

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Library Closure

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 1 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Address: 345 Aylmer St. N

Age Group: All Ages

Event Category: Library Closure

The Library will be closed on Wednesday, January 1.

Thursday, January 2, 2025

Social Seniors

Date and Time: Thursday, January 2 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Not Registered

Drop in for free coffee and lively conversation. Join a game (Scrabble, chess, cards) or participate in simple craft activities while socializing with new and familiar friends.

Saturday, January 4, 2025

Makerspace

Date and Time: Saturday, January 4 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

We're transforming the Story Corner into a Makerspace where you can come and create things together!

December: Craft stick puzzles

January: Marble Mazes

February: Marshmallow and spaghetti constellations

Books & Brunch: A Reading Challenge Celebration

Date and Time: Saturday, January 4 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Teens

Event Category: Registration Required

It's time to announce the winner of the 2024 Annual Reading Challenge! Celebrate your reading accomplishments with fellow readers while enjoying coffee, muffins and more.

We will chat about last year's favourites and get inspired by new topics for the 2025 challenge on Beanstack.

Monday, January 6, 2025

Preschool Story Time

Date and Time: Monday, January 6 10:15 am - 10:45 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 2-4 years

Event Category: Not Registered

Drop in for a fun and lively story time for you and your preschooler. We will help expand your child's imagination and attention span through stories and songs while focusing on early literacy skills.

Homeschool Hangout

Date and Time: Monday, January 6 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

Join us once a month for an afternoon of special guests, games, STEM activities, arts & crafts, and more with other homeschooling families.

Tech 1 on 1 - Digital Collection Help

Date and Time: Monday, January 6 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 345 Aylmer St N

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

If you need some guidance navigating the world of technology, you can book a personal session with one of our Tech Coaches.

We have two types of coaching sessions available:

Digital Collection Help: for help with accessing and using our eBooks and other Digital Library resources.

Basic Tech Help: for basic questions related to your computer or mobile device.

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Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Toddler Time

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 7 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 12-24 months

Event Category: Registration Required

Build vocabulary and share the love of reading through picture books, finger plays, songs, and rhymes in this interactive program for busy toddlers and their caregivers.

Stay and Play: Toys will be available for toddlers while you enjoy time with other caregivers after the program.

Register once for the entire series.

Tech 1 on 1 - Digital Collection Help

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 7 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 345 Aylmer St N

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

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Tech 1 on 1 - Basic Tech Help

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 7 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

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LEGO Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 7 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 5-8 years

Event Category: Not Registered

Use your imagination to build epic LEGO creations every week! We'll supply the LEGO; you bring the ideas!

Babysitting Course

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 7 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

Register once for the entire series

In this 6-week course, you will gain valuable training that will prepare you to be the safe, responsible babysitter parents want. This course will cover common situations that may arise while children are under the care of their babysitter.

A final examination is required, and the passing grade is 75 percent. A workbook is included and upon successful completion of the course participants are awarded a certificate.

Please note: attendance is required at all six sessions. Please notify the Library if you cannot attend a meeting.

This program is intended for ages 12 to 18.

Coding Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 7 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

For ages 8 to 12 years

Come and code at the Library with Fiero Code - a self-guided online software that teaches you how to code through tutorials and real-world projects.

You can bring your own device to code with or use one of ours (subject to availability on the day). Hang out, gain new skills and code something awesome!

Register once for the entire series.

Anishinaabemowin Short Course

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 7 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

This six-week series for adult learners, led by Sarah MacLeod-Beaver, will develop your appreciation for the language and culture of Anishinaabe peoples. Participants will learn to use basic vocabulary as well as the Anishinaabemowin writing and sound system.

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Parent-Child Mother Goose

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 8 10:15 am - 11:15 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 0-12 months

Event Category: Registration Required

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program® introduces parents and children to the pleasure and power of using rhymes, songs, and stories together. The program provides families new to Canada and families in the community an opportunity to connect with one another and the Library.

This program is offered in partnership with the New Canadians Centre (NCC)

Knit & Crochet Club

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 8 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Not Registered

Bring your own needlework projects and share advice, ideas and conversations with fellow enthusiasts. Each session we'll highlight an optional charitable knitting project.

Note: starter kits will be available for newbies!

Everyday Mindfulness

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 8 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

Using story, song, movement, and engaging activities, we will play with the many ways mindfulness can help us find peace and gratitude.

Teen Library Ambassadors

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 8 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Teens

Event Category: Application Required

[Apply online for Teen Library Ambassadors](#)

We're looking for teens interested in planning, promoting, and participating in monthly programs, while acting as representatives of the Library at their school. Teen Library Ambassadors will gain experience relevant to work and education, develop leadership and teamwork skills, earn volunteer hours, and have lots of fun along the way!

Please note: This commitment will include monthly meeting attendance and activities outside of our monthly meetings.

Thank you to the City of Peterborough's Youth Council, who provide our Teen Library Ambassadors with bus passes to make their volunteer duties easier.

Writing Circle

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 8 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

Register once for the entire series

Our writing circle is moving in-person for 2025! Join other writers to share your writing, receive feedback, offer advice, and discuss issues you may be experiencing in your writing journey.

Our meetings occasionally feature guest authors and mini-writing workshops led by professional writers to provide insight into the writing process and craft.

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Baby & Me

Date and Time: Thursday, January 9 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 0-12 months

Event Category: Registration Required

Spend some special one-on-one time with your baby and connect with other families. Each week, Laura will share songs, stories, and rhymes designed to support your child's development and learning.

Stay and Play: Toys will be available for babies while you enjoy time with other caregivers after the program.

Social Seniors

Date and Time: Thursday, January 9 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Not Registered

Drop in for free coffee and lively conversation. Join a game (Scrabble, chess, cards) or participate in simple craft activities while socializing with new and familiar friends.

Forest of Reading Meet Up

Date and Time: Thursday, January 9 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 3-5 years

Event Category: Not Registered

For children ages 4 to 12 years.

Are you part of the Blue Spruce, Silver Birch Express or Silver Birch Fiction Beanstack Challenges? Come out to these monthly meetups to connect with other readers, learn more about the authors and illustrators and participate in activities based on the books.

LGBTQ+ Book Club for Teens

Date and Time: Thursday, January 9 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Teens

Event Category: Registration Required

Share your thoughts, opinions, and pronouns as we explore young adult fiction books by, for and about LGBTQ+ people. Print copies of the books are available at the Main Check-out Desk after each meeting first come, first served. The September title will be available starting August 19. You can also access digital copies through cloudLibrary.

Please note: the selected titles are generally recommended for high-school-age readers but may vary widely in maturity level and content.

Any questions? Please get in touch with [Karen Bisschop](mailto:kbisschop@peterborough.ca), Community Development Librarian, Adult & Teens, at kbisschop@peterborough.ca or 705-745-5382 ext. 2352.

- **October: Dragging Mason County** by Curtis Campbell

- **November:** Like a Love Story by Abdi Nazemian
- **December:** Girl Mans Up by M.E. Girard
- **January:** Kings, Queens, and In-Betweens by Tanya Boteju
- **February:** All That's Left in the World by Erik J. Brown

Register once for the entire series - registration allows us to remind you of upcoming meetings, but you don't have to commit to coming to book club every month.

Sew Cool Club

Date and Time: Thursday, January 9 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

Sewing is such a great life skill! This is a monthly workshop that covers basic sewing fundamentals and tools. Included will be exercises for measuring, cutting, and threading a needle and learning how to operate a sewing machine. You can use these skills to create fun projects made of fabric.

Find patterns and projects on Creativebug and Craftsy! Visit our [Learning and Languages page](#) to get started.

Knit & Crochet Club

Date and Time: Thursday, January 9 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Not Registered

Bring your own needlework projects and share advice, ideas and conversations with fellow enthusiasts. Each session we'll highlight an optional charitable knitting project.

Note: starter kits will be available for newbies!

Friday, January 10, 2025

Tech 1 on 1 - Basic Tech Help

Date and Time: Friday, January 10 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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Sensory Story Time

Date and Time: Friday, January 10 10:30 am - 10:50 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 2-4 years

Event Category: Registration Required

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Books & Bites: How to Pronounce Knife

Date and Time: Friday, January 10 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

Register once for each series

Our book club for busy people allows you to read a bite-sized section of a book each week and join a lunchtime discussion online. Each week we'll discuss one section of the book. Miss a week? No worries, just join us at the next session.

Print copies of the book will be available at the Check-out Desk two weeks before the first meeting (Dec. 27 and Jan. 24) on a first come, first served basis. You can also access digital copies through cloudLibrary.

January: How to Pronounce Knife by Souvankham Thammavongsa

- **January 10:** we will be discussing the short stories "How to Pronounce Knife," "Paris," "Slingshot," "Randy Travis," and "Mani Pedi"
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Thing," and "Picking Worms"

February: Humankind: A Hopeful History by Rutger Bregman

Makerspace

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Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

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December: Craft stick puzzles

January: Marble Mazes

February: Marshmallow and spaghetti constellations

Saturday, January 11, 2025

Drag Queen Story Time with Betty Baker

Date and Time: Saturday, January 11 10:15 am - 10:45 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

Betty Baker, a local Drag Queen and star personality, will share some of her favourite stories exploring diversity, inclusion, and respect.

January: Emotions

February: Family

Coding Meetup

Date and Time: Saturday, January 11 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Teens

Event Category: Not Registered

Join fellow coding enthusiasts in a collaborative and supportive environment at the library! Use our new Fiero coding platform to enhance your skills, share ideas, and tackle coding challenges together.

We'll have a couple of computers available for drop-in use if you don't have a device to code from.

Fiero Code is a self-guided learn-to-code software designed for ages 8-18. Create a free account with your library card to track your progress as you build websites, animations, and video games.

Monday, January 13, 2025

Preschool Story Time

Date and Time: Monday, January 13 10:15 am - 10:45 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 2-4 years

Event Category: Not Registered

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Tech 1 on 1 - Digital Collection Help

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Teen Reviewers

Date and Time: Monday, January 13 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Teens

Event Category: Registration Required

Register once for the entire series

Earn volunteer hours for participating in our monthly online discussion and contributing book reviews to share with the community.

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Toddler Time

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 14 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 12-24 months

Event Category: Registration Required

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Stay and Play: Toys will be available for toddlers while you enjoy time with other caregivers after the program.

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Age Group: 9-12 years

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Coding Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 14 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

For ages 8 to 12 years

Come and code at the Library with Fiero Code - a self-guided online software that teaches you how to code through tutorials and real-world projects.

You can bring your own device to code with or use one of ours (subject to availability on the day). Hang out, gain new skills and code something awesome!

Register once for the entire series.

Tween Creative Writing Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 14 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Address: Peterborough Public Library - Main Branch 345 Aylmer Street North Peterborough ON

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

Get your creative juices flowing through writing activities, prompts, and games with other young, aspiring authors.

Anishinaabemowin Short Course

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 14 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

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Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Parent-Child Mother Goose

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 15 10:15 am - 11:15 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 0-12 months

Event Category: Registration Required

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This program is offered in partnership with the New Canadians Centre (NCC)

Living and Aging Well: Setting Goals for a Better You

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 15 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

We're partnering with Age-friendly Peterborough in this series for older adults, focusing on learning ways to stay safe, connected, and active in our community. Each month's session will feature a presentation, discussion, and time for socializing over a small luncheon.

January: Setting Goals for a Better You

Do you feel you need to simplify your life or need some motivation to be a better you? Changes to your household, lifestyle, finances, health, or personal life can provide the energy boost you need. We'll review what's holding you back, strategize what you can change, discuss the results and set goals to help you concentrate your efforts and motivate you for success.

February: Bibliotherapy – Exploring Ideas about Aging

Non-clinical bibliotherapy uses literature to spark discussion, conversation, and reflection in small groups, strengthening community connections and personal resilience. In this interactive session, we'll read a poem, quote, or article about aging, and participants will share their thoughts, feelings, and interpretations of the material.

Knit & Crochet Club

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 15 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Not Registered

Bring your own needlework projects and share advice, ideas and conversations with fellow enthusiasts. Each session we'll highlight an optional charitable knitting project.

Note: starter kits will be available for newbies!

Everyday Mindfulness

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 15 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

Using story, song, movement, and engaging activities, we will play with the many ways mindfulness can help us find peace and gratitude.

Cookbook Club: The Mediterranean Dish

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 15 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

Whether you're a novice or a seasoned cook, we invite you to pick up a recipe from our featured cookbook each month and test it out. Bring samples to share and discuss at our monthly potluck. Was your recipe fantastic, fair, or a total flop? We want to know!

Recipes are available at each potluck and then first come, first served at the Main Check-out Desk starting on the first Friday of the month.

Please note: Cookbook Club will meet on Wednesday evenings starting in January.

December: The Cookie Collection by Brian Hart Hoffman

January: The Mediterranean Dish: Simply Dinner by Suzy Karadsheh

February: Soups, Salads and Sandwiches by Matty Matheson

Speakers Series: T.J. Klune

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 15 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Not Registered

Join us for live-streaming talks featuring bestselling authors and thought leaders. Gather with us at the library and participate in the interactive Q&A and a post-event discussion.

All talks are also available for home-viewing with [individual registration](#).

January: T.J. Klune

T.J. Klune is the New York Times and USA Today bestselling, Lambda Literary Award-winning author of [The House in the Cerulean Sea](#), [The Extraordinaries](#), and more. Being queer himself, Klune believes it's important—now more than ever—to have accurate, positive queer representation in stories.

February: [Waubgeshig Rice](#)

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Baby & Me

Date and Time: Thursday, January 16 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 0-12 months

Event Category: Registration Required

Spend some special one-on-one time with your baby and connect with other families. Each week, Laura will share songs, stories, and rhymes designed to support your child's development and learning.

Stay and Play: Toys will be available for babies while you enjoy time with other caregivers after the program.

Social Seniors

Date and Time: Thursday, January 16 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Not Registered

Drop in for free coffee and lively conversation. Join a game (Scrabble, chess, cards) or participate in simple craft

t activities while socializing with new and familiar friends.

Indigenous Bilingual Story Time

Date and Time: Thursday, January 16 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

Once a month, families are invited to come and listen to a story read in Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) by an Indigenous community member, followed by a craft or activity.

An English translation of the story will be provided. Everyone is invited to listen, learn and enjoy!

Tween Book Club

Date and Time: Thursday, January 16 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

Each month, we meet at the Library for some fun and lively discussions around our monthly book club title. This is a terrific opportunity to discover new genres, series and authors while making new friends. \

January Winterhouse by Ben Guterson

February Control Freaks by J.E. Thomas

March 13 Game Face by Shari Green

April 10 You are Here; Connecting Flights by Ellen Oh & more

May 15 A Rovers Story by Jasmine Warga

June The Case of the Windy Lake by Michael Hutchinson (Muskrats Mystery series)

July When Stars are scattered by Victoria Jamieson

August Camp Average by Craig Battle

Climate Action for Everyone: Make Your Own Personal Care Products

Date and Time: Thursday, January 16 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

In this new environmental series, we're exploring large and small ways to protect our planet. We'll share strategies for decreasing your carbon footprint and increasing your health and well-being.

December: Greening Your Holidays (nature-sourced holiday decorations)

January: Make Your Own Personal Care Products

February: Pump it Up: All About Heat Pumps

Friday, January 17, 2025

Tech 1 on 1 - Basic Tech Help

Date and Time: Friday, January 17 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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Sensory Story Time

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Age Group: 2-4 years

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February: Humankind: A Hopeful History by Rutger Bregman

Teen Friday Night Hangout

Date and Time: Friday, January 17 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Teens

Event Category: Not Registered

Need somewhere to hang out after a week of school? Come play games on our Nintendo Switch, check out our collection of board games, play ping-pong, or get creative with our craft supplies. We provide the snacks, you provide the creative energy!

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Afrocentric Story Time

Date and Time: Saturday, January 18 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

Get ready to fire up your imagination and listen to African folk tales, fables and stories from around the world.

This program is offered in partnership with [Afrocentric Awareness Network of Peterborough](#)

Crafternoon: Zentangles

Date and Time: Saturday, January 18 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Teens

Event Category: Registration Required

Set aside an afternoon to craft with us and learn new skills along the way.

In this session, facilitator Rebecca Wasson will go over the history of Zentangle and will introduce you to the vocabulary, the tools and the basics steps to create your own beautiful Zentangle art.

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. It requires no prior artistic ability, it increases focus and creativity, while encouraging an increased sense of calm and personal well-being.

Please note: a \$10 + HST supply fee is due at the time of registration for this session. Each person will receive a kit containing all necessary supplies.

Other sessions:

February: Make Shibori-Inspired Paper Snowflakes

Creativebug instructor Mia Semingson brings back the nostalgic joy of making the paper snowflakes from your childhood and elevates them with a shibori-inspired dip dye. Learn how to fold and cut Japanese washi paper as well as basket-style coffee filters and then play with dye to make decorative, sophisticated snowflakes that are truly one of a kind and a surprise to reveal. Hang them individually or string them together as a beautiful garland.

Please note: if you are more than 10 minutes late for a program you may not be admitted.

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Sunday Family Movie

Date and Time: Sunday, January 19 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

Let's spend a cozy Sunday afternoon watching a family-friendly movie on the big screen. We will provide hot chocolate and apple cider.

December: A Long Way North (PG, 81 minutes)

January: Racetime (G, 89 minutes)

February: Inside Out 2 (G, 100 minutes)

Monday, January 20, 2025

Preschool Story Time

Date and Time: Monday, January 20 10:15 am - 10:45 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 2-4 years

Event Category: Not Registered

Drop in for a fun and lively story time for you and your preschooler. We will help expand your child's imagination and attention span through stories and songs while focusing on early literacy skills.

Tech 1 on 1 - Digital Collection Help

Date and Time: Monday, January 20 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 345 Aylmer St N

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

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We have two types of coaching sessions available:

Digital Collection Help: for help with accessing and using our eBooks and other Digital Library resources.
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Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Toddler Time

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 21 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 12-24 months

Event Category: Registration Required

Build vocabulary and share the love of reading through picture books, finger plays, songs, and rhymes in this interactive program for busy toddlers and their caregivers.

Stay and Play: Toys will be available for toddlers while you enjoy time with other caregivers after the program.

Register once for the entire series.

Tech 1 on 1 - Digital Collection Help

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 21 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 345 Aylmer St N

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

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LEGO Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 21 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 5-8 years

Event Category: Not Registered

Use your imagination to build epic LEGO creations every week! We'll supply the LEGO; you bring the ideas!

Babysitting Course

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 21 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

Register once for the entire series

In this 6-week course, you will gain valuable training that will prepare you to be the safe, responsible babysitter parents want. This course will cover common situations that may arise while children are under the care of their babysitter.

A final examination is required, and the passing grade is 75 percent. A workbook is included and upon successful completion of the course participants are awarded a certificate.

Please note: attendance is required at all six sessions. Please notify the Library if you cannot attend a meeting.

This program is intended for ages 12 to 18.

Coding Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 21 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

For ages 8 to 12 years

Come and code at the Library with Fiero Code - a self-guided online software that teaches you how to code through tutorials and real-world projects.

You can bring your own device to code with or use one of ours (subject to availability on the day). Hang out, gain new skills and code something awesome!

Register once for the entire series.

Anishinaabemowin Short Course

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 21 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

This six-week series for adult learners, led by Sarah MacLeod-Beaver, will develop your appreciation for the language and culture of Anishinaabe peoples. Participants will learn to use basic vocabulary as well as the Anishinaabemowin writing and sound system.

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Parent-Child Mother Goose

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 22 10:15 am - 11:15 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 0-12 months

Event Category: Registration Required

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program[®] introduces parents and children to the pleasure and power of using rhymes, songs, and stories together. The program provides families new to Canada and families in the community an opportunity to connect with one another and the Library.

This program is offered in partnership with the New Canadians Centre (NCC)

Knit & Crochet Club

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 22 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Not Registered

Bring your own needlework projects and share advice, ideas and conversations with fellow enthusiasts. Each session we'll highlight an optional charitable knitting project.

Note: starter kits will be available for newbies!

Wildlife Wednesdays

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 22 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 5-8 years

Event Category: Not Registered

Kawartha Wildlife Centre and the Library are excited to continue to offer this animal-tastic, interactive 6-week series featuring the major groups of animals. Through live animal demonstrations, hands-on activities, and books from the collection, participants will learn about the characteristics of these different groups of animals while celebrating the diversity of wildlife all around us!

Jan 22 - Mammals

Jan 29 - Invertebrates

Feb 5 - Fish

Feb 12 - Birds

Feb 19- Amphibians

Feb 26 - Reptiles

After completing the full 6 weeks, participants will be certified as a Peterborough Wildlife Hero! If you miss a session, don't worry – you can join us again in Spring 2025.

Junior Animal Biologists

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 22 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

Dive into the thrilling world of animal biology in this immersive program designed for young, aspiring scientists who are eager to explore the diversity of animals, their characteristics, adaptations, and life history.

Over the course of this exciting program, participants will discover how to distinguish between predators and prey, engage in fascinating activities from dissections to learning about wildlife calls, tracks, pelts, and skulls.

After completing the full 6 weeks, participants will be certified as a Peterborough Wildlife Hero!

This program is offered in partnership with the Kawartha Wildlife Centre who aims to educate the public about wildlife and conservation issues.

Writing Circle

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 22 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

Register once for the entire series

Our writing circle is moving in-person for 2025! Join other writers to share your writing, receive feedback, offer advice, and discuss issues you may be experiencing in your writing journey.

Our meetings occasionally feature guest authors and mini-writing workshops led by professional writers to provide insight into the writing process and craft.

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Baby & Me

Date and Time: Thursday, January 23 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 0-12 months

Event Category: Registration Required

Spend some special one-on-one time with your baby and connect with other families. Each week, Laura will share songs, stories, and rhymes designed to support your child's development and learning.

Stay and Play: Toys will be available for babies while you enjoy time with other caregivers after the program.

When Baby Makes Four - CANCELLED

Date and Time: Thursday, January 23 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Registration Required

Registration: Visit the [Life with a Baby website](#) and follow their instructions to register for this program. Registration opens Monday, December 2.

This program for caregivers who are trying to juggle between their older child(ren) and their new baby through facilitated discussion topics including:

Sibling rivalry & facilitating bonding, behaviour & development, stress & conflict management and getting the support you need.

Social Seniors

Date and Time: Thursday, January 23 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Not Registered

Drop in for free coffee and lively conversation. Join a game (Scrabble, chess, cards) or participate in simple craft activities while socializing with new and familiar friends.

Draw Together

Date and Time: Thursday, January 23 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Peterborough Public Library - Main

Age Group: 5-8 years

Event Category: Not Registered

Drop by for an hour of creative colouring and drawing. We will provide art supplies and new guided drawing activities each week.

Draw Together program will be held in the Program Room at Misikin Law Community Complex

Knit & Crochet Club

Date and Time: Thursday, January 23 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Not Registered

Bring your own needlework projects and share advice, ideas and conversations with fellow enthusiasts. Each session we'll highlight an optional charitable knitting project.

Note: starter kits will be available for newbies!

Friday, January 24, 2025

Sensory Story Time

Date and Time: Friday, January 24 10:30 am - 10:50 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 2-4 years

Event Category: Registration Required

Sensory Storytime is an adapted program for all abilities but is especially ideal for young children with sensory processing sensitivities. This story time will be shorter, and for a smaller number of participants to provide freedom of movement with more visual aids and sensory experiences to help children engage, learn and feel comfortable.

Books & Bites: How to Pronounce Knife

Date and Time: Friday, January 24 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

Register once for each series

Our book club for busy people allows you to read a bite-sized section of a book each week and join a lunchtime discussion online. Each week we'll discuss one section of the book. Miss a week? No worries, just join us at the next session.

Print copies of the book will be available at the Check-out Desk two weeks before the first meeting (Dec. 27 and Jan. 24) on a first come, first served basis. You can also access digital copies through cloudLibrary.

January: How to Pronounce Knife by Souvankham Thammavongsa

- **January 10:** we will be discussing the short stories "How to Pronounce Knife," "Paris," "Slingshot," "Randy Travis," and "Mani Pedi"
- **January 17:** we will be discussing the short stories "Chick-A-Chee!" "Universe Would be So Cruel," "Edge of the World," "School Bus Driver," and "You are So Embarrassing"
- **January 24:** we will be discussing the short stories "Ewwrrrk," "The Gas Station," "A Far Distant Thing," and "Picking Worms"

February: Humankind: A Hopeful History by Rutger Bregman

Bingo for Books

Date and Time: Friday, January 24 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

Get those daubers ready and bring your family and friends out for a fun, family, bookish BINGO games night – we have prizes for all ages!

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Family Literacy Day - Learn to be Green, Together

Date and Time: Saturday, January 25 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Address: Peterborough Square

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Offsite

Family Literacy Day is a free community event that raises awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in literacy-related activities as a family. Come out and enjoy entertainment, reader's theatre, interactive literacy activities and displays, free books and snacks!

The theme for 2025 is "Learn to be Green, together" - finding fun ways to learn as a family about how to be kind to the environment.

Coding Meetup

Date and Time: Saturday, January 25 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Teens

Event Category: Not Registered

Join fellow coding enthusiasts in a collaborative and supportive environment at the library! Use our new Fiero coding platform to enhance your skills, share ideas, and tackle coding challenges together.

We'll have a couple of computers available for drop-in use if you don't have a device to code from.

Fiero Code is a self-guided learn-to-code software designed for ages 8-18. Create a free account with your library card to track your progress as you build websites, animations, and video games.

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Creative Space

Date and Time: Sunday, January 26 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Teens

Event Category: Not Registered

Enjoy a Sunday afternoon unleashing your creativity in our pop-up studio at the library. We'll set up a demo and some crafting supplies to inspire you, but you can create anything you like.

November: Paint a Mini Poppy Field

December: Fold a Paper Lotus Flower

January: Circle Art De-stress

February: Freedom to Read buttons

Monday, January 27, 2025

Preschool Story Time

Date and Time: Monday, January 27 10:15 am - 10:45 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 2-4 years

Event Category: Not Registered

Drop in for a fun and lively story time for you and your preschooler. We will help expand your child's imagination and attention span through stories and songs while focusing on early literacy skills.

Tech 1 on 1 - Digital Collection Help

Date and Time: Monday, January 27 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 345 Aylmer St N

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

If you need some guidance navigating the world of technology, you can book a personal session with one of our Tech Coaches.

We have two types of coaching sessions available:

Digital Collection Help: for help with accessing and using our eBooks and other Digital Library resources.

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Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Toddler Time

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 12-24 months

Event Category: Registration Required

Build vocabulary and share the love of reading through picture books, finger plays, songs, and rhymes in this interactive program for busy toddlers and their caregivers.

Stay and Play: Toys will be available for toddlers while you enjoy time with other caregivers after the program.

Register once for the entire series.

Tech 1 on 1 - Digital Collection Help

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 345 Aylmer St N

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

If you need some guidance navigating the world of technology, you can book a personal session with one of our Tech Coaches.

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Tech 1 on 1 - Basic Tech Help

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

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Adult Book Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

Register once for the entire series

Our monthly Librarian-led book discussion is a great way to discover new authors and genres, meet new people and discuss books in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Print copies of the next Book Club title are available at the Main Check-out Desk after each meeting first come, first served. You can also access digital copies through cloudLibrary.

Please register once for either the afternoon in-person meetings or the evening* Zoom meetings.

January: How to be Remembered by Michael Thompson

February: River Mumma by Zalika Reid-Benta

*NOTE: starting in January 2025, the evening program will become a hybrid Zoom/in-person program.

LEGO Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 5-8 years

Event Category: Not Registered

Use your imagination to build epic LEGO creations every week! We'll supply the LEGO; you bring the ideas!

Babysitting Course

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

Register once for the entire series

In this 6-week course, you will gain valuable training that will prepare you to be the safe, responsible babysitter parents want. This course will cover common situations that may arise while children are under the care of their babysitter.

A final examination is required, and the passing grade is 75 percent. A workbook is included and upon successful completion of the course participants are awarded a certificate.

Please note: attendance is required at all six sessions. Please notify the Library if you cannot attend a meeting.

This program is intended for ages 12 to 18.

Trail Tales

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: Various Parks in Peterborough ON

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

Come out for an evening family stroll along some of Peterborough's lovely trails and follow your curiosity while we weave in stories, songs and rhymes that connect us to the natural beauty around us.

Please dress for the weather as we only cancel if there's severe weather. Also, please bring a headlamp or flashlight as we move into the darker months.

December 3: Jackson Park - Monaghan Street entrance

January 28: Sherbrooke Woods - Monseigneur-Jamot

February 11: Crawford Rail Trail - Stacey Green (705 Hawley Street)

Coding Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

For ages 8 to 12 years

Come and code at the Library with Fiero Code - a self-guided online software that teaches you how to code through tutorials and real-world projects.

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Register once for the entire series.

Anishinaabemowin Short Course

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

This six-week series for adult learners, led by Sarah MacLeod-Beaver, will develop your appreciation for the language and culture of Anishinaabe peoples. Participants will learn to use basic vocabulary as well as the Anishinaabemowin writing and sound system.

Adult Book Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

Register once for the entire series

Join us for our monthly librarian-led book discussion. Please register once for either the afternoon meetings at the Main Branch or the hybrid evening meetings at the Main Branch starting in January.

Print copies of the next Book Club title are available at the Main Check-out Desk after each meeting first come, first served. You can also access digital copies through cloudLibrary.

January: **How to be Remembered** by Michael Thompson

February: **River Mumma** by Zalika Reid-Benta

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Parent-Child Mother Goose

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 29 10:15 am - 11:15 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 0-12 months

Event Category: Registration Required

The [Parent-Child Mother Goose Program®](#) introduces parents and children to the pleasure and power of using rhymes, songs, and stories together. The program provides families new to Canada and families in the community an opportunity to connect with one another and the Library.

This program is offered in partnership with the [New Canadians Centre \(NCC\)](#)

Knit & Crochet Club

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 29 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Not Registered

Bring your own needlework projects and share advice, ideas and conversations with fellow enthusiasts. Each session we'll highlight an optional charitable knitting project.

Note: starter kits will be available for newbies!

Wildlife Wednesdays

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 29 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 5-8 years

Event Category: Not Registered

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After completing the full 6 weeks, participants will be certified as a Peterborough Wildlife Hero! If you miss a session, don't worry – you can join us again in Spring 2025.

Junior Animal Biologists

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 29 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

Dive into the thrilling world of animal biology in this immersive program designed for young, aspiring scientists who are eager to explore the diversity of animals, their characteristics, adaptations, and life history.

Over the course of this exciting program, participants will discover how to distinguish between predators and prey, engage in fascinating activities from dissections to learning about wildlife calls, tracks, pelts, and skulls.

After completing the full 6 weeks, participants will be certified as a Peterborough Wildlife Hero!

This program is offered in partnership with the [Kawartha Wildlife Centre](#) who aims to educate the public about wildlife and conservation issues.

Living Library with the New Canadians Centre

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 29 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

The New Canadians Centre (NCC) Living Library aims to share human stories of immigration and integration by highlighting diverse and compelling stories of transition, settlement and belonging through personal storytelling by current and former NCC clients.

Light refreshments will be served.

January: Margot Van Sluytman (Guyana): Shared Humanity: A Story of Immigration, Justice, and Hope

Margot Van Sluytman moved to Canada from Georgetown, Guyana, with her family when she was seven years old, just two months before her eighth birthday. Seeking better opportunities and a safer environment, her parents chose Scarborough, Ontario, as their new home. Nine years later, the safety her family sought was shattered by a tragic event that changed her life.

In the face of this unexpected hardship, Margot turned to writing, which became a lifeline and a source of healing. Her experiences led her to become an advocate within the criminal justice system, using her story to inspire others and demonstrate that hope can always be found, even in the darkest times. Margot's journey reflects new beginnings, the process of healing, the pursuit of justice, and the resilience needed to find eventual joy.

Baby & Me

Date and Time: Thursday, January 30 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 0-12 months

Event Category: Registration Required

Spend some special one-on-one time with your baby and connect with other families. Each week, Laura will share songs, stories, and rhymes designed to support your child's development and learning.

Stay and Play: Toys will be available for babies while you enjoy time with other caregivers after the program.

When Baby Makes Four - CANCELLED

Date and Time: Thursday, January 30 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Registration Required

Registration: Visit the [Life with a Baby website](#) and follow their instructions to register for this program. Registration opens Monday, December 2.

This program for caregivers who are trying to juggle between their older child(ren) and their new baby through facilitated discussion topics including:

Sibling rivalry & facilitating bonding, behaviour & development, stress & conflict management and getting the support you need.

Social Seniors

Date and Time: Thursday, January 30 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Not Registered

Drop in for free coffee and lively conversation. Join a game (Scrabble, chess, cards) or participate in simple craft activities while socializing with new and familiar friends.

Paint Together Night - Snowman

Date and Time: Thursday, January 30 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

Bring a friend or family member out for a fun and easy step-by-step guided painting program. Each of you will go home with your own one-of-a-kind masterpiece and the memory of a very special evening spent together.

BIPOC Book Club

Date and Time: Thursday, January 30 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

Our newest book club focuses on connecting BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and Persons of Colour) readers through books written by and about people of colour.

Print copies of the next title will be available at the Main Library Check-out Desk following each meeting, on a first come, first served basis. The book for January will be available starting January 2. You can also access digital copies through cloudlibrary.

January: Kindred by Octavia Butler

February: Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

Friday, January 31, 2025

Home Alone Course - PA Day

Date and Time: Friday, January 31 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category: Registration Required

For ages 10 to 14 years.

Your child will learn the skills and knowledge to be safe and responsible at home on their own for short periods of time. They will learn how to prevent problems, handle real-life situations and keep themselves safe.

Please bring a packed lunch and a water bottle. A workbook is included.

This program is offered in partnership with [Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre](#).

Tech 1 on 1 - Basic Tech Help

Date and Time: Friday, January 31 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

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PA Day - Author Jane Adams Reading

Date and Time: Friday, January 31 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 5-8 years

Event Category: Not Registered

For ages 5 to 8 years - siblings welcome to join.

Come and listen to author Jane Adams share her book [The Adventures of Raisen and Radar](#). In each of their adventures, Raisen and Radar reconnect with nature in the woods and in the city. The book is full of imagination, culture, love and kindness that is sure to charm and fascinate listeners.

Jane Caza Adams grew up in the Buckhorn/Lakefield area. She now resides in Hiawatha with her husband, children and grandchildren. She enjoys the outdoors, walking and sharing with others.

Teen Exam Week Survival Celebration

Date and Time: Friday, January 31 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Teens

Event Category: Registration Required

This By Teens for Teens program is being organized by our Teen Library Ambassadors. Check back for more details closer to the date!

<https://calendar.ptbolibrary.ca>