MEET OUR ENVIRONMENTALIST IN RESIDENCE, GABOR SASS

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DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, London Public Library’s first Environmentalist in Residence, Gabor Sass, will offer practical workshops and will answer your online questions.

HAVE A QUESTION FOR GABOR?
Submit your question and find answers and information at: www.lpl.ca/environmentalist

ACTING LOCALLY

“My philosophy,” says Gabor Sass, “is to start small and make changes that are feasible in your life. I started by turning one small piece of lawn into a garden 17 years ago. I’ve been adding to it ever since and now we have an edible landscape around our home that provides food for my family and is a habitat for wildlife like songbirds and pollinating insects.”

Gabor’s passion for gardening and naturalized landscapes has grown beyond his own backyard and out into his neighbourhood and other areas of London. His first small step has changed their traditional lawn into a more ecologically diverse and healthy landscape, sparking a lot of interest in his community of Kensington Village and leading, in 2015, to the creation of the Wood Street Park Food Forest near their home, a project Gabor initiated with his neighbours with a small amount of funding from the City of London SPARKS! program for community enhancement.

The Wood Street Park Food Forest is one example of Gabor’s interest in acting locally in response to global environmental issues. His work as an instructor of environmental sciences and geography at Western University focuses on the bigger picture, the sustainability and resilience of ecosystems around the world, but what motivates him to action is being able to translate his scientific knowledge for practical applications at the community and individual level.

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“Global insect loss, for example, it’s a huge concept,” he explains, “What can I do about it as an individual? Well, I can plant a pollinator garden and then teach my community how to do it and why it’s important.” Planting habitat for pollinators such as bees and butterflies is important to the survival of essential insect species, an environmental issue Gabor can speak to and is actively involved with through the Pollinator Pathways Project, a volunteer organization working to establish a network of pollinator gardens throughout the City of London. In 2018, the project inspired many residents in the communities of Kensington Village, Old East Village, Woodfield and Byron to plant pollinator gardens.

Gabor has contributed many hours of volunteer time to local environmental and community building projects, but he and his wife Monica have also implemented many sustainable practices in their own lives, making choices that include living car-free (even after they had children), growing 30-50% of their food in season and renovating their house to very high environmental standards.

Since 2009, Gabor and Monica have been working on their fixer-upper house, adding energy saving improvements like a solar panel that heats the household’s water from April to October and using a geothermal system that circulates water cooled underground to provide air conditioning in the summer. Gabor is quite proud to say they have reduced their heating bills by 70% with two layers of insulation on the house (four inches of spray foam inside the walls and another three inches of stone wool on the outside).

Home and family life are very important to Gabor. He feels fortunate to have had a flexible work schedule allowing him to spend a lot of time with his children, Sylvia and Toby, ages 13 and 9, teaching them to become defensive cyclists by accompanying them on their bike rides to and from school in their early years, involving them in the process of growing food, being a role model for community leadership, and sharing his values on making sustainable environmental choices and acting locally.
Gabor is a recognized scientist, consultant, university instructor, writer and community builder who has lived in London with his wife for 19 years. He has worked as an environmental consultant for clients in industry, non-governmental organizations and different levels of government and as an advisor on environmental and planning advisory committees for the City of London. Gabor’s community building includes leading initiatives like the Food Forests in Wood Street Park and West Lion’s Park and the Pollinator Pathways Project, neighbourhood projects that have introduced residents to urban agricultural practices and current environmental concerns. Gabor and his family work at implementing sustainable practices into their lifestyle wherever they can.

The Hueston Family Foundation, a registered Canadian charity focusing on animal welfare and environmental issues, is pleased to support London Public Library’s Environmentalist in Residence initiative and environmental events at the Library in April.

Small Steps to Sustainability Workshops
Gabor Sass will present a series of very practical workshops on taking small steps toward living sustainably, see page 26 for details.

Gabor, with his son Toby and mother Ilona, on the family’s Yuba cargo bike after picking up his mom at the Greyhound station downtown, with the trailer attached to carry the luggage. Gabor and his family have always lived without a car. They cycle during good weather and take public transit or walk in the winter, but do rent a car for trips out of town.
LOVE YOUR GREATS!
The Search for Social & Environmental Optimism
April 30 | 7–8:30 pm
Wolf Performance Hall | Central Library
Jennifer Pate, Geographer, Environmentalist, Entrepreneur
Jennifer Pate has an incredible and contagious passion for our Great Lakes! Join her as she shares the story of how a group of people was moved by a passion for their local waterways to instigate meaningful change for a healthier future. What motivates us to actively care for our environment? She believes it’s our experiences, feeling a sense of connection, and love that move us to action. If we don’t care about something, we are less likely to act to protect it. This event is generously supported by the Hueston Family Foundation.

Jennifer Pate has presented internationally on environmental and social issues with the aim of instilling hope and empowering audiences to make changes for a healthier future. Through her initiative, Love Your Greats, Jennifer promotes protecting the environmental health of our Great Lakes.

Visit Our Pop Up Library!
Borrow books, DVDs and new digital resources on green topics. Enjoy a fun family activity. Sign up for a library card, including fine-free children’s cards.

Tom Cull
Read his poem After Rivers on page 43
Tom’s poem is inspired by his work with Antler River Rally, a grassroots environmental group he started with his partner, Miriam Love, that organizes monthly cleanups of garbage on Deshkan Ziibi (translated as Antler River), the Anishnaabemowin name for our river.

Tom Cull is a poet, activist, professor, and community organizer. He was the Poet Laureate for the City of London from 2016-2018.
The Library’s Telefact department opened on May 30, 1994 as a way to manage the increasing number of information requests we were receiving by telephone. A department with multiple phone lines and staff answering basic reference questions and information on library services and programs provided the public with more efficient service and allowed librarians to focus on reference questions and research assistance with visitors in the Library. In the first five months of operation, Telefact staff took 10,000 calls.

The Original Search Engines

Before the internet, libraries were the go-to place for information you might now search for on Google. If you needed a phone number from another city or province, for example, the Library carried telephone directories from across the country. The Telefact department was set up with its own set of print resources – specialized directories, encyclopedias, dictionaries, maps and newspapers – to give staff quick access to reference information.

Interesting fact: before you could go online to find the news of the day, library staff would create files of newspaper clippings, pamphlets and other print material on current events to use as a reference resource. Telefact was soon maintaining its own files of information on news items like the Oscar award winners, sports game scores, election results, big news stories and local happenings, in anticipation of calls they were sure to receive from the public.

Before Google Maps

Yes, there was a time when print maps were used to figure out travel routes and Telefact staff could be called upon to provide directions for someone setting out on a trip.

Support for the Digital Transition

As the world of information and reading moved online, our Telefact department became the frontline for providing assistance to Library users learning to borrow eBooks, a process that involved multiple steps before the era of smart mobile devices. The learning curve was often steep as digital resources became increasingly popular, but it was Telefact staff who were just a phone call away. They deserve recognition for the friendly technical support they provided to our Library community during that transition into the digital age, a service they continue to provide today.

Telefact Today

We currently respond to more than 3,000 calls per month and Telefact staff assist our community in many ways: providing support with using Library resources and collections, booking study rooms, looking up information on programs and services, and much more. Bookings for the 189 bags in our popular Book Club in a Bag collection are coordinated in our Telefact department and there are still many requests to look up phone numbers, postal codes and business listings from those who don’t have the internet at home. We also know that the voice on our phone line may be one of the few connections in the life of someone who is socially isolated, like the regular caller who asks to have her horoscope read daily.
Baby's Book Bag

We want to make it easy for you to talk, read and sing with your baby. It really makes a difference in your child’s learning and development. And it’s fun! New and expecting parents can pick up a FREE Baby’s Book Bag at any London Public Library location or EarlyON Family Centre.

Inside you’ll find:

• 2 Baby Board Books
• Booklet of Songs & Rhymes
• SoundCloud Song List
• Information on free & low-cost resources in the community
• Information on Child Development
• And more great information to support you as a parent!

Baby’s Book Bag is a community initiative of London’s Child & Youth Network Literacy Team, a partnership of 25 organizations (including London Public Library), that supports making literacy a way of life. The Library plays a key role in developing recommendations for community literacy resources and distributing the bags.

Babies Belong at the Library

Babies belong at the Library right from birth! Books for Babies storytimes, held at most of our locations all year round, are for babies with a parent or caregiver. Have fun learning rhymes and songs to share with your baby and get suggestions for baby books to borrow and read at home. There’s also time to meet other new parents and let babies play at these fun, baby-centred meetups.

We’ve got Board Books!

Reading baby books and sharing nursery rhymes are fun and easy ways to be verbal with your child. We have a huge selection of baby board books to borrow at the Library. Ask our staff for suggestions on books you’ll love reading to your baby.
There's a reason we sing, talk and rhyme to our babies. Babies respond to the sound of our voices and show interest when we talk to them. Before they understand what we're saying, they are listening and learning. Soon they start to coo and gurgle back, trying to sound like us and join the conversation. Language starts with parents repeating the names of everyday objects and activities, singing simple rhymes and reading baby books.

Talking to babies in a warm, happy voice and interacting with them helps to develop their brains in positive ways and leads to earlier speech. That in turn is associated with better reading, writing and social skills later in childhood, leading to more success in school and in life. What's amazing is that this is one of the best ways to support our babies and it doesn't cost anything!

Make talking to your baby a two-way conversation. Imitate your baby's sounds back to her or him and wait for a response. Regular interactions give babies (and older kids) what they want most from their parents: to spend time together. Making time to talk lets your child know you care about their ideas and feelings, building their confidence and inspiring them to explore and discover.

Less Screen Time

In today's world of smartphones and constant connectivity, it's too easy to check just one more text, tweet or email and to always have your device at hand. But it's becoming clear that it's best for families to spend tech-free time together and set limits on screen time for both kids and parents.

The latest research recommends no screen time for children under three because of the tremendous amount of development a baby's brain undergoes to learn language and make sense of their physical and social world. Babies need to see the faces and hear the voices of those they love most. They need to touch, shake and toss things, and move around and explore their environment. Screen time can't provide those essentials for a baby's healthy development.

Face-to-Face Time

Research is confirming the value of face-to-face communication between parent and child, beginning from infancy. Non-verbal signals like eye contact and facial expressions are a big part of communication and babies learn this through interaction. Giving your child undivided attention and time to talk will not only create a physical and emotional bond to last a lifetime, but also models social behaviour they will use as they go out into the world.

“Talking is one of the best ways to support a baby’s development and it doesn't cost anything!”
If you're of a certain age, many of your family’s memorable moments will have been captured on older technologies like VHS tapes or projector slides that may no longer be easy to view. Good news! You can digitize your personal content in our Memory Lab, ensuring your family can look back at their history well into the future.

We have scanners and equipment to convert a number of formats and even have a handheld scanner for bulkier items like scrapbooks and memorabilia. The Memory Lab is located in the Ivey Family London Room on the third floor of Central Library. Our staff can show you how to get started.

Easy to Use!
It’s just a few simple steps and clicks to scan photos, slides or documents, or to start copying tapes. Preserve your family history and make it available to future generations. It’s not complicated to use any of the equipment in the Memory Lab. Ask our staff how to get started!

Save It!
Bring a large capacity USB drive or set up a cloud storage account to save your digitized content.

IN THE MEMORY LAB
DIGITIZE THESE FORMATS

VHS Video
WHS-C Camcorder Video
Projector Slides
Audio Cassettes
Photos
Film Negatives
Documents

The Memory Lab is generously supported by The Richard & Beryl Ivey Fund, within the London Community Foundation.
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Programs are free unless a fee is listed.

- No registration is required unless noted.
- Register for programs in person, by phone or online unless noted.
- We’re adding more programs all the time!
- At times, programs may be re-scheduled or cancelled.

Visit www.lpl.ca/programs or call 519-661-4600 to find out what’s new and to confirm the most up-to-date program schedule.

www.lpl.ca/programs

**Accessibility**

- Accommodations for our programs and services are available. Two weeks notice helps us to confirm your request.
- Service dogs are welcome in the Library and at programs.
- No program fee charge for anyone accompanying a person who requires assistance.

Visit www.lpl.ca/programs or call 519-661-4600 to find out what's new and to confirm the most up-to-date program schedule.
**Dundas Place Construction**

Phase 2 of the City of London’s Dundas Place construction project will begin in March. Construction will take place along Dundas Street from Richmond Street to Wellington Street and will include the Central Library block. Pedestrian access into Central Library from Dundas Street should remain available at all times. You can also access Central Library through Citi Plaza, using their King St. entrances.

For daily construction and road information: www.dundasplace.ca  For specific questions about Central Library and Wolf Performance Hall, call us at 519-661-4600.

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Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the London Public Library, we added more than 20 new titles to our Book Club in a Bag collection, including *French Exit*, *Manhattan Beach* and *Seven Fallen Feathers*, providing book clubs with even more popular and topical titles to share and discuss. Book Club in a Bag sets come with up to 10 softcover copies of each title, including audiobook and large print versions where available, and a discussion guide for your group. Browse and reserve a book club bag online.

[www.lpl.ca/bookclubinabag](http://www.lpl.ca/bookclubinabag)
Escape from your busy day with a visit to the Rotary Reading Garden at Central Library. The Garden is open when Central Library is open and closes at dusk, or one hour before the Library closes. Enter through the Reading Lounge on the main floor.

Rotary Reading Garden Season Opening Celebration
April 1 | 4–6 pm | Central Library
We’ll open the Garden for the season with a Poetree Walk and a chance to meet our Environmentalist in Residence, Gabor Sass. Hands-on activities for all ages.
Visit the garden anytime in April during library hours to walk among our poems.
# Book for Babies

(From birth with a caregiver)

Learn and enjoy rhymes, stories and songs with your baby! 30 min. program followed by informal socializing for babies and caregivers.

Please help us keep our storytimes and all programs fragrance free.

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**Storytime**  
(1 year+ with a caregiver)  
Come share stories, songs, rhymes and more! Children will learn sounds, letters and new words while developing a lifelong love of learning. Stay afterwards to play and meet other families. Children should be accompanied by a caregiver.  
Please help us keep our storytimes and all programs fragrance free.

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Early Literacy

Sensory Storytime
2+ years with caregiver
An adaptive storytime ideal for children with sensory processing sensitivity or on the autism spectrum.
• CHERRYHILL
Saturdays, Mar. 9, 30, Apr. 6, 20, May 4, 18 2:15–3:15 pm

Mother Goose Storytime
Join Mother Goose for stories and songs in a fun-filled hour together.
• LAMBETH
Saturdays, Mar. 30–Apr. 13, 10–11 am

STEAM: Invitation to Play & Learn
2–3 years
You and your child explore activities together through the themes of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.
• JALNA
Tuesdays, Apr. 2–30, 2:30–3:30 pm
Registration begins Mar. 19.

Preschool Art!
2–6 years
Paint, glue, play and create! A fun art program for kids and caregivers. Dress for a mess!
• POND MILLS
Wednesdays, Apr. 3–24, 2–3 pm

Toddler Art
2–3 years
Paint, glue, play, and create! A fun art program for kids and caregivers. Dress for a mess!
• CROUCH
Wednesdays, Apr. 10–May 1, 9:30–10:15 am
Registration begins Apr. 3.

Bedtime Storytime
All ages with caregiver
Put on your pyjamas, bring your favourite stuffed toy and join us for bedtime stories.
• BYRON
Wednesday, Apr. 10, 6:30–7:30 pm

Story & Gym
1+ years
Share stories, songs and rhymes with your child in the library, then experience active play in the YMCA gym. In partnership with the Stoney Creek YMCA.
• STONEY CREEK
Fridays, Apr. 26–May 31, 10–11 am

Tune Time
All ages with caregiver
Develop early literacy skills through rhyme, rhythm and repetition – the language of music.
• CENTRAL
Tuesdays, 10:30–11 am

Water Babies: Story & Song
Birth–12 months
Share stories, songs and rhymes with your child in the pool! Parents must accompany their babies in the pool, with a maximum of one parent with one baby. In partnership with the Stoney Creek YMCA.
• STONEY CREEK
Tuesdays, Mar. 19–Apr. 23, 2:30–3 pm
Registration begins Mar. 5.

Toddler Dance Party!
Come shake your sillies out at our fun, interactive dance party!
• BYRON
Saturday, Apr. 6, 10:30–11:30 am
Community Playgroups

Beginning with Baby
Birth to 12 months with caregiver
Learn, play and grow together. In partnership with Childreach.
• BEACOCK
    Thursdays, 1:30–3 pm
• CHERRYHILL
    Tuesdays, 10–11:30 am

Beginning with Toddler
1–2½ with caregiver
Learn, play and grow together. Includes parent-child circle time and discussion on toddler development. In partnership with the EarlyON Child & Family Centres.
• BEACOCK
    Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am

EarlyON Playgroups
Birth–6 years with caregiver
Play games, sing songs, hear stories, enjoy crafts and more. In partnership with EarlyON.
• BEACOCK
    Tuesdays, 9:30–11:30 am
    In partnership with LUSO.
• POND MILLS
    Tuesdays, 9:30–11:30 am
    In partnership with Childreach.
• CROUCH
    Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30 am and 1:15–3 pm
    Thursdays, 9:30–11:30 pm
    In partnership with Crouch Neighbourhood Resource Centre.
    No sessions Mar. 12–14.
• CENTRAL
    Thursdays, 9:30–11:30 am
    In partnership with Childreach.
• CARSON
    Fridays, 9:30–11:30 am
    In partnership with Childreach.
• CHERRYHILL
    Fridays, 9:30–11:30 am
    In partnership with Childreach.
The Almost Epic Squad
Kevin Sylvester and Ted Staunton (Family)

Kick off your March Break with a Wolf Hall epic event by award-winning authors Kevin Sylvester and Ted Staunton. There will be magic, drawing, and banjo playing in this hilarious presentation based on *The Almost Epic Squad* book series about kids with unusual superpowers! Following the show, families can enjoy engaging activities, book sale and signing. Seating is limited.
CENTRAL | Saturday, Mar. 9, 11 am

A celebration of comic books and comic book art! Cartooning workshops, crafts & activities, button making, comic creations, free comic giveaways, a fun photo booth and more! Come in costume.
In partnership with Heroes Cards & Comics.
• CENTRAL
Wednesday, Mar. 13, 1–4 pm

**BREAK AT**
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**GAMES TO GO!**
Take the fun home! We’ve got great board games you can borrow. Search "Games to Go" in the catalogue.
Discover new projects and activities each day during March Break in our interactive space on the first floor. Try your hand at photography, 3D printing, robotics and more with a different activity each day! All ages are welcome to participate.

• CENTRAL | Tuesday, Mar. 12 – Friday, Mar. 15, 3:30 – 5:30 pm

OUT FUN OUR ARY!
MARCH 9-17

READY, SET, SPRING!
Drop in to our children’s areas anytime during March Break for interactive family activities. Make a 3D unicorn, create a super structure and go on a scavenger hunt.

• CENTRAL | Tuesday, Mar. 12 – Friday, Mar. 15, 3:30 – 5:30 pm

MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS
Check out our March Break flyer or website for a complete list of the registered and drop in programs at your location.
WWW.LPL.CA

REGISTRATION STARTS MARCH 2
Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day
Join us for a traditional Irish Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) with live music featuring Celtic Knot and friends, children’s crafts and refreshments. Prepare to tap your toes and kick up your heels
• BYRON
Saturday, Mar. 16, 2:30–4 pm

May the Fourth Be With You: Star Wars Day Party
Join us for fun games and activities to celebrate this special day!
• POND MILLS
Saturday, May 4, 2–4 pm
• JALNA
Saturday, May 4, 2:30–3:30 pm

PA Day – April 5
Let’s Play Minecraft
7+ years
Play Minecraft together and meet some new friends! Register to use one of our computers or drop in and bring your device!
• LANDON
Friday, Apr. 5, 2:30–4 pm
Registration begins Mar. 29.

Scavenger Quest!
5–12 years
Search our branch like skilled PIs to complete our quest and win a prize!
• CROUCH
Friday, Apr. 5, Library hours

Make Buttons
Family
Create unique pin-back buttons.
• CROUCH
Friday, Apr. 5, 2:30–3:30 pm
• SHERWOOD
Friday, Apr. 5, 2–4 pm

Don’t Be Bored Games
Family
Roll the dice, toss a beanbag – join us for all kinds of games!
• MASONVILLE
Friday, Apr. 5, 2–4 pm

Make & Play
Be inspired! Create, make and play a variety of activities!
• STONEY CREEK
Friday, Apr. 5, 2–4 pm

PA Day Movie
Watch a recent or classic movie on our big screen! Call the branch to ask what’s playing.
• EAST LONDON
Friday, Apr. 5, 2:30–4 pm
• JALNA
Friday, Apr. 5, 2:30 pm

For tickets & info: www.junoawards.ca
Create, Make, Build

Art Studio
What will you create? The Studio is open for self-directed creation with materials and tools available for all. Children 10 years and under require adult supervision. Dress to get messy!
• CENTRAL
  Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am
  Saturdays, 2:30–4 pm

Discovery Mornings in The Studio
1–6 years with caregiver
The Studio is open every week with hands-on, self-directed discovery, sensory and fun centres. For young children with a caregiver. Dress to get messy!
• LONDON
  Fridays, 9:30–1 pm

Invitation to Create
Family – all ages
Express yourself using different art mediums. Parents/caregivers are welcome to join their children to create, make and play together.
• MASONVILLE
  Saturdays, 2–3:30 pm

Lego Creation Station
Family
• CHERRYHILL
  Last Saturday of month, 2:30–4 pm

STEAM Saturdays
Open for self-directed creation and exploration with materials and tools. Families can learn and create together. Children 11 years and under require adult supervision. Program generously supported by the London Central Lions Club.
• BOSTWICK
  3rd Saturday of month, 2–4 pm

Paper Art Club
5+ years
Learn origami with the Paper Art Club from Western University.
• CENTRAL
  Saturdays, Mar. 9 & 23, 1–3 pm

DIY Club
10+ years
We supply the materials. You bring your DIY creativity! We’ll talk about books & life, and share a snack. Dress for a mess.
• MASONVILLE
  Wednesday, Mar. 20, 6:30–8 pm
  Registration begins Feb. 20.
  Wednesday, Apr. 17, 6:30–8 pm
  Registration begins Mar. 20.
  Wednesday, May 29, 6:30–8 pm
  Registration begins Apr. 17.

Kids in the Garden: Grow Your Own Salad
7+ years
Learn how to care for plants and take your completed project home. Program generously supported by the Lambeth Optimist Club.
• LAMBETH
  Saturday, Mar. 30, 2–3:30 pm
  Registration begins Mar. 16.

Origami Fun!
Family
Drop in fun origami projects!
• BYRON
  Friday, Apr. 5, 2:30–4 pm

Drop-In Crafts
Family
Drop by to create with us!
• BYRON
  Saturday, Apr. 20, 2:30–4 pm
  Saturday, May 11, 10 am–12 pm

Kids in the Garden: Grow Your Own Succulents
Learn how to care for plants and take your completed project home. Program generously supported by the Lambeth Optimist Club.
• LAMBETH
  Saturday, Apr. 27, 2–3:30 pm
  Registration begins Apr. 13.

STEAM: Invitation to Play & Learn
Family
Explore activities together through the themes of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.
• BYRON
  Saturday, May 4, 2:30–4 pm

For a Mother Like No Other!
5–12 years
Mother’s Day is almost here! Create a gift for someone dear.
• CROUCH
  Saturday, May 11, 2:30–3:30 pm

Ramadan Celebration
Celebrate Ramadan with your family and friends. Everyone welcome.
• JALNA
  Saturday, May 11, 2:30–3:30 pm

Sock Puppet Making
9+ years
Create a puppet using a sock and imagination. Practice your puppeteering skills, adding voice and movement to bring your character to life! Supplies provided but if you have special buttons or felt you want to use, bring them.
• CHERRYHILL
  Saturday, May 11, 2:30–3:30 pm
  Registration begins May 4.

No-Sew T-Shirt Tote!
11+ years
Bring an old t-shirt and transform it into a versatile, re-usable tote! Participants need to bring at least one t-shirt to the program.
• CHERRYHILL
  Saturday, May 18, 2–4 pm
  Registration begins May 4.
Games

Chess in the Library
7+ years
Players of all strengths are welcome to play chess with volunteers from the London Chapter of Chess in the Library.
• MASONVILLE
  Fridays, 4–5:30 pm
  No session Apr. 19.

Chess Club
5–9 years
Learn the game and play against other kids. Chess tournaments will be held every other week. In the event that the instructor is unable to attend, boards & pieces will be available for play. Children 7 years and under must have a caregiver present inside the Children’s Library at all times.
• CENTRAL
  Saturdays, 1–2:30 pm

Homework

My Math
8–12 years
An after-school, drop in program. Tutors guide kids through fun and interactive math games and activities. In partnership with Frontier College.
• BEACOCK
  Tuesdays, 3:45–5:45 pm
• SHERWOOD
  Wednesdays, 3:45–5:45 pm

Northwest London Homework Club
Students can get help with their homework in all subjects, in English or French. Spaces limited. In partnership with the Northwest London Resource Centre.
• SHERWOOD
  Thursdays, 4–6 pm

Life Skills

DocsKids
Family
DocsKids, a community outreach dental health program run by local dental students, provides oral health education with demonstrations and hands-on activities for children and youth under 18 years. Kids, you may bring your teddy bear or stuffie for a checkup!
• CENTRAL
  Saturday, Mar. 23, 1–2:30 pm

I’m Home
10–12 years
Support for parents in preparing children to move successfully from supervised care to safe, home-based self care. In partnership with London Children’s Connection.
Fee: $35 per child, non-refundable, due at time of registration. Financial assistance may be available, please inquire.
Parent attendance is required from 1:30–2 pm. Send a bag lunch for 30 minute lunch break.
Registration for all sessions is now open.
• JALNA
  Saturday, Apr. 6, 9:30–2 pm
• EAST LONDON
  Saturday, Apr. 13, 9:30 am–2 pm
• CHERRYHILL
  Saturday, Apr. 20, 9:30 am–2 pm
• MASONVILLE
  Saturday, Mar. 23, 9:30–2 pm
• SHERWOOD
  Saturday, May 4, 9:30 am–2 pm
• POND MILLS
  Saturday, May 11, 9:30 am–2 pm

Movies

Saturday Cinema
Family
Comedy, action and adventure! We have it all! Bring your friends and family for tasty treats and enjoy a feature film on our BIG screen!
• CROUCH
  1st Saturday of month, 2:30–4 pm
Readers & Writers

Beyond The Book
10–13 years
We will introduce fun, exciting novels featuring various story lines and diverse characters to encourage a love of reading in all kids, from all around the world. Reading, crafts, and lots of fun!
- CENTRAL
  1st Saturday of month, 2–4 pm
  Register ahead.
  Mar. 2: Aru Shah and The End of Time by Roshani Chokshi
  Apr. 2: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things by Lenore Look
  May 4: Secret Coders: Monsters and Modules by Gene Luen Yang
- LONDON
  Wednesdays, Mar. 27, Apr. 24, 4–5 pm

Dog Tales: One on One
7–13 years
A great way for shy or reluctant readers to practice reading skills and build confidence. Register for a 15 minute one-on-one session to read to a St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog in the library. Therapy Dogs have been assessed to read with children.
- SHERWOOD
  2nd & 4th Saturday of month
  11:30 am–12:30 pm

Beyond The Book
7–12 years
Discover your inner coder with this crash course in programming facilitated by Discovery Western.
- LONDON
  Tuesday, May 7, 4–5:30 pm
  Registration begins Apr. 23.

Extreme Roller Coasters
7–12 years
Design, build and test model roller coasters while applying laws of physics and principles of design in this workshop facilitated by Discovery Western.
- LONDON
  Tuesday, May 21, 4–5:30 pm
  Registration begins May 7.
- POND MILLS
  Wednesday, May 22, 4–5:30 pm
  Registration begins May 1.
- SHERWOOD
  Tuesday, May 28, 4:30–6 pm
  Registration begins May 14.

Whirling Windmills
7–12 years
What is renewable and non-renewable energy? How can wind create energy? In teams, explore the conservation of energy and resources by designing and building a windmill that can withstand high winds and use the force of the wind to lift an object. It will blow you away. This workshop will be facilitated by Discovery Western.
- LONDON
  Tuesday, May 28, 4–5:30 pm
  Registration begins May 14.

Super Structures
7–12 years
Welcome to Civil Engineering 101! In this workshop facilitated by Discovery Western, learn about basic civil engineering principles by designing and building bridges to withstand an applied load. You will even build a life-size truss bridge that you can actually cross.
- POND MILLS
  Wednesday, May 29, 4–5:30 pm
  Registration begins May 1.

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$155 per child. For information and to register:
http://investinginchildren.on.ca/book-camp-london/

Offered in partnership with Investing in Children
**Dungeons & Dragons Mini Campaign**
12–18 years
Do you want to be the hero of a quest? Come out to play Dungeons & Dragons, the classic role playing, fantasy game. This is a beginner’s mini campaign.
- **LANDON**
  - Wednesdays, Mar. 6, Apr. 10, 4–5 pm

**Special Investigations Unit (SIU)**
15+ years
When the police interact with civilians and someone is seriously injured or dies, the Special Investigations Unit starts a criminal investigation. Learn about the SIU and career possibilities in the justice system. In partnership with Ontario’s Special Investigations Unit.
- **CENTRAL**
  - March 9, 2:30–4pm

**Emerging Artists**
12–18 years
A series of fun, engaging visual art workshops designed to spark imaginations! Work with different materials and techniques. Experiment with the use of symbolism in art. Participating artists will be able to exhibit their art work in a group.
- **LANDON**
  - Saturdays, Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18, 10:30–12:30 pm
  - Registration begins Mar. 2.

**The Labs Presents: Upcycled T-Shirt Bags**
13+ years
Love that t-shirt but never wear it? Repurpose it into a produce bag – the ultimate in upcycling! Drop in to The Labs to learn machine-sewing and no-sew options. Don’t forget to bring a t-shirt!
- **CENTRAL**
  - Friday, April 5, 3:30 – 5:30 pm
  - Saturday, April 20, 2:30 – 4:30 pm

**Youth Coffee House**
Bust a move, sing a song or slam a poem about who you are and where you’re going! Or just sit back and enjoy the show. Great food and prizes. Even better people!
- **BEACOCK**
  - Last Wednesday of month, 6:30–8:30 pm
- **SHERWOOD**
  - 3rd Tuesday of month, 5–7 pm

**Rubik’s Cube Unplugged Club**
9–15 years
Discover your inner Rubik’s cube skills. Local teens will get you started and share some secrets that you can try hands-on! Bring your own cube if you have one.
- **MASONVILLE**
  - Saturdays, 2–3 pm

**Financial Literacy**
Grades 9–12
Learn how to be a savvy saver and spender. This workshop aims to increase students’ awareness of the importance of financial literacy. In partnership with the YMCA’s Youth Gambling Awareness Program.
- **CENTRAL**
  - Friday, Apr. 5, 2:30–3:30 pm
  - Registration begins Apr. 5 at 9 am.

**Banned Books Club**
11–17 years
Read banned books. Watch the movie. Discuss.
- **BEACOCK**
  - Last Tuesday of month, 6:30–8 pm

**Tween: Rock Painting**
10+ years
Use your imagination to create designs on river rocks! To decorate your room or garden, or give as a gift! Supplies provided.
- **BYRON**
  - Wednesday, May 8, 6:30–8 pm
  - Registration begins Apr. 24.

**Celebrating YOUTH!**
We are celebrating National Youth Week, May 1-7, 2019. Drop in to your local library to see what we have to offer for YOUTH!

**Youth Giving Back: Volunteer Fair**
13–18 years
Do you need your volunteer hours for school? Meet representatives from 13 organizations in London looking for youth volunteers. Positions include after school programs, helping with homework, tree planting and more. Volunteering helps you build job skills, gain work experience and find references for your resume. You can meet new people and gain self-confidence while making a difference in the lives of others.
- **CENTRAL**
  - Thursday, May 2, 3–4:30 pm

**Tween: Book Page Art**
10+ years
Express your passion for art and words by decorating pages using colours and your imagination. Create beautiful art out of old books.
- **BYRON**
  - Wednesday, Apr. 17, 7–8 pm
  - Registration begins Apr. 3.
Youth Giving Back Volunteer Fair (13-18 Years)

Thursday, May 2 | 3–4:30 pm | Central Library

Come to one place to learn about many volunteer openings for youth. Meet representatives from different organizations in London. Ask questions and find the right position for you!

Who will be there:
- Boys & Girls Club of London
- Home County Music & Art Festival
- London Children’s Museum
- London Public Library
- LUSO Community Services
- Museum of Ontario Archaeology
- Pillar Nonprofit Network
- ReForest London
- United Way
- YMCA

ReForest London will be at the Volunteer Fair looking for Tree Planters and Tree Aftercare Assistants.

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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

**EAST LONDON**
1st Wednesday of month, 7–8 pm
Mar. 6: *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman
Apr. 3: *The Underground Girls of Kabul* by Jenny Nordberg
May 1: *Bettyville* by George Hodgman

**CARSON**
2nd Thursday of month, 7–8:30 pm
Mar. 9: *The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline
Apr. 11: *Funny Girl* by Nick Hornsby
May 9: *All My Puny Sorrows* by Miriam Toews

**LANDON**
2nd Tuesday of month, 7–8:30 pm
Mar. 12: *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
Apr. 10: TBD

**EAST LONDON**
2nd Wednesday of month, 10–11 am
Mar. 13: *Sweetness In the Belly* by Camilla Gibb
Apr. 10: *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz
May 8: *Do Not Say We Have Nothing* by Madeline Miller

**LAMBETH**
2nd Thursday of month, 7–8 pm
Mar. 14: *The Nest* by Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney
Apr. 11: *The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline
May 9: *The Widow* by Fiona Barton

**CHERRYHILL**
2nd Thursday of month, 7–8:30 pm
Call Branch for titles.

**MASONVILLE**
3rd Wednesday of month, 7–8:30 pm
Mar. 19: *Nutshell* by Ian McEwan
Apr. 16: *Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand* by Helen Simonson
May 8: *Van Gogh’s Ear* by Bernadette Murphy

**JALNA**
3rd Wednesday of month, 7–8 pm
Mar. 20: *Hillbilly Elegy* by JD Vance
Apr. 17: *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan
May 15: *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson

**STONEY CREEK**
3rd Wednesday of month, 7:30–8:30 pm
Mar. 20: *Sweetland* by Michael Crummey
Apr. 17: *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue
May 15: *Jaguar’s Children* by John Vaillant

**LAMBETH**
3rd Thursday of month, 7–8 pm
Mar. 21: *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff
Apr. 18: *The Imperfectionists* by Tom Rachman
May 16: TBD

**BOSTWICK**
3rd Thursday of month, 7–8 pm
Mar. 21: *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff
Apr. 18: *The Imperfectionists* by Tom Rachman
May 16: TBD

**CENTRAL**
3rd Wednesday of month, 7–8:30 pm

**Mystery Book Club**
Join us to discuss mystery novels.

**BEACOCK**
2nd Wednesday of month, 7–8:45 pm

**CROUCH**
1st Thursday of month, 7–8:30 pm

**Science Fiction London Book Club**
Discuss books and films with other sci-fi enthusiasts.

**CENTRAL**
1st Saturday of month, 1:30–4:30 pm

**The Gay Guys’ Book Club**
Join us to discuss a diverse range of books.

**CENTRAL**
Mondays, Mar. 11, Apr. 29, 7–8:30 pm

London Environmental Book Club
Let’s start a conversation and have a lively discussion about the state of the climate. Bring your ideas and your creativity.

**CENTRAL**
3rd Wednesday of month, 7–8:30 pm

Mystery Book Club
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An Evening with Nino Ricci

Tuesday, March 26
7–9 pm
Wolf Performance Hall
Central Library

Reading & Writing

WRITING

Grit Uplifted Creative Writing Group
An open forum and support for people who are homeless, at risk of being homeless or have experienced homelessness. Learn creative expression and skill development. Offered in partnership with London InterCommunity Health Centre.

- CENTRAL
Saturdays, 2–4 pm, until Apr. 20

Poetry London Workshop
Poetry London Workshops are open to anyone who enjoys discussing poetry. Participants take a closer look at the work of the evening’s featured poets and share their own poetry in a mutually supportive atmosphere.

- LONDON
Wednesdays, Mar. 20 & Apr. 17, 6:30–7:30 pm

READINGS

One Book One London Presents: An Evening with Cherie Dimaline

- CENTRAL
Monday, March 4, 7–8:30 pm

An Evening with Nino Ricci
Join Nino Ricci, Western University’s inaugural Alice Munro Chair in Creativity, for an evening of conversation, readings and reflections on creativity in today’s society. Book sale and signing to follow.

- CENTRAL
Tuesday, March 26, 7–9 pm

April is National Poetry Month!

Poetry London Readings

- LONDON
Wednesdays, 7:30–8:45 pm
Mar. 20: Arleen Pare & Sachiko Murakami
Apr. 17: Canisia Lubrin & Jack Davi

Gathering Voices
London poet Penn Kemp will read with 3 poets from across Canada: Katerina Fretwell, Susan McCaslin, and Susan McMaster, in celebration of National Poetry Month.

- CENTRAL
Thursday, Apr. 11, 7–8:30 pm
Nature & Environment

Small Steps to Sustainability Workshops
Gabor Sass, our Environmentalist in Residence, explores ways you and your family can make small steps to living sustainably. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm
- BYRON – Apr. 2: Conserving Water in the Home & Garden
- STONEY CREEK – Apr. 9: Pathways to Eliminating Waste in Our Daily Lives
- LANDON – Apr. 16: Growing Your Own Vegetables, Fruits & Nuts
- POND MILLS – Apr. 23: Creating a Habitat for Pollinators
- CENTRAL – May 7: Active Transportation

Poetree Walk in the Garden
Celebrate spring in Central Library’s Reading Garden by following the words and rhythms of a poem with your feet. Meet our Environmentalist in Residence Gabor Sass who will share what you can do to live more sustainably. Hands-on activities for all ages.
- CENTRAL
  Monday, Apr. 1, 4–6 pm

Save Our Great Lakes
Celebrate the Great Lakes! Visit your library to learn about water conservation and how to save our Great Lakes from pollution with upcycled crafts and interactive activities.
- BYRON, CARSON, CENTRAL, CHERRYHILL, JALNA, LANDON, MASONVILLE, POND MILLS, STONEY CREEK
  Apr. 23–27, Library hours

Love Your Greats: The Search for Social & Environmental Optimism
Jennifer Pate is a geographer, entrepreneur and storyteller. Through her research and expeditions on global waterways, Jen will share her vision for making water sources around the world sustainable and accessible. Followed by a Q&A.
- CENTRAL
  Tuesday, Apr. 30, 7–8:30 pm
Nature & Environment

Gardening in the City
A series of gardening programs in partnership with London-Middlesex Master Gardeners.
• CENTRAL
  Tuesdays, 7–9 pm
Mar. 5: Climate-Smart Gardening
Mar. 12: Balcony, Container & Small Space Gardens
Mar. 25: Rain Gardens

SCUBA Diving: Touching History & Affecting Environmental Stewardship
SCUBA diving creates opportunities to touch history and experience nature up close and in person. Learn about SCUBA Diving from Mike Mahon, a certified instructor with London Skin & SCUBA Club.
• BYRON
  Wednesday, Mar. 27, 7–8 pm

Kevin Callan: Paddling Ontario’s Thames River
Kevin shares his experience of journeying along Canada’s southernmost river.
• CENTRAL
  Tuesday, Apr. 9, 7–8:30 pm

Native Spring Wildflowers: Delicate Beauty in Local Woodlands
An illustrated presentation about native wildflowers and the best places to see them. By local naturalist, Winifred Wake. In partnership with Nature London.
• LANDON
  Tuesday, Apr. 23, 7–8 pm

Biodiversity Gardening
An illustrated talk by Nina Zitani to explain why native plants are an essential element to increasing native biodiversity. In partnership with Western University Faculty of Science.
• CENTRAL
  Thursday, May 2, 7–9 pm

Spring Plant Exchanges
Calling all gardeners! Bring in your extra cuttings, bulbs and plants to exchange with other gardeners. Please label plants.
Saturdays, May 11–25
• CENTRAL
  May 11, 10 am–12 pm
• EAST LONDON
  May 11, 2–4 pm
• STONEY CREEK
  May 11, 2–4 pm
• MASONVILLE
  May 18, 10 am–12 pm
• BYRON
  May 18, 2–4 pm
• SHERWOOD
  May 25, 9:30–11 am
• JALNA
  May 25, 10 am–12 pm
• LONDON
  May 25, 10 am–12 pm
• POND MILLS
  May 25, 10 am–12 pm
• CHERRYHILL
  May 25, 1:30–3:30 pm
• BEACOCK
  May 25, 2–4 pm
• CROUCH
  May 25, 2–4 pm
Newcomer, Language & Literacy

ESL Reading Group
Practice your English by reading and sharing your ideas with library volunteers. We provide all the reading material! Join anytime.
NO SESSIONS on holiday weekends.
• CHERRYHILL
  Thursdays, 3:30–5 pm
• BOSTWICK
  Saturdays, 10–11:30 am
• CENTRAL
  Saturdays, 10:30 am–12 pm
• MASONVILLE
  Saturdays, 10:30 am–12 pm
• STONEY CREEK
  Saturdays, 11 am–12:30 pm

English Language Skills Improvement
Improve your English language skills through conversation, reading activities and discussion.
For intermediate to advanced English language learners.
• CENTRAL
  Wednesdays, 5–6:30 pm

Spanish Conversation Circle
Improve your Spanish in an informal, supportive group.
• CHERRYHILL
  Wednesdays, 7–8:30 pm
  No session Mar. 13.

Tea & Talk: An Informal Conversation Group for Newcomers
Practice your language skills in a safe and comfortable English-Arabic environment. In partnership with LUSO Community Services. Register by contacting: Maha El-Assadi at maha@lusocentre.org or 519-452-1466.
• BEACOCK
  Fridays, 9:30–11:30 am

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LIBRARY SETTLEMENT PARTNERSHIP

Library Settlement Partnership
Library Settlement Workers speak a variety of languages and help newcomers find services in London. They provide information about language learning, housing, healthcare services, immigration issues, library services and more.
• BEACOCK
  Tuesdays–Thursdays, 9 am–8 pm
  Fridays & Saturdays, 9 am–5 pm
• JALNA
  Tuesdays–Fridays, 9 am–6 pm
  Saturdays, 9 am–5 pm

Discover Canada: Canadian Citizenship Preparation
Families and individuals can receive assistance to prepare for their Canadian Citizenship Test. Participants learn about the areas of the test including: Canadian history, government, rights and responsibilities, geography, economy, elections, etc. Some materials provided.
• JALNA
  Saturdays, 11 am–1 pm
• BEACOCK
  Call 519-451-8140 for class times.

Filling out Forms: Citizenship
Learn how to fill out the citizenship application form.
• BEACOCK
  Saturday, Apr. 6, 2–4 pm
  Registration begins Mar. 23.

English Language Tools for Newcomers
Learn about the tools the library has to help you improve your English.
• BEACOCK
  Wednesday, May 1, 6–8 pm
  Registration begins Apr. 17.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CROSS CULTURAL LEARNER CENTRE

English Conversational Circles for Newcomers to Canada
Celebrate diversity through friendship and cultural exchange. All newcomers are welcome. In partnership with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.
To register call 519-432-1133.
• CENTRAL
  Mondays, 7–8:30 pm
  Fridays, 10:30 am–12 pm
• BOSTWICK
  Tuesdays, 1–2:30 pm
• CHERRYHILL
  Tuesdays, 6:30–8 pm
• MASONVILLE
  Tuesdays, 6:30–8 pm
• BEACOCK
  Wednesdays, 6:30–8 pm
• JALNA
  Wednesdays, 6:30–8 pm
• EAST LONDON
  Thursdays, 6:30–8 pm
• SHERWOOD
  Thursdays, 6:30–8 pm
• STONEY CREEK
  Thursdays, 6:30–8 pm
• POND MILLS
  Saturdays, 2:30–4 pm

Getting to Know Canada Conversation Circle
Helps newcomers to Canada feel more at home by covering topics such as Canada’s history, geography, economy, government structure, human and civil rights, and culture. All are welcome to share and learn.
To register call 519-432-1133.
• STONEY CREEK
  Tuesdays, Feb. 19—Apr. 2, 6:30–8 pm
Newcomer, Language & Literacy

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
LONDON INTERCOMMUNITY
HEALTH CENTRE

Women of the World
Connect and share experiences with other immigrant women. Learn about issues that are important to your health and the health of your family, and get information about services in the city. Childcare is provided. For more information, email dcanales@lihc.on.ca or call 519-660-0875 x322.

• CENTRAL
  Thursdays, Mar. 7 & 21, Apr. 4 & 18,
  May 2 & 16, 6–8 pm
• SHERWOOD
  Saturdays, Mar. 2 & 16, Apr. 6,
  May 4, 10 am–12 pm

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
SOUTH LONDON
NEIGHBOURHOOD
RESOURCE CENTRE

Adult Chit-Chat for Newcomers
An informal setting for adult newcomers to practice everyday English expressions. For more information, or to register, contact Newcomer Settlement Services at the South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre, 519-686-8600 x7580.

• SHERWOOD
  Tuesdays, 1:30–3 pm
• JALNA
  Tuesdays, 6–7:30 pm

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ESL for Seniors
Designed for the older immigrant adult, classes focus on learning and using the type of English necessary for everyday living with an emphasis on Canadian customs and culture.

• CHERRYHILL
  Tuesdays or Thursdays, 9:15–11:45 am

ESL for Adult Newcomers
Classes focus on learning and using the type of English necessary for everyday living with an emphasis on Canadian customs and culture.

• STONEY CREEK
  Tuesdays, 9:15–11:45 am
• MASONVILLE
  Wednesdays, 9:15–11:45 am

Easy Listening and Speaking for ESL Learners
Improve your English without pressure or tests! Learn listening, speaking, pronunciation and grammar without memorizing rules. Suitable for intermediate to advanced ESL learners.

• CENTRAL
  Wednesdays, 6–8:30 pm

IELTS/ TOEFL Preparation
Class is designed for students who must take the TOEFL or IELTS test for admission to college or university, or to become recertified in their professions in Canada.

• SHERWOOD
  Wednesdays, 6–8:30 pm

Citizenship Prep Course
Learn everything you need to be successful on the Canadian Citizenship Test. Reserve your seat online at https:/ /forms.tvdsb.ca/2018-
Citizenship-Test-Preparation-Class, or call the TVDSB Adult ESL office,
519-452-2660 x69715, or email esl@tvdsb.ca. Class will not run without sufficient enrollment.

• CHERRYHILL
  Tuesdays, 6–8:30 pm
• SHERWOOD
  Tuesdays, 6–8:30 pm

English to go
Are you learning English? These English to Go Bags are for you! Each bag, from Beginner to Academic, contains a selection of items designed to support English language learning. Visit any location or call us.
Borrow A Ukulele!
Interested in the ukulele but not sure if you want to buy? Check one out with your library card (subject to availability). Book a study room to practice or take it home. Ukuleles must be returned to Stoney Creek Branch.
• STONEY CREEK
  Library hours

Songwriters Workshop
For songwriters at any level and anyone interested in song writing. Bring your instruments and your tunes for open discussion, group writing exercises, song sharing and peer feedback. In partnership with the Songwriters Association of Canada.
• LANDON
  1st Tuesday of month, 7–8:45 pm

Jazz for the People
A free concert series featuring local and regional jazz musicians. Supported by Friends of the London Public Library.
• CENTRAL
  Wednesdays, Mar. 27, Apr. 24, May 22, 7:15–8:45 pm

London Jazz Orchestra
Enjoy popular selections of big band, swing and jazz music as well as new arrangements under the direction of Ralph de Luca.
• CENTRAL
  Thursday, Apr. 11, 7:30–9 pm

Stratford Festival Lecture Series 2019
Enjoy illuminating talks by expert presenters. Four of the hottest plays of the 2019 season will be discussed. Q&A to follow.
• CENTRAL
  Wednesdays, 7–8:30 pm
  May 1: Othello
  May 8: Henry VIII
  May 15: Mother’s Daughter
  May 22: The Crucible

Mysterium Youth Choir
A concert by the Mysterium Youth Choir directed by Karen Schuessler. The choir will present solos, duets and choir pieces in a variety of styles.
• LANDON
  Saturday, May 4, 2:30–3:30 pm

FILMS

Thursday Movies
A selection of current movies. For titles and content ratings call 519-439-6456.
• CHERRYHILL
  Thursdays, 1:30–4 pm

National Canadian Film Day 2019: Wednesday, April 17
In celebration of Canadian film, come to a screening or borrow a Canadian film for home. For film titles call 519-661-4600. In partnership with REEL Canada.
• STONEY CREEK
  1–3 pm
• LANDON
  2–4 pm
• MASONVILLE
  2:30–4 pm
• EAST LONDON
  6:30–8 pm
• CENTRAL
  7–8:30 pm

Juno Beach: 75 Years On
Ted Barris, award-winning author of Juno: Canadians at D-Day, June 6, 1944, takes us back to those momentous few hours that forever changed the course of our history. Q&A to follow with book sale and signing.
• CENTRAL
  Tuesday, Apr. 23, 7–8:30 pm

Forest City London Music Awards: Music Movie Night
Forest City London Music Awards presents two movie classics about local music: Guy: A Royal Canadian (24 min, 1977) and Stinkin’ Out The Joint (49 min, 2003). James Stewart Reaney presides. Q&A to follow.
• CENTRAL
  Monday, Apr. 29, 7–8:30 pm
The Science Behind SIU Investigations
The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) assigns and dispatches forensic investigators who measure, photograph, collect and analyze evidence. A member of the SIU explains the science behind investigations. See Teen listings for SIU program for youth.
- CENTRAL
  Friday, Mar. 8, 4:30–6 pm

ReThink Poverty
A workshop designed to provide attendees with an opportunity to learn more about the issue of poverty and to focus on solutions for addressing the systemic and structural causes of poverty. Presented by Bridges Out of Poverty Circles, Goodwill Industries.
- CENTRAL
  Saturday, Mar. 9, 2–4 pm
  Register starting Feb. 1.
- BOSTWICK
  Saturday, Mar. 16, 2–4 pm
  Register starting Feb. 2.
- CROUCH
  Saturday, Mar. 23, 2–4 pm
  Register starting Mar. 1.

NeighbourGood London Workshops
Designed to help you connect with your neighbours and build community. Learn from experts and connect with like-minded people. In partnership with the City of London and Urban League of London.
Tuesdays, 6:30–8:45 pm
- CROUCH
  Mar. 19: Engaging with the City
- LANDON
  May 28: Diversity in your Neighbourhood

City Symposium
Be inspired by big thinkers, risk-takers and change-makers shaping our city and our world! Each event in this series features four incredible speakers — an artist, a researcher, a civil servant, and an activist. Please see our website for the list of partners who have made this program possible.
Details: www.citysymposium.com
- MUSEUM LONDON
  Thursday, Mar. 21, 7–8:30 pm
  Topic: Good Health & Well-Being
  Speakers: Yasmine Hussain, Alexander Summers, Melanie Schambach and Lloy Wylie
  - CENTRAL
    Monday, May 6, 7–8:30 pm
    Topic: Sustainable Cities & Communities

Western Presents: Public Interest Talks
Western University presents a lecture series discussing ongoing research from the Faculty of Information and Media Studies. Dr. Grant Campbell presents on Dementia: Learning from Caregivers.
- MASONVILLE
  Thursday, Mar. 21, 7–8:30 pm

Socrates Cafe
An open forum in an informal environment for everyone who enjoys listening, thinking and talking about life’s big questions.
Last Monday of the month, 7–8:30 pm
- CENTRAL
  Mar. 25: How Do We Overcome Depression?
  Apr. 29: Is Religious Fundamentalism Compatible with Western Society?
  May 27: Has Political Correctness Gone Too Far?

Medieval Studies 2019: The Medieval in Modern Culture
Western University’s Medieval Studies program is back with four fascinating talks by faculty members. Q&A to follow.
Tuesdays, 7–8:30 pm
- CENTRAL
  March 26: John Leonard on Game of Thrones
  April 2: Marjorie Ratcliffe on the Camino de Santiago & Martin Sheen’s The Way
  April 9: Jane Toswell on Lord of the Rings
  April 16: Rob Wardhaugh on Dungeons & Dragons

R-Ladies #LdnOnt: Promoting Gender Diversity in the R User Community
A low key get-together for ladies interested in using and learning more about R, a powerful statistical software program. We feature different topics and speakers and time to practice hands-on. Bring your device and come with R and R Studio installed.
- CENTRAL
  Last Thursday of month, 5:30–7:30 pm

Emotions: Facts vs. Fictions
Author Lisa Feldman Barrett discusses a radically new scientific understanding of what emotions are and how they work. In partnership with the Rotman Institute of Philosophy and the Brain and Mind Institute at Western University.
- CENTRAL
  Thursday, Mar. 28, 7–9 pm

How the Special Investigations Unit Operates
Through the exploration of several cases, learn how a Special Investigations Unit (SIU) investigation proceeds, from the notification stage to the final decision.
- CENTRAL
  Monday, Apr. 8, 7–8 pm
Health & Wellness

CMHA: Welcome Centres
Community Wellness Workers are on site to assist with referrals and access to community services for those experiencing life challenges. In partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association Middlesex, London InterCommunity Health Centre and King’s College School of Social Work.

• CENTRAL
  Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:30 am–4:30 pm
• BEACOCK
  Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:30 am–5 pm
  No sessions Apr. 3 & Apr. 5.
• SHERWOOD
  Thursdays, 2–5 pm
• BOSTWICK
  Fridays, 9:30 am–4:30 pm

Noon Meditation
Recharge your batteries in the middle of the day. Improve your immune system, energy levels and emotional stability.
• CENTRAL
  Tuesdays, 12 pm–1 pm

Paws for a Pet
Drop by the second floor of Central Library to spend time with a St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog. Bask in the furry love and boost your spirits.
• CENTRAL
  Wednesdays, 10:30–11:45 am

Laughter Yoga
We are healthier when we laugh. In this class you stand or sit, and clap, stretch and laugh.
• CHERRYHILL
  3rd Thursday of month, 11 am–12 pm

Recovery Canada: Mental Health
Recovery Canada provides weekly peer-led, self-help meetings to overcome fear, anxiety and anger. All are welcome.
• CROUCH
  Fridays, 2–3:30 pm

Learning & Support Group for Adult Survivors of Child Trauma
Adult survivors of child abuse are welcome in this safe space to learn and support each other. Please note these sessions are not therapy.
• CENTRAL
  2nd & 4th Saturday of month, 10 am–12 pm

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, MIDDLESEX

CMHA: Men’s Group
Share and discuss topics such as men’s physical and mental health, finding purpose, relationships and communication, and demystifying machismo.
• CROUCH
  Thursdays, 2–4 pm

CMHA: How Do You Keep the Music Playing?
Music is a powerful force for reflection, and to motivate and to inspire us. This 6 week program looks at ways to incorporate music into everyday life and share music that has been personally meaningful.
• EAST LONDON
  Wednesdays, Mar. 27–May 8, 3–5 pm
  Register by calling 519-432-1607 x424.
• BOSTWICK
  Fridays, Mar. 29–May 17, 2–4 pm
  No session Apr. 19.

CMHA: Clearing Clutter Support Group
For individuals who struggle with the distress of having too much stuff and no space to store it.
• CARSON
  Tuesdays, Apr. 2–May 21, 1:30–3:30 pm
  Register by calling 519-668-0624 x350.

CMHA: Mindfulness Workshop
During this lunch and learn workshop, we discuss the benefits of mindfulness and practice mindfulness meditation.
• CENTRAL
  Wednesday, Apr. 17, 12–1:30 pm

CMHA: Sharing Our Stories for Mental Health Week
Listen to recovery stories and meet individuals with lived experience. Everyone is welcome.
• CENTRAL
  Wednesday, May 8, 12–1:30 pm
Health & Wellness

AED Awareness Workshop
Learn a basic understanding of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). AEDs are portable lifesaving devices, which in combination with CPR, can increase the survival rate for someone who has suffered a sudden heart attack. Presented by the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service.
• **BOSTWICK**
  Tuesday, Mar. 12, 1–2:30 pm
• **POND MILLS**
  Tuesday, Mar. 19, 7–8:30 pm
• **STONEY CREEK**
  Wednesday, Mar. 27, 1–2:30 pm
• **MASONVILLE**
  Friday, Mar. 29, 3–4:30 pm
• **CROUCH**
  Tuesday, Apr. 2, 4–5:30 pm
• **CENTRAL**
  Wednesday, Apr. 3, 7–8:30 pm
• **BYRON**
  Thursday, Apr. 11, 7–8:30 pm
• **LANDON**
  Friday, Apr. 12, 3–4:30 pm
• **CHERRYHILL**
  Tuesday, Apr. 16, 1–2:30 pm
• **SHERWOOD**
  Wednesday, Apr. 24, 1:30–3 pm
• **EAST LONDON**
  Friday, May 10, 10–11:30 am
• **BEACOCK**
  Thursday, May 30, 7–8:30 pm

Building a Dementia Friendly Community
Learn more about dementia and help combat the stigma surrounding it. Explore how to better support people impacted by dementia to live well. Presented by the Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex.
• **SHERWOOD**
  Thursday, Mar. 14, 2–3 pm
• **MASONVILLE**
  Thursday, Mar. 28, 7–8 pm
• **LANDON**
  Wednesday, Apr. 3, 2:30–3:30 pm
• **BEACOCK**
  Saturday, Apr. 27, 2–3 pm
• **CROUCH**
  Friday, May 3, 2:30–3:30 pm
• **CENTRAL**
  Monday, May 6, 7–8 pm
• **BYRON**
  Thursday, May 9, 7–8 pm

Seniors With Depression: Problem Solving Group
Join our problem solving group as we discuss ways to overcome challenges, break down problems, and regain feelings of mastery. The aim of Problem Solving Therapy is to help alleviate symptoms of depression to improve quality of life. In partnership with London Health Sciences Centre, Lawson Health Research Institute.
• **BOSTWICK**
  Fridays, Mar. 22-May 17, 1:30–4 pm
  No session Apr. 19.
  Register by calling 519-685-8500 x74912.

Walking the Labyrinth
Learn the history of labyrinths, the individual and community gifts of this practice, and where to access a labyrinth in London. Walk an 11 Circuit Chartres style labyrinth to experience the journey yourself.
• **BYRON**
  Thursday, Mar. 28, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins Mar. 1.

Wellness for Seniors: Support & Therapy Dogs
If you or someone you know is struggling, join our conversation with a Canadian Mental Health Association staff member, and pet St. John Ambulance therapy dogs.
• **BYRON**
  Tuesday, April 23, 2–3 pm

Stories of Illness & Health: Complications in Pregnancy & Childbirth
Join moderator, Dr. Shannon Arntfield, to listen to the stories of women who have experienced medical complications in pregnancy, childbirth, and beyond. The audience will have an opportunity to engage in open dialogue with the evening’s storytellers. Please see our website for the list of partners who have made this program possible.
• **CENTRAL**
  Thursday, Apr. 25, 6–8:30 pm

Preventing, Managing & Living with Osteoporosis
Presented by endocrinology specialists from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University.
• **CENTRAL**
  Tuesday, May 21, 7–8:30 pm

Search Library Spotlight: Mental Health and Wellness in our catalogue for a list of books and resources on mental health and wellness.
Community Hub

**Cards & Conversation**
Drop by for card games and friendly conversation.
- **MASONVILLE**
  Tuesdays, 1:30–3:30 pm

**CMHA: Cards, Coffee & Conversation**
Games galore: euchre, Scrabble, cribbage and more.
- **CROUCH**
  Wednesdays, 2–5 pm

**East London Coffee & Activities**
Cards, board games, colouring, coffee/tea and conversation with others in your neighbourhood. Supplies available, or bring your own.
- **EAST LONDON**
  Fridays, 2–4 pm

**Lambeth Coffee & Games**
Games galore: euchre, Scrabble, cribbage and more.
- **LAMBETH**
  Fridays, 1:30–3 pm

**Hamilton Road Gaming Group**
An open group promoting tabletop games including historical, fantasy and sci-fi miniatures, board games and card games.
- **CROUCH**
  Saturdays, 10 am–4 pm

**Cherryhill Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange**
Drop off adult and children’s puzzles at the library in advance, or bring puzzles to the exchange. Puzzles in good condition and with all pieces.
- **CHERRYHILL**
  Saturday, Mar. 9, 1:30–3:30 pm

**North East London Walking Group**
Explore the neighbourhood, meet new people and get or stay fit.
- **BEACOCK**
  Thursdays, starting May 2, 6:30–8:30 pm

Creativity

**Zine Fiends: Monthly Zine Club**
Zines connect people through self-published art and ideas. A great way to share your ideas and passions. No experience required.
- **CENTRAL**
  2nd Monday of month, 6:30–8:30 pm

**Knitting Circles**
Learn to knit, improve your skills and share your knowledge with others.
- **EAST LONDON**
  Tuesdays, 12:30–2:30 pm
- **CROUCH**
  Tuesdays, 1:30–3:30 pm
- **BEACOCK**
  Wednesdays, 1–4 pm
- **LAMBETH**
  Wednesdays, 9:30–11 am, until May 15
- **CENTRAL**
  Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30 am
- **LANDON**
  Thursdays, 1–3 pm
- **BYRON**
  Thursdays, 2:30 pm–4:30 pm
- **CROUCH**
  Thursdays, 7–9 pm

**Cherryhill Brushes & Needles**
Bring your painting or needlework projects for a community get-together.
- **CHERRYHILL**
  Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30 am

**Lambeth Library Artists**
Bring your sketch pad, paint and supplies.
- **LAMBETH**
  1st & 3rd Wednesday of month, 1:30–3 pm

**Make, Create & Explore in The Studio**
The Studio is open for self-directed projects with materials provided. Check out the Idea Board each visit to get your creative juices flowing and come prepared to get messy! Check website for list of activities. Children 11 and under welcome with adult supervision.
- **LANDON**
  Saturdays, 2:30–4 pm

**Tatting, Anyone?**
Members of Fringe Element Tatters demonstrate and teach the art of tatting. Basic supplies provided for beginners.
- **CARSON**
  3rd Saturday of month, 1:30–4:30 pm

**Origami Mobile as Community Art**
Fold a heart or butterfly using colourful Japanese paper. Your art will make a mobile for the library.
- **BYRON**
  Apr. 2–6, Library hours
Creativity

SPRING 2019

The Labs

A Labs waiver is required to participate in sessions in The Labs. The waiver can be signed online in advance or at the beginning of the session. Basic computer skills are required.

www.lpl.ca/thelabs

Labs Hours (All Ages)
Meet Alan, our Digital Literacy Facilitator, and explore The Labs. Try your hand at robotics, sewing and more.

LABS HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO POSTED CHANGES.

Tuesdays: Electronics, Lights & Sounds
Wednesdays: Wellness
Thursdays: Old Meets New

Fridays: Make it!

Saturdays & March Break: Activities are on the First Floor

• CENTRAL
  Tuesday–Friday, 3:30–5:30 pm
  Saturdays, 2:30–4:30 pm

Machine Sewing 101
Come for an introduction to the Library’s Singer sewing machines. Learn to thread the machine, fill a bobbin and perform basic stitches.

• CENTRAL
  Monday, Mar. 4, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins Feb. 19.
  Monday, Apr. 15, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins Apr. 1.
  Monday, May 13, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins Apr. 29.

Intro to the Studio
Interested in using the Library’s audio studio to record music or a podcast? Not sure where to start? This orientation provides the basics on using the equipment and software in The Studio.

• CENTRAL
  Tuesday, Mar. 5, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins Feb. 19.
  Tuesday, Apr. 2, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins Mar. 19.
  Tuesday, May 7, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins Apr. 23.

Intro to the Memory Lab
Are old home videos or photo negatives taking up space on your shelves? This orientation will show you how to digitize these formats as well as audio cassettes and documents. We discuss the importance of digitizing your family history for the future.

• CENTRAL
  Tuesday, Mar. 12, 7–8:30 pm
  Tuesday, Apr. 9, 7–8:30 pm
  Tuesday, May 14, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins Apr. 30.

Intro to 3D Printing and Design
This program provides an overview of how 3D printing works. You will learn how to locate and create files to print, and how to submit files for 3D printing to the Library.

• CENTRAL
  Tuesday, Mar. 19, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins Mar. 5.
  Tuesday, Apr. 16, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins Apr. 2.
  Tuesday, May 21, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins May 7.

Intro to the Media Lab
Have you got the photography or videography bug? Interested in green screens? This orientation provides the basics of using the equipment and software available in the Media Lab.

• CENTRAL
  Tuesday, Mar. 26, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins Mar. 12.
  Tuesday, Apr. 23, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins Apr. 9.
  Tuesday, May 28, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins May 14.

Upcycled T-Shirt Bags
13+ years
Love that t-shirt but never wear it? Repurpose it into a produce bag – the ultimate in upcycling! Drop in to learn machine-sewing and no-sew options. Don’t forget to bring a t-shirt!

• CENTRAL
  Friday, Apr. 5, 3:30–5:30 pm
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  Saturday, Apr. 20, 2:30–4:30 pm

Yarn Exchange
Calling knitters and crocheters! Bring your extra yarn and swap for new materials. Clean yarn only. No Phentex, please. Leftover yarn will be donated to library programs.

• CENTRAL
  Saturday, Apr. 13, 2–4 pm

The Labs are generously supported by Library donors.
For Older Adults

Current Events Discussion Group
Stay current on the latest news and politics with other retired adults.
• LONDON
1st & 3rd Wednesday of month
10–11:30 am
• MASONVILLE
1st & 3rd Thursday of month
1:30–3:30 pm

French Seniors’ Group/ Groupe en français pour personnes âgées
An opportunity to speak French with other Francophone seniors. We focus on educational and health information sessions, and sharing experiences in French. In partnership with London InterCommunity Health Centre.
• CHERRYHILL
Fridays, 1–3 pm
• JALNA
Wednesdays, 1–3 pm

Exercise the SMART Way
Get a natural high by joining these fun, energetic classes. In partnership with VON.
• CHERRYHILL
Fridays, 9–10 am

Identity Theft & Fraud Prevention
Learn how to spot fraud and scams, and alert authorities when you see it. Part of the Educational Opportunities for Seniors series.
• MASONVILLE
Wednesday, Mar. 20, 1:30–3 pm
Register by calling Third Age Outreach, 519-661-1621.

What is Meditation?
Is there a role in your life for meditation? Part of the Educational Opportunities for Seniors series.
• SHERWOOD
Wednesday, May 15, 1:30–3 pm
Register by calling Third Age Outreach, 519-661-1621.

Housing Stability Bank
The Housing Stability Bank provides small grants and interest free loans to assist Londoners at risk of homelessness to obtain and retain their housing. Housing Stability Bank workers are available to complete applications for assistance and provide information and referrals to community resources. In partnership with The Salvation Army Centre of Hope in cooperation with the City of London, London Hydro and Union Gas. All applications are completed by appointment only.
Contact housing@centreofhope.ca or 519-964-3663 x300.
• BEACOCK
Thursdays, 9 am–3:30 pm
• EAST LONDON
2nd Saturday of month, 9 am–1 pm
Wednesdays, 1–5 pm
• JALNA
Tuesdays, 9 am–12 pm
Fridays, 1–5 pm
4th Saturday of month, 12:30–4:30 pm
• POND MILLS
Tuesdays, 1–5 pm
• SHERWOOD
Tuesdays, 9 am–12 pm

Community Volunteer Income Tax Clinic: 2018 Returns
Need help doing your taxes? Volunteers from the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will help individuals with an income of less than $30,000 and couples with a combined income of less than $40,000 complete their income tax and benefit return. Please note: volunteers are not agents of the Canada Revenue Agency. Volunteers do not complete income tax and benefit returns for deceased persons, bankrupt individuals or individuals who report capital gains or losses, employment expenses, business or rental income and expenses. For more information regarding other tax clinics, please visit: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/community-volunteer-income-tax-program.html
• CENTRAL
Thursdays, Mar. 7–Apr. 25, 9:30–3:30 pm
• CHERRYHILL
Thursdays, Mar. 21–Apr. 25, 5–8 pm
Saturdays, Mar. 23–Apr. 27, 1–4 pm
No session Apr. 20.
• CROUCH
Fridays, Mar. 1–Apr. 26, 9:30–3:30 pm
No session Apr. 19.
Saturdays, Mar. 2–Apr. 27, 9:30–12:30 pm
No session Apr. 20.
• EAST LONDON
Tuesdays, Mar. 5–Apr. 30, 9:30–3:30 pm
No session Mar. 12.
• SHERWOOD
Fridays, Mar. 1–Apr. 26, 9:30–2 pm
No session Apr. 19.
Saturdays, Mar. 2–Apr. 27, 9:30–12:30 pm
No session Apr. 20.

Financial Literacy
Workshops about budgeting, investing and retirement planning. Attend one session or as many as you like.
Week 1: Bringing Balance to Your Budget. Week 2: Foundations of Investing. Week 3: A Smart Start to Mutual Funds. Week 4: Retirement has Changed: What’s Your Next Move?
• BEACOCK
Tuesdays, Mar. 12–Apr. 2, 7–8 pm
Register in person or by calling 519-451-8140.

Special Help

Community Employment Services
Fanshawe Resume Workshops
Learn to write effective resumes and cover letters that display your skills and experience. In partnership with Community Employment Services, Fanshawe College.
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1st & 2nd Thursday of month, 9 am–12 pm

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Parenting

Healthy Start Infant Drop-Ins
Talk to a public health nurse about breastfeeding, growth and development, early literacy, nutrition and safety. Learn about community support programs for birth to 6 months of age. In partnership with Middlesex-London Health Unit.
• SHERWOOD
  Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30 am
• BYRON
  Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30 am
  No session Mar. 13.
• CHERRYHILL
  Fridays, 9:30–11:30 am

Child & Family Playgroups
Interactive early learning activities for parents or caregivers and their children. In partnership with EarlyON Child & Family Centres, Childreach or LUSO.
• BYRON
  Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30 am
  No session Mar. 13.
• CHERRYHILL
  Fridays, 9:30–11:30 am

Programs & Classes with a Fee

Create Exquisite Greeting Cards
Learn various techniques and create exquisite greeting cards. Supported by the Lambeth Lions Club.
Fee: $6
  • LAMBETH
  2nd Friday of month, 1:30–3 pm

Easy Tai Chi
Learn a series of flowing moves to reduce stress, improve balance, strengthen muscles and joints, increase flexibility and enhance memory.
Fee: $40
  • EAST LONDON
  Tuesdays, Mar. 12–Apr. 30, 7–7:45 pm

Tai Chi: Beginner & Intermediate
An instructor from the Phoenix Tai Chi Centre leads a class. Participants sign a waiver at the first class.
Fee: $45
  • BYRON
  Tuesdays, Mar. 5–Apr. 30, 1–2 pm
  No session Mar. 12.
  • CHERRYHILL
  Wednesdays, Mar. 13–May 1, 1–2 pm
  Registration begins Feb. 20.

Tai Chi Qi Gong: 18 Movements
Tai Chi Qi Gong is an effective exercise for improving flexibility and posture, strength and balance, and the integration of body and mind.
Introductory
Fee: $30
  • MASONVILLE
  Wednesdays, Mar. 6–Apr. 10, 7:40–8:40 pm
  Registration begins Feb. 20.
  Wednesdays, Apr. 24–May 29, 7:40–8:40 pm
  Registration begins Apr. 10.
Intermediate
Fee: $30
  • MASONVILLE
  Wednesdays, Mar. 6–Apr. 10, 6:30–7:30 pm
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Painting with Peter Lam
London artist Peter Lam provides guidance for artists of all levels. Contact branch for list of materials.
Fee: $70
  • BYRON
  Tuesdays, Mar. 19–May 7, 10–12 pm
  Registration begins Mar. 5.

Tai Chi for Adults and Seniors
Tai Chi is a gentle series of flowing moves that reduce stress, improve balance, increase flexibility and strengthen muscles and joints.
Fee: $40
  • LANDON
  Thursdays, Mar. 21–May 9, 11–12 pm
  Registration begins Mar. 7.

Gifts from the Garden
A series of gardening classes with take-home plants. Supported by Lambeth Lions Club.
• LAMBETH
  Fee: $8 per class
  Thursdays, 2–3:30 pm
  Mar. 28: Herbs & their Health Benefits
  Registration begins Feb. 28.
  Apr. 25: The 365 Day Salad Garden
  May 23: The Pizza Garden
  Registration begins Apr. 25.

Focus on Art at Crouch
Join a group of established artists of mixed media.
Fee: $50
  • CROUCH
  Thursdays, Mar. 28–May 30, 1–4 pm

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No computer skills at all?
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A WINNING MIX

In a series of synchronistic events, Ricky Cardoso recently won a local DJ contest with a dance mix he recorded in The Labs at Central Library. He had just created the mix when he heard about the contest that gave him the opportunity to take the stage at Rum Runners, as DJ Richard K, and showcase his work in a club with an audience of 120 people. Ricky still can’t believe how it all came together!

Ricky raves about the quality of the recording equipment in The Studio, saying, “I can hear every little detail in the music, so I know I’m getting the sound I need to create a club-quality experience.”

Ricky explains how he blends and mixes electronic dance songs through a process that includes adjusting volume to bring forward different layers in the music, like a compelling percussion beat, and transitioning between songs by overlapping sounds in interesting ways, with the goal of making a mix that will motivate a club audience to keep dancing through his hour-long set.

Mixing dance sets is a creative hobby for Ricky, but winning the contest has opened up opportunities and led to some follow-up gigs. He says it wouldn’t be possible if he didn’t have access to The Labs.

GIFT OF SONG

True love is the inspiration for the songs Jenni Sullivan has been writing for her boyfriend Toran since August. After learning about The Studio at Central Library in the fall, she decided to make a professional-quality recording of some of her songs as a Christmas gift for him. With a little help from Alan, the Facilitator at The Labs, Jenni learned what she needed to get started with creating her gift of song.

“It’s so cool to find this at the Library! You wouldn’t expect it.”

Coming from a musical family, Jenni has always loved to sing, but she’s only been playing guitar since her father and sister gave her one five years ago. She’s excited to have access to a recording studio and to working on future projects, including writing a rock opera with her sister Katie. In the meantime, we’re happy to have helped with the course of true love. And Toran loved his gift!

“You know that feeling when you walk into a room and you forget just what you’re searching for. You’re the moment of the finding. Maybe I’m running out of metaphors, but with you, I am found.”

Lyrics from Jenni’s song Metaphor.

The Labs are generously supported by Library donors.
Shad grew up right here in London! We talked to him about his London Public Library days and he sent a shout out to Beacock Branch!

“My Dad is a big library user. He loves books. He would take me and my sister to the library often, especially during the summer break, to make sure we were reading and not just hanging out all day or spending too much time at the mall.

Beacock Branch on Huron Street was my local library during junior high and high school days. I borrowed lots of books there. I also have good memories of the Westmount Branch from my nursery school days in the 1980s. These days, my visits to a library are usually for a community event or an author reading.

I think libraries are wonderful community spaces – family-friendly, accessible and safe. They’re great for kids, especially if they love books, or if they don’t have many places where they feel safe. Libraries also offer good spaces for community meetings and cultural events, making events accessible in neighbourhoods.”

Shad is a hip hop artist with four albums, including his recently released A Short Story About A War that uses poetic storytelling to look at the themes of war, migration, economics, politics and the deepest parts of our spirit. He won the JUNO Award for Rap Recording of the Year in 2011 for his second album TSOL. He has hosted the award winning HBO docuseries, Hip-Hop Revolution. Borrow Shad’s music at the Library!
Donors Brighten our Day

Thanks to the generous support of Library donors, light therapy lamps are now available for use at library locations. Designed to mimic spring and summer light levels, these lamps are a way to treat the “winter blues” or seasonal affective disorder (SAD). Research by the Canadian Mental Health Association suggests that 2-3% of people in Ontario have SAD and another 15% have a less severe experience. With therapy lamps at your Library, all Londoners will now have access to light therapy if they require it.

It’s as simple as turning on the light and sitting, reading or working in front of it for 20 to 30 minutes. Instructions for recommended usage are provided. The lamps are for use in designated areas of the library and available on a first-come, first-served basis at all locations except Glanworth.

“A Gift from the Heart

In March 2018, Doug Cairns’ life was saved by two London sanitation workers after he had a cardiac arrest in his driveway. A year later, inspired by Doug’s generosity and story, you will find AEDs at all London Public Library locations.

An avid reader, Doug Cairns with his wife, decided to honour Chris Lynch and John Sweitzer, the men who performed CPR and called paramedics after Cairns collapsed in his driveway, by donating an AED to London Public Library. The donated AED, which is accompanied by a plaque, was installed this past summer in the Hudson Bay Passageway at Central Library following a small ceremony. London Public Library was inspired by Doug’s generous act to purchase AEDs for all library locations and each floor of Central Library.

Light therapy lamps are one of the many free resources available to support mental wellness at your library.

These community projects were made possible through the generosity of London Public Library donors.

To learn more about making a community impact and donations at your Library contact Colleen at 519-661-5144 or colleen.harris@lpl.ca

Dedication ceremony for the donation of an AED at Central Library. Left to right: city workers John Sweitzer and Chris Lynch, donor Doug Cairns, London Public Library’s Kim Travers, Nancy Collister, and paramedic Miranda Bothwell.
After Rivers

I've waded below the Hunt Weir where the dam drops the river into vortices of water pinning drunken swimmers by their shoulders to the bottom.

Low-head dam, drowning machines they're called, but the fishing's good—I've been pulled by swirling eddies, an 18-foot pole in hand, fashioned from pipes bought at Home Depot, a fishing net bolted to one end.

In August the water is low. I net plastic bottles, cans, Tim Hortons cups, a flip-flop, diaper, needles caught in the elliptical froth. Anglers cast suspicion—one pulls a carp from the depths, its carnival colours like backyard koi; I catch a neon pink stuffy snagged on a branch and toss it back to shore.

The river transports to the Pacific our dollar-store pottage. We'll live there soon—fog catchers, salted, dried, and hung—building our empire on the flotsam, jetsam filtered by rivers.

What does the river convey? It is hard to say: wood, cement, grain, rice, chair, ink jet, markers, watercolours, crayon, rag and paper, acrylic, charcoal, faux fur stuffing, glass beads, duct tape—printed on, etched on, cut out, glazed your brush will paint blue-green algae on the canvas of a perch's belly.

It is hard to say: Askunessippi, Antler River, la Tranche, the Thames, Deshkan Ziibi. Tangled narratives in the abandoned place.

Ce n'est pas une rivière. Outside it slithers by, beyond the gallery glass, past the workers rebuilding the London Dyke. But the waters will have their way—they will break these banks again, drown us in our beds, carry our bloated bodies aloft downstream, jostled like frat boys in blow-up sumo suits. This is the dawning of the age of aquariums.

After Rivers by Tom Cull
Published in his collection Bad Animals (Insomniac Press, 2018)
Every year the Friends of the Library recognize one or two volunteers who contribute to the valuable work that the Friends do to support the Library. Liz Etherington and Ann Henderson were chosen as 2018 Friends of the Year in recognition of their many years of volunteer service, especially as Cashier Coordinators for the annual Friends Book Sale.

The Cashier Coordinator spends many hours scheduling, training and supervising volunteers prior to and during the three days of the Book Sale, ensuring that sales at this popular event go smoothly. They have made a significant contribution to the success of this annual fundraising event.

Liz has been an integral part of the Friends of the Library from the beginning, serving as Secretary in the early days, then as Cashier Coordinator for many years. She continues to volunteer at the Book Sale every year and works weekly shifts in the Book Store.

Ann has been in the position of Cashier Coordinator for nine years but has volunteered with the Friends in a number of roles for 21 years.

London Public Library and the Friends extend a big thank you to Liz and Ann!

In December, the Friends of the Library celebrated the volunteers who work in the Friends Book Store and sorting room. Fifty volunteers spend many hours sorting the used books, DVDs, CDs and other materials donated by members of our community, preparing them to be sold in the store or at the book sale. Their generous contribution helps the Friends to raise approximately $6,000 a month in the store, providing the Library with support for value-added programs and services as well as large community initiatives like the Library Commons area on the main floor of Central Library. We are very grateful for the generosity and ongoing commitment of the Friends and appreciate every hour of volunteer time contributed to the community.
New in Our Collections

**ADULT FICTION**

- *Days By Moonlight* by Andre Alexis
- *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn
- *The Quintland Sisters* by Shelley Wood
- *The Border* by Don Winslow
- *The Homecoming* by Andrew Pyper

**ADULT NONFICTION**

- *Eat to Beat Disease: The New Science of How the Body Can Heal Itself* by William W. Li
- *A Mind Spread Out on the Ground* by Alicia Elliott
- *Our Planet* by Alastair Fothergill & Keith Scholey
- *The Path Made Clear: Discovering Your Life's Direction & Purpose* by Oprah Winfrey
- *The Secret Wisdom of Nature* by Peter Wohlleben

**YOUNG ADULT FICTION**

- *On the Come Up* by Angie Thomas
- *The Dysasters* by P.C. Cast
- *Chicken Girl* by Heather Smith
- *Amber Fang: Hunted* by Arthur Slade
- *The Afterward* by E.K. Johnston
Your Library

Information on Using Your Library

Get a Card!
Library cards are free to London residents, and to members of county libraries in Elgin, Middlesex & Oxford, except the town of Woodstock. Cards are issued on presentation of personal identification and proof of London or eligible county residency. Non-residents may obtain a Library card for $10 a month, to a maximum of $50 a year.

Library card renewal period has been extended to every 2 years.

Borrowing Periods
Limit of 20 DVDs per card. Maximum of 60 items per card.
Books & CDs 21 days
eBooks & eAudio up to 21 days
Hotspots 21 days
All other DVDs 21 days
Feature Film DVDs 7 days
Quick Picks & Magazines 7 days
High demand material 7 days
Games 7 days
Laptops 7 days
eVideo up to 5 days

Returns
You can return most materials to any London Public Library location during any open hours or in our return chutes when we are closed. Return games and laptops to the location from which they were borrowed during open hours, not through return chutes.

Renewals
Limit of 3 renewals on items. You cannot renew Quick Picks, high demand materials or items with holds. Renew items:
• in person at any library
• online – use My Account tab
• by phone – 519-661-4600

Late Charges
Late fees on overdue items are charged by calendar day, including Sunday, at all locations. We send an electronic or phone message about overdue items 6 days after the due date. Give us your email address and we’ll send you an email reminder before the due date. You can pay fines online!

Accessibility

We want to be accessible to you.
Call 519-661-4600 to ask about our resources and services.

InterLibrary Loan
Borrow materials from many other library systems through our library’s Interlibrary Loan service: www.lpl.ca/interlibraryloan

Visiting Library
Home delivery for those with restricted mobility and materials for those with visual impairment. Call 519-661-6444 or visit www.lpl.ca/vls for information.

Book A Librarian
Make an appointment for one-on-one help at Central Library with our online resources, databases and print collections, based on your research needs or question. www.lpl.ca/bal

More than Books
Borrow Laptops, Hotspots, Board Games and more.

LATE CHARGES

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CHILDREN’S CARDS ARE FINE-FREE!

Computers & Internet
All locations have computers you can use with your Library card. Ask staff about setting up a PIN to log in to our computers or wireless network.

Our computers have a variety of software programs for you to use. You can print for a small fee.

Connect to our wireless network on your laptop or mobile device at all branches.

Book a Meeting, Event or Art Exhibit
Wolf Performance Hall and Meetings & Events Services. Space is available in many locations.

Let us help you plan your next event: call: 519-661-5120 (Mon–Fri, 9 am–5 pm) email: meetingsandevents@lpl.ca visit: www.lpl.ca/meetingsandevents

Program Registration
519-661-5122 (Mon–Fri, 9 am–5 pm)

London Public Library Board
Meets monthly on a Thursday at 5:30 pm in the third floor Board Room at Central Library. All welcome. Find meeting dates, agendas, reports and minutes at www.lpl.ca/board

Mariam Hamou (Chair)
Michelle Boyce
Stuart Clark
Brian Gibson
Jeremy McCall
Councillor Elizabeth Peloza
James Shelley
Donna Vachon

Questions?
Call us during library hours with your questions about our resources and services, or your account. 519-661-4600 or email info@lpl.ca

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1280 Huron St. N5Y 4M2

**BOSTWICK** 519-473-4708
501 Southdale Rd. W. N6K 3X4

**BYRON** 519-471-4000
1295 Commissioners Rd. W. N5K 1C9

**CARSON** 519-438-4287
465 Quebec St. N5W 3Y4

**CENTRAL LIBRARY & SPRITFAMILY CHILDREN’S LIBRARY**
251 Dundas St. N6A 6H9

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301 Oxford St. W. N6H 1S6

**CROUCH** 519-673-0111
550 Hamilton Rd. N5Z 1S4

**EAST LONDON** 519-451-7600
2016 Dundas St. E. N5V 1R1

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2950 Glanworth Dr. N6N 1N6

**JALNA** 519-685-6465
1119 Jalna Blvd. N6E 3B3

**LAMBETH** 519-652-2951
7112 Beattie St. N6P 1A2

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167 Wortley Rd. N6C 3P6

**MASONVILLE** 519-660-4646
30 North Centre Rd. N5X 3W1

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1166 Commissioners Rd. E. N5Z 4W8

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1225 Wonderland Rd. N. Unit #32 N6G 2V9

**STONEY CREEK** 519-930-2065
920 Sunningdale Rd. E. N5X 0H5

Hours

**CENTRAL & CHILDREN’S**
Monday 9 am–9 pm
Tuesday 9 am–9 pm
Wednesday 9 am–9 pm
Thursday 9 am–9 pm
Friday 9 am–6 pm
Saturday 9 am–5 pm

**Central Sunday Hours**
1–4 pm Until May 5

**BEACOCK, BOSTWICK, BYRON, CHERRYHILL, CROUCH, EAST LONDON, JALNA, LONDON, MASONVILLE, POND MILLS, SHERWOOD, STONEY CREEK**
Tuesday 9 am–9 pm
Wednesday 9 am–9 pm
Thursday 9 am–9 pm
Friday 9 am–6 pm
Saturday 9 am–5 pm

**CARSON & LAMBETH**
Tues. 1–5 pm & 6–9 pm
Wed. 9–noon & 1–5 pm
Thurs. 1–5 pm & 6–9 pm
Fri. 9–noon & 1–5 pm
Sat. 9–noon & 1–5 pm

**GLANWORTH**
Tuesday 7–9 pm
Saturday 10 am–noon

Ramped, level or elevator access to Library materials is available at all locations.

QUESTIONS?
Call us during library hours at 519-661-4600.

DUNDAS PLACE CONSTRUCTION
Phase 2 of the Dundas Place construction project begins in March. Pedestrian access into Central Library from Dundas Street should remain available. See page 10 for more information. For daily construction and road work information: www.dundasplace.ca

SUNDAY SERVICE AT CENTRAL LIBRARY
Sunday service ends May 5 and returns Oct. 20

HOLIDAY CLOSURES
All locations closed Friday, April 19.
All locations open Saturday, April 20.
Central Library closed Sunday, April 21 and Monday, April 22.
Central Library closed May 20

Find Library alerts at www.lpl.ca or call 519-661-4600

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