

WHAT'S ON

September/October 2026

Get LOUD for Libraries!

Forget “shhh” ... get LOUD! Libraries are essential community spaces that support learning, connection, and well-being. October is Canadian Library Month. Here are five ways to get involved!

1 Show Up

Use your library card! Attend a program. Try a new service. Spread the word about all the collections, services, and programs available. Usage shows need and helps secure funding and support.

2 Share Your Story

Share why libraries and LPPL matter to you. Pick up a postcard or fill out the online form during October.

3 Celebrate Literacy

Design a bookmark inspired by your favourite book in the third annual Bookmark Design Contest (kids, teens, and adult categories). Submissions due by October 31.

4 Speak Up

Libraries thrive when communities speak up. Municipal elections are on October 26. Help keep libraries part of the conversation. Ask candidates about their support for public libraries and community spaces.

5 Support Your Library

Major renovations are upcoming at the libraries in Fonthill and Vineland. See the last page for ways to support the Next Chapter fundraising campaigns.



Celebrating 30 Years of the Rittenhouse Branch

Come celebrate three decades of the library in Vineland. Share memories, enjoy light refreshments, meet the team working on the upcoming expansion, and share feedback on the design. Here's to the next thirty years, and the next chapter!

Saturday, Oct. 17

1 - 5 pm

Rittenhouse

Free; drop in



**THE NEXT
CHAPTER**

EXPANDING THE VINELAND BRANCH

The Fonthill Branch, including the book return, will be closed for Phase One construction from September 2026 - Spring 2027. Learn about services available at lppl.ca/fonthillreno.

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For Preschoolers

Babies and Books

0 - 15 months and caregivers

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

Mondays, Oct. 19 - Nov. 23 | 10:30 am | Fleming | Free; drop in

Story Time

Ages 5 and under and caregivers

Enjoy stories, songs, and fun at the library!

Tuesdays, Oct. 13 - Nov. 24 | 10:30 am | Fleming | Free; drop in

Tuesdays, Oct. 13 - Nov. 24 | 10:30 am | Maple Acre | Free; drop in

Thursdays, Oct. 15 - Nov. 26 | 10:30 am | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in

Preschool Social

Ages 5 and under and caregivers

Little ones and caregivers can meet and socialize during open play with extra toys in the children's area.

Wednesdays | 10 - 11:30 am | Fleming | Free; drop in

Family Story Time

Bring your family for a special evening story time. Pajamas always welcome!

Thursday, Oct. 1 | 6:30 - 7 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in

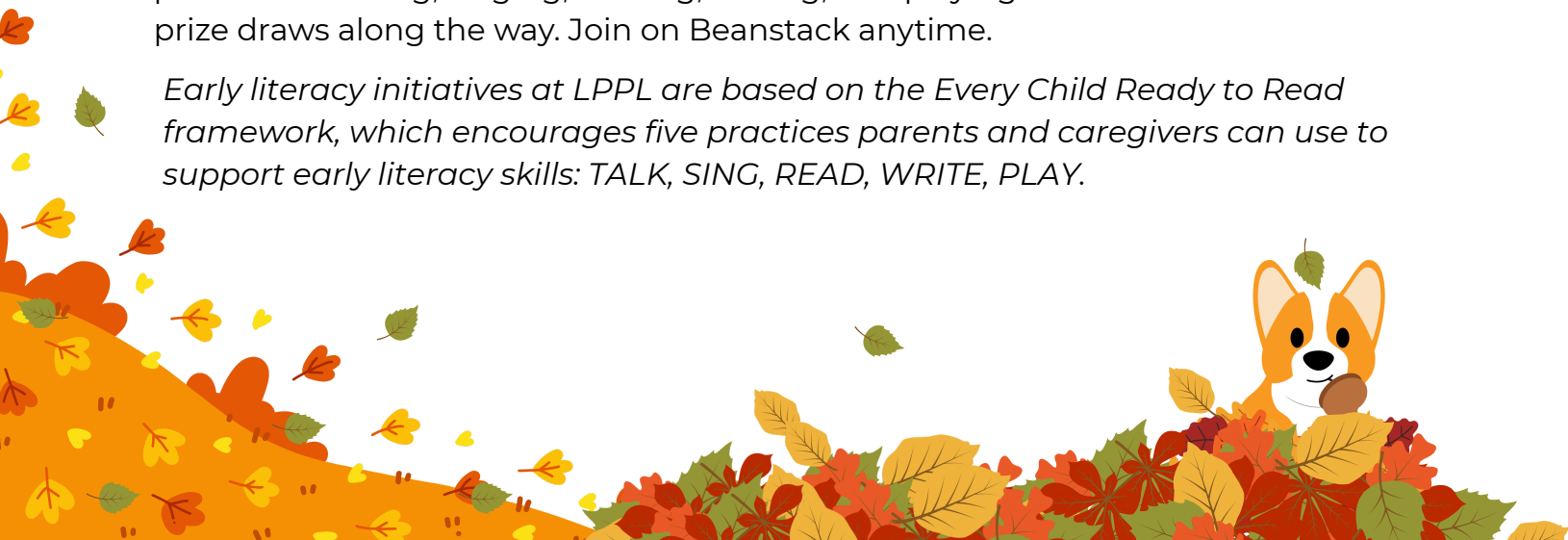
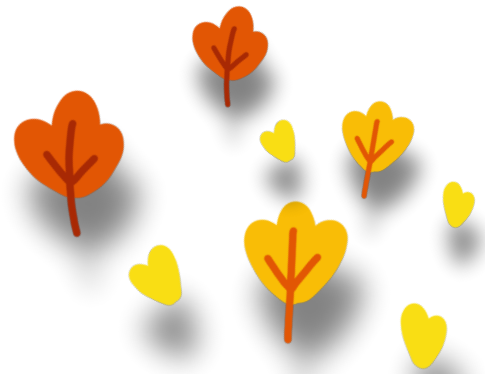
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

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.

Littlest Learners Club (online)

Join the Littlest Learners Club (ages 5 and under) 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 anytime.

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.



For Children & Families

Homeschool Hangout

Homeschooling families are invited to learn and connect at the library.

Thursdays, Sept. 24 & Oct. 29 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Bring a plush toy to the library for a story and craft, then leave it overnight for a stuffie sleepover! Stuffies can be picked up after 1 pm the next day.

Thursday, Oct. 22 | 6 - 7 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in

PA Day Fun

Take part in fun activities, including scavenger hunts, LEGO, and board games.
Activities may vary by branch.

Monday, Oct. 26 | During library hours | All branches | Free; drop in

Therapy Tails Visit

Read and visit with the dogs from Therapy Tails Ontario.

Saturdays, Sept. 5 & Oct. 3 | 10:30 - 11:30 am | Fleming | Free; drop in

Friday, Sept. 18 | 3 - 4 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in

Monday, Oct. 26 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in

LPPL Reading Challenge: Junior Edition

Take part in the 2026 LPPL Reading Challenge! Intended for readers ages 6 - 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! Join anytime during the year.

September: A book by an Indigenous writer

October: A book set in a library

Bright Minds Club (online)

Be part of the Bright Minds Club (ages 6 - 12) – 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 anytime.



September/October prize: A Cineplex Odeon or Landmark Cinemas gift card.

Scan to go to
beanstack



For Tweens & Teens

Teen Knitting & Crochet

For ages 12 - 17

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

**Mondays, Sept. 14 & Oct. 5 | 4 - 5:30 pm | Community Room, Pelham Town Hall
20 Pelham Town Square | Free; drop in**

Tween & Teen Halloween Baking Challenge

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. There are two categories: ages 10 - 12 and 13 - 17.

Registration closes: October 2

Kits available: October 6

Pictures due: October 24

Available at all branches | 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. Find more info at PathstoneMentalHealth.ca/Walk-In-Clinics.

Tuesdays | 10 am - 6 pm | Fleming

Wednesdays | 8 am - 4 pm | Meridian Community Centre, Fonthill

Thursdays | 10 am - 6 pm | Meridian Community Centre, Fonthill

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

By teens, for teens! Are you interested in coming up with new ideas for teens at the library? Excited to help select books for the teen collection? 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.

Wednesdays, Sept. 23 & Oct. 21 | 4 - 6 pm | Fleming

Free; registration required.

**Scan to fill out the
volunteer form!**



Please note: teen volunteers must be entering high school in 2026 and can be no older than 17.



Spooky Season is Here!

Art Attack: Spooky Creatures

Monsters, ghosts, and mummies, oh my! Create spooky creatures with clay, squeegees, and pine cones.

Saturday, Oct. 3 | 10 am - 12 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in
Saturday, Oct. 10 | 1 - 3 pm | Maple Acre | Free; drop in

Book Page Pumpkin Take & Make Craft

For adults

Make a cute book-page pumpkin to decorate for the fall season with this free take-home kit.



Available starting Wednesday, Oct. 7 | All branches | Free; registration required.

Hocus Pocus Escape Room

"It's just a bunch of Hocus Pocus!" The black flame candle has been lit and the Sanderson sisters are back to steal the souls of the children of Salem. You have 30 minutes to beat the escape room and foil the witches' plan.

Fleming | Free; register up to four people for a timeslot.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

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

Wednesday, Oct. 21

2:30 pm/3:15 pm/5:15 pm/6 pm/6:45 pm

Thursday, Oct. 22

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

Saturday, Oct. 24

10:30 am/11:15 am/1 pm/1:45 pm/2:30 pm/3:15 pm



Spooky Stories by the Campfire

Gather round and listen to spooky tales by the fire, followed by roasting marshmallows. Outdoors, weather-permitting.

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in for all ages

Halloween Family Dance Party

Let's do the mash ... the monster mash! Dress in your Halloween costume and dance the night away!

Friday, Oct. 30 | 6 - 7:30 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in for families



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Métis Encampment & Orange Shirt Day Activities

Explore a traditional encampment and learn about Métis culture and teachings with Derrick Pont, president of the Niagara Region Métis Council. Presented in partnership with the Town of Pelham.

Monday, Sept. 28 | 6 - 8 pm | Meridian Community Centre, Fonthill

Free; drop in for all ages

Walking Together: Steps Toward Reconciliation

Join a community walk to honour the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools. Visit a traditional Métis encampment and learn about Métis culture and teachings with Derrick Pont. Presented in partnership with the Town of Lincoln and Downtown Bench Beamsville, in collaboration with the Niagara Regional Native Centre.

Tuesday, Sept. 29 | 6 - 8 pm | Remarks & walk at 6:15 pm | Fleming

Free; drop in for all ages

Food Drive for NRNC Pantry

Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected for the Niagara Regional Native Centre (NRNC) pantry. Most-needed items include: pasta sauce, soup, crackers, condiments, canned fruit, canned vegetables, juice boxes, school snacks, instant oatmeal, pancake mix, and syrup.

Monday, Sept. 28 - Friday, Oct. 2 | During library hours | All branches

Ontario Public Library Week - October 18 - 24

Mini Masters of Library Science

Calling all future librarians! Visit different stations to test your “bookish” skills and earn your Mini Masters of Library Science diploma. Cardigans are optional.

Monday, Oct. 19 - Saturday, Oct. 24 | During library hours | All branches

Free; drop in for kids of all ages

Library Board Drop-In Information Sessions

LPPL will be looking for new board members for the upcoming 2027 - 2030 term. Meet a current board member, ask questions, and learn how to get involved. Applications will be posted later this year at Lincoln.ca and Pelham.ca.

Monday, Oct. 19 | 6 - 7 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in

Tuesday, Oct. 20 | 6 - 7 pm | Maple Acre | Free; drop in



Author Visits & Book Clubs

Author Visit: Kate Heartfield

Kate Heartfield joins us in conversation about her brand-new novel *Mercutio*, an opulent 13th-century epic retelling of the life of Mercutio before he ever encountered Romeo and Juliet. Books will be available to purchase from Someday Books.



Thursday, Sept. 24 | 6:30 - 8 pm | Rittenhouse
Free; registration encouraged; drop ins welcome.

Local Author Visit: Christine Hill Suntz

Local author Christine Hill Suntz joins us to chat about her new inspirational historical romance *The Heiress and the Woodsman*, a story of reluctant allies set in the wilderness of 1837 Canada. Books will be available for purchase.



Monday, Oct. 5 | 6:30 - 8 pm | Rittenhouse
Free; registration encouraged; drop ins welcome.

One Book, One Niagara Finale with Kristen Ciccarelli

New York Times' bestselling author Kristen Ciccarelli joins us in conversation with Maddy Amorim about the 2026 One Book, One Niagara (OBON) selection, *A Dark Forgetting*—the epic love story of a magical girl, the boy she left behind, and a deadly curse.



Thursday, Oct. 22 | 7 - 9 pm | West Niagara Secondary School
5699 King Street, Beamsville
Get free tickets: onebookoneniagara2026.eventbrite.ca

Library Book Clubs

Book clubs return this fall! Book clubs meet monthly from October - May. Books are provided; eBook and audiobooks may be available on Libby or CloudLibrary.

Second Wednesday Evening Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 14 | 7 - 8 pm | Maple Acre | Free; registration required.

Fleming Book Club (Third Wednesday Afternoon)

Wednesday, Oct. 21 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Fleming | Free; registration required.

Fourth Thursday Morning Book Club

Thursday, Oct. 22 | 10:15 - 11:15 am | Maple Acre | Free; registration required.

Last Monday Afternoon Book Club

Monday, Oct. 26 | 2 - 3 pm | Maple Acre | Free; registration required.

Books and Brews

Monday, Oct. 26 | 7 - 8 pm | Bench Brewing | Free; registration required.

Technology & Computers

Tech Time

Book a free 30-minute appointment to get basic tech help on your device. Please contact your local branch or book online at lppl.ca/techtime.

Introduction to Computers

This six-week course for beginners introduces the basic concepts of using a computer with Windows 11, including mouse movements, online safety, and email basics. Presented in partnership with Niagara West Adult Learning Centre.

**Wednesdays, Sept. 23 - Oct. 28 | 1 - 3 pm | Niagara West Adult Learning Centre
4271 Queen Street, Beamsville | Free; register by calling 905-563-1515.**

Discover the Digital Library

Your PIN/password is the last four digits of your phone number.



Libby.

Borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines.



pressreader™

Get unlimited daily access to more than 7,000 newspapers and magazines.



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.



Seed Saving with the Green Herons

Join the Green Herons, a local youth conservation group, for a hands-on workshop to learn how to save seeds for next year. Weather-pending, help harvest and prepare seeds from the pollinator and vegetable gardens.

Wednesday, Oct. 14 | 6 - 7 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; registration required.

Return any extra seeds you harvest from your garden for the LPPL SeedShare Library!

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 | Maple Acre | Free; drop in

English Conversation Circle

Join a weekly conversation circle for newcomers and English language learners. Everyone will have opportunities to practice listening, speaking, vocabulary, and pronunciation. All levels of English are welcome.

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

Puzzle Social

Meet up with other puzzle enthusiasts to work on a puzzle. Bring your own puzzle or choose one from the library's collection.

Wednesdays starting Oct. 14 | 6 - 7:30 pm | Fleming | Free; drop in

Adult Story Time

Listen to stories, poems, and more during this fun-filled hour for teens and adults of all abilities.

Mondays, Sept. 21 & Oct. 19 | 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, Sept. 28 & Oct. 26 | 1 - 2 pm | Fleming | 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.

**Tuesdays, Sept. 1 & Oct. 6 | 10:30 am - 12 pm | Rittenhouse
Free; registration required.**



For Adults

Live at the Library: Lincoln Concert Band

Bring a chair and a friend to enjoy a lively performance by the Lincoln Concert Band.

Thursday, Sept. 3 | 7 - 8 pm | Fleming Branch (outdoors, weather permitting)

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, Sept. 12 & Oct. 24 | 11 am - 12 pm | Rittenhouse | Free; drop in

Dementia Education Series

This four-part series offers an opportunity for families and friends of individuals with a diagnosis of dementia to learn more about dementia, develop caregiving strategies, and become familiar with community resources and supports. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region.

Wednesdays, Oct. 7 - 28 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | Fleming | Free; registration required.

Oct. 7: Part 1: Overview of Dementia, Diagnosis & Healthy Brain Strategies

Oct. 14: Part 2: Communication & Environmental Strategies

Oct. 21: Part 3: Understanding & Managing Challenging Behaviours

Oct. 28: Part 4: Difficult Discussions, Role Changes & Self Care

Thursday Murder Mystery Club

Join us for a morning of mystery and intrigue, inspired by the world of Richard Osman's cozy mystery series. Test your critical thinking skills as we work together to see if we can crack the case. *Note: The puzzles are made-up stories from the Unsolved Case Files: Cold Case Murder Mystery Game.

Thursday, Oct. 29 | 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. Contact your local branch for more information or visit lppl.ca/visiting-library-service.

**Volunteers are needed to deliver VLS items in Pelham.
Fill out the application at lppl.ca/volunteer.**



Support the Next Chapter

Renovations are upcoming in Fonthill and Vineland. Be part of the story as outdated spaces become accessible, flexible, and welcoming for everyone—from toddlers to seniors, students to lifelong learners. Every gift helps ensure library branches remain welcoming, accessible, and ready to serve future generations.

Ways to Support

- **Donate online:** Make a one-time gift or set up monthly donations.
- **Make a pledge:** Commit to a gift over time with a pledge, which is a written promise to donate a specific amount of money on a set schedule for up to five years. Pledges can be structured to fit your budget.
- **Donate by mail or in-person:** Complete a pledge or donation form and return to any LPPL branch.
- **Donate securities or mutual funds:** Gifts of publicly-traded securities can offer significant tax advantages while making a lasting impact on your community.
- **Leave a gift in your will:** A legacy gift can help strengthen library services and spaces for generations to come.

Recognizing Your Generosity

Donors who contribute \$2,500 or more may choose to be recognized on a donor wall. Gifts can also be made to honour or in memory of a loved one. Naming opportunities are available for select spaces and features within both library projects. Naming gifts begin at \$25,000 and can be pledged over up to five years.

For more information, please contact:

Julie Andrews | jandrews@lppl.ca | 905-563-7014

Cassandra Best | cbest@lppl.ca | 905-933-8575



Learn more and donate:
lppl.ca/fonthillreno



Learn more and donate:
lppl.ca/vinelandreno

Tax receipts are available for donations of \$20 and up.

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 - new hours

781 Canboro Rd, Fenwick

905-892-5226

Mon, Wed: 12 - 8 pm

Tues, Thurs, 10 am - 6 pm

Fri: 10 am - 5 pm | Sat: 12 - 4 pm

Bookmobile at St. Alexander Church

50 Pelham Town Sq, Fonthill

Mon, Fri, Sat: 10 am - 2 pm

Find the full Bookmobile schedule at lppl.ca/bookmobile.

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 7 and October 12.

The Rittenhouse Branch will be closed Saturday, October 10.

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

Lincoln Pelham Public Library is on 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.