



Get Your Summer Read On!

Calling all kids: the TD Summer Reading Club is back, and reading has never been more fun! Canada's biggest bilingual summer reading program welcomes children of all interests and abilities, ages 0 to 12. The Club celebrates Canadian authors, illustrators, and stories, and inspires kids to explore reading their way, which is key to building a lifelong love of books.

Avoid the summer slide! Reading over the summer helps kids retain and build on the literacy skills they practiced during the school year. Registered participants receive a free notebook and stickers to track their reading, plus weekly prizes just for sharing what they have read. We will also have fun activities and initiatives all season long.

Summer Reading Club runs Monday, June 29 through Friday, August 14. There is something for everyone, including preschoolers and their families. Registration is open now! **See page 4 for more details.**

Check out the
FREE programs at
your Library!



News and Updates



Ruth Hauelin-Douglas
Head Librarian

Welcome, summer! Although summer is our shortest season at the Library (we include two months of programming rather than the three or four of other seasons), it is a busy one. We have programs for all ages, including three Danny Go! Parties, Gold Panning, and craft programs such as Turmeric Painting for adults. For those of you who have enjoyed the Game On! with the Interactive Projector at Mary JL Black Library, you'll be happy to know that it's now available on the north side as well. Visit Waverley Library to try out our newest projector. For anytime programming, check out our Discovery Club, now available at all four branches! While you're visiting for a program, check out our board games, new books, and garden tools.

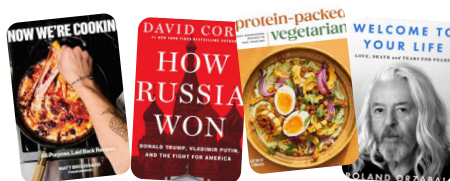
In Waverley Library news, thank you for your patience while we install main floor washrooms. We're through the worst of the noise and very much looking forward to becoming more accessible, with washrooms on the main floor for the first time in our 75-year history. Speaking of birthdays, we will be celebrating Waverley on Saturday, August 1 with a party in Connaught Square. Come for the pizza and cake, stay for the bouncy castles and games. We will also be sealing a special time capsule, so come see what treasures we'll be leaving for our future patrons to discover!

Everything we do at the Thunder Bay Public Library is made possible by you: our patrons, partners, donors, and volunteers. We truly appreciate the trust you place in us to provide collections, programming, and a community living room. I'm looking forward to seeing you in the branches this summer.

New and Upcoming at TBPL

Adult Fiction

Not a Word by Linwood Barclay
Deceptions by Jeffery Deaver
You'll Be Sorry by Lisa Gardner
The Opposite of Murder by Sophie Hannah
Blood, Rust and Steel by Stuart MacBride
The Boat House by Fern Michaels
Women in White by Sarah Pekkanen
The True Meaning of Love by Danielle Steel



Adult Nonfiction

Now We're Cooking by Matthew Broussard
How Russia Won: Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin, and the Fight for America
by David Corn
Protein Packed Vegetarian by Grace Elkus
Uncover Up: How to Think Clearly in the Age of Conspiracies by Lee Kuhnle
Welcome to Your Life: Love, Death and Tears for Fears by Roland Orzabal

DVDs

28 Years Later: The Bone Temple
Avatar: Fire & Ash
The Bride!
Hoppers
A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms: Season 1
Marty Supreme
Send Help
Wuthering Heights



Summertime @ TBPL



Summer Hours of Operation

Effective: June 21–September 6

Waverley Library

285 Red River Road

Monday–Thursday: 9:30 am – 8 pm

Friday–Saturday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Sunday: Closed

Mary JL Black Library

901 Edward St. S

Monday–Thursday: 9:30 am – 8 pm

Friday–Saturday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Sunday: Closed

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

Full Day Closures

All branches closed

Wednesday, July 1: Canada Day

Monday, August 3: Civic Holiday

Explore our City this Summer with TBPL!

Did you know that with your Library card, you can borrow passes for some of the best spots in and around Thunder Bay?



Fort William Historical Park Pass

Free admission for four, including access to the park's special events.



Thunder Bay Museum Family Pass

Complimentary entry for individuals and groups looking to explore the vast and rich history of Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario.



Ontario Parks Day Pass

Enjoy free day use of beautiful Ontario Parks, including Sleeping Giant Provincial Park.



Thunder Bay Art Gallery Pass

Free entry for you and up to three guests and check out their summer exhibits.

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Day Pass

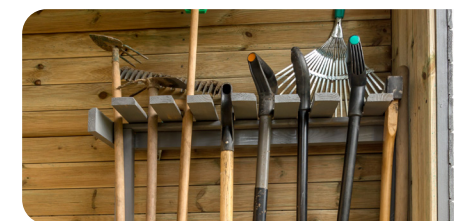
Free parking at LRCA Conservation areas, including Silver Harbour, Cascades, Hazelwood Lake, and more.



Visit tbpl.ca/things for more information, and to discover all of the amazing THINGS you can borrow from your Library!

Garden Tools

The Roots Tool Shed is OPEN at Brodie and Waverley Library. Drop in to see what's available, from shovels, rakes, and wheelbarrows to specialized planting and weeding tools. You can also visit our website and search "tool" in the catalogue for a full list.



Kids Programming

Summer Reading Club Registration Details (continued from front cover)



Registration for the TD Summer Reading Club is open now. Pick up of incentive prizes and materials will be available weekly beginning June 29 at the Library location that you choose when registering. Register online at tbpl.ca/src, by phone 807-345-8275, or in-person at any Library location.

Special thanks to the generous local sponsors of the 2026 TD Summer Reading Club!



Ready for Reading Workshop*

Brodie Library
Tuesdays @ 2 – 3 pm (ages 4 – 7)
June 30 – August 25
No program August 4

Thursdays @ 2 – 3 pm (ages 8 – 10)
July 2 – August 27
No program August 6

Registration Opens: June 20 at 9:30 am

I don't like green eggs and ham, but I sure do like reading! Join us for a literacy enhancing program to help strengthen your child's reading skills through immersive, hands-on learning. **(Ages 4 – 10) Registration Required.**

Family Storytime

Mary JL Black Library
Tuesdays @ 10:30 am
June 30 – August 25
No program July 7

Brodie Library
Thursdays @ 10:30 am
July 2 – August 27

Waverley Library
Fridays @ 9:30 am
July 3 – August 28

County Park Library
Wednesdays @ 10 am
July 8 – August 26

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. Craft and free play to follow. **(All ages) Drop In.**



Chess Club

Mary JL Black Library
Mondays @ 5 – 7:30 pm
July 6 – August 31
No program August 3

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. **(All ages) Drop In.**



Baby and Me Storytime

County Park Library
Mondays @ 11:15 am
June 29 – August 31
No program August 3

Mary JL Black Library
Wednesdays @ 11:15 am AND 1:30 pm
July 8 – August 26

July 22 and August 12: Special Guest! Lorrie from George Jeffrey Children's Centre at Mary JL Black

Drop in for fingerplays, bounces, stories, and songs followed by playtime and socializing with other parents and caregivers! **(Ages 0 – 24 months) Drop In.**



Discovery Club

Brodie Library
County Park Library (except during other Library programming)
Mary JL Black Library
Waverley Library
Open during branch hours

Drop in for self-guided family exploration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) activities that foster problem solving, creativity, and curiosity at our Discovery Clubs. Toys and activities vary by location. **(Ages 4+) Drop In.**



Kids Programming

Game On! with the Interactive Projector

Mary JL Black Library
Mondays @ 12 – 4:45 pm
Tuesdays @ 12 – 7:45 pm
Thursdays @ 4:30 – 7:45 pm
Fridays & Saturdays @ 9:30 am – 4:45 pm
June 29 - August 31

No program July 13 at Mary JL Black

Waverley Library
Mondays @ 9:30 am – 4 pm
Thursdays @ 9:30 am – 12 pm
Fridays @ 10 am – 4 pm
Saturdays @ 10 am – 4 pm
July 2 – August 29

No program July 10, July 18 and August 29 at Waverley

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! **(All ages) Drop In.**

Hit the Books with the Border Cats featuring Window Painting



County Park Library
Tuesday, June 30 @ 10 am

Come meet players and the team mascot Boomer from the Thunder Bay Border Cats when they come to the Library to read a story and greet some fans. Then go wild painting the big windows to kick off summer! **(All ages) Drop In.**

Playgrounds Storytime

Thursdays @ 1 pm

July 9: St. Margaret Catholic School
July 16: Holy Cross Catholic School
July 23: Gron Morgan Public School
July 30: McKellar Public School
August 6: St. Jude Catholic School
August 13: Westmount Public School

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

Hit the Books with the Border Cats

Mary JL Black Library
Friday, July 17 @ 10:30 am

Waverley Library
Tuesday, August 4 @ 10:30 am

Come meet players and the team mascot Boomer from the Thunder Bay Border Cats when they come to the Library to read a story and greet some fans! Craft and activities to follow storytime. **(All ages) Drop In.**



Family Movie Nights

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, June 29 @ 5:30 pm
Zootopia 2

Tuesday, July 21 @ 6 pm
Atlantis: The Lost Empire

Tuesday, July 28 @ 6 pm
Hercules

Tuesday, August 4 @ 6 pm
The Land Before Time

Tuesday, August 11 @ 6 pm
Wall-E

Monday, August 17 @ 5:30 pm
Beauty and the Beast (2017)

Tuesday, August 25 @ 6 pm
The Emperor's New Groove

Waverley Library
Monday, July 13 @ 6 pm
Encanto

Thursday, August 13 @ 6 pm
Flubber + slime time!

Join us for a free screening of a family friendly movie and a simple craft! Light snacks provided. *Allergy alert* **(All ages) Drop In.**

Summer STEAM Explorers

Mary JL Black Library
Wednesdays @ 2:30 pm
July 8 – August 19

Join us at 2:30 pm in the outdoor Reading Garden for a walk-through of the week's activity, or any time afterwards for self-guided exploration while supplies last. **(All ages) Drop In.**



Kids Programming

Art Explorers

County Park Library
Mondays @ 1:30 – 3 pm



Session I: June 29 – July 20

Registration opens June 20 @ 9:30 am

Session II: July 27 – August 24

Registration Opens: July 13 @ 9:30 am

No program August 3

Join us for a creative adventure through the world of art! Each week features a different artist or artistic movement, giving kids the chance to experiment with new techniques and create unique works of art inspired by what they learn.
(Ages 6 – 10) Registration Required.

Play Day

Waverley Library
Mondays @ 9:30 am – 4 pm
Thursdays @ 9:30 am – 12 pm
Fridays @ 10 am – 4 pm
Saturdays @ 10 am – 4 pm
July 2 – August 31

No program July 10, July 18 and August 29

Visit 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.

Dive into Something New*

Waverley Library

Have you always wanted to try something new, but aren't sure what to expect? Sign up for one of our sample classes this summer which includes Giant Gymnastics, Renegade Performing Arts, Black Tigers Taekwondo, and Zumba!

Giant Gymnastics

Thursday, July 9

1 – 1:45 pm (ages 3 – 4)

2 – 2:45 pm (ages 4 – 5)

3 – 3:45 pm (ages 6+)

Registration Opens: June 25 @ 9:30 am

Renegade Performing Arts

Wednesday, August 5

1 – 2 pm (JK/SK)

2 – 3 pm (Grades 1–3)

3 – 4 pm (Grades 4–6)

Registration Opens: July 22 @ 9:30 am

Black Tigers Taekwondo

Wednesday, August 19 @ 2 pm

Registration Opens: August 5 @ 9:30 am
(Ages 5 – 12)

Zumba with Mikayla

Thursday, August 27 @ 1 pm, 1:30 pm

OR 2 pm (Register for only one session)
Registration Opens: August 13 @ 9:30 am
(Ages 4+)

My Reading Buddy

Brodie Library

Tuesdays @ 10 – 11:30 am
June 30 – July 28

Waverley Library

Fridays @ 2 – 3:30 pm
July 3 – 31



Brown Bear Brown Bear, what do you see? I see a confident new reader reading to me! Drop in with your child to take home a stuffed animal who loves to hear stories. Families will also learn how the Library collection can support growing readers. One toy per child; limited supplies available
(Ages 5 – 8) Drop In.

Zootopia Party

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, June 29 @ 2:30 pm

We're turning the Library into a zoo! Drop in for Zootopia themed crafts, games, snacks, and a scavenger hunt!
***Allergy alert* (All ages) Drop In.**



It's Summer Thyme!

Mary JL Black Library
Thursday, July 2 @ 6 pm

Spruce up your garden with a new vegetable or flower! Participants will choose one to plant and take home with them. **(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

Nintendo Switch Nights

Mary JL Black Library
Thursdays @ 6 pm
July 9 – August 27



Drop in for co-op video game fun on the big screen! Test your racing skills in Mario Kart, challenge your friends to a game of Mario Party, or try your hand at a new sport with Nintendo Switch Sports. *Allergy alert* **(All ages) Drop In.**

Go with Danny Go!

Mary JL Black Library
Thursday, July 2 @ 2:30 pm
Thursday, August 20 @ 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 (and adults) moving. **(All ages) Drop In.**

Going on a Bear Hunt

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, July 6 @ 2:30 pm

Join us for a Bear Hunt before tomorrow's Teddy Bear Picnic! Stories, crafts, games, snacks, and a scavenger hunt. Feel free to bring your favourite stuffed friend! *Allergy alert* **(All ages) Drop In.**



Minions & Monsters Party*

Waverley Library
Wednesday, July 8 @ 2:30 pm
Registration Opens: June 24 @ 9:30 am



The Minions are back, and this time with... MONSTERS! Let's cause some mischief and monster mayhem madness, play goofy games, accept laugh-out-loud missions and go bananas! **(Ages 5+) Registration Required.**

Gold Panning

Mary JL Black Library
Thursday, July 9 @ 2:30 pm



The Ontario Geological Survey's Resident Geologist Program is back to give you a taste of the gold-panning experience! Don't take these geologists for granite; come prepared with your questions! **(All ages) Drop In.**

Baby Prints

Brodie Library
Friday, July 17 @ 11:15 am
Friday, August 14 @ 11:15 am

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

Go-Webs-Go with Spidey & Friends

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, July 13 @ 2:30 pm

Get ready for web-slinging fun! Drop in for Spider-man themed crafts, games, snacks, and a scavenger hunt. Superhero costumes encouraged! *Allergy alert* **(All ages) Drop In.**

Puppet Show: The Paper Bag Princess**

County Park Library
Tuesday, July 14 @ 10 am OR 10:45 am
**Free tickets required, available starting June 30 at County Park Library.

When the fiercest dragon in the whole world smashes Princess Elizabeth's castle, burns all her clothes, and captures her fiancé, Prince Ronald, Elizabeth takes matters into her own hands. Craft to follow the puppet show. **(All ages) **Tickets Required.**

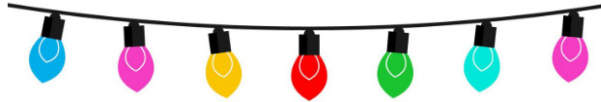
Cardboard Kingdom

Mary JL Black Library
Thursday, July 16 @ 2:30 pm

Calling all princes, princesses, jesters and knights! Help us create a cardboard kingdom with our Chompsaw, a kid-safe power tool for cutting cardboard! **(Ages 3+) Drop In.**



Kids Programming



Super Mario Party*

Waverley Library
Wednesday, July 15 @
2:30 pm
Registration Opens: July
2 @ 9:30 am



Mamma Mia! It's a-me, Mario! Celebrate your favourite mustachioed friends at the Library. Obstacle course, mini games, craft, scavenger hunt, and more. Here we go! (Ages 6+) Registration Required.

What's New Kits for Kids*

All Branches
Pickup: July 13 – 18
Registration Opens: June 24
@ 9:30 am



Love reading new books? Register for a What's New kit and get 3-4 new Library titles signed out on your Library card, along with a craft and activity.

What's New in Picture Books (ages 0 – 6)
What's New in Chapter Books (ages 6 – 12)
Registration Required.



Christmas in July

Mary JL Black Library
Saturday, July 18 @ 2 pm

Wear your favourite holiday pajamas and join us for a free screening of The Grinch (2018, PG) and a holiday craftapalooza. We'll bring the snacks! *Allergy alert* (All ages) Drop In.

Tecky Brains: Prompt, Play & Create – Build a Game with AI*

Waverley Library
Saturday, July 18 @ 10 am
Registration Opens: July 4 @ 9:30 am

Design, shape, and bring a browser game to life by giving instructions to AI and exploring creative game design. (All ages) Registration Required.



Tecky Brains: Programming with Your Face: Scratch Lab and Facial Detection*

Waverley Library
Saturday, August 29 @ 10 am
Registration Opens: August 15 @ 9:30 am

Create interactive games and animations that respond to your face using AI-powered facial detection. (All ages) Registration Required.

Princess Party*

Waverley Library
Tuesday, July 21 @ 2:30 pm
Registration Opens: July 7 @ 9:30 am

Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, it's off to the Library we go! "Be our guest" for the "best day ever" princess party, where you can be "part of our world," "let it go," and discover "a whole new world" of fun. Enjoy magical crafts and activities featuring your favourite princesses... bibbidi-bobbidi-boo! (Ages 3+) Registration Required.



Emergency, Emergency! (with Thunder Bay Fire Rescue)

County Park Library
Tuesday, July 21 @ 10 am

Come tour a pumper truck from Thunder Bay Fire and Rescue and meet the people who keep us safe. Meet inside the Library first. (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.

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Ambulance Visit with Superior North EMS

Mary JL Black Library
Thursday, July 23 @ 2:30 pm

Why are there always two crew members in an ambulance? Because they're pair-a-medics! Drop in to meet the crew and get a tour of the ambulance.

Please note: As this is an emergency service, cancellation may occur.
(All ages) Drop In.

Kid's Talent Show*

Waverley Library
Thursday, July 23
@ 2:30 pm
Registration Opens:
July 2 @ 9:30 am



Singing, dancing, jumping rope, juggling - do you have a fun talent that you would like to share? Sign up for our kid's talent show where you can show everyone your talent, see what other kids can do, and maybe even win a prize! Registration required to perform. Family and friends can just drop in!
(Ages 5+) Registration Required.

Bluey Party

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, July 20 @ 2:30 pm

Mum...Dad...Library! Drop in for Bluey themed crafts, games, snacks, and a scavenger hunt. *Allergy alert*
(All ages) Drop In.

Toy Story Party*

Waverley Library
Wednesday, July 22 @ 2:30 pm
Registration Opens: July 8 @ 9:30 am

Ditch the tech and join us for some fun celebrating the latest Toy Story movie with your friends Woody, Buzz, and the rest of the gang! You've Got a Friend in Me!
(Ages 3+) Registration Required.



Primo Pirates Kits for Kids*

All Branches
Pickup: July 23 - 27
Registration Opens: July 2 @ 9:30 am

Ahoy, mateys! Batten down the hatches, for Primo Pirate Kits are arriving! Lads and Lassies will enjoy books (signed out to your Library card), activities, and a craft all about us sailors, ships, and the seas we sail on!
(Ages 4 - 12) Registration Required.



Danny GLOW Dance Party

Waverley Library
Tuesday, July 28 @ 2:30 pm

Use our glow-in-the-dark accessories to move and groove to Danny Go! videos on our big screen. Let's get glowing!
(All ages) Drop In.

Start a Series Kits for Kids*

All Branches
Pickup: July 27 - August 4
Registration Opens: July 8 @ 9:30 am

Find a new favourite with our Series Starter kits! Each will include titles from our children's chapter book series collection signed out on your card along with an activity.
(Ages 6 - 12) Registration Required.

Science North: Experimental Explorers

Waverley Library
Thursday, July 30 @ 2 pm

This live science show will take the audience on a journey of scientific thinking! Through engaging demonstrations we will reveal that curiosity, experimentation, and discovery are the drivers of science everywhere. Admission guaranteed to the first 200 in attendance.
(All ages) Drop In.



Kids Programming

Bathtime Kits for Kids*

All Branches

Pickup: July 23 – 27

Registration Opens: July 2 @ 9:30 am

Splish-splash I was taking a bath! Talk about a Saturday night! Bathtime is a big deal! Sign up and receive books (signed out to your Library card), songs, activities, and a simple craft all about bathtime and things in the bathroom!

(Ages 1 – 5) Registration Required.

Art Hub

Mary JL Black Library

Thursday, July 30 @ 2:30 pm

Thursday, August 27 @ 2:30 pm

Let's get artsy! Drop in to learn how to create ink-credible drawings with Art for Kids Hub tutorial videos.

(All ages) Drop In.

Window Painting

County Park Library

Tuesday, August 4 @ 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.**

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.

Hula Hooping with Shanna

Mary JL Black Library
Thursday, August 6 @
2:30 pm

Whether you're new to hula hooping or a pro looking to show off your skills, join us for an action packed program with Shanna from Hula Hoop Thunder Bay. Watch demos and learn new tricks! Hoops provided, wear comfy clothing and bring a water bottle. **(All ages) Drop In.**



3-2-1 Blast Off!

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, August 10 @
2:30 pm

Come celebrate the August 12 solar eclipse with a storytime, crafts, games, snacks, and a scavenger hunt. *Allergy alert* **(All ages) Drop In.**



DIY Squishies*

Waverley Library

Tuesday, August 11 @ 1:30 pm

Registration Opens: July 28 @ 9:30 am

Everyone loves to play with squishies, so why not learn how to make your own? Once you're finished, take it home to enjoy hours of sensory fun! **(Ages 6+) Registration Required.**

Craftapalooza!

County Park Library

Tuesday, August 11 @ 10 am – 2 pm

Waverley Library

Tuesday, August 25 @ 10 am – 2 pm

Snip, glitter and glue your way through our extra crafts! We have been collecting extra crafts all year and now it's time to use them! It's the perfect time to drop in and get crafty. **(All ages) Drop In.**

Nonfiction Kits for Kids*

All Branches

Pickup: August 10 – 17

Registration Opens: July 22 @ 9:30 am

Nuts about nonfiction? Sign up for 3-4 books from our juvenile nonfiction collection (signed out to your Library card) along with an activity and tips about using our online catalogue.

(Ages 5 – 12) Registration Required.

Puppet Show: I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean

Waverley Library

Wednesday, August 12 @ 2:30 pm

Giant Squid is big and he never lets his friends forget it, but when he finds himself in BIG trouble, he learns that size isn't everything. Even the biggest creatures need a helping hand, and no one is too small to make a big difference. Admittance guaranteed to the first 200 in attendance. **(All ages) Drop In.**

Kids Programming

Hit the Beach!

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, August 17 @ 2:30 pm

Summer isn't over yet! Drop in for a beach themed storytime, complete with crafts, games, snacks, and more! *Allergy alert* **(All ages) Drop In.**

Bubble Bop!

County Park Library
Tuesday, August 18 @ 10 am

Float on down to the County Park Library for a party! Enjoy stories, songs, activities, a craft, and more all about bubbles! **Allergy alert for snacks** **(All ages) Drop In.**



Storytime with Mz. Molly & Friendz

Mary JL Black Library
Saturday, August 22 @ 2:30

Join us for an all-ages, family-friendly storytime of wonder and whimsy with Mz Molly and Friendz! **(All ages) Drop In.**

Emotions Kits for Kids*

All Branches
Pickup: August 27 – 31
Registration Opens: August 6 @ 9:30 am

Sometimes I'm happy, sometimes I'm sad, and sometimes I get MAD, MAD, MAD! Everyone has feelings, and it's important to talk about them. Sign up and receive books (signed out to your Library card), activities, and a craft all about emotions. **(Ages 2 – 12) Registration Required.**

Ready Set Kindergarten Expo + Storytime on a Bus

Waverley Library
Wednesday, August 26 @ 10 am
Registration Opens: August 12 @ 9:30 am

Visit Waverley Library to explore a school bus and stay for a starting school expo with various community groups and organizations to help prepare you and your child for starting school. Stay for special registered storytimes on the bus throughout the program and other activities. Storytimes will be held at 10:15, 10:45, and 11:15 am. This program is intended for children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2026 but siblings and parents are welcome **(All ages) Registration is required for storytime.**

just for YOUth (grades 7 - 12)

YOUth Summer Reading

All Branches
Pickup: starting June 29

Read books, earn a ballot, enter the draw! Pick up a reading challenge sheet from any Library branch to get started. Grand prize includes a \$50 Indigo gift card and more! Challenge sheets available June 29; due back September 2. **(Grades 7 – 12) Drop In.**

What's New in Young Adult Books Kits*

All Branches
Pickup: July 13 – 20
Registration Opens: June 24 @ 9:30 am

Love reading new books? Register for a What's New kit and get 3-4 new Library titles signed out on your Library card, along with a craft and activity. **(Ages 13+) Registration Required.**

Start a Series Kits*

All Branches
Pickup: August 10 – 17
Registration Opens: July 22 @ 9:30 am

Find a new favourite with our Start a Series kits! Each will include titles from our young adult series collection signed out on your card along. Hate cliffhangers? Us too! Each series will be fully complete and available from TBPL. **(Ages 13+) Registration Required.**

IKC Programming

Métis Cultural Workshop Series

Join the Métis Nation of Ontario's (MNO) Summer Youth team for a series of cultural workshops exploring Métis culture and history through facilitated activities such as music, dance, decorative arts and games. **(All ages) Drop In.**

Métis Beading Brodie Library

Wednesday, July 8 @ 1:30 – 3 pm

The Métis people are well known for their floral beadwork, which is used to decorate clothing, bags and other items. Learn how to bead a traditional Métis flower and get to know the different Métis art forms. Best for ages 15+.

Blanket Stitching

County Park Library

Monday, July 13 @ 1:30 – 3 pm

Brodie Library

Wednesday, July 15 @ 1:30 – 3 pm

Learn the history and significance of the Métis blanket stitch while learning how to do your own.

Finger Weaving

County Park Library

Monday, July 20 @ 1:30 –

3 pm

Brodie Library

Wednesday, July 22 @
1:30 – 3 pm

Learn how to weave a basic sash pattern and explore the history and significance of the Métis sash.



Dot Art

County Park Library

Monday, July 27 @ 1:30 – 3 pm

Brodie Library

Wednesday, July 29 @ 1:30 – 3 pm

Try your hand at this contemporary art form inspired by Métis beadwork where beads are replaced by small dots of colourful paint, first used in the Métis context by artist Christi Belcourt.

Métis Games

Waverley Library

Saturday, August 1 @ 1 pm

Learn to make and play a variety of traditional and contemporary games that are great for children and adults alike!

Métis Embroidery

Brodie Library

Wednesday, August 5 @ 1:30 – 3 pm

County Park Library

Monday, August 10 @ 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Try your hand at this contemporary art form inspired by Métis beadwork where beads are replaced by small dots of colourful paint, first used in the Métis context by artist Christi Belcourt.

Métis Nation
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Intro to Ojibwe

County Park Library

Monday, August 10 @ 1:30 pm

Monday, August 17 @ 1:30 pm

Monday, August 24 @ 1:30 pm

Join Ms. Bannon from Algonquin School to explore the rudiments of spoken Anishinaabemowin. Learn about the double-vowel system and the dialects spoken within our community. Come away knowing how to greet someone in Ojibwe and ask simple questions.

(All ages) Drop In.



Adult Programming

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+)

CALLING ALL COOKS!

Head to tbpl.ca/cooks for all of TBPL's food related content and culinary inspiration!

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+)



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.

Chess Club

Mary JL Black Library

Mondays @ 5 – 7:30 pm

July 6 – August 31

No program August 3

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. (All ages) Drop In.

Podcast Discovery Club

Waverley Library

Tuesday, July 7 @ 2 pm: History

Tuesday, August 4 @ 2 pm: True Crime

Whether you're new to podcasts or already love listening, join us to sample some great ones from that month's category while you work on a craft or other quiet project. Afterwards, we'll discuss the episodes and decide which we liked best and why. (Ages 18+) Drop In.

Evening at the Movies: Mamma Mia! Sing Along

Mary JL Black Library

Wednesday, July 8 @ 6 pm

Join us for a special evening escape to Greece as we watch Mamma Mia! (2008, dir. Phyllida Lloyd) on the big screen and sing along to our favourite ABBA songs! Light snacks provided; bring your own chair cushion for extra comfort. (Ages 18+) Drop In.



Afternoon at the Movies

Mary JL Black Library

Friday, July 10 @ 1:30 pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

Friday, July 31 @ 1:30 pm

RV

Friday, August 21 @ 1:30 pm

National Treasure

Friday, August 28 @ 1:30 pm

The Avengers

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. (All ages) Drop In.

Adult Programming

Shut Up and Write!

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, July 6 @ 6:30 pm
Monday, August 10 @ 6:30 pm

Shut Up and Write! is a monthly session in partnership with NOWW for writers to come together and write. Each session involves a couple of exercises aimed at helping writers to strengthen their creative muscles, with a bit of discussion of writing craft. **(Ages 18+) Drop In.**



Urban Sketching with the Thunder Bay Art Gallery*

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, July 13 @ 1:30 pm
Registration Opens: June 29 @ 9:30 am

Join the Thunder Bay Art Gallery for a free, fun, and welcoming art session. From quiet greenspaces to vibrant streetscapes, the city offers endless inspiration for sketching. Develop a practice using the basics of linework and form-building skills. **(Ages 18+) Registration Required.**



THUNDER BAY
ART GALLERY



Seniors' Coffee Chat

Mary JL Black Library
Thursday, July 9 @ 10 am – 12 pm
Thursday, August 13 @ 10 am – 12 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.**



Age Friendly
THUNDER BAY

Seniors' Tea Time

County Park Library
Thursday, July 23 @ 1 – 3 pm
Thursday, August 27 @ 1 – 3 pm

Spend a relaxed afternoon at Seniors' Tea Time. In partnership with Age Friendly Thunder Bay, adults 55+ can connect over tea and light snacks while enjoying conversation, crafts, puzzles, and games. **(Ages 55+) Drop In.**

Studying Birds in Puerto Rico presented by Sam Krause

Mary JL Black Library
Monday, July 20 @ 6 pm

Join Sam Krause, a tropical ecologist, for this special presentation about her research studying birds in Puerto Rico. Admittance guaranteed to the first 40 attendees. **(Ages 18+) Drop In.**



Whodunit? Audiobook Club: Summer 2026 Session*

Mary JL Black Library
Wednesday, July 15 @ 6 pm
Wednesday, August 12 @ 6 pm
Registration Opens: July 2 @ 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.**

SAVE THE DATE!

Registration opens August 19 for the Fall 2026 Session!

Adult Programming

Seniors' Tech Time

County Park Library

Wednesday, July 8

@ 1:30 – 3 pm

Wednesday, July 22

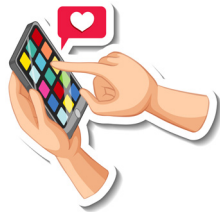
@ 1:30 – 3 pm

Wednesday, August 5 @ 1:30 – 3 pm

Wednesday, August 19 @ 1:30 – 3 pm

Drop in for help with your iPhone or iPod.

Remember to BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) and learn how to make your device work for you. (Ages 18+) Drop In.



Adult Colouring

County Park Library

Wednesday, July 8

@ 10 – 11:30 am

Wednesday, July 22

@ 10 – 11:30 am

Wednesday, August 5

@ 10 – 11:30 am

Wednesday, August 19

@ 10 – 11:30 am

Unwind. Colour. Repeat.

Join our adult colouring session. No pressure, no rules, just calming colours, creativity, and good vibes.

(Ages 18+) Drop In.



Turmeric Painting & Natural Dyes Workshops*

Mary JL Black Library

Monday, July 20 @ 11 am

Tuesday, July 21 @ 2 pm

Wednesday, July 22 @ 6 pm

Registration Opens: July 6 @ 9:30 am

Make a simple summer turmeric painting and learn about the other natural dyes you can make using kitchen scraps and garden plants! Please choose one workshop date to allow others to participate.

(Ages 18+) Registration Required.



Recycled Book Origami

Mary JL Black Library

Saturday, August 15 @ 2:30 pm

Drop in and celebrate the summer matsuri with a relaxing afternoon making origami from recycled book pages! Materials are first come, first served.

(All ages) Drop In.



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

Waverley Library

Tuesday, August 11 @ 6 pm

County Park Library

Wednesday, August 12 @ 10 am

Wednesday, August 12 @ 2:30 pm

Registration Opens: July 28 @ 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. Please only register for one session.

(Ages 18+) Registration Required.

Princess Diaries Pajama Party*

Mary JL Black Library

Wednesday, August 19 @ 5:45 pm

Registration Opens: August 5 @ 9:30 am

Join us for a cozy pajama party watching The Princess Diaries film on the big screen and become Genovian royalty for a night! Pizza, popcorn, and light refreshments will be provided; bring your own chair cushion for extra comfort.

(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.

Adult Programming

Off-Book Improv*

Waverley Library

Tuesday, August 25 @ 6 pm

Registration Opens: August 11 @ 9:30 am

No experience required! Unlock your inner comedian! Tired of over thinking? Want to laugh more and stress less? Join our improv class, where quick thinking, creativity, & fun take center stage! No scripts. No pressure. Just play, connect, and discover your spontaneous side. (Ages 18+) Registration Required.

Stained Glass Suncatcher Workshops*

Mary JL Black Library

Monday, August 24 @ 11 am

Tuesday, August 25 @ 2 pm

Wednesday, August 26 @ 6 pm

Registration Opens: August 10 @ 9:30 am

Make an acrylic stained glass suncatcher to hang in your window! Please choose one workshop date to allow others to participate.

(Ages 18+) Registration Required.

Cookbook Club: Fall 2026 Session*

Mary JL Black Library

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

September 23, October 28, November 25 and December 30

Registration Opens: August 6 @ 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.

Library Love: In Your Words

Every year, you tell us what your Library means to you. Here it is, in your own words. Thank you for sharing your Library Love.

Each little bit helps to grow our Library system. What would the world do without our precious libraries? May we never find out.

- Sheila M.

Once you become a reader, you have a friend for life. Nothing better in life than losing yourself in a great book.

- Mary Lou

Library services are essential to our community.

- Cynthia B.

I love to read, quilt, garden, and enjoy yard work. The Library is always there to help me find information and new ideas.

- Edie E.

The Library is a great community hub and an important resource. It's been good to us, so we wanted to pass on some thanks.

- Matteo

Teens need safe and fun places to hang out, make friends, and create connections. Free third spaces matter!

- Erin G.

Want to add your voice? Make a gift today. librarylove.ca

We're Having a Party and You're Invited!



Saturday, August 1
11am - 3pm

Connaught Square
across from
Waverley Library
tbpl.ca/waverley75

We're Celebrating
Waverley Library's
75th Birthday!

Join us for fun family activities,
bouncy castles, and free pizza
& cake for our first 150 guests.



 **Waverley**
Library