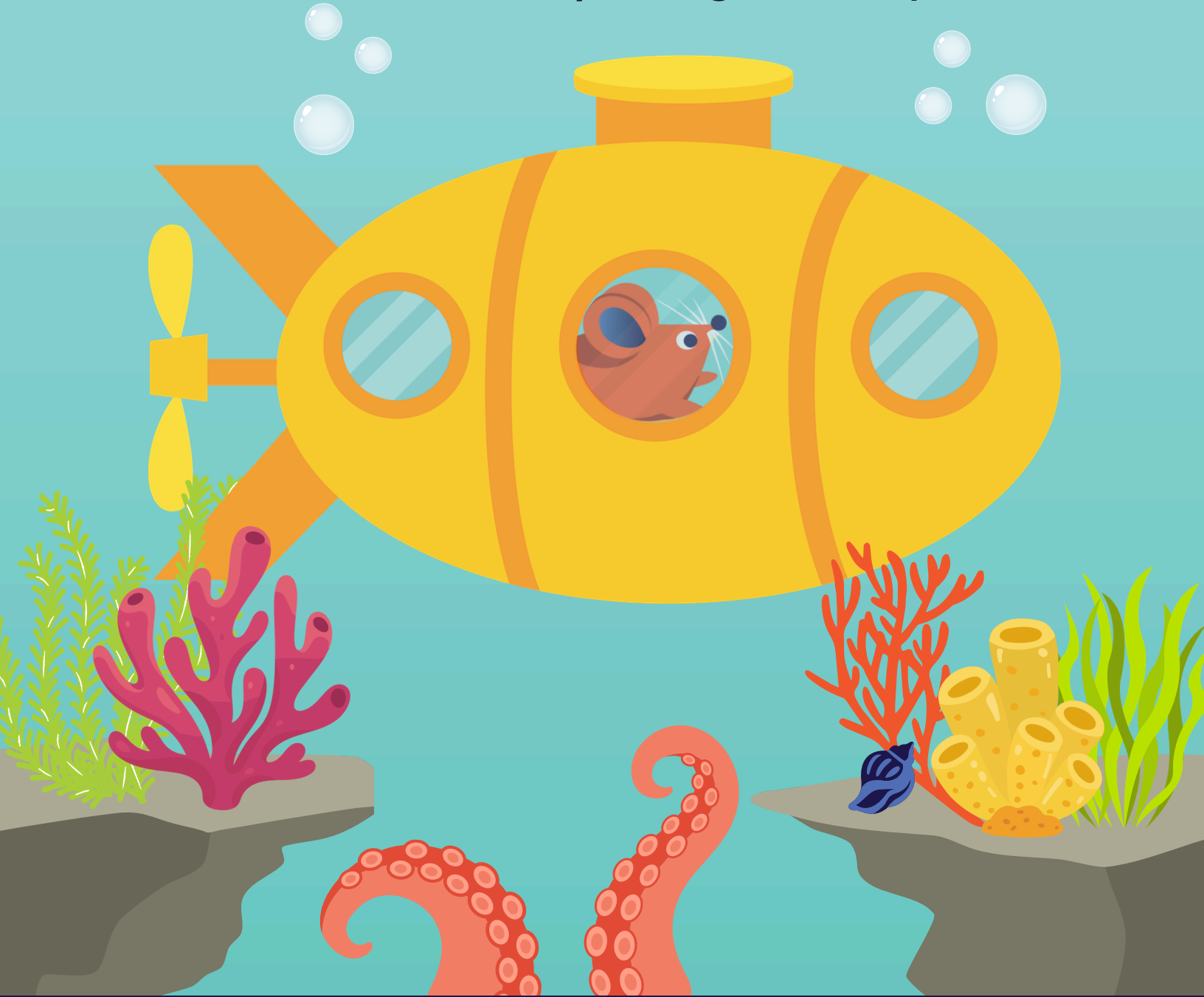




Summer 2026 Program Guide

July - August - September



When to register:

July program registration opens June 15
August program registration opens July 20
September program registration opens August 17

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

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 Registration Required

Summer Reading Club 2026

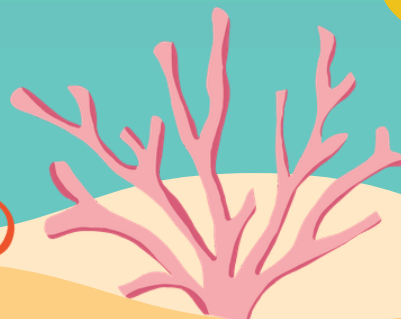
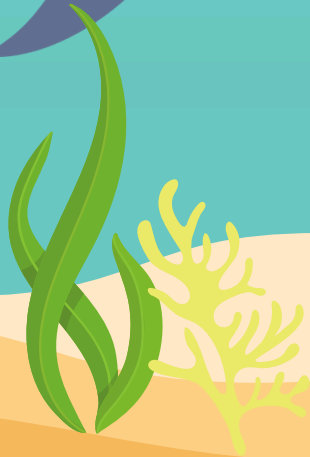
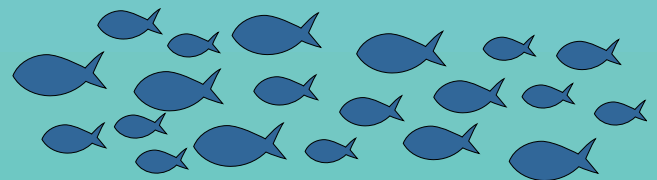
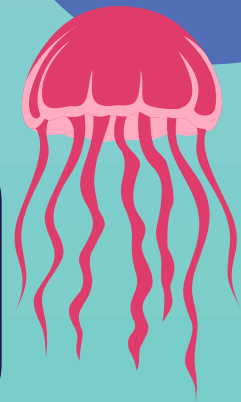
June 20 - August 29

Summer Reading Club is a summer-long event for all ages that enhances reading skills and fosters a lifelong passion for books. Simply read for 15 minutes each day this summer and report your reading with the library!

Plus!

Join us for our annual Summer Reading Celebration on Saturday, July 4 at the Dr. Huq Branch for loads of fun and activities.

Starting June 20th, read every day for a chance to win awesome prizes! Scan the QR code to register for Summer Reading Club today!



Early Literacy at SCPL

Our early literacy programs are offered in multi-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 13 – February 17 | 9:30am | Dr. Huq~~

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Thursdays, October 15 - November 19 | 9:30am | Merritt *skip October 22

Preschool Storytime

Ages 2-4 years + caregiver

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

~~Mondays, January 12 – February 9 | 10am | Central~~

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Mondays, July 13 - August 10 | 10am | Central *skip August 3

Wednesdays, July 15 - August 12 | 10am | Merritt

Thursdays, July 16 - August 13 | 10am | Dr. Huq

Mondays, October 19 - November 16 | 10am | Central

Wednesdays, October 14 - November 18 | 10am | Merritt

Thursdays, October 15 - November 19 | 10am | Dr. Huq

Join the Club

Adults

English Club **R**

Mondays | 4pm | Central *skip August 3 & September 7

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 *skip July 1

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 *skip July 1

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

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

Drop-In: Chess and Chat

Fridays, July 3-31 | 1pm-2:30pm | Merritt

Fridays, September 4-25 | 1pm-2:30pm | Merritt

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

Digital Skills for Everyday Life - Summer Sessions for Seniors **R**

Mondays, July 6-27 | 9:30am | Merritt

Join other seniors (50+) for a relaxed, hands-on series focused on building confidence with everyday digital tools. Learn how to stay connected with family and friends, use your devices more comfortably, and access online services!

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

Thursdays, July 23, August 20, September 17 | 6:30pm | Dr. Huq

Our 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!

Drop-In: Board Games & Puzzles

Fridays, August 7-28 | 1pm-2:30pm | Merritt

Meet your friends, or make new ones, as you explore a variety of board games and puzzles.

Teens

Teen D&D Club **R**

Mondays, August 10-31 | 5:30pm | Dr. Huq

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

Ages 13-17

Lemonade Club **R**

Thursdays, July 2-August 6 | 4pm | Merritt

In this weekly program for kids, enjoy some refreshing lemonade as we read aloud from an exciting children's novel.

Ages 6-9

Rock Collecting Club with the NPGS **R**

Saturdays, July 4, August 1, September 5 | 2pm | Central

Come and join us for a monthly club with the Niagara Peninsula Geological Society where we will learn about rocks, crystals, and fossils.

Ages 6-13

Kids D&D Club **R**

Mondays, July 6-27 | 5:30pm | Dr. Huq

Mondays, September 14-28 | 5:30pm | Dr. Huq

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

Ages 8-12

Drop-In: Playtime

Mondays, August 10-31 | 10am-12pm | Merritt

Every Monday, we're bringing an assortment of toys and activities for a fun and enriching Monday morning playtime. Join us for this self-directed program for the opportunity to connect and enjoy time with your little one!

Children & Families

Little Explorers Play Group **R**

Tuesdays, September 1-22 | 10am | Dr. Huq

Tuesdays, September 1-22 | 1pm | Dr. Huq *skip September 15

Join us for this multi-week series engaging in sensory play for babies. Together we will learn about the positive benefits of sensory engagement and explore activities you can easily recreate at home.

Ages 0-18 months + caregiver

Music & Movement **R**

Thursdays, September 3-24 | 10am | Central

Enjoy this 4-week storytime series made especially for little movers and music makers.

Ages 2-4 + caregiver

Kids

Drop-In: Summer Reading Club Celebration

Saturday, July 4 | 10am-1pm | Dr. Huq

Join SCPL for a celebration of reading! Stop by the Dr. Huq Family Library Branch and the adjoining courtyard space to register for the 2026 Summer Reading Club and enjoy some crafts!

Children & Families

Drop-In: Summer Storytime

Saturday, July 4 | 10:30am | Dr. Huq

Stop by the courtyard of the Dr. Huq Family Library Branch for some fun and wacky tales to celebrate the launch of the annual Summer Reading Club.

Children & Families

Drop-In: Flower Pot Painting

Saturday, July 4 | 12pm-1pm | Dr. Huq

People of all ages can drop-in and paint a small flower pot to take home.

Children & Families

Drop-In: Sticker Making

Monday, July 6 | 10am-12pm | Dr. Huq

Friday, August 7 | 11am-1pm | Port

Saturday, September 12 | 2pm-4pm

Central

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

Children & Families

Build-a-Bug **R**

Monday, July 6 | 2pm | Merritt

Come learn about TINY creatures and make a BIG craft! We will discuss bug ID, the important role bugs play in supporting our local bioregion, and cool facts about bug anatomy and patterns.

Ages 4-8 + caregiver

Mini Turtle Painting Workshop **R**

Tuesday, July 7 | 2pm | Merritt

Explore the art of miniature painting by painting a clay-fired turtle and adding creative detail.

Ages 8-12

Storytime with Bones **R**

Wednesday, July 8 | 6:30pm | Merritt

Wednesday, August 12 | 6:30pm | Merritt

Bones from the Niagara IceDogs is stopping in! Join us for a reading session and activities with the region's favourite hockey team.

Children & Families

Drop-In: STEM Station

Thursday, July 9 | 4pm-6pm | Port

Friday, September 4 | 10am-12pm

Dr. Huq

Join us for some fun activities! We'll be playing with a variety of STEM toys.

Children & Families

Drop-In: Minecraft IRL

Friday, July 10 | 10am-12pm | Merritt

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

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.

Mario Kart Racing R

Friday, July 10 | 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

Mario Kart Racing R

Friday, July 10 | 11:30am | Central

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

Ages 9-14

DIY Bouncy Balls R

Saturday, July 11 | 10am | Dr. Huq

Wednesday, September 9 | 6pm | Merritt

Learn to make bouncy balls out of household materials and compete in bouncy ball challenges!

Ages 6-12

Drop-In: A Royal Afternoon

Monday, July 13 | 1pm-3pm | Central

Princes and Princesses are cordially invited for a delightful afternoon of royal themed crafts and activities. Stay tuned for an appearance by a special guest!

Children & Families

Astronomy from the Backyard R

Tuesday, July 14 | 6pm | Central

Thursday, August 27 | 6pm | Central

Become a space explorer and learn to find stars and planets with just your eyes! Discover the secrets of the night sky and cool celestial events right from your own home.

Ages 9-15

Drop-In: Toy Story

Friday, July 17 | 10am-12pm | Merritt

Come join us to make your very own Forky, Buzz Lightyear and more characters from the toy story movies!

Children & Families

Sponge Painting:

Underwater Scene R

Friday, July 17 | 10am | Central

Bring the ocean home with you by creating an underwater scene with sponges and finger painting.

Ages 6-12

Drop-In: LEGO Creation Station

Saturday, July 18 | 2pm-4pm | Dr. Huq

Saturday, July 25 | 12pm-2pm | Port

Thursday, August 6 | 10am-12pm | Central

Tuesday, August 18 | 11am-1pm | Port

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

Children & Families

Exploring Circuitry with

Snap Circuits R

Monday, July 20 | 6pm | Merritt

Saturday, August 15 | 10am | Merritt

Have fun learning about electricity and circuitry during this hands-on program! Build circuits to turn on a light, spin a motor, activate a speaker and more!

Ages 8-12

Let's Draw! R

Tuesday, July 21 | 10am | Merritt

Monday, August 24 | 6pm | Merritt

Join us for a casual draw-along program where we'll make some fun doodles together.

Ages 8-12

Sensory Art Afternoon R

Tuesday, July 21 | 2pm-3:30pm | Central

A relaxed, hands-on creative experience focused on exploring materials through the senses rather than making a finished product.

All Ages

STEAM Storytime R

Friday, July 24 | 10am | Central

Friday, August 28 | 10am | Merritt

Friday, September 11 | 10am | Merritt

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

Ages 2-5 + caregiver

Drop-In: KPop Demon Hunters

Friday, July 24 | 2pm-4pm | Central

Calling all HUNTR/X and Saja Boys fans! Join us for an afternoon of activities and crafts inspired by the film.

Children & Families

Minion Slime **R**

Monday, July 27 | 11am | Dr. Huq

Make yellow slime and decorate a cup to look like a minion.

Ages 5-8 + caregiver

Minion Slime **R**

Monday, July 27 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

Make yellow slime and decorate a cup to look like a minion.

Ages 9-14

DIY Marble Run **R**

Tuesday, July 28 | 11am | Merritt

Tuesday, July 28 | 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

STEAM Lab **R**

Wednesday, July 29 | 6pm | Merritt

Wednesday, August 26 | 6pm | Merritt

Monday, September 14 | 6pm | Merritt

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

Ages 6-10 + caregiver

Math Club **R**

Thursday, July 30 | 4:15pm | Dr. Huq

Thursday, August 13 | 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

Air Dry Clay: Dragon Eggs **R**

Friday, July 31 | 10am | Dr. Huq

Use air dry clay to create a dragon egg, then decorate it with gems, shells and more!

Ages 5-8 + caregiver

Air Dry Clay: Dragon Eggs **R**

Friday, July 31 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

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Ages 9-14

Drop-In: Camp Rock

Saturday, August 1 | 2pm-4pm | Merritt

Are you ready to rock? Campers, join us to celebrate this summer's release of Camp Rock 3 with themed crafts and activities, including karaoke and a photo booth.

Children & Families

Slime Science **R**

Friday, August 7 | 1pm | Dr. Huq

Unleash creativity, laughter, and a whole lot of squishy fun while learning about the fascinating science behind making slime!

Ages 5-8 + caregiver

Slime Science **R**

Friday, August 7 | 3pm | Dr. Huq

Unleash creativity, laughter, and a whole lot of squishy fun while learning about the fascinating science behind making slime!

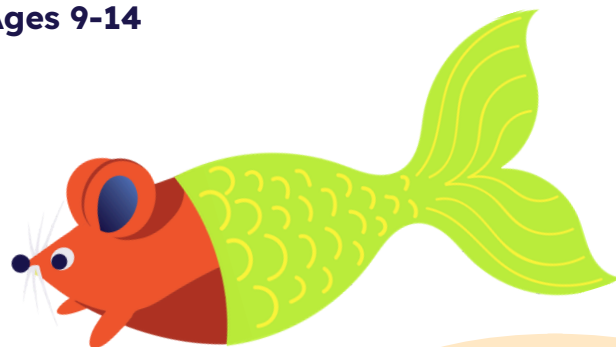
Ages 9-12

Candy Sushi **R**

Saturday, August 8 | 2pm | Central

Join us and learn to roll your own "sushi" using Rice Krispies and a variety of sweet treats.

Ages 9-14



AI Explorers: Family Edition Workshop R

Monday, August 10 | 6pm | Merritt

Parents and children will explore AI and machine learning together through fun tools, games, and activities. Learn how AI uses data to make decisions through both unplugged and computer-based challenges!

Ages 8-15 + caregiver

Drop-In: Under the Sea

Friday, August 14 | 10am-12pm | Merritt

Join us in making your very own sea themed crafts. From making a sea animal to making a craft that looks like a coral reef, we will have a variety of projects!

Children & Families

Drop-In: Retro Gaming

Saturday, August 15 | 1pm-3pm | Merritt

What was gaming like before Nintendo Switch and PS5? 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

Fairy Wing Suncatchers R

Saturday, August 15 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

Create your own colourful fairy wings that you can wear outside this summer.

Ages 6-12

DIY Diorama R

Tuesday, August 18 | 11am | Merritt

Tuesday, August 18 | 2pm | Merritt

Make your own imaginary mini world in a box. Pick a theme or keep it open-ended!

Ages 6-12

Stuffed Sleepover R

Wednesday, August 19 | 6pm | Central

Bring your stuffed animal for stories, crafts, and songs - then come back a day or two later to pick up your stuffed friends to find out what kind of mischief they got up to overnight.

Ages 6 and under + caregiver

Candy Bingo R

Thursday, August 20 | 1pm | Central

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 + caregivers

Candy Bingo R

Thursday, August 20 | 2:30pm | Central

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: Fun with Play Doh

Saturday, August 22 | 2pm-4pm | Dr. Huq

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

Sculpted Summer Souvenirs R

Monday, August 24 | 2pm | Merritt

Summer vacation is almost over--come share your favourite memories! We will learn how to design and construct a summertime memento inspired by the claytastic artwork of Barbara Reid.

Ages 6-12

Drop-In: Paw Patrol

Tuesday, August 25 | 10am-12pm

Central

Calling all Paw Patrol fans! Stop by for a morning of Paw Patrol themed crafts and activities.

Children & Families

Ready, Set, Art! R

Thursday, August 27 | 10am | Dr. Huq

Thursday, August 27 | 11:30am | Dr. Huq

Let your child's imagination lead the way in this creative workshop designed for toddlers and preschoolers. Experiment with different art materials, get a bit messy, and have fun!

Ages 2-5 + caregiver

Dinosaur Detectives **R**

Saturday, August 29 | 10am | Central
Saturday, August 29 | 1pm | Merritt

Join Club Rex as we unpack dinosaurs and the Mesozoic time period with our collection of casts from museums around the world and other specimens!

Ages 4+

Drop-In: Dino Day!

Saturday, August 29 | 2pm-4pm | Dr. Huq

Join us for some Dino-tastic themed crafts and activities.

Children & Families

Drop-In: Builder Lab

Monday, August 31 | 2pm-4pm | Merritt

Join us for a drop-in, where there are no limits as to what you can build! Just let your child's imagination lead the way in our process-oriented building workshop.

Children & Families

DIY Backpack Charms **R**

Monday, August 31 | 6pm | Merritt

Go back to school in style with your own custom backpack charms.

Ages 9-15

Craft Lab: Perler Beads

Wednesday, September 2 | 10:30am
Central

Create funky, one-of-a-kind crafts using perler beads. Use the templates provided or create something from your own imagination!

Ages 5-8 + caregivers

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Wednesday, September 2 | 2pm | Central

Create funky, one-of-a-kind crafts using perler beads. Use the templates provided or create something from your own imagination!

Ages 9-12

Drop-In: Explore Ozobots

Saturday, September 5 | 12pm-2pm | Port

Explore STEM with Ozobots - 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

Sensory-Friendly Storytime **R**

Saturday, September 12 | 10am | Merritt

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

Ages 10 & under + caregiver

Welcoming Week Storytime **R**

Friday, September 18 | 10am | Dr. Huq

Join us for a storytime centered around the theme of welcoming everyone in our community.

Ages 2-5 + caregiver

Stay Safe Home Alone Course **R** **\$**

Saturday, September 19 | 9:30am-1:30pm
Merritt

Participants learn about being safe when they are without the direct supervision of a parent, guardian, or trusted adult, both at home and in their communities. Course fee: \$75

Ages 9-14

DIY Chia Pets **R**

Wednesday, September 23 | 6pm | Merritt

Join us to make your very own chia pet! You get to design your own face for the base of your chia pet and will get to take it home and watch your chia pet's hair grow!

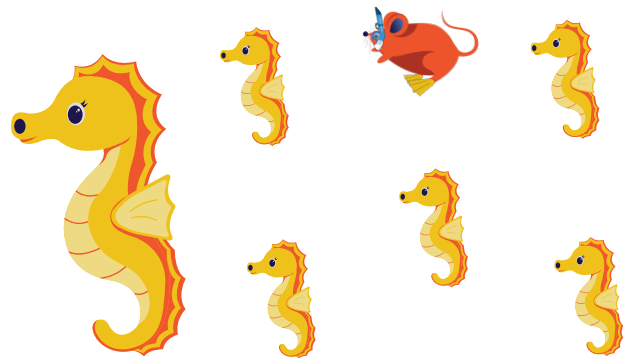
Ages 6-12

Cross Stitch Keychains **R**

Monday, September 28 | 6pm | Merritt

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

Ages 9-15



Teens

The Summer Job Survival Guide—Know Your Rights **R**

Monday, July 3 | 10am | Merritt

Start your summer job with confidence by learning the essentials of the Ontario Employment Standards Act. This program is designed to support the unique needs of newcomer youth, including Permanent Residents, Convention Refugees, and Protected Persons.

Ages 15-30

Teen Art Series **R**

Wednesday, July 8 | 2:30pm | Central

Wednesday, July 15 | 2:30pm | Central

Wednesday, July 22 | 2:30pm | Central

Wednesday, July 29 | 2:30pm | Central

Join us for a hands-on painting workshop, presented in partnership with St. Catharines Art Association and the Niagara Falls Art Gallery.

Ages 13-17

Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon **R**

Saturday, July 11 | 10am | Merritt

Whether you are brand new to editing or just need a refresher, come learn the basics of editing Wikipedia with us. We'll be focusing on topics related to Canada and fiction books!

Ages 15+

Astronomy from the Backyard **R**

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Sensory Art Afternoon **R**

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All Ages

Poetry Workshop **R**

Tuesday, August 11 | 6pm | Merritt

This workshop is for poets looking to practice and hone their craft, and for aspiring writers of all sorts to learn techniques for dealing with a blank page.

Ages 15+

Paper Collage Workshop **R**

Wednesday, August 12 | 2pm | Merritt

Through a guided workshop, teens will create a nature scene using nothing but painted, torn, and cut paper.

Ages 13-17

Super Smash Bros. Tournament **R**

Friday, August 21 | 10am | Central

Join us for a fun and casual Super Smash Bros. Tournament in our Gamerspace room.

Ages 12-17

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Ages 15+

Acoustic Guitar Summer Concert

Saturday, July 11 | 1pm | Central

Join guitarists David Coruzzi and Leonardo Netto for a relaxing, acoustic guitar concert in the Atrium.

St. Catharines at 150: Mixed Media Retrospective Art **R**

Saturday, July 11 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

Friday, September 25 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

Dig into the treasure trove of historical photographs from the library to create a mixed media art piece celebrating the City of St. Catharines' 150th anniversary!

#STC150

Creative Connections: Mini Mandalas **R**

Tuesday, July 14 | 2:30pm | Central

Create beautiful circular designs while exploring creativity, mindfulness, and simple artistic techniques. Seniors and older adults can discover their creativity and explore visual arts at the July session of Creative Connections.

Upcycled Book: Flower Vase Arrangement **R**

Thursday, July 16 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

Upcycle a hardcover book into a unique "vase" for faux flowers by simply using a pair of scissors and folding book pages. Then select a variety of faux flowers to arrange into the vase.

Milestone Anniversaries

2026 marks an extraordinary accomplishment in our city. This year, we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the City of St. Catharines and the 200th anniversary of historic Port Dalhousie. We are excited to embrace the past and honour the legacy of these places through immersive programming throughout the year.

Keep an eye out for upcoming programs celebrating our local history!



Twin Hearts Meditation **R**

Thursday, July 16 | 6:30pm | Dr. Huq
Thursday, July 30 | 6:30pm | Dr. Huq
Thursday, August 13 | 6:30pm | Dr. Huq
Thursday, August 27 | 6:30pm | Dr. Huq
Wednesday, September 9 | 6:30pm
Central
Wednesday, September 23 | 6:30pm
Central

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

Sensory Art Afternoon **R**

Tuesday, July 21 | 2pm-3:30pm | Central
A relaxed, hands-on creative experience focused on exploring materials through the senses rather than making a finished product.

Learning to Work with AI: A Mindful Approach **R**

Wednesday, July 22 | 6pm | Merritt
In this interactive workshop, we will cover the basics of GenAI tools such as ChatGPT, practice strategies to use them effectively, and discuss some of the benefits and drawbacks to the growing presence of AI in our lives.

Drop-In: Ask a Master Gardener
Saturday, July 25 | 10am-12pm | Merritt
Saturday, August 22 | 10am-12pm
Merritt
Saturday, September 26 | 10am-12pm
Merritt

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

Drop-In: Art Journaling

Wednesday, July 29 | 6pm-7:30pm | Merritt
Bring your journal and explore various mediums and techniques used in art journaling. Materials for drawing, painting, collaging and more will be provided for use during the drop-in program.

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament **R**

Saturday, August 8 | 11am-1pm | Merritt
Gather a team of up to 4 people for SCPL's jigsaw puzzle competition! The first team to complete their 500-piece puzzle wins!

Creative Connections: Tiny Art Show **R**

Tuesday, August 11 | 2:30pm | Central
Design a small piece of art using simple materials and get instant gratification, followed by a casual gallery-style display that celebrates your creativity and self-expression. Seniors and older adults can discover their creativity and explore visual arts at the August session of Creative Connections.

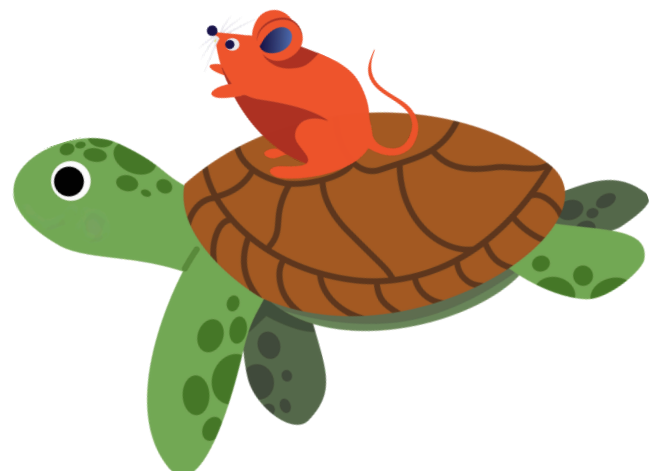
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Ages 15+

From Pastime to Pride: Lacrosse and Community in St. Catharines, 1860 - 1920 **R**

Monday, August 17 | 6pm | Merritt
This talk explores how lacrosse in St. Catharines grew from a local pastime into a major part of the city's identity. In telling this story, it shows how lacrosse was once used to help shape and maintain civic pride and purpose in St. Catharines.

#STC150



Adult Painting Afternoon ^R **Wednesday, August 26 | 2pm-3:30pm** **Dr. Huq**

Join us to create a vibrant painting featuring sunlit swimming pools, crisp architectural lines, and breezy summer scenes, all inspired by a summer day.

Creative Connections: Collage Afternoon ^R

Tuesday, September 8 | 2:30pm | Central
Using simple materials, turn found images into colorful, layered collages full of personality and flair! Seniors and older adults can discover their creativity and explore visual arts at the September session of Creative Connections.

Welcoming Week - Community Information Session for Chinese Newcomers ^R

Thursday, September 10 | 6pm | Dr. Huq
Join us for a relaxed, one-hour community Q&A session designed especially for new Chinese immigrants, where you can ask everyday questions in a welcoming, judgment-free space.

Nature-Inspired Embroidery for Beginners ^R

Monday, September 21 | 5:30pm | Merritt
Interested in embroidery but don't know where to begin? Bring a bird to life with a simple, customizable design, a few basic embroidery stitches, and open up a world of possibilities with embroidery.

Movie & Television Trivia ^R

Tuesday, September 22 | 6:30pm | Dr. Huq
Calling all movie buffs, television lovers, and cinephiles... grab a friend or two and prepare to dive deep into the past and present of the silver and small screen.

Start Your Own Book Club ^R

Tuesday, September 29 | 6:30pm | Merritt
Have you ever wanted to start a book club but didn't know where to begin? Join us for a friendly, practical workshop that will show you how to create and run your own book club in your community.

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

Wednesday, September 30 | 6:15pm
Central

Join us for a guided tour of the Central Library's Local History Department. Discover a rich collection of resources that bring our city's past to life.

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Library Tech Connect ^R

Monday, July 13 | 10am & 10:30am slots | Dr. Huq
Thursday, July 30 | 2pm & 2:30pm slots | Central
Monday, August 10 | 10am & 10:30am slots | Dr. Huq
Monday, August 31 | 10am & 10:30am slots | Merritt
Monday, September 14 | 10am & 10:30am slots | Dr. Huq
Thursday, September 24 | 2pm & 2:30pm slots | Central

Library Staff at SCPL can provide basic tech assistance for library resources, email, social media and file storage. Appointments are 30 minutes in length. Please bring your device to the appointment.

Pop-Up Library

St. Catharines Public Library is out and about in the community! Find us at a park, beach, or community events near you to discover more from your library.

Thursday

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July

10am-2pm | Sunset Beach, 1 Lombardy Ave.

Let's go to the beach! Look for our Pop-Up Library where we will be providing crafts, outdoor games, and access to borrowable items all day long.

Plus, join us for Drop-In: Summer Storytime at 10:30am, Drop-In: Button Making from 11am-12pm, and Drop-In: DIY Suncatcher Crafts from 12pm-1:30pm.

Wednesday

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August

10am-2pm | Sunset Beach, 1 Lombardy Ave.

We're heading back to the beach! Look for our Pop-Up Library where we will be providing crafts, outdoor games, and access to borrowable items all day long.

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Wednesday

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August

10am-2pm | Lakeside Park, 1 Lakeport Rd.

See you at the park, St. Catharines! Look for our Pop-Up Library where we will be providing crafts, outdoor games, and access to borrowable items all day long.

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Do you have a community event?

Would you like to see St. Catharines Public Library at your next community event? We're happy to set up a booth to provide library memberships, borrowable items, and information about library services to suit the event needs. Event organizers are invited to reach out to info@myscpl.ca or call 905-688-6103 for more information.

Cancellations for Inclement Weather

We hate to cancel the exciting events we have planned for you. However, if we must cancel due to unsafe weather conditions, we will do our best to inform the community in advance. Check our website and social media pages for cancellation updates prior to attending a Pop-Up Library!

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 CLOSED

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 CLOSED

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

Register for a program!



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St. Catharines Public Library is situated on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today.

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.