

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.

February 1 | 12 - 4 pm | Maple Acre
February 8 | 10 am - 4 pm | Rittenhouse
February 15 | 10 am - 4 pm | Fonthill
February 22 | 10 am - 4 pm | Fleming

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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 advertisement 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. Below it is a green button that says "EXPLORE NOW!". 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.

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 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.

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; registration required.

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.

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

Free; registration required.



NEW

Tender Hearts

An 8-week program offering support to those suffering a recent loss. Sessions will include an educational segment and time for sharing. In partnership with Rose Cottage Visiting Volunteers. To register, contact RCVV at 289-566-9588 or info.rcvv@gmail.com.

Wednesdays, January 22 - March 12 | 1 - 3 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; registration required.

Introduction to Computers

This six-week class for beginners introduces the basic concepts of using a computer with Windows 11, including mouse movements, online safety, and email basics. In partnership with Niagara West Adult Learning Centre and the Town of Lincoln. Register by calling 905-563-1515.

Tuesdays, January 14 - February 18 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | Fonthill

Free; registration required.

Wednesdays, January 15 - February 19 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | Lincoln Centre

Free, registration required.

How To: Using Facebook

Sign up and learn how to use Facebook and its features. Participants must have a working email address.

Monday, February 3 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Fleming | Free; registration required.

How To: Using Library eResources

Ever wanted to explore the library's online resources? Join Amy as she guides you through Libby, Kanopy, and PressReader and helps you get set up on your own device.

Thursday, February 6 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Fleming | Free; registration required.



Scan to go to
PressReader!



With your library card, get unlimited, instant access to more than 7,000 newspapers and magazines from around the world.

1. Download the app or go to PressReader.com.
2. Select Sign In, then choose Library or Group.
3. Search for and select "Lincoln Pelham Public Library."
4. Enter your full library card number (no spaces) and PIN. (Hint: try the last four digits of your phone number.)
5. Click "Log in" and start reading!



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

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

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

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.
- 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.