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2023
APRIL - JUNE



Every Day is Earth Day @ Your Library!

April 22nd is Earth Day, but did you know that libraries around the country celebrate it on a daily basis? Libraries play an important and unique role in promoting community awareness about resilience, climate change, and a sustainable future. In this world of overconsumption, we value a sharing economy. Why spend your hard earned dollars on items that are readily available at your local library?

There is no challenge greater in the world today than climate change. Our commitment to changing our habits isn't something that should happen only on Earth Day, it has to be an ongoing and sustained effort. Thunder Bay Public Library is leading by example, taking steps to reduce our environmental footprint and promoting sustainability. See page 20 for a myriad of ways that we are helping to address climate change.

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Public Library**

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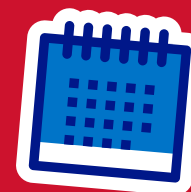
Just for
YOUTH



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Programs
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hours & more



Hours of Operation

Waverley Community Hub

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

County Park Community Hub

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

Brodie Community Hub

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

Mary J.L. Black Community Hub

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

ON THE COVER

A young library member checks out Northern Nature Trading at Mary J.L. Black Library.



Holiday Closures

- **April 7** - Good Friday
- **April 10** - Easter Monday
- **May 22** - Victoria Day
- **June 30 & July 1** - Canada Day

Change to Hours of Operation

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

Brodie Library will close at 3:30 pm on:

- **April 21**

Closed for Staff Development Day

Please note that ALL Library locations will be closed on **Friday, May 12** for staff development.



New Head Librarian, Ruth Hamlin-Douglas

The Thunder Bay Public Library is pleased to announce that Ruth Hamlin-Douglas joined our Management team as Head Librarian on March 13. Ruth has lived in Thunder Bay since she joined the Library team in 2006 and has developed strong relationships with the staff team and the community. Please join us in giving Ruth a warm welcome!



CEO message



Thanks to the huge level of public support the community showed for the Library, we had a very successful 2023 budget. We reversed a 15% cut to our capital budget and ensured that your Library has the funding it needs to continue to deliver the services you expect. A special thank you to City Council for listening to Thunder Bay voters and acknowledging the critical role the Library plays in community life. I'd also like to extend a personal thank you to everyone who wrote to or spoke with their elected officials to voice your support for the Library. Your passion and actions are what fuel us.

We have a very exciting year ahead but before we move forward it's worth reflecting on the hard years we are leaving behind. The past few years have seen many struggle coping with the pandemic, economic turmoil, supply chain shortages, an opioid crisis and intense pressures on our emergency services, first responders and essential workers. We see all of this first hand at the Library as many come to us

when they need to rely on free services and crave a warm and welcoming space.

To help respond to community needs we hired two Safer Spaces Technicians last year. These staff members help ensure that everyone feels safe in the Library and can provide compassionate care and guidance to those who need it most. As a result of this program, the Library saw a 58% decrease in incidents and an 80% decrease in calls to emergency services. This means safe libraries for our patrons and a reduced workload for our police and EMS. Investments in Library services pay huge dividends for all of us.

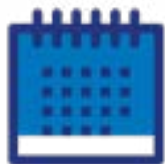
As we look to the future, the Library is developing a new Master Facilities Plan. This is a once in a generation effort to reimagine our Library system. In the next couple of months, we'll be engaging the community in public consultations to discuss the idea of a new central Library branch and the development of a constellation of neighbourhood size libraries. We



Dr. Richard Togman, CEO

need your input to build our future and to determine how to best deliver Library services to everyone in Thunder Bay on a budget that the community is willing to pay for. I am very much looking forward to speaking with you all and to building a Library system our city is proud of.

In 2022, your Library ...



hosted
1,197
programs
free to the public



28,188
people
attended
programs



112,050
uses of
WiFi

TBPL Board



Introducing the Board Chair and Vice-Chair 2022 - 2026



Carol Grieve, Chair

Retired after a forty year career as a teacher and elementary school administrator, Carol was born and raised in Thunder Bay. A lifelong learner, Carol received both her Bachelor of Arts degree and her Masters of Education in Curriculum Studies from Lakehead University. She is a long time Library member and avid reader.

From her career and life experience, she knows that the ongoing task of contributing to improve the quality and accessibility of literacy, and serving community needs, is of the utmost importance.

Carol feels privileged to work with the Board Members of the Thunder Bay Public Library to meet their long term vision and accomplish the strategic plan in order to serve the community of Thunder Bay.



Jane Todd, Vice-Chair

Jane is a lifelong resident of Thunder Bay with a passion for reading and for learning. She believes that education and reading both make a critical difference in one's life.

Jane retired after a lengthy career at Ontario Power Generation which focused on environmental management as well as human resource and project management. Her retirement activities include continued public service as a member of the City's Earthcare Advisory Committee.

Jane is honoured to have been selected to serve as a Board member again. She is excited about the many programs at Thunder Bay Public Library that are aimed at increasing the relevance of the Library in the community.

TBPL Board Members

Carol Grieve, Chair
Jane Todd, Vice-Chair
Charmaine McCraw
Kelly Fettes
Michael Zussino, City Councillor
Sarah Lewis
Syed Kabir
Richard Togman, CEO, Secretary/Treasurer

There are currently two vacancies on the Library Board that will be filled in the spring.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

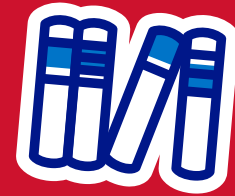
Waverley Auditorium

Thursdays @ 5 pm

- April 13
- May 11
- June 8

Meetings are open to the public. Please contact Mary Akis at 684-6803 if you wish to attend and have any accessibility needs.

new stuff



Adult

The House of Wolves by James Patterson & Mike Lupica

Love, Clancy: Diary of A Good Dog by W. Bruce Cameron

More Than Meets the Eye by Iris Johansen & Roy Johansen

3 Days to Live by James Patterson

The Girls who Disappeared: A Novel by Claire Douglas



New Book Clubs in a Bag

Ayesha at Last by Uzma Jalaluddin

Counterfeit by Kirstin Chen

The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn

Exit West by Mohsin Hamid

The Orange Shirt Story

by Phyllis Webstad

The Thursday Murder Club

by Richard Osman

The Seven Husbands of

Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

When We Were Young and Brave

by Hazel Gaynor

Blood Water Paint by Joy McCullough



Ten copies of the same title are in each bag. Are you interested in all things Book Club? Subscribe to our Book Club Hub newsletter at bookclub@tbpl.ca

Non-fiction

There's No Such Thing As Bad Weather: A Scandinavian Mom's Secrets for Raising Healthy, Resilient, and Confident Kids by Linda Åkeson McGurk

Survival of the Richest: Escape Fantasies of the Tech Billionaires by Douglas Rushkoff

Feed These People: Slam-dunk Recipes For Your Crew by Jen Hatmaker

Offbeat: 100 Amazing Places Away from the Tourist Trail

Frozen Planet II: A World of Wonder Beyond the Ice by Mark Brownlow & Elizabeth White



DVDs

Friends and Strangers

Father of the Bride

Gigi & Nate

Amsterdam

Don't Worry Darling



YOUTH

Better Than We Found It: Conversations to Help Save the World by Frederick Joseph & Porsche Joseph

Beneath the Surface: A Teen's Guide to Reaching out When You or Your Friend is in Crisis by Kristi Hugstad

Stuff That Sucks: A Teen's Guide to Accepting What You Can't Change and Committing to What

You Can by Ben Sedley

The Luminaries

by Susan Dennard



Children

Supercat by Nick Bruel

Honey Bee: A First Field Guide to the World's Favorite Pollinating Insect by Dr. Priyadarshini Chakrabarti Basu

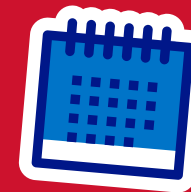
1000 Hours Outside: Activities to Match Screen Time with Green Time by Ginny Yurich

Get to Know Money: A Fun, Visual Guide to How Money Works and How to Manage It by Kalpana Fitzpatrick

5-Minute Baby Animal Stories
National Geographic Kids



community



Partnerships with Service Providers at Brodie

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

Schedule:

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

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

NorWest Community Health Centres ... Wednesdays 1 pm - 3 pm

Offers wound care and assessments, help with clothing referrals, Narcan training, and information about other community resources.

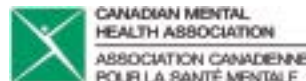
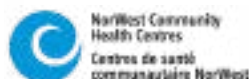
Alpha Court ... Thursdays 1 pm - 4 pm

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

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

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

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



NEW! Art Gallery Passes are Now Available for Free at the Library!

The Library is now loaning out free passes for the Thunder Bay Art Gallery thanks to a new partnership.



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ART GALLERY

The pass may be checked out with your library card at any library location at no cost! The pass allows for free admission for you and up to three guests. It cannot be combined with any other offer or discount and is not valid for event registration.

Special thanks to the Thunder Bay Art Gallery for this amazing opportunity for library members to see the exhibitions at the Gallery.

FREE PASSES

Free passes are also available for the Thunder Bay Museum at all library locations.



adult programs



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. Register online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar or by calling 345-8275. Children, please see the Little Sprouts program on page 17.

Tomatoes - April 24

Who doesn't love a freshly picked, juicy tomato? This tomato-themed April garden kit includes: a few tomato seeds, peat pellet starters, instructions, recipes, and a gardening book from our collection to help you develop your green thumb. Registration starts April 3, with kit pickup starting April 24 at your selected branch.

Pumpkins - May 8

Start planning now for Thanksgiving and Hallowe'en fun. This pumpkin-themed May garden kit includes: seeds, soil, growing instructions, recipes, and more. Registration starts April 17, with kit pickup starting May 8 at your selected branch.

Flower Power - June 5

Flower season is finally here. This flower-themed June garden kit includes: some sunflower seeds to brighten your garden, a recipe or two, and a craft. Registration starts May 15, with kit pickup starting June 5 at your selected branch.



Especially for 55+

Wit Knits

Mary J.L. Black
Thursdays @ 1:30 pm
April 6, 13, 20 & 27

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

Wit Knits and Retirement Explorers are presented in partnership with



RECREATION & CULTURE DIVISION

Retirement Explorers

Mary J.L. Black
Fridays @ 1 pm
April 14, 21 & 28

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

your hub for fun & learning



adult programs



Local History & Genealogy

Are you curious about your family history, the history of Thunder Bay, local businesses, schools, or even your house? The local history & genealogy collection at the Thunder Bay Public Library has been in development since the early 1900s. The resources include everything from newspapers on microfilm (dating back to 1875) to social indexes, city directories, maps, rare books, and photographs.

We also have an extensive online collection of resources and guides to help you get started. Check out these two pages on our website for more information:

www.tbpl.ca/localhisandgen and
www.tbpl.ca/collections

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 or phone 345-8275 ext 7260.

National Canadian Film Day with Vox Popular Media Arts Film - Angry Inuk

Mary J.L. Black

Community Program Room

Wednesday, April 19 @ 6 pm

We all know about the terrible “brutality” of the Arctic seal hunt - or do we? Turns out there are other sides to this story: it’s the story of families that need to be fed, the story of a hunting practice that began centuries ago and the story of a tradition that is central to the economy and food security of Inuit communities in the Canadian Arctic. Angry Inuk contains a story that’s over 4,000 years old.



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 the month. Packages 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 is a limited number at each location. For more information visit www.tbpl.ca/tbpl-spice-club



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digital literacy



adult programs



Calling All Cooks

Mary J.L. Black

Community Program Room

Cookies - May 3 @ 5:30 pm

Low-Calorie Cooking - June 7 @ 5:30 pm

Do you like experimenting with food, trying new recipes, and sharing your results with friends? If so, register for our monthly Cookbook Club. We'll pick a monthly theme and sign out a suitable cookbook to you. Try some recipes from the book for a couple of weeks and then we'll meet to discuss the results and share feedback.

Register beginning April 5 online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person at any library location, or by calling 345-8275.

Subscription Book Bags for Adults

Curated book bags for adults have returned! Register, and a specially selected bag of books will be waiting for you to pick up from your selected branch the last Monday of April, May, and June. Choose your genre and location, and we'll do the rest. Register beginning April 3 online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person at any location or by calling 345-8275. Pickup, April 24, May 29, and June 26.

Connect to Your iPhone

Mary J.L. Black

Community Program Room

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Do you want to use library resources but are still trying to figure out how to use your iPhone?

Try our 5 week session on learning the basics of the device! Register for all five classes beginning April 3 online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person at any location or by calling 345-8275. Space is limited. **Note: this course is for Apple iPhone only. Devices not provided.**



Indigenous programs



NDN Book Club

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Thursdays @ 1 pm

- April 13
- May 4
- June 1

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

Author Reading Featuring Brandi Morin

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room
May 5 @ 2 pm - 4 pm

Join us on Red Dress Day, as we commemorate MMIWG by welcoming award winning journalist and best selling author of **Our Voice of Fire: A Memoir of a Warrior Rising** by Brandi Morin. Brandi is a survivor of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls crisis and uses her experience to tell the stories of those who did not survive the rampant violence. Just drop in, no registration required. Brandi Morin will join us virtually for this reading.

This program is
made possible
through support from



Teachings and Crafts with the Métis Nation of Ontario

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Tuesdays @ 1 pm - 3 pm

- April 4 - Making Mittens
- April 25 - Medicine Wheel Teachings
- May 23 - Basic Beading for Beginners
- June 13 - Mini Drum Making

Everyone is welcome to join Jerry and Madeline from the Métis Nation of Ontario as they deliver a variety of cultural programs. A healthy snack, light refreshments and bus tickets provided. Just drop in, no registration required. Supplies will be provided while quantities last. (all ages)



Indigenous Action Council

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
May 30 @ 6 pm
June 27 @ 6 pm

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 Robyn at rmedicine@tbpl.ca or 684-6812 for more information.

Anishnawbe Mushkiki Health Series

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
3 pm - 4:30 pm

- April 17 - Cooking for One
- May 15 - Nutrition Bingo
- June 8 - Diabetes Superfoods

Join Anishnawbe Mushkiki at the Library as we learn about a variety of health related topics including exercise, diabetes prevention and management, self care strategies, label reading, healthy fats, foot and eye care, cooking for one, sleep hygiene, and more. Just drop in.



Spring Move for the Friends of the Library Bookstore

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

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

Stay tuned for more information as we count down to this exciting new chapter for the Friends. Watch for a grand opening celebration coming this fall.

Bingo Dates

The Friends of the Library bingo dates are listed below. All dates are Matinee sessions.

April 23

May 24

June 1

June 7

June 23

June 24

Hope to see you there!



Vinyl Records Galore!

The Thunder Bay Public Library received a substantial donation of vinyl recordings of various genres in late 2022. TBPL has now donated the collection to the Friends to sell.



Over the coming months, the Friends will be offering the vinyl for sale at events around town, at dedicated sales, and perhaps even through online sales. Volunteers are welcome to assist. Please call Fran at 577-4999 if you are interested in volunteering or sitting on a working group.

Volunteer with the Friends of the Library!

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

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

Volunteers
needed

just for YOUTH



YOUth Review

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

YOUth Knitters

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



Books and Buttons

Waverley Auditorium
Saturday, April 22 @ 1 pm

Celebrate Earth Day and recycle your old books at the Library's first book swap! Bring a book and exchange it for a new-to-you book. The event will start with button making and blackout poetry to warm-up. Please only bring novels, preferably young adult, graphic novels, or manga. This event will be run by the Library's YOUth Action Council, partnering with the Friends of the Library.

Minecraft

Waverley Library and / or Discord
Mondays @ 6 pm - 8 pm
Starting April 3
(no program April 10, May 8 & May 22)

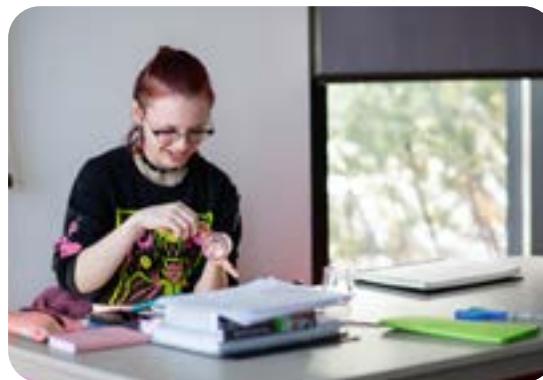
Play Minecraft (bedrock) in creative or survival mode, and add to our growing community. Join with your own device/account in person at Waverley or virtually on Discord. (grades 8-12)

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

Minecraft

via Zoom
Tuesdays @ 5 pm - 6 pm
Starting April 4

Play Minecraft in creative or survival mode, and add to our growing community. (grades 4-7) Email youth@tbpl.ca to join!



Book Club

Waverley
Mondays @ 4:15 pm
Biweekly starting May 1

Discuss the books, graphic novels, or manga you've been reading with other readers! On weeks we don't run book club, a colouring club will take its place. (grades 7-12)

Writers' Club

Mary J.L. Black
Thursdays @ 6:30 pm
Weekly starting April 6
(no program May 11)

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

Art Club

Mary J.L. Black
Thursdays @ 4:15 pm - 6:15 pm
Weekly starting April 13
(no program May 4, May 11 & June 1)

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

just for YOUTH



Drag Queen Storytime for Teens

Waverley Auditorium

Saturday, May 27 @ 2:30 pm

Youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to join the always wonderful Lady Fantasia Le Premiere and Mz. Molly Poppinz for a teen-only drag queen storytime.

Wednesday Program

Mary J.L. Black Community Room or Reading Garden

Wednesdays @ 3 pm - 5 pm

Starting April 5 (no program May 10)

Stop by and do a variety of activities. Board games, colouring, homework, chalk art, etc. Check the event calendar online for more info. This event idea was created by the Art Club! (grades 7-12)

Nicole Doesn't Know Anime!

Mary J.L. Black Library

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

April 6 - My Hero Academia

May 4 - Toilet-bound Hanako-kun

June 1 - Spy Family

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! Just drop in. (ages 13-18)



New YOUTH Books

Immortality: A Love Story by Dana Schwartz

A Long Stretch of Bad Days by Mindy McGinnis

The Bobbiedots Conclusion by Scott Cawthon & Andrea Waggener

Broken Wish by Julie C. Dao

Fractured Path by J.C. Cervantes

Shattered Midnight by Dhonielle Clayton

The Words we Keep by Erin Stewart

Tempted by P.C. Cast & Kristin Cast

Completely Booked Book Bag

Each month from June to September you'll receive 2 hand-picked library books, candy, and some goodies. Supplies are limited so sign up fast! Register beginning May 3 @ 9:30 am by calling 345-8275, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, or in person at any location. (ages 12-18)



programs for kids



Preschool Storytime

Waverley
Mondays @ 10:30 am
April 17 - May 29
(no program May 22)

Mary J.L. Black
Tuesdays @ 10:30 am
April 18 - May 30

A school readiness program for children ages 3 and 4 to attend on their own while caregivers remain nearby in the Library. Caregiver participation is required for the craft and play portions of the program. Register starting at 9:30 am, two weeks before each session. Register online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person, or call 345-8275.

Tales for Twos

Mary J.L. Black
Mondays @ 10:30 am
April 17 - May 29
(no program May 22)

Waverley
Tuesdays @ 10:30 am
April 18 - May 30

This program is for children ages 24 months up to 3 years years of age with a caregiver. There will be stories, songs and rhymes, crafts and other activities, with time for play and socialization. Register starting at 9:30 am, two weeks before each session. Register in person, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, or call 345-8275.

Read. Sing. Play.

Waverley
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am
April 19 - May 31

Brodie
Thursdays @ 10:30 am
April 20 - June 1

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

your hub for early literacy



Baby Time

Waverley
Thursdays @ 11:15 am & 1:15 pm
April 20 - June 1

NEW
time
added!

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

Play Day @ Mary J

Mary J.L. Black
Children's Program Room
Fridays from 10 am - 4 pm
April 14 - June 23 (no program May 12)

Use our space and our toys to play, explore, and socialize! Just drop in. (all ages)

Play Day

Waverley Auditorium
Wednesdays from 12 pm - 4 pm
April 19 - May 31
Bonus date: Friday, June 16

Every Wednesday afternoon the auditorium will be open for free play following drop-in storytime.

programs for kids



Fairy Tale STEM Storytimes

Waverley

Saturdays @ 10:30 am

April 8 - The Snow Queen

May 20 - Rumpelstiltskin

June 10 - The Ugly Duckling

Each program will include a storytime and craft plus related STEM activity. This is a fun way to explore classic fairy tales and spark a love of science in little learners! (all ages)

Puppy Perks Storytime

Brodie Programming Room

Tuesdays @ 10 am

April 4 - May 30 (no program April 11)

Families, come join us for 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!

Games & LEGO Fun for Kids

Brodie Programming Room

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

April 5 & 19

May 10 & 24

June 7

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

your hub for
creativity



Summer Book Bags for Kids - July Edition

These bags are perfect for bringing to camp, or to Gramma's house, and a great way to keep the fun in reading for your child over the summer!

Each bag contains 4-8 children's library books, and 4 activities to keep your child busy throughout August.

Register online, in person, or by phone (345-8275) beginning June 12, and pick up at your chosen location beginning July 3.

Blissful Beading

County Park

Thursdays @ 3 pm

April 6 - June 29

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

programs for kids



LEGO Play at Mary J

Mary J.L. Black
Childrens Area
Mondays @ 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
April 24
May 29
June 26

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

Baby Prints

Mary J.L. Black
Community Program Room
Tuesdays @ 1:30 pm
April 4
June 6



Drop in to make a hand print or foot print craft and stay for a story, song, and lap rhyme. (ages 0-12 months)

Simple Stories

County Park
Mondays @ 10 am
April 17 - June 26
(no program on May 22)



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

Safe Cycling Thunder Bay

Mary J.L. Black
Community Program Room
May 17 @ 5:30 pm

It's almost summer – get ready to cycle! EcoSuperior's Safe Cycling Thunder Bay program helps improve cycling skills, build confidence, and to encourage adults and kids to ride more often. Join us to learn more about staying safe and having fun while navigating our city's trails and roads. All ages welcome!



Star Wars Kits for Kids

Do you have a young Jedi or Stormtrooper at home? Sign them up for one of our Star Wars Kits! This is a take-home kit that will include: books, activity sheets, goodies and more! For children ages 12 and under.

Register beginning April 17 @ 9:30 am online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person at any location or by calling 345-8275. Pickup is from May 1 - 11 at your selected location.

Tween Tuesdays

Mary J.L. Black
Childrens Program Room
Tuesdays @ 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
April 18 - June 27

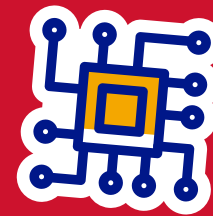
A new drop-in program just for those in grades 5 to 8. Each week will feature a new activity, game or craft.



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programs for kids



Little Sprouts

Foster a love of gardening and register your child for Little Sprouts! Register online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar or by calling 345-8275. Adults, please see the Wet Your Plants program on page 7.

Tomatoes - April 24

This child-friendly version of our tomato-themed April garden kit includes: seeds, growing instructions, recipes, activities, and a Library book to read together. Registration starts April 3, with kit pickup starting April 24 at your selected branch.



Pumpkins - May 8

This child-friendly version of our pumpkin-themed May garden kit includes: seeds, growing instructions, recipes and a craft and activities to enjoy together. Registration starts April 17, with kit pickup starting May 8 at your selected branch.



Flower Power - June 5

This child-friendly version of our flower-themed June garden kit includes: seeds, growing instructions, recipes and a craft and activities to enjoy together. Registration starts May 15, with kit pickup starting June 5 at your selected branch.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Help encourage your child's love of reading by participating in this free, literacy based activity for newborns to preschoolers with a goal to read 1000 books 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 reached. For more information please visit our website at www.tbpl.ca/1000-books or email syoung@tbpl.ca



PA Day Puppet Show: Three Billy Goats Gruff

Waverley Auditorium
Friday, June 16 @ 10:30 am

Come watch the puppet show The Three Billy Goats Gruff and make a craft. Bonus Play Day to follow in the auditorium from 12 pm to 4 pm. (all ages)

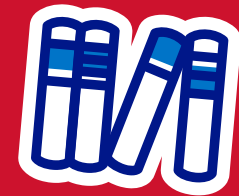
Drag Queen Storytime

Mary J.L Black
June 10 @ 2:30 pm

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



summer reading



Summer Reading Club

The TD Summer Reading Club is Canada's biggest, bilingual summer reading program for kids 0 - 12, interests and abilities. 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, including kids with print disabilities, and preschoolers and their families.

Registration Details

You can register for the TD Summer Reading Club beginning June 16. Pick up of materials 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 345-8275.



Recommended Reading

We All Play by Julie Flett

I Sang You Down From the Stars by Tasha Spillett-Sumner & Michaela Goade

I Talk Like a River by Jordan Scott & Sydney Smith

Berani by Michelle Kadarusman

Big as a Giant Snail by Jess Keating & David DeGrand

The Body Under the Piano by Marthe Jocelyn & Isabelle Follath

Elvis, Me, and the Lemonade Stand Summer by Leslie Gentile

Extremely Gross Animals
by Claire Eamer

Forever Birchwood by Danielle Daniel

The Fossil Whisperer by Helaine Becker

Apartment 713 by Kevin Sylvester

The Aquanaut by Dan Santat

Beatrice and Croc Harry by Lawrence Hill

I Can, Too by Karen Autio & Laura Watson

If You Could Be Anything by Jennifer Britton & Briana Corr Scott

The Wolf Suit by Sid Sharp

Boney by Cary Fagan & Dasha Tolstikova

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programs for kids



Reading Buddies

Waverley Library

Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm or 6:30 pm

April 11 - May 30

Let's help children in grades 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 2 and 3 to become great readers.



Program Benefits for Children:

- one-on-one reading with a supportive and screened volunteer
- increased confidence and motivation to read
- choose from a wide variety of reading materials and fun activities to do together
- a great opportunity to develop literacy skills (ex. reading comprehension, vocabulary, narration, etc.)
- a chance to develop the library habit with your children to encourage them to become lifelong readers and learners
- It's Free!

Sign your child up for the Reading Buddies Program!

The program will take place at the Waverley Library on Tuesday evenings starting April 11 and will run for eight consecutive weeks. You can choose a 5:30 pm start time or a 6:30 pm start time. Register beginning March 28, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person at any location or by calling 345-8275.

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



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. Check out this one time, simple way to earn points: Earth Day is April 22, show us your library card during the month of April for 300 bonus points.

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	
Wednesday	5 pm - 7 pm
Thursday	3 pm - 5 pm
Saturday	10 am - 12 pm

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earth day



Every Day is Earth Day @ Your Library!

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1. Did you know that the Library has an outstanding collection focused solely on climate change? We developed this collection with the help of local climate action experts.

Learn more at www.tbpl.ca/climate

2. Reduce, reuse and recycle - you can reduce your consumption by borrowing all the books, DVDs and other resources that you need for education, entertainment and enlightenment from your neighbourhood library. We also offer battery recycling bins at each location to help prevent these poisonous items from being sent to landfill.

3. TBPL offers programs and services that encourage sustainability and sharing. Starting April 22 (Earth Day), our **Garden Tool Sheds** located at Waverley and Brodie will be open for you to borrow tools to help you start a new garden or maintain an existing one.

We also have a variety of other “things” to borrow.

Find out more at www.tbpl.ca/otherthings

Titles to Celebrate Earth Day

Wild by Design: The Rise of Ecological Restoration by Laura J. Martin

This is Climate Change: A Visual Guide to the Facts; See for Yourself how the Planet is Warming and what it Means for Us by David Nelles & Christian Serrer

The Proof is in the Plants: How Science Shows A Plant-based Diet Could Save your Life (and the planet) by Simon Hill

How to Be A Climate Optimist: Blueprints for A Better World by Chris Turner

Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid: The Fraught and Fascinating Biology of Climate Change by Thor Hanson

Elderflora: A Modern History of Ancient Trees by Jared Farmer

Climate Crisis Chronicles by Ethan Sacks

Chasing Lakes: Love, Science, and the Secrets of the Arctic by Katey Walter Anthony

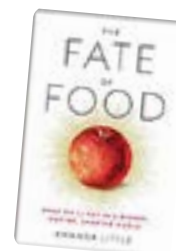
Fire and Flood: A People's History of Climate Change, From 1979 to the Present by Eugene Linden

Zero-Waste Gardening: Maximize Space and Taste with Minimal Waste by Ben Raskin

The Solutions Are Already Here: Strategies for Ecological Revolution from Below by Peter Gelderloos

The Fate of Food: What We'll Eat in A Bigger, Hotter, Smarter World by Amanda Little

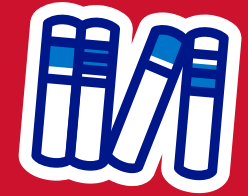
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Tribute Donations

In 2022, we received many donations in memory of loved ones, and in honour of family, friends, teachers, and more.

Tribute donations were made in memory and in honour of the following people:

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get carded



Sign Up for a Library Card! It's as Easy as 1, 2, 3.

- 1** Visit any Library location in person during library hours and apply!
- 2** Sign up instantly* for a digital card to use all of our online resources, such as eBooks at www.tbpl.ca/mycard
- 3** Send an email to comments@tbpl.ca or give us a call at 345-8275 and we'll get you signed up!

*You will receive your library card number and PIN via email within a few minutes!

Top Ten Reasons to Get Carded :)

- 1** A library card is more powerful and useful than a credit card. It's capable of saving you hundreds of dollars each year.
- 2** What other card in your wallet allows you to bring home a garden tool, a radon meter or walking poles, books and more free of charge? Plus, NO fines anymore!
- 3** Libraries have online resources you can use for free with your card. Want to dive into your family tree? There's a resource for that. Want to learn some key phrases in Italian before your trip to Italy? There's a resource for that.
- 4** Libraries aren't just books anymore. Your card can be used to download music, movies, magazines and more from the comfort of your own couch. We have an APP for that!
- 5** New to town and looking to make friends? Join a club at the library. From book clubs to youth programs, there are many opportunities to find your people.
- 6** Did your child just inform you that they have to read a certain book for school? Take a short drive to the nearest library.
- 7** Libraries are in your neighbourhood. With four locations in the City, you might even be able to walk to one from your home.
- 8** You can take part in a variety of free programs at the library, geared to learning and fun!
- 9** Have children that need to be entertained? The library has a wealth of activities, from programs to play areas.
- 10** The library offers free access to the internet and computers including free WiFi. Unlike a coffee shop, you don't have to buy anything, either!

a lifeline



The Library Was a Lifeline

My name is Jase Watford and I used to be homeless, addicted and suffered from mental illness. I battled for a hard 8 years, and I wouldn't be alive if it wasn't for libraries. They provided me with a safe space where I could go to focus on the things I needed to do to stabilize my life. The library helped me get grounded by providing me access to computers, printers alongside non-judgmental staff. They also helped encourage me to access community self help programs. But, most importantly, on the days where life was too much, the library would let me hide in the corner of a room so I could escape into a book for the day.



When I eventually got help with my issues, I found myself back at the library like many others that are in recovery. You see, recovery from addiction and mental illness needs consistent, healthy, and supportive structure from the community. I would take out books, DVDs, and things that were healthy, to help keep my mind in a good place - these things were vital in reforming my thinking and in developing healthy mental habits. By being able to access computers, get job interviews, view apartments, and access online mental health support, the library was a lifeline during this time.

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I found online education and taught myself high school math and English so that I could take the college mature student test. It took me three tries, but eventually I passed. Now, as a poor person who has nothing, with all the free support from the library, I find myself in university in my final year of my philosophy degree, and in my 3rd year of my social work degree.

The library helped me find my identity as a student and a scholar, first at college and now at university. I have the library to thank for this because I couldn't have done it any other way. There were no other supports like this available at that time. It was said by one of the city councillors during budget deliberations that Thunder Bay is going to be reduced to only roads and health care. But what about the moral potholes? People living with low incomes, people who may be battling addiction, homelessness and mental illness need their Public Libraries. Imagine people with nowhere to go to learn and grow, with nothing constructive to do - what will they turn to?

Community builds capacity, and if you don't promote a healthy community, all you will ever be doing is responding to the increasing social issues and problems. There are mountains of research on how to strengthen and improve the health and well-being of a community, and public libraries are very high on that list.

Sincerely,
Jase Watford



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