

# Connect



Thunder Bay  
Public Library

www.tbpl.ca 345-8275

November / December 2021

## ALL LIBRARIES ARE

# OPEN

### More Details

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Email .....comments@tbpl.ca

Visit .....[www.tbpl.ca/hours](http://www.tbpl.ca/hours)



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All libraries are open for in person service. New hours of operation including evenings and Saturdays are in effect. COVID protocols continue.



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Drop by  
any library  
location to:

- browse the shelves
- use a computer
- get a vaccine passport printed at no cost
- recycle your used batteries
- use the photocopier or send a fax for free
- get some help from one of our friendly staff

## Holiday Hours

Fri., December 24 ... All locations will be OPEN 10 am - 1 pm

Sat., December 25 - Mon., January 3 ... All locations will be CLOSED

Tues., January 4 ... Regular hours resume.

All Library locations will be closed on Thursday, November 11 for Remembrance Day.

# new & recommended

## Governor General Shortlist Fiction

- Fictional Father** by Joe Ollmann  
**Home Waltz** by G.A. Grisenthwaite  
**Second Place** by Rachel Cusk  
**Tainna: The Unseen Ones** by Norma Dunning  
**You Are Eating an Orange. You Are Naked.** by Sheung-King



## Nonfiction

- Alfabet/Alphabet: A Memoir of A First Language** by Sadiqa de Meijer  
**Care of: Letters, Connections, and Cures** by Ivan Coyote  
**Revery: A Year of Bees** by Jenna Butler  
**The Day the World Stops Shopping** by J.B. MacKinnon  
**What I Remember, What I Know: The Life of a High Arctic Exile** by Larry Audlaluk



## COMING SOON: Climate Change Collection

There is a global crisis unfolding with devastating forest fires, pervasive flooding, destructive storms, and melting ice caps. TBPL is developing a collection of books and DVDs on the topic of Climate Change as we recognize the urgent importance of understanding this situation. This will be launched before the end of this year at the Brodie and Waverley branches. This collection will provide materials which will give everyone a greater understanding of what is happening and the best tools for making informed decisions about what we can do to protect our world and combat the crisis. We thank the patrons who prompted us to create this unique collection. Watch social media and the next Connect for details about our official launch of the physical and online collections.

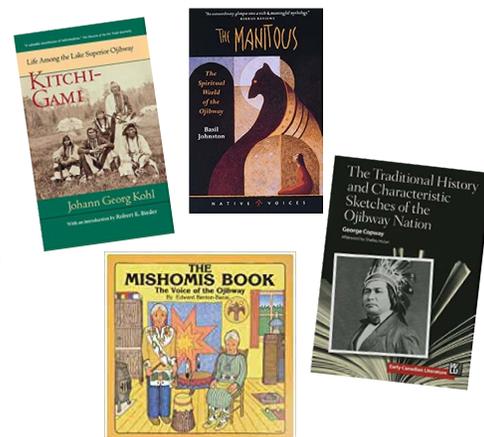
## New Additions to the EZ Read Collection

- A Jack Book Series** by Mac Barnett  
**Uni the Unicorn Series** by Candice F. Ransom  
**Wedgieman to the Rescue** by Charise Mericle Harper  
**Big Dog and Little Dog Series** by Dav Pilkey  
**Joe the Frog Series** by Peggy Perry Anderson  
**Big Brown Bear** by David McPhail  
**Bumble and Bee Series** by Ross Burach  
**Fairylight Friends Series** by Jessica Young  
**Dragon Series** by Dav Pilkey  
**Five Puptacular Tales!: A Collection of 5 Paw Patrol Stories**



## Learn about the History and Traditions of the Anishinaabe

- Kitchi-Gami: Life Among the Lake Superior Ojibway** by Johann Georg Kohl  
**Omushkego Cree Style Snowshoe Making** by Anastasia Weesk  
**Matawa First Nations Community and Life Experiences** by John Paul Jacasum  
**The Mishomis Book: The Voice of the Ojibway** by Edward Benton Banai  
**The Manitous: The Spiritual World of the Ojibway** by Basil Johnston  
**Great Leader of the Ojibway: Mis Quona-queb** by James Redsky (Esquekesik)  
**The Traditional History and Characteristic Sketches of the Ojibway Nation** by G. Copway, or Kah-ge-ga-gah-bowh, Chief of the Ojibway Nation  
**Nishnawbe-Aski Nation: A History of the Cree and Ojibway of Northern Ontario** by Ojibway-Cree Cultural Centre



# programs & more

## Winter Cozy Kits for Kids

Cozy up with some picture books, enjoy fun winter-themed crafts and activities, then finish the day off with a little treat! Register beginning December 6 online or call 345-8275. Pick up at your selected branch the week of December 20.

[www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar)



## Graphic Novel Grab Bag for Kids

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! Register beginning November 15 online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar) or by calling 345-8275. Geared for ages 6+ but younger children (with assistance) may enjoy. Pick up at your selected branch the week of November 29.

## Spice Club Program

Do you enjoy cooking, and are you looking for more ideas in the kitchen? Why not take part in the TBPL Spice Club!

Spice Club packages will be available at each branch on the second Wednesday of each month. Packages will contain a jar of the monthly spice as well as a flyer containing information, recipes, and book recommendations! Pick up is first come, first served, and there will be a limited number at each location.



## Seventy Five Books and Counting!

Looking back on October 2014: BB King held his last live performance; Malala Yousafzai won the Nobel Peace Prize; Taylor Swift released 1989; and twenty strangers gathered in the Community Program Room at the Mary J.L. Black Library for their first book club meeting. The book club was so popular it had to be expanded into two clubs to accommodate the availability of books. These book clubs have been meeting monthly ever since (minus some lost time due to COVID). October 2021 marks the seventy-fifth book that they have read and discussed together!

Two book clubs equates to one hundred and fifty books read, one hundred and fifty meetings and countless memorable interactions, conversations, and new friendships. The book clubs had to transition from in person meetings at the Library to Zoom meetings over the last year, but that has not stopped many members from actively participating and staying connected.

Book Clubs in a Bag is a service that is offered at the Thunder Bay Public Library. Anyone with a library card can borrow a Book Club in a Bag which features ten copies of the same title, and a set of questions for discussion as tools to host a book club. The titles offered by the service are popular and in demand. The collection currently has 224 titles, including many local authors such as Marianne Jones and Eleanor Albanese. For more information email [bookclub@tbpl.ca](mailto:bookclub@tbpl.ca) and begin your own book club journey!

*For the full article, written by Chelsea Cernjul-Marsonet, pick up a copy of the November Walleye, available November 1 at any Library location.*

## New Book Club in a Bag Titles

**The Rose Code** by Kate Quinn  
**Interior Chinatown** by Charles Yu  
**Anxious People** by Fredrik Backman  
**Last Garden in England** by Julia Kelly  
**Maud and Me** by Marianne Jones (local)  
**If Tenderness be Gold** by Eleanor Albanese (local)  
**Five Little Indians** by Michelle Good  
**Long Bright River** by Liz Moore  
**All Together Now: A Newfoundland-er's Light Tales for Heavy Times** by Alan Doyle  
**The Henna Artist** by Alka Joshi



# Read and Learn

## Scientists in Situ: Investigate It

Thursday, November 11 @ 2 pm

A fun, hands-on virtual STEM workshop presented by Scientists in School! Test your powers of observation and deduction as you use forensic science to solve the mystery of the missing car. Fingerprints, footprints, handwriting analysis and more...Can you identify the culprit? Each registered participant will receive a science kit that will need to be picked up at the library before the program date. Library staff will contact you when your science kit is available for pick-up. Register beginning Thursday, October 28 at 10 am online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar) or by calling 345-8275. Spaces are limited. Ages 4-12. **Note: All library locations are closed on November 11 for Remembrance Day.**



**SCIENTISTS  
IN SCHOOL  
SCIENTIFIQUES  
À L'ÉCOLE**

## Scientists in Situ: Spread Your Wings

Wednesday, December 1 @ 4 pm

A fun, hands-on virtual STEM workshop presented by Scientists in School! Humans have always been fascinated with flight. Come and explore the wonderful world of birds and other things that fly. Make a bird feeder; fly a glider; and explore how Taketombo works. We will wing our way through the sky. Each registered participant will receive a science kit that will need to be picked up at the library by the program date. Library staff will contact you when your science kit is ready for pick-up. Register beginning Wednesday, November 17 at 10 am online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar) or by calling 345-8275. Spaces are limited. Ages 4-12.

## ASL 1:1 for Kids

Thursday, November 18 @ 6 pm

Saturday, November 20 @ 3 pm

Tuesday, November 23 @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 30 @ 1:30 pm

Friday, December 10 @ 11 am

Wednesday, December 15 @ 4 pm

This new program will have you paired with a staff member to practice American Sign Language together. Practice signs, fingerspelling, play games, sign along with a story and more. Register for each session two weeks prior to the program date online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar) or by calling 345-8275. Each session will be 20 minutes and delivered via Zoom.

## Craftpalooza - To Go!

Remember our Craftpaloozas? We do! Register to pick up a process focused bag of art supplies. Create... learn...have fun! Register beginning November 1 at 10 am online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar) or by calling 345-8275. Pickup begins November 22.



## Diversity Kits for Kids

Wednesday, November 17

Each kit includes two picture books about topics like homelessness, racism, feminism, inclusiveness, poverty, immigration, Indigenous culture, residential schools, identity, equality, disabilities, gender, LGBTQI+, justice, kindness and peace. This kit also includes a craft to help your child explore identity, colouring sheets, one box of flesh toned crayons, a list of suggested books for further reading plus additional activities to try. Register beginning November 3 at 10 am online or by calling 345-8275. [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar)

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Help encourage your child's love of reading by joining this free literacy program for newborns, babies, toddlers and preschoolers with a goal to read 1000 books to your child before they start school. It's easier than you think! You can read one book or multiple books each day. How fast you reach the milestones is up to you.

3 books a day for 1 year = 1,095 books

1 book a day for 3 years = 1,095 books

Prizes are available for each 250 book milestone. For more information please visit our website or contact [syoung@tbpl.ca](mailto:syoung@tbpl.ca)



# Just for YOUth

## Minecraft Game Nights

Join the TBPL Minecraft Realm (bedrock) weekly for either survival mode (Mondays 6-8 pm) or the weekly build challenge in creative mode (Thursdays 4-5 pm). A link to join will be shared via Discord. Ages 13-18.



## Rocket League

Starting November 2, meet up with other TBay youth to play Rocket League Tuesday nights from 6 pm - 8 pm. A link to join will be shared via Discord. Ages 13-18.



 [tbpl.ca/youth](https://www.tbpl.ca/youth)



A place for youth to talk & hang out.

## Help Us Decorate - Art Collab!

Brodie and Waverley Library want their new YOUth spaces to reflect the people who use them ... YOU! Sign up to design a puzzle piece that will be put together and displayed as a beautiful art installation. Your piece can reflect you, your fav book, or whatever you want. Sign up online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](https://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar) or by calling 345-8275. Ages 10-18.

## DIY Scrunchies

**Monday, November 15**

Do you love hair or know someone who does? Create a one of a kind scrunchie, perfect for any winter look. Register beginning November 1 at 10 am by calling 345-8275 or online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](https://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar) Ages 11+.

## DIY YOUth: Sugar Scrub

**Monday, December 6**

Create your very own Sugar scrub! Keep it, or save it for a gift! Register beginning November 22 at 10 am by calling 345-8275 or online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](https://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar) Ages 11+ \*\*Allergy alert\*

## Christmas BINGO!

**December 6 @ 6:15 pm (ages 6-12)**

**December 7 @ 6:15 pm (ages 13-18)**

Register beginning November 22 at 10 am by calling 345-8275 or online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](https://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar) Pick up your card at any branch and tune in live-online. Players have a chance to win cool prizes! Don't forget to wear your best Christmas outfit!



## Volunteer Hours

### YOUth Knitters

Knit or crochet hats or scarves for people experiencing homelessness and get volunteer hours. Knit a hat - you'll earn 2 hours. A scarf - 3 hours! Sign up for the fall session at [www.tbpl.ca/youth](https://www.tbpl.ca/youth)

### YOUth Review

Help your fellow readers by writing reviews of the books, movies, or albums you love (or hate) for community service hours. What you read and write about is up to you and for each 250-300 word review you write, you'll get an hour of volunteer time. Reviews are posted to our blog. Sign up for the fall session at [www.tbpl.ca/youth](https://www.tbpl.ca/youth)

### YOUth Action Council

**Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm**  
**November 17 & December 15**  
**Brodie Library**

Create a library you'd want to go to by helping plan, attend, and promote library events for YOUth. Check out [www.tbpl.ca/yac](https://www.tbpl.ca/yac) for more info and to sign up.

### DIY Pet Bandanas

**Wednesday, December 1**

Does your pet have nothing to wear for the winter season? Create your own stylish bandana for your pet! No sewing necessary; just a hot glue gun! Register beginning November 17 at 10 am by calling 345-8275 or online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](https://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar) 345-8275. Ages 11+

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# CONNECT

Send us your email and we can get you connected.



- get a Library card
- renew your Library card

## Email

comments@tbpl.ca

## Free Menstrual Products Now Available at Three Locations

Free menstrual products are now available at Mary J.L. Black, Waverley and Brodie Libraries. Dispensers are located in public washrooms.

The products are free through a partnership with the City of Thunder Bay.



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY USED BOOKSTORE

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday .....10 am to 4 pm

Saturday .....Noon to 3 pm

## LOCATION

Suite 75 - Victoriaville

Find us near The Bargain! Shop

# BOOKS CDs DVDs

Great quality and selection at low, low prices!



## Give the Gift of Reading

A donation to TBPL is a gift for the whole community. Gifts are used to stock our physical and virtual shelves, continue our in-person and online programs, and create safe and welcoming spaces.

Honour family, friends, teachers, neighbours -- anyone in your life who deserves some recognition -- with a gift in their name to our Community Partners holiday campaign.

Donate in person at any branch or online at [tbpl.ca/donate](http://tbpl.ca/donate)

## *My love of books and reading is all because of the TBPL.*

I remember going to get a library card when I could barely write my name on the back of it. But I was sure proud of it. Starting off with picture books, then 'real words' the world of learning and imagination for me began and continues to this day.

My children (adult now) loved the programs they were able to take part in, and are too, lifelong readers and library patrons.

Borrowing books, movies and magazines is something I do constantly and I am so grateful that the TBPL is here and has so many things for me to access. -- **N. Shermack**

