

# News & Programs

## January/February 2026



## Take Your Child to the **LIBRARY DAYS!**

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

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

### FIND THE FUN AT ALL BRANCHES:

#### Rittenhouse:

February 7 | 10 am - 4 pm  
4080 John Charles Blvd, Vineland

#### Maple Acre:

February 14 | 12 - 3 pm  
781 Canboro Rd, Fenwick

#### Fleming:

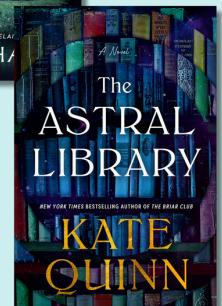
February 21 | 10 am - 4 pm  
5020 Serena Dr, Beamsville

#### Fonthill:

February 28 | 10 am - 1:30 pm  
43 Pelham Town Sq, Fonthill



**Books on the Bench  
with Kate Quinn  
and Janie Chang**  
Save the date for  
March 6! LPPL will  
be kicking off the  
2026 Books on  
the Bench series  
with bestselling  
authors Kate  
Quinn (*The Astral  
Library*) and Janie  
Chang (*The Fourth  
Princess*).



Watch for tickets  
and details in  
early 2026.

Find more info and register online at [LPPL.CA](http://LPPL.CA)

# For Preschoolers

All preschool programs are drop in and free.

## Babies and Books

### *0 - 15 months and caregivers*

A fun and social time with stories, songs, and shakers!

**Mondays, Jan. 12 - Feb. 23 (skip Feb. 16) | 10:30 am | Fleming**

**Wednesdays, Jan. 14 - Feb. 18 | 12 pm | Fonthill**

## Story Time

### *Ages 5 and under and caregivers*

Enjoy stories, songs, and fun at the library!

**Tuesdays, Jan. 13 - Feb. 24 | 10:30 am | Fleming**

**Tuesdays, Jan. 13 - Feb. 24 | 10:30 am | Fonthill**

**Thursdays, Jan. 15 - Feb. 26 | 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**

# For Families

## Snowy Story Time

### *For families with kids of all ages*

Join us for an interactive snowy story time for the whole family.

**Thursday, Jan. 22 | 6:30 pm | Fleming & Fonthill | Free; drop in**

## Valentine Story Time

### *For families with kids of all ages*

Listen to stories all about love and kindness.

**Thursday, Feb. 12 | 6:30 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in**

## 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.



Scan to download  
a printable  
booklet!



## Littlest Learners Club (online)

NEW

Join the Littlest Learners Club to help your child build strong reading and language skills. Complete fun activities based on five early literacy practices—talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing—and earn entries for prize draws along the way. Join on Beanstack starting in January.

*Early literacy initiatives at LPPL are 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.*

## LPPL Reading Challenge: Junior Edition

Take part in the 2026 LPPL Reading Challenge! Intended for readers ages 5 - 12, each month read one book from each category. Pick up a tracking sheet at the library or participate on Beanstack. Return your completed sheet at the end of the year for a chance to win a prize!

NEW

## Bright Minds Club (online)

Be part of the online Bright Minds Club – where curiosity sparks learning! Every two months, explore new challenges about the library and the world around you, earn badges, and enter prize draws. Join on Beanstack starting in January.



**January/February prize:** a Cineplex Odeon or Landmark Cinemas gift card!



Scan to go to  
Beanstack!

# For School-Age Kids

## Homeschool Hangout

### *For learners of all ages*

Homeschooling families are invited to come learn and connect at the library. For more information in Lincoln, email Leanne: [lgood@lppl.ca](mailto:lgood@lppl.ca). For more information in Fonthill, email Jennifer: [jbennett@lppl.ca](mailto:jbennett@lppl.ca).

**Thursdays, Jan. 22 & Feb. 26 | 1 - 3 pm | Fonthill**

**Thursdays, Jan. 29 & Feb. 19 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Rittenhouse**

**Free; registration required.**

## Reading Buddies

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

This 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.

**Tuesdays, Jan. 13 - Feb. 17 | 4 - 5 pm | Maple Acre**

**Mondays, Feb. 2 - Mar. 9 (skip Feb. 16) | 4 - 5 pm | Fleming**

**Free; registration required.**

## PA Days at the Library

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

**Fridays, Jan. 16 & Feb. 13 | during library hours | All branches | Free; drop in**

## Therapy Tails Visit

Read and visit with the dogs from Therapy Tails Ontario.

**Saturdays, Jan. 3 & Feb. 7 | 10:30 - 11:30 am | Fleming | Free; drop in**

**Fridays, Jan. 16 & Feb. 13 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in**

## **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**

# Spectacular Saturdays

## Art Attack: Let It Snow!

### *For kids of all ages*

Create magical snowy art pieces using pastels, paint, watercolours, and salt.

**Saturday, Jan. 17 | 10:30 am - 12:30 pm | Fonthill | Free; drop in**

**Saturday, Jan. 24 | 10 am - 12 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in**

## Art Attack: Heart Art

### *For kids of all ages*

Stamp a heart masterpiece and mold clay hearts for Valentine's Day.

**Saturday, Feb. 14 | 10:30 am - 12:30 pm | Fonthill | Free; drop in**

## Check Out the Library of Things for Kids!

### **Yoto Mini & Yoto Cards**

The Yoto Mini is a screen-free audio player for kids. Simply pop in a Yoto Card to listen to stories and music. Compact and travel-friendly, there is no microphone, no screen, and no ads. Borrow a Yoto Mini kit to try or browse the selection of stories available on Yoto Cards to use on your own player.



### **LEGO & DUPLO Kits**

Each kit encourages toddlers 18 months and older to explore imaginative play. Familiar objects stimulate young minds, helping them to learn through play. Kits are available at all branches.



### **Launchpad Learning Tablets**

Launchpads are educational tablets, pre-loaded with apps, videos, and games that cover a wide range of subjects and themes.

Designed to give hours of interactive learning for kids aged three to five (3-5), six to eight (6-8), eight to ten (8-10), and 10 plus, Launchpad tablets are easy to use, require no internet connection, and are great for independent learning at home and on-the-go.



# For Tweens & 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, Jan. 5 & Feb. 9 | 4 - 5:30 pm | Fonthill | Free; drop in**

## **Tween Drop-In: Uno Tournament**

**For ages 10 - 12**

Test your skills at an UNO tournament hosted by the Teen Advisory Group: Fonthill. Snacks provided.

**Monday, Feb. 2 | 4 - 5 pm | Fonthill | Free; drop in**

## Teen Art Drop-In

**For ages 12 - 17**

Paint, draw, doodle! Bring your art to work on or start a new project in this hangout led by teen volunteers. Snacks and some supplies provided.

**Wednesday, Feb. 11 | 4 - 5:30 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in**

## Exam Care Kits

**For secondary students**

Studying for exams? Come to the desk and receive a small exam care package to help with your study session.

**Available starting Jan. 2 | All branches | While supplies last**

## Chopped: Valentine 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: Feb. 1 | Kit pick up: Starting Feb. 4 | Submissions due: Feb. 15**

**All branches | Free; registration required.**

# Tween, Teen & Adult Reading Challenges

NEW

## 75 Books Before Graduation

*For readers in grades 6 - 8*

Think you read a lot? Prove it! We challenge you to read 75 books before you start high school. Milestone prizes will be awarded for every 25 books you read. Register online using Beanstack.

NEW

## Teen Winter Book Bingo

*For ages 12 - 17*

Read books and complete winter-themed challenges between January - March to be entered to win a \$25 gift card of your choice. This challenge was created by the Teen Advisory Group (TAG).



*Scan to go to  
Beanstack!*

## 2026 LPPL Reading Challenge

*For readers 13 and up.*

12 months, 12 books, 12 ideas. Join the 2026 LPPL Reading Challenge to discover new books, explore new ideas, and read outside your comfort zone. Get a tracker at any branch or participate online using Beanstack.

## Once Upon a Library

### Book Social and Bookish Crafts

Drop in to celebrate Library Lovers Month and connect with fellow book lovers, plus make bookish crafts, including a Bling Your Own Book station (bring your own book or shop the library book sale).

*For ages 13+.*



**Saturday, Feb. 21 | 2 - 4 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in**

# SEEDY SATURDAY



Saturday, February 14 | 11 am - 3 pm

Grimsby Public Library

18 Carnegie Lane, Grimsby

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

*Watch for more details in 2026.*

presented in partnership by



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LIBRARY



## 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, Jan. 17**

**11 am - 1 pm**

**Plant drop off: Jan. 5 - 17**

**Fonthill**

**Saturday, Mar. 14**

**11 am - 1 pm**

**Plant drop off: Mar. 2 - 14**

## 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 February 17.**



# Bookmobile

Visit the Bookmobile to browse and borrow when out and about in Lincoln and Pelham!



## Week One: Wednesdays

**9 am - 12 pm:**

Community Care of West Niagara  
4309 Central Ave, Beamsville

**1:15 - 2:30 pm**

Lincoln Museum & Cultural Centre  
3800 Main St, Jordan

**3:15 - 4:30 pm**

Campden Firehall  
3970 Fly Rd, Campden

## Week One: Thursdays

**10 am - 12 pm:**

Golden Horseshoe Estates  
Rebecca Lane Visitors Lot  
corner of Sann Rd and John St, Beamsville

**1:15 - 2:30 pm**

Old Pelham Town Hall  
491 Canboro Rd, Fenwick

**3:30 - 4:30 pm**

Beamsville Legion, Branch 612  
5545 King St, Beamsville

The Bookmobile operates on a two-week schedule. The schedule is subject to change.

## Week Two: Wednesdays

**10 am - 12 pm:**

Village of Hope Niagara  
2540 South Service Rd, Jordan

**1:15 - 2:30 pm**

Meridian Community Centre  
100 Meridian Way, Fonthill

**3:15 - 4:30 pm**

North Pelham Presbyterian Church  
602 Metler Rd, Fenwick

## Week Two: Thursdays

**9 am - 1 pm**

Black Sheep Coffee Roasters  
952 Foss Rd, Fenwick

**2:15 - 4:30 pm**

Jordan Lions Arena  
2767 Fourth Ave, Jordan

Week One: Jan. 7/8, Jan. 21/22, Feb. 4/5, Feb. 18/19

Week Two: Jan. 14/15, Jan. 28/29, Feb. 11/12, Feb. 25/26



# 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 | Free; registration required.**

## 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.

**Wednesdays, Jan. 14 - Feb. 18 | 1 - 3 pm**

**Niagara West Adult Learning Centre | Free, registration required.**

**Thursdays, Jan. 15 - Feb. 19 | 1 - 3 pm | Fonthill | Free; registration required.**

# For Adults

## What's Stopping You From Getting Organized?

Do you have too much stuff? Why do you have trouble letting go of things? Join professional organizer Julie Stobbe from Mind over Clutter to learn the answer to these questions and practical steps to declutter and get organized.

**Thursday, Jan. 8 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fonthill | Free; registration required.**

## 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.

**Wednesday, Jan. 28 | 2 - 3 pm | Fonthill | Free; registration required.**

## Healthy Brain 101

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.

**Thursday, Jan. 29 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fleming | Free; registration required.**

## Virtual Visit: Cochrane Polar Bear Habitat

Learn about polar bears in the wild, the Cochrane Polar Bear Habitat and its resident bears, and the importance of conservation and combatting climate change to protect these animals.

**Thursday, Jan. 22 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Online via Zoom | Free; registration required.**

## Owls of Southern Ontario

Join Marcie Jacklin, volunteer with the Owl Foundation, to learn about the different owl species found in southern Ontario, and the important role these birds of prey play in the local ecosystem.

**Thursday, Feb. 26 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fonthill | Free; registration required.**

# 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: Beamsville

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

**Mondays, Jan. 19 & Feb. 9 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Fleming**

**Free; registration required.**

## 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, Feb. 9 | 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, Jan. 19 & Feb. 2 | 10 - 11 am | Fleming | Free; drop in**

## Create and Chat

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

**Mondays, Jan. 26 & Feb. 23 | 1 - 2 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in**

## Kindness Circle

Learn simple tips to stay calm and grounded, for anyone who may feel anxious, alone, or simply in need of direction. Facilitated by BB Elizabeth Carver, Kindfulness Coaching & Wellness.

**Saturdays, Jan. 10 & Feb. 7 | 11 am - 12:30 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in**

## A Hand Along the Way

Find space, support, and resources for those experiencing grief and loss in this monthly bereavement group, facilitated by Rose Cottage Visiting Volunteers. To register, contact RCVV at 289-566-9588 or [info.rcvv@gmail.com](mailto:info.rcvv@gmail.com).

**Tuesdays, Jan. 13 & Feb. 3 | 10 am - 12 pm | Rittenhouse**

**Free; registration required.**

## **VISITING LIBRARY SERVICE**

The Visiting Library Service (VLS) brings library materials to community members who are unable to visit the library due to age, disability, or illness. This free monthly service is available to residents of Lincoln and Pelham. For more information, please visit [lppl.ca/visiting-library-service](http://lppl.ca/visiting-library-service) or contact your nearest branch.

**Scan to sign up!**





The \$4 million renovation has been split into two phases to allow the project to get underway as funds become available.

**Phase One (\$1.5 million):** Fully funded by the Town of Pelham, Phase One will begin in 2026. This phase includes a new accessible entrance, new washrooms, and a refurbished and expanded program room.

**Phase Two (\$2.5 million):** The second phase will include the installation of an elevator to open access to the basement and increase public space on the main level. Fundraising for Phase Two is ongoing. In October 2025, Paul and Bernadette Coyne made a leadership gift. In recognition, the future branch will be named the Coyne Family Branch. Thanks to early donations, only \$1.7 million remains to be raised to complete Phase Two.



*Learn more and support the project here!*



In spring 2025, \$2 million was awarded through the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) federal fund toward a proposed 6,000-square-foot addition to the Rittenhouse Branch. This will be the first NetZero design-build in Lincoln. Community consultation will take place in 2026, with a goal of construction between 2027 - 2029.

# Save Money, Use the Library!



## Libby.

Borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines.



## pressreader™

Get unlimited daily access to more than 7,000 newspapers and magazines, plus crosswords, sudoku, and other puzzles.



## CloudLibrary

Borrow eBooks and audiobooks, with shorter wait times.



## kanopy

Films that matter

Stream TV shows and movies, plus get unlimited views on children's content.



## CBC Corner

Browse Canadian content, including news, radio, and TV shows, in English and French.



## Find more to borrow in the Library of Things!

- Chromebooks and WiFi hotspots
- Nintendo Switch games
- Roku sticks with Apple TV and Disney+
- sensory support backpacks
- LEGO kits
- carbon monoxide detectors
- telescope
- fishing poles and life jackets
- snowshoes
- nature backpacks
- keyboard, ukuleles, and guitars
- Passes for NPCA, Ontario Parks, and the ROM

*Please note late fees apply for non-traditional items.*

# 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 Monday, February 16 for Family Day.**

### 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.*