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CVITP INCOME TAX CLINICS

March & April

Through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), we host free tax clinics with a volunteer, who completes tax returns for people with a modest income and a simple tax situation. Call the library at 905-834-6512 to register. Appointments are booked on a first come, first serve basis.



PFLAG PRESENTS: ALLYSHIP DISCUSSION

Thurs. Mar. 27, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join volunteers from the Niagara chapter of PFLAG Canada for a fun, informative, and interactive discussion about allyship. Bring your questions and learn about how we can all support, educate, and advocate for a more inclusive community. All are welcome. Pre-register. Free.



POP-UP @ TOP HAT CEREMONY



Mon. Mar. 24, 7:30 a.m.

Every March, when the canal reopens after the winter shutdown, the captain of the first downbound ship is presented with a ceremonial top hat, modelled after an iconic top hat from the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum. This type of top hat was worn by ship captains a century ago when the canal was in its early days. Meet us at the event where we'll be popping up with commemorative buttons. For more information about the 2025 Top Hat Ceremony, visit www.portcolborne.ca.

BIRCHWAY PRESENTS: ALLIED AGAINST ABUSE

Thurs. Apr. 24, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

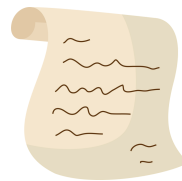
Join Birchway Niagara at the library to learn more about the issue of gender-based violence in our community, including a discussion of gender-based stereotypes, Birchway Niagara services, and how everyone can be allied against abuse. All are welcome. Pre-register. Free.



PD DAY ACTIVITY: WRITE YOUR OWN POETRY

Fri. Apr. 4, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Become a poet by gluing down some words and creating your unique poem. For families. Drop-in. Free.



POP-UP @ PCHS

Thursdays, Mar. 6 & Apr. 3, 10:50 – 11:30 a.m.

Are you a PCHS student? Visit the school library during lunch for an activity with the Port Colborne Public Library. Bring a friend and build with Lego in March, then check out the Seed Library in April. Drop-in. Free.



HOLIDAY HOURS

Friday, April 18, 2025
(Closed for Good Friday)

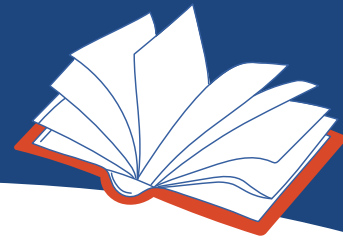
Monday, April 21, 2025
(Closed for Easter Monday)

Wednesday, April 23, 2025
(Closing at 4 p.m. for staff training)



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IS MARCH 8, 2025.



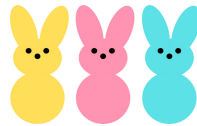
Let's #AccelerateAction for gender equality by challenging gender stereotypes, calling out discrimination, and seeking out positive action.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

EASTER POP-UP @ VALE

Sat. Apr. 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

We're popping up for the City of Port Colborne's Easter activities at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre. Meet the Easter Bunny, get your face painted, go skating, and stop by the library's table to make an adorable handprint Easter Bunny. Visit www.portcolborne.ca for more info. For families. Drop-in. Free.



BABY TIME

Tuesdays, Mar. 4, 11, 18 & 25, Apr. 1 & 8,
10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Meet new friends, sing songs,
and enjoy stories with your little one.
For ages 0 to 2. Pre-register. Free.



STORY TIME WITH SHELLY

Saturdays, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19 & 26,
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Meet us in the Children's Room
for a fun, free, family story time. All ages. Drop-in. Free.



BOOKMARK CONTEST

Submit a bookmark design for a chance to
be our featured artist for the month.
Available in the Children's Room. Free.



March Theme: Wild About Animals
Submissions due: Mar. 31, 2025

April Theme: April Showers
Submissions due: Apr. 30, 2025

Congrats to our February winner, Janel!
Jane designed Rainbow, a colourful cartoon dog .



AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

LEGO CLUB

Mondays, Mar. 3, 10, 17 & 24,
Apr. 7, 14 & 28, 3 – 6 p.m.



Complete a challenge, follow a pattern,
or use your imagination to make
something new – however you like to
build, you're sure to create something
amazing at Lego Club!
For ages 5+. Drop-in. Free.

KID'S CRAFT CART

Wednesdays, Mar. 5, 12, 19 & 26,
Apr. 2, 9, 16 & 30, 3 – 4:30 p.m.



We bring the craft supplies; you bring
the creativity. Create something unique
to you at our after-school Craft Cart!
For families. Drop-in. Free.

SCAVENGER HUNTS

Complete the weekly scavenger
hunt in the Children's Room to win a
small prize. For all ages. Drop-in. Free.



TAKE & MAKES

Pick up a free Take & Make
craft kit each week. Available
while supplies last. For all ages. Free.



Check out our March Break flyer
for daily exciting activities!



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APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH.



National Poetry Month encourages Canadians to celebrate poetry. Head to the 800s to check out a book of poems.

ADULT PROGRAMS

ONE EREAD CANADA



One eRead/Un Livrel Canada is a digital book club connecting readers and libraries across Canada. **Valid** is available on Libby during April without waitlists or holds. Download your copy and join the discussion!

ART IN THE ATRIUM

March: Judy Wade

Judy first encountered art instruction at the public library. She has thoroughly enjoyed sketching, watercolour, and acrylic painting ever since.



April: Port Colborne High School

We're excited to welcome artists from PCHS! Support these talented teens by visiting their show. Don't forget to sign the guestbook.



ADULT CHESS CLUB



Mondays, Mar. 3, 10, 17 & 24, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Step up your chess game with this series of workshops for beginner and experienced players. For adults ages 18+. Pre-register. Free.

PORT COLBORNE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

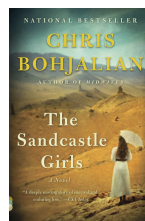
Mon. Mar. 10, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of **Recipe for a Perfect Wife** by Karma Brown. Limited spaces. Pre-register. Free.



Mon. Feb. 10, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of **The Sandcastle Girls** by Chris Bohjalian. Limited spaces. Pre-register. Free.



ANY OTHER WAY: THE JACKIE SHANE STORY

Mon. Mar. 31, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

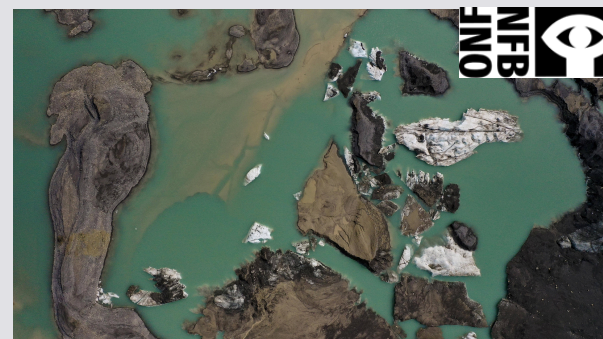
Join us for a screening and discussion of the documentary film **Any Other Way** (2024, 99 min). This remarkable portrait of trans soul singer Jackie Shane reveals her raw talent, courage, and unbreakable commitment to truth. Pre-register. Free.



LOSING BLUE

Mon. Apr. 28, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Join us for a screening and discussion of the documentary film **Losing Blue** (2023, 72 min). **Losing Blue** is a cinematic poem about what it means to lose the otherworldly blues of ancient mountain lakes, now fading due to climate change. Pre-register. Free.



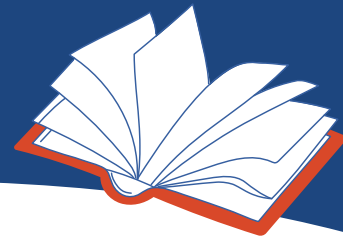
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Meet with local community support groups at the library to learn more about their programs and services. Drop-in. Free.

COMMUNITY CONNECT

BIAN (Brain Injury Association of Niagara)

Thurs. Mar. 13, 12 – 2 p.m.

BIAN is committed to empowering and maximizing the quality of life for individuals living with the effects of acquired brain injury and their families through support, social activities, community and peer opportunities, advocacy, and information and are committed to education, awareness, and prevention of brain injury in the Niagara Region.



Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

Thurs. Mar. 20 & Apr. 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee advises City Council with respect to establishing policies, services and structures that support and enable seniors to live in security, enjoy good health and continue to participate fully in society. Stop by the library to learn about local programs, services, and resources for older adults.



PFLAG Niagara

Sat. Mar. 1 & Apr. 5, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Wondering about pronouns? Struggling to keep track of the letters in 2S&LGBTQQIA+? Maybe you have questions but aren't sure if you'll say the right thing or use the correct terms. PFLAG Niagara is here for you!



Resume Refresh with PC Works

**Thurs. Mar. 6, 13, 20 & 27,
Apr. 3, 10, 17 & 24, 12 – 2 p.m.**

Bring in a paper or digital copy of your resume and get tips on how to improve it. Don't have a resume yet? PC Works can help get you started.



Are you a local community support group interested in joining Community Connect?

Email us at library@portcolborne.ca for more information.

Niagara College: Newcomer Language Programs

**Wed. Mar. 12,
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Are you a newcomer to Canada? Are you interested in improving your language skills? Stop by the library to learn more about free language programs for newcomers at Niagara College.



Birchway Niagara

**Mon. Mar. 10 & Apr. 7,
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Learn about communication, boundaries, safety planning, and healthy relationships. Learn how to help someone who may be experiencing abuse. Confidential meeting spaces are available.



Bridges

Community Health Centre
Fort Erie and Port Colborne/Wainfleet

Bridges CHC Programs & Services

Wed. Mar. 26 & Apr. 30, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
Learn about free programs and services offered by Bridges CHC with Health Promoter Lori.

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

Wed. Mar. 5 & Apr. 2, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
The ODSCP is a free dental care program for low-income seniors (65+). Stop by to learn how to enroll. For other dental assistance questions, call Valerie Wehlann from Bridges at 905-871-7621 ext. 2245

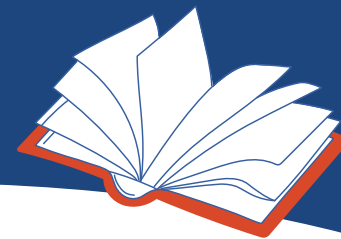




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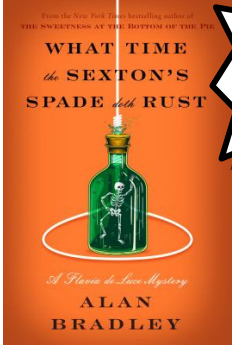


OUR DIGITAL WORLD

Access heritage collections from public and academic libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, women's institutes, newspaper publishers, and community organizations.



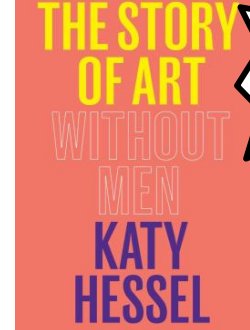
CHECK OUT OUR STAFF PICKS



LORAINÉ'S PICK



NICK'S PICK



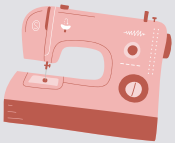
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LIBRARY OF THINGS EXPANSION

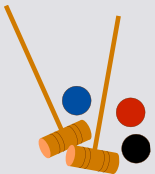
Thanks to a generous donation by the Erwin Taylor Charitable Foundation, we've expanded our Library of Things collection!

Most items can be checked out for one week on an adult card. Search "library of things" in our catalogue to place a hold.



MAKERSPACE ITEMS

Our new Makerspace items include crochet and knitting kits and a sewing machine.



SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Borrow a variety of sports and outdoor equipment, including disc golf, croquet, lacrosse, snowshoes, walking poles, football, and basketball.



HOUSEHOLD

Do some gardening, repair your bicycle, bake cupcakes, make cookies, and more with our new household kits!



GAMES & ELECTRONICS

With our new games and electronics, you can practice your coding skills, play some board games, learn to juggle, master the Rubik's cube, and play some Switch games.

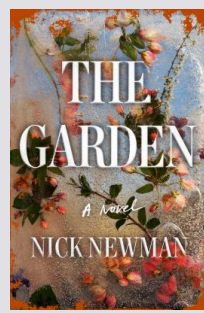
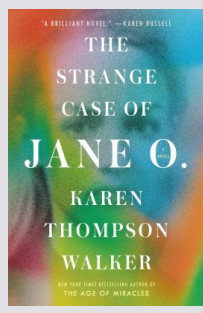
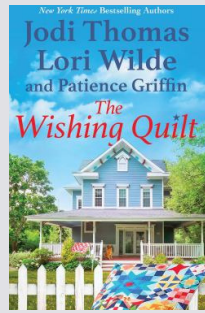
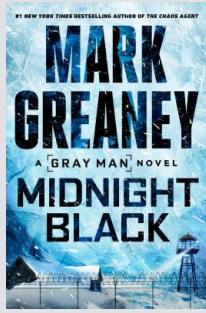
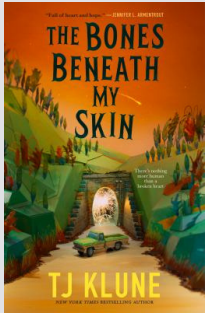


EDUCATION & LITERACY

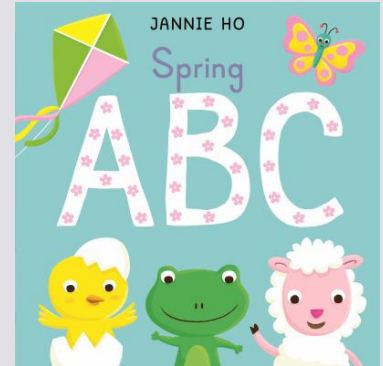
We've added several Launchpads and Whazoodles to the collection! Launchpad tablets come pre-loaded with educational games for kids. Whazoodles are screen-free audio players that come pre-loaded with educational podcasts and music for kids.

COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT

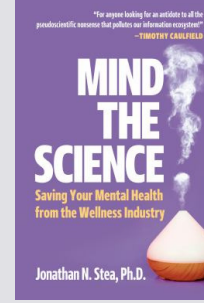
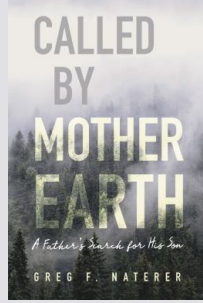
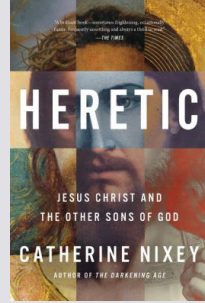
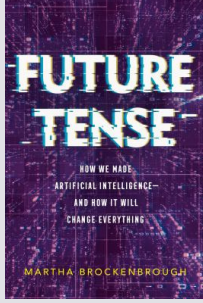
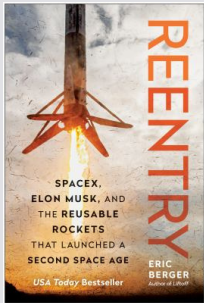
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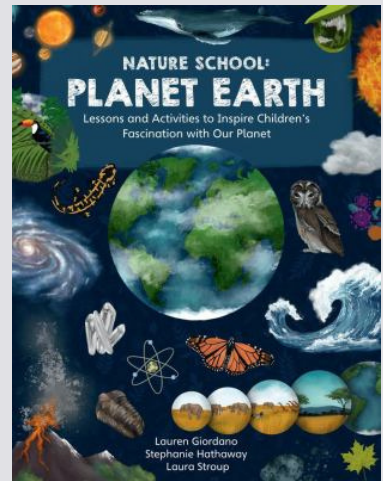
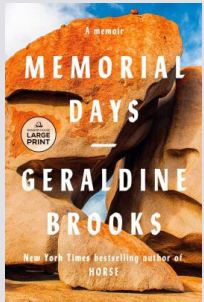
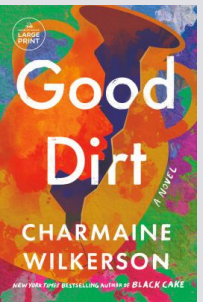
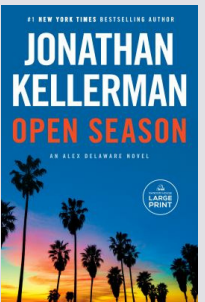
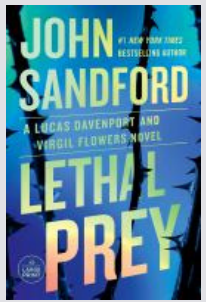
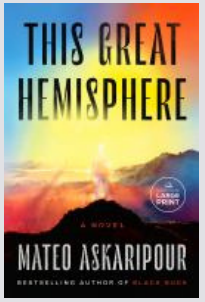
IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM



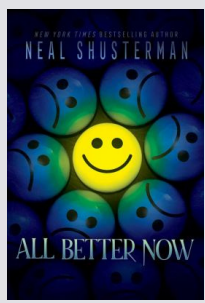
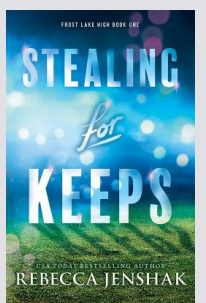
ADULT NONFICTION



LARGE PRINT



TEEN FICTION





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Library Book Sale: Gently used books, magazines, DVDs, music CDs, and more. Prices start at 50¢. Find a treasure, buy a gift, and support your library.

A charitable tax receipt will be issued for monetary gifts of \$10.00 or more.

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How does your garden grow? If you have any plants that have grown from seeds you borrowed from the Seed Library, please share photos with us on social media. If you are able to save seeds from your plants, we'd love to have them and we have seed saving books available. Please let us know if you have any questions about the seed saving process!

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Our Music Makerspace includes a keyboard, digital drum set, ukeleles, a guitar, and bells and shakers. Book the Music Makerspace for free for sessions starting at 30 minutes. Patrons must have a valid PCPL library card to book. Children must be accompanied by an adult with a valid PCPL library card.



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