create a unique fall-inspired mosaic artwork using air dry clay and different dried beans. **All ages.**

STAM | Wednesday Oct 7 | 4pm

FALL LEAF SUNCATCHER
Join us to make a fun fall leaf suncatcher! **All ages**

COM | Saturday Oct 10 | 11:30am

FABRIC GHOST GARLAND (R)
Use scrap fabric to create a fun garland to decorate for Spooky Season! **Ages 9+**

VIC | Tuesday Oct 13 | 4pm

CREATION STATION
If you can imagine it, you can create it. We supply everything you need. **All ages**

COM | Tuesdays Oct 13 - Nov 24 | 6pm

BUBBLE WRAP PAINTING
Use bubble wrap to stamp or print unique dotted patterns onto paper. Maybe a pumpkin or a puffer fish? **All ages**

COM | Wednesday Oct 14 | 4pm

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MESSY MASTERPIECES
It's time to get messy! Using a variety of creative materials and your imagination, get ready to make your unique masterpiece. **All ages**

COM | Sunday Nov 1 | 11:30am

FAMILY ART (R)
Enjoy creating, getting messy & learning new skills with your whole family. Each week you will work on a project & take it home with you. A caregiver must stay for this program. **Ages 5+**

VIC | Mondays Nov 9 - 30 | 6pm

MAKE YOUR OWN MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
What sort of noisemakers can we create with recycled materials?

COM | Thursday Nov 12 | 10am

SCRATCH ART
Create your own bright & beautiful scratch art using crayons, paint & a touch of imagination! **Ages 6+**

VIC | Saturday Nov 21 | 11:30am

BUTTON MARIONETTE PUPPET (R)
Create your very own button marionette puppet using a variety of materials. **Ages 7+**

CHIP | Saturday Nov 28 | 11:30am

Building & Tech

BLOCK PARTY
Pretend you're the architect! Drop in for our always fun Block Party! We have all kinds of blocks and LEGO for all ages. Come build something amazing! **All ages**

VIC | Sunday Oct 18 | 11:30am

LEGO CHALLENGE
Join us for a fun afternoon of building! Make new friends and challenge yourself to create your own designs and build lots of structures. **Ages 5+**

VIC | Saturday Nov 7 | 11:30am

SENSORY PLAY SUNDAY
Join in the fun for sensory play Sunday. A hands-on experience. Dress to get messy. **All ages**

VIC | Sunday Nov 8 | 11:30am

Program dates and times are subject to change. Visit our website for up-to-date information.

Games & Family Play

AFTER SCHOOL KIDS CLUB
Hang out, play games, & do crafts with your friends! **Ages 6+**

CHIP | Wednesdays | 3:30pm

KIDS CHESS CLUB R
Sharpen your skills or learn to play, make new friends, and master the game of chess! **Ages 7+**

STAM | Wednesdays Oct 21 - Nov 25 | 4pm

HALLOWEEN PARTY R
Join us for a "not so spooky" Halloween party. **Ages 4+**

CHIP | Saturday Oct 24 | 1pm

PUZZLE PARTY
Families can choose from an assortment of puzzles to complete together. **All ages.**

VIC | Sunday Nov 15 | 11:30am

Literacy & Reading

STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY
Get ready for the storytime you know and love, with stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and early literacy fun! Join us for an engaging program that encourages a love of reading while supporting children's language and literacy development.

VIC | Mondays | 10am, excluding Oct 12

STAM | Tuesdays | 9:15am

CHIP | Wednesdays | 10am

COM | Thursdays | 10am

COM | Fridays | 10am





Early ON

View EarlyON hours for all locations on the last page

BABYTIME R
Have fun with music, rhymes, tickles & bounces. Let us introduce you & your baby to a variety of pre-reading activities that will build literacy skills! **Ages 0-1**

COM | Mondays Oct 19 - Nov 30 | 10:30am

APPLE PICKING STORYTIME
Enjoy apple-themed stories, activities, and a fun apple stamping craft!

STAM | Tuesday Oct 6 | 9:15am

READING BUDDIES R
Reading Buddies is a weekly program that pairs each child with a high school student volunteer to help them build their literacy skills, vocabulary, and confidence. Join us as we encourage a love of reading and foster positive connections within the community through stories, games, and more! Ages 5-10. **Ages 5-10**

VIC | Wednesdays Oct 7 - Dec 9 | 6pm

THERAPY TAILS
It's "dog days" at the library with Therapy Tails. Read some stories and say hello to some furry friends. **All ages**

VIC | Saturday Oct 17 | 11:30am

COM | Saturday Nov 21 | 11:30am

LETTERS TO SANTA WORKSHOP
Join us at the library for a fun holiday workshop. Write a letter or draw a picture for Santa. Take your creation home afterwards to mail to the North Pole! **All ages**

COM | Sunday Nov 22 | 11:30am

PD Day Fun

PD DAY DROP-IN FUN
Have some fun at the library on your day off from school! Board games, crafts, obstacle challenges.. Who knows what we'll do! **All ages**

COM, VIC, STAM | Monday Oct 26 | 10am

ALL LOCATIONS | Friday Nov 27 | 10am

PD DAY MOVIE
Sit back, relax and enjoy an afternoon movie! **All ages**

The Super Mario Galaxy Movie. Duration: 99 mins, rated G.

COM | Monday Oct 26 | 1pm

Hoppers. Duration:105 mins, rated G.

VIC | Friday Nov 27 | 1pm

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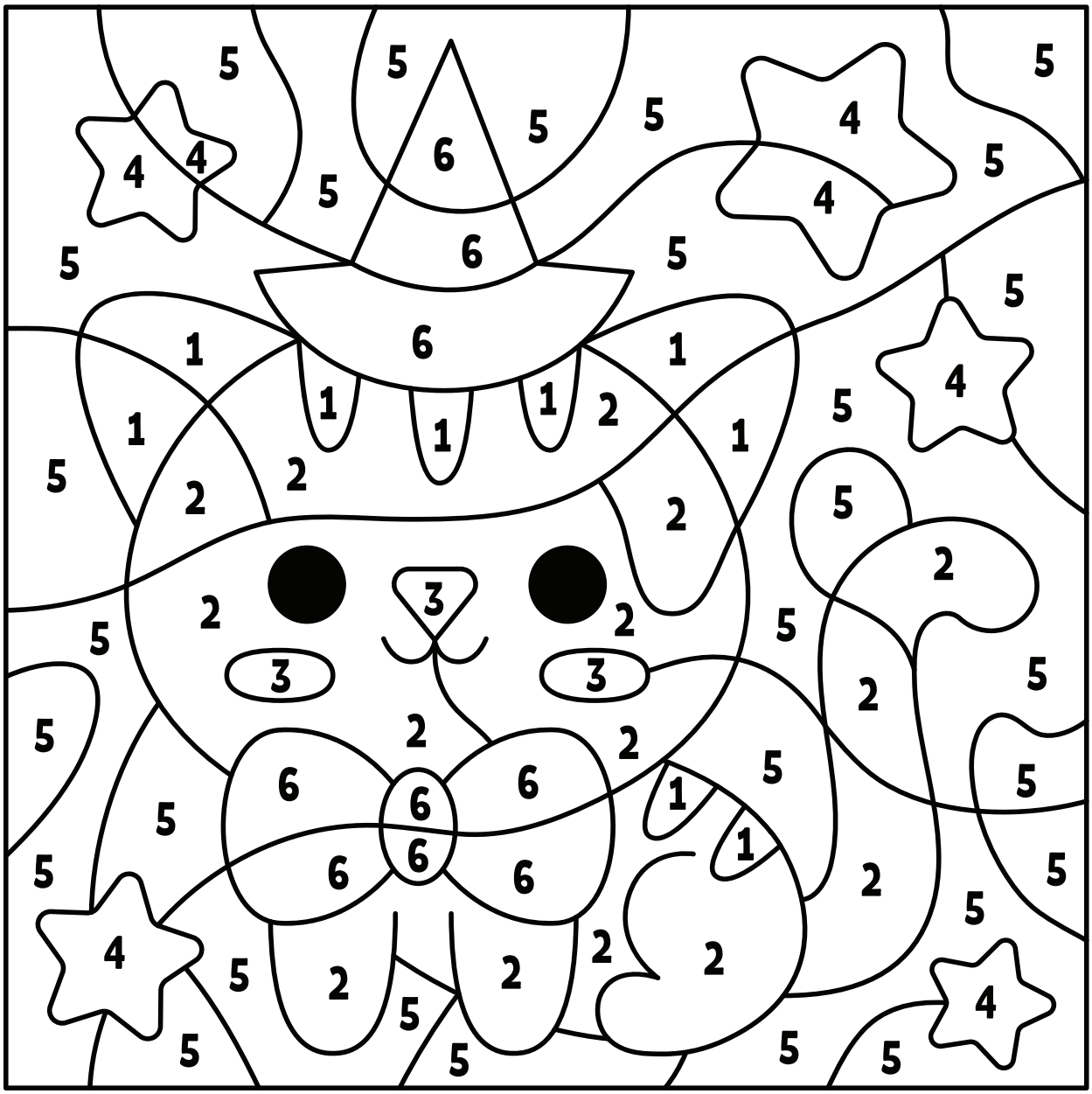
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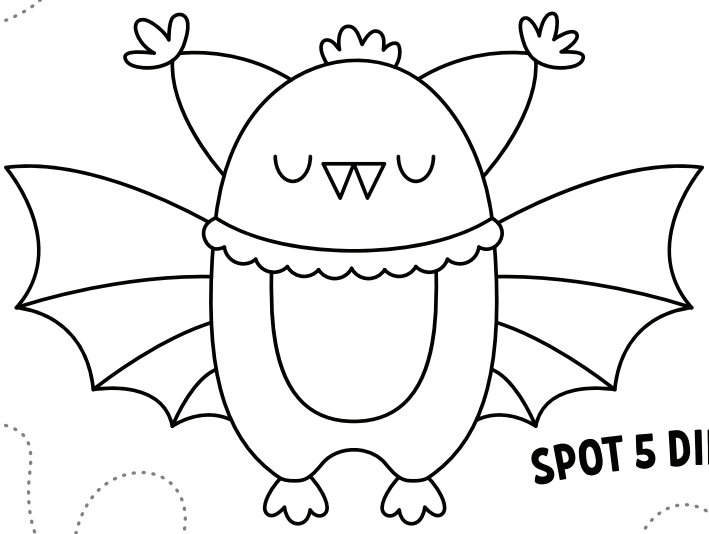
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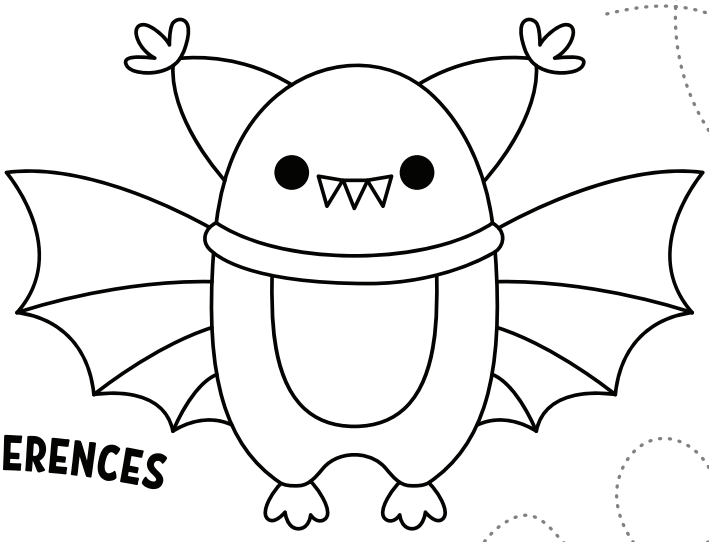
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TEEN PROGRAMS



READING BUDDIES (R)

A fun, weekly program that gives teens an opportunity to earn volunteer hours while helping kids with reading. **Ages 13+**

VIC | Wednesdays Oct 7- Dec 9 | 6pm

PAINTED PENCIL CASE (R)

Paint and decorate a pencil case or makeup bag using stencils and acrylic paint. All materials provided. **Ages 13+**

VIC | Monday Oct 19 | 4pm

SCRAP AND YAP (R)

Hangout, chat and collage vision boards or room decor using old books, decorative paper, magazines and mixed media. **Ages 13+**

VIC | Monday Nov 2 | 6pm

BECOME A

TEEN VOLUNTEER

Make a difference in your community, and your future.



Ways to get your volunteering hours and build real-world experience:

Reading Buddies — Help younger children build literacy skills, vocabulary and confidence.

Kids Chess Club — Help children learn the basics and put their skills into play.

Program Support — Help prepare crafts and activities or lend a hand during library programs.

Special Events — Volunteer at one-day events like Comic-Con, Trivia Night and Get Your Summer Read On Day.

Your volunteer work could earn you $500 towards your next endeavour!

Each year, the Niagara Falls Public Library recognizes graduating Niagara Falls secondary school students who demonstrate a significant commitment to community service through volunteering with NFPL .

Ready to register?

Scan the QR Code and complete a volunteer application form.

Apply by email at **programming@nflibrary.ca** or in person at any library location.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Games & Social Clubs

CHESS CLUB
Drop in between 3pm - 6pm and enjoy a friendly game of chess with other adults. No experience? No problem! Chess sets provided, but players are welcome to bring their own.
Ages 16+

COM | Thursdays | 3pm

GAME CAFE
An afternoon of games, coffee, and laughs. Try your hand at different board games, brain puzzles, card games and more.

CHIP | Fridays | 2:30pm

SCRABBLE CLUB
Drop in and enjoy a friendly game of Scrabble. Scrabble boards are provided and all skill levels are welcome.

VIC | Sundays | 11:30am

MONSTER OF THE WEEK (R)
Join our weekly Monster of the Week TTRPG and explore a world chock full of strangeness! Make friends, face monsters, solve cases, or become part of the mystery yourself—the choice is yours.

VIC | Thursdays Oct 8 - 29 | 6pm

MAHJONG SOCIAL (R)
Try Mahjong, a classic tile-based game developed in China. Develop your skill, plan your strategy and test your luck.

CHIP | Monday Oct 19 | 6pm

PUZZLE MAKING SOCIAL
Join us for a fun evening of puzzle making & laughter.

CHIP | Monday Oct 26 & Nov 2 | 6pm

SCRABBLE SOCIAL
Drop in & enjoy a friendly game of Scrabble. Scrabble boards are provided and all skill levels are welcome.

CHIP | Monday Nov 9 & 16 | 6pm

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PUZZLE EXCHANGE
Have puzzles you've already completed? Bring them to our puzzle exchange! Swap one complete, good-condition puzzle for another and discover something new to enjoy.

VIC | Thursday Nov 12 | 6pm

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS (R)
Join in on the action and adventure as we campaign our way through the world of Dungeons and Dragons. No previous gaming experience required!

VIC | Thursdays Nov 12 - Dec 17 | 6pm

EUCHRE SOCIAL (R)
Join us for a fun evening of playing euchre and some laughs.

CHIP | Monday Nov 23 & 30 | 6pm

Movies & Entertainment

MOVIE NIGHT - TWILIGHT
Join us to watch Twilight and make a themed craft! Cosplay welcome! Rated PG, 122 minutes.

VIC | Thursday Nov 19 | 5:30pm

Arts & Crafts

CRAFTERNOONS
Join other crafters, knitters, crocheters and artists for an afternoon of creating and learning. Spend the afternoon sharing ideas, chatting and more.

STAM | Tuesdays | 12:30pm

VIC | Thursdays | 1pm

KNITTING & CROCHET CLUB
Come join us for an evening of knitting and crocheting. Bring your current projects, share ideas, and who knows, you might get hooked! Bring your own supplies. All skill levels welcome, no instruction provided.

VIC | Tuesdays | 7pm

FALL RAG WREATH (R)
Get crafty this fall by creating a charming rag wreath decor using different fabrics and ribbons.

VIC | Thursday Oct 1 | 2pm

PRESSED FLOWER PUMPKINS (R)
Create a unique autumn decoration by decorating faux pumpkins with pressed flowers.

VIC | Monday Oct 5 | 6pm

Program dates and times are subject to change. Visit our website for up-to-date information.

WIRE SPIDER CRAFT (R)
Make a beaded wire spider to add to your fall decor.

CHIP | Monday Oct 5 | 6pm

FABRIC GHOST GARLAND (R)
Use scrap fabric to create a fun garland to decorate for Spooky Season!

VIC | Thursday Oct 8 | 6:30pm

NEEDLEPOINT KEYCHAIN (R)
Create a custom needlepoint keychain using plastic canvas, yarn, and embroidery needles.

VIC | Thursday Oct 15 | 6:30pm

CARDMAKING WORKSHOP FOR Cards2Warriors
Create beautiful cards to brighten the day of someone who suffers from a chronic illness. In partnership with Steph Izzard.

VIC | Sunday Oct 18 | 12pm

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ART (R)
UNF-Connected Moms group monthly gathering for parents and caregivers. Join us a creative art session. Participants are welcome to bring their own materials. No prior art experience needed! Register at cmunfclub@gmail.com

VIC | Wednesday Oct 21, Nov 18 | 1pm

STUFFED ANIMAL TAXIDERMY (R)
You can make a fun, cruelty-free faux taxidermy wall mount by attaching a stuffed animal head to a painted wooden plaque.

VIC | Tuesday Oct 27 | 6pm

ACRYLIC PAINTING (R)
Create a fall inspired acrylic painting, beginner friendly.

VIC | Wednesday Nov 4 | 2pm

MINI BEADED TAPESTRY (R)
Use various beads, string and dowels to create a beautiful piece to hang on your walls!

VIC | Thursday Nov 5 | 6:30pm



Technology & Digital Literacy

COMPUTER BASICS (R)
These hands-on classes are geared towards those with little or no experience. All technology is provided. Attendees are welcome to bring their own devices.

STAM | Wednesdays Oct 7 - Nov 25 | 1pm

CYBER SECURITY & SAFETY (R)
Join NRP Detective Constable Chris Carter, for an informative presentation on cyber safety. Learn about common scams and the red flags to watch for. Gaining practical tips and tools to help you protect yourself in today's digital world.

STAM | Wednesday Oct 14 | 2pm

Essential Community Services & Support

NIAGARA COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC
Free legal clinic by Niagara Community Legal Clinic. Get advice on housing, ODSP appeals, human rights, and select civil law matters. Drop in or call 905-682-6635 to pre-register.

VIC | Thursdays Oct 1 & 29, Nov 5 & 26 | 1pm

NAVIGATING PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM IN NIAGARA (R)
New to the area or want to ride transit with confidence? Join our interactive session to learn route planning, schedules, fares, and transit apps—making it easier to get around Niagara.

VIC I Thursday Oct 1 | 3pm

PRODUCE MARKET
Stop by the fresh produce pop up market hosted by Links for Greener Learning and United Way. First come first serve.

VIC | Thursday Oct 8 & Nov 12 | 12pm

MOBILE CLOSET
Start Me Up Niagara's Mobile Closet is a mobile service that provides free, seasonally appropriate new/gently used clothing and other daily necessities to the unsheltered and low-income population in the Niagara Region.

VIC | Monday Nov 23 | 12pm

Language & Conversation

ENGLISH CLUB - IN THE LOOP
This welcoming English club helps learners build language skills through engaging activities, short stories, guest speakers, and skill-based workshops. Members stay "in the loop" with language, culture, and community.

VIC | Mondays | 6pm, excluding Oct 12

ENGLISH CLUB - ENGLISH CAFE

A relaxed space for English learners to practice, connect, and grow through conversation, games, and themed sessions that build confidence and fluency.

COM | Wednesdays | 3:30pm

VIC | Thursdays | 2pm

FRENCH CONVERSATION CLUB

Build speaking confidence and improve French conversation skills in our weekly program. Make new friends while learning about life in Canada and other programs and events in the community.

STAM | Thursdays | 6pm

VIC | Saturdays | 11:30am

Health & Wellness

BRUCE TRAIL DAY HIKE (R)

Check our website for more information on registration, location and duration of the hike.

OFFSITE | Sunday Oct 4 | 9am

NIAGARA MEDITATION CIRCLE

Join the Niagara Meditation Circle for guided meditation, mindfulness, relaxation, and community connection in a calm and welcoming environment. Each session explores different meditation practices.

VIC | Sunday Oct 4 | 11am

CREATIVE WRITING FOR THE MIND, BODY & SOUL (R)

Join Darcy Patrick for a 4-part series of workshops using writing as a therapeutic tool to fight depression, anxiety & improve your overall mental health. All you need to bring is a pen or pencil, a journal, & an open mind.

VIC | Wednesdays Oct 7 - 28 | 6pm

TWIN HEARTS MEDITATION (R)

With soothing guidance, this program encourages mindfulness & stress reduction, making it perfect for all experience levels.

STAM | Sunday Oct 18 & Nov 15 | 11:30am

GRIEF CIRCLE (R)

Home Hospice will provide an eight-week, peer based support group that will balance the importance of sharing your story and understanding grief. This group has been designed for people whose loss has occurred at least three months prior to the group start date.

To register email: adultprograms@hospiceniagara.ca

STAM | Tuesdays Oct 20 - Dec 8 | 6pm

THE BIG LET GO (R)

In "The Big Let Go: Letting go of control is taking control," author, public speaker & wellness writing coach Darcy Patrick teaches you how to let go & move forward with your life. Darcy shares his tools, his struggles & his lived experience with the goal of helping you learn to move past traumas, relinquish control & take charge of your own life.

VIC | Wednesdays Nov 4 - 25 | 6pm

Community & Lifelong Learning

PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHY MEET UP

Practical Philosophy is a weekly meet-up that brings critical thinkers together for an opportunity to dive deep on a topic, practice communicating, and building a community. All with no 'official' philosophy knowledge required! Each week we choose a topic, and the goal is to use the conversation to develop our critical thinking and communication as we explore that topic.

STAM | Wednesdays | 6pm

ASTRONOMY FROM THE BACKYARD (R)

This engaging presentation covers the basics of understanding of the night sky, practical stargazing techniques, and the fundamentals of star navigation. It also offers an introduction to telescopes and their use, and an overview of night-sky phenomena, including the Northern Lights.

VIC | Saturday Oct 3 & Nov 14 | 11:30am

NIAGARA'S MOST HAUNTED PRESENTATION (R)

Join us for a fascinating presentation about some of the most compelling true stories of hauntings, paranormal investigations, and hidden history from the Niagara region and beyond. Peter Sacco, a retired criminal psychologist, creator and host of the award-winning TV series Niagara's Most Haunted and The Paranormal Profilers will delve into ghostly encounters at historic sites like Bertie Hall and Ball's Falls and the real-life work of profiling spirits - all told in a respectful and humorous way.

VIC | Tuesday Oct 20 | 6pm

TEA TASTING (R)

Join us for an afternoon of tea tasting! Starting with a brief introduction on the history of tea and tea etiquette, we will dive into exploring different teas in a group setting. Participants are welcome to bring their own tea cup or mug for the tasting. Tea will be provided.

STAM | Saturday Nov 14 | 12pm

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Check Us Out!
LOCATIONS & HOURS

Victoria | Commmunity | Stamford
Monday - Thursday ..... 9am - 8pm
Friday ..... 9am - 5pm
Saturday - Sunday ..... 11am - 3pm

Chippawa
Staffed Hours
Monday ..... 12pm - 8pm
Wednesday ..... 9am - 8pm
Friday ..... 9am - 5pm
Saturday ..... 11am - 3pm

Self-serve Hours with open+
Monday ..... 9am - 12pm
Tuesday ..... 9am - 8pm
Thursday ..... 9am - 8pm
Sunday ..... 11am - 3pm

Victoria Avenue
4848 Victoria Ave | 905-356-8080

Stamford Centre
3643 Portage Rd | 905-357-0410

Community Centre
7150 Montrose Rd | 905-371-1200

Chippawa Library
3848 Main St | 905-295-4391

Bookmobile
nflibrary.ca/bookmobile

NovelBranch
Book vending machine
8800 McLeod Rd | BGC Niagara

nflibrary.ca
nfpl.info/insider
nfpublicliblary
nflibrary

EarlyON Child and Family Centre

Victoria Avenue Library
4848 Victoria Avenue, Niagara Falls

Monday	9am - 12pm 1:30pm - 4pm
Wednesday	9am - 12pm 1:30pm - 4pm
Friday	9am - 12pm
Saturday	11am - 2pm



Chippawa Library
3848 Main Street, Niagara Falls

Monday	1pm - 5pm
Wednesday	9am - 12pm 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Stamford Centre Library
3643 Portage Road, Niagara Falls

Tuesday	9am - 12pm 1:30pm - 4pm
Thursday	9am - 12pm 1:30pm - 4pm

Niagara-on-the-Lake Library
10 Anderson Lane, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Monday	4pm - 7pm
Tuesday	10am - 12:30pm
Wednesday	10am - 12:30pm
Friday	10am - 12:30pm

Community Centre Library
MacBain Centre, 7150 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls

Tuesday	9am - 12pm 1:30pm - 7:30pm
Thursday	9am - 12pm 1:30pm - 4pm
Friday	9am - 12pm
Sunday	11am - 2pm

Veterans Memorial Park
370 King Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Monday	9:30am - 12pm
Thursday	9:30am - 12pm

For more info, visit
nflibrary.ca/earlyon
or scan the QR code

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