

DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

2 KIDS CHESS CLUB (7+) CEN 3:30PM	3 KNITTING GROUP CEN 10:00AM AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT CEN 3:30PM GIVING TUESDAY	4 EARLYON CEN 10-11:30AM HOSPICE NIAGARA GREIF SESSION CEN 5:30PM	5 KNITTING CEN 10:00AM TAI CHI CEN 2-3:00PM AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB CEN 2-3:00PM STEAM CEN 3:30PM FORT ERIE UKES CR 5-7:00PM	6 GALLERY PLAYERS OF NIAGARA CEN 1:30-2:30	7 HOME ALONE COURSE CEN 1-4:00PM
9 KIDS CHESS CLUB CEN 3:30PM TEEN CRAFT CEN 6:00PM	10 KNITTING GROUP CEN 10:00AM AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT CEN 3:30PM	11 EARLYON CEN 10-11:30AM	12 KNITTING CEN 10:00AM TAI CHI CEN 2-3:00PM STEAM CEN 3:30PM TRIVIA NIGHT CEN 6-8:00PM	13 CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP CEN 3:30-4:30PM	14 BABYSITTING COURSE CEN 10AM-4:30PM BIG BLUE BLOCKS CR 2-4:00PM
16 KIDS CHESS CLUB CEN 3:30PM ADULT CRAFT CEN 6:00PM	17 KNITTING CEN 10:00AM TRANSIT INFO SESSION CEN 2PM AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT CEN 3:30PM WRITER'S GROUP CEN 6PM	18 EARLYON CEN 10-11:30AM	19 KNITTING CEN 10:00AM TAI CHI CEN 2-3:00PM STEAM CEN 3:30PM FORT ERIE UKES CR 5-7:00PM ADULT PAINTING NIGHT CEN 6-8:00PM	20	21 CHILDREN'S PAINTING CR 10:00-11:00AM
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DECEMBER 2024

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DECEMBER HOURS

All branches will be closed on:
Tuesday, December 24 - Thursday December 26
Tuesday, December 31 - Wednesday, January 01

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

GIVING TUESDAY

On Tuesday, Dec 3, consider giving to the Friends of the Library. Giving Tuesday presents a great opportunity to advance the Friends' mission of enhancing library services for Fort Erie residents. See the Friends' page for more information on how to give.

CENTENNIAL

136 Gilmore Rd., Fort Erie
(905) 871-2546
Monday - Thursday: 9:30 - 8:00
Friday - Saturday: 9:30 - 5:00

CRYSTAL RIDGE

89 Ridge Rd S., Ridgeway
(905) 894-1281
Monday - Thursday: 9:30 - 8:00
Friday - Saturday: 9:30 - 5:00

STEVENSVILLE

2508 Stevensville Rd., Stevensville
(905) 382-2051
Monday & Saturday: 9:30 - 2:00
Wednesday & Thursday: 3:30 - 8:00



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KNITTING GROUP CENTENNIAL

Tuesday's | 10:00 AM
Thursday's | 10:00 AM



Bring your knitting, crochet, needlework, and other projects. No registration is required.

TAI CHI CENTENNIAL

Thursday's | 2-3:00 PM

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 suggested, but not required.



AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB CENTENNIAL

Thursday, December 05 | 2-3:00 PM



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. December's book: 'The Lido' by Libby Page.

FORT ERIE UKES CRYSTAL RIDGE

Thursday, December 05 | 5-7:00 PM
Thursday, December 19 | 5-7:00 PM



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 may be working on.

HOSPICE NIAGARA GRIEF CIRCLE SUPPORT GROUP CENTENNIAL

Wednesday, December 04 | 5:30-8:00 PM

Hospice Niagara offers programs and workshops for people who are grieving a death. Visit hospiceniagara.ca for information on programs and workshops. Must be registered to attend.

GALLERY PLAYERS OF NIAGARA CENTENNIAL

Friday, December 06 | 1:30-2:30 PM



Join Glissandi & Nick Braun to share the joys of the season with our community and help raise funds for COPE. Glissandi & Nick offer a programme of festive carols combined with classics from the rich Celtic bardic tradition. Please bring canned goods or a monetary donation to attend.

TRIVIA NIGHT CENTENNIAL

Thursday, December 12 | 6:00-8:00 PM

Gather your friends, test your trivia knowledge, and have a chance to win bragging rights and a prize! Snacks are provided.



December Newsletter



BOOK DONATIONS:

The Friends are continuing to accept donations of used books in good condition. Please drop off your donations on Tuesdays at Crystal Ridge Library Branch between the hours of 3pm and 7pm.

MORE ABOUT US:

Further information about the Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library can be found on our website: www.fepl.ca/friends or by following us on our Facebook page: Friends of FEPL. We are always looking for new members or event volunteers (including students)!

COMING UP:

Our next Big Book Sale Fundraiser will be on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Hope to see you there!

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS:

Our Big Used Book Sale was held at Crystal Ridge branch on Saturday, October 5th, and it was an enormous success, with people lining up outside the doors before we opened! This semi-annual event was able to raise over \$2700 for future library donations, all thanks to our generous community.

GENERAL MEETING:

The next General Meeting of the Friends will be held on Tuesday January 14th, 4pm at the Centennial Branch. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Friends wish everyone a Safe Happy Holiday.



THIS MONTH:

Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library
friends@fepl.ca

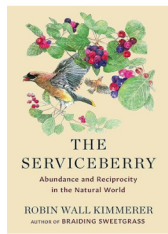
Giving Tuesday December 3
A global day of generosity, encouraging charitable giving and community support.

Support your local library
Donate securely online through Canada Helps

OR
Monetary donations can be dropped off at your local library branch

Giving Tuesday is on December 3rd! This is a global initiative where people come together to give back and support causes close to their hearts. It encourages donations, volunteer efforts, and acts of generosity to make a positive impact in communities worldwide. For the Friends of the Library, Giving Tuesday presents a great opportunity to advance our mission of enhancing library services for Fort Erie residents. You can donate online by scanning the QR code, or by dropping off a cheque at Centennial or Crystal Ridge branches of the library.

The Friends will be at the Boys and Girls Club Winter Market on Friday, Dec 6th, 2024, from 5-9pm. We will be selling great gift ideas such as our book bags, book socks, art prints as well as hand sewn items. Also, be sure to check out our gently used Children's books and wrapped book bundles for a great price.



Amy B's Pick

'The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World' ~ Robin Wall Kimmerer

As Indigenous scientist and author of Braiding Sweetgrass Robin Wall Kimmerer harvests serviceberries alongside the birds, she considers the ethic of reciprocity that lies at the heart of the gift economy. How, she asks, can we learn from Indigenous wisdom and the plant world to reimagine what we value most?



Jen's Pick 'The Melting Queen' ~ Bruce Cinnamon

Every year since 1904, when the ice breaks up on the North Saskatchewan River, Edmonton has crowned a Melting Queen--a woman who presides over the Melting Day spring carnival and who must keep the city's spirits up over the following winter. But this year, a genderfluid ex-frat brother called River Runson is named as Melting Queen. As River's reign upends the city's century-old traditions, Edmonton tears itself in two, with progressive and reactionary factions fighting a war for Edmonton's soul. Ultimately, River must uncover the hidden history of Melting Day, forcing Edmonton to confront the dark underbelly of its traditions and leading the city into a new chapter in its history. Balancing satire with compassion, Bruce Cinnamon's debut novel combines history and magic to weave a splendid future-looking tale.



Julie's Pick 'The Book Club Hotel' ~ Sarah Morgan

With its historic charm and picture-perfect library, the Maple Sugar Inn is considered the winter destination. As the holidays approach, the inn is fully booked with guests looking for their dream vacation. But widowed far too young, and exhausted from juggling the hotel with being a dedicated single mom, Hattie Coleman dreams only of making it through the festive season.



Lisa's Pick 'The Night Before Christmas' ~ Clement Clarke Moore

"Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in the hopes that St. Nicholas would soon be there."



CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP CENTENNIAL

Friday, December 13 | 3:30-4:30 PM

Looking to try out new crafts? Have old craft supplies to get rid of? Join us at the library to freshen up your craft supplies!



ADULT CRAFT: CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS CENTENNIAL

Monday, December 16 | 6:00 PM

Join us at the Centennial branch to create Christmas Ornaments! All supplies are provided. Registration is required.



TRANSIT INFO SESSION CENTENNIAL

Tuesday, December 17 | 2:00 PM

Visit the library for a presentation from Niagara Transit Commission, who will review the services available in Fort Erie, explain how to use the app, and allow time for your questions.

WRITER'S GROUP CENTENNIAL



Tuesday, December 17 | 6:00 PM

Have a story to tell? Join FEPL staff member and published author Derek for ideas and prompts to help you start your writing journey or refine your skills.

ADULT PAINTING NIGHT CENTENNIAL



Thursday, December 19 | 6:00-8:00 PM

Local artist, Lila, hosts a fun night of painting at the library. Registration is required.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

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

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Make an appointment by emailing info@fepl.ca.

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Beginning on January 01st, 2025, access to emagazines will switch from Flipster to Libby.



Libby.

Access Libby with your library card through fepl.ca or download the Libby App!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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LETTERS TO SANTA: DECEMBER 02 - DECEMBER 16

Be sure to drop by the library by December 16th to fill out your letters for Santa! Letters will be available at all three branches. You can also make an ornament for the Christmas tree at the Centennial branch!



KIDS CHESS CLUB (7+)

CENTENNIAL

Monday's | 3:30 pm

All skill levels are welcome to join us to learn and play chess every Monday afternoon. Registration is required.



AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT

CENTENNIAL

Tuesday's | 3:30 pm

Join us weekly at Centennial Branch for a creative break after school. Registration is required.



EARLYON

CENTENNIAL

Wednesday's | 10:00 - 11:30 am

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



WEEKLY STEAM (6+)

CENTENNIAL

Thursday's | 3:30 PM

Join us every Thursday for a variety of hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) activities. STEAM, like STEM, combines the arts with sciences, weaving cross-disciplinary exploration. Registration is required.



TEEN CRAFT: WOODEN RUDOLPH ORNAMENTS

CENTENNIAL

Monday, December 09 | 6:00 PM

Let's see your creative skills! Visit the Centennial branch and join us in making some wooden Rudolph ornaments. All supplies are provided. Registration is required.



BIG BLUE BLOCKS (4+)

CRYSTAL RIDGE

Saturday, December 14 | 2:00-4:00 PM

Our huge foam blocks are back! Build and play with these amazing modular, rectilinear parts that are easy to stack, line up and move around. Drop-in.

Last month's builds!



CHILDREN'S PAINTING (4+)

CRYSTAL RIDGE

Saturday, December 21 | 10:00-11:00 AM

Join us for our monthly Saturday morning painting class. Follow the program theme or freestyle! All supplies are provided. Registration is required.



Last month's painting!

HOME ALONE COURSE (10+)

CENTENNIAL

Saturday, December 07 | 1:00-4:00 PM

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

BABYSITTING COURSE

CENTENNIAL

Saturday, December 14 | 10AM-4:30 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 the new babysitter the necessary skills to provide care to children in a variety of situations. The course emphasizes safety rules, responding to emergencies, and developing leadership skills. Register through St. John Ambulance online or by calling: (905) 356-7340. Fee: \$75



St. John Ambulance

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

CENTENNIAL

Monday, December 30 | 6:00 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? TAG 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. This is currently a community-run program.

LIBRARY OF THINGS



Borrowing Policy: Can be checked out for a week and needs to be returned to circulation desk.