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2023 JANUARY - MARCH



New Year, New Possibilities!

Every new year is so special because it's filled with endless opportunities and possibilities! This year, take some time to explore everything that's on offer to you at the Public Library.

Take a peek inside these pages and you'll find some amazing programs for children, youth and adults, plus Indigenous themed programs, and some awesome March Break events as well. What's even more amazing is that all of our programs are absolutely free to attend!

The Library also has new titles coming in all the time - both in the library and online. Take some time to visit and browse the shelves to find something that's just right for you and your family.

The Library is more than a place to borrow books - it's where community happens. It offers a mix of services and programs that appeal to all ages and interests. Explore your Library in 2023 to help fulfill all of your new year's resolutions.



Happy New Year from the Board and Staff at the Library.
We look forward to seeing you soon!



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**Adult
Programs**



**Just for
YOUTH**

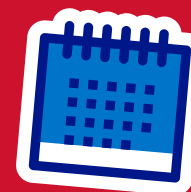


**Indigenous
Programs**



**Programs
for Kids**

hours & more



Hours of Operation

Starting January 3, 2023

Waverley Community Hub

Monday & Tuesday 9:30 am - 8 pm
Wednesday to Saturday 9:30 am - 5 pm

County Park Community Hub

Monday to Wednesday 9:30 am - 5 pm
Thursday 12:30 pm - 8 pm
Friday 9:30 am - 5 pm
Saturday Closed

Brodie Community Hub

Monday 9:30 am - 5 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 am - 8 pm
Thursday & Friday 9:30 am - 5 pm
Saturday Closed

Mary J.L. Black Community Hub

Monday & Tuesday 9:30 am - 5 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 9:30 am - 5 pm

Holiday Closures

- **January 1 & 2** - New Year's Day
- **February 20** - Family Day
- **April 7** - Good Friday
- **April 10** - Easter Monday



ON THE COVER

Beverly Bannon and Vicky Meawasige Reed chat at Vicky's book launch for her children's book **Little Sparrow's Cloak of Many Feathers**.

Change to Hours of Operation

Please note the following changes to hours of operation for staff development.

Brodie Library will **close at 3:30 pm** on the following dates:

- **January 27**
- **February 24**
- **March 24**
- **April 21**

These locations will **open at 10 am** on the following dates:

- **January 13 - Waverley**
- **January 17 - Mary J.L. Black**
- **January 19 - Brodie**

County Park will **open at 10:30 am** on the following date:

- **January 13**

Telephone Renewals How - To

Automated phone renewals will no longer be offered as of January 1, 2023. Staff will be happy to help you renew books over the phone or in person. Just call 345-8275 or drop by during our hours of operation and staff will assist you with renewals and your other library needs.

Did You Know?

All items that do not have holds on them are automatically renewed twice. Overdue items are no longer subject to fines, as we abolished these in early 2020!

The Library Matters!

Libraries matter to seniors because they depend on them to help navigate a world increasingly dependent on new technology.

Libraries matter to parents with children because they are the first place that babies and toddlers learn early literacy skills. Libraries are essential places of learning for children who have fallen behind in their education due to COVID.

Libraries matter to people living on low incomes because they offer them the digital tools they can't afford on their own to get jobs, secure housing, access social services and connect with family.

Libraries matter to everyone who depends on the free programs for their families, and free books and DVDs for learning and enrichment.

Library Funding Matters!

Thank You!

Thank you to the over 2600 people who responded to the Library Budget consultation survey. Over 92% of you were strongly opposed to a 15% cut to the Library's budget! For full survey results visit www.tbpl.ca/media

CEO message



Dr. Richard Togman, CEO

It's an exciting time to be at the Library. The Library stepped up in the fall to host the most successful and well attended election events Thunder Bay has ever seen. With hundreds of voters coming out to meet the candidates for Council, we proved that the Library is central to our local democracy.

Right on its heels, the Library was host to a wide array of local businesses for Craft Revival and delivered amazing children's activities to make the day great for parents visiting downtown. The Library is committed to supporting our local business community.

We are about to double the number of public access computers in our branches. This will ensure that everyone can access the essential tools they need to search for a job, apply for housing and connect

with loved ones. The Library is a critical support for people living with low-income or struggling to afford the basics.

Your Library will be delivering a new vision to the city in 2023. We will be launching a new strategic plan as well as a new master facilities plan. These ambitious documents will set a clear path forward for the organization. We will be revitalizing our sense of purpose with clearly articulated goals and building towards having the facilities we need to deliver on community expectations.

Public libraries are our last great public space. All are welcome and they are true monuments to our community's ambition. The Library is where community happens. The future of Thunder Bay begins at the Library.

In 2022, your Library ...



hosted
more than
1.1 million
visits



loaned nearly
half a
million
books &
educational tools



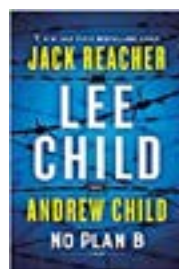
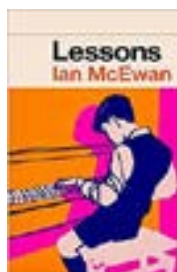
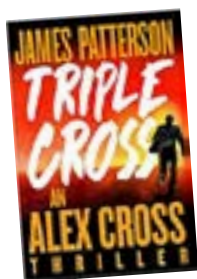
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programs
free to the public

new stuff



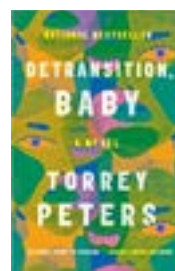
Adult

Triple Cross by James Patterson
The Passenger by Cormac McCarthy
Lessons by Ian McEwan
Jones: A Novel by Neil Smith
No Plan B by Lee Child & Andrew Child



New Book Clubs in a Bag

Detransition, Baby by Torrey Peters
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman
The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls
Patsy by Nicole Dennis-Benn
Scarborough by Catherine Hernandez
The Sea Detective by Mark Douglas-Home
Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart
The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller
State of Terror by Louise Penny & Hillary Rodham Clinton
This is Assisted Dying: A Doctor's Story of Empowering Patients at the End of Life by Stephanie Green, M.D.
The Undertaking of Billy Buffone by David Giulano



10 copies of the same title are in each bag.

Children

365 Days of Play: Activities for Every Day of the Year by Megan Hewes Butler
Cook It!: The Dr. Seuss Cookbook for Kid Chefs by Daniel Gercke
Crash From Outer Space: Unraveling the Mystery of Flying Saucers, Alien Beings, and Roswell by Candace Fleming
Gingerbread Houses by Renée Kurilla



YOUTH

My Heart & Other Breakables by Alex Barclay
Seasparrow by Kristin Cashore
Blood and Moonlight by Erin Beaty
The First to Die at the End by Adam Silvera



Non-fiction

Surrender: 40 Songs, One Story by Bono
Around England With A Dog by Lesley Choyce
The Cookie Bible by Rose Levy Beranbaum
The Earth: A Biography of Life: The Story of Life on our Planet Through 47 Incredible Organisms by Elsa Panciroli
The Art of Gifting Naturally: Simple, Handmade Projects to Create for Friends and Family by Angela Maynard



DVDs

Top Gun: Maverick
Mack & Rita
Coda
Where the Crawdads Sing
Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris
The Power of the Dog



thank you



Olive Tree Foundation

TBPL is very grateful for a generous grant received from the Olive Tree Foundation. Their priorities for funding in 2022 were anti-racism, Islamophobia, youth, climate action and Indigenous and inter-faith learning. We were supported in providing a large number of fiction, non-fiction, children's and French books, eBooks, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs which reflect these key elements for the support of a healthy and connected community. To see the developing list of new resources, please visit www.tbpl.ca/olive-tree-grant



Andrea M. shows some of the new books purchased through the Olive Tree Foundation.



World Religions Donation

Dr. Prashant Jani gifted the Library with four copies of the Hindu spiritual book the **Bhagavad Gita**. In addition, he gave us a beautifully crafted set of India's spiritual wisdom titled **Srimad Bhagavatam** and **Srimad Bhagavad Gita**. This is an appreciated addition to our world religions collection.



Dr. Prashant Jani presents his donation to Angela Meady, Director of Collections.

Coming in the New Year! Free Milkweed Seeds Available at all Library Locations

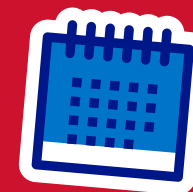
Courtesy of Urban Greenscapes, Adelaide Butterfly Garden and volunteers from Hammarskjold High School, there will be packages of milkweed seeds available for free at all Library locations in the New Year.

These seeds were harvested from local plants and cleaned and packaged by volunteers. The packages will be available while supplies last. For more information, please search for Urban Greenscapes on Facebook.

Please ensure to keep any plants out of reach of children and pets, and wash hands after handling milkweed plants. The plant is toxic and the milky sap can badly irritate eyes. This toxin makes the monarch butterflies taste bad to their predators and helps to protect them.



community



Partnerships with Service Providers at Brodie

As a community hub it is important to “meet people where they’re at” so that we are able to help our patrons access the services they need. With this in mind, the Thunder Bay Public Library has forged partnerships with local social service providers to have them offer their services in the Brodie Study Room.

Schedule:

Ka-Na-Chi-Hih ... Tuesdays 1 pm - 4 pm

Offers education & training, mental health & addiction services, intakes & assessments for Coordinated Access Housing Table (CHAT), social navigation & housing applications.



Alpha Court ... Thursdays 1 pm - 4 pm

Provides brief supportive counseling, connection to resources, assistance with completing applications & system navigation, including housing assistance.



Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) ... Fridays 1 pm - 4 pm

Assists with referrals to new foundations, first place clinic, Integrated Mobile Police Assessment Crisis Team (IMPACT), mobile crisis response, assistance with housing forms and referral to CMHC's housing first program, connection to community partners, and support with access to basic food needs/food security.



We are always exploring new partnership opportunities. Contact Tina at 684-6813.

Health Unit Workshop

January 18 @ 1 pm - 4 pm

Brodie Study Room



The Thunder Bay District Health Unit will be hosting a workshop to conduct testing for STIs and blood-borne infections, as well as offering COVID and flu vaccines for anyone who wants one.

Museum Passes Now Available at the Library!

The Library is thrilled to be partnering with the Thunder Bay Museum to encourage people to visit the museum to explore our local and regional history. The passes may be checked out on your library card at any Library location at no cost! There is no limit to the number of people that can visit for free with the pass.

Individuals or groups who present the pass shall:

- Receive complimentary admission to the Museum's exhibit galleries
- Receive a 10% discount to the Museum's gift shop

The pass is not valid for event registrations and cannot be combined with any other offer or discount.

For more details about the Thunder Bay Museum and current exhibits and hours, please visit thunderbaymuseum.com





Spring Move for the Friends of the Library Bookstore

The Friends of the Library are thrilled to announce that their popular Friends Bookstore, currently operating in Victoriaville Centre, will be relocating to the lower level of Brodie Library in the Spring of 2023. Although sad to leave Victoriaville, which has been our home for over 20 years, we are excited about our beautiful new space currently under construction in Brodie.

Until then, the Friends Bookstore will remain open Monday to Friday, from 10 am to 4 pm to serve our valued customers - both old and new. Please stop by to chat with one of our knowledgeable volunteers and pick up a gently used book for a gift or for your own winter reading. Check out our Facebook page at FriendsBookstoreTBay for fabulous new stock.

Stay tuned for more information as we count down to this exciting new chapter for the Friends, including a huge **Blow Out Sale** which will be held just prior to our move.

Volunteer with the Friends of the Library!

The Friends of the Library need you! If you like the thought of working with a great group of people who love books and believe in the tremendous value of the Public Library, then the Friends would be a perfect fit for you!

We are currently seeking volunteers to work in the Used Bookstore, deliver books to library members who are housebound, work bingos or other special events, and more. For full details and a membership form, please visit any library location or find them online at www.tbpl.ca/friends

Gary Barney, Allan Yahn & Peggy Derkacz (l to r) are three of the amazing Friends who volunteer at the bookstore.



Empower the North!

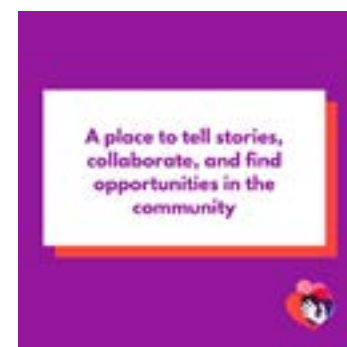
In collaboration with many community partners - including TBPL - the Thunder Bay Community Foundation is involved in the creation of a Community Impact and Digital Engagement Platform designed to promote community issues and empower individuals, organizations, agencies, businesses, and community groups to get involved.

Empower the North is now live!



Empower the North

www.empowerthenorth.ca



adult programs



Family History Thursdays

Brodie - Thursdays @ 2:30 pm - 4 pm
January 26
February 23
March 30

Looking to learn more about your family history in Thunder Bay? Brodie Library offers free genealogical and local history resources to guide you on your way! Join us on Thursday afternoons with expert staff as your guides. Registration is required to ensure full access to equipment. Each afternoon is a separate session and not part of a series. Refreshments will be provided. Register online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar or over the phone by calling 345-8275.

Chronic Pain Management

Mary J.L. Black

February 21 @ 3 pm - Overview of the Chronic Pain Management Program presented by Elisa Jenkins & Kim Forshaw
February 23 @ 5 pm - Mindfulness and Chronic Pain presented by Andrew Daoust
Date TBA - The Psychosocial Side of Chronic Pain presented by Jillian Zitars

These programs are presented in partnership with the St. Joseph's Care Group Chronic Pain Management Program.

Connect to Your iPhone

Mary J.L. Black
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am
February 1, 8, 15 & 22

Want to use library resources but still trying to figure out how to use your iPhone? Try our 4 week session on learning the basics of the device! Register for all four classes beginning January 18 online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person at any location or by calling 345-8275. Space is limited. **Note: this course is for Apple iPhone only. Devices not provided.**

Calling All Cooks

Mary J.L. Black - Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Register for our monthly Cookbook Club. Each month, we'll pick a theme and sign out a book to you. Try out some recipes from the book for a couple of weeks and then we'll meet to review the books and discuss the recipe results. Register online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person at any location or by calling 345-8275.

Cooking for 1 or 2 - February 1

Register starting January 3

Italian Cooking - March 1

Register starting January 30

Celebrity Chefs - April 5

Register starting February 27

Especially for 55+

Wit Knits

Mary J.L. Black
Thursdays @ 1:30 pm
January 12 - April 27
(no meeting March 16)

For new and experienced knitters aged 55+, you are welcome to join Wit Knits. We gather weekly to knit (and crochet). Share stories and laughs with fellow group members while you work.

Wit Knits and Retirement Explorers are presented in partnership with



Retirement Explorers

Mary J.L. Black
Fridays @ 1 pm
January 13 - April 28
(no meeting March 17 & April 7)

Retirement Explorers are a group of retirees who pursue active recreation options. Retirees and soon-to-be retirees are welcome to attend.

just for YOUTH



Anime Club

Tuesdays @ 6 pm on Discord
January 10 - March 28
(no meeting on March 14)

Come together and share a similar interest in Japanese animated and illustrated media! We will have regular meetings, compete in character battles, trivia games, and provide a chance to share your drawings and cosplay costumes!

Parents and guardians are responsible for determining what programs their teen can attend. If you or your teen are uncomfortable about watching anime rated PG13/14, this club may not be a good fit. Anime often includes violence, strong language and mild nudity. (ages 13-18)

January 17 - Anime Movie Night with Japanese Snacks
Registration opens January 3 @ 10 am

February 14 - Cross Stitch Your Favorite Anime Character
Registration opens January 31 @ 10 am

Register in person at any location, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar or by calling 345-8275.

Art Club

Mary J.L. Black
Thursdays @ 4:15 pm
Weekly starting January 12
(no class March 16)

Drop in and create the weekly craft or work on your own projects. Check the online calendar for more details. (grades 7 - 12)

Writers' Club

Mary J.L. Black
Thursdays @ 6:30 pm
Weekly starting January 12
(no class March 16)

Flex your writing muscles! Come to the Library for a no-judgement writers club. (grades 8-12)

Book Club

Waverley
Mondays @ 6:30 pm
Biweekly starting January 16

Discuss the books, graphic novels, or manga you've been reading with other readers! (grades 8-12)

Completely Booked Book Bag

Each month from February to April you'll receive 2 hand-picked library books, candy, and some goodies. Supplies are limited so sign up fast! Register beginning January 5 by calling 345-8275, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, or in person at any location. (ages 12-18)

YOUTH Knitters

Knit or crochet hats or scarves for those in need and get volunteer hours. Email youth@tbpl.ca for more info or to join.

YOUTH Review

Help your fellow readers by writing reviews of the books, or movies you love (or hate) for community service hours. Email youth@tbpl.ca for more info or to join.

Minecraft

Mondays @ 4:30 pm
Biweekly starting on January 9

Ages 13-18 Minecraft begins January 9
Grades 4-7 Minecraft begins January 10

Email youth@tbpl.ca to join!

Indigenous programs



NDN Book Club

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Thursdays @ 1 pm

- January 5
- February 2
- March 2

Join us once a month as we explore some of the titles and authors in our Indigenous Knowledge Centre's collection. We will be reading together and discussing the content as a group after each chapter. Register beginning two weeks prior to program date on the online calendar at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar

Run Woman Run Film Screening

Brodie Studio 216
February 16 @ 2 pm

Enjoy a free film!
Run Woman Run is about a single mother who learns how to reclaim her dreams and her family and honour her life all thanks to an unlikely coach.



Anishnawbe Mushkiki will be on site to provide culturally relevant health information.

Book Launch Featuring Sandi Boucher

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
March 14 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join us for an exciting book launch and reading featuring local author Sandi Boucher. **I am Awake** is her latest book. Just drop in, no registration required



This program is made possible through support from the K.M. Hunter Foundation.

Anishnawbe Mushkiki

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Mondays @ 3 pm - 4:30 pm

- January 16
- March 20

Join Anishnawbe Mushkiki at the Library as we learn about a variety of health related topics including exercise, diabetes prevention and management, self care strategies, label reading, healthy fats, foot and eye care, cooking for one, sleep hygiene, and more. Register beginning January 23 @ 10 am, by calling 345-8275 online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, or in person at any location.

Smudge Bowls

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
March 30 @ 2 pm

Learn about the four sacred medicines and pick out/paint your very own smudge bowl. Perfect for people who would like to start smudging at home, or those who do not have the items they need to start! Register beginning March 13 online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person or by calling 345-8275.



Local Legend Learning Bundles

February 24

Have you ever wondered about the tale of the Sleeping Giant a.k.a Nanabijou, Ouimet Canyon or Kakabeka Falls? Learn about these local legends, the history behind them and more by registering for a learning bundle! Register beginning February 13 at 10 am by calling 345-8275, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, or in person at any location. Pick up your bundle beginning February 24.

Indigenous programs



Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre Children's Book Club

Waverley Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Tuesdays @ 4:30 pm

- January 17
- February 21
- March 21

Join TBPL staff and the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre once a month for our children's book club. Practising reading helps to improve literacy. This book club will feature all Indigenous authors, book titles and an activity.



Humour Heals

Brodie Studio 216
Tuesdays @ 3 pm - 5 pm

- January 24
- February 14
- March 7

Explore all that Studio 216 has to offer on our open mic afternoons. Get out of your comfort zone, meet new people and experience how humour can heal. Drop in and show us your musical abilities, bring your instruments, poems, singing voice, and funniest jokes.



Indigenous Action Council (IAC)

Waverley Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Tuesdays @ 6 pm

- January 17
- February 21
- March 21

Brodie Studio 216
Tuesdays @ 6:15 pm

- January 31
- February 28
- March 28

The role of the IAC is to serve as advisors to the Thunder Bay Public Library. Help guide and support the Library's ongoing decolonization and reconciliation efforts through meaningful discussion at our IAC consultation meetings.

Catching Dreams

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
February 7 @ 2 pm - 4 pm

Make your own dream catcher. Each participant will create and design their own dream catcher and learn about the legend behind them and why they are used. Gift your item to a loved one, or keep it for yourself! Register beginning January 23 at 10 am by calling 345-8275, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, or in person.

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Waverley Auditorium

Saturday, March 11 @ 2:30 pm
Drag Queen Storytime

Join the always wonderful Fantasia and Mz. Molly for a fun-filled Saturday storytime. (all ages)

Monday, March 13 @ 10:30 am
Bluey and Bingo Party!*

Come and join in the fun at this Bluey and Bingo party. Play games and crafts based on the hit TV show Bluey. Register beginning at 10 am on February 27. (all ages)

Tuesday, March 14 @ 10:30 am
Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great

Come watch the puppet show Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great and stay for a magical craft, games, and more! (all ages)

Tuesday, March 14 @ 6:30 pm
Pajama Party*

Who says you can't party past 6? Grab your best PJs and your Teddy Bear for a pajama party you won't ever forget! Register beginning at 10 am on February 28. (all ages)

***Register beginning on the date noted by phone at 345-8275, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar or in person at any library location.**

Wednesday, March 15 @ 2 pm
Science North: Animal Extravaganza

Join the Bluecoats from Science North as they put on a live show then explore stations, including hands-on activities about animal adaptations. Skulls, scat, furs, games, and more to explore the animal world! **Free tickets are required. Pick up tickets beginning Wednesday, March 1 at Waverley Library.** (all ages)



Thursday, March 16 @ 2:30 pm
Happy Birthday to You!*

Do you have a birthday in the next 12 months? Come to the largest birthday party ever and celebrate you and your friends' birthdays! Play party games, sing happy birthday, and have a wild time. Register beginning at 10 am on March 2. (all ages)

Friday, March 17 @ 2:30 pm
Super Mario Party*

Here Wii Go! Enter the world of Nintendo during this Super Mario Bros party! Games, crafts, and more. Register beginning Friday, March 3 @ 10 am. (all ages)

Saturday, March 18 @ 10:30 am
Fairy Tale STEM Storytime
Jack and the Beanstalk
Details on page 15. (all ages)

Brodie Programming Room

Drop in LEGO Fun
Tuesday, March 14 @ 2:30 pm

Build a tower, a house, or a pirate ship! Join us for a LEGO extravaganza. (ages 3+)

Art Explosion
Wednesday, March 15 @ 10:30 am

Drop in for an art-themed program where we'll break out the paint, sparkles, and more. Dress to get messy while your child explores a variety of art stations. All ages, drop in!

Dress Up Day!
Thursday, March 16 @ 10:30 am

Dress up in your fanciest outfit, or pull out that Hallowe'en costume, and drop in for a dress up-themed storytime. Enjoy some stories and stay for craft time. (all ages)



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Mary J.L. Black

Community Program Room

Monday, March 13 @ 2:30 pm

Surprise Puppet Show

Will it be Clifford? Arthur? The Paper Bag Princess? Who knows! Drop in to this surprise puppet show & craft. (all ages)

Tuesday, March 14 @ 12 pm - 4 pm

Extra NNT

We've added an extra day of Northern Nature Trading!

Wednesday, March 15 @ 2:30 pm

Craftpalooza

HELP! Our craft closet is overflowing. Drop in to create a masterpiece of your very own! (all ages)

Thursday, March 16 @ 2:30 pm

Musical Theatre with Denise and Ang from Applauze

An engaging musical theatre class that explores singing, acting, and movement. Participants ages 8-12 will work on vocal technique, acting skills, and learn some fun stage choreography. At the end of the hour, participants will have a final musical theatre piece put together. Just drop in.

Thursday, March 17 @ 9:30 am - 4 pm

Play Day @ Mary J

Drop in to socialize and play! (all ages)

County Park

Wednesday, March 15 @ 10 am

Window Painting

See page 15 for details.

Graphic Novel Grab Bags

March 13

Grab a spot for this fun bundle that will introduce your child to the world of graphic novels. Graphic novels are more than just comics and are a great way to engage a reluctant or bored reader. We will bundle a couple of our favourites, along with some fun activities; all you need to do is pick up at your branch of choice!

Geared for ages 6+ and older and younger children (with assistance) may enjoy. Register beginning February 27 in person, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, or by calling 345-8275.

Reading Buddies

Coming this spring! We are launching a reading buddies program for children in grades 2 and 3. This is an opportunity for your child to have weekly reading practice with a library volunteer. Stay tuned for dates, times, and locations.

Are you interested in being a volunteer? Please email us at comments@tbpl.ca to indicate your interest.

Northern Nature Trading

Mary J.L. Black

Northern Nature Trading is a special kind of swap shop! Show us items you've found in nature and we'll award you points for what you know about your item, what makes it different, and the quality of it. Trade points for things in our collection like rocks, shells and pine cones.

For more information or to learn how you can trade virtually, email us at nnt@tbpl.ca or visit www.tbpl.ca/northernnaturetrading

	HOURS OF OPERATION
	Wednesday5 pm - 7 pm
	Thursday3 pm - 5 pm
	Saturday10 am - 12 pm

Northern Nature Trading is funded in part by



programs for kids



Preschool Storytime

Waverley
Mondays @ 10:30 am
January 23 - March 6
(no program February 20)

Mary J.L. Black
Tuesdays @ 10:30 am
January 24 - March 7

A school readiness program for children ages 3 and 4 to attend on their own while caregivers remain nearby in the Library. Caregiver participation is required for the craft and play portions of the program. Register starting at 10 am, two weeks before each session. Register online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person, or call 345-8275.

Tales for Twos

Mary J.L. Black
Mondays @ 10:30 am
January 23 - March 6
(no program February 20)

Waverley
Tuesdays @ 10:30 am
January 24 - March 7

This program is for children ages 24 months up to 3 years years of age with a caregiver. There will be stories, songs and rhymes, crafts and other activities, with time for play and socialization. Register starting at 10 am, two weeks before each session. Register in person, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, or call 345-8275.

Read. Sing. Play.

Waverley
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am
January 25 - March 8

Brodie
Thursdays @ 10:30 am
January 26 - March 9

Children and their family or caregivers will enjoy this 100% literacy-based drop in storytime combining stories, music and rhymes, crafts and play. Just drop in! Daycares are welcome to attend but please call a day in advance to let us know.

your hub for early literacy



Baby Time

Waverley
Thursdays @ 11:15 am
January 26 - March 9

A drop in literacy-based program for babies from birth to 24 months. This program combines stories, music, rhymes and play.

Play Days

Mary J.L. Black
Fridays from 9:30 am - 4 pm
January 6 - March 31

Waverley
Fridays from 10 am - 4 pm
January 27 - March 31
(no program March 17)

Drop in to socialize and play! (all ages)

Simple Stories

County Park
Mondays @ 10 am
January 9 - March 27
(no program on February 20)

A simple drop in storytime for children and their family or caregivers. Take and make crafts are available to take home afterwards. (all ages)

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Fairy Tale STEM Storytimes

Waverley

Saturdays @ 10:30 am

January 14 - Hansel and Gretel

February 4 - Princess and the Pea

March 18 - Jack and the Beanstalk

Children can design an egg drop to safely catch the Golden Egg Jack stole when he climbed the beanstalk, build a witch trap and candy structures to save Hansel and Gretel, and construct a parachute to help the princess escape the towering stack of beds. Each program will include a storytime and craft plus related STEM activity. This is a fun way to explore classic fairy tales and spark a love of science in little learners!

Blissful Beading

County Park

Thursdays @ 3 pm

Weekly beginning January 5

(no program on March 30)

Drop in after school and relax while you create beaded trinkets. (ages 4+)

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Games & LEGO Fun for Kids

Brodie Programming Room

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

January 11 & 25

February 8 & 22

March 8

Build a tower, a house, or a pirate ship! Try out the light table, or play a board game. Families are invited to join us in the Brodie Programming Room for drop in games/LEGO extravaganza. All ages welcome but there will be small pieces. Just drop in!



Jam Squad

Waverley Library

Saturday, March 4 @ 10 am, 11:30 am, 2 pm & 3:30 pm

Mary J.L. Black Library

Sunday, March 5 @ 2 pm & 3:30 pm

(For registered participants only - the library is closed on Sunday.)

CBC Music's Jam Squad is coming to Thunder Bay Public Library on March 4 and 5! In a 60-minute workshop, the Jam Squad will help you create music in GarageBand. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/jamsquad/registration>. Tablets will be provided, all you need is your creativity! This workshop is brought to you by CBC Music. For ages 8-13. One parent or guardian must accompany each participant.



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Waverley Auditorium

Letter to my Future Self! Monday, January 9

A lot can happen in a year! Write a letter to yourself talking about goals and wishes you have for the new year and we will mail it back to you in December 2023. Pick up a kit to help you get started! Letters are due back to Waverley Library on January 31. Teachers! If you would like to do this for your class, email us at phanlan@tbpl.ca For ages 6+.

A Bunch of Munsch! Friday, January 27 @ 10:30 am

No Clean Clothes? Smelly Socks? That's OK! We Share Everything at the Library! Enjoy this Robert Munsch themed drop-in story time and puppet show. It'll have your kids saying I Have to Go! (all ages)

Freedom to Read Storytime and Puppet Show

Friday, February 24 @ 10:30 am

We will be celebrating our freedom to read by reading only challenged and banned children's picture books! Did you know that the Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch was challenged for being violent and anti-family? (all ages)

Ultimate Egg Hunt

Tuesday, April 4 @ 2:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Help find hidden eggs around the Library! Crack one open and find a special surprise! You will be Eggs-hausted after this hunt! (all ages)



Family Literacy Day

County Park

Friday, January 27 @ 10 am - 2 pm

Drop in to celebrate with the Library, our partner United for Literacy, and other community organizations. We'll have fun, literacy-based activities, a story time, and draw prizes for all ages.



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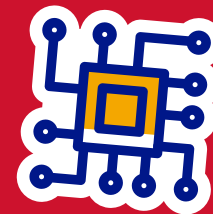
Fairy Tales and Folktales

In the new year, you will see improvements to how we organize fairy tales and folktales in the children's areas. All titles will be together in one area - whether they are traditional versions, fractured fairy tales, or collected stories or individual picture book versions. Now students of children's literature and children and parents may browse through a wide variety of titles with simple categories such as nursery rhymes, fairy tales, fables, etc.

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Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room

LEGO Play @ Mary J

Mondays 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

January 23, February 27 & March 20

Build, colour, or craft. Drop in for LEGO fun. Supervision recommended due to small parts. (ages 12 and under)

Baby Prints

Tuesdays @ 1:30 pm

February 7 & March 7

Drop in to make a handprint or footprint craft and stay for a story, song, and lap rhyme. (for babies ages 0-12 months)

Drag Queen Storytime

Saturday, February 4 @ 2:30 pm

Join the always wonderful Fantasia and Mz. Molly for a fun-filled Saturday storytime.



Brodie

Program Room

PA Day THINK Hub Drop-in

Friday, January 27 @ 10:30 am

Spend the PA Day morning exploring the different modules of the THINK Hub. Use your imagination to create a chain reaction, or build a guitar and hear it play! Younger children can enjoy the Children's area, play with LEGO and MegaBlocks, or do our scavenger hunt. Ages 5+, drop in!

County Park Children's Area

Window Painting

Wednesday, March 15 @ 10 am

Drop in for a story and go crazy painting our big windows. Let your creative self have some fun! (all ages)

Eggcellent Easter Eggs

Thursday, March 30 @ 4 pm - 7pm

Looking for a new way to decorate your Easter eggs? Drop by the Library and experiment with us! (all ages) **ALLERGY ALERT**

Dav Pilkey Kits

Pick up January 23 - February 4

Crazy for Captain Underpants? Deeply devoted to Dog Man? Register for a Dav Pilkey kit to read your faves and find new ones! Kit includes books that will be signed out on your library card, a craft, and other fun things! Register beginning January 9 @ 9:30 am by calling 345-8275, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, or in person. (ages 4+)

Spring Time Kits for Kids

Pick up March 6 - 18

Spring is just around the corner, so why not register your child for one of our Spring Time Kits for Kids! Kit includes books that will be signed out on your library card, a craft, and other fun things! Register beginning February 21 @ 9:30 am online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person or by calling 345-8275.



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