



Fall 2025 Program Guide

October - November - December
+ Winter Break



When to register:

October program registration opens September 15
November program registration opens October 20
December program registration opens November 17

For the most up-to-date information about our programs, visit events.myscpl.ca



Fee Required



Registration Required

Saturday, November 8th, 2025

Join us for a celebration of reading and writing at SCPL LitFest!

Drop-In: Literacy Activities

9:30am-2:30pm | Central

Visit the Central Library to enjoy a variety of fun and engaging activities centered around books and stories, including a scavenger hunt, picture and word puzzles, and more. Try the book worm guessing game for your chance to win a prize!

Children & Families

Picture Book Magic

10am | Central

This workshop will focus on the magic of the page turn! We'll start with a quick introduction about Hilary Leung's journey into becoming an author, then jump right into interactive book readings.

Ages 0-9 + caregivers

Year of Books Ornament

Workshop 

10:30am | Central

Design and assemble personalized ornaments that celebrate your favourite reads from the year. Picture tiny book covers encased in clear ornaments, perfect for adding a literary touch to your holiday decor.

For Adults

Let's Create Stories!

11:30am | Central

This workshop will focus on the magic of collaboration! Play games, learn how to tell stories, and even write your own with an original character created by you!

Ages 7-16

Drop-In: Blackout Poetry

Bookmarks

1pm | Central

You'll craft bookmarks using blackout poetry, transforming old text into meaningful messages.

For Adults

Drop-In: Silent Book Club of St. Catharines

1pm-2:30pm | Central

Learn more about the Silent Book Club of St. Catharines followed by a relaxing afternoon of reading. Silent Book Club's mission is to create inclusive, welcoming spaces that unite a global community of book lovers through the shared joy of reading. Bring a book in the format of your choice.

For Adults

A Night of Mystery:

Panel Discussion + Q&A 

7pm | FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre

Join us for a mystery authors panel to celebrate the love of reading. Eva Jurczyk, Elizabeth Renzetti, Kate Hilton, and Samantha M. Bailey will discuss their writing and books, followed by a Q&A session with the audience, and book signing.



A Night of Mystery

Panel Discussion and Q&A



EVA JURCZYK



ELIZABETH RENZETTI



KATE HILTON



SAMANTHA M. BAILEY

The St. Catharines Public Library returns to the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre for the second annual SCPL LitFest. Join us and four talented mystery authors for a thrilling discussion about murder mysteries, plot twists, and their latest works!

Saturday, November 8th | 7pm
FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre
250 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines

Register now



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Join the Club

Adults

English Club **R**

Mondays | 4pm | Central *skip October 13 & November 17

Join Bridges Niagara as they assist you with your English-learning skills including listening, speaking, vocabulary, and more.

Drop-In: Knitting and Crochet Circle

1st & 3rd Wednesday | 6:30pm | Dr. Huq

Love to knit or crochet? Drop in to work on your current project with like-minded community members!

Drop-In: Scrabble Club

1st & 3rd Wednesday | 5:30pm | Merritt *subject to change

2nd & 4th Wednesday | 5pm | Dr. Huq

Are you a wordsmith or spelling bee champ? Join our Scrabble Club!

Dementia Education Series: Next Steps & Care Essentials **R**

Wednesdays, October 1-22 | 1:30pm | Dr. Huq

Next Steps and Care Essentials 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.

Digital Skills for Seniors

Tuesdays, October 7-November 25 | 10am | Merritt **R**

Join fellow seniors (ages 55+) for this 8-week series to learn and enhance your digital skills, help keep in touch with your friends and family, and connect with others in your community.

Habilidades Digitales Para Adultos Mayores (Spanish Language Digital Skills for Seniors)

Fridays, October 3 - November 21 | 10am | Dr. Huq **R**

Join fellow seniors (ages 55+) for this 8-week series to learn and enhance your digital skills, help keep in touch with your friends and family, and connect with others in your community.

Chess & Chat

Fridays, October 17-November 21 | 1pm | Merritt

Join us for a casual and social chess club, where you can meet other chess enthusiasts.

Read & Meet: A Casual Book Club **R**

3rd Thursday | 6:30pm | Dr. Huq

Our new Read & Meet Book Club is a casual, low stakes way to find fellow book lovers and partake in enriching book discussions. In this new book club format, participants are required to register each month. Visit our website for the title of the month!

Teens

Teen D&D Club

Mondays, November 24-December 22 | 5:30pm | Dr. Huq

Learn to play D&D in a safe, inclusive, and fun atmosphere.

Ages 13-17

Kids D&D Club

Mondays, October 6-December 22 | 5:30pm | Dr. Huq *skip October 13

Learn to play D&D in a safe, inclusive, and fun atmosphere. & November 17

Ages 8-12

Sensory-Friendly Saturdays

Saturdays, October 18, November 1, 15, 29 | 10am | Dr. Huq

Enjoy stories, songs and activities designed to help children with sensory sensitivities develop early literacy skills.

Ages 10 & under + caregiver

Little Explorers Play Group

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16 | 10am | Dr. Huq

Discover the benefits of sensory engagement with simple but impactful activities.

Ages 0-18 months + caregiver

Music & Movement

Thursdays, December 4, 11, 18 | 10am | Central

Enjoy this storytime series made especially for little movers and music makers.

Ages 2-4 + caregiver

Kids

Big News!

The Merritt Branch is now open at the Niagara Pen Centre!

Visit us at the Niagara Pen Centre (221 Glendale Ave.) beside the Dollarama to check out this awesome new space. Plus, we hope you'll join us for our Grand Re-Opening event on Thursday, September 18th from 2pm-5pm for family activities, refreshments, behind-the-scenes tours, and more!

Early Literacy at SCPL

Our early literacy programs are offered in 6–8-week sessions throughout the year. Registration for our early literacy programs opens on the third Monday of the month prior.

Books & Babies

Ages 0-24 months + caregiver

Enjoy songs, fingerplays, and books designed to help develop early literacy skills.

~~Tuesdays, January 14 – February 18 | 9:30am | Dr. Huq~~

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~~Wednesdays, January 15 – February 19 | 9:30am | Central~~

~~Thursdays, January 16 – February 20 | 9:30am | Merritt~~

~~Tuesdays, April 15 – May 20 | 9:30am | Dr. Huq~~

~~Tuesdays, April 15 – May 20 | 10:30am | Dr. Huq~~

~~Wednesdays, April 16 – May 21 | 9:30am | Central~~

~~Thursdays, April 17 – May 22 | 9:30am | Merritt**~~

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Preschool Storytime

Ages 2-4 years + caregiver

Enjoy songs, activities, and books designed to help develop early literacy skills.

~~Mondays, January 13 – February 10 | 10am | Central~~ *skip February 17

~~Wednesdays, January 15 – February 19 | 10am | Merritt~~

~~Thursdays, January 16 – February 20 | 10am | Dr. Huq~~

~~Mondays, April 14 – May 26 | 10am | Central~~ *skip May 19

~~Wednesdays, April 16 – May 21 | 10am | Merritt**~~

~~Thursdays, April 17 – May 22 | 10am | Dr. Huq~~

~~Mondays, July 14 – August 11 | 10am | Central~~ *skip August 4

~~Thursdays, July 17 – August 14 | 10am | Dr. Huq~~

~~Mondays, October 20 – November 10 | 10am | Central~~ *skip October 13

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**Subject to change due to Merritt relocation project.

Kids

Together in Harmony ^R

Wednesday, October 1 | 10am | Dr. Huq

Wednesday, November 5 | 10am | Dr. Huq

Wednesday, December 3 | 10am | Dr. Huq

Join Bridges Niagara for a fun circle time in a new language every month! Explore a different language and learn about other cultures through music and books.

Ages 6 & under + caregiver

Tinker Lab ^R

Monday, October 6 | 6pm | Central

Wednesday, November 19 | 6pm | Central

Monday, December 22 | 6pm | Central

Enjoy an hour of self-directed "tinkering" and exploring techniques for deconstructing, repairing, and combining materials.

Ages 6-10 + caregiver

Math Club ^R

Thursday, October 9 | 4:15pm | Dr. Huq

Join us for a one-off workshop where we will learn different tips, tricks, and explore interesting mathematical concepts.

Ages 9-15

Drop-In: Spy School

Friday, October 10 | 10am-11:30am

Merritt

Mission: Drop by the Merritt Library and learn about all things spy related. Make secret messages, create your own spy name and ID card, and much more!

Children & Families

Drop-In: Explore Ozobots

Friday, October 10 | 11am-1pm | Port

Explore these little robots that are designed as an introduction to coding. Use colour combinations to move the ozobot on a path from one location to another.

Children & Families

Craft Lab: Air Dry Clay ^R

Friday, October 10 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

Get creative with Air Dry Clay! Learn to shape and design your own unique clay creations to take home.

Ages 9-14

Dreamcatcher Workshop ^R

Friday, October 10 | 1pm | Merritt

Join Mika from Indigenous Dreams for a cozy, hands-on dreamcatcher workshop where you'll weave your own sacred circle, learn the teachings behind the web, and connect with community through culture and creativity.

Ages 6 and up + caregiver

Glow Ghouls: Spooky Craft Night ^R

Thursday, October 16 | 6pm | Dr. Huq

Tweens dive into a haunted craft night where upcycled egg cartons become glowing spooky characters under black lights. Materials provided; wear something that glows in the dark and prepare for some ghoulish fun!

Ages 9-14

STEAM Storytime ^R

Friday, October 17 | 10am | Merritt

Friday, November 7 | 10am | Merritt

Explore early Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics concepts through stories, songs, and interactive play.

Ages 2-5 + caregiver

STEAM Lab ^R

Monday, October 20 | 6pm | Merritt

Monday, November 10 | 6pm | Merritt

Explore STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) concepts with fun, hands-on activities.

Ages 6-10

Drop-In: Spooktacular STEAM

Saturday, October 25 | 2pm-4pm | Central

Join us for some fun and spooky Halloween themed STEM activities! We'll be playing with Ozobots, Legos, and fun seasonal crafts.

Children & Families

Spooky Slime Science

Monday, October 27 | 6pm | Merritt

Celebrate the Halloween season by making some spooky slime!

Ages 5-8 + caregiver

Drop-In: Spooky Storytime

Wednesday, October 29 | 6pm | Merritt

Drop by the Childrea's Area of the Merritt Library for 30 minutes of Halloween stories and songs!

Children & Families

Tinker Tots

Thursday, October 30 | 10am | Central

Friday, November 14 | 10am | Central

Friday, December 5 | 10am | Central

Does your little one love to take things apart, explore materials, and combine loose parts? Join us for self-directed exploration!

Ages 2-5 + caregiver

Drop-In: Art Lab

Saturday, November 1 | 2pm-4pm |

Central

Join us for a drop-in where there is no set craft! Let your child's imagination lead the way in our pop-up process art studio.

Children & Families

Drop-In: Bookmark Making

Saturday, November 15 | 2pm-4pm |

Merritt

Join us for the opportunity to create your own unique bookmark and browse through a selection of different trending books available to borrow.

Children & Families

Drop-In: STEM Station

Saturday, November 22 | 10am-12pm |

Dr. Huq

Saturday, January 3 | 2pm-4pm | Dr. Huq

Join us for some fun STEM activities! We'll be playing with Ozobots, LEGO, and more.

Children & Families

Drop-In: Lego Creation Station

Saturday, November 22 | 12pm-2pm | Port

Do you like LEGO? If you do, come have some fun and show off your creativity! Join us for a fun, imagination-filled Lego afternoon.

Children & Families

Drop-In: Minecraft

Friday, November 28 | 10am-12pm |

Merritt

Show off your expert crafting skills and enjoy a variety of Minecraft-themed activities

Children & Families

World Holiday Fun

Friday, November 28 | 11am-1pm | Central

Join us for World Holiday Fun, a special youth-led event hosted in partnership with Bridges Niagara. During this interactive program, youth will share games, crafts, and traditions from their home countries – offering children a fun and engaging way to learn about global holiday celebrations.

Children & Families

Candy Bingo

Friday, November 28 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

Come and join us for an hour of Bingo fun!

Enjoy a few rounds for a chance to win some sweet candy prizes.

Ages 5-8 + caregiver

Candy Bingo

Friday, November 28 | 3:30pm | Dr. Huq

Come and join us for an hour of Bingo fun!

Enjoy a few rounds for a chance to win some sweet candy prizes.

Ages 9-12

Drop-In: Retro Gaming

Saturday, November 29 | 2pm-4pm |

Central

Bring your friends and travel back in time to the 80's and 90's, as you test your skills on a variety of vintage video games and tabletop games!

Children & Families

Drop-In: Dog Man Day!

Saturday, December 6 | 2pm-4pm

Dr. Huq

Hey Dog Man fans! Come learn to be a supa hero like Dog Man and Cat Kid! You can make your own comic, visit Petey's Invention Lab, and get in on some Dog Man themed crafts and activities. Help make the world a safer place, one bark at a time!

Children & Families

Jingle Babies

Monday, December 8 | 9:30am | Central

Wednesday, December 10 | 9:30am

Dr. Huq

Friday, December 12 | 9:30am | Merritt

Enjoy festive songs, fingerplays, and books designed to help develop early literacy skills.

Ages 0-24 months + caregiver

Taylor Swift Social

Wednesday, December 10 | 6:30pm |

Merritt

An all-ages event with karaoke, friendship bracelet-making, and photo booth.

All Ages

Drop-In: Christmas Ornaments

Saturday, December 13 | 10am-12pm

Central Library

Join us to make your own unique, one-of-a-kind ornaments!

Children & Families

Preschool Holiday Storytime

Monday, December 15 | 10am | Central

Wednesday, December 17 | 9:30am

Dr. Huq

Friday, December 19 | 9:30am | Merritt

Children ages 2-4 and their caregiver can enjoy some holiday-themed stories, songs, rhymes and a craft!

Ages 2-4 + caregiver

Cookie Decorating

Saturday, December 20 | 11am | Merritt

Saturday, December 20 | 2pm | Merritt

Join us for cookie decorating fun! Cookies, icing, and decorations will all be provided.

Ages 6-12

Slime Science

Monday, December 22 | 1pm | Dr. Huq

Celebrate the Halloween season by making some spooky slime!

Ages 5-8 + caregiver

Slime Science

Monday, December 22 | 3pm | Dr. Huq

Celebrate the Halloween season by making some spooky slime!

Ages 9-12

Exploring Circuitry with Snap Circuits

Tuesday, December 23 | 11am | Dr. Huq

Have fun learning about electricity and circuitry during this hands-on program!

Ages 8-12

Drop-In: Fun with Play Doh

Tuesday, December 23 | 2pm-4pm | Merritt

Drop in to the Library and get creative with Play Doh. We provide the Play Doh, tools and toys and you bring your imagination!

Children & Families

Drop In Programs at the Library

Drop-in programs are open-ended. Attendance is not monitored, and participants are welcome to stay for as much or little time as they choose. Children 11 and under must receive direct and active supervision by an adult caregiver in the room for duration of their stay.

Drop-In: Sticker Making

Saturday, December 27 | 10am-12pm | Central

Come by for a chance to design and take home your own stickers!

Children & Families

Drop-In: Winter Wonderland

Monday, December 29 | 10am-12pm |

Dr. Huq

Drop in to enjoy winter-themed crafts and activities and get a chance to play with fake snow in the library! All supplies will be provided.

Children & Families

Stuffie Sleepover

Monday, December 29 | 6pm | Merritt

Bring your stuffed animal for some storytime fun and overnight adventure! Then come back to pick up your stuffie friends to find out what kind of mischief they got up to overnight.

Ages 6 and under + caregiver

DIY Marble Run

Tuesday, December 30 | 11am | Merritt

Tuesday, December 30 | 2pm | Merritt

Use recycled materials such as toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, and scrap cardboard to build your own marble runs!

Ages 6-12

Drop-In: Noon-Year's Eve Party

Wednesday, December 31 | 11am-12:30pm

Merritt

Celebrate the New Year with music, dancing, crafts, and a count-down at noon!

Children & Families

Mario Kart Racing

Friday, January 2 | 10am | Central

Join us for a fun and casual Mario Kart Tournament in our Gamerspace room. All skill levels are welcome!

Ages 5-8 + caregiver

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Ages 5-8 + caregiver

Craft Lab: Perler Beads

Friday, January 2 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

Create funky, one-of-a-kind crafts using perler beads. Use the templates provided or create something from your own imagination! Library staff will be on-hand to operate the irons needed to complete the craft.

Ages 5-8 + caregivers

Salt Painting

Saturday, January 3 | 11am | Merritt

Saturday, January 3 | 2pm | Merritt

Get creative using science, and explore making art with paint and salt.

Ages 6-12

Drop-In: Letters to Santa

Write a letter to Santa and mail it to the North Pole using our special delivery mailbox. All supplies will be provided. No stamps required!

Tuesday, November 4-Saturday, November 8 | All Day | Central
Tuesday, November 11-Saturday, November 15 | All Day | Dr. Huq
Tuesday, November 18-Saturday, November 22 | All Day | Port
Tuesday, November 25-Saturday, November 29 | All Day | Merritt

Teens

Halloween Nail and String Art R

Thursday, October 23 | 6pm | Merritt

Create some haunting chills with this nail-and-string art activity. We'll be using hammer, nails, and yarn to create a Halloween-themed art image.

Ages 13-17

Super Smash Bros. Tournament R

Saturday, October 25 | 10am | Central

Join us for a fun and casual Super Smash Bros. Tournament in our Gamerspace room. All skill levels are welcome!

Ages 12-17

Red Cross Standard First Aid and CPR-C R \$

**Saturday, November 22 | 9:15am-4:15pm
Merritt**

Learn how to save lives by enrolling the blended online and in person course focused on first aid, CPR and AED for adults, children, and infants. This course has a fee of \$135 and is open to participants ages 16+.

Ages 16+

Young Artists R

Tuesday, December 16 | 6pm | Central

Teens can explore creating art in the style of a famous artist! All skill levels welcome, all materials provided.

Ages 13-17

Cross Stitch Key Chains R

Saturday, December 20 | 10:30am | Dr. Huq

Learn how to make your own unique key chain using plastic canvas and yarn.

Ages 13-17

Glow Up the Night: Teen Neon Painting R

Tuesday, December 30 | 6pm | Central

Celebrate the New Year with glowing art! Create your own neon sign or disco ball-inspired design using black light-reactive paints in a relaxed setting. We'll provide all materials—you bring the ideas and wear something that glows!

Ages 13-17

Teen Reviewers

Attention St. Catharines high school students! You can become a Teen Reviewer for the library and earn volunteer hours by reviewing books, movies, video games and music!

Starting October 1, visit our Careers and Volunteering page for more details or to apply.



Adults

One Book One Niagara featuring Edward Y.C. Lee R

Friday, October 3 | 7pm

FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre

One Book, One Niagara (OBON) is a collaborative literary experience that brings the Niagara community together in celebration of Canadian literature. Join us as we chat with Edward Y.C. Lee about this book “The Laundryman’s Boy”.

David Coruzzi Musical Experience

Saturday, October 4 | 11am | Merritt

Join us for a musical performance by talented classical guitarist, David Coruzzi.

Drop-In: Ask a Master Gardener

Saturday, October 4 | 1pm-3pm | Dr. Huq

Saturday, November 1 | 1pm-3pm

Dr. Huq

Saturday, December 6 | 1pm-3pm

Dr. Huq

Do you have gardening questions, but not sure where to start? Drop by the library to talk to a Master Gardener for advice and recommendations about your gardening problems.

Beading Workshop R

Monday, October 6 | 1pm | Merritt

Come sit in circle with Mika from Indigenous Dreams for a beadwork workshop rooted in tradition, patience, and story. Whether you’re new to beading or building on your skills, you’ll learn techniques, teachings, and the medicine that beadwork carries.

Art Journaling R

Wednesday, October 8 | 6pm | Merritt

Explore various mediums and techniques used in art journaling in this introductory workshop. Supplies will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own supplies, if desired.

Creative Connections: Gratitude Garland R

Tuesday, October 14 | 2:30pm | Central

Adults can discover their creativity and explore visual arts at the October session of the Creative Connections series. Create a Gratitude Garland to share what you’re thankful for, then string it all together into a heartwarming decoration!

Introduction to Modular Origami: Learn How to Make Your Own

Kusudama R

Thursday, October 16 | 6pm | Merritt

Learn the history of origami and kusudama before exploring modular origami through hands-on samples and a fold-along tutorial.

Twin Hearts Meditation R

Tuesday, October 21 | 6:30pm | Dr. Huq

Thursday, November 13 | 6:30pm | Dr. Huq

Thursday, December 4 | 6:30pm | Dr. Huq

With soothing guidance, this program encourages mindfulness and stress reduction, making it perfect for all experience levels.

Secrets of the Short Hills R

Tuesday, October 28 | 6pm | Merritt

Join Sara Nixon of The Brown Homestead as we trace the ghostly echoes of early industry, uncover forgotten burial grounds, and revisit the dramatic 1838 raid led by cross-border rebels.



Remembrance Screening: Forgotten Warriors

Monday, November 10 | 6:15pm | Central

Join us for a viewing of *Forgotten Warriors*, the true story of thousands of Indigenous Canadians who enlisted and fought alongside their countrymen and women during World War II while being denied equal rights in their own country.

Creative Connections: Holiday Cards

Tuesday, November 11 | 2:30pm | Central

Adults can discover their creativity and explore visual arts at the November session of the Creative Connections series. Make festive Community Holiday Cards to spread cheer to homebound visiting library customers this holiday season!

A Photographic History of Merritt

Wednesday, November 12 | 6pm | Merritt

Encounter fascinating stories of Merritt's industrial and cultural history through photographs from the Museum's collection with Adrian Petry, public historian and Visitor Services Coordinator at the St. Catharines Museum.

Paper Bead Jewelry

Friday, November 14 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

Dive into the world of DIY jewelry and create your very own paper beads for a one-of-a-kind necklace or bracelet!

Brock Talk: AI Risks and Opportunities in Canadian Research and Teaching Infrastructure

Thursday, November 20 | 6:30pm | Merritt

In his Brock Talk, Dr. Aaron Mauro will explore his research practice using NLP tools—such as Large Language Models (LLMs) and other Machine Learning techniques—to explore the evolving landscape of literary and cultural scholarship.

Red Cross Standard First Aid and CPR-C

**Saturday, November 22 | 9:15am-4:15pm
Merritt**

Learn how to save lives by enrolling in the blended online and in person course focused on first aid, CPR and AED for adults, children, and infants. This course has a fee of \$135 and is open to participants ages 16+.

SCPL Photo Contest!

Are you a photo aficionado?

This October, help us celebrate Canadian Libraries Month by snapping pictures in the library or of you using a library item for your chance to win!

The contest will run from October 12 - 25 and the best photos will be featured on our website.

For full contest details, scan the QR code or visit www.myscpl.ca/scpl-photo-contest.



Unlocking the Past: Tour the Library's Local History Collection ^R

Saturday, November 22 | 2:30pm | Central

Join us for a guided tour of the Central Library's Local History Department. Discover a rich collection of resources—including maps, microfilm, and city directories—that bring our city's past to life.

Intro to 3D Design with Tinkercad ^R

Monday, November 24 | 6:30pm | Central

Interested in 3D design but not sure where to start? This beginner-friendly class will introduce you to Tinkercad, a free and easy-to-use online tool for creating 3D models.

Collection Conversation with Rodman Art Institute of Niagara ^R

Wednesday, November 26 | 12pm | Merritt

Join us for a Collection Conversation at the St. Catharines Public Library Merritt Branch. Rodman Art Institute of Niagara's Gallery Manager will guide you through a lecture of selected highlights from RAIN's 1000 piece permanent collection.

Carolling in the Atrium

**Wednesday, November 26 | 6:30pm
Central**

The Salvation Army Band, led by Band Master Graham Kinghorn, and One Voice Choir, led by Laurie Bearss, will be spreading Christmas spirit with the return of Carolling in the Atrium.

Bedazzle Your Books: A DIY Sparkle Session ^R

Wednesday, November 26 | 6pm | Merritt

In this cozy workshop, you'll learn the basics of diamond painting while using rhinestones to decorate the title or spine of a well-loved read.

Year of Books Ornament Workshop ^R

Saturday, November 29 | 2pm | Merritt

Friday, December 12 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

Design and assemble personalized ornaments that celebrate your favourite reads from the year. Picture tiny book covers encased in clear ornaments, perfect for adding a literary touch to your holiday decor.

Creative Connections: Holiday Ornament ^R

Tuesday, December 9 | 2:30pm | Central

Adults can discover their creativity and explore visual arts at the December session of the Creative Connections series. Learn basic hand sewing skills while creating a charming felt ornament to keep or gift this holiday season!

Community Carolling

Saturday, December 6 | 10:30am | Central

Enjoy festive sing-alongs led by library staff, while sipping on hot cocoa. All are welcome! We encourage attendees to bring donations that will be provided to Community Care.

All Ages

Book a Librarian ^R

Monday, October 6 | 10:15am & 10:45am slots | Dr. Huq

Monday, October 27 | 10am & 10:30am slots | Merritt

Monday, November 10 | 10am & 10:30am slots | Dr. Huq

Thursday, November 27 | 2pm & 2:30pm slots | Central

Monday, December 8 | 10am & 10:30am slots | Dr. Huq

Library staff at SCPL can provide basic tech assistance and troubleshooting, especially related to library resources such as searching the catalogue, CloudLibrary, Hoopla, or other digital resources. Appointments are 30 minutes in length.



CULTURE DAYS

SEPTEMBER 19 – OCTOBER 12

Find free events at culturedays.ca

Culture Days is a national celebration of arts and culture. Every year, millions of people attend free arts and culture events across the country. SCPL is proud to host several Culture Days events, connecting people to ideas and community to culture.

Quilting for Love with Heather Habgood

Saturday, October 4 | 10am-4pm | Central

Join Heather for a vibrant Quilted Pride Flag Workshop, where creativity and self-expression take centre stage! Stop in and be part of creating a unique 3'x5' Quilted Pride Flag to celebrate love, identity, and community.

All Ages

Tales & Trails: Autumn Playday at the Homestead

Saturday, October 4 | 10am-3pm

The Brown Homestead, 1317 Pelham Road

Families are invited to The Brown Homestead for an outdoor autumn playday.

Children & Families

Drop-In: Sculpting Model Magic

Saturday, October 4 | 1pm-3pm | Central

This workshop will explore sculpture with the media model magic. Twist, roll, pinch, squeeze this media into a creative sculpture.

All Ages

Threads of Culture

Saturday, October 4 | 2pm-4pm | Dr. Huq

Explore the ancient art of weaving, inspired by the rich tapestry of cultures and the beauty of our local environment.

All Ages (Ages 6+ recommended)

Expressive Medias

Saturday, October 11 | 10am | Central

Saturday, October 11 | 11:30am | Central

Explore mixed media through intuitive and expressive experimentation. In this supportive workshop participants will mix a variety of visual arts medias, traditional equipment and everyday items through demonstration and experimentation.

For Adults

Mixed Media Masterpieces

Saturday, October 11 | 1:30pm | Central

Saturday, October 11 | 3pm | Central

Create mixed media masterpieces that you can take home! Through experimentation and demonstration, families will work collaboratively to explore a variety of techniques and materials including, paint, collage, printmaking and household items!

Ages 4 and up + caregiver

Register for a Culture Days program!



Visit Us

Central Library

54 Church Street

Monday - Thursday 9-8
Friday - Saturday 9-5
Sunday CLOSED

Dr. Huq Family Library Branch

425 Carlton Street

Monday - Thursday 9-8
Friday - Saturday 9-5
Sunday 12-5*

*October 19-December 14, 2025
and January 3-May 3, 2026

Merritt Branch

221 Glendale Avenue

Monday - Thursday 9-8
Friday - Saturday 9-5
Sunday CLOSED

Port Dalhousie Branch

23 Brock Street

OPEN
Monday - Thursday 9-7:30
Friday - Saturday 9-4:30
Sunday 12-4:30*

STAFFED
Monday 10-3
Tuesday 10-3
Wednesday UNSTAFFED
Thursday 3-7
Friday 10-3
Saturday 11-4
Sunday UNSTAFFED

*October 19-December 14, 2025
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This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples.

Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous peoples.