



Spring 2025 Program Guide

April - May - June



When to register:

April program registration opens March 17

May program registration opens April 21

June program registration opens May 19

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

 Fee Required

 Registration Required

GET GROWING

on Saturday, April 5th

Discover environmental literacy activities for all ages including flower pot painting, community plant exchange, and the launch of SCPL's community seed library to explore nature and all things growing this spring.

Central Library

Drop-In: Community Plant Swap 10am-12pm

Bring some plants to donate or swap with other houseplant aficionados and share knowledge on how others can care for and propagate their new plants.

All Ages

Drop-In: Spring STEM & Crafts 10am-11:30am

Explore springtime crafts and STEM activities in the children's area.

Children & Families

Merritt Branch

Drop-In: Exploring Bean Planting 2pm-4pm

Explore the life cycle of a plant and create a bean sprout "greenhouse" to take home and watch it grow on a bright, sunny window!

Children & Families

Dr. Huq Family Library Branch

Drop-In: Flower Pot Painting 10am-11:30am

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

All Ages

Drop-In: Ask a Master Gardener 1pm-3pm

Drop by the library to talk to a Master Gardener for advice and recommendations about your gardening problems.

Adults

Port Dalhousie Branch

Drop-In: Nature Clay Impressions 1pm-2:30pm

Take inspiration from nature and craft your own clay impression! Using found and foraged botanicals, make a print using air-dry clay.

Children & Families

2025 Seed Library

Launch your garden with free seeds from SCPL. Starting April 5th, our annual seed library will be available at all SCPL locations, featuring a variety of vegetable, fruit, and flower seeds. We encourage customers to visit and select free seeds while supplies last. To ensure that everyone in our community can benefit from the seed library, a limit of five seed packets per customer will be enforced.

Join the Club

English Club

Mondays | 4pm | Central

Join Bridges Niagara (formerly Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre) as they assist you with your English-learning skills including listening, speaking, vocabulary, and more.

Adults

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!

Adults

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!

Adults

Adult Chess

Fridays, April 4 - May 9 | 1pm | Merritt

Join us for a series of chess workshops for both beginner and experienced players.

Adults

Teen Chess Club

Tuesdays, April 1 - May 6 | 4pm | Merritt

Tweens and teens are invited to join us for a series of chess workshops for both beginner and experienced players.

Ages 10-16

Sensory-Friendly Saturdays

Saturdays, April 26, May 10 & 24 | 10am | Dr. Huq

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

Ages 10 & under + caregiver

Kids Chess Club

Mondays, March 31 - May 5 | 4pm | Merritt

Children ages 6-9 are invited to join us for a series of chess workshops!

Ages 6-9

Little Explorers Play Group

Tuesdays, June 3 - 24 | 10am | Dr. Huq

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

Ages 0-18 months + caregiver

Music & Movement

Thursdays, June 5 - 26 | 10am | Central

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

Ages 2-5 + caregiver

Early Literacy at SCPL

Our early literacy programs are offered in 6-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**

Tuesdays, July 15 - August 12 | 9:30am | Dr. Huq

Tuesdays, July 15 - August 12 | 10:30am | Dr. Huq

Wednesdays, July 16 - August 13 | 9:30am | Central

Thursdays, July 17 - August 14 | 9:30am | Merritt**

Tuesdays, October 14 - November 18 | 9:30am | Dr. Huq

Tuesdays, October 14 - November 18 | 10:30am | Dr. Huq

Wednesdays, October 15 - November 19 | 9:30am | Central

Thursdays, October 16 - November 20 | 9:30am | Merritt**

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

Wednesdays, July 16 - August 13 | 10am | Merritt**

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

Mondays, October 20 - November 17 | 10am | Central *skip October 13

Wednesdays, October 15 - November 19 | 10am | Merritt**

Thursdays, October 16 - November 20 | 10am | Dr. Huq

**Subject to change due to Merritt relocation project.

Kids

Drop-In: Spring Crafts

Friday, April 4 | 10am-12pm | Port

Spring is in the air! Get into the season with some fun, creative crafts.

Children & Families

STEAM Storytime: Outer Space

Friday, April 4 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

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

Ages 2-5 + caregiver

Mario Kart Racing

Friday, April 4 | 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

STEAM Lab

Monday, May 5 | 4pm | Dr. Huq

Monday, June 16 | 4pm | Dr. Huq

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

Ages 6-10

Drop-In: Art Lab

Saturday, April 12 | 10am-12pm | 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

Slime Science

Saturday, April 12 | 11am | Merritt

Dive into the ooey-goopy world of slime, where children become slime scientists and make a slippery, squishy creation of their own!

Ages 5-8 + caregiver

Slime Science

Saturday, April 12 | 2:30pm | Merritt

Dive into the ooey-goopy world of slime, where children become slime scientists and make a slippery, squishy creation of their own!

Ages 9-12

Craft Lab: Duct Tape

Monday, April 14 | 6pm | Dr. Huq

See what you can create using some duct tape and your imagination! Use templates to create a bookmark, wallet or jewelry, or design your own creation!

Ages 8-12

Drop-In: Ziigwan (Spring)

Storytime with Odrohyageweh

EarlyON

Wednesday, April 16 | 10:30am | Central

Wednesday, April 30 | 10:30am | Central

Wednesday, May 14 | 10:30am | Central

Wednesday, May 28 | 10:30am | Central

Wednesday, June 11 | 10:30am | Central

Wednesday, June 25 | 10:30am | Central

Drop by the Central Library to enjoy 45 minutes of stories, songs, and crafts with the Odrohyageweh EarlyON Centre. Stick around after the session for free play and social time.

Children & Families

Drop-In: Earth Day

Saturday, April 19 | 10am-12pm

Central

Celebrate our amazing planet with a variety of Earth Day crafts!

Children & Families

Drop-In: STEM Station

Saturday, April 19 | 2pm-4pm | Dr. Huq

Saturday, May 17 | 10am-12pm | 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

Monday, April 21 | 10am-12pm | Central

Friday, June 6 | 10am-12pm | Central

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: Sticker-Making

Monday, April 21 | 2pm-4pm | Dr. Huq

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

Children & Families

Tinker Tots ^R

Friday, April 25 | 10am | Central

Friday, May 16 | 10am | Central

Friday, June 27 | 10am | Central

Join us for "Tinker Tots," a program for preschool-aged kids that exposes them to a variety of tools and materials for self-directed exploration.

Ages 2-5 + caregiver

Scientists in Schools: Candy Chemistry ^R

Saturday, April 26 | 3pm | Dr. Huq

Discover the surprising science hiding in a bag of Skittles. Explore solubility, buoyancy, reactivity and investigate the odds of finding your favourite colour. How sweet it is!

Ages 6-12

Explore Circuitry with Snap Circuits ^R

Monday, April 28 | 6pm | Central

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

Tinker Lab ^R

Wednesday, April 30 | 4pm | Central

Monday, May 12 | 4pm | Central

Monday, June 30 | 4pm | Central

Join us for an hour of self-directed "tinkering" where we will experiment with different tools and techniques for deconstructing, repairing, and combining materials.

Ages 6-10

STEAM Storytime: Weather Wonders ^R

Friday, May 2 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

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

Ages 2-5 + caregiver

Drop-In: Jedi Academy

Saturday, May 3 | 10am-12pm | Dr. Huq

May the 4th be with you! Train to be a jedi by taking part in fun Star Wars-themed crafts and activities.

Children & Families

Drop-In: Button-Making

Saturday, May 3 | 10am-12pm | Merritt

Drop in and make a cool button to wear or design and create one of your own.

Children & Families

Drop-In: Mother's Day Card-Making

Saturday, May 10 | 10am-12pm | Central

Drop in for a fun-filled morning of creating heartfelt custom cards. Show your love with a dash of humour. All supplies provided, just bring your creativity!

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.

Craft Lab: Perler Beads R

Saturday, May 10 | 2pm | Merritt

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 8-12

Exploring Origami R

Wednesday, May 14 | 6pm | Merritt

Try your hand at the Japanese art of paper folding and explore new techniques and creative shapes.

Ages 8-12

Drop-In: Builder Lab

Saturday, May 24 | 10am-12pm | Central

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

Super Mario Party Jamboree R

Saturday, May 24 | 2:30pm | Central

Monday, June 2 | 6pm | Central

Join the jamboree! Bring your friends or meet new ones as we team up to play Super Mario Party Jamboree in the Gamerspace.

Ages 7-12

Scientists in Schools: Magical Science R

Saturday, May 24 | 3pm | Dr. Huq

Discover a magical force that will levitate particles. Scatter light and create illusions that will thrill your audience. Experiment with colourful teas and unusual potions on this magical science adventure!

Ages 6-12

Drop-In: Fun with Play Doh

Friday, June 6 | 2pm-4pm | Dr. Huq

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

Children & Families

STEAM Storytime: Sea Life R

Friday, June 13 | 2pm | Dr. Huq

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

Ages 2-5 + caregiver

Multiculturalism Day Celebration

Saturday, June 14 | 10:30-12pm | Central

Join the Bridges Niagara (formerly Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre) Community Connections team in making national flag replicas representing the many communities of immigrants that have made St. Catharines their new home. This is a great opportunity for families to celebrate their heritage.

All Ages

Drop-In: Father's Day

Card-Making

Saturday, June 14 | 2pm-4pm | Central

Drop-in to make impressive pop-up cards to honour the special dads and father figures in our lives. From heartfelt messages to clever designs, we'll provide all the materials needed to create a one-of-a-kind-card to cherish.

Children & Families

Drop-In: Summer Crafts

Saturday, June 28 | 10am-12pm | Dr. Huq

Join us for crafts to celebrate the arrival of summer!

Children & Families

Did you register for a program but can no longer attend? Let us know so we can open up your spot to someone on the waitlist!



Teens

Mario Kart Racing

Friday, April 4 | 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

The Pulse of Poetry: Writing That Speaks & Breathes

Monday, April 7 | 6pm | Dr. Huq

Join Toronto artist, educator, and lead vocalist for the genre-blending band Darenots, Andrew Lloyd Reid, known by his stage name REV, for an interactive and engaging workshop, designed to make poetry feel accessible and dynamic for teens. Whether you are a budding poet or seasoned pro, this workshop will inspire and equip you with the tools to elevate your craft.

Ages 13-17

String Nail Art

Thursday, April 10 | 6pm | Dr. Huq

Teens can get crafty with a hammer, nails, and yarn to create threaded art.

Ages 13-17

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Wednesday, May 7 | 6pm | Central

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

Ages 9-14

Paper Bead Jewelry

Monday, June 9 | 6pm | 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!

Ages 9-14

Spring Group Art Exhibition

Monday, April 21 - Friday, May 30 | Central Library

SCPL is proud to host a six-week art exhibit created by members of the St. Catharines Art Association. The exhibit can be toured on the Second Floor of the Central Library between April 21 and May 30. Join us for the exhibit's launch reception on Thursday, April 24 at 6pm.

About the St. Catharines Art Association (SCAA)

The SCAA is a non-profit organization, entirely self-supporting and created to unite emerging and established, professional and amateur artists alike in St Catharines and the surrounding area.

Adults

Steps to Starting a Small Business ^R

Thursday, April 3 | 1pm | Central

Wednesday, April 23 | 1pm | Dr. Huq

Wondering where to start with your small business? Join the St. Catharines Enterprise Centre for an introduction to the rules and regulations surrounding your small business start-up. Topics include forms of business, licensing, business name registration, information about funding, and more!

Drop In: Board Game Social

Wednesday, April 9 | 1pm-3pm | Dr. Huq

Meet your friends, or make new ones, as you explore a variety of board games suitable for all skill levels.

Creative Connections: Blackout Poetry Bookmarks ^R

Thursday, April 10 | 2:30pm | Central

Adults can discover their creativity and explore visual arts at the April session of the Creative Connections series. You'll craft bookmarks using blackout poetry, transforming old text into meaningful messages.

Pencil Crayon Colouring for Adults ^R

Monday, April 14 | 2:30pm | Dr. Huq

Saturday, May 3 | 2:30pm | Dr. Huq

Have you wanted to learn more about adult colouring techniques? Join Carol, retired teacher and colouring enthusiast, to learn about shading, colour choice, the colour wheel, blending, and the benefits of colouring on pre-drawn pictures.

Introduction to Jewellery Making ^R

Thursday, April 17 | 2:30pm | Dr. Huq

Saturday, May 10 | 2:30pm | Dr. Huq

Learn about the basic tools, findings and techniques to make earrings, bracelets, necklaces and rings in a guided step-by-step lesson.

A Layered Approach: Wallpaper in Historic Homes ^R

Tuesday, April 22 | 6:30pm | Central

Join Sara Nixon of The Brown Homestead to explore what we can learn from the 25 layers of wallpaper uncovered in the John Brown House's Ballroom.

Spring Group Art Reception ^R

Thursday, April 24 | 6pm | Central

St. Catharines Public Library and St. Catharines Art Association are proud to partner to exhibit artwork created by local Niagara artists and members of the St. Catharines Art Association. Members of the community are invited to join us at this launch reception to view and celebrate this six-week exhibit.

Registration is encouraged but walk-ins are welcome.

Digital Skills for Seniors ^R

Fridays, April 25 - June 13 | 10am

Dr. Huq

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



Scrabble Tournament R

Saturday, April 26 | 9am-5pm | Central
Join us for an SCPL Scrabble Tournament with casual and competitive formats. Free entry.

Drop-In: Ask a Master Gardener

Saturday, April 5 | 1pm-3pm | Dr. Huq

Saturday, May 3 | 1pm-3pm | Dr. Huq

Saturday, June 7 | 1pm-3pm | Dr. Huq

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

Creative Connections: Decorative Rock Painting R

Thursday, May 8 | 2:30pm | Central

Adults can discover their creativity and explore visual arts at the May session of the Creative Connections series by painting decorative rocks with personalized designs.

Drop In: Puzzle Social

Thursday, May 13 | 1pm-3pm | Dr. Huq

Thursday, June 19 | 1pm-3pm | Central

Meet your friends, or make new ones, as you work on puzzles together.

Introduction to Pan Pastels R

Saturday, May 31 | 2:30pm | Dr. Huq

Learn about this professional quality art medium that goes on dry and has vibrant, paint-like colours through a few simple projects.

Introduction to Paper Quilling R

Monday, June 2 | 2:30pm | Dr. Huq

Learn the centuries-old technique of turning strips of paper into objects for cards, mats, and fine art.

The Dead-End Streets of

St. Catharines R

Tuesday, June 3 | 6:30pm | Dr. Huq

Adrian Petry, public historian and Visitor Services Coordinator at the St. Catharines Museum, explores the history of urban development in St. Catharines through its dead-end streets.

Creative Connections: Mini Zen Garden R

Thursday, June 12 | 2:30pm | Central

Adults can discover their creativity and explore visual arts at the June session of the Creative Connections. In this calming workshop, you'll create your own mini Zen garden, using art and design to promote peaceful mindfulness.

Concert with David Coruzzi

Saturday, June 21 | 10am-11am | Central

Drop in and enjoy a summer concert with music from guitarist David Coruzzi.

Book a Librarian R

Monday, April 14 | 10am & 10:30am slots | Dr. Huq

Thursday, April 24 | 2pm & 2:30pm slots | Central

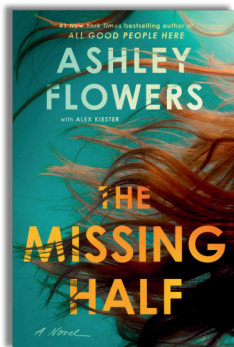
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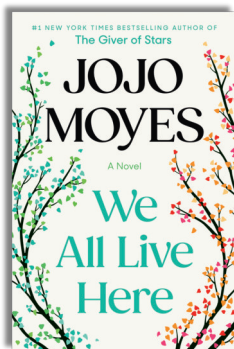
Thursday, June 26 | 2pm & 2:30pm slots | Central

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.

New & Notable



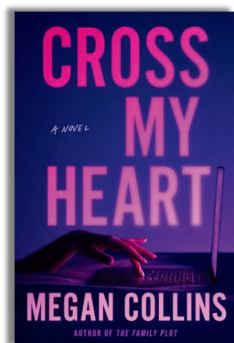
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By Ashley Flowers



We All Live Here
By Jojo Moyes

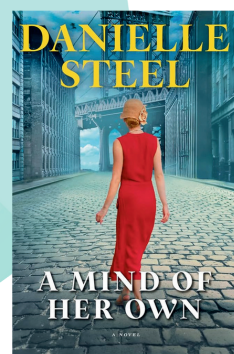


The Charlie Method
By Elle Kennedy

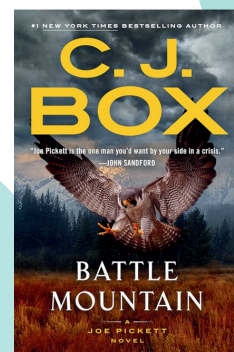


Cross My Heart
By Megan Collins

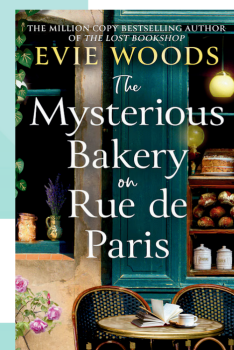
Mind of Her Own
By Danielle Steel



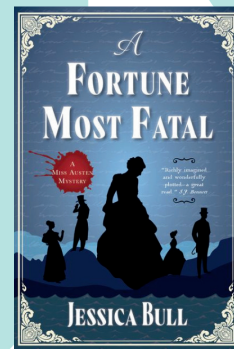
Battle Mountain
By C.J. Box



Mysterious Bakery on Rue de Paris
By Evie Woods



Fortune Most Fatal
By Jessica Bull



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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*

Merritt Branch

149 Hartzel Road

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

Port Dalhousie Branch

23 Brock Street

OPEN
Monday - Thursday 9-8
Friday - Saturday 9-5
Sunday 12-4:30*

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

Register for a program!



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*October 6-December 8, 2024 and
January 6-April 27

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.