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2024
SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER



Back to School with TBPL

As a new school year begins, we invite you to explore the many programs and services offered by TBPL designed to support and engage students and families throughout the year. Reconnect with us this Fall and discover exciting new books, helpful resources and engaging programs that make learning fun for all ages!



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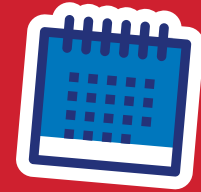


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Online www.tbpl.ca

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 South

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 South

Monday & Tuesday 9:30 am - 5 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 am - 8 pm

Friday & Saturday 9:30 am - 5 pm

Full Day Closures

September 2 - Labour Day

September 20 - Staff Development Day

September 30 - National Day for Truth
& Reconciliation

October 14 - Thanksgiving

November 11 - Remembrance Day

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 26 - Boxing Day

January 1 - New Year's Day

Library Board

These members from the community and City Council are proud to represent your interests until 2026:

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Your Suggestions are Welcome!

Do you have suggestions for books or other items that the Library doesn't currently have?

Fill out a purchase suggestion form online at www.tbpl.ca/suggestions or at the Library.



Your Comments are Welcome!

Do you have suggestions on how we can improve our service?

Comments are accepted 24 / 7 at comments@tbpl.ca or at the Library.



fall message



Do you agree with Jordan in *The Great Gatsby* that “Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall?” It always seems like a time of new beginnings, and we have some exciting ones for you at your Library. Staff have been preparing new experiences for you throughout the library system. Some highlights include a new partnership with the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra to provide free access to performances and collaborating with the City of Thunder Bay to present the Literary Stage at Art and Culture Under the Lights. We’ve also made improvements to the Northern Nature Trading Space at Mary J.L. Black to allow us to better share the full collection. As we move ahead, you can look forward to more enhancements to your branches!

The collection is at the core of library service, and we have been assessing our materials and how we can reduce your wait times while maintaining materials for all interests. As we move into autumn, the garden tools will be put to bed and return in May 2025. You can look forward to spending your autumn and winter with books, board games, movies, and more! We are consistently adding to our collections so that you’ll never have a dull moment no matter what the weather brings.

Our programming staff have been working hard at creating new opportunities for all ages. Adults can attend a reading by Indige-

nous author Niigaan Sinclair, safeguard and share memories by scanning that box of old photos from the basement, or refresh their puzzle collection (and show off their skills!) at our puzzle race and swap program.

Our early literacy programming has long followed the Every Child Ready to Read™ practices with a focus on talking, reading, singing, and playing. Look for those same elements to remain the foundation of our programming alongside some refreshed format changes and updates. One of the changes you may notice is crafts leaving our weekly drop-in storytimes. Instead, you’ll now find dedicated crafting programs and other special events with a craft included.

We’ve heard from parents how much they love our Play Days as a free, safe space for their children to explore our book collection and engage with constructive, imaginative, and sensory-focused toys, so we have added more regularly scheduled Play Days occurring weekly. Research shows that unstructured free play is an important part of childhood development and builds imagination while also improving literacy. We have also invested in Toys on Tour, a set of new engaging toys to cycle between branches and spark creative play. Learn more about Toys on Tour on p7.

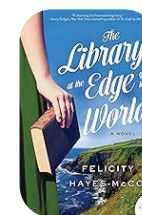
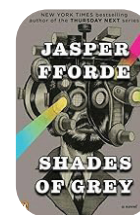
I hope you’ll join us for a new season of growing and playing!



Ruth Hamlin-Douglas,
Head Librarian

Ruth Recommends

Shades of Grey by Jasper Fforde
Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
Hex by Thomas Olde Heuvelt
The Library at the Edge of the World
by Felicity Hayes-McCoy
Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals by Oliver Burkeman

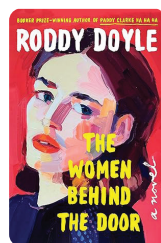
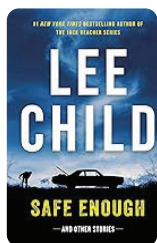
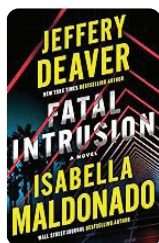


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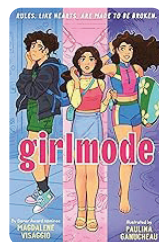
Adult

Dark Wives by Ann Cleeves
Fatal Intrusion by Jeffery Deaver
Passions in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel
 by J.D. Robb
Safe Enough: And Other Stories
 by Lee Child
How to Hide in Plain Sight by Emma Noyes
Booklover's Library by Madeline Martin
Women Behind the Door by Roddy Doyle
We Solve Murders by Richard Osman



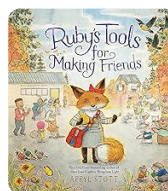
Youth

Death at Morning House by Maureen Johnson
Wisteria by Adalyn Grace
Hemlock House by Katie Cotugno
Guardians of Dawn: Ami by S. Jae-Jones
Deadpool and Wolverine: WWII by Joe Kelly
Between the Pipes by Albert McLeod
Harley Quinn: Girl in a Crisis by Tini Howard
Girlmode by Magdalene Visaggio



Children's

History of Information by Chris Haughton
Today Is Orange Shirt Day
 by Phyllis Webstad
Glass: A Cinderella Tale by Kathryn Lasky
Secret Library by Kekla Magoon
Windy Night with Wild Horses
 by Mary Pope Osborne
How Technology Works: From Monster Trucks to Mars Rovers by DK Publishing
Ruby's Tools for Making Friends
 by Apryl Stott
Dr. Color Monster and the Emotions Toolkit by Anna Llenas



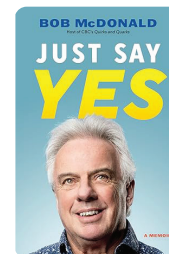
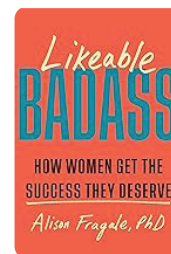
DVDs

Ted Lasso: The Richmond Way
The Fall Guy
D.I. Ray: Season 2
Hit Man
Letterkenny Season 12
Care Bears: Unlock the Magic - Share Your Care



Adult Nonfiction

Likeable Badass: How Women Get the Success They Deserve
 by Alison Fragale
Battle of Britain by Ted Barris
Just Say Yes: A Memoir by Bob McDonald
Good Allies: How Canada and the United States Fought Together to Defeat Fascism During the Second World War
 by Tim Cook
Atlas Obscura: Wild Life: An Explorer's Guide to the World's Living Wonders
 by Cara Giaimo
Character Limit: How Elon Musk Destroyed Twitter by Kate Conger
Pastabilities: The Ultimate STEP-BY-STEP Pasta Cookbook: Simple, Speedy, and Sensational Recipes with Photos of Every Step by Jeffrey Eisner
Iron Mike: My Life Behind the Bench
 by Mike Keenan



arts & culture



Celebrating Public Libraries & Customer Appreciation Day

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

In Ontario, following the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, we celebrate First Nations Public Library Week from October 1 - 4. Two weeks later, we honour Ontario Public Library Week from October 21 - 25.

Celebrate with us! Visit our online calendar to take part in a wide variety of Library programming.

Tuesday, October 22 is Customer Appreciation Day (There Will Be Cake!)

Join us at any of our four Library locations throughout the day as we celebrate... you! Enjoy a slice of cake, pick up some Library swag, and fill out a ballot to win a gift card from a business near your branch!



Celebrate Culture Days

Join us in celebrating Culture Days 2024! From September 20 to October 13, immerse yourself in a variety of free and pay-what-you-may activities that showcase the rich arts, culture, and heritage of our community.

Discover all the exciting programming by visiting www.tbpl.ca/culturedays

CULTURE DAYS

Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra

A new partnership between the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra and Thunder Bay Public Library will give Library Members the opportunity to attend Symphony performances for free this fall and winter. A set of tickets for each show in the Northern Lights, Voices, Masterworks, Pops and Family series will be available through each of the Library's four branches, allocated randomly to Library Members who register their names for draws held in advance of each show.

The first draw for tickets will open September 20 - 26 for the October 11 Northern Lights performance featuring vocalist Paula DiGiuseppe. Winners will be contacted on September 27.

Learn more on our website at www.tbpl.ca/tbso



programs for kids



Preschool Storytime*

Waverley
Mondays @ 10 am OR
Mondays @ 1 pm
October 7 - December 2
(no program Oct. 14 or Nov. 11)

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.

Baby and Me Storytime

Waverley
Wednesdays @ 11:15 am
September 25 - November 27

Mary J.L. Black
Wednesdays @ 1:30 pm
September 11 - December 4
October 30 - Hallowe'en Party
December 4 - Pajama Party

County Park
Fridays @ 10 am
September 6 - December 20
(no program Sept. 20)
(Drop in play Oct. 25 & Nov. 1)

Drop in for fingerplays, bounces, stories, and songs. Best for babies from birth through twelve months who are cuddling and crawling.

Tales for Twos*

Waverley
Tuesdays @ 10 am OR
Tuesdays @ 1 pm
October 8 - November 26

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.

Wild Ones

Mary J.L. Black
Wednesdays @ 10 am
September 11 - December 4
October 30 - Hallowe'en Party
December 4 - Pajama Party

Drop in for movement-friendly fingerplays, stories and songs. Best for babies and toddlers aged 12-24 months who are toddling, bouncing, and walking.



Family Storytime

Mary J.L. Black
Tuesdays @ 10 am
September 10 - December 3
(Drop in play on Oct. 22)

County Park
Wednesdays @ 10 am
September 4 - December 18
(Drop in play Oct. 23 & 30)

Waverley
Thursdays @ 10:30 am
September 26 - November 28

Children and their caregivers are invited to drop in and practice early literacy skills with stories, songs, and rhymes. After the program stay for free play time with our updated collection of sensory-stimulating, constructive, and dramatic play toys and interactive pop-up, open flap, and touch and feel books. (all ages)



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Play Days

Mary J.L. Black

Tuesdays @ 12 pm - 4 pm

September 3 - December 17

County Park

Thursdays @ 1 pm - 7 pm

September 5 - December 19

Waverley

Fridays @ 10 am - 4 pm

September 27 - December 20

(November 15 program to begin after
PA day puppet show)

Waverley

Saturdays @ 10 am - 4 pm

September 7 - December 28

(play day to begin after program on
Sept. 21, Oct. 12 & Nov. 23 from 1 - 4 pm)
(no play day Oct. 19 & 26, Nov. 9 or Dec.
7 & 14)

Drop in to relax and socialize during Play Days! We have an updated collection of sensory-stimulating toys and interactive touch and feel books for your children to explore. (all ages)



Stay and Play

Families are invited to Stay and Play after our early literacy programs to check out our sensory-stimulating, constructive, and dramatic play toys. Children can practice gross or fine motor skills, build imagination and creativity, and more while caregivers connect with other families of young children. Non-circulating pop-up, flap, and touch and feel books also available



Toys on Tour

Dinosaurs, a dollhouse, and more! Themed sets of toys will be traveling between our branches monthly, so visit your local branch and see what's come to play.

Reading Buddies

Waverley Auditorium

Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm

September 24 - November 12

An early literacy program to help children in grades 1, 2 and 3 enhance their reading skills and build confidence. This free weekly program pairs children with a reading buddy to read stories and play literacy-based games in a fun supportive environment.

Register beginning September 3 @ 9:30 am by phone at 807-345-8275, online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, or in person at any Library location. For more details email readingbuddies@tbpl.ca



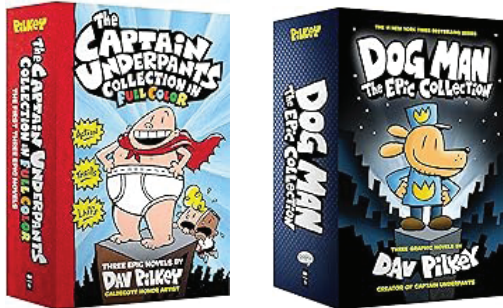
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Dav Pilkey Superfans Kit*

Monday, September 23
(pick up at selected branch)

Are you crazy for Captain Underpants? Deeply devoted to Dog Man? Register for a Dav Pilkey Kit to read your faves and meet new ones! Each kit includes books (signed out to your Library card), a craft, and other fun things! (ages 4-12)



Wonderful Winter Kits*

Monday, December 9
(pick up at selected branch)

Brrr, it's cold in here! Register your child for the Wonderful Winter Kit filled with books (signed out to your Library card), activities, and a special treat to enjoy over the snowy winter break! (ages 0-12)

Autumn Gratitude Kit*

Monday, October 7
(pick up at selected branch)

Thanksgiving Day is around the corner! Register for an Autumn Gratitude Kit and receive books (signed out to your Library card) about thankfulness and fall, a craft, and other activities. (ages 0-12)



Crazy Canada Kits*

Monday, November 18
(pick up at selected branch)

November is Local History Month at TBPL, and it's never too early to start learning about our community! Register for a Crazy Canada Kit and receive Canadian books (signed out to your Library card), a craft, and activities focused on the Thunder Bay region! (ages 0-12)

DIY Library Card Holders

Waverley Auditorium
Saturday, September 28 - all day

Sign up for a library card and make your own personalized Library card holder! Children who already have a Library card are welcome to make a holder as well. (ages 3+) (while supplies last)

Kids Subscription Book Bags

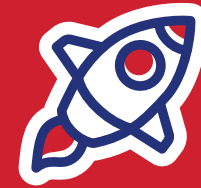
Pick up at selected branch

Take an autumn reading adventure! 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 selected library location. Choose the genre, format, and location, and we'll do the rest!

Registration opens October 1 @ 9:30 am, with pickup dates October 28, November 25, and December 16. (ages 0-12)

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Numbers Safari

Waverley Auditorium

Saturday, September 21 @ 10:30 am

Explore simple mathematical concepts with your child through storytime. Encourage your child to notice and talk about the math around us while fostering an interest and appreciation for mathematics. Stories, songs, activities, craft and more! (ages 0-6)

Thanksgiving STEM Storytime

Waverley Auditorium

Saturday, October 12 @ 10:30 am

Gobble Gobble! Waddle your way to the library for a special Thanksgiving themed STEM storytime. Learn to write a secret code using cranberries, participate in an apple tower challenge, make a pumpkin catapult and more! This storytime includes a craft. (all ages)



Ms. Rachel Storytime

Waverley Auditorium

Tuesday, September 24 @ 10:30 am

Let's celebrate Ms. Rachel's new book with a special storytime featuring her favourite songs, rhymes, and activities! (ages 0-5)

Spooky Stories

Waverley Auditorium

Saturday, October 19 @ 2:30 pm

Join us for a spooktacular storytime featuring spooky books, songs, and activities. Costumes are encouraged! **allergen alert** (all ages)



Sesame Street Party*

Waverley Auditorium

Saturday, November 9 @ 2:30 pm

Wishing for a sunny day? Come celebrate all things Sesame Street in honour of their 55th anniversary, and enjoy stories, songs, and activities based off of the show! (ages 0-5)

Storytime with Drag Queens

Saturdays @ 2:30 pm

September 14 - Mary J.L. Black

October 26 - Waverley

November 16 - Mary J.L. Black

December 7 - Waverley

Join the always wonderful Lady Fantasia La Premiere and Mz. Molly Poppinz for a fun-filled and inclusive Saturday storytime for all ages. Following Story Time, join us for Crafting With Queens, a 30 minute crafting session led by TBay drag artists, Faux Rocious and Fairy Contagious as they create unique, fun and fabulous creations.



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Thank you to Gallucci's Pizza for their donation of cookies for these events.

PA Day programs



Puppet Show: Waking Beauty

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room
Friday, September 27 @ 2:30 pm

Drop in for an entertaining puppet show the whole family will enjoy!

The prince has stumbled upon a dragon! Err... correction, it's only a sleeping maiden. Laugh along with Prince Charming's misguided attempts to wake the Sleeping Beauty and delight at her reaction when he finally gets it right. (all ages)

Puppet Show: Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Waverley Auditorium
Friday, November 15 @ 10:30 am

Rudolph is bullied by the other reindeer for his big red bright-as-a-cherry nose and never gets to help the other reindeer pull Santa's sleigh. Watch the story of one foggy, stormy and gray winter night when Rudolph finds a way to save Christmas.

Please note: admission will be granted to the first 200 attendees. (all ages)

DIY Gift Wrap

County Park Mall Space
Friday, November 15 @ 11 am - 4 pm

The holidays are going to be here before we know it! Did you know standard gift wrap is not recyclable due to heavy dyes and non-paper additives? Come decorate your own wrapping paper with provided supplies to add a personal touch to the gifts you give! We will also give you some tips on how to make your gift wrap more eco-friendly. Just drop in. (all ages)

Crocodile Hunter Family Storytime

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room
Friday, November 15 @ 2:30 pm

Crickey, November 15 is Steve Irwin Day! Drop in for Crocodile Hunter Family Storytime! Sing songs, read stories, and take home a craft - all themed around crocodiles to celebrate our favourite conservationist. Wear your khaki-coloured clothing and drop in. No registration required! (all ages)



Blissful Beading

County Park
Thursdays @ 3 pm
September 5 - December 19

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

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Kids Crafternoons

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room
@ 1 pm - 3 pm
September 16
October 28
November 25
December 16
December 30

Drop in and get crafty with us! Each month we'll do a different craft activity. No registration required, all materials provided. (ages 3-6)



Baby Prints

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room
@ 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

September 9 - You Are My Sunshine
October 7 - Cutest Pumpkin in the Patch
November 4 - Baby-Saurus!
December 2 - Cold Hands, Warm Heart

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



LEGO Play @ Mary J

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room
@ 1 pm - 4 pm
September 23
October 21
November 18
December 9 & 23

Drop in at Mary J.L. Black Library and play with LEGOs! What can you build? (all ages)

This program contains small parts that are not suitable for babies, toddlers, or any children still putting pieces in their mouths. Children must be supervised by their caregiver at all times.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Encourage your child's love of reading by joining our free literacy activity, designed for children ages 0-5. The goal is to read 1,000 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 or email 1000books@tbpl.ca



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Window Painting

County Park

Friday, September 27 @ 11:15 am

Friday, January 3 @ 10 am

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



I Spy Jars*

Waverley Auditorium

Saturday, December 21 @ 2:30 pm

Get into the holiday spirit and create your very own I Spy jar using various seasonal items. (ages 3+)

Catch the Creatures! A Mystery for Kids

All Library locations

October 25 - 31

Spooky creatures have escaped and are haunting the Library! Find the clues in the children's area at every branch and use your detective skills to correctly guess which spooky creature is haunting each Library. Can you catch all the creatures?

Each Library mystery is different and has a different creature to find. Solve them all before Halloween night for more chances to win a spooky prize package!

Winners will be announced Friday, November 1. (ages 0-12)

Puppet Show: Mole and Troll Trim the Tree

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room

Friday, December 20 @ 2:30 pm

Drop in for an entertaining puppet show the whole family will enjoy!

Mole and Troll are the best of friends, and can't wait to decorate their holiday tree this year. However, they can't seem to agree on how to decorate! How will they solve this holiday dilemma? (all ages)

Family Concert with Rodney Brown

Waverley Auditorium

Saturday, December 14 @ 2:30 pm

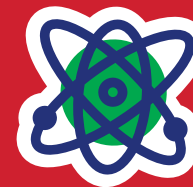
Generations of Thunder Bay children have grown up listening to the songs of Rodney Brown. Join us for a Christmas concert featuring songs from his album Merry Christmas To You. Children's holiday favourites and Rodney's own songs about Christmas Stars and the joys of Christmas giving with sing-a-longs and dancing too. Keep warm after the concert by staying to play with some of our toys in the play-room.

Please note: admission will be granted to the first 200 attendees. (all ages)



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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 or email us at nnt@tbpl.ca

	HOURS OF OPERATION
	Tuesday3 pm - 5 pm
	Wednesday5 pm - 7 pm
	Saturday10 am - 12 pm

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THINK Hub Tinker Tuesdays Drop-In

Brodie Programming Room

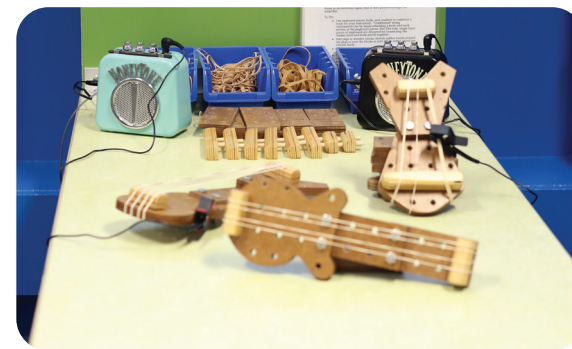
Tuesdays @ 12:30 pm - 7:30 pm

September 3 - December 17



Drop in and let's tinker! School age children (aimed at 6+) will love exploring the Northern THINK Hub activities on Tinker Tuesdays.

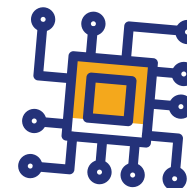
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FairyTale STEM Storytime

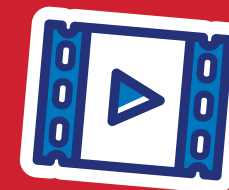
Waverley Auditorium

Saturday, November 23 @ 10:30 am



Children can design sturdy homes for the Three Little Pigs, build a bridge for the Three Billy Goats Gruff to cross, and construct ways for Rapunzel to escape her tower. Each program will include a storytime and craft plus related STEM activity. A fun way to explore classic fairy tales and spark a love of science in little learners! (all ages)

just for YOUTH



Rec Room

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room
Thursdays @ 5 pm & 6:30 pm

Art, anime, and always changing activities. Our excitable and inclusive group of friends would love to meet you! (grades 7-12)

September 5

Art Hour: Binder Decor
Anime Club: Naruto (TV-14)

September 19

Art Hour: String Art
Trivia Night: Vine and Tiktok References

September 26

Art Hour: Photo frame
Just Dance

October 3

Blind Taste Test (What's This Snack?)
Anime Club: Assassination Classroom (TV-14)

October 10

Art Hour: National Coming Out Day - Celebrate coming out by making a Rainbow Octopus Keychain with beads!
Switch: Overcooked!

October 17

Art Hour: Zombie Barbies
Art Hour: Gingerbread haunted house

November 7

Art Hour: Painted Rubber Ducks
Anime Club: Ranking of Kings (TV-14)

November 14

Art Hour: Black Light Painting
Rank Wars: Candy

November 21

Art Hour: DND Minifigures with Shrinky Dinks
Trivia Night: Pop Culture

December 5

Tea Taste Test
Anime Club: Yashahime: Princess Half-Demon

December 19

Minecraft
Mario Kart



Tween Takeover

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room
@ 6:30 pm

September 12 - DIY Yarn Art

October 24 - Haunted Library Night

November 28 - Bucket Tower Challenge

Take over the teen space for the evening!
Each month will be a different activity.
(ages 9-12)



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YOUTH Subscription Book Boxes

Pick up at selected branch

Each month from October to December you'll receive 2 hand-picked library books, candy, and some goodies. Choose the genre, format, and location, and we'll do the rest! Supplies are limited so sign up fast!

Registration opens October 1 @ 9:30 am. Pick up dates are October 28, November 25 and December 16. (ages 13-18)



Youth Action Council (YAC)

Mary J.L. Black
@ 6 pm - 7:30 pm
September 25
October 30
November 27
December 18

The YOUTH Action Council meets monthly to discuss changes to the Library, buy young adult books, and plan a fun event for March Break. Earn volunteer hours, event planning skills, and learn how to be a part of a team. Head to our website at www.tbpl.ca/youth to join. (ages 13-18)

EARN

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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 to join. (ages 13-18)

YOUTH Knitters

Knit or crochet hats or scarves for those in need and get volunteer hours. Head to 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 and welcoming digital community. Chat about games, memes, and upcoming events. Head to www.tbpl.ca/youth to join. (ages 13-18)



Indigenous programs

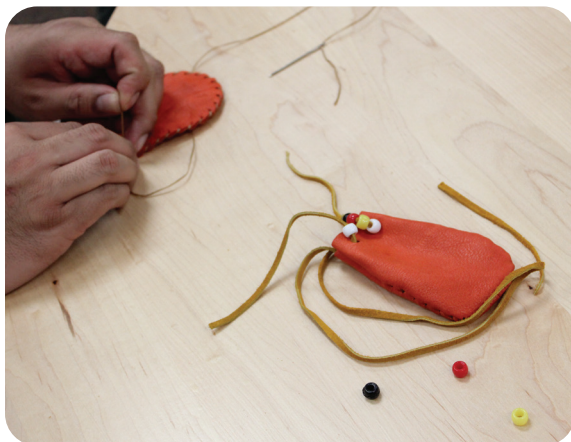


Orange Medicine Pouch Workshop*

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Friday, September 13 @ 2 pm - 4 pm

Waverley Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Thursday, September 19 @ 2 pm - 4 pm

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



Indigenous Bracelet Making Workshop*

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Monday, November 4 @ 2 pm - 4 pm

Join us and delve into the art of crafting Indigenous bracelets. This hands-on experience will immerse you in the cultural significance and techniques behind these beautiful accessories and you'll have an unforgettable experience where tradition meets creativity in the craft of Indigenous bracelet-making! All supplies are provided. (adults/youth)

Mini-Tipi Making Workshop*

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Thursday, December 5 @ 2 pm - 4 pm

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

Mini-Tikinagan Making Workshop*

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Thursday, October 17 @ 2 pm - 4 pm

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



*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 or in person at any Library location.

Indigenous programs



Indigenous Action Council (IAC)

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre

Tuesdays @ 6 pm

September 24

October 29 - Halloween Party

November 26

December 10 - Holiday Party

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 through meaningful discussion at our IAC consultation meetings. Email Craig at cwaboose@tbpl.ca for more information. Refreshments provided. (adults/youth)

NDN Book Club

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre

Tuesday, October 15 @ 6 pm - 7:45 pm

Join us 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)



Indigenous Author Series*

Niigaan Sinclair

Brodie Indigenous Knowledge Centre

Thursday, October 10 @ 6 pm

Niigaan Sinclair, one of Canada's leading voices on Indigenous cultures and reconciliation, will read from his National Bestseller, *Wînipêk, Visions of Canada from an Indigenous Centre*. This powerful collection explores Winnipeg's history and the resilience of Indigenous peoples. Register beginning September 26 at 9:30 am online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar in person at any location or by calling 807-345-8275 (only 100 seats available).

First Nations Public Library Week October 1 - 4

Celebrate First Nations Public Library Week October 1 - 4! Visit our Indigenous Knowledge Centre at each branch to learn about Indigenous historical resources and discover incredible Indigenous authors. Visit our website to learn more about our curated lists!



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Thunder Bay Repair Café*

Waverley Auditorium

Saturday, October 19 @ 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Toss it? No way! Do you have a broken household item? Our volunteer Fixers will show you how to fix it for free! We accept small appliances, electronics, clothes, jewellery, computers and more. Register at www.tbayrepaircafe.org beginning October 5.

Thunder Bay Repair Café is always looking for Fixers to share their skills in helping to repair household items from the community. Visit www.tbayrepaircafe.org to volunteer. Thunder Bay Repair Café and Thunder Bay Public Library are very excited to work together to bring you a Repair Café event every three months through 2024.

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Garden Talk with Growing North

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room

Wednesday, October 23 @ 6 pm

If you're unsure of what to do with your garden, this is the session for you. Join Pam from Growing North as she presents information on garden clean up and spring planning. Bring all your gardening-related questions to this drop-in event! (adults)

Growing
NORTH

Spice Club

Do you enjoy cooking? 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. For more information visit us at www.tbpl.ca/adults/spice-club



Especially for 55+

Wit Knits

Mary J.L. Black

Thursdays @ 1:30 pm

September 12 - December 12

(no program October 3)

New and experienced knitters aged 55+, 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

October 4 - November 29

(no program November 15)

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

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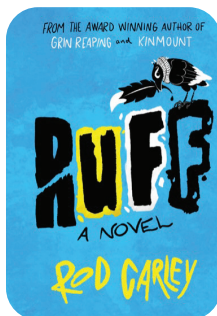
An Evening with Rod Carley

Waverley Auditorium

Monday, September 23 @ 6 pm

Join us for an evening with author Rod Carley in conversation with Marion Agnew, discussing his new novel **RUFF**.

RUFF is a theatrical odyssey packed with an unforgettable cast of Elizabethan eccentrics. It's a madcap world more modern than tomorrow where gender is what a person makes of it (no matter the story beneath their petticoats or tights).



Mastering Apple Maps

Waverley Auditorium

Wednesday, October 9 @ 1 pm - 3 pm

Learn Apple Maps on your iPhone or iPad. Bring your device and plan a route or visit a destination in no time! Just drop in. (adults)

***Registration for each event 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.**

iPhone for Beginners*

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room

Thursdays @ 10 am - noon

New to iPhone and want to master the basics? This 5 week course will help you feel confident with the technology in no time! This class is for Apple iPhone users only. (no Android) (adults)

Session 1

September 5, 12, 19, 26, October 3

Session 2

October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21

Don't Get Scammed!

Waverley Auditorium

Wednesday, November 6 @ 2 pm - 3:30 pm

Learn how you can protect yourself from from scams. Speakers to be confirmed. (adults)

Nanowrimo Write-In

Waverley Auditorium

Tuesdays @ 5 pm - 7:30 pm

November 5, 12, 19 & 26

Are you taking part in National Novel Writing Month? Spend an evening @ the Waverley branch and write away!

Scan to Save Your Memories

Mary J.L. Black

Tuesday, October 22 @ 10 am - noon

Saturday, November 9 @ 10 am - noon

Wednesday, December 11 @ 2 pm - 4 pm

Waverley

Tuesday, October 22 @ 2 pm - 4 pm

Saturday, November 30 @ 10 am - noon

Brodie

Thursday, December 5 @ 10 am - noon

Do you have stacks of old photos packed away? Don't let them get forgotten, lost, faded, or damaged - scan, save, and share them as digital files and preserve your precious memories! Drop in to use our new Epson FastFoto scanner.

- Front and back scanning to save those hand-written notes
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- Restore faded photos
- Remove red eye
- Feed tray allows up to 36 photos scanned in one batch
- Protect your memories from being scratched, bent, ripped, or simply lost
- Easily share photos

Save your photos to USB or upload instantly to Google Drive or Dropbox. Printing is NOT available

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Cookbook Club

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

Join us for our monthly Cookbook Club! Register for a spot, and each month we will choose a cookbook for you 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. We will meet the first Wednesday of the month in October, November, and December. Light refreshments will be served. Register beginning September 4 @ 9:30 am online at www.tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar in person at any Library location or by calling (807) 345-8275, with pickup of October's cookbook beginning September 11.

Themes will be as follows:

October 2 - Vegan/Vegetarian Cooking

November 6 - Kitchen Helpers (Slow Cooker/Air Fryer/Pressure Cooker)

December 4 - Cookies/Bars/Loaves

Adult Subscription Book Bags

Pick up at selected branch

Unsure of what to read next? Register for the Monthly Book Bag and a specially selected bag of books will be waiting for you to pick up from your chosen branch in October, November, and December. Choose your genre and location, and we'll do the rest. If no genre is noted we will surprise you! Registration opens September 23 @ 9:30 am, with pickup October 28, November 25, and December 16. (adults)

Puzzle Swap

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room
Saturday, November 30 @ 10 am - 2 pm

Tired of doing the same puzzles? Looking to save money? This is the chance to swap your puzzle for a new challenge. For the month of November, drop your puzzle(s) off at any of our locations and receive a swap coupon for each one. Then join us on Swap Day @ Mary J.L. Black Library on Saturday, November 30 between 10 am - 2 pm to redeem your coupon(s) for a new-to-you puzzle. (adults)

Puzzles must contain all pieces and be in good condition. No children's puzzles please. Any items remaining after the Swap will be donated.

Puzzle Race*

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room
Saturday, November 30 @ 10 am & 1 pm

Do you fancy yourself a puzzle pro? Test your skills in our first ever puzzle race! Register for a time slot, and you can compete with other jigsaw fanatics Saturday, November 30 in a timed competition. The quickest to complete their puzzle will win a fun prize pack. Competitors can work alone or bring a friend and work as a team (maximum 4 people per team). (adults)



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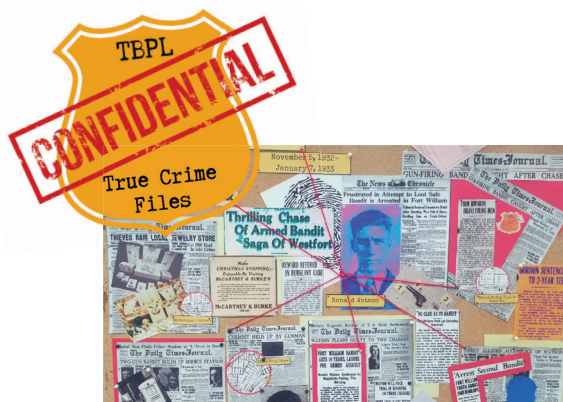
TBPL True Crime Files

Mary J.L. Black Community Program Room
Wednesday, October 16 @ 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Fraud, bootlegging, robberies, hijackings and murder! The District of Thunder Bay has borne witness to many unique and interesting tales of crime. Come join us for a special Fall drop-in session at the Mary J.L. Black Library to delve into these shocking stories from our past.

There is no registration for this program, if you have any questions, please contact the TBPL Research Department at research@tbpl.ca or 807-345-8275

Disclaimer: Due to the sensitive nature of this program, it is only offered to adults and covers crimes that have occurred prior to 1970.



Family History 1:1s

Brodie Resource Library

Looking for some help with your family history research? The Brodie Resource Library offers genealogical and local history resources to help you on your way! We offer personalized 1-on-1 sessions for anyone who would like assistance getting started with local history research, or perhaps deciding on the next steps in your quest. To set up a one hour session at the Brodie Resource Library, please email research@tbpl.ca or phone the TBPL Research Department at (807) 345-8274 ext 7260.



Market Research

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

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

Market Research Workshops

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

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

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Used Book Store Brodie Library Lower Level

Monday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm
Saturday & Sunday Closed

You never know what you'll find at the Used Book Store! Visit us to browse through an always-changing selection of used books, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, and vinyl in every genre for every age.

We also accept donations of lightly used books, textbooks and media. Please visit www.tbpl.ca/friends for more details about what we accept.

Bingo Dates

Watch our website www.tbpl.ca/friends for more Bingo dates. Bingos are an important source of revenue for the Friends and the proceeds are donated directly to the Library – so everyone wins!



Buck-a-Bag Used Book Sales Brodie Library, Lower Level

It's back! The Friends Buck-A-Bag Book Sale will return during select dates this Fall, giving you the perfect opportunity to fill a bag with used books from our clearance section for only \$1.

September

Wednesday, September 25 (10 am - 7 pm)

Thursday, September 26 (10 am - 4 pm)

Friday, September 27 (10 am - 4 pm)

October

Wednesday, October 23 (10 am - 7 pm)

Thursday, October 24 (10 am - 4 pm)

Friday, October 25 (10 am - 4 pm)

November

Wednesday, November 27 (10 am - 7 pm)

Thursday, November 28 (10 am - 4 pm)

Friday, November 29 (10 am - 4 pm)

All funds raised help enhance Library services and programs for the entire community. Don't miss out on these amazing deals and support your library.

Honour Roll

Teachers act as mentors, leaders, motivators, and caregivers. One good teacher can change the life of a child. You can honour the teachers in your child's life through our Teacher Love campaign. Donations were made in honour of the teachers listed below.

Teacher Love

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Anishinabek Employment and Training Services (AETS) in partnership with Biigtigong Nishnaabeg: Endzhi-gkinoohmaading Private High School is offering FREE high school credited courses throughout the academic year

Entrepreneurship (BDI3C)

This course teaches aspiring entrepreneurs how to identify opportunities, brainstorm ideas, and start a small business to create employment opportunities. Local entrepreneurs will be featured, sharing valuable insights from their experiences in the field.

START DATE:

October 2024

Land-Based Course (IDC30)

This course will be led by Elders and Knowledge Keepers in the region. The course includes canoe certification, wild rice harvesting, and hunters safety. Other activities will include Biigtigong Nishnaabeg's moose camp and a final feast to celebrate student learning.

START DATE:

August 2024

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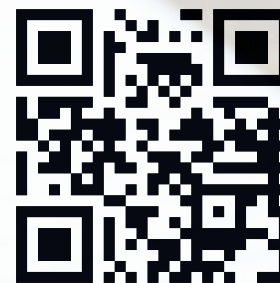
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