

# Connect

## 2024 JANUARY - MARCH



## It's a New Year at TBPL

Welcome to a brand new year, and a new set of strategic objectives at your Library. The Library's new Strategic Plan (2024-2028) has now been ratified by the Library Board and will chart the course for your Library over the next five years. It features a revised mission and vision for TBPL, along with new values that resonate deeply with the Board and Staff. See page 21 for full details.

### OUR MISSION ... our purpose for being

The Thunder Bay Public Library facilitates knowledge sharing and helps build a connected and healthy community by providing the space, collections, services and programs that residents need to learn, grow, create and be successful.



### All the Best for the New Year!

If you have any resolutions for the new year, like saving money or doing your part to protect the environment, we look forward to helping you achieve them with your free Library membership!



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# hours & more



## Hours of Operation

### Waverley

285 Red River Road

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

### County Park

1020 Dawson Road (County Fair Mall)

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

### Brodie

216 Brodie Street S.

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

901 Edward Street S.

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

## ON THE COVER



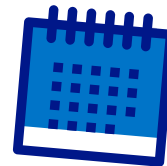
Alonso Castillo (second from right) won the Nintendo Switch in our Student Sweepstakes. His family visits the Library frequently and were pumped about Alonso's win! See page 23 for more details about the winners.

## Full Day Closures

- **January 1** - New Year's Day
- **January 19** - Staff Development Day
- **February 19** - Family Day
- **March 29** - Good Friday
- **April 1** - Easter Monday

## Half Day Closures

- **February 9** - Staff Training
- All locations will be OPEN from  
1 pm - 5 pm

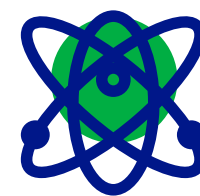


## In 2023, your Library ...



hosted  
more than  
**1.184 million**  
visits

loaned over  
**half a million**  
books &  
educational tools



put on over  
**2,198**  
programs  
free to the public

WiFi was used  
**100,899**  
times



# CEO message



2024 is shaping up to be an exciting and dynamic year for your local Library. First and foremost, the Library Board has approved a new Strategic Plan that will guide our efforts for the next five years.

The first, and perhaps most exciting objective, is our work to revitalize our facilities. Following City Council's direction, we are working hard to design and cost the creation of a new Central Library and have partnered with an amazing local architectural firm to deliver a transformational vision. Public consultation with grassroots organizations will be happening through the winter and spring and we hope to touch base with many of you so you can learn more about what our future may hold. We are also eagerly awaiting the result of a major Federal grant which could see Waverley Library become a beacon for 21st century design to the highest environmental standards.

As part of our new focus on innovation and bold ideas, you'll start to see some amazing new programs coming out. The 'True Crime' series at Brodie Library will take you through our local history collection to take a peek at Thunder Bay's gris-

liest and most horrifying local crimes. For the hands-on enthusiast, we've got our Altered Art program where lovers of creativity can put a fun spin into old paintings. We are also honoured to be hosting an author reading by Tanya Talaga, and are excited to feature this award winning author in early February.

We've got a packed schedule of programs for March Break to keep your young ones busy and special youth study nights during exam periods to offer a quiet, safe space for your teens to focus. The Friends of the Library are now in Brodie offering fantastic opportunities to get your hands on some exclusive deals on books and a wide variety of other items, while donating directly back to the Library you love.

A special thanks to our Central Library Steering Committee for helping to provide community input. Members include: Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Chief Michele Solomon, Rebecca Johnson, Andrei Rosario, Charmaine McCraw, Jason Thompson and Jase Watford.



**Richard Togman, CEO**

## **Richard Recommends:**

**Why We Love Sociopaths: A Guide to Late Capitalist Television**  
**The Age of Confucian Rule: The Song Transformation of China**  
**Civilization and its Discontents**  
by Sigmund Freud

## **Other Things You Can Borrow!**

Thunder Bay Museum Passes, Thunder Bay Art Gallery Passes, Ontario Provincial Park Passes, Knitting Needle Kits, Walking Poles, Radon Detector Kits, and more! [www.tbpl.ca/otherthings](http://www.tbpl.ca/otherthings)





# new stuff



## Adult

**A Christmas Vanishing**  
by Anne Perry  
**Love, Clancy: Diary of A Good Dog** by W. Bruce Cameron  
**Alex Cross Must Die**  
by James Patterson  
**3 Days to Live** by James Patterson  
**The Ball at Versailles**  
by Danielle Steel  
**The Watchmaker's Hand**  
by Jeffery Deaver



## YOUTH

**Being Ace: An Anthology of Queer, Trans, Femme, and Disabled Stories of Asexual Love and Connection** by Madeline Dyer  
**A Curse for True Love** by Stephanie Garber  
**The Flower of Happiness** by Aya Yajima  
Gotouge translation by Jocelyne Allen  
**The Feeling of Falling in Love**  
by Mason Deaver  
**Down Came the Rain** by Jennifer Mathieu



## Children

**Hooray for DNA! How A Bear and A Bug are A Lot Like Us** by Pauline Elizabeth Thompson  
**Snoozefest: The Surprising Science of Sleep** by Tanya Lloyd Kyi  
**Healthy as a Dragon!** by Štěpánka Sekaninová  
**Stronger Than She Thinks** by Nancy Kerrigan  
**Skating Wild On An Inland Sea**  
by Jean Pendziwol  
**Goodnight Snowboard** by Kristen McCurry  
**The Discovery of Chess** by Philip Amara  
**Let's Play: Children's Games From Around the World** by Nancy Dickmann  
**Origami for Little Hands** by Sayaka Hodoshima  
**Baking Wonderland** by Jean Parker  
**Animal Snuggles** by Aimee Reid  
**A Duck Called Brian** by Al Murphy



## Adult Nonfiction

**100 Ways to Change Your Life**  
by Liz Moody  
**Two Old Broads: Stuff You Need to Know That You Didn't Know You Needed to Know** by M.E. Hecht  
**Well to the Core: A Realistic, Guilt-free Approach to Getting Fit and Feeling Good for A Lifetime** by Robin Long  
**Behind the Mask: A Revealing Look at Twelve of the Greatest Goalies in Hockey History** by Randi Druzin  
**Around the World in 50 Slopes: The Stories Behind the World's Most Amazing Ski Runs** by Patrick Thorne  
**The North Star: Canada and the Civil War Plots Against Lincoln** by Julian Sher  
**Slaying the Dragon: A Secret History of Dungeons & Dragons** by Ben Riggs  
**What Board Games Mean to Me**  
by Donna Gregory



## DVDs

**Barbie**  
**Oppenheimer**  
**Saw X**  
**Strays**  
**Expend4bles**



# books & more



## Spice Club

Do you enjoy cooking, and are you looking for more ideas in the kitchen? Take part in the TBPL Spice Club! Spice Club packages are available at each branch on the second Wednesday of each month. Packages contain the monthly spice as well as a flyer with information, recipes, and book recommendations! Pick up is first come, first served, with a limited number at each location. Visit [www.tbpl.ca/tbpl-spice-club](http://www.tbpl.ca/tbpl-spice-club) for more information.



## New Book Clubs in a Bag

**The Paris Apartment** by Lucy Foley  
**The Fairy Baby** by Katherine Poulin  
**West with Giraffes** by Lynda Rutledge  
**The Silent Patient**  
 by Alex Michaelides  
**Hello Beautiful**  
 by Ann Napolitano



10 copies of the same title are in each bag.

## Freedom to Read

Have you ever thought about your freedom to read? It's part of your basic rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. But, intellectual freedom rights have increasingly come under challenge. Freedom to Read Week is a yearly event that encourages us to consider how our intellectual freedom is both upheld and threatened in our society.

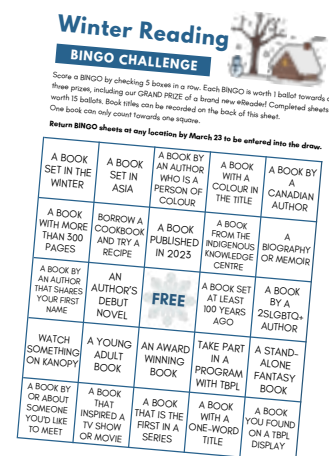
Despite Canadian society generally valuing freedom of expression, libraries in Canada have often been the focus of censorship. Censorship in libraries is most visible as overt calls to remove books from shelves, but there are more subtle forms of censorship as well. Political pressure can influence how a library selects books, from the agitation of interest groups to more formal laws being passed to restrict collections.

Easy and open access to information is also part of Intellectual Freedom. The rise of social media is mostly a blessing, but it does create issues around disinformation. Libraries support the open nature of digital information, but also recognize that freedom to read includes supporting media literacy in readers. Being able to critically evaluate what is being read allows a reader to make informed choices in their reading materials.

TBPL will be celebrating freedom to read from February 18-24. For more information, please visit [www.freedomtoread.ca](http://www.freedomtoread.ca)

## Winter Reading Bingo Challenge! January 8 - March 23

Stop by any TBPL branch to pick up a Winter Reading Bingo sheet! Check off boxes as you read through the winter months and discover something new! Bingo sheets must be returned by March 23 to be eligible for prizes, including the grand prize of an iPad! (ages 13+)



# programs for kids



## Preschool Storytime\*

Mary J.L. Black  
Tuesdays @ 10 am  
January 16 - March 5

Waverley  
Thursdays @ 10:30 am  
January 18 - 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.

## Tales for Twos\*

Mary J.L. Black  
Mondays @ 10 am  
January 15 - March 4 (no program Feb. 19)

Waverley  
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am  
January 17 - March 6

This program is for children from 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.

## Read. Sing. Play.

Waverley  
Mondays @ 10:30 am  
January 15 - March 4 (no program Feb. 19)

County Park  
Wednesdays @ 10 am  
January 17 - March 6

Brodie  
Thursdays @ 10:30 am  
January 18 - March 7

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



**\*Registration for events with an \* asterisk begins at 9:30 am two weeks prior to the program date by phone at (807) 345-8275, online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar) or in person at any Library location.**

## Baby Time

Waverley  
Tuesdays @ 11:15 am  
January 16 - March 5

Mary J.L. Black  
Tuesdays @ 1:15 pm  
January 16 - March 5 (no program Jan. 30)

County Park  
Fridays @ 10 am  
January 26 - March 8 (no program Feb. 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 10 am - 4 pm  
January 5 - March 22

Waverley  
Fridays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
January 26 - March 8

The toys are out for free play! Drop in to socialize and play! (all ages)  
**Please note the following changes:**  
**January 19** - no program  
**January 26** - Waverley program will run 11 am - 4 pm, after the puppet show  
**February 9** - no program at Waverley, Mary J.L. Black program will run 1 pm - 4 pm





# programs for kids



## Window Painting

County Park

Friday, January 5 @ 10 am

Wednesday, March 13 @ 10 am

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



Drop in for  
these events

## Blissful Beading

County Park

Thursdays @ 3 pm

January 4 - March 28

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

## Baby Prints

Mary J.L. Black

Community Program Room

Friday, January 5 @ 1:30 pm

Saturday, February 10 @ 1:30 pm

Saturday, March 23 @ 1:30 pm

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

## Puzzle Play @ Mary J

Mary J.L. Black

Children's Program Room

Mondays @ 10 am - 4 pm

January 8 & 22

February 5

March 4 & 18

Drop in to put together puzzles and create your own! (all ages)

## LEGO Play @ Mary J

Mary J.L. Black

Children's Program Room

Mondays @ 10 am - 4 pm

January 15 & 29

February 12 & 26

March 25

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

## Tween LEGO Play @ Mary J

Mary J.L. Black

Children's Program Room

Thursdays @ 2 pm - 7 pm

January 25

February 22

March 21

Build, colour or craft. Drop in for LEGO fun. For ages 7 - 12.



# programs for kids



## **Puppet Show: Princess Stinkytoes**

**Waverley Auditorium**  
**Friday, January 26 @ 10 am**

Watch as a Queen strikes a bargain with an evil witch to save her beloved King. In exchange, she must forfeit her first born child. Watch the hilarity unfold as the (once) brave knight Frog Robert helps to save the princess's life. A craft and other activities to follow. Play Day will begin following the puppet show and craft. (all ages)

## **Graphic Novel Grab Bags for Kids\***

**All Library locations**  
**April 8**

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! Registration required. Pick up at your selected branch the week of April 8. (ages 6+, younger children may enjoy with assistance).

## **Family Literacy Day Storytime with Drag Queens**

**Waverley Auditorium**  
**Saturday, January 27 @ 2:30 pm**

Join the always wonderful Lady Fantasia La Premiere and Mz Molly Poppinz for a fun-filled and inclusive Saturday storytime for all ages.



## **Puppy Perks Storytime**

**Brodie Programming Room**  
**Tuesdays @ 10 am**  
**January 16**  
**February 13**  
**March 12**

Families, come join us for a monthly storytime with actual, live puppies! Join Tammy from PAWsitively Social for this fun-filled event. She will bring the puppies, you bring the smiles. Children of all ages are welcome, just drop in!



**join us for stories & play**



# programs for kids



## Reading Buddies

Waverley - Auditorium

Tuesdays @ 5:30-6:30 pm and 6:30-7:30 pm

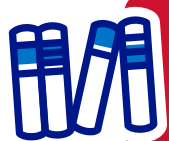
January 16 - March 5

An early literacy program to help children in grades 1, 2 and 3 become more confident and motivated readers. This free program provides children with one-on-one reading support with a screened volunteer. Email [readingbuddies@tbpl.ca](mailto:readingbuddies@tbpl.ca) for details.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are still needed for this program! Email us at [readingbuddies@tbpl.ca](mailto:readingbuddies@tbpl.ca) if you can help!



### Registration Details

Register beginning at 9:30 am on Tuesday, January 2, online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar), in person at any location, or by calling (807) 345-8275.

## Little Sprouts\*

Foster a love of gardening and register your child for Little Sprouts! Registration required (all ages) Adults - check the Wet Your Plants program on page 17.

### Tomatoes\* - March 11

This child-friendly version of our tomato-themed garden kit includes: seeds, growing instructions, recipes, and activities.

### Chives!\* - April 2

This child-friendly version of our chive-themed garden kit includes: seeds, growing instructions, recipes and activities to enjoy together.

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Help encourage your child's love of reading by joining this free literacy activity for children ages 0 - 5 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 at [www.tbpl.ca/1000-books](http://www.tbpl.ca/1000-books) or email [1000books@tbpl.ca](mailto:1000books@tbpl.ca)



# programs for kids



## Letter to my Future Self

County Park

Monday, January 8

A lot can happen in a year! Write a letter to yourself and have us mail it back to you in December 2024. Pick up a packet from the County Park Library (first come, first served, while supplies last) and return it by January 31 to have this little "time capsule" secured! (all ages)

## Happy Galentine's Day!\*

Waverley Auditorium

Saturday, February 10 @ 2:30 pm

Grab your gal pals and head to the Library to make your own friendship bracelets, do your nails, and have a sweet treat. Registration required. (ages 7-12)



## DIY Dollhouse\*

County Park - Mall space

Thursday, March 21 @ 4 pm

Whether it's a pad for your plushies, lodging for LEGO or an actual Dollhouse, sign up to make your own model home out of cardboard and other various supplies! (ages 6+) \*\*Children will need an adult to actively partner with them in this program due to the complex nature of construction.

## March Madness Kits for Kids

Pick up week of March 11 at your chosen branch

Register your child for their very own March Madness Kit. Each kit contains 5 books (choose board books, picture books, EZ Reads, graphic novels, or chapter books), and a mix of activity sheets and simple spring crafts. One kit per child; choice of pick up locations. Registration opens February 12. (ages 0-12)

## February Blues Buster for Kids\*

Pick up week of February 12

Beat the winter chills with a warmer-weather-themed bundle packed with picture books! We'll include Library books as well as activities and a special treat. Registration required. (ages 0-12)

## Birdseed Egg Shakers\*

Waverley Auditorium

Saturday, March 23 @ 2:30 pm

Shake, shake, shake! Have fun creating your very own birdy egg shaker, and feed the birds once you're done! Registration required. (all ages)

## Subscription Book Bags for Kids

Register your child and for the next 3 months, a specially selected bag of books will be waiting for you to pick up from your chosen branch. Choose the genre, format, and location, and we'll do the rest.

Registration opens January 2, with pick up dates starting January 29, February 26, and March 25. (ages 0-12)

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# it's science



## Northern Nature Trading (NNT)

**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 or visit us at [www.tbpl.ca/northernnaturetrading](http://www.tbpl.ca/northernnaturetrading) or email us at [nnt@tbpl.ca](mailto:nnt@tbpl.ca)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Northern Nature Trading will be closed the week of January 2. It will reopen with these new hours on Wednesday, January 10:

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesday .....5 pm - 7 pm

Thursday .....2 pm - 4 pm

Saturday .....10 am - 12 pm

Northern Nature Trading is funded in part by



### March Break Extra NNT Hours

Thursday, March 14 .....2 pm - 4 pm

Friday, March 15 .....10 am - 12 pm

## Scientists in Situ

### Shoot, Score, Science & More!

**Virtual**

**Monday March 4 @ 4 pm - 5 pm**

A fun, hands-on virtual STEM workshop, led by Scientists in School. Jump, shoot, roll and glide; can you find the science in sport? Take a test to discover where your dominance lies. Create a sculpture to investigate how throwing a ball affects your balance. Discover physics by engineering a better hockey puck and building a mini golf course. Join us as we shoot, score and explore the science of sport. 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 Tuesday, February 20 at 9:30 am by calling (807) 345-8275, online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar) or in person at any Library location. (ages 4-12)

## THINK Hub Drop-In

**Brodie Programming Room**

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays**

**@ 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**January 2 - March 27**

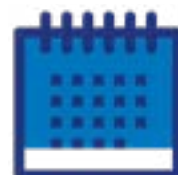
**(note: no program on March 12 & 13)**

School age children (aimed at 6+) will love exploring the Northern THINK Hub activities in our Programming Room. Younger children can enjoy puzzles, a scavenger hunt, and more in the Children's Department. Just drop in!

The THINK Hub contains small parts and heavy pieces and is not suitable for babies, toddlers, or any children still putting pieces in their mouths. (ages 6+)



# Save the Date



## Science Festival

**February 19 - 24**



The Science Carnival, which is the big event that takes place at the end of the festival week, is scheduled for Saturday, February 24. Stay tuned for more information.



# march break



## Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room

### Monday, March 11 @ 2 pm Fortnite Fun\*

Get your Battle Bus to the Library for an afternoon of fun Fortnite-themed activities! (ages 7-12)

### Tuesday, March 12 @ 2 pm Get Swifty\*

Come "make the friendship bracelets," decorate your own "teardrops" on your guitar, and "shake it off" to your favourite Taylor Swift tunes! (ages 7-12)

### Wednesday, March 13 @ 1 pm - 3 pm Craftapalooza

Visit Mary J.L. Black and remix old crafts into something new and wonderful. There's no limit to your creativity! (all ages)

### Thursday, March 14 @ 1 pm Let's Learn: Rocks and Minerals

Learn about rocks and minerals with the Ontario Geological Survey's Resident Geologist Program. (all ages)

### Saturday, March 16 @ 2:30 pm Storytime with Drag Queens

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

## Brodie Programming Room

### Monday, March 11 @ 10:30 am - 11:15 am Musical Monday with Mr. B!

Drop in for a variety of fun, action oriented and educational songs. With call and response songs and a variety of actions, there is something for everyone. (all ages)

### Tuesday, March 12 @ 10 am Puppy Perks Storytime

Drop-in for a storytime with actual, live puppies! Join Tammy from PAWsitively Social for this fun-filled opportunity to learn how to safely approach dogs and socialize with them. She will bring the puppies, you bring the smiles. (all ages)

### Wednesday, March 13 @ 10 am - 7:30 pm THINK Hub Day

Add some science to your March Break! School age children can come explore the Northern THINK Hub activities all day in our programming room. No registration required, just drop in! Activities for younger children are available in the Children's Department. (ages 6+)

### Thursday, March 14 @ 10:30 am Puppet Show & Storytime @ Brodie

Missing our regular Read.Sing.Play. program? Drop-in for a puppet show and storytime! (all ages)

### Thursday, March 14 @ 2 pm Dreamcatcher Workshop\*

Come to the Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre to make your very own dreamcatcher and learn the meaning behind these gifts! All supplies provided. (all ages)

## County Park

### Monday, March 11 Sublime Sea Life Kit\*

Oceans and seas are busy places! Sign your child up for a Sublime Sea Life kit to learn more about this part of the natural world. Kits will contain activities, a craft, and books. (ages 0-12)

### Tuesday, March 12 @ 10 am DIY Conveyor Belt\*

Sign up for this STEM based activity - a do-it-yourself conveyor belt using household materials! (ages 4+)



# march break



## Waverley Auditorium

### Monday, March 11 @ 2:30 pm March Break with Mo\*

Join us for crafts, games and activities based on your favourite Mo Willem characters Pigeon, Elephant & Piggie, Nanette, Leonardo, Sam, and more! (ages 4-8)

### Tuesday, March 12 @ 2:30 pm Clifford the Big Red Dog Puppet Show and Party

Watch the puppet show Clifford and the Grouchy Neighbours and stay for BIG fun! After the puppet show, stay for crafts, games, and more! (all ages)

### Wednesday, March 13 @ 10:30 am & 2:30 pm Minute to Win it\*

Can you complete the various challenges in under one minute? Test yourself, get silly, and most importantly - have some fun! (ages 5+)

### Thursday, March 14 @ 2:30 pm Unicorn Party!\*

Get ready for all things unicorn and make your own fluffy unicorn slime, enjoy some activities, and have a magical time! (ages 3+)

### Friday, March 15 @ 10:30 am Pete the Cat, Partay!\*

Programs come and programs go. Do we cry? Goodness no! Join us to celebrate the coolest cat we know. Enjoy Pete the Cat stories, games, crafts and more! (ages 3+)

### Friday, March 15 @ 2:30 pm Are You a Questioneer?\*

Calling all architects, engineers, and scientists! Join us for various STEM-related activities inspired by your favourite questioners Ada Twist, Iggy Peck, and Rosie Revere. (ages 4+)

### Saturday, March 16 @ 2 pm Percy Jackson and the Olympians Camp Half Blood\*

Calling all Demi-gods! Translate your name into Greek, craft your very own shield, train to battle with monsters and enjoy Greek style treats! (ages 7+)

## March Break Murder Mystery Saturday, March 9 to Saturday, March 16 All Library locations During regular hours

There has been a murder at each TBPL branch! Find the clues hidden around the Library and unravel the mystery of whodunnit! Once you think you've solved the case, take a ballot and guess who the murderer is. Correct guesses will be entered into a prize draw! Each branch mystery is different - can you solve them all?

The Murder Mystery is designed for tweens and teens, and includes descriptions of death and violence. Younger children may participate at the discretion of their parents/caregivers, but will not be entered into the prize draw.\* (ages 12-18)



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# just for YOUTH



## Nicole Doesn't Know Anime!

Mary J.L. Black

Thursdays @ 5:30 pm - 7 pm

January 18 - Way of the House Husband

February 1 - Den-noh Coil

February 29 - Spy x Family

April 4 - Ace Attorney

She's embarrassed to admit it, but Nicole really doesn't know anime. Watch the show, eat Japanese snacks, and show Nicole how wrong her guesses are! Doors open at 4:15 pm. (ages 13-18)

## Rec Room

Mary J.L. Black

Thursdays @ 5:30 pm - 7 pm

February 15 - Mario Kart

February 22 - Karaoke

March 28 - Bandlab

Drop in and join the activity of the night. (grades 7-12)



## BYOCraft!

Mary J.L. Black

Thursdays @ 5:30 pm - 7 pm

February 8

March 21

April 18

Just like the title says - bring your own craft or project to the Library to tinker with and work on. Doors open at 4:15 pm. (grades 7-12)

## Exam Study Night

Mary J.L. Black

Thursday, January 25 @ 4 pm - 7:45 pm

Exams are upon us. Stop by for a quiet space to study with others. At 6 pm, we'll take a break and play JackboxTV. (grades 8-12)

## Minecraft

Mary J.L. Black or on Discord

Saturdays @ 3 pm - 4:45 pm

January 27

February 17

March 9 & 30

Play Minecraft (bedrock) and add to our growing community. Don't have a device or account? We can provide one at the event! A link to join will be shared via Discord (email [youth@tbpl.ca](mailto:youth@tbpl.ca) to join.) Grades 8-12

## YOUTH Action Council

Mary J.L. Black

Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

January 24

February 21

March 27

Earn volunteer hours and create a Library you want to visit! Attend and help out at meetings, discuss change, and help plan, attend, and promote Library events for YOUTH. Head to [www.tbpl.ca/youth](http://www.tbpl.ca/youth) to join. (ages 13-18)

## Discord YOUTH Server

Join our youth-only Discord server! Meet other Thunder Bay teens in a safe, welcoming digital community. Chat about games, memes, and upcoming events. Head to [www.tbpl.ca/youth](http://www.tbpl.ca/youth) to join. (ages 13-18)

## 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 8 by calling (807) 345-8275, online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar), or in person at any location. (ages 12-18)



# just for YOUTH



## YOUTH Knitters

Knit or crochet hats or scarves for those in need and get volunteer hours. Head to [www.tbpl.ca/youth](http://www.tbpl.ca/youth) to join. Looking to meet other knitters? Check out YOUTH Knitters - Sip and Stitch. (ages 13-18)

## YOUTH Social Squad

Mary J.L. Black

Saturdays @ 1:30 pm - 3 pm

January 27

February 17

March 9 & 30

April 20

Help plan, film and star in video content for the Library's Instagram! Head to [www.tbpl.ca/youth](http://www.tbpl.ca/youth) to join. (ages 13-18)

## YOUTH Review

Help your fellow readers by writing reviews of the books or movies you love (or hate) for community service hours. Head to [www.tbpl.ca/youth](http://www.tbpl.ca/youth) to join. (ages 13-18)

## YOUTH Knitters - Sip & Stitch

Brodie Studio 216

Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm - 7 pm

January 9

February 6

March 5

Get crafty and earn some high school volunteer hours! Once a month, YOUTH Knitter volunteers can come relax in the Brodie Studio, make friends, and sip on hot chocolate while they work on their knitting and crochet projects. Yarn, crochet hooks, and knitting needles are available upon request.

Interested in volunteering with YOUTH Knitters? Contact Kate at [youth@tbpl.ca](mailto:youth@tbpl.ca) or visit [www.tbpl.ca/youth](http://www.tbpl.ca/youth) (grades 9-12)

## Avonlea Study Hall

Brodie Studio 216

Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm - 7 pm

January 16, 23 & 30

February 13, 20 & 27

March 19 & 26

Looking for a quiet place to focus on your homework? The Avonlea Study Hall is a place where high school students can come and get their work done without distraction.

Need a place to get loud and let your energy out? Check out more YOUTH programming at [www.tbpl.ca/youth](http://www.tbpl.ca/youth) (grades 9-12)

## Mini Renaissance Faire

Mary J.L. Black

Friday, March 15 @ 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Hear ye, hear ye! The YOUTH Action Council formally invites you to trade trinkets and snacks, don your finest garb, make flower crowns, and more. (ages 13-21)

**NEW  
PROGRAM**

**Join these YOUTH programs - earn volunteer hours!**

# Indigenous programs



## Mini-Tipi Making Workshop\*

**Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre**  
Thursday, January 18 @ 2 pm

In this workshop, you will learn all about Tipis while making your very own miniature Tipi. Learn more about why Tipis were the shelter of choice by Indigenous people of the Great Plains. Registration required. All supplies provided. (all ages)

## Dreamcatcher Workshop\*

**Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre**  
Thursday, March 14 @ 2 pm

Come to the Brodie IKC to make your very own dreamcatcher and learn the meaning behind these gifts! Registration required. (all ages)

## Indigenous Action Council (IAC)

**Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre**  
Tuesdays @ 6 pm  
January 30  
February 27  
March 26

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 at our IAC consultation meetings. Email Craig at [cwaboose@tbpl.ca](mailto:cwaboose@tbpl.ca) for more information. Refreshments provided. (adults)

## NDN Book Club\*

**Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre**  
@ 3 pm - 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, January 16  
Friday, March 22

Join us every 2nd 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. (adults)

## TBIFC Children's Book Club

**Waverley Indigenous Knowledge Centre**  
Tuesdays @ 5 pm - 6 pm  
February 13  
March 19

Join us and the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre once a month for our children's book club, which helps improve literacy skills and features an Indigenous author and book titles. An activity will follow after the reading.

## Mini-Tikinagan Workshop\*

**Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre**  
Friday, February 2 @ 2 pm

Learn the history of the traditional tikinagan (aka cradleboard) used by Indigenous people throughout Turtle Island while making your own miniature tikinagan! All supplies are provided. Registration required. (all ages)

## Author Reading Featuring

### Tanya Talaga\*

Thursday, February 8 @ 6 pm  
**Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre**

Join award winning author, Tanya Talaga as she reads from a selection of her works.

Registration is required for this event. Seating will be limited to the first 120 people registered. The Brodie Library will open that evening exclusively for this event.

Register beginning January 2 online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar), by phone at (807) 345-8275 or in person at any Library location.



# adult programs



## Altered Art\*

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre  
Wednesdays @ 2 pm - 4 pm  
January 17  
March 20

Recycle and give new life to old paintings! This program will allow you to transform an ordinary piece of decor into your own work of art using a variety of materials. Supplies will be provided. Registration required. (adults 18+)

## Wet Your Plants\*

Foster a love of gardening and register for Wet Your Plants! Registration required. (adults 18+)

Children, be sure to check the Wet Your Plants program on page 9.

## Tomatoes\* - March 11

This tomato-themed take-home garden kit includes: a few tomato seeds, peat pellet starters, instructions, recipes, and a craft.

## Chives\* - April 2

Chives - Pickup starts April 2nd  
This simple chives kit will include: seeds, growing instructions, and a few recipes for you to enjoy!

## Bracelet Making

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre  
Wednesday, February 21 @ 2 pm - 4 pm

Need some time to relax? Looking for a new hobby? Heading to the Eras Tour? Drop in and make your own friendship bracelets! Beads and other materials will be provided. (all ages)

## Calling all Book Clubs!

Do you belong to a book club? If so, the Library wants to hear from you! Send your name and email address to [bookclub@tbpl.ca](mailto:bookclub@tbpl.ca), and we will send you the bi-monthly Book Club Hub newsletter and keep you informed of future author visits and other services for bookclubs. The Library will draw a name from all submissions and the winning book club will have a book club bag purchased in their honour. Submit your name by March 31 to be entered into the draw.



## Journey North with John Dunn

Waverley Auditorium  
Tuesday, March 26 @ 6 pm - 8 pm

Join us for an evening with veteran adventurer John Dunn! John's richly illustrated talk covers the series of paddling, hiking and skiing journeys he has made through Canada from south to north. John brings his adventures to life with stories, images and video from 400 days of wilderness expeditions; spanning 8,000 km from the British Columbia coast to the northernmost tip of Canada!



**\*Registration for events with an \* asterisk begins at 9:30 am two weeks prior to the program date by phone at (807) 345-8275, online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar) or in person at any Library location.**



# adult programs



**Author Reading:**  
**Margaret Schweitzer**  
Mary J.L. Black  
Community Program Room  
Saturday, January 20 @ 1 pm

Local Murillo author Margaret Schweitzer returns to the Library to read from her new novel, Miss Putnam's Garden.



**Community Paint Day\***  
Mary J.L. Black  
Community Program Room  
Thursday, February 8 @ 12 pm - 1 pm

Join us for a Community Paint Day sponsored by Chartwell Isabella Retirement Residence.

## Subscription Book Bags for Adults

Curated book bags for adults have returned! Register, and for the next 3 months a specially selected bag of books will be waiting for you to pick up from your chosen branch. Choose your genre and location, and we'll do the rest. If no genre is noted we will surprise you! Register beginning January 2 online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar), by phone at (807) 345-8275, or in person at any Library location. Pickup dates starting on January 29, February 26, and March 25. (adults)

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## Calling All Cooks - Cookbook Club

Mary J.L. Black  
Community Program Room  
Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm  
February 7 - Barefoot Contessa vs Jamie Oliver  
March 6 - Muffins and More

Join us for our monthly Cookbook Club! Register for a spot, and each month we will choose a cookbook that suits the theme. Try a few of the recipes and then we'll meet to review the books and discuss all your recipe results. Light refreshments will be served. Register beginning January 3 by phone at (807) 345-8275, online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar), or in person at any Library location. Pickup of the February cookbooks the week of January 15. (adults)

## Especially for 55+

### Wit Knits

Mary J.L. Black  
Thursdays @ 1:30 pm  
January 11 - March 28  
(no meeting March 14)

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 craft.

Wit Knits and Retirement Explorers are presented in partnership with



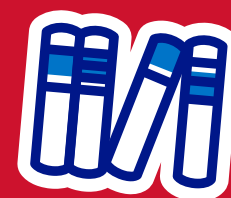
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### Retirement Explorers

Mary J.L. Black  
Fridays @ 1 pm  
January 26 - March 22  
(no meeting on March 15)

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

# adult programs



## The Brodie Files: True Crime Edition

Brodie

Wednesday, January 24 @ 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 28 @ 2:30 pm - 4 pm

Wednesday, March 27 @ 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 24 @ 2:30 pm - 4 pm

Fraud, bootlegging, robberies, hijackings and murder! The District of Thunder Bay has borne witness to many unique and interesting crime stories. Come join us at the Brodie Library to delve into these cases while also learning more about our local history collection. From horrifying to absurd, from dastardly to confusing, once a month we will dissect a notable crime from our city's past. Space is limited so you will need to register for this program (only one registration is required to attend all four sessions). Register beginning January 3 @ 9:30 am online at [www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar](http://www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar), in person at any location or by phone at (807) 345-8275.

Disclaimer: Due to the sensitive nature of this program, it is only offered to adults; crimes selected occurred prior to 1970.



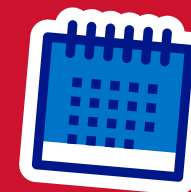
## Family History 1:1s

Brodie

Looking for some help with your family history research? Brodie Resource Library offers genealogical and local history resources to help you on your way! We are offering personalized 1-on-1 sessions for anyone who would like assistance getting started with local history research, or perhaps deciding on next steps in your quest. To set up an one hour session at the Brodie Resource Library please email [reference@tbpl.ca](mailto:reference@tbpl.ca) or phone (807) 345-8275 ext 7260.



# community



## Partnerships with Service Providers at Brodie

As a community gathering place 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 on a regular basis.

### Schedule:

#### Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre ... Mondays & Tuesdays 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Offers housing assistance (ie., short/long term emergency assistance, non-financial housing assistance), and community outreach & support services including mental health and addiction support for individuals not in supportive housing, basic needs support/referrals, case management, food security, employment, education & training supports.



#### 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 (807) 684-6813.





# strategic plan



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## OUR VISION

### our aspirational goal

Thunder Bay Public Library provides the community with inspiring and vibrant gathering spaces where anyone can achieve a lifetime of learning, build community, grow as a person, and fulfill endless possibilities.



## OUR VALUES

### our core beliefs

Access & Sharing  
Diversity & Inclusion  
Innovation & Opportunity  
High Quality Service  
Collaboration  
Intellectual Freedom



## Strategic Objectives 2024 - 2028

### Facility Revitalization

TBPL will implement the vision of the TBPL Master Facilities Plan to achieve a modern, accessible, and impactful 21st century Public Library system that will provide social, economic, educational and cultural spaces for all members of the community.

### Innovative Service Culture

TBPL will develop and sustain a culture of innovation that supports creative thinking and advances efforts to generate new and improved customer service, products, and processes that are driven by research and data.

### Knowledge Sharing

TBPL will foster an environment that encourages lifelong learning, advances literacy in all forms, and encourages the sharing of knowledge among community members and staff.

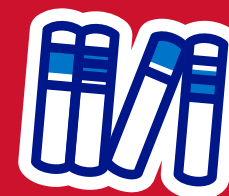
### Indigenous Collaboration

TBPL will advance reconciliation and relationship building with the Indigenous community by integrating Indigeneity into all major aspects of the Library. We will collaborate, consult and partner with members in the Indigenous community to achieve authentic and meaningful outcomes.

### Cultivate Library Membership

The Library will experiment with bold new ideas and methods to attract new members and improve the visitor experience overall.





## Friends Used Bookstore Grand Opening

On October 17, 2023, the Friends of the Thunder Bay Public Library celebrated the Grand Opening of their Bookstore in its new space on the lower level of the Brodie Library.

The Friends are excited to welcome everyone to browse the selections of books, vinyl records, CDs and DVDs for sale. All the items in the store have generously been donated by members of the community and the shelves also feature items that are no longer needed at Public Library branches.

The Bookstore is open from Monday to Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and is staffed by volunteer members of the Friends. The funds raised through the sale of books and other items at the Bookstore are donated to the Thunder Bay Public Library to help fund new collections, programs and other items that enhance Library service to the community.

The Friends thanked the Board of the Library for providing a beautiful new home for the Friends Bookstore. During the move and set-up, the staff of the Library has been there, smoothing our way and welcoming us to our new home.

A cheque presentation was also a highlight of the Grand Opening. A cheque for \$12,000 was presented to the Head Librarian, Ruth Hamlin-Douglas. Ms Hamlin Douglas thanked the Friends for their efforts and their continued dedication and support of the Library.



## Book Store Hours of Operation Brodie Library, Lower Level

Monday - Friday ..... 10 am - 4 pm  
Saturday & Sunday ..... Closed  
Statutory holidays ..... Closed

This schedule relies on the availability of bookstore volunteers. Hours are subject to change. For more information call the book store at (807) 684-6810.

## Buck-a-Bag Used Book Sales Friends Used Book Store Brodie Library, Lower Level 10 am to 4 pm

January 24, 25 & 26  
February 21, 22 & 23  
March 20, 21 & 22

## Upcoming Bingo Dates

Monday, January 1 ..... 11 am - 1 pm  
Friday, February 2 ..... 11 am - 1 pm  
Friday, February 2 ..... 1 pm - 3 pm  
Saturday, March 23 ..... 3 pm - 5 pm



# sweepstakes winners



## Sign Up For A Library Card!

Sign Up for Your Free Library Card Today!

There are three options to get your own Library card:

### Option 1:

**Apply for an eServices Library card online at [www.tbpl.ca/mycard](http://www.tbpl.ca/mycard)**

This option will get you signed up for an eServices card, which will let you use our online resources right away!

### Option 2:

**Apply for a Library Card in person at any Library location**

Please bring ID to confirm your address. Library cards are free for people who live in Thunder Bay, Fort William First Nation, Lappe and Shuniah (through service agreements).

### Option 3:

**Apply by email for an eServices card**

Apply for a Library Card by emailing [comments@tbpl.ca](mailto:comments@tbpl.ca) with your name, address, date of birth, and phone number and we will issue you an eServices card.

Call us at (807) 345-8275 during hours of operation and we would be happy to assist you!

## Student Sweepstakes Prizes Awarded!

A huge thank you to Vince and Alex Mirabelli from RE/MAX First Choice Realty Ltd for sponsoring this year's Student Sweepstakes. We had almost 1000 people sign up and borrow books from our four branches in the months of September and October.

Alonso visited every branch in October and borrowed (and read!) almost 100 books in his quest to win the Nintendo Switch! This was only slightly more than his average reading however; Alonso's mom said she brings all of her children to the Library two to three times a week. It's like a second home for them! The family is featured on our front cover.

Our other winner, Katya, was really excited to learn she had won the laptop. When receiving her prize she told us that she already had a laptop, so was going to give it to her friend who really needed one.

We are so happy for Alonso and Katya and loved seeing all the young faces in our Libraries during the Student Membership Drive. Both prizes were generously sponsored by Vince and Alex Mirabelli at RE/MAX First Choice Realty Ltd.



(l to r) Vince Mirabelli, Alonso, and Alex Mirabelli



(l to r) Vince Mirabelli, Katya, and Alex Mirabelli





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(807) 346-0307 or toll free (866)-870-2387

[aets@aets.org](mailto:aets@aets.org)

**BIINJITIWAABIK ZAAGING ANISHINAABEK (Rocky Bay)**

**BINGWI NEYAASHI ANISHINAABEK (Sand Point)**

**KIASHKE ZAAGING ANISHINAABEK (Gull Bay)**

**NETMIZAAGGAMIG NISHNAABEG (Pic Mobert)**

**ANIMBIIGOO ZAAGI'IGAN ANISHINAABEK (Lake Nipigon)**

**RED ROCK INDIAN BAND**

**MICHIPICOTEN FIRST NATION**

**PAYS PLAT FIRST NATION**

**BIIGTIGONG NISHNAABEG (Pic River)**

## INDIGENOUS LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION SURVEY

AETS is collecting information through our survey to help identify workforce gaps and needs, and to better match First Nations people with the right training and jobs. If you complete the survey, we will give you a \$10 gift card and enter you into our monthly draw for \$150 for your community.

### **To be eligible you should**

- Be 15 years old or older.
- Belong to one of the First Nation communities listed.
- Have not done the survey in ten months. After 10 months you can do it again and update your info.

Already completed the survey in the past 10 months, ask about the LMI referral program!



[aets.org/lmi](https://aets.org/lmi)  
or scan the QR code