



The IKC: A Place for Everyone

An Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC) is located in each branch of your Library, ensuring city-wide access. Guided by the Indigenous Relations team - Stephanie MacLaurin (Senior Advisor) and Craig Waboose (Relationships Facilitator) - the IKC works to build respectful relationships with Indigenous peoples, communities, and organizations. It plays a central role in decolonizing Library spaces and integrating Indigenous perspectives into the Library's programs, services, and policies.

In each IKC you'll find welcoming spaces for Indigenous heritage, intergenerational learning, and cultural continuity. Visitors can explore oral histories, Indigenous philosophies, language revitalization resources, and more. Programming includes storytelling, author readings, workshops, and educational activities for all ages. Near each IKC you'll find practical resources like free Wi-Fi, computers, and printing services. Learn more by visiting the IKC page on the Thunder Bay Public Library website.

Check out the
FREE programs
at your Library!



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Library Information

Hours of Operation

Waverley Library

285 Red River Road

Monday – Thursday: 9:30 am – 8 pm

Friday – Saturday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Sunday: 12:30 – 5 pm

Mary JL Black Library

901 Edward St. S

Monday – Thursday: 9:30 am – 8 pm

Friday – Saturday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Sunday: 12:30 – 5 pm

County Park Library

1020 Dawson Rd. (County Fair Mall)

Monday – Wednesday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Thursday: 12:30 – 8 pm

Friday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Brodie Library

216 Brodie St. S

Monday – Friday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Full Day Closures (All Branches)

September 1

Labour Day

September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October 12 & 13

Thanksgiving

November 11

Remembrance Day

December 25 & 26

Holiday Closure



Discover the newest books at Thunder Bay Public Library! Every month, Lori will bring you a curated selection of must-read fiction and non-fiction titles, including bestsellers, award-winners, and hidden gems. Want an early peek at the lists? Sign up for Lori's newsletter by using the link below.

Check out Lori's new and upcoming lists:

<https://www.tbpl.ca/loris-list/>

Your Suggestions Are Welcome!

Is there a book or other item you'd love to see in our collection? Let us know! Fill out a purchase suggestion form online at [tbpl.ca/suggestions](https://www.tbpl.ca/suggestions) or in person at any branch.



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From the desk of the Head Librarian



So much for the dog days of summer! At your Library we've been working hard on improvements and upgrades to Brodie Library to welcome you back for the fall. We've created a brand-new Research Wing

on the lower level of Brodie. This will serve as a peaceful oasis for you to learn about local history, family genealogy, TBay true crime and more. The new space looks better than we could have imagined with staff noting that it "just feels right".

Parents and kids will love our new Children's section as it's right on the main floor! We've equipped it with expanded play spaces, new games and a kid's Indigenous Knowledge Centre to better serve the families of Fort William. We're increasing the number of public computers to meet community demand and have created a Youth Reading nook where teens have access to their very own space and book collection. Brodie Library is getting full time security guards to ensure the Library and the streets outside are safe, secure and protected.

We continue to move forward with the plans to update both Waverley and County Park branches. County Park will

have a new program room in 2026, which will allow us to get louder in our children's programming and provide a quiet space for adult programs. This change will make County Park all the more powerful in providing a full range of Library services to our community. Waverley is on track for main floor washrooms in 2026, as we move towards the main floor having an adult focus and the lower level for children and their caregivers. We are in a time of exciting changes and will continue to share them with you as we make progress.

With all these changes, it might be strange to think about routine, but as we move into fall, we get back to our regular programming after the summer. For children, that means the return of Tales for Twos, Preschool Storytime, and other early literacy programs. For adults, we have the return of the Cookbook Club, Board Game Café, Adulting 101, and iPhone for Beginners. In May, we welcomed our new Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations (Stephanie MacLaurin), to the team, and they are looking forward to the continuation of the Indigenous Author Series, First Nations Public Library Week in October, and biweekly beading programs beginning this fall. Anyone looking to connect with Stephanie can find them at our Brodie branch. Finally, October also brings Public Library

Week, and once again we invite you to join us for cake and refreshments on Tuesday, October 21 from 10 am until 7 pm . . . or until we run out of cake!

Ruth Hawlin-Douglas

Head Librarian



Ruth's Fall Reading List:

Foundryside by Robert Jackson Bennett
Jane and Dan at the End of the World by Colleen Oakley

Strange Houses by Uketsu
The Artful Parent: Simple Ways to Fill Your Family's Life with Art and Creativity by Jean Van't Hul
Gallant by Victoria Schwab

New & Notable

Adult Fiction

End Game by Jeffrey Archer
Nash Falls by David Baldacci
Secret of Secrets by Dan Brown
Gone Before Goodbye by Reese Witherspoon & Harlan Coben
Widow by John Grisham
Return of the Spider by James Patterson
Framed in Death by J.D. Robb
Portrait by Danielle Steel



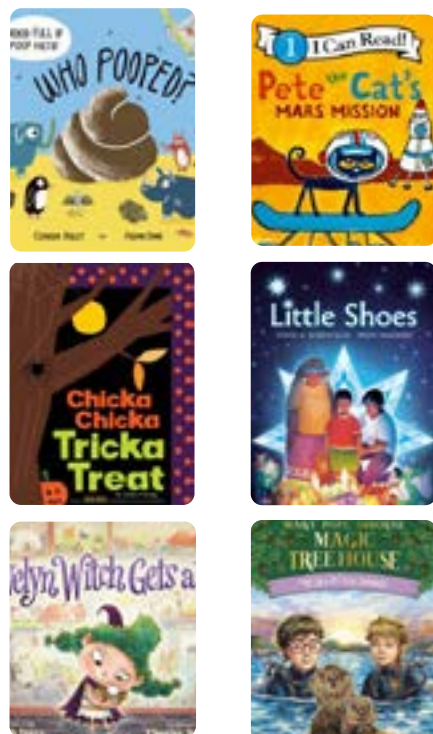
Youth

Fateless by Julie Kagawa
Sky on Fire by E.K. Johnston
Soulmatch by Rebecca Danzenbaker
Den of Liars by Jessica S. Olson
And They Were Roommates by Page Powers
Playing for Keeps by Jennifer Dugan
Promise Boys by Nick Brooks
Dead Things Are Closer Than They Appear by Robin Wasley



Children

Pete the Cat's Mars Mission by James Dean
Chicka Chicka Tricka Treat by Julien Chung
Little Shoes by David Roberston
Evelyn Witch Gets a Pet by Beth Ferry
Graciela in the Abyss by Meg Medina
Sea Otter Sunrise by Mary Pop Osborne
Mutts: The Little Things by Patrick McDonnell
Schoolbot 900 by Sam Hepburn
Who Pooped? by Aidan Onn



Adult Nonfiction

Truly by Lionel Richie
I Want to Be Where the Song Is: A Memoir by Mary J. Blige
Still Bobbi by Bobbi Brown
Wings: The Story of a Band on The Run by Paul McCartney
Eat Yourself Happy by Jamie Oliver
All the Way to the River: Love, Loss, and Liberation by Elizabeth Gilbert
Look by Michelle Obama
Celebrate: Joyful Baking All Year Round by Paul Hollywood
This is For Everyone: The Unfinished Story of the World Wide Web by Tim Lee-Berners



DVDs

Cold Wallet
Eephus
Lilo & Stitch
A Minecraft Movie
Northern Lights
The Ritual
Snow White



The Library of Things

From tools to tours, our collection of “Things” offers opportunities to discover and enjoy Thunder Bay this fall. Learn about all the amazing “things” you can borrow from your Library on our website at www.tbpl.ca/things.



All Aboard for Thunder Bay Museum

Check out a Museum Pass and explore the early history of the CP Railway! This amazing exhibit occupies both galleries on the Museum's second floor and is suitable for train lovers of all ages.



Have a Hoot at Fort William Historical Park

Enjoy admission for a group of 4 to all the interactive fun at the Park this fall, including their famous Hallowe'en Hoot.



Symphony Tickets Returning to TBPL Collection

Have you seen the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra's 2025-2026 schedule? It's going to be incredible, and we're excited to announce the renewal of our partnership to once again bring Library Members the opportunity to attend Symphony performances for free this fall and winter. A set of tickets for each show in the Masterworks, Pops, Voices, Family and Light Classics series will be available through each of the Library's four branches, allocated randomly to Library Members who register their names for draws held two weeks in advance of each show.

The first draw for tickets will open September 19 - 25 for the October 10 “True Delights” Masterworks performance featuring the music of Strauss, Montgomery and Bizet.

Visit our website at www.tbpl.ca/tbso to register for the draw and for more information.



Definitely NOT “Bored Games”

More than just a rainy day solution, board games can be a great way to gather your family together for fun, casual conversation and quality time. Search our online catalogue for “board game” to turn up about 100 different ways to play!

Arts & Culture

Celebrating Public Libraries & Member Appreciation Day

In October, libraries and our partners celebrate Canadian Library Month, raising awareness of the valuable roles libraries play in the lives of people who live in Canada.

In Ontario, we celebrate First Nations Public Library Week from October 6 - 10. Two weeks later, we honour Ontario Public Library Week from October 19 - 25.

This year, there's lots to celebrate at your Library. From the changes we've implemented at Brodie Library to the additional space we've secured at County Park Library and the renovations planned for Waverley, we're well on the way from good to great.

Member Appreciation Day

Tuesday, October 21

Join us for Member Appreciation Day (We're having cake!)

Come and see the latest developments at your favourite branch, enjoy a slice of cake and fill out a ballot to win a gift card from a business in the neighbourhood!



Culture Days

September 19 - October 12

Join us for Culture Days 2025! From September 19 to October 12, we participate in an exciting lineup of free and pay-what-you-may activities that showcase Thunder Bay's rich arts, culture and heritage. It all kicks off with the Under the Lights and our Literary Stage, an event we're proud to organize in partnership with the City of Thunder Bay!

Discover Culture Days programming at www.tbpl.ca/culturedays.



What the hoopla?



Since April, all of Thunder Bay Public Library's digital content is available exclusively on hoopla. With hoopla, you no longer need multiple apps or websites; everything is in one place, making it easier than ever to enjoy eBooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, magazines, music, and more.

While there are some differences between hoopla and our previous digital platforms, we're here to help make the transition as smooth as possible for you!

Who Can Access hoopla?

To use hoopla, you'll need a full-service Library card, meaning you must have verified your address, shown ID, and be:

- a resident of Thunder Bay;
- a resident of Fort William First Nation;
- a resident of a municipality with a TBPL agreement; or
- a non-resident member who has purchased a membership.

How Does hoopla Work?

Once you register and login using your Library card number and PIN, you'll see that hoopla offers two types of borrows:

Instant ⚡

Instant borrows work exactly as they sound. No waiting, no holds. If you see an Instant title, you can borrow it immediately! However, since the Library pays per checkout, we have monthly and daily borrowing limits in place.

Each patron gets up to five Instant borrows per month. Instant items include:

- movies, TV shows, music, comics, magazines;
- books and audiobooks (except the newest releases); and
- BingePasses.

What's a BingePass? These special collections, like The Great Courses, or magazine subscriptions, give you

unlimited access to content for one full week by using just one of your Instant borrows.

Flex 🔄

Flex borrows function similarly to cloudLibrary. You can either check out available items or place a hold if they're currently in use. This is where you'll find the newest and hottest releases! What's important to know is:

- you can have up to five Flex items checked out at a time;
- returning a Flex item frees up space to borrow another;
- you can place up to ten holds on Flex items; and
- flex borrows are exclusively for books and audiobooks.

Bonus Borrows: One of the best features of hoopla is Bonus Borrows! For the last seven days of each month, you can enjoy a curated collection of titles that don't count against your borrowing limits. That means extra books, movies, and more, completely free!

With hoopla, borrowing digital content is easier and more accessible than ever. Get ready to read, watch, and listen, whenever and wherever you want!

For more information, please visit tbpl.ca/hoopla

Kids Programming

Family Storytime

County Park Library
Wednesdays @ 10 am
September 3 – December 17

No program on Oct. 1, 8, or Dec. 10

Mary JL Black Library
Tuesdays @ 10 am
October 7 – December 16

Waverley Library
Fridays @ 9:30 am
October 3 - December 19

No program on Nov. 14

Drop in for literacy-focused fun the whole family can enjoy! Children, parents, and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs, and rhymes followed by free play and socialization time. **(All ages) Drop in.**



Baby and Me Storytime

County Park Library
Mondays @ 11:15 am
September 8 – December 22

No program on Oct. 13 or Dec. 8

Mary JL Black Library
Wednesdays @ 1:30 pm
October 8 – December 17

Drop in for fingerplays, bounces, stories, and songs followed by playtime and socializing with other parents and caregivers! Best for babies from birth through twelve months who are cuddling and crawling. **(Ages 0-12 Months) Drop in.**

Play Day

County Park Library
Thursdays @ 1 – 7pm
September 4 – December 18

Mary JL Black Library
Saturdays @ 10am – 4pm
September 6 - December 27

Waverley Resource Library
Friday & Saturday @ 10 am – 4 pm
October 3 – December 20

Join us for independent, self-guided free play with our toys and activities! Play is the work of childhood and helps kids develop many skills and literacies. Please check our website to confirm program. **(All ages) Drop in.**

Discovery Club

Waverley Library
Wednesdays @ 3:30 – 5 pm
September 10 – December 17

Mary JL Black Library
Everyday unless noted at branch
September 2-December 31

Drop in for self-guided family exploration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) concepts with robots, coding activities, building challenges, and lots more. Equipment and activities are rated for children aged 4 and up. **(Ages 4+) Drop in.**



Family Movie

Waverley Library
Saturday, September 13 – Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
Monday, October 20 – Halloweentown
Tuesday, November 18 – Wild Robot
Tuesday, December 23 – The Grinch
Sept 13 @ 2:30pm, Oct 20, Nov 18, Dec 23 @ 6 pm

Mary JL Black Library
Friday, September 26 – Elio @ 2pm
Friday, November 18 – Abominable @ 2pm

Join us for a free screening of these amazing movies. We'll bring the popcorn! **(All ages) Drop in.**

Kids Programming

Blissful Beading

County Park Library
Thursdays @ 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
September 4 – December 18

Drop in and relax while you create beaded trinkets, necklaces, keychains, and more! **(Ages 4+) Drop in.**

Autumn Gratitude Kits*

All Branches

Registration: September 4 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: September 25 – 28

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and it's the perfect time to reflect on the things we're thankful for. Register for this kit and enjoy books (signed out to your library card), activities and a craft all about gratitude and autumn. **(Ages 2-12) Registration Required.**



Gross Out Kits*

All Branches

Registration: October 2 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: October 23 – 26

Explore all things goopy and oozy! From foul facts about the human body to creepy crawlies, this kit is sure to make you squirm! Kits will contain books (signed out to your library card), activities, and a craft all about gross and creepy stuff. **(Ages 2-12) Registration Required.**

Story Time with Mz Molly and Friendz

Mary JL Black Library
Saturday, September 13 @ 2:30 pm
Saturday, November 15 @ 2:30 pm

Waverley Library
Saturday, October 18 @ 2:30 pm
Saturday, December 6 @ 2:30 pm

This all-ages, family-friendly story time and crafting session is an interactive, joy-filled celebration of diversity and acceptance, where stories come to life with glittering energy and crafts spark creativity. Come laugh, create and celebrate in a safe, welcoming space where everyone belongs. **(All Ages) Drop in.**



Crazy Canada Kits*

All Branches

Registration: November 6 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: November 27 – 30

Did you know Canada is the second biggest country in the world? With so much space, there is a lot to learn about! Register for a Crazy Canada Kit and receive books (signed out on your library card), a craft, and activities focused on Canada! **(Ages 2-12) Registration Required.**



Brainy Babies Kits*

All Branches

Registration: November 6 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: November 27 – 30

Start fostering a love of reading with your little one by signing up for our Brainy Babies Kit! Each kit will include books (signed out to your library card), activities and a simple craft to bond with your baby. **(Ages 0-24 Months) Registration Required.**



Kids Programming

Preschool Storytime*

Waverley Library
Mondays OR Thursdays @ 10:30 –11:30 am
October 6 – November 27
Registration: September 22 @ 9:30am

No program on Oct. 13

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. (Ages 3-4) Registration Required.

Game On! With the Interactive Projector

Mary J.L. Black Library
Tuesdays @ 12 – 7:30 pm
Fridays @ 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sundays @ 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
September 2 - December 30

Smash robots, play virtual soccer, or try one of the other games on the interactive projector. Get moving with physically engaging games that encourage hand-eye coordination, gross motor skill development, and socialization in one fun activity! (All Ages) Drop in.



Wonderful Winter Kits*

All Branches
Registration: November 27 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: December 18 – 21

Brrr, it's cold in here! Register your child for a Wonderful Winter Kit filled with books (signed out onto your library card), activities, and a special treat to enjoy over the winter break! (Ages 2-12) Registration Required.

Tales for Twos*

Waverley Library
Tuesdays OR Wednesdays
10:30 – 11:30 am
October 7 – November 26

Registration: September 23 @ 9:30 am

No program on Nov. 11

This program is for children ages 24 months up to 3 years of age with a caregiver. There will be stories, songs and rhymes, crafts and other activities, with time for play and socialization. (Ages 24-36 months) Registration required.

Baby Prints

Waverley Library
Thursday, September 11 @ 10 am

Drop in and make a footprint or hand-print craft with your baby! Stay for stories, songs, lap rhymes, and social time with other parents and caregivers. (Ages 0-12 months) Drop in.

Beyond the Grave Rave*

Waverley Library
Saturday, October 11 @ 1 – 3:00 pm
Registration: September 26 @ 9:30 am

Do the Monster Mash to spooky Halloween tunes, shriek with delight at our fun craft, and so much more at our Halloween themed rave! Costumes encouraged. (Ages 0-11) Registration required.



Page Turners

Waverley Library
Thursdays @ 6 – 7 pm
October 2 – November 27

No program on Oct. 16

Developing readers are invited to drop in to practice reading skills with a screened volunteer during a fifteen minute session followed by family game time with our collection of literacy-based activities. Please visit <https://www.tbpl.ca/pageturners> for details (Grades 1-3) Drop in.

Kids Programming

PA YAY!

Family Movie: Elio and Game On! With the Projector (PA DAY)

Mary J.L. Black Library
Friday, Sept 26

Game On! @ 10 am – 4 pm
Movie @ 2 pm

Drop in for time with our interactive projector or an afternoon film screening of Pixar's Elio and craft - we'll bring the popcorn! (All Ages) Drop in.

Harvest Hoedown (PA DAY)

Waverley Library
Friday, September 26 @ 10:00 am

Join Kickin' It Country with Lady T for line dancing lessons every half an hour, first come first serve throughout the program. Stay for barnyard games, rootin' tootin' tunes, crafts and more! Grab your cowboy boots and hat and giddy up for some fall farm fun. Drop-in program for children of all ages. Costumes welcome. Yee-haw! (All Ages) Drop in.



Tremendous Trains Storytime (PA DAY)

County Park Library
Friday, September 26 @ 10 am

Choo-choo! All aboard for this tremendous story time and craft all about trains! (All Ages) Drop in.



Family Movie: Abominable and Game On! With the Projector (PA DAY)

Mary J.L. Black Library
Friday, November 14

Game On! @ 10 am – 4 pm
Movie @ 2 pm

Drop in for time with our interactive projector or an afternoon screening of Abominable, a movie about the Abominable Snowman, plus a Yeti craft. We'll bring the popcorn! (All Ages) Drop in.



Countdown Calendar Craft for Kids! (PA DAY)*

County Park Library
Friday, November 14 @ 10 am
Registration: October 31 @ 9:30 am

Make waiting for your favourite holiday more exciting by creating a 12-day count-down calendar with treats and goodies for each day! (Ages 4+) Registration required.

Puppet Show: Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer (PA DAY)

Waverley Library
Friday, November 14 @ 10:30 am

Watch the puppet show Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and stay for a craft with time to play. Play Day to follow! (All Ages) Drop in.



Kids Programming

An Addams Family Party

Waverley Library
Sunday, October 26 @ 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Calling all creepy, kooky, mysterious and spooky! Make Merry the macabre celebration of Wednesday Addams belated birthday! Concoct dangerous brews, play wicked games and make a frightening craft, it's all in fun. Costumes encouraged. Don't be left in the Lurch! **(Ages 7+) Drop in.**



Family Board Game Café

Waverley Library
Sunday, November 16 @ 1 – 4:00 pm

Looking for an afternoon activity to do with the family? Come in and explore the board game collection TBPL has to offer. Perhaps you will find the next greatest hit for your family! **(All Ages) Drop in.**

Craftapalooza!

Waverley Library
Monday, December 22 @ 10 am - 2:30 pm

Snip, glitter and glue your way through our extra crafts! We have been collecting extra crafts all year and now it's time to use them! It's the perfect time to make something for a loved one. **(All Ages) Drop in.**

Window Painting

County Park Library
Wednesday, December 24 @ 10 am

Drop in for a story and go wild painting our big windows. Let your creative self have some fun! **(All Ages) Drop in.**



Tecky Brains: Chomp the Cheese - Game with Your Face

Waverley Library
Saturday, September 13 @ 10 am - 12 pm

Make a fun and interactive cheese-chomping game where your face is the controller!

We'll use Scratch Lab (block-based coding) and face-tracking AI to bring your game to life. No experience needed! Presented by program partner Tecky Brains Canada.

Tecky Brains: AI-Generated Images - Turn Words into Art

Mary JL Black Library
Saturday, October 25 @ 10 am - 12 pm

Discover how Artificial Intelligence can create pictures from your ideas. Write a prompt, click a button, and watch your words become art in this creative, hands-on session. Presented by program partner Tecky Brains Canada.

Tecky Girls: My Future Tech Self-Portrait

A Tecky Brains Mini Creative Bootcamp
Waverley Library
Saturday, November 29 @ 10 am - 12 pm

Imagine your future self in tech! Meet inspiring women in innovation and create your own digital self-portrait. We'll use p5.js (a beginner-friendly coding art tool) and provide an easy starter template. Presented by program partner Tecky Brains Canada.

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YOUth Programming

Rec Room

Mary JL Black Library
Thursdays @ 5 – 7:30 pm
October 9 - December 4

Join us for always changing activities including anime, Mario Kart, Minecraft and more! Our excitable and inclusive group of friends would love to meet you. **(Grades 7-12) Drop in.**

YOUth Action Council

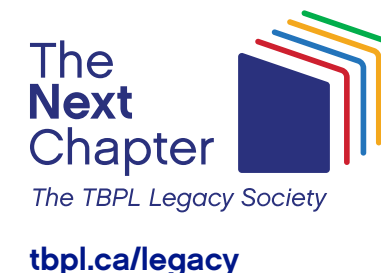
Mary JL Black Library
Registration is NOW OPEN
Thursday October 1, November 5, & December 3 @ 6 – 7:30 pm

Returning this fall! The YOUth Action Council meets monthly to discuss changes to the Library, suggest programs, and buy young adult books. Earn volunteer hours and develop your event planning and teamwork skills. Visit tbpl.ca/youth to learn more and sign up.



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**"I love my grandkids.
I also love my Library."**

You don't have to choose.

Support your Library and the ones you love in your Will.
Contact Meagan Ross for more information: mross@tbpl.ca



Adult Programming

Scan to Save Your Memories

Waverley, Mary JL Black and Brodie Libraries

Don't let your old photos get lost, faded, or damaged—scan, save, and share them as digital files and preserve your precious memories! Please note: Printing is NOT available. **By appointment only.** Email us at adults@tbpl.ca to book an appointment.

Senior's Coffee Chat

Mary JL Black Library
Thursday September 11, October 9,
November 13, December 11
10 am – 12 pm

Waverley Library
Thursday September 25, October 23,
November 27
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Come socialize at our relaxed, welcoming Seniors' Coffee Chat in partnership with Age Friendly Thunder Bay. Meet new people, engage in crafts and activities, and learn about resources in the community. Refreshments are provided. **(Ages 55+) Drop in.**



Age Friendly
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A Great Community for Seniors
agefriendlythunderbay.ca

Adult Book Bags*

Indigenous Stories*

All Branches

Registration: September 11 @ 9:30 am

Pick up: September 25 – 28

Explore the books in our Indigenous Knowledge Centre collection! Select your book format and pickup branch and we'll prepare a book bag with a selection of books that match the monthly theme.

Thrillers*

All Branches

Registration: October 9 @ 9:30 am

Pick up: October 23 – 26

Thrills, chills, and suspense perfect for spooky season! Select your book format and pickup branch and we'll prepare a book bag with a selection of books that match the monthly theme.



Nonfiction History & True Crime*

All Branches

Registration: November 13 @ 9:30 am

Pick up: November 27 – 30

Journey through time or solve a crime with this nonfiction book bag! Select your book format and pickup branch and we'll prepare a book bag with a selection of books that match the monthly theme.

(Ages 18+) Registration required.

Cookbook Club*

Mary JL Black Library

Event Dates:

October 28, November 25, December 16

Each session begins at 5:30 pm

Registration: September 8 @ 9:30am

Join us for our monthly Cookbook Club! Register and pick up a cookbook on that month's theme. Try a few of the recipes and share your review at our meeting! Light refreshments provided.

Registration for the 2026 session begins Monday, December 1 @ 9:30AM

(Ages 18+) Registration required.



Adult Programming

Board Game Café

Mary JL Black Library

Tuesday September 23, November 4, &
December 2 @ 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Explore the Library's board game collection during our Board Game Café! Challenge your friends (and make new ones) to a game of Bananagrams, Dutch Blitz, and more! Light snacks provided. **(Ages 18+) Drop in.**



iPhone for Beginners*

Waverley Library

Wednesdays @ 1 - 3:00 pm

September 10 - October 8

Registration: August 27 @ 9:30 am

New to iPhone and want to master the basics? This 5 week course will help you feel confident with the technology in no time! This class is for Apple iPhone users only. (no Android, no iPad) **(Ages 18+) Registration required.**

Afternoon at the Movies

Mary JL Black Library

Sunday, September 28 @ 1:30 pm – Thunderbolts*

Saturday, October 18 @ 1:30 pm – Twisters

Tuesday, November 18 @ 1:30 pm – Now You See Me

Sunday, December 21 @ 1:30 pm – Everest

Waverley Library

Thursday, November 6 @ 1 - 3 pm - Won't You Be My Neighbour?

Bring a friend or meet new ones for an afternoon watching a great film on the big screen! Coffee, tea, and light snacks provided; bring your own chair cushion for extra comfort. **(Ages 18+) Drop in.**



Tea Club

All Branches

Pickup dates: September 24, October 29,
November 26

Available on the last Wednesday of the month at all Library branches, Tea Club packages contain a sample for a perfect cup of tea, an information brochure and book recommendations! Pick up is first-come, first-served with a limit of one per person. **(Ages 18+)**



Adult Programming

Chat with the Chief

Mary JL Black Library
Wednesday, October 15 @ 5:30 - 7:30 pm
 Join us for a town hall-style discussion with Chief Darcy Fleury of Thunder Bay Police Service, who will share current information and answer questions from community members. Everyone is welcome, no registration necessary.
(Ages 18+) Drop in.



Apple Express*

Waverley Library
Tuesday, September 23 @ 1 - 3 pm - NOTES
Registration: September 9 @ 9:30 am
Tuesday, October 21 @ 1 - 3 pm - PHOTOS
Registration: October 7 @ 9:30 am

Can't commit to a five week how-to-use-your-device course? Try a topic specific mini course instead! Learning how to use these apps will make your Apple experience more valuable. iPhone and iPads welcomed.
(Ages 18+) Registration required.

iPad for Beginners*

Waverley Library
Wednesdays @ 1 - 3:00 pm
November 19 - December 17
Registration: November 5 @ 9:30 am

New to iPad and want to master the basics? This five-week course will help you feel confident with the technology in no time! This class is for Apple iPad users only (no Android, no iPhone).
(Ages 18+) Registration required.



Spice Club

All Branches
Pickup dates: September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17
 Available on the third Wednesday of the month at all Library branches, Spice Club packages contain a spice sample and an information brochure with recipes and book recommendations! Pick up is first-come, first-served with a limit of one per person. **(Ages 18+)**



Candle Decorating Workshops*

Mary JL Black Library
October 16 @ 2 pm
October 21 @ 6 pm
Registration: October 2 @ 9:30 am

Embrace the spooky season and decorate a candle using melted wax! Both workshops are identical- kindly register for one only to allow others the opportunity to attend.
(Ages 18+) Registration required.

Adult Programming

Japanese Four-Hole Binding Workshop with Folly Temple Bindery*

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, October 20 @ 5:30 pm
Registration: October 6 @ 9:30 am

Join Folly Temple Bindery for this workshop where you'll use traditional Japanese papers and methods to recreate one of these iconic Japanese four-hole bindings. No bookbinding experience needed. All materials and tools will be provided.
(Ages 18+) Registration required.



Adulting 101

Mary JL Black Library
October 22: Decluttering by Kelly
October 29: Eating Well on a Budget with Kim McKibbin

Oct 22 Kelly Noonan: Whether you're planning a move, want to reduce the burden on loved ones, this talk will inspire you to take the first steps - without guilt or pressure.

October 29, Kim McKibbin: In this presentation we'll discuss some tips for grocery shopping and meal planning while keeping costs in mind, as well as ideas and resources for helping improve access to food for all. **(Ages 18+) Drop in.**

Learn to Paint Leaves with Watercolours with the Thunder Bay Art Gallery*

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, November 3 @ 2 pm
Registration: October 20 @ 9:30 am

Join the Thunder Bay Art Gallery's Community Engagement Educator for a free, fun, and welcoming art session at your local library. This workshop explores the flexible medium of watercolour pencils, developing both drawing and painting techniques.
(Ages 18+) Registration required.



**THUNDER BAY
ART GALLERY**

REGISTERING FOR PROGRAMS

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Longstitch Notebook Workshop with Folly Temple Bindery*

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, November 10 @ 5:30 pm
Registration: October 27 @ 9:30 am

Longstitch bindings have a simple structure with endless design opportunities! Join Folly Temple Bindery and learn how to make a leather-bound longstitch notebook from scratch. No bookbinding experience needed. All materials and tools provided.
(Ages 18+) Registration required.

Heirloom Ceramic Plate Workshops*

Mary JL Black Library
Tuesday, December 9 @ 6 pm
Thursday, December 11 @ 2 pm
Registration: November 25 @ 9:30 am

Transform a ceramic plate into a unique delftware-style heirloom, just in time for the holidays! Both workshops are identical- kindly register for one only to allow others the opportunity to attend. Please bring inspiration photos to the workshop!
(Ages 18+) Registration required.



Adult Programming



Repair Café*

Mary JL Black Library
Saturday, September 27 @ 10 am – 1 pm
Registration: September 13 @ 9:30 am

Waverley Library
Saturday, Nov 22 @ 10 am – 1 pm
Registration: October 18 @ 9:30am

Toss it? No way! Do you have a broken household item? Our volunteer Fixers will show you how to fix it for free! We accept small appliances, electronics, clothes, jewelry, computers and more.

**** Visit tbayrepaircafe.org to register**



Retirement Explorers

Mary JL Black Library
Fridays @ 1 – 2:30 pm
October 3 – December 12

No program on Nov. 14

Drop-in. Retirement Explorers is a free, drop-in program for retirees who love to learn, explore new ideas, deepen their knowledge, engage in meaningful discussions, and connect with friends. This program is offered in partnership with the City of Thunder Bay Recreation and Culture Division. **(Ages 65+) Drop in.**



Wit Knits

Mary JL Black Library
Thursdays @ 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
September 11 - December. 18

For new and experienced knitters aged 55+, you are welcome to join the Wit Knits. We gather weekly to knit (and crochet). Share stories and laughs with fellow group members while you work. This program is offered in partnership with the City of Thunder Bay Recreation and Culture Division. **(Ages 18+) Drop in.**



The TBPL Files: True Crime Edition

Waverley Library
October 1 @ 6 – 7:30 pm

Mary JL Black Library
October 7 @ 6 – 7:30 pm

Come join us and delve into two gripping medical-themed true crime stories from our past. This drop in program is being offered twice so you can choose the session that fits best into your schedule. Due to the sensitive nature of this program, it is only offered to adults and covers crimes prior to 1970. **(Ages 18+) Drop in.**

IKC Programming

Orange Medicine Pouch Workshop*

Waverley Library
Thursday, September 11 @ 6 – 7:30 pm
Registration: August 28 @ 9:30 am

Brodie Library
Friday, September 12 @ 3 – 4:30 pm
Registration: August 29 @ 9:30 am

Join us in making orange medicine pouches to honour Residential School survivors, their families, and their communities. All supplies are provided. **(All Ages) Registration Required.**

Drop In Beading Program

Brodie Library
Tuesday, October 7 @ 2 – 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 4 @ 2 – 4:00 pm

Waverley Library
Thursday, October 23 @ 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Thursday, November 13 @ 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Join us for a welcoming and inclusive drop-in beading program celebrating Indigenous traditions and artistry. Open to all skill levels, this program offers a space to learn, share, and practice the intricate art of beadwork rooted in Indigenous cultures. Whether you're an experienced beader or trying it for the first time, come express your creativity! All are welcome, and no experience is necessary. All materials are provided. **(All Ages) Drop in.**

Indigenous Bracelet Making Workshop*

Brodie Library
Friday, October 17 @ 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Registration: October 3 @ 9:30 am

Join us for an enriching workshop where you'll delve into the art of crafting Indigenous bracelets. This hands-on experience will immerse you in the cultural significance and techniques behind these beautiful accessories and you'll have an unforgettable experience where tradition meets creativity in the craft of Indigenous bracelet-making! **(All Ages) Registration Required.**

Crafting for a Cause: Quilt for Survivors

Mary JL Black Library
Saturday, November 29 @ 10am - 4:30pm

Ready to start your quilting journey or take your skills to the next level? Join us for a fun and engaging workshop where you'll learn how to design, cut, and sew your very own quilt block! Bring your own fabric or use our curated bundles—just come ready to sew, share, and create something beautiful! All supplies provided. Quilt blocks will be donated to Quilts for Survivors. **(All Ages) Drop in.**



Mini-Tikinagan Making Workshop*

Mary JL Black Library
Sunday, November 9 @ 3 – 4:30 pm
Registration: October 26 @ 9:30 am

Step into the rich cultural heritage of Indigenous communities with our immersive Mini-Tikinagan Workshop. This program offers participants a unique opportunity to learn about the traditional Indigenous cradleboard, a symbol of love, care, and cultural identity within many Indigenous societies across Turtle Island. Through hands-on activities and guided instruction, participants will delve into the craftsmanship, symbolism, and cultural significance of cradleboards, gaining a deeper understanding of Indigenous parenting practices and cultural traditions. **(All Ages) Registration Required.**



IKC Programming

Snowshoe Program*

Aneki Wajiw/FWHP
Saturday, December 13 @ 9 am - 5 pm
Registration: November 29 @ 9:30 am

Don't let the winter weather keep you indoors! Join us for a memorable snowshoe adventure and make the most of the season with the Thunder Bay Public Library! Register now to reserve your spot and embark on a winter journey you won't soon forget.

(All Ages) Registration Required.



Mini-Tipi Making Workshop*

Waverley Library
Thursday, December 18 @ 6 – 7:45 pm
Registration: December 4 @ 9:30 am

In this workshop, you will learn all about Tipis while making your very own miniature tipi. Did you know that tipis were used by many Indigenous people of the Great Plains as they were highly durable and mobile, easily broken down and packed away quickly when a tribe needed to move camp in pursuit of more fertile land, warmer climates and bison. Learn more. Register today. All supplies are provided.

(All Ages) Registration Required.

Indigenous Author Series presented by



Indigenous Author Series: Dr. Ma-Nee Chacaby*

Waverley Library
Thursday, September 25 @ 6 – 7:45 pm
Registration: September 11 @ 9:30 am

Winner of the 2025 Canada Reads contest, Ma-Nee Chacaby is an Ojibwe-Cree writer and activist from Thunder Bay, Ontario. She is most noted for her memoir, *A Two-Spirit Journey: The Autobiography of a Lesbian Ojibwa-Cree Elder*.
(All Ages) Registration Required.



Indigenous Author Series: Sandi Boucher*

Waverley Library
Thursday, October 16 @ 6:00pm–7:45pm
Registration: October 2 @ 9:30 am

Sandi Boucher went from being an Indigenous woman desperately searching for safe spaces to one who creates them for others. Join us for a Kwe Literary Journey from Honorary Indian to *I am Awake* for our Indigenous Author Series. (All Ages) Registration Required.



REGISTERING FOR PROGRAMS

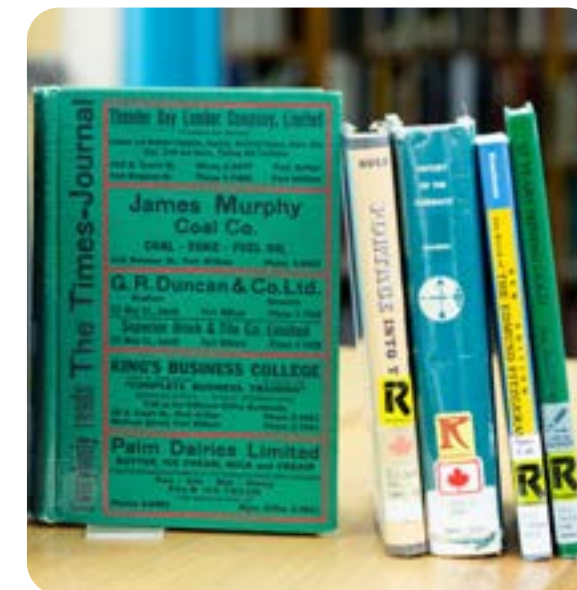
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Research

Local History

Curious about the history of Thunder Bay, local businesses, schools, or even your house? Are you researching your family tree? The local history and genealogy collections at your Thunder Bay Public Library have been in development since the early 1900s.

The collections include everything from newspapers on microfilm (dating back to 1875), city directories, maps, rare books, and photographs. For more information, and to start browsing our local history collection, visit: tbpl.ca/reference/local-history-and-genealogy



Family History 1:1s

Brodie Library

Looking for some help with your family history research? The Brodie Library offers genealogical and local history resources to help you on your way! We offer personalized one-to-one sessions for anyone who would like assistance getting started with local history research, or perhaps deciding on the next steps in your quest. To set up a one hour session at the Brodie Library, please email research@tbpl.ca or phone the TBPL Research Department at (807) 345-8275 extension 4200

Market Research

Starting or growing a business? Get FREE market research help at your library!

Individual Market Research Help

Book a one-to-one research session and get help from knowledgeable library staff based on your unique business needs. Staff will help you navigate through our business databases and get the most out of the Library's resources.

Market Research Workshops

Small group workshops are available for you and your fellow entrepreneurs. Learn about market research with your colleagues in an interactive setting.

For more information or to book a research session or workshop, email research@tbpl.ca

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Teacher Love

Thank you to everyone who honoured a special teacher through our Teacher Love campaign in June! Your donations support library programs in your teacher's name—and your kind words mean the world. It's a meaningful way to recognize the educators who make a difference in our lives, like the ones listed below, and the campaign runs twice a year: at the end of the school year and again in December -- just in time for the holidays!

M. Riley Corbin	Ms. Marak	Mme Wihidal
Mme Joanne Lacroix	Ms. Maronese	Mme Katherine Dumas
Mr. Alex Armstrong	Ms. Moore	Mme Manon Richer
Mme Janet Levis	Ms. Rohra	Mme Josée Gendron
M. Connor Doyle	Ms. Tiboni	Mme Alex Wood
Mme Cullis	Mr. Steve Scimeca	Michelle Zapf-Belanger
Mme Smith	Mme Julie Dallaire	Mrs. Johnston
Mme Jones	Mme Cheryl D'Angelo	Ms. Ruberto
Mme Kate	Mme Carolyn Roberts	Ms. Izzo
Ms. Wiita	Mme Rachel Wintoneak	Mme Lombardo
Ms. Barber	Mme Katherine Sertic	Ms. Chambers
Mr. Bruce	Mme Christine Botsford	Ms. Bressmer
Ms. Caron	Mme Cynthia Gordon	All the amazing staff at Five
Ms. Dove	Mme Lisa Priestlay	Mile school
Mr. D	Mme Laura Sherman	Mme Claudia Blier
Ms. Hayward	Mme Sherwin	Mrs. Aubrey Joseph
Ms. Haggarty	Mme McNab	Mr. Gross



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Hold our place! Just like a trusty bookmark holds your place in a favorite story, monthly donors hold our place in the community with their monthly gifts. Whether it's \$10 or \$100, these steady contributions help us plan confidently for new programs, fresh collections, and safe spaces that keep our library thriving.

Ready to bookmark your spot as a community champion? Joining is as easy as checking out a book, and just as rewarding. Visit www.tbpl.ca/monthly to become a member.

Friends of the Library



Friends Used Bookstore

IS MOVING TO WAVERLEY LIBRARY!

The Friends of the Library are excited to announce that their beloved used bookstore is moving to a new home—on the main level of the Waverley branch! As TBPL's busiest location and a hub of community life in the downtown core, Waverley is the perfect place to welcome even more book lovers.

The bookstore will continue to offer great reads at great prices, with all proceeds supporting library programs and services. We can't wait to open the doors—stay tuned for details on the grand opening!

Support the Friends of the Library

The Friends also raise funds by volunteering at Superior Shores bingo. This is an important source of revenue for the Friends and we're always looking for more volunteers. Shifts are only 2 hours long and it's a lot of fun! Or if you want to participate by playing bingo, you can come out and see us on the following dates:

Dates:

August 28
@ 3 pm – 5 pm
September 8
@ 11 am – 3 pm
September 25
@ 1 pm – 3 pm





Play for your win-win story



Proceeds from the Friends 50/50 support a major renovation of the Waverley Library's lower level, creating over 12,000 sq ft of bright, inclusive, free space just for children and families.

This means more space for active play. More books for growing minds. More storytimes, more imagination, and more moments that matter.

Every ticket sold helps build the Library our kids deserve.

Ticket Packs Available

\$10	20 -Ticket Pack	\$50	200 -Ticket Pack
\$20	50 -Ticket Pack	\$75	350 -Ticket Pack

Get your tickets now at friends5050.ca

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