News & Programs

September/October 2025

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AUTHOR SERIES

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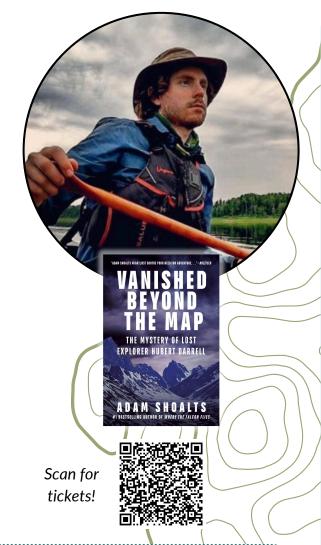
BOOK LAUNCH & AUTHOR TALK

October 7 | 7:30 - 9 pm

Vieni Estates
4553 Fly Rd, Beamsville
6:45 pm: Doors open
7:30 pm: Author talk begins
Books available for purchase
and signing

\$45/TICKET

Includes glass of wine, light food, and \$20 tax receipt (non-alcoholic options available)



PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Exciting Upgrades Coming to Fonthill!

This fall, new, accessibleheight shelving is coming to the Fonthill Branch, making it easier for everyone to browse and enjoy the collection! To complete the installation, the branch will be temporarily closed for a short time. Closure dates will be posted in the branch and online once confirmed. Holds lockers will stav available for easy pick-up during the closure. With this brief closure in mind, we've scheduled fewer programs in Fonthill, but we encourage you to visit other LPPL branches to browse, borrow, and join programs. Thank you for your patience as we make the Fonthill Branch more accessible and welcoming —and thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for generously funding this

upgrade!

Thanks to series supporters:

















For Preschoolers

All preschool programs are drop in and free. Fall programming in Fonthill is subject to change based on a temporary branch closure.

Babies and Books

0 - 15 months and caregivers

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

Mondays, October 20 - November 24 | 10:30 am | Fleming

Story Time

Ages 5 and under and caregivers

Enjoy stories, songs, and fun at the library!

Tuesdays, October 14 - November 25 (skip Nov. 11) | 10:30 am | Fleming Thursdays, October 16 - November 27 (skip Nov. 13) | 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



Outdoor Story Time in Peace Park

Ages 5 and under and caregivers

Join us for stories, songs, and activities at the pavilion in Peace Park (20 Pelham Town Square). Please dress for the weather and bring a blanket or chair. Public washrooms are available at Town Hall.

Tuesdays, October 21 & 28 | 10:30 am | Peace Park





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.



Join LPPL's Reading Challenge: Junior Edition! Simply read a book from one of twelve categories, then submit your sheet at the end of the year for a chance to win a prize. Pick up a tracking sheet at any LPPL branch.



CloudLibrary is the newest addition to the digital library. Access thousands of popular eBooks and audiobooks for kids anytime, anywhere with your library card. Borrow up to five books at a time. Hint: Turn on "Kids Mode" for a child-friendly interface!

Scan to learn more or visit lppl.ca.





Scan to download a printable booklet!







For Kids & Families

Homeschool Hangout

For learners of all ages

Homeschooling families are invited to come learn with STEM activities.

For more information, email Leanne: lgood@lppl.ca.

Thursdays, September 25 + October 23 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Rittenhouse Free; registration required.

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, October 20 - November 24 (skip Nov. 10) | 4 - 5 pm | Fleming Free; registration required.

Slightly Spooky Family Story Time

For families with kids of all ages

Dress up in your pajamas or Halloween costume and join us for stories and a howling good time.

Thursday, October 30 | 6:30 pm | Fleming

PA DAYS AT THE LIBRARY

Visit the library for fun activities, like scavenger hunts, LEGO, and board games. Activities may vary by branch.



Tech Toys

Race a maze with Sphero, launch a catapult with Dash, learn basic coding with Ozobots, and more.

Friday, September 19 | 10 am - 12 pm | Fonthill | Free; drop in

Therapy Tails Visit

Read and visit with the dogs from Therapy Tails Ontario.

Fridays, September 19 + October 10 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in

Spectacular Saturdays

Family Hike: St. John's Conservation Area

For families

Join Katy Sokoloski from the NPCA to discover the autumn flora and fauna of St. John's Conservation Area. Recommended for ages 4+.

Saturday, October 4 | 10 - 11 am | St. John's Conservation Area, Fonthill Free; registration required

Totally TAYLOR

For kids of all ages

Calling all Swifties! Drop in to celebrate the release of Taylor Swift's twelfth album. Take a picture with "Taylor," make the friendship bracelets, and sing along to your favourite songs.

Saturday, October 4 | 2 - 4 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in

Art Attack: Splendid Still Life

For kids of all ages

Use your eyes to observe different objects, then create still life art projects using paint, pencils, or pastels.

Saturday, October 11 | 12:30 - 2:30 pm | Maple Acre | Free; drop in Saturday, October 18 | 10 am - 12 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in

Coding Robots

For kids of all ages

Explore basic coding with robots, including Dash and Dot, and the Coding Cat and Mouse.

Saturday, October 18 | 10 am - 12 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in



KPop Demon Hunters Dance Party
Celebrate everything KPDH at an all-ages,
after hours dance party with themed K-pop
activities and a glow-in-the-dark dance
party to the movie's soundtrack.

Friday, September 26 | 6:30 - 8 pm Fleming | Free; drop in

For Teens

Teen Knitting and Crochet Drop-In

For ages 12 - 17

Bring your current knitting or crochet project, meet fellow crafters, and share or pick up some new skills.

Mondays, September 15 & October 6 | 4 - 5:30 pm | Fonthill Free; drop in

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.

Mondays, September 22 & October 20 | 4:30 - 5:30 pm | Fonthill | Free; drop in

Chopped: Halloween Baking Challenge

For ages 12 - 17

Receive a take-home kit filled with three mystery ingredients you must use to create a sweet treat. The winning entries will receive a fun prize. Note: dietary needs cannot be accommodated; participants are welcome to substitute ingredients.

Register by: October 4

Kit pick up: Starting October 8

Submissions due: October 25; send to bhead@lppl.ca

Free; registration 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

Volunteer at the Library!

Earn community service hours by volunteering at the library! Volunteers help with library programs, craft prep, and services such as the seed library. Find the volunteer application at lppl.ca/volunteer.



Please note age range: teen volunteers must be entering high school in 2025 and can be no older than 17.

Teen Colouring Pages

Earn community service hours by creating a colouring sheet to put out at library branches. Earn one hour of community service for every colouring sheet submitted (max ten hours). Colouring sheets can be hand-drawn or made on a computer. For details, email Beth: bhead@lppl.ca.



BY TEENS, FOR TEENS!

Are you interested in helping come up with new ideas for teens at the library? Excited to help select what books we bring into the library for teens?



LPPL is seeking members for its Teen Advisory Group (TAG). TAG members earn community service hours by participating in meetings and assisting with events and programs. Apply for our monthly TAG meetups by filling out a volunteer application online at lppl.ca/volunteer. Questions? Email Beth: bhead@lppl.ca

National Day for TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Author Visit: Patty Krawec

Join us for an engaging conversation with Anishinaabe writer Patty Krawec about her brand-new book Bad Indians Book Club. Books will be available for purchase.

Monday, September 29 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm Fonthill | Free; registration required.



Read Walking Together in the windows of the Fleming Branch. Add a postcard about what truth and reconciliation mean to you. September 22 -



Read Phyllis's Orange Shirt in Peace Park. Fonthill.

September 22 -October 3



WALKING TOGETHER: STEPS TOWARD TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

Join us for a community walk in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This accessible walk will leave from the Fleming Centre and conclude with opportunities for education and reflection with Indigenous partners.

All are welcome; everyone is encouraged to wear orange. Non-perishable food donations will be collected for the Niagara Regional Native Centre food pantry.

> Fleming Centre Wednesday, September 24 4:30 - 6:30 pm Free; drop in

Presented in partnership with











CANADIAN OCTOBRE 2025 LIBRARY

LE MOIS DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES AU

October is Canadian Library Month! During this month, libraries and library partners across Canada raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in the lives of people in Canada.

2nd Annual Bookmark Design Contest

Help us celebrate the importance of literacy and libraries by designing a bookmark inspired by your favourite book.

Starting September 2, pick up an entry form at any LPPL branch. Return your design by October 31.

There will be one design chosen from each age group (ages 11 and under, 12 - 17, and 18+). The winning designs will be professionally printed and available at all branches.



Winning entries from 2024

Bling Your Book!

For ages 13+.

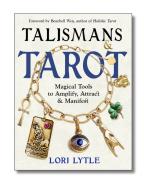
Add some sparkle to your favourite book using an applicator and gemstones. *Please note: participants must supply their own book.*

Monday, October 20 | 6 - 8 pm | Rittenhouse | \$5; registration required.

Spooky Season

Tarot & Talismans

Join Lori Lytle of Inner Goddess Tarot for a fun and practical introduction to tarot and talismans. Learn about the rich symbolism and stories in the tarot and talismans, fire up your intuition, and even try reading for yourself. Lori will also speak about her brand-new book *Talismans & Tarot*.



Thursday, October 23 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fleming Free; registration required.

Campfire Stories

Dare to listen? Join us outside under the stars for an evening of spooky stories around the campfire. Families welcome.

Wednesday, October 29 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Rittenhouse Free; drop in



Wednesday Addams Escape Room

Snap twice! Wednesday is missing from mysterious Nevermore Academy! You have 30 minutes to find her. Recommended for ages 8 & up.

Fleming | Free; registration required.

AVAILABLE TIMES:

Saturday, October 18:

10:30 am / 11:15 am / 1 pm / 1:45 pm

2:30 pm / 3:15 pm 4:15 pm

Monday, October 20:

3:15 pm / 4 pm

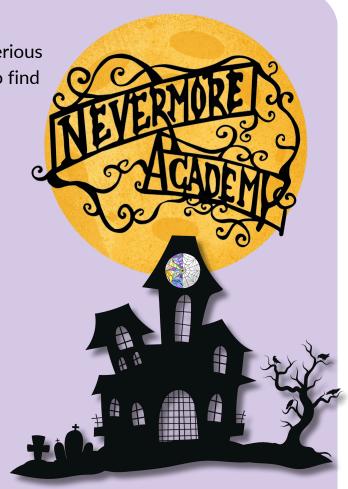
Wednesday, October 22:

2:30 pm / 3:15 pm / 5:15 pm

6 pm / 6:45 pm

Thursday, October 23:

2:30 pm / 3:15 pm / 4 pm



Bookmobile

The Bookmobile operates on a two-week schedule. Find the regular route at lppl.ca/bookmobile. Watch for the new schedule coming soon.



Introducing Paige Turner! Congratulations to Dora L. for winning the Bookmobile naming contest!

In the Community

Harvest Pioneer Day

Celebrate the arrival of fall with stories and activities, plus browse and borrow from the Bookmobile.

Saturday, September 20 | 10 am - 4 pm | Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre 3800 Main Street, Jordan

Fling Off King

Find the Bookmobile and take part in fun activities at downtown Beamsville's biggest street party.

Saturday, September 27 | 2 - 7 pm | Fleming Centre back parking lot 5020 Serena Drive, Beamsville

Town of Pelham Senior Active Living Fair

Visit the library table to learn more about collections, services, and programs for older adults.

Wednesday, October 1 | 9 am - 2 pm | Meridian Community Centre 100 Meridian Way, Fonthill

Tech and Makerspace

Tech Time

Book a free 30-minute appointment to get basic tech help on your device. Book by calling the library or online.

Tuesdays | 4 - 6 pm | Fleming | Free; registration required.

Wednesdays | 10 am - 12 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; registration required.

Thursdays | 2 - 4 pm | Maple Acre | Free; registration required.

Fridays | 10 am - 12 pm | Fonthill | Free; registration required.

3D Printer

Book a free one-hour appointment to learn how to use the 3D printer. Book by calling the library or online.

Tuesdays | 6 - 8 pm | Fleming | Free; registration required. Fridays | 2 - 5 pm | Fonthill | Free; registration required.

Memory Lab

Book a free one-hour appointment to learn how to preserve, convert, and digitize photos and videos. Please note users must supply their own storage device. Book by calling the library or online.

Wednesdays | 2 - 5 pm | Rittenhouse Saturdays | September 6, 20, October 4, 18 | 2 - 5 pm | Rittenhouse Free; registration required.

Navigating Online Privacy and Security

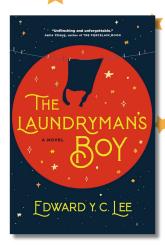
Join us for Media Literacy Week for a presentation on tips and tricks to safely navigate online privacy and security

Tuesday, October 28 | 2 - 3 pm | Fleming | Free; registration required.





One Book, One Niagara returns for 2025! This year's pick is *The Laundryman's Boy* by Edward Y.C. Lee. Set in 1913 St. Catharines, thirteen-year-old Hoi Wing Woo, the son of a scholar, is forced to give up his dreams of an education when he is sent to work in a Chinese laundry in Canada.







Print

eBook & audiobook

Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy

Watch a demonstration of traditional Chinese calligraphy and try it yourself. Presented in partnership with the Chinese Cultural Association of Niagara.

Monday, September 22 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fleming | Free; registration required.

One Book, One Niagara Finale with Edward Y.C. Lee

Join us for an evening with Edward, in conversation with Jolie Hoang Phuong.

Friday, October 3 | 7 - 9 pm | First Ontario Performing Arts Centre, St. Catharines | Free tickets available at OneBookOneNiagara.ca

BOOK CLUBS ARE BACK!

Join one of LPPL's monthly book clubs. A limited number of titles are available to borrow. eBooks and audiobooks for some titles are available on Libby and CloudLibrary. Free; registration is required. Registration is for October - May (skip December).

Second Wednesday Evening | starting October 8 | 7 - 8 pm | Fonthill Fleming Book Club | starting October 15 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Fleming Fourth Thursday Morning | starting October 23 | 10:15 - 11:15 am | Fonthill Last Monday Afternoon | starting October 27 | 2 - 3 pm | Fonthill Books and Brews | starting October 27 | 7 - 8 pm | Bench Brewing, Beamsville

For Adults

Knit and 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 time to meet other newcomers.

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

Writers Roundtable: Fonthill

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

Monday, October 6 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | Fonthill | Free; registration required.



Writers Roundtable: Beamsville

Join this monthly meetup with local author Jolie Phuong Hoang and fellow writers to share ideas and discuss writing and editing.

Monday, October 20 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fleming | Free; registration required.

Adult Story Time

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

Mondays, September 15 & October 6 | 1:30 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in



Create and Chat

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

Mondays, September 29 & October 20 | 1 - 2 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, September 2 & October 7 | 10 am - 12 pm | Rittenhouse Free; registration required.

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, September 17 - November 5 | 1 - 3 pm | Rittenhouse Free; registration required.

Connect & Care Memory Cafe

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

Thursday, September 25 | 1 - 2 pm | Fonthill | Free; drop in Thursday, October 16 | 1 - 2 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in

Introduction to Computers

This 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. Register by calling 905-563-1515.

Tuesdays, September 16 - October 14 | 1 - 3 pm | Fonthill Free; registration required.

Wednesdays, September 17 - October 15 | 1 - 3 pm | Niagara West Adult Learning Centre | Free, registration required.

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 September 1 and October 13.
The Rittenhouse Branch will be closed October 11.

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.



