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TD Summer Reading Club

The TD Summer Reading Club is Canada's biggest bilingual summer reading program for kids 0 to 12. The Club celebrates Canadian authors, illustrators and stories, and inspires kids to explore the fun of reading their way. This is key to building a lifelong love of reading.

"It has been demonstrated that kids who read over the summer retain and build on the literacy skills that they have been practising during the school year."

Your child will receive a free notebook and stickers to track their reading. TBPL will also have fun activities and initiatives for kids to take part in throughout the summer, culminating in a celebration party!

There's something for everyone ages 0 to 12 and their families.

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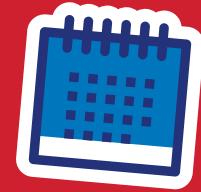


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Online www.tbpl.ca

hours & more



Hours of Operation

Waverley Community Hub

285 Red River Road

Monday & Tuesday 9:30 am - 8 pm

Wednesday to Saturday 9:30 am - 5 pm

County Park Community Hub

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 Community Hub

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 Community Hub

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

A young library member reading at Waverley Library.



Holiday Closures

- June 30 & July 1 - Canada Day
- August 7 - Civic Holiday
- September 4 - Labour Day

Come visit the Library booth at the Teddy Bears Picnic July 11 @ Vickers Park



Bookstore Moving to Brodie

The Friends of the Library Used Bookstore is moving to the Brodie Library. Watch for a grand opening celebration this Fall!

ComicsPlus

ComicsPlus is a portal with unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels and manga: no holds or wait times - ever!



ComicsPlus is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with your Library card. Read comics on your computer, tablet or smartphone!

Browse ComicsPlus by age range, genre, publisher or title. Find the latest comics from publishers like Dark Horse, Boom! Studios, TokyoPop, Dynamite, Papercutz and more.



CEO message



Summer is an amazing time at the Library. We have tons of wonderful programs for all ages to help make your summer great. As parents sign up their youngsters for summer camps, don't forget to register for the TD Summer Reading Club. The summer slide is real, as children who don't practice their reading fall behind when September rolls around. Enrolling your child in the TD Summer Reading Club is the best way to keep them engaged and to cultivate a love of reading. The library has you covered with fun activities, games, a free notebook, stickers and prizes to help keep your kid motivated.

Our new round of Reading Buddies was a smashing success this spring as volunteers paired with children in grades 2 and 3 to help them become more confident readers. One-on-one reading support, supervised by trained library staff, is one of the best ways to get ahead and bump up your child's reading scores. Don't wait - sign up in August for our fall session for children in grades 1, 2 and 3 to ensure you get a spot in this program that is critical to your child's future. For older kids, we have Science North programs, LEGO

play days, Craftapaloozas and Construction World where you can be up close to an excavator and articulate loader while learning through construction themed activities.

Library staff are working hard this summer to ensure we have the physical space and right locations to provide you with all the programs you need to keep your children safe, fun and engaged all year round. On June 26, the Library goes to City Council to present our new Master Facilities Plan. It's an exciting new vision for TBPL and one that has the potential to mean an amazing new space in the heart of our community.

The Library has a mission deemed so vital to our collective well-being that it's been publicly funded across North America for over 150 years. We honour our past by investing in the future and providing our children, youth and seniors with opportunities to create new memories in places they can be proud of. For the full Master Facilities Plan outlining the renewal of your Library system please visit our website at www.tbpl.ca/facility-planning



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Other Things You Can Borrow!

Museum and Art Gallery passes
Ontario Provincial Park passes
Garden tools



readers rock



Reading Buddies FALL Program

Waverley Library

Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm or 6:30 pm

September 12 - October 24

Let's help children in grades 1, 2 and 3 become better and more confident readers! Join the Reading Buddies Program! The Thunder Bay Public Library Reading Buddies Program is a volunteer-based, early literacy program designed to assist and encourage children in grades 1, 2 and 3 to become great readers. This free program provides children with one-on-one reading with a supportive and screened volunteer. For more information email readingbuddies@tbpl.ca

Registration Information for Volunteers and Participants

Register beginning on the dates detailed below, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person at any location, or by calling (807) 345-8275.

Volunteers: opens Tuesday, August 1 @ 9:30 am

Participants: opens Tuesday, August 22 @ 9:30 am



A program to help children in grades 1, 2 and 3 become more confident and motivated readers.

TD Summer Reading Club

Registration Details (continued from front cover)

Registration for the TD Summer Reading Club is open now. Pick up of prizes and incentives will be available weekly beginning July 3 at any library location. Register online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in-person at any library location or by calling (807) 345-8275.

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Special thanks to the generous local supporters of the 2023 TD Summer Reading Club!



programs for kids



Puppy Perks Storytime

Brodie Programming Room
Tuesdays @ 10 am
July 18
August 1, 15 & 29

Families, come join us for a bi-weekly 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!

Drag Queen Storytime

Mary J.L Black Reading Garden
(inside if raining)
Saturday, August 26 @ 2:30 pm

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

Craftpalooza

Waverley Auditorium
Tuesday, August 22 @ 2:30 pm

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

Imagineering with Science North

Waverley Auditorium
July 25 @ 1 pm - 4 pm

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room
August 3 @ 12 pm - 3 pm
(science demonstration at 1 pm in the Reading Garden)

Brodie Programming Room
August 24 @ 1 pm - 4 pm

Test your Imagineering skills with Science North's exciting hands-on and interactive stations! Visitors will use the engineering method to brainstorm, design, and test various challenges. From building and testing your very own race car and marble tracks, to learning about electricity by building circuits, this event is sure to engage future engineers of all ages!

Gold Panning

Mary J.L. Black Reading Garden
Thursdays @ 1 pm - 3 pm
July 13 & August 17

*Rain location - Community Program Room

Drop in and try your hand at panning for gold with the Ontario Geological Survey's Resident Geologist Program. Participants will get to bring home a sample.

Northern Nature Trading

Mary J.L. Black

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

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

HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesday5 pm - 7 pm

Thursday3 pm - 5 pm

Saturday10 am - 12 pm

NOTE: July 13 & August 17 will be open from 2 pm - 5 pm

Northern Nature Trading is funded in part by



programs for kids



Baby Time

Waverley Auditorium
Thursdays @ 11:15 am & 1:15 pm
July 6 - August 24
NOTE: no program August 3

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

Window Painting

County Park
Friday, July 7 @ 10 am
Tuesday, August 1 @ 10 am

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

Read. Sing. Play.

Brodie Programming Room
Thursdays @ 10:30 am
July 6 - August 24
(NOTE: July 27 will be a drop-in playtime, no storytime)

Mary J.L. Black
Reading Garden
Children's Program Room (if raining)
Fridays @ 10:30 am
July 7 - August 18

Children and their family or caregivers will enjoy this 100% literacy-based drop in storytime combining stories, music and rhymes, crafts and play. Just drop in!

Blissful Beading

County Park
Thursdays @ 3 pm
July 6 - August 31

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

Craftpalooza

Mary J.L. Black Reading Garden
Thursday, July 27 @ 2 pm - 4 pm

Drop in to create a masterpiece of your very own! (Rain location - Community Program Room)

your hub for games & play



Drop-in Playtime @ Brodie

Programming Room
Tuesdays @ 10 am - 12 pm
July 4, 11 & 25
August 8 & 22

Drop into Brodie Tuesday mornings for unstructured play time! All ages welcome.

Play Day @ Mary J

Reading Garden
Children's Program Room (if raining)
Fridays from 11:30 am - 4 pm
July 7 - August 18
Extra date: August 25 from 10 am - 4 pm

Drop in for free play and socialization after Read. Sing. Play. (all ages)
NOTE: Play Day will be held in the Reading Garden (weather permitting).

Play Day @ Waverley

Auditorium
Fridays from 10 am - 4 pm
July 7 - August 25

Every Friday the children's playroom will be open for free play!

programs for kids



Barbie World*

Waverley Auditorium

Monday, July 10 @ 2:30 pm

It's a Barbie world! Dress up and bring your Barbie to the library. Make outfits, dance and play games. (all ages)

Out of this World*

Waverley Auditorium

Wednesday, August 2 @ 10:30 am

How do you organize a space party? You planet! Celebrate the Perseid's meteor show. Explore bottle and balloon rocket science. How are craters formed? Make a craft, play space games and explode some moon rocks! (ages 5-8)

Jurassic World*

Waverley Auditorium

Monday, August 14 @ 2:30 pm

Stomp, crunch and smash your way into this dinosaur party! Dig up fossils, create your very own unique dinosaur and keep an eye out for any dinosaurs that may have gotten out of their pen. (all ages)

Construction World

Waverley Auditorium

Monday, July 24 @ 10:30 am

Bang! Boom! Crash! It's construction season in Thunder Bay. "Loader" your kids in the car to dig into a good book and construct a craft then join us outside in the back area of Waverley Library and Everest Funeral Home for a demonstration of a mini excavator or articulate loader from ITEC. (all ages)



Puppet Show: The Frog Prince

Waverley Auditorium

Tuesday, July 4 @ 2:30 pm

Puppet show and craft. (all ages)

Sleeping Giant Exotic Reptile Show

Waverley Auditorium

Tuesday, July 18 @ 1 pm - 4 pm

Join us for presentations and up close interactive viewing of turtles, snakes, lizards and more. Presentations will be held at 1 pm and 3 pm with interactive viewing for one hour in between. (all ages)

Free tickets are required and will be available starting on Tuesday, July 4 at 9:30 am.

Puppet Show: Strega Nona

Waverley Auditorium

Tuesday, August 1 @ 2:30 pm

Puppet show and craft. (all ages)

Puppet Show: Who Wants Arthur

Waverley Auditorium

Tuesday, August 8 @ 2:30 pm

Puppet show and craft. (all ages)

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your hub for fun & learning



programs for kids



Summer Book Bags for Kids - August Edition

These bags are perfect for bringing to camp, and a great way to keep the kids reading over the summer! Each bag contains 4-8 children's library books checked out to your card, and 4 activities to keep your child busy. Register beginning July 10 online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person, or by calling (807) 345-8275. Pick up at your chosen location beginning August 1.

Gross Out Kits!*

July 24

Explore all things goopy and oozy! From foul facts about the human body, to sloppy slime, this take-home kit is sure to be a hit! (for ages 4+). Pick up kits beginning July 24.

Royalty Kits!

August 21

Do you have a precious prince or princess at home? Sign them up for one of our Royalty Kits! Enjoy stories and activities about all kinds of royals (human or otherwise) as well as a craft! (for ages 12 and under)

Register beginning August 8 online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, at any library location or by calling (807) 345-8275. Pick-up starts August 21.

THINK Hub Drop-In

Brodie

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

July 5 & 19

August 2 & 16

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, heavy pieces, etc and is not suitable for babies, toddlers, or any children still putting pieces in their mouths. Please keep little ones in the general Children's area to keep them safe.

Emergency, Emergency!

County Park

Tuesday, July 18 @ 10:15 am

Come and tour a pumper truck and meet the people who keep us safe. Meet inside the library first. All ages, no registration required. **Please be advised, as this is an emergency service, on rare occasions, due to unforeseen circumstances, cancellations may occur.

Games and LEGO Fun for Kids

Brodie Programming Room

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

July 12 & 26

August 9 & 23

Build a tower, a house, or a pirate ship! Play some cards, or play a board game. Families are invited to join us for a drop-in games/LEGO extravaganza. All ages welcome, but there will be small pieces!

LEGO Play @ Mary J

Mary J.L. Black

Children's Program Room

Mondays from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

July 31 & August 28

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



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programs for kids



Baby Prints

Mary J.L. Black
Community Program Room
Tuesdays @ 1:30 pm
July 4 & August 8

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

Big Boreal Adventure

Big Boreal Adventure is now available at the Thunder Bay Public Library!

Big Boreal Adventure Guidebooks are free, nature based scavenger hunts around our city. There are over 35 sites to explore that are marked with cedar rubbing posts. Big Boreal Adventure is a great way to help you get out and explore!



Simple Stories

County Park
Mondays @ 10 am
July 3 - August 28
(no program on August 7)

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

Little Sprouts*

Foster a love of gardening and register your child for Little Sprouts! Adults, please see the Wet Your Plants program on page 10.

Beans - July 10*

This child-friendly version of our bean-themed garden kit includes: seeds, growing instructions, recipes, activities, and activities to enjoy together. Pickup kit starting July 10.

Spinach - July 31*

This child-friendly version of our spinach-themed garden kit includes: seeds, growing instructions, recipes and activities to enjoy together. Pickup kit starting July 31.

Playgrounds Storytime

Wednesdays @ 1:30 pm

TBPL staff will be visiting the City of Thunder Bay Playgrounds sites this summer! Each week we will visit a different site and deliver an outdoor storytime to program participants. Visit www.thunderbay.ca for more information on the Playgrounds program.

Playgrounds Storytime schedule is:

South Side

Wayland Rink Shack - July 12
Elsie Magill - August 2
West Arthur Community Centre - August 9
McKellar Park - August 16

North Side

Oliver Road Community Centre - July 5
Current River Rink Shack - July 19
Volunteer Pool Community Centre - July 26
North McIntyre Community Centre - August 23



*Registration begins at 9:30 am two weeks prior to the program date by phone at (807) 345-8275, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar or in person at any library location.

programs for adults



Wet Your Plants*

Do you have a green thumb, or just wish you had one and don't know where to start? Then this is the program for you. Children, please see the Little Sprouts program on page 6.

Beans - July 10*

The perfect snack fresh from the garden! This bean-themed garden kit includes: some green bean seeds, canning/pickling instructions, and a craft! Pick up kit starting July 10.

Spinach - July 31*

It's green and it's good for you! This spinach-themed garden kit includes: some spinach seeds, growing instructions, a recipe or two, and a special Wet Your Plants surprise. Pick up kit starting July 31.

***Registration begins at 9:30 am two weeks prior to the program date by phone at (807) 345-8275, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar or in person at any library location.**

Libraries Rock! Painting*

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Fridays @ 2 pm - 4 pm
July 14 & 28
August 18

Create a decoration for your garden beds, a knick-knack for that empty shelf at camp, or a thoughtful gift for a friend. Join us and explore your creative side during this summer rock painting program! Beginner friendly! Refreshments provided! (adults 18+)



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 selected branch starting on the last Monday of July, August, and September. Choose your genre and location, and we'll do the rest. If no genre is noted we will surprise you! Please note - if you do not know your library card number enter 12345 and staff will contact you. Register beginning July 3, in person at any location, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, or by calling (807) 345-8275.

Calling All Cooks - Cookbook Club

Mary J.L. Black
Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm
September 6 - Vegan/Vegetarian
October 4 - Cultural Exploration
November 1 - Comfort Cooking
December 6 - Seasonal Celebrations

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.

Register beginning August 2, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person at any location or by calling (807) 345-8275. Pick up of the first meeting's cookbooks begins August 14. Light refreshments will be served.

Family History 1:1s

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 1-on-1 sessions. To set up an hour session at the Brodie Resource Library please email reference@tbpl.ca or phone (807) 345-8275 ext. 7260.

Indigenous programs



NDN Book Club*

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Thursdays @ 1 pm

- July 13
- August 3
- September 7

Join us once a month as we explore some of the titles and authors in our Indigenous Knowledge Centre's collection. We will be reading together and discussing the content as a group after each chapter.

Indigenous Action Council*

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Tuesdays @ 6 pm

- July 25
- August 29
- September 26

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

Contact Craig at cwaboose@tbpl.ca or (807) 345-8275 ext 7252 for more information.

Revitalizing the Waverley IKC

On Monday, June 12, Codesign, Sheridan College's furniture students, members of the local Indigenous community and Thunder Bay Public Library staff unveiled the new, custom made furnishings built for the purpose of revitalizing the Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC) at Waverley.

The Library welcomed the third year students from Sheridan College's furniture program to Thunder Bay in January 2023 to work with the local Indigenous community to co-design furniture specifically for the IKC space.



Building relationships, sharing ideas and making decisions collaboratively between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities are at the heart of this project. The students and local collaborators captured the spirit of the Indigenous community and this is now reflected in each of the furniture pieces. Together, they created a dynamic space within the Waverley Library - a space for everyone to enjoy. We are grateful to the John Andrews Foundation and the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel for their support of this project.

Dreamcatcher Workshop*
Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Friday, July 21 @ 1 pm - 4 pm

Come to the Brodie IKC to make your very own dreamcatcher and learn the meaning behind these gifts!

Indigenous Bookmark Making Workshop*

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Thursday, August 17 @ 1 pm - 3 pm

Avid readers - sign up today to make your very own Indigenous bookmark!

*Registration begins at 9:30 am two weeks prior to the program date by phone at (807) 345-8275, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar or in person at any library location.

just for YOUTH



Volunteer Opportunities

For more information or to join go to www.tbpl.ca/youth

YOUTH Get Gardening

Mary J.L. Black Reading Garden

Sign up to plant, weed, and water flowers at Mary J.L. Black and earn volunteer hours.

YOUTH Knitters

Knit or crochet hats or scarves for those in need and get volunteer hours.

YOUTH Review

Help your fellow readers by writing reviews of the books, or movies you love (or loathe) for community service hours.

Nicole Doesn't Know Anime!

Mary J.L. Black

Community Program Room

July 6 @ 4:30 pm - Demon Slayer

August 3 @ 4:30 pm - Fruit Basket

She's embarrassed to admit it, but Nicole really doesn't know anime. After listening to her attempt to describe the characters and plot, tell her just how wrong she is, eat Japanese snacks, and watch a few episodes of the show! (grades 7-12)

Rec Room

Mary J.L. Black

Thursdays @ 4:15 pm

July 13

August 10, 17 & 24

Waverley

Mondays @ 4:15 pm

Starting July 3

(no program July 17 & 24, August 7)

Drop in and join the activity of the night such as gaming, arts and crafts, sports and more. Check the online calendar for a more details. (grades 7-12)

Writers' Club

Mary J.L. Black

Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

July 6, August 3 & 17

Flex your writing muscles! Come to the Library for a no-judgement writers' club. Visit www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar for dates. (grades 8-12)



Minecraft

Waverley Library and / or Discord

Mondays @ 6 pm - 8 pm

July 3 - August 28

(no program July 17 & 24, August 7)

Play Minecraft (bedrock) in creative or survival mode, and add to our growing community. Join with your own device/account in person at Waverley or virtually on Discord. (grades 7-12)

Email youth@tbpl.ca to join Discord! A link to join will be shared via Discord.

Minecraft (Grade 4-7)

via Zoom

Tuesdays @ 5 pm - 6 pm

July 4 - August 29

Join the TBPL Minecraft Realm (bedrock) weekly on Tuesdays from 5-6 pm to play creative or survival mode. A link to join the Realm and optional Zoom chat will be shared via email. (grades 4-7) Participants 13 or older -- check out Minecraft (grade 8-12)* Email youth@tbpl.ca to sign up

your hub for teen fun

