

# News & Programs

## January/February 2025



### Take Your Child to the Library Days!

Share the magic of public libraries with the children in your life with fun and free activities, contests, and snacks every Saturday in February.

Hot Cocoa Bar | Big Blue Blocks  
Photo Booth | Giveaways | Crafts

Visit the *Events Calendar* to see the full offerings for each location.

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February 8 | 10 am - 4 pm | Rittenhouse  
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### IMAGINE YOUR LIBRARY!

What do you want to see in your library? Drop by during February to provide feedback on preliminary drawings for planned renovations in Vineland and Fonthill. Both projects will expand and modernize the branches to create accessible, inclusive spaces that will better serve our growing communities.

You can also provide feedback through an online form (available in February 2025).



Rittenhouse Branch  
4080 John Charles Blvd, Vineland



Fonthill Branch  
43 Pelham Town Sq, Fonthill

# Early Literacy @ LPPL

All preschool programs are drop in and free.

## Babies and Books

*0 - 15 months and caregivers*

A fun and social time for babies and caregivers with stories, songs, and shakers!

**Mondays, January 13 - February 24 | 10:30 am | Fleming**

**Wednesdays, January 15 - February 19 | 12 pm | Fonthill**

## Story Time

*Ages 5 and under and caregivers*

Enjoy stories, songs, and fun at the library!

**Tuesdays, January 14 - February 25 | 10:30 am | Fleming**

**Tuesdays, January 14 - February 25 | 10:30 am | Fonthill**

**Thursdays, January 16 - February 27 | 10:30 am | Rittenhouse**

## Preschool Social

*Ages 5 and under and caregivers*

Meet in the children's area with your preschool child for unstructured play activities, where little ones and caregivers can meet and socialize with others.

**Wednesdays | 10 - 11:30 am | Fleming**

## Family Story Time

*For all ages*

Enjoy stories as a family. Pajamas welcome!

**Wednesdays, January 15 & February 19 | 6:30 pm | Fleming**

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Raise a reader! 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is an early literacy program designed for parents and caregivers to complete with their little ones. At every 250 book milestone, participants receive a small prize. Pick up a tracking sheet at any LPPL branch or print it from the website.

*This initiative is based on the Every Child Ready to Read framework, which encourages five practices parents and caregivers can use to support early literacy skills: TALK, SING, READ, WRITE, PLAY.*



# For Kids & Families

## Reading Buddies

**Recommended for readers in Kindergarten - Grade 2**

This literacy program helps new and emerging readers build confidence and improve reading skills. Each child is paired with a teen volunteer for reading activities and literacy-based games.

**Mondays, February 3 - March 10 | 4 pm | Fleming | Free; registration required.**

**Thursdays, January 16 - February 20 | 4 pm | Fonthill | Free; registration required.**

## Homeschool Hangout

**For all ages**

Homeschooling families are invited to come learn with STEM activities. For questions in Lincoln, email Leanne: lgood@lppl.ca. For questions in Fonthill, email Jennifer: jbenett@lppl.ca.

**Thursday, January 30 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; registration required.**

**Wednesday, February 26 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | Fonthill | Free; registration required.**

## PA Day: Dog Man

Have a supa time celebrating Dog Man ahead of the movie with different activities throughout the library.

**Friday, January 17 | During regular hours | All branches | Free; drop in**

## PA Day: Hearts

Fill a jar with hearts and don't forget to add your favourite candy heart sayings.

**Friday, February 14 | During regular hours | All branches | Free; drop in**

## Therapy Tails Visit

Read and visit with our four-legged friends from Therapy Tails Ontario.

**Fridays, January 17 & February 14 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in**



kanopy  
**kids**

**EXPLORE NOW!**

Get unlimited streaming for kids on Kanopy. Scan to explore!

The banner features a colorful background with cartoon characters: an elephant in a green suit, a monkey hanging upside down, a boy with glasses holding a flashlight, and a dinosaur. The text "kanopy kids" is prominently displayed in the center, with "kanopy" in a smaller font above "kids". Below the text is a green button with "EXPLORE NOW!" in white. To the right of the button is a QR code. At the bottom, a black bar contains the text "Get unlimited streaming for kids on Kanopy." on the left and "Scan to explore!" on the right, with the QR code positioned between them.

# Spectacular Saturdays

## Art Attack: Winter Wonderland

Create a 3D paper snow globe and a wintry scene using pastels, watercolours, and more.

Saturday, January 11 | 10:30 am - 12:30 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in  
Saturday, January 18 | 10:30 am - 12:30 pm | Fonthill | Free; drop in

## Anime/Manga Drawing Workshop

*For ages 8 - 12*

Follow along as local artist Abby Nickerson teaches you how to draw anime and manga characters.

Saturday, January 11 | 12:30 - 1:30 pm | Fleming  
Free; registration required.

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# 2025 LPPL Reading Challenge

## JUNIOR

**NEW**

New for 2025! Join the LPPL Reading Challenge: Junior Edition. For readers ages 6 - 12, simply read a book that fits each category (12 total) and submit your list at the end of the year to win a prize!



**January**

A book with an animal on the cover



**July**

A book set in a faraway place



**February**

A book about family



**August**

A book set during summer



**March**

A book that is part of a series



**September**

A book about school



**April**

A book that makes you laugh



**October**

A book about a mystery



**May**

A book by a Canadian author



**November**

A book about an adventure



**June**

A book that is older than you



**December**

A book about a holiday

Pick up a tracking sheet at any LPPL branch starting in January. Visit each month to check out recommended books for each category.

# For Teens

## Teen Book Talk Social

*For ages 12 - 17*

Come enjoy a snack and meet with other teens to hang out and talk about the books you're reading.

**Wednesday, January 8 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in**  
**Wednesday, February 5 | 4:30 - 5:30 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in**

**Monday, January 13 | 6 - 7 pm | Fonthill | Free; drop in**  
**Monday, February 3 | 4:30 - 5:30 pm | Fonthill | Free; drop in**



## Teen Baking Challenge

*For ages 12 - 17*

Register for a take-home kit that includes three mystery ingredients that **MUST** be used to create a sweet treat. Teens can use other ingredients as well. The winner will receive a fun kitchen gadget.

**Sign up by January 31 | Free; registration required.**

**Kit pickup: February 4 - 8**

**Photo submissions due: March 1**

## Books Unboxed: Teen Subscription Box

*For readers in Grades 6 - 12*

Sign up for a seasonal book box (four/year). Each box is filled with personalized reads and goodies. Fill out the online form at [lppl.ca](http://lppl.ca) under Programs and Events. You will be contacted when your box is ready for pickup

**Sign up by January 18 | Available for pickup at all branches**  
**Free; registration required.**

## Volunteer Opportunity: Reading Buddies

*Volunteers must be 14 - 17 or entering high school in 2025*

The library is looking for teen volunteers to support young readers in a fun, weekly program that provides one-to-one reading practice through books and literacy-based games. Training provided. Community service hours available.

Fill out a volunteer application at [lppl.ca/volunteer](http://lppl.ca/volunteer).

**Mondays, February 3 - March 10 | 4 - 5 pm | Fleming**  
**Volunteer application required.**



**Pathstone Mental Health Walk-In Clinic**  
Get free counselling for children and youth 17 and under and their families. Walk in or by appointment. To book, call 1-800-263-4944.

**Tuesdays**  
**11:30 am - 7 pm**  
**Meridian Community Centre, Fonthill**

**Thursdays**  
**11:30 - 7 pm**  
**Fleming**



**12** months  
books  
ideas

# 2025 LPPL Reading Challenge

The LPPL Reading Challenge is a year-long challenge for teens and adults designed to help readers discover new titles, explore big ideas, and read outside their comfort zone.

### How It Works:

- Read and log one book from 12 different categories. Read in whatever order you choose, as long as you complete one book for each prompt.
- Read in whichever format you prefer: print, eBook, audiobook, or any combination.
- Track your books using a paper tracker (available at any LPPL branch) or online using Beanstack.
- Share what you're reading using the hashtag #LPPLReadingChallenge or by joining our Facebook group.
- Submit your list at the end of 2025 for a chance to win the grand prize.

### New for 2025!

#### Monthly Meetups

Drop in and meet up with fellow booklovers to chat about what you've read each month, plus pick up your next book.

Monday, January 20 | 7 pm | Fleming

Monday, February 10 | 7 pm | Fonhill

### Monthly Prompts

**January:** A book published at least 25 years ago

**February:** A book by a Black author

**March:** A book with a map in it

**April:** A book with a weather word in the title

**May:** A book with plants on the cover

**June:** A book by an Indigenous writer

**July:** The first book in a series

**August:** A book set on an island

**September:** A book recommended by a friend

**October:** A book featuring a library

**November:** A biography about someone you admire

**December:** A book with "old" or "new" in the title

Scan to read  
on Libby!



# For Adults

## Understanding Dementia

Learn the causes, warning signs, and treatments for dementia so you can ensure an early diagnosis for yourself or a loved one. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region.

**Thursday, January 9 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fonthill | Free; registration required.**

## Mixology and Mocktails

Discover recipes to craft two tasty mocktails in this hands-on workshop with trained mixologist Gabby. Plus enjoy a welcome mocktail!

**Monday, January 13 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fleming | \$10, registration required.**

**Tuesday, February 4 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fonthill | \$10, registration required.**

## Healthy Brain

Learn tips and strategies to help lead a healthy, balanced lifestyle that reduces the risk of dementia. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region.

**Monday, January 27 | 1 - 2 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; registration required.**

## Connect & Care

Find peer support and participate in activities for care partners and loved ones living with dementia.

**Thursdays, January 9 & February 13 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in**

**Thursdays, January 23 & February 27 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Fonthill | Free; drop in**

# Black History Month

## Virtual Tour: Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center

Join the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center on a virtual tour to learn more about the last stop of the Underground Railroad and how freedom seekers dealt with newfound freedom in Canada.

**Saturday, February 8 | 10:30 - 11:30 am | Online via Zoom | Free, registration required.**

## Ethiopian Coffee & Culture

Enjoy *buna* while learning about Ethiopian culture and coffee. Presented in partnership with the Ethio-Canadian Community Association in the Niagara Region.

**Saturday, February 22 | 10:30 - 11:30 am | Rittenhouse | Free, registration required.**



# SEEDY

# SATURDAY



Saturday, February 8 | 11 am - 3 pm  
Smithville Branch, West Lincoln Public Library  
177 West Street, Smithville

guest speakers • seed libraries • food and drink • seed exchange • plus so much more!

*Watch for more details in 2025.*

presented in partnership by



# seed share

Get growing with the LPPL SeedShare seed library! Borrow up to five envelopes of seeds. Do you have extra seeds? Place them in a labelled envelope and donate at any LPPL branch.

**Seeds will be available at all branches starting Saturday, February 15.**



# ADOPT A PLANT DAY



**Brighten up your space with a new plant to love!**

Browse a variety of indoor houseplants. Get matched with one that best suits your personality and lifestyle to take home. (One free plant per household while supplies last.)

LPPL needs donations of healthy houseplants, if you have any leafy friends that need a new home or baby plants to share. Rooted is preferred, but cuttings are welcome. The library is also looking for donations of pots and vases.

**Fleming**

**Saturday, January 18**

**11 am - 2 pm**

**Plant drop off: January 11 - 17**

**Fonthill**

**Saturday, March 1**

**11 am - 2 pm**

**Plant drop off: February 22 - 28**

# For Adults

## Knit & Chat

Bring your projects and enjoy conversation by the fireplace.

**Mondays | 10 am - 12 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in**

## Tuesday Morning Crafters

Bring your projects and enjoy conversation and community.

**Tuesdays | 10 am - 12 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in**

## TGIF Crafters

Bring your knitting, crocheting, or any portable craft for an afternoon of conversation and fun.

**Fridays | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | Fonthill | Free; drop in**

## English Conversation Circle

Join us for a weekly conversation circle to improve your English. You will have the opportunity to practice listening, speaking, vocabulary, and pronunciation. All levels of English are welcome for a fun, relaxed time to meet other newcomers.

**Tuesdays | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in**

## Writers Roundtable

Join this monthly meetup with local author Yvonne Van Lankveld and fellow writers to share ideas and discuss writing and editing.

**Mondays, January 13 & February 10 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | Fonthill**

**Free; registration required.**

## Adult Story Time

Celebrate winter with stories and activities! For teens and adults of all ages and abilities.

**Mondays, January 13 & February 10 | 1:30 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in**

## Create and Chat

Make a winter craft, plus enjoy a social atmosphere. For teens and adults of all ages and abilities.

**Mondays, January 27 & February 24 | 1 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in**

## A Hand Along the Way

A monthly grief support group. In partnership with Rose Cottage Visiting Volunteers. To register, contact RCVV at 289-566-9588 or [info.rcvv@gmail.com](mailto:info.rcvv@gmail.com).

**Tuesdays, January 14 & February 4 | 10 am - 12 pm | Rittenhouse**

**Free; registration required.**



**NEW**



# Locations & Hours

## Fleming Branch

5020 Serena Dr, Beamsville  
905-563-7014  
Mon - Thurs: 10 am - 8 pm  
Fri: 1 - 5 pm | Sat: 10 am - 5 pm

## Maple Acre Branch

781 Canboro Rd, Fenwick  
905-892-5226  
Tues, Thurs, Fri: 11 am - 6 pm  
Wed: 1 - 8 pm | Sat: 12 - 4 pm

## Fonthill Branch

43 Pelham Town Sq, Fonthill  
905-892-6443  
Mon, Tues, Thurs: 10 am - 8 pm  
Wed, Fri: 10 am - 5 pm | Sat: 10 am - 2 pm

## Rittenhouse Branch

4080 John Charles Blvd, Vineland  
905-562-5711  
Mon - Thurs: 10 am - 8 pm  
Fri: 1 - 5 pm | Sat: 10 am - 5 pm

**All branches will be closed:  
January 1 & February 17**

### Please note:

- Program fees are non-refundable unless a program is cancelled or rescheduled by Lincoln Pelham Public Library.
- If fees ever present a barrier to participation, or should you require assistance or accommodations related to you or your child's ability to attend a program, please contact Susan by phone: 905-562-5711 or email: [programmers@lppl.ca](mailto:programmers@lppl.ca).
- Children 10 years of age or under attending Library programs or events must have a caregiver present in the Library. Where Library programs or events are held outside of the Library building, the caregiver must remain within visual range of children.

### Land Acknowledgment

*We acknowledge these are the traditional lands and territories of the Hatiwendaronk, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabeg, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties (No. 3) and by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement.*

*Lincoln Pelham Public Library recognizes the contributions and stewardship of all Indigenous Peoples, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit. We are committed to celebrating and sharing stories from Indigenous communities and creating space for education and dialogue as we collectively acknowledge hard truths and work toward reconciliation.*