



Let the Changes Begin

2026 is shaping up to be a big year for Thunder Bay Public Library. Building on the successful improvements made at Brodie Library and its Research Department in 2025, we're moving into the next phase of system-wide enhancements. This year, Waverley Library celebrates its 75th anniversary. The Diamond Jubilee will be marked with special events and programming, alongside the start of renovations beginning with new main-floor washrooms. Learn more about Waverley's history and what's ahead on **Page 6**.

County Park Library will also see major changes, with planned renovations expanding the branch into adjoining mall space and adding in-branch washroom facilities. Children's activities will move into the new area, creating room for collection growth and new amenities, while a second nearby space will support additional programming. Together, these projects reflect our commitment to welcoming, functional library spaces that support how our community connects, learns, and gathers today and into the future.

Check out the
FREE programs
at your Library!



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Youth
Programming



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Adult & Senior
Programming



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Library Information

Hours of Operation

Waverley Library

285 Red River Road

Monday – Thursday: 9:30 am – 8 pm

Friday – Saturday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Sunday: 12:30 – 5 pm

Mary JL Black Library

901 Edward St. S

Monday – Thursday: 9:30 am – 8 pm

Friday – Saturday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Sunday: 12:30 – 5 pm

County Park Library

1020 Dawson Rd. (County Fair Mall)

Monday – Wednesday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Thursday: 12:30 – 8 pm

Friday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Brodie Library

216 Brodie St. S

Monday – Friday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Scheduled Closures (All Branches)

January 1 – Closed All Day

New Year's Day

January 16 – Closed at 12:30 pm

Staff Development

February 15 – Closed All Day

Long Weekend Closure

February 16 – Closed All Day

Long Weekend Closure

Your Suggestions Are Welcome!

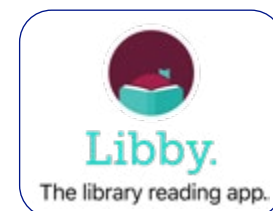
Is there a book or other item you would love to see in our collection?

Is there a resource or service that would make your Library experience even better? Let us know.

We invite you to fill out a suggestion form online at tbpl.ca/suggestions or in person at any branch.



An Important Update to our Digital Collection



OverDrive is coming in early January 2026! You asked for a wider selection of digital materials, and we listened. We have expanded our digital collections to ensure you have access to more of the content you love.

The main result is more content for everyone. We still have magazines, comics, music, movies, television shows, Binge Passes, and some books and audiobooks on **Hoopla**. We are now offering a vast library of books, audiobooks, and magazines through OverDrive.

Items from both services will be integrated into our online catalogue, so when you look up a title, you will see all physical and digital formats. **When accessing OverDrive from a computer, you will see it listed as OverDrive; however, when you want to use it on a phone or tablet, the app is named Libby.**

For those using Kobos, we recommend checking out your books on a computer, phone, or tablet first and then syncing your Kobo for the content.

We hope you enjoy our expanded digital collection.



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Public Library**

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From the desk of the

Head Librarian



Happy Birthday to Waverley! This year marks a special milestone as the original building celebrates 75 years of serving our community. Since opening its doors, Waverley has been part of decades of change and growth. The Fort William and Port Arthur Public Libraries merged, Waverley Library expanded, County Park Library opened and later relocated, and Mary JL Black Library moved to its current home.

This year, we are celebrating both 75 years of Waverley and 150 years of library service in what is now Thunder

Bay. We invite you to join us for a year filled with celebration and forward momentum.

What can you expect from us this year? We will begin 2026 with an expansion of our digital services. In 2025 we focused on Hoopla, and early in 2026 we will be adding OverDrive back into the mix. Most digital books and audiobooks will be available on OverDrive. Hoopla will continue to offer digital movies, television series, music, comics, and BingePasses. Some books and audiobooks will still be available on Hoopla, but the majority will now be found on OverDrive.

The best part is that both services are fully integrated into our online catalogue, so you can search once and see whether an item is available in the Library or on either digital platform. Magazines will also be available on both.

January also brings Discovery Club to Waverley in a whole new way. If you are familiar with Discovery Club at Mary JL Black, where STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) activities are available all day every day, you will find the same type of resources on the lower level at Waverley. All activities are self-guided and designed for ages four plus. This expansion gives families more opportunities for hands-

on learning, building challenges, simple robots, and open-ended creativity during every visit.

We are also planning special events for 2026. Exact dates will be announced soon, so follow us on social media and subscribe to our email newsletter to stay up to date.

There is much to look forward to as Waverley prepares for its next 75 years. Things may look a little different as renovations begin, but through it all, we will be here for you!

Ruth Hawlin-Douglas

Head Librarian

Ruth's Winter Reading List:

The House in the Cerulean Sea

by TJ Klune

Rosewater by Tade Thompson

The Bookshop on the Corner

by Jenny Colgan

Pasta Grannies: The Secrets of Italy's

Best Home Cooks by Vicky Bennison

Why Does My Shadow Follow Me? More Science Questions From Real Kids

by Kira Vermond



New & Notable

Adult

Hope Rises by David Baldacci

Devil's Bible by Steve Berry

Crossroads by C.J. Box

Bloodlust by Sandra Brown

Kill for a Million by Janet Dailey

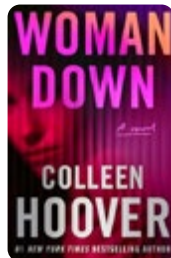
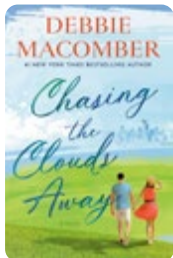
The Right to Remain

by James Grippando

Woman Down by Colleen Hoover

Jigsaw by Jonathan Kellerman

Chasing the Clouds Away by Debbie Macomber



Youth

We Fell Apart

by E. Lockhart

Room to Breathe

by Kasie West

Where There's Room for Us

by Hayley Kiyoko

Coldwire by Chloe Gong

MindWorks

by Neal Shusterman

Break Wide the Sea

by Sara Holland

The House Saphir

by Marissa Meyer



Children

Acts of Kindness

by The Dalai Lama, His Holiness

All Ears by Stuart Gibbs

Things Scientists Don't Know Yet

by Peter Gallivan

Adventure Time Vol. 1: Best of Buds

by Nick Winn

Fiddlehead Forest by Jana Curll

Luck From the Very Hungry

Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Summer Brings Berries by Roy Henry Vickers



Adult Nonfiction

The New Vegetarian by America's Test Kitchen

Getting Naked by Valerie Bertinelli

The Power of Real Optimism by Deepika Chopra

High Protein Plate by Rachel VaDaux

The Hunger Code by Jason Fung

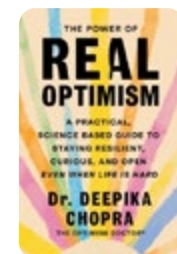
Better at Home: Recipes for Big Nights In by Colu Henry

Lessons from a Lifetime by David Suzuki

Rich Family, Smart Family by Robert Kiyosaki

Ecocivilization by Jeremy Lent

The 29-Minute Vegan by Isa Chandra Moskowitz



DVDs

The Bad Guys 2

F1

Freakier Friday

Superman

Mission Impossible:

The Final Reckoning
Caught Stealing



Books & More



Attraction Passes

Explore local cultural and outdoor attractions for FREE with your Library Card this winter!

Place a hold on a pass, pick it up at the branch of your choice, and enjoy access for one week.



Explore Your City!

Some of the things you can do with a TBPL Attraction Pass this winter:

Snowshoe at Wishart and Hazelwood Conservation Areas with a **Lakehead Region Conservation Authority** pass

Visit **Fort William Historical Park** for a day with the family.

See the new *Patricia Deadman: The Red Feather* exhibit at **Thunder Bay Art Gallery**



More Than Books!

Learn about all the amazing "things" available to borrow in our collection.

Visit: tbpl.ca/things



Freedom to Read Week

Freedom to Read Week is observed across Canada and the United States every year as a way to recognize issues of intellectual freedom as they affect our communities, our provinces, our country, and our world.

Intellectual freedom includes open access to information and the ability to critically evaluate it. While the rise of social media has expanded access to information, it has also amplified issues like disinformation. Libraries play a vital role in supporting media literacy, empowering readers to make informed choices.

Learn more about Freedom to Read Week at www.freedomtoread.ca

Celebrating **75** years of Waverley

Waverley Library at 75: A History of Growth and Renewal

When the doors of Waverley Library first opened at 285 Red River Road in 1951, the building itself was new but the library was not. Then known as the Port Arthur Library, it had already been serving the community for 75 years.

Waverley Library's earliest incarnation was the Port Arthur Mechanics' Institute, which opened in 1876 with paid memberships and a modest collection of 128 books. Over the following decades, the Library moved through about a dozen different locations as its collection grew and downtown Port Arthur evolved. During that time, it transitioned from a membership-based institute to a free public library and adopted the name Port Arthur Library. By the late 1940s, it was operating out of a cramped double space in the nearby Ruttan Building, and it had become clear that the community needed a permanent home large enough to serve both the collection and the people who enjoyed it.

When the new building opened in 1951, the Library was already responding to changing community interests. It had expanded into what was then called "juvenile literature," begun lending phonograph records, and even experimented with circulating sewing patterns. By the end of that year, the Port Arthur Library had 7,539 registered members and a collection of 27,616 books, a remarkable growth from its earliest days.

In 1970, the cities of Port Arthur and Fort William amalgamated to form Thunder Bay, and the Port Arthur Library became part



of the newly established Thunder Bay Public Library system. Almost immediately, discussions began about how the Arthur Street branch, as it would soon be renamed, could be adapted to better serve the growing north-side population.

Those plans came to fruition in 1974, when the Arthur Street Library completed extensive renovations and an addition. The project introduced a large reference section, an audio-visual area, a renovated auditorium, and an entirely new mezzanine level to house the Library's administration team. This move freed up valuable public space at Brodie Library and strengthened the system as a whole. By that time, the Arthur Street Library held more than 83,000 books and served readers from across Thunder Bay as part of a three-branch system.

NEW LIBRARY RECOMMENDED

Board Proposes \$130,000 Building, Asks Ratepayers Vote

Construction of a new \$130,000 public library building here was urged by a Port Arthur Library Board delegation at a civic finance committee meeting last night. Aldermen Robinson, Oaks and Hinton were named a committee to meet the library board at a later date to study the proposal.

Ex-Alderman George Bendall, 42-2-8 station spokesman, pointed out that the board already owned a suitable piece of property on Arthur Street and asked that the ratepayers be allowed to vote on a new building at the next municipal elections.

OUTLINES CASE

Mr. Bendall stated that for the past 30 years Port Arthur's library has been located in two stores. During that time both the population and the library work had doubled. More than 3,500 children were trying to get along in one crowded section and it was impossible to keep the reading room quiet.

Space was entirely insufficient for the 25,000 books, 2,000 more were being added each year. The crowd had been increased last year with the addition of the Thunder Bay Film Council equipment which required films for showing to 20,000 people monthly.

Location on Arthur Street was

Opening Day Sees 1,169 X-Rayed At Survey Clinic

The response yesterday was "excellent" on the opening day of the mass X-ray survey being sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Ontario department of public health. It was announced today by Leslie Mitchener, chairman of the publicity committee. By closing time at 10 o'clock last night, 1,167 had been X-rayed and the survey was gaining in momentum by the hour today.

The drive to have as many as possible X-rayed in this area in a determined effort to stamp out tuberculosis is continuing until Oct. 1. The



SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS

Defence Is Factor Of Ottawa Talks To Stafford Cripps

By The Canadian Press
OTTAWA, Sept. 21.—Defence emerged today as the No. 1 factor behind the economic and financial talks now unfolding here between Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, and acting Prime Minister St. Laurent and other members of the Canadian Cabinet.

As the discussions opened this morning in the east block, site of the Prime Minister's office, authoritative sources disclosed that Sir Stafford sought from the cabinet in-

Council Seeks Conference On Telephones

The civic finance committee last night decided to confer with the Public Utilities Commission next Monday at 5 o'clock to discuss a possible remedy for an expected shortage of dial telephones when the switchover is made next year and the cost of running gasoline buses which are losing money.

The action was taken after Mayor Cox said he had found an "extraordinary situation" when he attended a recent meeting of the Commission. He learned that 1,000 applicants would not get dial telephones until six months after the switchover. Most people thought that everyone would get phones, he said, and members of the Commission admitted there had been a mistake in judgment.

In Port William where the City Council ran the telephone system it was announced that everyone there would have telephones when the switchover took place, the Mayor said.

"CAN'T BLAME COUNCIL"

The Mayor said he had to use "all the logic at my command" to get the information from the Utilities Commission. The shortage might run to more than 1,000 if more applied in the meantime he stated.

Start Work On U.N. Permanent Home



WHILE the third general assembly of the United Nations opened in its temporary home today, preparations have gone ahead in the City of New York for the permanent housing of the world organization. Above Benjamin F. Cohen, acting secretary general of the U.N., lifts the first shovel of earth from the site on New York's East River at ground-breaking ceremonies. A \$63,000,000 loan for the construction of the world capital has been approved by the U.S. Congress and building will now go ahead. From the left in the picture are Hugo Rogers, Borough president; Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York; Mr. Cohen and Controller Larry Josephs.

Argentina Wants None Excluded From U.N. Meet

By The Canadian Press

PARIS, Sept. 21.—Dr. Juan Atilio Bramuglia, Argentina's foreign minister, opening the third general assembly of the United Nations here today, said they did not want any country of the world to be excluded from the United Nations. There could be no chosen and no outcasts.

"We believe that the application of the theory of the hierarchy of states, to direct the organization and establish general lines of policy should be revised, not only because it is contrary to the democratic status deriving from the juridical equality of states but because it places in the hands of a few nations the destiny of all peoples."

SEEK PARTICIPATION

"And we do not want anyone to divide the fate of peoples without their own participation so that they may have satisfaction in their decisions and consolation in their ages."

"The world must be united to confront, in a spirit of solidarity, all the most diverse questions that may come up for solution."

Tyrra Lie, secretary-general, told the assembly that Count Folke Bernadotte and Col. Andor Rast

In the decades since, Waverley Library has continued to evolve through a series of smaller renovations and service changes. One significant shift saw Waverley's reference materials relocated to Brodie Library, where they were merged into a larger reference collection and made more accessible to City Hall and the Thunder Bay Archives. Each change reflected the Library's ongoing effort to adapt to how the community uses library spaces.

Now, 75 years after first opening its doors on Red River Road, Waverley Library is preparing for another major transformation. Thunder Bay residents have told us they want more children's programming and passive play spaces, more cozy reading nooks for all ages, and more places to gather and connect. In January, the first phase of renovations will begin with the construction of fully accessible main-floor washroom facilities. This important step lays the groundwork for future plans to transform the entire lower level into a dedicated Children's Library.

As Waverley Library celebrates its Diamond Jubilee, it does so with one eye on its remarkable past and the other firmly on the future, continuing a long tradition of growth, adaptation, and service to the community.



Kids Programming

Play Day

County Park Library
Thursdays @ 1 – 7 pm
January 8 – March 26

Waverley Library
Fridays @ 10 am – 3 pm
January 2 – March 27

No Play Day on Jan 16, 30, Feb 27, Mar 20

Join us for independent, self-guided free play with our toys and activities! Play is the work of childhood and helps kids develop many skills and literacies. **(All ages) Drop in.**



Baby and Me Storytime

County Park Library
Mondays @ 11:15 am
January 5 – March 30

No Storytime Feb 9, 16, Mar 16

Mary JL Black Library
Wednesdays @ 1:30 pm
January 14 – March 25

No Storytime Feb 25 and Mar 18

Drop in for fingerplays, bounces, stories, and songs followed by playtime and socializing with other parents and caregivers! Best for babies from birth through twelve months who are cuddling and crawling. **(Ages 0–12 months) Drop in.**



Family Storytime

County Park Library
Wednesdays @ 10 am
January 7 – March 25

No Storytime Feb 11

Mary JL Black Library
Tuesdays @ 10:30 am
January 13 – March 31

Waverley Library
Fridays @ 9:30 am
January 23 – March 27

No Storytime Jan 30, Feb 27, Mar 20

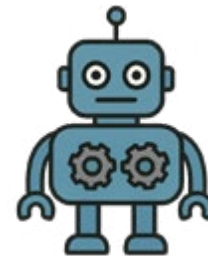
Drop in for literacy-focused fun the whole family can enjoy! Children, parents, and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs, and rhymes followed by free play and socialization time. **(All ages) Drop in.**



Discovery Club

Waverley Library
Mary JL Black Library
Open during branch hours (unless otherwise noted)

Drop in for self-guided family exploration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) concepts with robots, coding activities, building challenges, and lots more. Equipment and activities are rated for children aged 4 and up. **(Ages 4+) Drop in.**



Game On! with the Interactive Projector

Mary JL Black Library

Tuesdays: 12 – 7:45 pm
Thursdays: 4:30 – 7:45 pm
Fridays & Saturdays: 9:30 am – 4:45 pm
Sundays: 12:30 – 4:45 pm

Smash robots, play virtual soccer, or try one of the other games on the interactive projector. Get moving with physically engaging games that encourage hand-eye coordination, gross motor skill development, and socialization in one fun activity! Thank you to the Friends of the Library for purchasing the OBIE Projector. **(All ages) Drop in.**

Blissful Beading

County Park Library
Thursdays @ 3 – 7:30 pm
January 8 – March 30

Drop in and relax while you create beaded trinkets, necklaces, keychains, and more! **(All ages) Drop in.**

Baby Prints

Waverley Library
Thursday, January 8 @ 1:30 pm

Drop in and make a footprint or handprint craft with your baby! Stay for stories, songs, lap rhymes, and social time. **(Ages 0–12 months) Drop in.**

Kids Programming



Chess Club

Mary JL Black Library
Mondays @ 5 – 7:30 pm
January 5 – March 30

No Chess Club Feb 16

Join local chess enthusiasts for a welcoming, low-pressure drop-in Chess Club. Improve your concentration and problem-solving skills while enjoying friendly games with other players. All ages and skill levels. Boards provided. **(Ages 3–100) Drop in.**

Family Movies

Waverley Library

Tuesday, January 27 @ 6 pm

Dog Man

Tuesday, February 24 @ 6 pm

Trolls World Tour

Tuesday, March 31 @ 6 pm

Shrek

Mary JL Black Library

Friday, February 27 @ 2 pm

The Secret Life of Pets

Join us for a kid-friendly movie experience with light snacks and a craft. **(All ages) Drop in.**

Snow Dough

Mary JL Black Library
Friday, January 30
10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Learn how to make your own play dough and use our tools to have some sensory fun! Drop in anytime between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm to make your dough! Once you're done playing, bring home what you've made to play some more. While supplies last. **(Ages 3+) Drop in.**

It's Waverley's 75th Birthday Party!

Waverley Library
Friday, January 30 @ 2:30 pm

Celebrate 75 years of stories, smiles, and community while you travel through time at Waverley's 75th Birthday! Explore the different decades with themed crafts, games, and fun. **(All ages) Drop in.**



Window Painting

County Park Library
Friday, January 30 @ 10 am

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



SpongeBob Party

County Park Library
Friday, February 27
10 am

Are you ready kids?
I CAN'T HEAAAAAR YOU!!
Swim on down for a splashing good time all about SpongeBob and his friends in Bikini Bottom. **(Ages 4+) Drop in.**



Indoor Snow Day!

Waverley Library
Friday, February 27 @ 2:30 pm
Bring the winter fun inside! Kids get to enjoy snowy games, crafts, and cozy treats with no mittens required. **(All ages) Drop in.**

HOW TO REGISTER

For events with an * asterisk, registration begins at 9:30 am two weeks prior to the program date.

Online: tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar,
phone: 807-345-8275 or by visiting
any Library branch.

Kids Programming

Preschool Storytime*

Waverley Library
Mondays OR Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:30 am
January 19 – March 12

Registration: January 5 @ 9:30 am

No Preschool Feb 16

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.
(Ages 3–4) Registration required.

SAVE THE DATE

Preschool Storytime: Spring Session
Mondays April 13 - June 1 OR
Thursdays April 9 - May 28
No Preschool on Monday, May 18 for Victoria Day.

Registration opens on Monday,
March 23 at 9:30 am



Tales for Twos*

Waverley Library
Tuesdays OR Wednesdays
10:30 – 11:30 am
January 20 – March 11
Registration: January 6 @ 9:30 am

This program is for children ages 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.
(Age 2) Registration required.

SAVE THE DATE

Tales for Twos: Spring Session
Tuesdays April 7 - May 26 OR
Wednesdays April 8 - May 27
Registration opens on Tuesday,
March 24 at 9:30 am

Letter to My Future Self*

All Branches
Pickup: January 22 – 26
Registration: January 2 @ 9:30 am

A lot can happen in a year! Write a letter to yourself and have us mail it back to you in December 2026. Registration opens Jan 2 at 9:30 am. Return your letter by the end of February to have your “time capsule” secured.
(Ages 3–100) Registration required.

Valentine's Tea*

Waverley Library
Saturday, February 14 @ 10:30 am
Registration: January 31 @ 9:30 am

You're invited to a sweet and sparkly Valentine's Day Tea! Sip some tea and some tasty treats, enjoy a craft and some activities with your grown up!
(Ages 3–10) Registration required.

Storytime with Mz. Molly & Friendz

Waverley Library
Saturday, February 28
2:30 – 3:30 pm
Join us for an all-ages, family-friendly storytime of wonder and whimsy with Mz Molly and Friendz!
(All ages) Drop in.

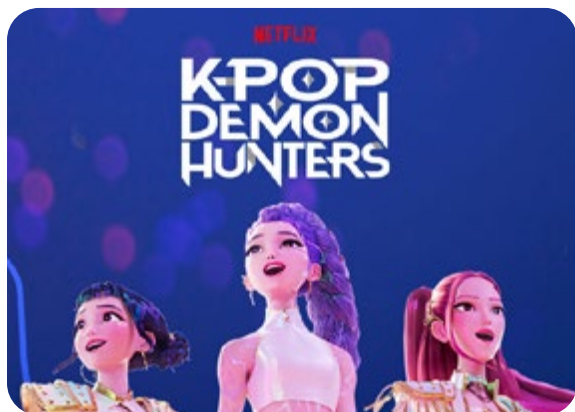


MARCH BREAK

Pirate Party

County Park Library
Monday, March 16 @ 10 am

Ahoy mateys! Sail on down to the County Park Library for a jaunty good time! Enjoy games, activities, and a craft all about pirates. Costumes ARGGGHH encouraged! **(Ages 4+) Drop in.**



K-Pop Demon Hunters VIP Party*

Waverley Library
Monday, March 16 @ 2:30 pm
Registration: March 2 @ 9:30 am

Join us for an experience that's Golden. Personalize your own merch, takedown opponents in game show-inspired games, relax in the bath house, concoct your own soda pop and sing and dance under the party lights. We'll show you How It's Done, Done, Done.
(Ages 6+) Registration required.

Danny GO! Dance Party

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, March 16 @ 2:30 pm

Watch Danny GO! videos on our big screen and dance along til you drop! Danny GO! is a musical "brain break" star watched in schools and daycares everywhere to get kids moving. We'll follow along with the videos and do an activity and craft, too! **(Ages 2+) Drop in.**

Paw Patrol Party*

Waverley Library
Tuesday, March 17 @ 10:30 am
Registration: March 3 @ 9:30 am

Are you ready for a PAW-some adventure? Get fired up for our Paw Patrol party, and enjoy various activities based on our favourite furry friends.
(Ages 1-8) Registration required.

Shamrock Shenanigans

Waverley Library
Tuesday, March 17 @ 2:30 pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with this theatrical retelling of the classic fairytale Rumpelstiltskin. Stay for a craft and other festivities. Admission guaranteed to the first 200 people in the door.
(All ages) Drop in.

Window Painting

County Park Library
Tuesday, March 17 @ 10 am

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

Pokémon Trainer Academy*

Waverley Library
Wednesday, March 18 @ 2:30 pm
Registration: March 4 @ 9:30 am



Calling all Pokémon Trainers! Step into the world of Pokémon. Obstacle course, games and challenges, create your own pokemon craft and more! Put on your best trainer hat and get ready to catch 'em all! **(Ages 6+) Registration required.**

Jillian Jiggs Party*

Mary JL Black Library
Wednesday, March 18 @ 2:30 pm
Registration: March 4 @ 9:30 am

Jillian, Jillian, Jillian Jiggs - it looks like the library has been lived in by pigs! Celebrate the beloved book with a "witch potion," your own wonderful, marvelous pig, and crafts with boxes. Don't forget your favourite dress up clothes!
(Ages 3+) Registration required.

MARCH BREAK

Jam with Jesse

Mary JL Black Library
Thursday, March 19 @ 10:30 am

Let's jam with Jesse! Dance and sing along to a variety of fun songs that will have you moving and grooving.
(All ages) Drop in.

Fairy Party*

Waverley Library
Thursday, March 19
@ 2:30 pm
Registration: March 5
@ 9:30 am



A magical celebration with glittery crafts, sweet treats, and make-believe fun. Dress in wings or fairy costumes for an afternoon full of sparkle, laughter and wonder!
(Ages 2–10) Registration required.

Mario Kart Racing

Mary JL Black Library
Friday, March 20
1:30 – 4:30 pm



Drop in to put your Mario Kart skills to the test on our big screen. Are you the best racer around?
(Ages 8+) Drop in.



Studio Ghibli Party: Soot Sprites Social*

Waverley Library
Friday, March 20 @ 2:30 pm
Registration: March 6 @ 9:30 am

Be Spirited Away into a world of magic and whimsy with crafts and games inspired by beloved Studio Ghibli films like My Neighbour Totoro, Ponyo, and Kiki's Delivery service.
(Ages 5–12) Registration required.

Science North

County Park Library
Friday, March 20 @ 1 – 4 pm

Test your Imagineering skills with Science North's exciting hands-on and interactive stations! Visitors will use the engineering method to brainstorm, design, and test various engineering and architecture challenges. **(All ages) Drop in.**



Library Egg Hunt

Mary JL Black Library
Saturday, March 21
All day



Can you find the eggs hidden in the library? Challenge your family and see if you can unscramble the secret phrase for the chance to win a special prize! Each egg will help you get closer to the answer. While you're here, enjoy a festive craft.
(All ages) Drop in.

Kawaii World*

Waverley Library
Saturday, March 21 @ 2:30 pm
Registration: March 7 @ 9:30 am

Kawaii craft corner, make your own squishy-mallow slime, bingo, games and more! Bring your favourite plushie friend to join the fun and come dressed as your brightest and most colourful self!
(Ages 5+) Registration required.

Family Concert: Jim 'n' I

Waverley Library
Sunday, March 22 @ 2:30 pm

Sing, dance and enjoy magical melodies with local musicians Jim 'n' I. Admission guaranteed to the first 200 people in the door. **(All ages) Drop in.**

Kids Programming

Bedtime Kits for Kids*

All Branches

Pickup: January 22 – 26

Registration: January 2 @ 9:30 am

Got the winter blues? Make the long nights easier with Bedtime Kits for Kids! Enjoy books (signed out to your library card), activities, and a craft all about evenings & bedtime.

(Ages 2–10) Registration required.

Dazzling Dinosaurs Kits*

All Branches

Pickup: March 26 – 30

Registration: March 5 @ 9:30 am

Has your child gone bananas for Brachiosaurus? Are they gripped by Giganotosaurus? Sign them up for a Dazzling Dinosaur Kit! Enjoy books (signed out to your library card), activities, and a craft about all kinds of dinos!

(Ages 4–12) Registration required.

Busy Babies Kits*

All Branches

Pickup: March 26 – 30

Registration: March 5 @ 9:30 am

Start fostering a love of reading with your little one by signing up for our Busy Babies Kit! Each kit will include books (signed out to your library card), activities and a simple craft to bond with your baby.

(Ages 0–24 months) Registration required.

Sublime Sea Life Kits*

All Branches

Pickup: February 19 – 23

Registration: January 29 @ 9:30 am

Swimming fish, underground volcanoes... oceans and seas are busy places! Sign up for a Sublime Sea Life kit to explore more! Kits will contain books (signed out to your library card) activities, and a craft all about this part of the natural world.

(Ages 2-12) Registration required.

Tecky Brains: Doodle Detector: Teach AI to Recognize Your Drawings*

Waverley Library: Saturday, January 31

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Registration: January 17 @ 9:30 am

Participants create their own drawings and teach an AI to identify them, learning the basics of machine learning through a fun, hands-on activity.

(All ages) Registration required.



Tecky Brains: Code Your First Digital Art with Python*



Mary JL Black Library

Saturday, February 14,

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Registration: January 31 @ 9:30 am

Participants turn words and symbols into creative digital art while learning beginner-friendly Python coding

(Ages 9+) Registration required.

Tecky Brains: 3D AR Art Cube Create Interactive Art in Augmented Reality*

Mary JL Black Library

Saturday, March 28, 10 am – 12 pm

Registration: March 14 @ 9:30 am

Participants bring an artwork into 3D and transform it into an AR cube, learning design and beginner-friendly coding.

(All ages) Registration required.

Our sincere thanks to the Lakehead Rotary Club for investing in the Children's Library expansion. Your community leadership will mean our youngest learners have a brighter, more welcoming space to play, learn, and grow.

YOUTH Programming

YOUTH Action Council

Mary JL Black Library @ 6 – 7 pm

Monday, January 5
Monday, February 2
Monday, March 2

The YOUTH Action Council meets monthly to discuss changes to the Library, suggest programs, and buy young adult books. Earn volunteer hours and develop your event planning and teamwork skills. Visit our website to learn more.
(Grades 7–12) Drop in.

Fandom Art Night

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, January 12 @ 6 – 7:45 pm

Help us redecorate the youth area at MJLB by creating art based off of your favourite book, show, or video game.
(Grades 7–12) Drop In.

**INTERESTED IN LEARNING
ABOUT HIP HOP?**

**Check out our
Hip Hop In the North
program on page 22!**

YOUTH Knitters

Knit or crochet hats or scarves for those in need to earn community service volunteer hours. Visit tbpl.ca/youth for more info. **(Grades 7–12)**



YOUTH Review

Review books or movies that you loved (or hated) for community service hours. For each review, you can earn up to 4 volunteer hours! Visit tbpl.ca/youth for more info. **(Grades 7–12)**

YOUTH Movie Night

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, March 16 @ 6 – 7:45 pm

Bring a friend or meet new ones at a fun evening watching a great film on the big screen. Dress up in character to win a prize, play games, and eat snacks. Attend the March 2 YAC meeting to vote on which movie we'll watch.
(Grades 7–12) Drop in.

Friendship Bracelets

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, February 9 @ 6 – 7:45 pm

Make a special bracelet for your valentine, and enjoy some festive treats!
(Ages 10+) Drop in.

Recycled Art Challenge

Mary JL Black Library
Tuesday, March 17 @ 2 pm

Raid our leftover craft supplies and use recycled objects to create your own masterpiece! Recycled items will be provided, but feel free to bring your own as well. Creations can be displayed in the youth area. **(Grades 7–12) Drop in.**



YOUTH Subscription Bags*

All Branches

Pickup: January 22 – 26
February 19 – 23
March 26 – 30

Registration: January 2 @ 9:30 am

Not sure what to read next? Choose the genre, format, and location, and we'll do the rest! Each month from January - March, you'll receive 4 hand-picked library books, candy, and some goodies
(Grades 7–12) Registration required.

Adult Programming

Tea Club

All Branches
Last Wednesday of the Month

Available on the last Wednesday of the month at all Library branches, Tea Club packages contain a sample for a perfect cup of tea, an information brochure and book recommendations! Pick up is first-come, first-served with a limit of one per person. **(Ages 18+)**

Spice Club

All Branches
Third Wednesday of the Month

Available on the third Wednesday of the month at all Library branches, Spice Club packages contain a spice sample and an information brochure with recipes and book recommendations! Pick up is first-come, first-served with a limit of one per person. **(Ages 18+)**

Scan to Save Your Memories

All Branches
Don't let your old photos get lost, faded, or damaged - scan, save, and share them as digital files and preserve your precious memories! **Email us at adults@tbpl.ca to book an appointment.**

Please note that printing is NOT available.

Retirement Explorers

Mary JL Black Library
Fridays @ 1 – 2:30 pm
January 23 – March 27

No program Feb 27, Mar 20

Retirement Explorers is a free program for retirees who love to learn, explore new ideas, engage in meaningful discussions, and connect with friends. This program is offered in partnership with the City of Thunder Bay Recreation and Culture Division. **(Ages 55+) Drop In.**



Wit Knits

Mary JL Black Library
Thursdays @ 1:30 – 3 pm
January 8 – March 26

No program March 19

For new and experienced knitters aged 55+. We gather weekly to knit (and crochet). Share stories and laughs with fellow group members while you work. This program is offered in partnership with the City of Thunder Bay Recreation and Culture Division. **(Ages 55+) Drop In.**

Superior Seed Producers

Mary JL Black Library @ 6 – 7:45 pm
Monday, January 5
Monday, February 2
Monday, March 2

Join us for talks with Superior Seed Producers as they share tips, experience, and answer all your gardening questions. Whether you're a pro, a first-timer, or working with a tiny space, this series will give you the confidence to start planting! **(Ages 18+) Drop in.**



Travel Talks

Waverley Library
Tuesday, January 20 @ 6 – 8 pm
Tuesday, February 17 @ 6 – 8 pm
Saturday, March 28 @ 1:30 – 3 pm

Join us for talks about travel from a different perspective: traveling as a solo senior female with Brigitte K, traveling for medical reasons with panel discussion with Chelsea M. and Noreen D., and travelling the far reaches of the Canadian north with John Dunn. **(Ages 18+) Drop in.**



Adult Programming

Afternoon at the Movies

Mary JL Black Library @
Monday, January 19 @ 1:30 pm
Back to the Future
Monday, February 9 @ 1:30 pm
Remember the Titans
Monday, March 9 @ 1:30 pm
Belfast

Bring a friend or meet new ones for an afternoon watching a great film on the big screen! Light snacks provided; bring your own chair cushion for extra comfort.
(Ages 18+) Drop in.

Seniors' Coffee Chat

Mary JL Black Library
Thursday, January 8
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday, February 12
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday, March 12
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Come socialize at our relaxed, welcoming Seniors' Coffee Chat in partnership with Age Friendly Thunder Bay. Meet new people, engage in crafts and activities, and learn about resources in the community. Refreshments are provided.
(Ages 55+) Drop in.



Chess Club

Mary JL Black Library
Mondays @ 5 – 7:30 pm
January 5 – March 30

No program Feb 16

Join local chess enthusiasts for a welcoming, low-pressure drop-in Chess Club. Improve your concentration and problem-solving skills while enjoying friendly games with other players. All ages and skill levels; boards provided.
(Ages 3–100) Drop in.

Senior Social

Waverley Library
Thursday, January 15 @ 1:30 – 3 pm
Thursday, February 19 @ 1:30 – 3 pm
Thursday, March 26 @ 1:30 – 3 pm

Looking to get out of the house and mingle? Enjoy refreshments and new friends! **(Ages 50+) Drop in.**

Downsizing with Care Presented by Tidy By Nature

Waverley Library
Monday, February 2 @ 6 pm
Learn about the KonMari Method with Lia from Tidy By Nature and reflect on your relationship with your belongings to find what sparks joy in your life!
(Ages 18+) Drop in.

2026 Vision Board Workshops*

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, January 5 @ 2 pm
Wednesday, January 7 @ 6 pm

Waverley Library
Tuesday, January 6 @ 6 pm
Registration: December 22 @ 9:30 am

Transform your 2026 goals into an interactive bingo-inspired vision board! All workshops are identical - kindly register for one only to allow others the opportunity to attend.
(Ages 18+) Registration required.



iPhone for Beginners*

County Park Library @ 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Wednesdays, January 7 – February 4
Registration: December 22 @ 9:30 am
OR February 11 – March 11
Registration: January 28 @ 9:30 am

New to iPhone and want to master the basics? This five-week course will help you feel confident with the technology in no time! This class is for Apple iPhone users only (no Android, no iPad).
(Ages 18+) Registration required.

Adult Programming

Off-Book Improv*

Waverley Library

Sunday, January 25 @ 1:30 – 3 pm

Registration: January 11 @ 9:30 am
OR

Tuesday, March 24 @ 6 – 8 pm

Registration: March 10 @ 9:30 am

Unlock Your Inner Comedian!

Tired of over thinking? Want to laugh more and stress less? Join our improv class, where quick thinking, creativity, and fun take center stage! No scripts. No pressure. Just play, connect, and discover your spontaneous side.

(Ages 18+) Registration required.

Apple Express*

County Park Library @ 10 – 11:30 am

Wednesday, January 14 (MAPS)

Registration: December 31 @ 9:30 am

Wednesday, January 28 (NOTES)

Registration: January 14 @ 9:30 am

Wednesday, February 11 (PHOTOS)

Registration: January 28 @ 9:30 am

Can't commit to a five-week how-to-use-your-device course? Try a topic-specific mini course instead! Learning how to use these apps will make your Apple experience more valuable. iPhones and iPads welcome.

(Ages 18+) Registration required.

Adult Book Bags*

Fantasy*

All Branches

Pickup: January 22 – 26

Registration: January 8 @ 9:30 am

Explore a world filled with dragons, fae, or magic with this fantasy-themed book bag! Select your book format and pickup branch and we'll prepare a book bag with a selection of books that match the monthly theme.

Black Authors*

All Branches

Pickup: February 19 – 23

Registration: February 5 @ 9:30 am

Diversify your reading and celebrate Black History Month with this book bag featuring literature by Black authors. Select your book format and pickup branch and we'll prepare a book bag with a selection of books that match the monthly theme.

Award Winners*

All Branches

Pickup: March 26 – 30

Registration: March 12 @ 9:30 am

Catch up on all the buzz-worthy fiction and nonfiction books you may have missed! Select your book format and pickup branch and we'll prepare a book bag with a selection of books that match the monthly theme.

(Ages 18+) Registration required.

High School Musical 20th Anniversary Party*

Mary JL Black Library

Wednesday, January 21 @ 5:45 pm

Registration: January 7 @ 9:30 am

Celebrate the 20th anniversary of High School Musical with us! Wear red and watch the movie (singing along encouraged) while making a personalized felt pennant flag. What team? Wildcats!!

(Ages 18+) Registration required.

DIY Bookmarks*

County Park Library

Tuesday, February 4 @ 10 – 11:30 am

Registration: January 21 @ 9:30 am

Craft your own unique page-savers using paper, paint, ribbons, and a touch of imagination!

(Ages 18+) Registration required.

Canada Reads Watch Party!

Mary JL Black Library

Thursday, March 26 @ 5:30 pm

Join us to watch (or re-watch) the final Canada Reads debate and see who will be crowned 2026's champion! Light refreshments will be provided. Admittance guaranteed to the first 50 attendees.

(Ages 18+) Drop in.

Adult Programming

Repair Cafe**

Waverley Library
Saturday, January 17
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Registration: January 3 @ 9:30 am

Mary JL Black Library
Saturday, March 21
10 am – 1 pm

Registration: March 7 @ 9:30 am

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, jewelry, computers and more.

** Visit tbayrepaircafe.org to register.



A Bridgerton Tea Party with The Boreal Museum*

Mary JL Black Library
Wednesday, February 11 @ 5:30 pm
Registration: January 28 @ 9:30 am

Dearest gentle reader, news has reached my ears that a TEAlightful party is happening at the Library! Sample tea while Jason from The Boreal Museum talks about local foods that can be foraged and used in teas. Dressing up is optional but recommended!
(Ages 18+) Registration required.



Wet Your Plants*

Lettuce*

All Branches

Pickup: February 19 – 23

Registration: February 5 @ 9:30 am

Foster a love of gardening and register for Wet Your Plants! This lettuce-themed kit for adults includes seeds, growing instructions, recipes, and activities.

Spinach*

All Branches

Pickup: March 26 – 30

Registration: March 12 @ 9:30 am

Foster a love of gardening and register for Wet Your Plants! This spinach-themed kit for adults includes seeds, growing instructions, recipes, and activities.

(Ages 18+) Registration required.

HOW TO REGISTER

For events with an * asterisk, registration begins at 9:30 am two weeks prior to the program date.

Online: tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar,
phone: 807-345-8275 or by visiting
any Library branch.

Drawing Cozy Animals with the Thunder Bay Art Gallery*

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, February 23 @ 1:30 pm
Registration: February 9 @ 9:30 am

Join the Thunder Bay Art Gallery for a free, fun, and welcoming art session at your local library. Through linework exercises and creative exploration, you will use toned paper and white charcoal to depict the fur or feathers of animals at rest. (Ages 18+)
Registration required.



THUNDER BAY
ART GALLERY

The Detective Club Murder: A Murder Mystery Game by Ruth Ware*

Waverley Library
Sunday, March 8 @ 1 – 3:30 pm
Registration: February 22 @ 9:30 am

Step into the pages of a mystery written by best-selling author Ruth Ware! Attendees will be assigned a character in advance and then role play together to discover which of them is the murderer. Instructions and light refreshments will be provided.
(Ages 18+) Registration required.

Adult Programming

Whodunit? Audiobook Club*

Mary JL Black Library

Wednesday, February 4 @ 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 4 @ 5:30 pm

Wednesday, April 1 @ 5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 6 @ 5:30 pm

Registration: January 21 @ 9:30 am

It's a crime-solving audiobook club! Each week we'll "solve" a different classic whodunit mystery as we listen to an audiobook together. Bring your crochet, knitting, or other small craft to work on while you listen! Light snacks provided. **(Ages 18+) Registration required.**



Spring Yarn Craft*

County Park Library

Wednesday March 4 @ 10:00 - 11:30 am

Registration: February 18 @ 9:30 am

Beat the winter blahs and create an easy spring yarn craft in a relaxed and social crafting atmosphere - no knitting or crocheting knowledge required! **(Ages 18+) Registration required.**

Japanese Four-Hole Binding Workshop with Folly Temple Bindery*

Waverley Library

Monday, March 9 @ 5:30 pm

Registration: February 23 @ 9:30 am

Join Folly Temple Bindery for this workshop where you'll use traditional Japanese papers and methods to recreate one of these iconic Japanese four-hole bindings.

No bookbinding experience needed. All materials and tools will be provided. **(Ages 18+) Registration required.**



Tea Leaf Reading with Katherine Keeping*

Mary JL Black Library

Wednesday, March 11 @ 5:30 pm

Registration: February 25 @ 9:30 am

Join the experienced Katherine Keeping as she gives you a step-by-step lesson on how to read tea leaves and see symbols. Participants must bring a tea cup with a saucer to participate in this program. **(Ages 18+) Registration required.**

Longstitch Notebook Workshop with Folly Temple Bindery*

Waverley Library

Monday, March 30 @ 5:30 pm

Registration: March 16 @ 9:30 am

Longstitch bindings have a simple structure with endless design opportunities! Join Folly Temple Bindery and learn how to make a leather-bound longstitch notebook from scratch. No bookbinding experience needed. All materials and tools provided. **(Ages 18+) Registration required.**



Cookbook Club: Spring Session*

Mary JL Black Library

Wednesday, April 29 @ 5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 27 @ 5:30 pm

Wednesday, June 24 @ 5:30 pm

Registration: March 2 @ 9:30 am

Join us for our monthly Cookbook Club! Register and pick up a cookbook on that month's theme. Try a few of the recipes and share your review at our meeting! Light refreshments will be served. **(Ages 18+) Registration required.**

IKC Programming

Drop-In Beading

Brodie Library
every second Friday
January 23 – March 20 @ 1 – 4 pm

Waverley Library
every second Thursday
January 15 – March 26 @ 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Join our inclusive drop-in beading program celebrating Indigenous artistry! All skill levels welcome. Learn, share, and create beautiful beadwork rooted in tradition. Stay as long as you like; all materials provided. No experience needed! **(Ages 13+) Drop in.**



We're honoured that Warrior Supplies, a 100% Indigenous-owned brand committed to empowerment, has supported our beading program and helped preserve vibrant cultural traditions.



Indigenous Author Series: Quill Christie-Peters*

Brodie Library
Friday, February 13 @ 2 – 4 pm
Registration: January 30 @ 9:30 am

The Thunder Bay Public Library is excited to host Quill Christie-Peters, who will be reading from her new book, *On Wholeness: Anishinaabe Pathways to Embodiment and Collective Liberation*. **(Ages 13+) Registration required.**

Indigenous Paint Social: Art, Story and Connection*

Mary JL Black Library
Saturday, January 10 @ 2:30 – 4:30 pm
Registration: December 27 @ 9:30 am

Join us for an inspiring Indigenous Paint Night, an evening of creativity, culture, and community. Guided by the Indigenous Facilitator, participants will explore traditional teachings, symbolism, and stories reflected through painting. **(Ages 13+) Registration required.**

Indigenous Author Series: Lynda Banning and Lyne Soramaki*

Waverley Library
Thursday, January 22 @ 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Registration: January 8 @ 9:30 am

The Thunder Bay Public Library is excited to host Lynda Banning and Lyne Soramaki, who will be reading from their book *Migizi and Giniw's important journey: niish migizi bimisewin*. **(Ages 13+) Registration required.**

Indigenous Author Series: Nolan Schmerk*

Waverley Library
Wednesday, March 25 @ 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Registration: March 11 @ 9:30 am

The Thunder Bay Public Library is excited to host Nolan Schmerk, who will be reading from their book *Microphone Melody*. **(All ages.) Registration required.**



In its third year of support, the K.M. Hunter Charitable Foundation continues to strengthen the Library's Indigenous Author Series, helping amplify Indigenous voices and stories across our community.

IKC Programming

Mini-Tikinagan Workshop*

Waverley Library

Thursday, February 19 @ 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Registration: February 5 @ 9:30 am

Experience Indigenous culture in our immersive Mini-Tikinagan Workshop! Learn the art, symbolism, and cultural significance of traditional cradleboards, through hands-on crafting and guided instruction.

(All ages) Registration required.

Mini Tipi Workshop*

Brodie Library

Wednesday, March 18 @ 2 – 4 pm

Registration: March 4 @ 9:30 am

Learn about Tipis and make your own miniature version! Discover how Indigenous peoples used these durable, mobile homes while moving with the seasons and bison. All supplies provided. **(All ages) Registration required.**

NDN Book Club:

Reading Our Way Home*

Mary J.L. Black Library

Sunday, February 1 @ 2 – 4 pm

Registration: January 1 @ 9:30 am

Sunday, March 15 @ 2 – 4 pm

Registration: February 15 @ 9:30 am

Celebrate Indigenous voices and stories with us! The NDN Book Club is your space to read, share, and connect through Indigenous literature. Sign up and start your journey today.

February's book will be *From the Ashes* by Jesse Thistle.

March's book will be *Born Sacred - Poems for Palestine* by Smokii Sumac.

(Ages 13+) Registration required.



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Thanks to OPG for supporting the Library's Mini Tikinagan and Tipi workshops, connecting children and families with Indigenous teachings and traditions.

Snowshoe Program

Crescent Lake - Fort William First Nation

Monday, March 16

11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Registration: March 2 @ 9:30 am

Don't let the winter weather keep you indoors! Join us for a memorable snowshoe adventure and make the most of the season with the Thunder Bay Public Library! Register now to reserve your spot and embark on a winter journey you won't soon forget. Thank you to the Jackman Foundation and KBM for supporting this program.

(Ages 13+) Registration required.

Hip-Hop In the North

Mary J.L. Black Library

Tuesdays @ 5 – 7:30 pm

January 6 - March 31

No program Mar 24

Learn to write and produce your own hip hop music with songwriting and beat production specialist Nolan Schmerk (AKA Solomon) at weekly drop-in workshops where you'll explore building beats, writing rhymes, sampling, deejaying, battling and more. **(All ages) Drop in.**



HOW TO REGISTER

For events with an * asterisk, registration begins at 9:30 am two weeks prior to the program date.

Online: tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, phone: 807-345-8275 or by visiting any Library branch.

Research

Local History

Curious about the history of Thunder Bay, local businesses, schools, or even your house? Are you researching your family tree? The local history and genealogy collections at your Thunder Bay Public Library have been in development since the early 1900s.

The collections include everything from newspapers on microfilm (dating back to 1875), city directories, maps, rare books, and photographs. For more information, and to start browsing our local history collection, visit: www.tbpl.ca/reference/local-history-and-genealogy



Family History 1:1s

Brodie Library

Looking for some help with your family history research? The Brodie Library offers genealogical and local history resources to help you on your way! We offer personalized one-to-one 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 Library, please email research@tbpl.ca or phone the TBPL Research Department at (807) 345-8275 extension 4200



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



Library Love

The Friends Are Downtown!

We're thrilled to announce that the Friends of the Library have successfully relocated from Brodie Library to their beautiful new space at Waverley Library. Their grand opening on December 1st was a wonderful celebration of this exciting move, and you can already feel the excitement growing in their new downtown location. The Friends are delighted to be in the heart of the downtown core, welcoming both familiar faces and new visitors to their expanded used bookshop.

Even better news: the Friends have expanded their hours to better serve our community! You can now visit them after work on weekdays and even on Saturdays, making it easier than ever to browse their incredible selection of gently-used books (and CDs and vinyl) and support the library. We are incredibly grateful for the Friends' tireless dedication and the countless ways they enhance our Library.

Interested in joining this amazing group of volunteers or learning more about what they do? Visit tbpl.ca/friends to find out how you can get involved!



Friends Used Bookstore Hours

Waverley Library, Main Level
285 Red River Road

Monday, Tuesday & Friday
10 am – 4 pm

Wednesday & Thursday
10 am – 7 pm

Saturday
11 am – 2 pm

You never know what you'll find at the Used Bookstore! 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.

Visit tbpl.ca/friends for more details on what we accept.



Member Appreciation Day

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Member Appreciation Day on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. We are grateful to **BAY Credit Union** for sponsoring this year's event, also known as Cake Day, and for sweetening our celebration with their support. Their local-first cooperative spirit helps keep our Library thriving.

Member Appreciation Day is held every year as a simple but meaningful way to celebrate you, our patrons. Thank you for your continued support, your curiosity, and your love for the Library.

We cannot wait to celebrate with you again next year!





TICKETS START AT JUST \$10

Play for your win-win story

Join the excitement of the Friends 50/50 Lottery! Thunder Bay residents are winning **life-changing jackpots** every month, and each ticket **supports children's literacy** initiatives at Thunder Bay Public Library.

Buy your tickets at any Thunder Bay Public Library Branch, at friends5050.ca or by scanning the QR code below with your phone's camera.

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