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# OFF THE SHELF NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025



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**NEW!**

### KID'S CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays, Jan. 14, 21 & 28,  
Feb. 4, 11 & 18, 6 – 7:30 p.m.



Compete against other kids and learn tips and tricks to improve your chess strategy. Players must have some chess experience. For ages 8 – 13. Pre-register. Free.

### WARHAMMER 101

Thurs. Jan. 9, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

Unbox your Warhammer 101 kit, build your minifigures, and practice painting in this engaging intro to the beloved battle game. Beginners welcome. For ages 13 – 17. Pre-register. Free.



### ADULT CHESS CLUB

Mondays, Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27,  
Feb. 3, 10 & 24, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

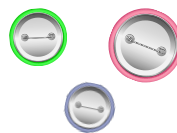
Step up your chess game with this series of workshops for beginner and experienced players. For adults ages 18+. Pre-register. Free.



### PD DAY ACTIVITY: MINI BUTTON MAKERSPACE

Fri. Jan. 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Make an adorable button with our new mini buttonmaker! Colour one of our designs or create your own. For families. Drop-in. Free.



### PD DAY ACTIVITY: BUTTERFLY CRAFT

Fri. Feb. 14, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Celebrate friendship and make a beautiful butterfly craft. In partnership with PFLAG Niagara. For families. Drop-in. Free.



### RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE



Thurs. Jan. 2, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Canadian Red Cross babysitting course covers everything from managing difficult behaviours to basic first aid and CPR to responsible care for children of all ages and professional conduct as a babysitter.

For ages 11 – 15. Pre-register. Cost of \$80 per child.

### BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK



Feb. 1 – 14

Check out a wrapped book for a surprise read. Available during open hours. Free.

### POP-UP @ PCHS



Thursdays, Jan. 9 & Feb. 6,  
1:50 – 11:30 a.m.

Are you a PCHS student? Visit the school library during lunch for an activity with the Port Colborne Public Library. Bring a friend and try out a new Switch game in January, then make a friendship bracelet (or 2) in February. Drop-in. Free.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

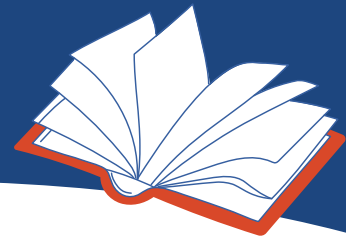
Monday, January 1, 2025  
(Closed for New Year's Day)

Monday, February 17, 2025  
(Closed for Family Day)



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Start the new year off right with a good book! Ask a librarian for help finding your next read.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### STORY TIME WITH SHELLY

Saturdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18 & 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22,  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Meet us in the Children's Room  
for a fun, free, family story time. All ages. Drop-in. Free.



### BABY TIME

Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28, Feb. 4 & 11,  
10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Meet new friends, sing songs,  
and enjoy stories with your little one.  
For ages 0 to 2. Pre-register. Free.

### BOOKMARK CONTEST

Submit a bookmark design for a chance to be  
our featured artist for the month.  
Available in the Children's Room. Free.

#### January Theme: Create a Cartoon Character

Submissions due: Jan. 31, 2025

#### February Theme: Favourite Foods

Submissions due: Feb. 28, 2025

Congrats to our November winner,  
Charlie! Charlie drew her favourite  
desserts to show her sweet personality.



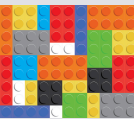
### SCAVENGER HUNTS

Find the scavenger hunt items and win a small prize. This  
program runs in the Children's Room every day with a new  
theme each week. Drop-in. Free.

Dec. 23 – Jan. 4	Sugar Cookies	Feb. 3 – 8	Socks
Jan. 6 – 11	Winter Gear	Feb. 10 – 15	Valentine's
Jan. 13 – 18	Snowflakes	Feb. 18 – 22	Dogs
Jan. 20 – 25	Polar Animals	Feb. 24 – Mar. 1	Tools
Jan. 27 – Feb. 1	Groundhogs		

## AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### LEGO CLUB



Mondays, Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27,  
Feb. 3, 10 & 24, 3 – 6 p.m.

Complete a challenge, follow a pattern,  
or use your imagination to make  
something new – however you like to  
build, you're sure to create something  
amazing at Lego Club!  
For ages 5+. Drop-in. Free.

### KID'S CHESS CLUB



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Compete against other kids and learn  
tips and tricks to improve your chess  
strategy. Players must have some  
chess experience. For ages 8 – 13.  
Pre-register. Free.

### KID'S CRAFT CART



Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29,  
Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

We bring the craft supplies; you bring  
the creativity. Create something unique  
to you at our after-school Craft Cart!  
For families. Drop-in. Free.

### TAKE & MAKES

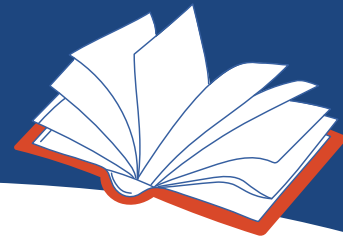


Pick up a free Take & Make  
craft kit each week. Available  
while supplies last. For all ages. Free.



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# FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH.



Every February, people across Canada celebrate Black History Month by honouring the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### ART IN THE ATRIUM

**January: BIAN presents “Unmasking Brain Injury”**  
This exhibit promotes awareness of the prevalence of brain injury, giving survivors a voice and the means to educate others. The exhibit includes decorated masks made by Brain Injury Survivors to visually describe their experiences with ABI.



### February: Cleah Fast

Cleah is a Niagara-based multidisciplinary artist and photographer, whose mediums include painting, drawing, digital media, and projection mapping. Cleah’s work is inspired by urban environments, interpersonal connections, and live music.



### MALARTIC

**Mon. Jan. 27, 1:30 – 3 p.m.**

Join us for a screening and discussion of the documentary film **Malartic** (2024, 88 min). Chronicling the broken promises of a gold-mining project, **Malartic** takes a deep dive into the corridors of power, addressing the fundamental issue of land management. Pre-register. Free.



### PORT COLBORNE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

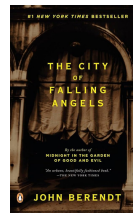
**Mon. Jan. 13, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Join us this month to vote on our 2025 book club selections and to discuss **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver. Limited spaces. Pre-register. Free.



**Mon. Feb. 10, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Join us for a discussion of **The City of Falling Angels** by John Berendt. Limited spaces. Pre-register. Free.



### A MOTHER APART

**Mon. Feb. 24, 1:30 – 3 p.m.**

Join us for a screening and discussion of the documentary film **A Mother Apart** (2024, 88 min). How do you raise a child when your own mother abandoned you? In a remarkable story of healing and forgiveness, Staceyann Chin radically re-imagines the essential art of mothering. Pre-register. Free.



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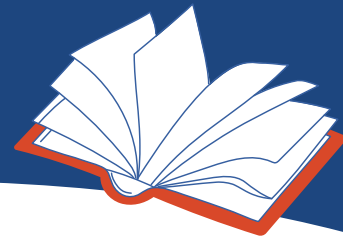
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Meet with local community support groups at the library to learn more about their programs and services. Drop-in. Free.

## COMMUNITY CONNECT

### Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

**Thurs. Jan. 16 & Feb. 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee advises City Council with respect to establishing policies, services and structures that support and enable seniors to live in security, enjoy good health and continue to participate fully in society. Stop by the library to learn about local programs, services, and resources for older adults.



### Bridges CHC Programs & Services

**Thurs. Jan. 9 &**

**Wed. Feb. 26, 2 – 3 p.m.**

Learn about free programs and services offered by Bridges CHC with Health Promoter Lori.

### PFLAG Niagara

**Sat. Jan. 11 & Feb. 1, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Wondering about pronouns? Struggling to keep track of the letters in 2S&LGBTQQIA+? Maybe you have questions but aren't sure if you'll say the right thing or use the correct terms. PFLAG Niagara is here for you!



### Resume Refresh with PC Works

**Tues. Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28,**

**Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Bring in a paper or digital copy of your resume and get tips on how to improve it. Don't have a resume yet? PC Works can help get you started.



### Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program



**Wed. Jan. 8 & Feb. 5, 10 – 11:30 a.m.**

The ODSCP is a free dental care program for low-income seniors (65+). Stop by to learn how to enroll. For other dental assistance questions, call Valerie Wehlann from Bridges at 905-871-7621 ext. 2245

### Birchway Niagara

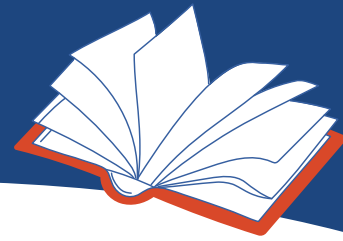
**Mon. Jan. 13 & Feb. 3, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Learn about communication, boundaries, safety planning, and healthy relationships. Learn how to help someone who may be experiencing abuse. Confidential meeting spaces are available.



### Are you a local community support group interested in joining Community Connect?

Email us at [library@portcolborne.ca](mailto:library@portcolborne.ca) for more information.



Need one-on-one tech help?

Book a Tech Time appointment with our friendly staff to help answer basic questions and provide step-by-step instruction on devices. Call us to learn more: 905-834-6512.

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#### NOVELIST PLUS & NOVELIST K-8 PLUS



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NoveList K-8 Plus helps kids find books that are just right for their reading level and interests.

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Research genealogy and ancestry information using one of our library computers. Accessible while in the library.

#### THE CANADIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA



A bilingual encyclopedia managed by the non-profit Historica Foundation.

#### TVO TODAY



TVO Today is the immersive home for quality current affairs journalism, award-winning documentaries and podcasts.

#### CBC CORNER



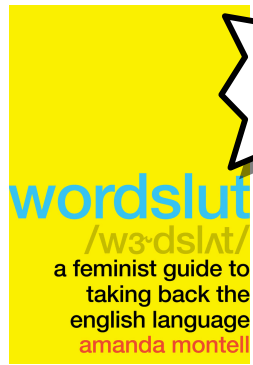
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#### OUR DIGITAL WORLD



Access heritage collections from public and academic libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, women's institutes, newspaper publishers, and community organizations.

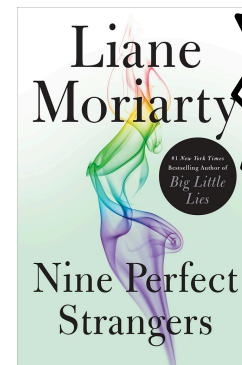
## CHECK OUT OUR STAFF PICKS



**HANNAH'S  
PICK**



**KRISTEN'S  
PICK**



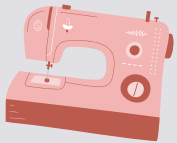
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## LIBRARY OF THINGS

### LIBRARY OF THINGS EXPANSION

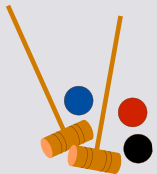
Thanks to a generous donation by the Erwin Taylor Charitable Foundation, we've expanded our Library of Things collection!

Most items can be checked out for one week on an adult card. Search "library of things" in our catalogue to place a hold.



### MAKERSPACE ITEMS

Our new Makerspace items include crochet and knitting kits and a sewing machine.



### SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Borrow a variety of sports and outdoor equipment, including disc golf, croquet, lacrosse, snowshoes, walking poles, football, and basketball.



### HOUSEHOLD

Do some gardening, repair your bicycle, bake cupcakes, make cookies, and more with our new household kits!



### GAMES & ELECTRONICS

With our new games and electronics, you can practice your coding skills, play some board games, learn to juggle, master the Rubik's cube, and play some Switch games.

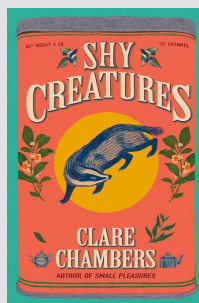
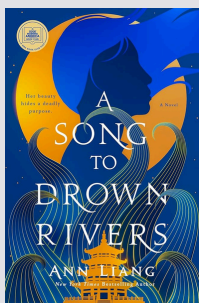
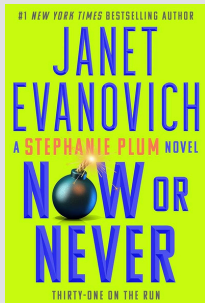
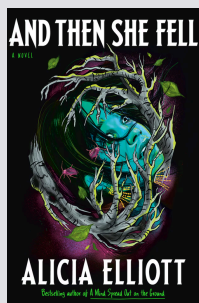
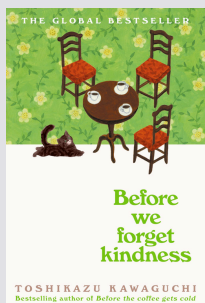


### EDUCATION & LITERACY

We've added several Launchpads and Whazoodles to the collection! Launchpad tablets come pre-loaded with educational games for kids. Whazoodles are screen-free audio players that come pre-loaded with educational podcasts and music for kids.

# COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT

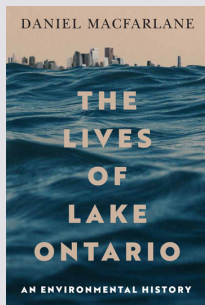
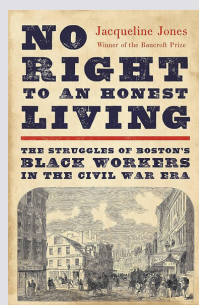
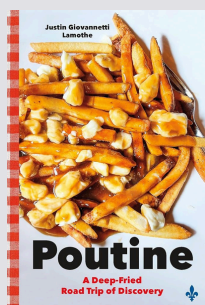
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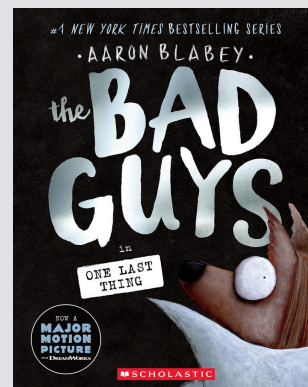
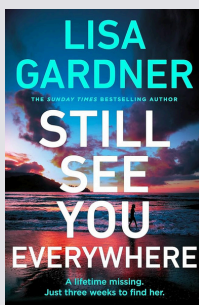
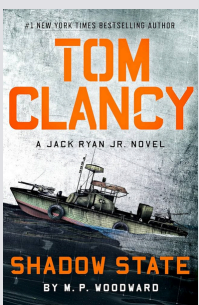
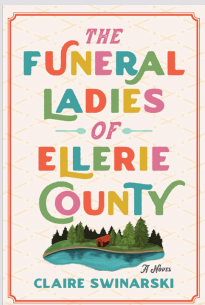
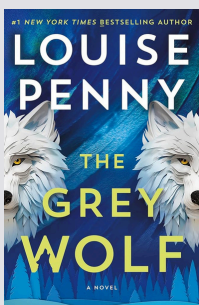
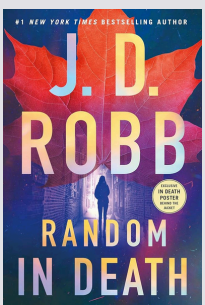
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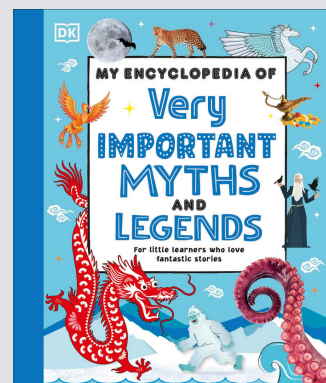
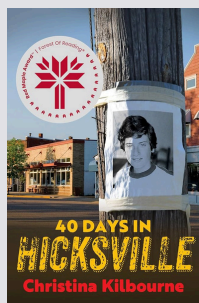
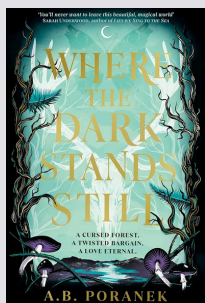
## ADULT NONFICTION



## LARGE PRINT



## TEEN FICTION





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Freedom to Read Week is an annual event that encourages Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom.

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**Library Book Sale:** Gently used books, magazines, DVDs, music CDs, and more. Prices start at 50¢. Find a treasure, buy a gift, and support your library.

A charitable tax receipt will be issued for monetary gifts of \$10.00 or more.

### SEED LIBRARY



How does your garden grow? If you have any plants that have grown from seeds you borrowed from the Seed Library, please share photos with us on social media. If you are able to save seeds from your plants, we'd love to have them and we have seed saving books available. Please let us know if you have any questions about the seed saving process!

### BOOK OUR MUSIC MAKERSPACE

Our Music Makerspace includes a keyboard, digital drum set, ukeleles, a guitar, and bells and shakers. Book the Music Makerspace for free for sessions starting at 30 minutes. Patrons must have a valid PCPL library card to book. Children must be accompanied by an adult with a valid PCPL library card.



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The book drop is open 24/7 to return your books and library materials.





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# JANUARY 2025 AT THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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