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LONDON IS TALKING ABOUT!

BROTHER
DAVID CHARIANDY

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WE INVITE YOU, LONDON, TO SHARE IN OUR COMMUNITY READING EXPERIENCE!
OUR 2018 ONE BOOK IS BROTHER BY CANADIAN AUTHOR DAVID CHARIA NDY.

THE POWER OF FICTION

“One of the beauties of fiction is the ability to dive deeper into someone else's world and to empathize with and understand the experiences and perspectives of people whose lives may not be like ours. Something that comes across in good fiction is being able to feel what is happening. It's not the same as watching the news because we can externalize that, but when you're reading fiction, it's not just happening to anyone, it's happening to the person whose life you are immersed in right now. And when you're immersed in that person's life, when it happens to them, it feels like it happens to you. It gives you a whole new level of empathy for how people experience the world and how the world treats them. B r o t h e r does such a good job of presenting an experience that is important for us to consider because it's relevant to so many in our community.”

Sameer Vasta is a community member who shared his response to Brother with us before the launch. Sameer works as a digital anthropologist in the Ontario Digital Service, and serves on two boards: the Urban League of London and the Community Knowledge Exchange. Sameer will be leading one of our community discussion groups about the novel.

An Evening with David Chariandy

Join us for a reading and discussion with author David Chariandy. Book sale and signing will follow courtesy of The Book Store at Western.

Monday, April 16 | 7–8:30 pm
Central Library | Wolf Performance Hall
Doors open 6:30 pm

“Mesmerizing. Poetic. Achingl y soulful. Brother is a pitch-perfect song of masculinity and tenderness, and of the ties of family and community.”

Lawrence Hill
Author of The Book of Negroes and The Illegal
...MORE WAYS TO ENJOY BROTHER

JOIN THE DISCUSSION
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listen to the BROTHER INSPIRED MIXTAPES

MIX #1
Kick it old school with this playlist by DJ Agile, search “Brother - The Mixtape by DJ Agile” on soundcloud.com

MIX #2
Enjoy classics from Aretha Franklin, Nina Simone, John Coltrane and many more. Visit YouTube and search “onebookonelondonBROTHER”

BORROW THE BOOK OR DOWNLOAD THE eBook TODAY!

Awards & Recognition for Brother
• Winner of the Rogers Writers’ Trust Fiction Prize
• Longlisted for the 2017 Scotiabank Giller Prize
• A Globe and Mail Best Book
• A Quill & Quire Best Book of 2017
• Selection for the Canada Reads Longlist

One Book One London is generously funded by London Public Library donors.
I grew up in Mabvuku (Zimbabwe), a then-Rhodesian township established as a place for migrant workers to live. Mabvuku is nowhere near as big as Scarborough but there are similarities. Tales of struggle that I heard as I grew up – of pain, of dreams curtailed, of children lost to the world – float through my mind as I devour David Chariandy’s new, riveting book, *Brother*, set in Scarborough but reminding me of where I come from.

I fervently turn the pages, searching for mirrors of my own experiences in the stories of Michael, Aisha and Francis. In the anguish of Francis’ mother, I think of my own son. In the heady music, I remember my own journey of hip-hop discovery – from Tupac to Biggie. Aisha and Michael’s forays to the library remind me of my voracious younger self when the library was a home away from home. For them it is a place of comfort where their relationship can grow, and in their relationship, I see a reflection of my own inexperience and fascination with my first girlfriend, a self-assured young woman like Aisha.

Recognizing the moments where my life is mirrored in the novel is at once exciting and painful.

As Michael talks about the condescending local convenience store owner, I am reminded of the times when security guards followed me in stores in Toronto. The sight of a young black man in his twenties, it seemed, tripped an alarm in their minds – this-one-is-a-shoplifter-for-certain! Perhaps there is a sticker on my forehead that makes them look at me this way!

Can you imagine this feeling? Being convicted of some ‘crime’ when you walk through the door, when you walk down the street – before a crime happens, when the crime never happens. Like Francis, I am thinking, “What did I do wrong?” Except, unlike Francis, I keep my bewilderment and my anguish to myself.

I am immersed in the story of *Brother* on the LTC bus as Francis’ impassioned final moment approaches. Tears stream from my eyes. I think of the mother in Mabvuku whose son never came back from the Zimbabwean liberation war. I think of Francis’ mother in the story and there is a sinking pain in the pit of my stomach. I think of my own son, lost to another world – albeit in different circumstances.

But through it all, despite the heavy content in *Brother*, it is ultimately a celebration of community. There is joy and pride in the humanity of the neighbours as they rally to support Michael and his mother in their time of need. Despite the circumstances, the community’s collective spirit is undented and thrives. Life goes . . . on.

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### Community Book Discussions

Come out to share your thoughts and feelings about *Brother* with other readers. Our discussion groups will be lead and facilitated by the Library and members of our community.

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What Writing Brings to Our Lives

Daniel MacIvor has had two different experiences when meeting with writers during his office hours as Writer-in-Residence at Western University and London Public Library. He initially thought the public library component of the program would be a side bar, but says, “It’s really turned out to be the opposite. The breakdown in terms of the hours and energy – it’s the Library that’s been the main focus of the work for me.”

The writers he sees at Western tend to be more focused on career possibilities and are seeking guidance and direction on networking and writing as a profession. Whereas, at the Library he’s seeing people who are often using their writing to serve a different purpose.

“It can be about processing their own lives,” he says, “so it feels like the work I do at the Library is a kind of coaching that’s not just about writing. It’s a lot about what writing might bring to our lives.” Some people write to communicate with others in their lives, as in one case, a daughter writing stories for an aging mother experiencing memory loss, and reading them out loud together.

As a writer, Daniel says he lives in a world where everything is material. Writers are always trying to glean something from every experience. “Everything that happens to me,” he explains, “can potentially show up somewhere in my writing. So, it’s been a gift to me to get out of my bubble and see this writing that people have shared with me – to see what writing means to them and where it’s come from.”

Daniel’s first response to reading the work sent to him is, “Look at what you created. You did this!” He doesn’t bring his own tastes into the process and recognizes many ways that something can be a good piece of writing. Making a distinction between skill and aptitude, he says, “Skill can be taught. I’m looking for aptitude as well. I’ve read some pieces of writing with zero skill level that are so rich and warm and hungry. With something obviously deeper to it – what the person wants to express, or their motivations for writing.

“Some writing has really knocked me down, been quite remarkable. Sometimes it’s this thing called skill, but other times, it’s a person being vulnerable, or a person not being anchored by rules. They don’t know the rules and there’s a kind of freedom in that. They do things that you’re not supposed to do, but it turns out that they can, and it works!”

Daniel has been a Writer-in-Residence in other settings, for example at the National Theatre School, positions that were very different because they didn’t have the community component that he says he has learned so much from. What has surprised him in a really wonderful way about his work at the Library has been the people with their lived experiences, their stories, and their motivations for writing.

Daniel MacIvor is a playwright/actor/director who has written numerous award winning theatre productions. Recent and current works include: the screenplay for Bruce McDonald’s Weirdos, a new play with Tarragon Theatre in Toronto, a libretto for Rufus Wainwright’s Hadrian. Daniel has enjoyed his position as Writer-in-Residence, a program that runs from September to March.

To find out more visit: www.lpl.ca/writerinresidence

The Writer-in-Residence program is co-sponsored by the James A. and Marjorie Spenceley Fund, Department of English & Writing Studies, London Public Library Donors, Department of Women’s Studies & Feminist Research, Department of Visual Arts & Art History, School for Advanced Studies in the Arts & Humanities, the Faculty of Information & Media Studies, Theatre Studies, and Canada Council for the Arts.
Young people are busy giving back to our community every day – participating in after school programs, helping children with homework, planting trees and so much more.

The Library is hosting the Youth Giving Back Volunteer Fair on May 10, bringing together 13 nonprofit organizations who are recruiting teen volunteers. It’s a one-stop opportunity to learn about lots of available volunteer positions. Come talk to recruiters! Ask questions! Find the right fit for you!

Volunteers are essential to the community organizations that provide important services to London residents of all ages. Amanda Ross, Manager at the Northwest London Resource Centre, a busy and dynamic neighbourhood centre in the Sherwood Forest Mall, says, “Nonprofit organizations like ours rely on volunteers to help deliver programs and services to families, youth and seniors in our community.” At any given time, the NWLRC has about 20 youth volunteers and they actively recruit teens, especially for their after school and homework help programs.

“Many of our volunteers are teens and we really appreciate their ideas and energy.”

Amanda Ross, Manager, Northwest London Resource Centre

The Boys & Girls Club of London hosts hundreds of children every week in their after school programs and Greg Raymond, the Volunteer Coordinator there, says, “Without volunteers, we couldn’t offer such diverse programming or engage as effectively with that many children.” Many of their teen volunteers are activity assistants and tutors at those programs and Greg likes how they bring a real willingness to help the kids discover new skills and abilities through participation and play.

Benefits of Volunteering

Clearly, volunteers are a help to nonprofit organizations but doing volunteer work is also a rewarding experience. Here are some of the benefits of volunteering:

• Build job skills and work experience
• Gain references for future employment
• Improve social skills and self-confidence
• Make new friends and contacts
• Feel satisfaction from helping others

ReForest London offers drop-in volunteer events like tree plantings as well as roles like Tree Specialist that require more commitment. Their Community Engagement Coordinator, Kelsey Nicholls, looks forward to reaching out to teens at the Volunteer Fair.

Library R.E.A.D volunteers support children with reading and literacy activities.
Giving Back to the Library

Like many high school students, Thidas Senanayaka began volunteering because he needed the 40 hours of service required to graduate. Thidas was drawn to the Library because he is a reader. In Sri Lanka, where he grew up, he says there wasn’t a lot of television or internet so his mother always made sure he had books to read. He started volunteering three years ago with the Library’s R.E.A.D. program which supports literacy for children by pairing them with reading partners.

Thidas liked the idea of helping a child learn to enjoy reading. He also felt a responsibility to make the sessions fun and to be a positive role model. One of his R.E.A.D. partners was a boy new to Canada who needed practice reading in English. Thidas says, “He was from another country, like me, and we sort of connected because of that. By the end of the program his spelling and pronunciation had improved a lot. I was pretty proud of myself for that.”

Talking about what he has gained from being a volunteer, Thidas shares that the skills he developed through volunteering have helped him with his shyness, building his self-confidence and giving him pride in contributing to his community. Thidas has completed his hours for school and now also has a part-time job but he still finds time to volunteer with nonprofit organizations, including at Cherryhill and Sherwood branch libraries.

Thidas Senanayaka is a grade 12 student at Oakridge Secondary School who will be going to university next year. He has been a volunteer with LPL since 2014.
Audrey Somerville loved to travel and explore the world. She moved from Great Britain to a new life in Trinidad and then made the move to Toronto. She had a curiosity about life, embracing new ideas and experiences, and always pursuing learning opportunities. Audrey loved books, seeing them as valuable treasures for readers seeking knowledge and viewpoints outside of their everyday lives. She also loved libraries for providing access to the world of books she loved to borrow.

In her career with the North York Board of Education, Audrey began as a secretary and moved into the Board’s Media Services area, work that included assisting students in the production of television shows. Longtime friend, Jim McConvey, says Audrey embraced new challenges and learning opportunities in her work and life.

When the time came to retire, Audrey made another life change, moving to London and becoming a home owner for the first time. She chose a house that required renovations and taught herself the skills needed to create her own home and garden. Jim remembers the independent spirit and willingness to learn that Audrey brought to that project and to every challenge she took on.

We are very grateful that Audrey chose to remember London Public Library with a legacy gift in her will. To honour Audrey and her love of learning and new ideas, her gift will support the development of Creative Spaces at Central Library, ensuring that our community can access the resources they need to embrace 21st century challenges and learning opportunities.

London Public Library has always played a fundamental role in supporting the literacy and learning needs of people of every age. As the world in which we live in continues to change, the community needs us more than ever before.

Your Legacy Gift ensures that London Public Library can provide each member of our community, regardless of circumstance, with the resources they need to be successful today and well into the future. Help your Library continue to be the much-needed cornerstone of literacy, culture and lifelong learning in our community.
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Spring 2018

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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.

Westmount Pop Up Library

Our temporary location in Westmount Shopping Centre, near the Viscount entrance, offers a selection of materials for every age as well as public computers, WiFi, and small reading and children’s areas. This location opens at 9:30 am and items can only be returned during the Pop Up Library’s hours of operation.

Southwest Community Centre, YMCA and Library Update

Excitement is building as construction continues on this new facility, which is scheduled to open this fall. The facility includes a London Public Library branch, public walking loop, indoor pools and gymnasium, double pad arena, multi-purpose community space, kitchen area, YMCA fitness facility and a great variety of fitness and leisure programs.

Stay up to date: www.southwest2018.ca

Plans and reports: www.london.ca/swcc

Central Library Second Floor

We are welcoming the City of London as a tenant at the Central Library. Construction on the south side of the second floor at Central Library will begin this spring and will take approximately 5 months.

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.
Your Path to Success
Build Academic & Workplace Skills

Easy-to-Use Online Resources

▷ Improve your basic skills
▷ Math, reading, and writing tutorials
▷ Learn about in-demand careers
▷ Prepare for citizenship, TOEIC®, and TOEFL iBT® exams
▷ ACT®, SAT®, AP® test preparation
▷ Prepare for the GED® test
▷ …and much more!

Tutorials, practice tests, and eBooks

Your Library Card Takes You There!

Use Learning Express with your Library card and an email address, and start on your path to lifelong learning with skill-building courses and practice tests that prepare you for the real thing. It’s an online resource you can use at home and your progress is tracked as you learn, making it convenient and easy to use. Ask our staff for more information and how to get started.

TESTS & PREPARATION FOR:

▷ GED High School Equivalency Certificate
▷ Canadian Citizenship Test
▷ English Language Assessment Tests
▷ RCMP Recruitment Test
▷ Canadian Forces Aptitude Test
▷ University Admissions Tests (LSAT, MCAT)
**Books for Babies!** (from birth with a caregiver)

Stories, songs, tickles and bouncing rhymes especially for baby and you! Best for babies who still enjoy laptime.

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Please help us keep our storytimes and all programs fragrance free.
**Storytime!** (All ages with a caregiver) Stories, rhymes, songs and more.

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Early Years

Special Storytimes

**Mother Goose and Honker**  
2–5 yrs with caregiver  
Come and meet Mother Goose, Honker, Mary Mary and a host of other puppet friends! You'll have a great time hearing stories, and learning nursery rhymes.  
• **STONEY CREEK (March Break)**  
Saturday, Mar. 17, 10–11 am

**Paw Patrol Party!**  
Family  
Celebrate Ryder and the Paw Patrol pups with stories, songs and fun activities.  
• **BEACOCK (March Break)**  
Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2:30–3:30 pm  
• **LANDON**  
Saturday, Apr. 14, 2:30–3:30 pm

**Sensory Storytime**  
2–6 with caregiver  
An adaptive storytime ideal for children with sensory processing sensitivity or on the autism spectrum.  
• **CENTRAL (March Break)**  
Thursday, Mar. 15, 10:30–11:15 am  
Fridays, Apr. 6, May 4, 10:30–11:15 am  
Thursdays, Apr. 12, May 10, 1:30–2:15 pm

**Story and Swim**  
1+ years  
Join us for a storytime in the library followed by fun in the YMCA pool! Parents MUST accompany their child in the pool with a maximum of 4 children per adult in the pool. In partnership with the Stoney Creek YMCA.  
• **STONEY CREEK**  
Fridays, Apr. 20–May 25, 9:30–10:30 am.  
Register starting Apr. 6

**Mother’s Day Storytime and Craft**  
Celebrate Mother’s Day with a special storytime and craft.  
• **CARSON**  
Wednesday, May 9, 9:30–10:30 am

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TumbleBook Library is an online collection of animated, talking books for children up to grade 6. It features picture, chapter and nonfiction books with games and quizzes, including French and Spanish titles. Get the app to access stories on the go!
**Playgroups**

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

**Shared Beginnings**
Birth–6 years with caregiver
Where adults and children learn together.
Enjoy crafts, play games, sing songs, hear stories and much more. In partnership with LUSO Community Services.
- **BEACOCK**
  Tuesdays, 9:30–11:30 am

**Beginning with Toddler and Storytime**
Learn, play and grow together. Includes parent-child circle time, provided by the library, and discussion on toddler development. In partnership with EarlyON Child and Family Centres
- **BEACOCK**
  Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am

**Sing Read Play Love**
Birth–1 year with caregiver
Enjoy an hour of language-based play with your baby exploring early language development and early literacy through adult discussion. In partnership with EarlyON Child and Family Centres.
- **BEACOCK**
  Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am

**Curious Connections**
18 mos–4 yrs with caregiver
Provoke your child’s thoughts, interests, creativity and ideas with stories and fun activities using loose parts. In partnership with Childreach.
- **CENTRAL**
  Tuesdays, 10–11:30 am
- **BEACOCK**
  Thursdays, 10–11:30 am

**Community Playgroups**
Birth–6 yrs with caregiver
Parents, caregivers, and children participate in interactive early learning activities.
In partnership with EarlyON Child and Family Centres:
- **BYRON**
  Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30 am
  No session Mar 14
- **BEACOCK**
  Thursdays, 9:30–3 pm
In partnership with Childreach:
- **LAMBETH**
  Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30 am
- **CHERRYHILL**
  Fridays, 9:30–11:30 am

**The Preschool at Crouch**
Providing early enrichment experiences for young children (ages 0-6). Parents/Caregivers must stay in the building.
In partnership with Crouch Neighbourhood Resource Centre.
- **CROUCH**
  Tuesdays & Wednesdays, Mar. 6-May 31, 9:30–11:30 am & 1:15–3:00 pm
  Thursdays, Mar. 6-May 31, 9:30–11:30 am

**For more storytimes, see Books for Babies and Storytimes on pages 12 and 13.**

**Creativity**

**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

**Toddler Art**
2–3 years, with caregivers
Let’s paint, glue, play, and create!
- **POND MILLS**
  Wednesdays, Apr. 4–25, 2–2:45 pm
  Register starting Mar. 1
- **CROUCH**
  Wednesdays, May 2–30, 10:30–11:15 am
  Register starting Apr. 25

**Discovery Mornings in The Studio**
1–6 with caregiver
The Studio is open with new hands-on, self-directed discovery, sensory and fun centres every week for young children ages 1-6 with caregiver. Drop in and play!
Come dressed for mess.
- **LANDON**
  Thursdays & Fridays, Mar. 8–Jun. 1, 10 am–1 pm
  No session Mar. 15, 16 & 30

**Toddler Dance Party!**
Come and shake your sillies out at our fun and interactive dance party!
- **BEACOCK**
  Saturday, Mar. 17, 10–11 am
- **MASONVILLE**
  Saturdays, Apr. 21 and May 19, 10–11 am
SHOWS AND EVENTS

Interactive Music and Magic
Family
Play along on a percussion instrument as Don Robertson sings and performs and be amazed by his puppetry and magic light show.
• LONDON
Saturday, Mar. 10, 10–11 am

Rumpelstiltskin – A Puppet Show
Family
This program is sponsored by Lambeth Optimist Club.
• LAMBETH
Saturday, Mar. 10, 2:30–3 pm

Karen the Storytell

4–6 years with caregiver
Puppeteer and storyteller Karen Zuech performs a magical storytelling show.
• CARSON
Sat., Mar. 10, 2:30–3:30 pm
• LONDON
Wednesday, Mar. 14, 10–10:30 am

The Three Little Pigs – A Glove Puppet Show
Family
Puppetworks presents their version of the Three Little Pigs. A fast-paced, laugh filled story with audience participation.
• CENTRAL
Monday, Mar. 12, 2:30–3 pm
• CROUCH
Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2:30–3 pm
• CHERRYHILL
Saturday, Mar. 17, 2:30–3 pm

Paul Droog in Concert!
Family
Paul is back with his fun-filled concert of original music for young children and their families.
• BYRON
Tuesday, Mar. 13, 10–11 am
• WESTMOUNT
Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2:30–3:30 pm
• EAST LONDON
Thursday, Mar. 15, 10–11 am
Pick up free tickets starting Mar. 8
• JALNA
Thursday, Mar. 15, 2:30–3:30 pm

Comic Book Jam!
Cartooning workshops, crafts & activities, free comic give-aways, photo booth and more!
Come in costume! In partnership with Heroes Cards & Comics.
• CENTRAL
Wednesday, Mar. 14, 1–4 pm

Hand Drumming Fun with Rob LaRose
8–12 years
Learn how to hand drum to African and Latin American rhythms with Rob LaRose, professional percussionist and teacher.
• STONEY CREEK
Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2:30–3:30 pm.
Register starting Mar. 6

Something From Nothing
7+ years
Turn household items and recyclables into amazing objects with artist Ani Sarian.
• CENTRAL
Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2:30–3:30 pm. Drop in.

Fanshawe Pioneer Village:
19th Century Fun & Games
6–12 years
Children will have fun learning about popular pastimes of the 19th century. Make a craft and play with toys from the past.
• CARSON
Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2:30–3:30 pm. Drop in.
• LONDON
Tuesday, Mar. 13, 10–11 am
Register starting Feb. 28
• SHERWOOD
Tuesday, Mar. 13, 7–8 pm
Register starting Feb. 28
• JALNA
Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2:30–3:30 pm. Drop in.

Becoming an Abstract Artist
8+ years
Children will explore line, colour, and texture using a variety of different materials to create abstract art pieces.
• STONEY CREEK
Tuesday, Mar. 13, 10–11:30 am.
Register starting Mar. 8
• BYRON
Thursday, Mar. 15, 10–11 am
Register starting Mar. 8
• LONDON
Friday, Mar. 16, 2:30–4 pm.
Register starting Feb 28
March Break Mar 10 – 17

Bob O'Donnell: The Wonderful World of Fossils
6+ years
Bob O'Donnell, the Fossil Guy, explains how fossils were formed and shows his awesome collection of fossils.

- CHERRYHILL
  Tuesday, Mar. 13, 3–5 pm
  Register starting Mar. 3

- POND MILLS
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 3–4 pm.
  Register starting Mar. 7.

- BEACOCK
  Saturday, Mar. 10, 10–11 am.
  Register starting Mar. 3

Mad Machines with Mad Science
6–12 years
Learn about gravity and friction and mad machines using incline planes and hands-on activities.

- MASONVILLE
  Tuesday, Mar. 13, 10–11 am.
  Register starting Mar. 6

- BEACOCK
  Saturday, Mar. 17, 2:30–3:30 pm.
  Register starting Mar. 6

Watt’s Up with Mad Science
6–12 years
Get hands on with static electricity. Learn how it moves and transfers, and even have a hair raising experience!

- EAST LONDON
  Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2:30–3:30 pm.
  Register starting Mar. 6

CD Scratch Art
10+ years
Create works of art from old CDs.

- BYRON
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2:30–3:30 pm
  Register starting Mar. 1

Cartooning
8–12 years
Learn to draw fun and fantastic characters. Gain new skills and finish with loads of characters and stories.

- LANDON
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2:30–3:30 pm.
  Register starting Feb. 28

Paw Patrol Party!
Family
Celebrate Ryder and the Paw Patrol pups with stories, songs and fun activities.

- BEACOCK
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2:30–3:30 pm

All About Animals with Mad Science
6–12 years
Learn all about our animal friends! Make your own animal foot print.

- CROUCH
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2:30–3:30 pm
  Register starting Mar. 7.

- STONEY CREEK
  Thursday, Mar. 15, 10–11 am
  Register starting Mar. 8

Gentle Yoga for the Family
Practice yoga together, learning a basic routine in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Bring your own yoga mat.

- MASONVILLE
  Friday, Mar. 16, 10–11 am
  Register starting Mar. 9

- POND MILLS
  Friday, Mar. 16, 2:30–3:30 pm
  Register starting Mar. 9

Flight School with The Hood Archery
8+ years
Learn the basics of archery using bows and safe, foam-tipped arrows. Practice and perfect while playing target based games.

- LAMBETH
  Friday, Mar. 16, 2–4 pm
  Register starting Mar. 10

- SHERWOOD
  Saturday, Mar. 17, 2:30–4:30 pm
  Register starting Mar. 10

DROP IN PROGRAMS

Craft and Discovery Stations
Create, play and discover in the Library.

- EAST LONDON
- LAMBETH
- MASONVILLE
- SHERWOOD

Spy Training Week
Family
Join us for spy training week where spies can create their own badges and disguises, take their fingerprints, crack and create codes and test their skills in a laser training course.

- LANDON
  Mar. 13–17, Library hours

Cardboard Cave Creations
Family
Crawl inside our cardboard cave, explore ancient writings and images. Add your own!

- BYRON
  Tuesday, Mar. 13, 12–4 pm

Lego Creation Station
Family
We provide the LEGO bricks, you provide the imagination.

- POND MILLS
  Tuesday, Mar. 13, 10:30 am–12:30 pm

- WESTMOUNT
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2:30–3:30 pm
March Break Mar 10 – 17

Family Movies
Family
Bring your own snacks! Call the Branch one week ahead for movie title.
• BEACOCK
  Tuesday, Mar. 13, 6–8 pm
• STONEY CREEK
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2:30–4 pm
• CARSON
  Thursday, Mar. 15, 2:30–4:30 pm
• SHERWOOD
  Thursday, Mar. 15, 4–6 pm
• CHERRYHILL
  Friday, Mar. 16, 2:30–4 pm
• BYRON
  Friday, Mar. 16, 2:30–4 pm
• EAST LONDON
  Friday, Mar. 16, 2:30–4 pm
• JALNA
  Saturday, Mar. 17, 2:30 pm
• CROUCH
  Saturday, Mar. 10, 2:30 pm

Intro to Improv
9+ years
Learn the basics from Shut the Front Door Improv through interactive games and other fun methods. No experience necessary.
• POND MILLS
  Thursday, Mar. 15, 2:30–4:30 pm

Invitation to Create
Express yourself creatively using a variety of mediums with library staff. Parents/caregivers are welcome to join their children and make art together. All ages.
• JALNA
  Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2:30–3:30 pm
• POND MILLS
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 10:30–11:30 am
• CROUCH
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 11 am–12 pm
• CHERRYHILL
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 1–4 pm
• WESTMOUNT
  Thursday, Mar. 15, 2:30–3:30 pm
• BEACOCK
  Friday, Mar. 16, 10–11 am

Obstacle Course Challenge
4–9 years
Watch out for that tricky ring of fire! Don’t step on that or you’ll get zapped! Are you up for the challenge?
• BYRON
  Thursday, Mar. 15, 12–4 pm

Fire Safety with Sparky the Fire Dog Robot
3–7 years, with caregiver
The London Fire Department invites children to listen to a fire safety story with Sparky the Fire Dog Robot.
• JALNA
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 10–10:45 am
• BYRON
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2:30–3 pm
• CROUCH
  Thursday, Mar. 15, 10–10:30 am
• CHERRYHILL
  Thursday, Mar. 15, 2:30–3 pm
• STONEY CREEK
  Friday, Mar. 16, 10–10:30 am

TweenSpace: Create at the Library
Join us daily at the Library to explore, discover and create! Crafts, puzzles, maker stations & more!
• CENTRAL
  Mar. 10–17, Library hours

Button Making
Family
Create your very own pin-back button. Photos must be photocopied to fit in the button maker.
• MASONVILLE
  Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2:30–3:30 pm
• BYRON
  Friday, Mar. 16, 10–11 am
• SHERWOOD
  Friday, Mar. 16, 2:30–3:30 pm
• CHERRYHILL
  Saturday, Mar. 17, 12–2 pm

London Hydro Electrical Safety Awareness
Are you aware of the hazards of electricity? Increase electricity safety and conservation with London Hydro.
• SHERWOOD
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2:30–3:30 pm

Cardboard Maze Build
Create a giant, fun maze with huge cardboard provided by the library.
• BEACOCK
  Friday, Mar. 16, 2:30–4:30 pm
• WESTMOUNT
  Friday, Mar. 16, 2:30–3:30 pm
• BYRON
  Saturday, Mar. 10, 12–4 pm

Peppa Pig Party
What’s more perfect than a Peppa Pig Party? Nothing! So put on some pink and pop on in for fun and games. Prizes for “Most Perfect Peppa Pig” and “Pinkiest Person”.
• CENTRAL
  Friday, Mar. 16, 2:30–4:30 pm

Family Games
Play a variety of fun games with the whole family! Play our games or bring your own.
• BYRON
  Wednesday, Mar. 14, 12–4 pm
• CENTRAL
  Thursday, Mar. 15, 2–5 pm

Dog Tales – Group Setting
7-13 years
A great way for reluctant readers to practice reading skills and build confidence. Meet a St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog team. Listen to a story, play games read to a dog.
• CENTRAL
  Thursday, Mar. 15, 2:30–3:30 pm

Arcade Armageddon!
7+ years
Play games like Minecraft, Mario Cart and even Just Dance!
• CROUCH
  Friday, Mar. 16, 2–5 pm

Maker Fair
Snap Circuits, Makey Makey, Squigz, Osmo, Spirograph and more!
• MASONVILLE
  Friday, Mar. 16, 2–4 pm

Peppa Pig Party
What’s more perfect than a Peppa Pig Party? Nothing! So put on some pink and pop on in for fun and games. Prizes for “Most Perfect Peppa Pig” and “Pinkiest Person”.
• CENTRAL
  Friday, Mar. 16, 2:30–4:30 pm
BOOK CAMP LONDON

Ages 10–15 Years
August 13–17
Central Library

Meet Authors!
Share Your Love of Books!
Fun & Creative Workshops!

Authors, illustrators and other experts come to Book Camp to educate, motivate and mentor young writers and illustrators. In partnership with Investing in Children and generously supported by Friends of the London Public Library.

Register Online at www.investinginchildren.on.ca/book-camp-london

PA Day
Friday, Apr. 27

Game Station: Tabletop Treasures & Giant Games!
5–12 years
• CROUCH
  Friday, Apr. 27, 2–5 pm
• BYRON
  Friday, Apr. 27, 2:30–4 pm

Make & Play for PA Day!
Be inspired... create, make and play with a variety of activities!
• CHERRYHILL
  Friday, Apr. 27, 1–3 pm
• EAST LONDON
  Friday, Apr. 27, Opening hours
• JALNA
  Friday, Apr. 27, Opening hours

PA Day Movie
Come in and watch a recently released or classic movie on our big screen! Please call the branch to find out what’s playing.
• BYRON
  Friday, Apr. 27, 2:30–4 pm
• JALNA
  Friday, Apr. 27, 2:30 pm
• MASONVILLE
  Friday, Apr. 27, 2–4 pm
• STONEY CREEK
  Friday, Apr. 27, 2:30–4 pm
• SHERWOOD
  Friday, Apr. 27, 4–6 pm

St. Patrick’s Day Ceilidh @ Byron
Celebrate with a traditional Irish social gathering. Live music from Celtic Knot, crafts and refreshments.
• BYRON
  Saturday, Mar. 17, 2–3:30 pm

St. Patrick’s Day
• CROUCH
  Four Leaf of Luck Scavenger Hunt
  Saturday, Mar. 17, Library hours
• EAST LONDON
  Craft
  Saturday, Mar. 17, Library hours
• STONEY CREEK
  Shamrock Hunt
  Saturday, Mar. 17, 10 am – 4 pm
• POND MILLS
  Games & Activities
  Saturday, Mar. 17, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Robin Hood Day in Sherwood Forest
Come celebrate all things Robin Hood in Sherwood Forest! We have activities for all ages, adults and children, all day long, including archery, music, history presentations, and refreshments.
• SHERWOOD
  Saturday, Mar. 17, 10 am–5 pm

A fun Day for Kids and Adults!
Create, Make, Build

Crouch Chromatics
Colouring Club
7+ years
Colour, snack and chat! What could be more fun than that?
• CROUCH
1st & 3rd Tuesday of month, 3:30–5 pm

Lego Creation Station
Family
We provide the LEGO bricks, you provide the imagination.
• CHERRYHILL
Last Saturday of month, 2:30–3:30 pm
• SHERWOOD
1st Saturday of month, 2:30–3:30 pm

Pins and Needles
Learn how to knit or crochet. Work on a personal project or contribute to a project for charity. No experience necessary.
• SHERWOOD
Saturdays, 1–3 pm
No session Mar. 17 and Mar. 31

Paper Art Club
Origami in partnership with the Paper Art Club from Western University.
• CENTRAL
Saturdays, March 3 & 17, 1–3 pm

Invitation to Create
Express yourself creatively using a variety of art mediums with library staff. Parents/caregivers are welcome to join their children and make art together.
• MASONVILLE
Saturdays, 2–4 pm
• BYRON
Saturdays, Apr. 28 & May 26, 2–4 pm

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 Mar. 30

Chess Club
5–9 years
Learn the game and play against other kids. If the instructor is unavailable boards & pieces will be available for play. Children 7 or under must have a caregiver inside the Children’s Library at all times.
• CENTRAL
Saturdays, 11 am–12:30 pm

Chess Club at Landon
8–12 years
• LANDON
Thursdays, Mar. 15, Apr. 12, May 10, 4–5:30 pm

Rubik's Cube Unplugged Club
9–15 years
Discover your inner Rubik’s cube skills. Local teens will help you get started and share some of their secrets that you can try hands-on! Some cubes available but please bring your own cube if you have one.
• MASONVILLE
Saturdays, 2–3 pm, until Jun. 23
No sessions Mar. 10, 17 & 24

Saturday Cinema
Family
Bring your friends and family for tasty treats and enjoy a fun feature film on our BIG screen!
• CROUCH
1st Saturday of month, 2:30 pm until Jun. 2
Homework

Beacock Homework Club
8–12 years
Homework help is here! Drop in to this free program and get some help from Frontier College volunteers.
• BEACOCK
Tuesdays, 3:45–5:45 pm until Apr. 3.
No session on Mar. 13.

Homework Help Club for Newcomer Youth at Stoney Creek
Grades 8–10
Achieve success in school by joining our Homework Help Club! For newcomer youth who are permanent residents. Warm-up activities, homework help and snacks! In partnership with LUSO Community Services and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. For more information contact kaila@lusocentre.org or 519-452-1466.
• STONEY CREEK
Wednesdays, 3–5 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, 5–7 pm
No session Mar. 15

Cherryhill Homework Club
8–12 years
Homework help is here! Drop in to this free program and get some help from Frontier College volunteers.
• CHERRYHILL
Tuesdays, Mar. 6–Apr. 3, 3:45–5:45 pm

Life Skills

PROGRAMS WITH A FEE

Tapping Away Your School Anxieties
8–12 years
Anxiety has many forms and many reasons. Your child may have anxiety about going to school, separation, bullying, not making friends easily, school tests, pleasing the teacher or other things. Parents may also have anxieties about your child at school. Come prepared to deal with your and your child’s feelings of anxiety. Learn the daily practice of TAPPING to ease those anxieties rapidly and effectively. Limited enrollment.
Fee: $20 per child
• CENTRAL
Tuesdays, Mar. 13–Apr. 3, 7–8 pm
Register starting Mar. 1

I’m Home
10–12 years
Support for parents in preparing children to move successfully from supervised care to safe, home-based selfcare.
Offered 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.
• MASONVILLE
Saturday, Mar. 24, 9:30 am–2 pm
• JALNA
Saturday, Apr. 7, 9:30–2 pm
• CHERRYHILL
Saturday, Apr. 14, 9:30 am–2 pm
• EAST LONDON
Saturday, Apr. 21, 9:30–2 pm
• SHERWOOD
Saturday, May 5, 9:30 am–2 pm
• POND MILLS
Saturday, May 12, 9:30 am–2 pm
• BYRON
Saturday, May 26, 9:30 am–2 pm

DocsKids
Family
DocsKids, a community outreach dental health program run by local dental students provides education demonstrations and hands-on activities. Bring your teddy bear or stuffie for a checkup!
• CENTRAL
Saturday, Mar. 3, 1–3 pm
Readers & Writers

Harry Potter Book Club
10+ years
Everything Harry Potter: book discussions, activities and games.
• SHERWOOD
4th Tuesday of month, 7–8 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. Call 519-661-4600 to register.
• SHERWOOD
2nd and 4th Saturday of month, 11:30 am–12:30 pm
Parent & Tween Book Club
Grades 6–8 with a parent
Share a love of reading, crafts & good company! Bring along a title or two so we can plan our future picks.
Apr.: The Lottery's Plus One by Emma Donoghue.
May: Charlotte’s Web by E. B. White
• CENTRAL
Saturdays, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5
11 am–12 pm
My First Book Club
7–9 years
For children who are reading independently. Join us for a book discussion and fun activities. Books are available at the branch before each meeting date to borrow and read before our meeting. For more information call the Branch. Register in advance. Please include child’s name and age in Note to Instructor.
• BYRON
2nd Saturday of month, 2:30–3:30 pm
• CHERRYHILL
2nd Saturday of month, 2:30–4 pm
Dog Tales - Group Setting
7-13 years
A great way for reluctant readers to practice reading skills and build confidence. Meet a St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog team, listen to a story, play games and other activities. Interested children may also spend one-on-one time and read to a dog. All St. John Therapy Dogs have been assessed to read with children.
• CHERRYHILL
Saturday, Apr. 21, 2:30–3:30 pm

Science & Technology

Lego Bot Builders
8–13 years
Have you ever wanted to build a robot? Join us for guided lego bot building led by Kidbotix Maker Camp! Attendance is required each week as new skills are learned.
• LANDON
Saturdays, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 1–3 pm.
Register starting Feb. 1
Coding for Kids - Level 1
8–12 years
Join us for this hands-on class that teaches children the basics of computer programming and starts them on the path to creating their own animations or games with programming platform, Scratch. Kids will write code and develop their very own computer program.
• POND MILLS
Saturday, Apr. 7, 2–3:30 pm
Register starting Mar. 24
Saturday, May. 5, 2–3:30 pm
Register starting Apr. 21
• LANDON
Friday, Apr. 27, 2:30–4 pm.
Register starting Apr. 6
Tech Club!
Do you love technology? So do we! Join us each month for various tech-related activities and games.
• POND MILLS
Tuesdays, Apr. 24 & May 29, 7–8:30 pm.
Register starting Mar. 1
STEAM Saturdays at Westmount
Family
Learn and create together through self-directed exploration with materials and tools at Westmount’s Creative Station. Children under 11 require adult supervision. Generously supported by the London Central Lions Club.
• WESTMOUNT
3rd Saturday of month, 2–4 pm
March Break

DIY Zine-Making with Megan Arnold
11+ years
Create your own zine with London artist, Megan Arnold, using collage, stamping, drawing and text-cut-outs. Come with a theme in mind. All materials supplied, but feel free to bring additional materials.
Light snack will be served.
• MASONVILLE
Tuesday, Mar. 13, 6:30–8:30 pm
Register starting Mar.6

Bike 101
11–18 years
Learn the basics of bike repair and maintenance. Light refreshments.
In partnership with MEC.
• CENTRAL
Thursday, Mar. 15, 3–4 pm

Teen Resume Workshop
13–18 years
Looking for work? A solid resume is an effective tool for getting noticed by employers. In partnership with Youth Opportunities Unlimited.
• CENTRAL
Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2–3 pm

Comic Book Jam!
A celebration of comic books and comic book art! Cartooning workshops, crafts & activities, button making, comic creations, free comic give-aways, a fun photo booth and more! Feel free to come in costume.
In partnership with Heroes Cards & Comics.
• CENTRAL
Wednesday, Mar. 14, 1–4 pm

T1 Empowerment
A safe place for teen girls aged 12-18 with type 1 diabetes. Allowing teens to create lasting friendships, while discussing issues and successes about life with type 1 diabetes. Facilitated by Kayla Brown.
• MASONVILLE
Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 pm
No sessions May 17 & 24

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
Wednesday, Mar. 7, 6:30–8:30 pm
Wednesday, May 23, 6:30–8:30 pm

Youth Giving Back: Volunteer Fair
13–18 years
Do you need to complete your volunteer hours for school? Are you looking for a job, but lack experience? Talk to representatives from various volunteer organizations and learn how to gain valuable experience while making a difference in the lives of others.
• CENTRAL
Thursday, May 10, 3–4:30 pm

What Will You Create?
• LANDON
Saturdays, 2:30 – 4 pm

Reconciliation Through Education:
The Kairos Blanket Exercise Workshop for Youth
See page 28 for details.
Advance registration required: 519-453-3198 or email: necommunityconversations@gmail.com
• BEACOCK
Thursday, 15 Mar, 2018 5-8:30pm
Doors open at 4:30pm
### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

**SHERWOOD**  
1st Tuesday of month, 2:15–3:15 pm  
Mar. 6: *Alice I Have Been* by Melanie Benjamin  
Apr. 3: *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee  
May 1: *Heart of the Matter* by Emily Giffin  

**LANDON**  
2nd Tuesday of month, 7–8:30 pm  
Mar. 13: *Brother* by David Chariandy  
Call 519-439-6240 for selected titles.  

**WESTMOUNT TUESDAY BOOK CLUB**  
NOTE: This club will meet in the Westmount Shopping Centre Community Room.  
2nd Tuesday of month, 7–8 pm  
Mar. 13: *The High Road* by Terry Fallis  
Apr. 10: *Precious Cargo* by Craig Davidson  
May 8: *That Old Cape Magic* by Richard Russo  

**BEACOCK**  
1st Wednesday of month, 7–8:30 pm  
Call 519-451-8140 for selected titles.  

**EAST LONDON**  
1st Wednesday of month, 7–8 pm  
Mar. 7: *The King’s Speech* by Mark Logue  
by Suzanne Desrochers  
May 2: *The Nest* by Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney  

**LAMBETH**  
3rd Wednesday of month, 10–11 am  
Mar. 21: *Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda  
Apr. 18: *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes  
May 16: *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel  

**STONEY CREEK**  
3rd Wednesday of month, 7:30–8:30 pm  
Mar. 21: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith  
Apr. 18: *Handmaid’s Tale* by Margaret Atwood  
May 16: *Leave Me* by Gayle Forman  

**POND MILLS**  
Last Wednesday of month, 7:30–8:30 pm  
Please call 519-685-1333 for selected titles.  

**CENTRAL**  
Mondays, 7–8:30 pm  
Mar. 5: *When We Rise* by Cleve Jones.  
Apr. 16: *I, Animal* by Daniel Maclvor.  
May 28: *How to Survive a Summer* by Nick White  

**JALNA**  
3rd Wednesday of month, 7–8 pm  
Mar. 21: *The High Mountains of Portugal* by Yann Martel  
Apr. 18: *The Readers of Broken Wheel* by Katarina Bivald  
May 16: *Fierce Kingdom* by Gin Phillips  

**MASONVILLE**  
2nd Thursday of month, 10–11 am  
Mar. 8: *Corduroy Mansions* by Alexander McCall Smith  
Apr. 12: *Funny Girl* by Nick Hornby  
May 10: *Life after Life* by Kate Atkinson  

**WESTMOUNT FRIDAY BOOK CLUB**  
NOTE: This Club will meet at Lambeth Branch Library.  
3rd Friday of month, 10–11 am  
Mar. 16: *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* by Tom Franklin  
Apr. 20: *Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstein  
May 18: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi  

**THE GAY GUYS’ BOOK CLUB**  
In partnership with the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection.  

**LAMBETH**  
3rd Thursday of month, 7–8 pm  
Mar. 8: *The Illegal* by Lawrence Hill  
Apr. 12: *Before I Go To Sleep* by S.J. Watson  
May 10: *The Massey Murder* by Charlotte Gray  

**BYRON**  
Last Thursday of month, 7–8 pm  
Mar. 29: *Fifteen Dogs* by Andre Alexis  
Apr. 26: *Brother* by David Chariandy  
May 31: *The Luckiest Girl Alive* by Jessica Knoll  

**MASONVILLE**  
2nd Thursday of month, 10–11 am  
Mar. 8: *Corduroy Mansions* by Alexander McCall Smith  
Apr. 12: *Funny Girl* by Nick Hornby  
May 10: *Life after Life* by Kate Atkinson  

**LAMBETH**  
3rd Thursday of month, 7–8 pm  
Mar. 16: *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* by Aimee Bender  

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**CENTRAL**  
Mondays, 7–8:30 pm  
Mar. 5: *When We Rise* by Cleve Jones.  
Apr. 16: *I, Animal* by Daniel Maclvor.  
May 28: *How to Survive a Summer* by Nick White  

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**Call 519-661-4600 for more information.**
Masonville Book Club: Prize Books: Which and Why?
A discussion of award winning books and why they were selected.
- **MASONVILLE**
  3rd Tuesday of month, 7–8:30 pm
  Mar. 20: *October* by Richard B. Wright
  Apr. 17: *The Hidden Life Of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben
  May 15: *The Singing Fire* by Lilian Nattel

Mystery Book Club
Join us as we discuss great mystery novels.
- **BEACOCK**
  2nd Wednesday of month, 7–8:45 pm
- **CROUCH**
  1st Thursday of month, 7–8:30 pm

Read Aloud Book Club
This program takes place at the London InterCommunity Health Centre at 659 Dundas St. Read or listen to a good book in a safe space, no matter your skill level. All welcome. Refreshments and snacks provided.
- **London InterCommunity Health Centre**
  Wednesdays, 11–12 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
  Mar. 3: *The Story of Your Life* by Ted Chiang (short story & film)
  Apr. 7: *Under a Darkling Sea* by James L. Cambias
  May 5: *Gulliver’s Travels* by Jonathan Swift

When We Were Young Book Club
Join us for this book club if you enjoy revisiting favourite books from your youth, as well as new titles.
- **CENTRAL**
  4th Thursday of month, 7–8 pm
  Mar. 22: *The Cat at the Wall* by Deborah Ellis
  Apr. 26: *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling

**ONE BOOK ONE LONDON COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSIONS**
Join us as we share our thoughts and feelings about the story of *Brother*, by David Chariandy. Discussions will be co-facilitated by library staff and members of our community. Light refreshments and snacks will be served.
- **CENTRAL**
  Monday, Mar. 5, 7–8:30 pm
- **SHERWOOD**
  Wednesday, Mar. 7, 7–8:30 pm
- **POND MILLS**
  Wednesday, Mar. 21, 7–8:30 pm
- **MASONVILLE**
  Thursday, Mar. 29, 7–8:30 pm
- **JALNA**
  Tuesday, Apr. 3, 7–8:30 pm
- **LANDON**
  Thursday, Apr. 5, 7–8:30 pm
- **CHERRYHILL**
  Tuesday, Apr. 10, 7–8:30 pm

**Readings**
- **Bill Bissett: A Reading**
  Join us for a rare evening with Canadian poet and icon, Bill Bissett. Book sale and signing.
  - **LANDON**
    Thursday, Mar. 8, 7:30 pm

**Poetry London Readings**
Poetry London hosts and celebrates nationally acclaimed and local poets
- **LANDON**
  Wednesdays, 7:30–9 pm
  Mar. 21: Liz Howard and Hoa Nguyen
  Apr. 18: Phoebe Wang and Michael Fraser.

**Poetry London Workshop**
Poetry London Workshops are open to anyone who enjoys discussing poetry. Participants will take a closer look at the work of that evening’s featured poets and share their own poetry in a mutually supportive atmosphere.
- **LANDON**
  Wednesdays, Mar. 21 & Apr. 18, 6:30–7:30 pm

**One Book One London Presents:**
**An Evening with David Chariandy**
You are invited to a celebration of our 2018 One Book One London title *Brother* by David Chariandy. David will be joining us for a book reading and discussion. Book sale and signing to follow.
- **CENTRAL**
  Monday, Apr. 16, 7–8:30 pm
WRITING GROUPS

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. In partnership with London InterCommunity Health Centre.
• CENTRAL
Saturdays, Mar. 3–Apr. 14 & May 19–Aug. 18 2–4 pm

Interactive Writers’ Circle
Create or polish your anecdotal stories into gems. Discuss, express and voice the pathway to your own collected works or extended story. Join a small caring group.
• CHERRYHILL
Tuesdays, Apr. 17–May 29, 1:30–3:30 pm
Registration begins Mar. 21.

Writer-in-Residence Daniel MacIvor:
Office Hours
To make an appointment: email info@lpl.ca or call 519-661-4600. Daniel is available by appointment to talk to writers, novice or experienced, about their writing. He will accept up to 15 pages of completed or advanced-process work. Send your submissions at least one week before your appointment. www.lpl.ca/writerinresidence
• CENTRAL
Tuesdays, until Apr. 10, 12–6 pm

Borrow A Ukulele!
Interested in the ukulele but not sure yet 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 only.
• STONEY CREEK
Library hours

Ukulele Jam for Beginners
Come out if you know a few basic chords (G, C, F, Dm, Am, etc) and want to try playing with a group. Music provided! Bring a stand if you have one.
• STONEY CREEK
Thursdays, Mar. 22 & 24 May 24, 7–8:30

Check Out the Ukulele
Try this two-session beginners program to get to know the ukulele. Learn basic chords and strumming patterns, play easy songs and get tips on how to progress. Bring your own ukulele or sign out one of ours.
• STONEY CREEK
Thursdays, Apr. 12 & 19th, 7–8:30 pm
Registration begins Mar. 13.

Songwriters Workshop
For songwriters at any level and anyone interested in the art and craft of songwriting. Bring your instruments and your tunes (finished songs or works in progress) for open discussion, group writing exercises, song sharing and peer feedback. In partnership with the Songwriters Association of Canada.
• LONDON
Tuesdays, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, 7–8:45 pm

Thames Valley District School Board Honour Jazz Band
An evening of stage band jazz with the TVDSB Honour Band and the London Jazz Orchestra.
• CENTRAL
Thursday, Mar. 1, 7:30–9 pm

Music, Theatre & Film

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. 28, Apr. 25, May 16, 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
Wednesday, Apr. 19, 7:30–9 pm

Stratford Festival Lecture Series 2018
Stratford Festival is providing talks by expert presenters who will discuss the plays of the 2018 season.
May 1: To Kill A Mockingbird
with Dr. Thomas McMurrow
May 8: Julius Caesar
with Dr. Morgan Ring
May 15: Coriolanus
with Dr. Kel Pero
May 22: An Ideal Husband
with Dr. Michelle MacArthur
May 29: Comedy of Errors
with Dr. M.J. Kidnie
• MASONVILLE
Tuesdays, 7–8:30 pm

FILM

Silver Screen Saturdays (Family Edition)
Watch recent award winning favourite films on the big screen. For movie titles and content ratings call 519-661-4600.
• EAST LONDON
Saturdays, May 5–26, 2:30–4 pm

Thursday Movies
For movie titles call 519-439-6456.
• CHERRYHILL
Thursdays, Mar. 22–May 17, 1:30–3:30 pm
Ideas & Issues

Music, Theatre & Film

National Canadian Film Day 2018
Wednesday, April 18
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.

• CHERRYHILL
2:30–4 pm
• STONEY CREEK
5:30–7:30 pm
• BEACOCK
6–8 pm
• CROUCH
6:30–8:30 pm
• SHERWOOD
7–8:30 pm

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour
The Tour returns to London delivering awe-inspiring films that celebrate the beauty of nature, outdoor sport, mountain culture, our changing environment and the human spirit. Different films will be screened each evening. Tickets: $20 each (plus taxes and applicable fees). Valid for night purchased. Buy tickets online at www.ticketfly.com or at Wolf Performance Hall and Meeting Services, Central Library. No refunds or exchanges.

• CENTRAL
Mar. 19, 20, 21, 7 pm

Ranked Ballot Voting Information
On October 22, 2018, the City of London will, for the first time in Canada, elect a Mayor and City Council using Ranked Choice Voting. Stop by our information display, chat with Elections staff, see the new ballot and watch a brief demonstration of how votes will be counted. Saturdays at various Library locations, 11 am-3 pm

• MASONVILLE
Saturday, March 24
• POND MILLS
Saturday, April 14
• JALNA
Saturday, April 21
• EAST LONDON
Saturday, April 28
• CHERRYHILL
Saturday, May 5
• BYRON
Saturday, May 12

Ranked Ballot Voting Demonstration
Ranked Choice Voting - what is it and how will it change the way London Votes? Join the City of London Elections staff for a hands-on, lively, interactive demonstration of this voting method. Bring a friend!

• BYRON
Wednesday, March 28, 7-9 pm
• LANDON
Thursday, April 26, 7-9 pm
• STONEY CREEK
Tuesday, May 15, 7-9 pm

Socrates Cafe
An open forum in an informal environment for everyone who enjoys listening, thinking and talking about life’s big questions.

Mar.26: Is Life Worth It?
Apr. 30: What is “Time”?
May 28: Do We Really Value Human Rights and Life itself?

• CENTRAL
Mondays, 7–8:30 pm

Curious Public at Central Library
Join facilitator, James Shelley, for this community created podcast series. Listen to the live conversation and participate in the ‘off-air’ discussion. Check jamesshelley.com/curiouspublic for more information.

Mar. 5: One Book One London Discussion of 2018 title Brother
Apr. 9: Gender in Canada
May 7: Indigenous Canadians & Me
• CENTRAL
Mondays, 7–8:30 pm

R-Ladies #LdnOnt: Promoting Gender Diversity in the R User Community
Join us for a low-key get together for ladies interested in using and learning more about R, a powerful statistical software program. Bring your device and come with R and R Studio installed.

• CENTRAL
Tuesdays, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 29, 5–7 pm

The Problem with “Fake News”
What is the problem with “fake news”? Join a panel, consisting of a journalist, an academic, and an archivist, in a lively discussion on this topic, moderated by Guy Berthiaume, Librarian and Archivist of Canada. In partnership with Western University’s Faculty of Information & Media Studies and Library and Archives Canada.

• CENTRAL
Tuesday, Mar. 13, 7–9 pm

Editing the Human Genome: The Ethics of Moulding Our Future – Panel Discussion
The groundbreaking discovery of CRISPR allows scientists to edit the human genome. This may enable us to cure diseases, and modify humans in directions in which we now only dream. Join us for a panel with international bioethicist Julian Savulescu and leading genomics experts. In partnership with Western University’s Rotman Institute of Philosophy.

• CENTRAL
Wednesday, March 14, 7–9 pm

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NeighbourGood London Workshops
Workshops geared to neighbourhood associations and resident-led groups with focus on strengthening their neighbourhood. In partnership with the City of London.
- CENTRAL
  Mar. 27: Neighbourhood Fundraising and Sponsorships
  LANDON
  May 29: Advanced Communications for Neighbourhoods
  Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30 pm

Neighbourhood Service Days
Registration and information about City of London programs and services will be available in your neighbourhood Library. City staff will answer your questions and assist you with: applying for childcare subsidy, Play Your Way funding and registering for recreation programs, housing, a subsidized bus pass. Information about Fire Prevention, Environmental Services, Neighbourhood Events, Age Friendly London, the Child & Youth Network. Homelessness Prevention will also be available
- EAST LONDON
  Tuesday, March 27, 5:30-8 pm
- MASONVILLE
  Tuesday, April 3, 5:30-8 pm
- JALNA
  Tuesday, April 10, 5:30-8 pm

Western Presents:
Public Interest Talks
A series of lectures discussing the ongoing research from Western University’s Faculty of Information and Media Studies. Tuesdays, 7–8:30 pm
- CENTRAL
  Mar. 27: Reading Among Older Adults: Resistance, Resilience and Pleasure with Dr. Paulette Rothbauer
  LANDON
  Apr. 3: The Fog of Cyber-War with Dr. Nick Witheford

Us & Them: Film Screening
A deeply visceral film about transformation through human connection. Using the First Nations Medicine Wheel, a woman sets out to help four homeless people who change forever her perspective. Featuring Dr. Gabor Maté, Hereditary Chief Phil Lane Jr., and Reverend Al Tysick, this film digs deep into addiction and homelessness. Panel discussion to follow. In partnership with Western University’s School of Nursing, Centre for Research on Health Equity and Social Inclusion and the City of London.
- CENTRAL
  Tuesday, Apr. 3, 7–9 pm

Reconciliation Through Education: The Kairos Blanket Exercise Workshop
Explore the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. To register call 519-453-3198 or email necommunityconversations@gmail.com
- SHERWOOD
  Saturday, Apr. 21, 1–4 pm
- JALNA
  Saturday, May 5, 1–4 pm
  Doors open at 12:30 pm.

Abraham’s Cafe: A Multi-faith Roundtable Discussion
Who are the personalities of the three Abrahamic faiths? Join representatives from Christianity, Judaism and Islam to learn more about the heroes and heroines of each religion.
- CROUCH
  Tuesday, Apr. 24, 7–8:30 pm

Women Trailblazers: Writers and Voices for Change
A reading and lecture series celebrating Canadian women writers in celebration of a century of women’s right to vote.
April 30: Trailblazers of the Past:
  Featuring the work of writers: Susan Butlin, The Practice of Her Profession, Clarissa Harwood, Impossible Saints, and Jean Hewitt Voices of Change.
May 7: Voicing Colleen Thibaudeau:
  London’s Premier ‘First Wave’ Poet with Peggy Roffey
May 14: Telling Womens Stories: The Life & Work of Lucy Maud Montgomery with Dr. Elizabeth Waterston
May 28: Heroes: With Judy Rebick who will share stories from her new book, Heroes in My Head, and Penn Kemp whose recent book, Local Heroes, celebrates London women, artists and writers
- CENTRAL
  Mondays, 7–8:30 pm

Wayne MacDonald: My Story as a Disabled Adventurer
As Wayne left for work on the morning of February 8, 1999, he had no idea the events that occurred that afternoon would change his life forever. Meet Wayne and hear his inspiring story of embracing life in spite of his challenges.
- CHERRYHILL
  Saturday, May 12, 2–3 pm
Local History & Stories

Genealogy Using Ancestry: Beginner
• SHERWOOD
Saturday, Mar. 24, 2–4 pm
Registration begins Mar. 1.

Genealogy Using Ancestry: Intermediate
Learn the next steps of genealogy after you’ve attended the beginner program: census records, voter’s lists, and military records and how to find them using the Ancestry Library Edition database.
• SHERWOOD
Saturday, Apr. 28, 2–4 pm
Registration begins Mar. 24.

Terrific Tales of London & Area
Apr. 3: Remembering Diocese of London’s Bishop John Walsh with Fr. John Comiskey
Apr. 10: Fanshawe College’s 50th Anniversary with Karrie Burke
Apr. 17: 50 years of Storybook Gardens with Arthur McClelland
Apr. 24: The Scots of Elgin County with Mike Baker
May 1: Greg Curnoe & Jack Chambers with Herman Goodden.
• CENTRAL
Tuesdays, 7–8 pm

A Separate Branch: A Book Launch
Join us for the launch of A Separate Branch by London writer Lillian Driessens-Fleming. Lillian will read from her book about survival, success and happiness, a story that brings hope to victims of abuse.
• CHERRYHILL
Saturday, Apr. 14, 2:30–4 pm

Hidden History of Hamilton Road: Bill Kydd Radiator
Join us as we discuss Bill Kydd Radiator, a business that has been in operation for over 40 years on Hamilton Road.
• CROUCH
Thursday, May 17, 7–9 pm

Nature & Environment

Gardening in the City
A gardening program with London Middlesex Master Gardeners.
• CENTRAL
Mondays, 7–8:30 pm
Mar. 5: Square Foot Planting with Rosemarie Szalich

Gifts from the Garden
Join Jennifer Grant, Registered Horticultural Therapist for garden activities. Sponsored by Lambeth Lions Club.
• LAMBETH
Thursdays, 2–3:30 pm
Mar. 29: Herbs and Health Benefits
Apr. 26: Grow Your Own Salad
Registration begins Mar. 21.

Kevin Callan: Ontario Water Adventures
Kevin offers a presentation on some of his favourite places to paddle in Ontario.
• CENTRAL
Thursday, Mar. 29, 7–8:30 pm

Chimney Swifts: Mysterious Little Birds in Big Trouble
Winifred Wake of Nature London shares the story of these endearing little birds, including their alarming population decline.
• LONDON
Tuesday, Apr. 24, 7–8 pm

Spring Plant Exchanges
Calling all gardeners! Bring in your extra cuttings, bulbs and plants to exchange with other gardeners. Please label plants.
• BEACOCK
Saturday, May 12, 10 am–12 pm
• STONEY CREEK
Saturday, May 12, 10 am–12 pm
• BYRON
Saturday, May 19, 2–4 pm
• CHERRYHILL
Saturday, May 19, 2–4 pm
• CROUCH
Saturday, May 26, 2–4 pm
• EAST LONDON
Saturday, May 19, 10–12 pm
• JALNA
Saturday, May 26, 10 am–12 pm
• LONDON
Saturday, May 26, 10 am–12 pm
• MASONVILLE
Saturday, May 26, 10 am–12 pm
• SHERWOOD
Saturday, May 26, 2–4 pm
• POND MILLS
Saturday, Jun. 2, 10 am–12 pm
Newcomers, Language & Literacy

ESL Reading Groups
Practice your English by reading with library volunteers and sharing your ideas. We provide all the reading material!
Note: No sessions on holiday weekends.
• CHERRYHILL
  Thursdays, 3:30–5 pm
• CENTRAL
  Saturdays, 10:30 am–12 pm
• JALNA
  Saturdays, 10–11:30 am
• MASONVILLE
  Saturdays, 10:30 am–12 pm
• STONEY CREEK
  Saturdays, 11:00 am–12:30 pm

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

Spanish Conversation Circle
Improve your Spanish in this informal, supportive conversation circle.
• CHERRYHILL
  Wednesdays, 7–8:30 pm

Tea & Talk: An Informal Conversation Group for Newcomers
Come and enjoy some tea and treats while you practice your language skills in a safe and comfortable English-Arabic environment. In partnership with LUSO Community Services.
Register by calling 519-452-1466 or email maha@lusocentre.org
• BEACOCK
  Fridays, 9:30–11:30 am

In Partnership with LIBRARY SETTLEMENT PARTNERSHIP

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

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. Register by calling the London Cross Cultural Learner Centre at 519-432-1133.
• CENTRAL
  Mondays, 7–8:30 pm
  No sessions Feb. 19, Apr. 2, May 21
  Fridays, 10:30–12 pm
  No session Mar. 30
• EAST LONDON
  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
• SHERWOOD
  Thursdays, 6:30–8 pm
• POND MILLS
  Saturdays, 2:30–4 pm

Getting to Know Canada Conversation Circle
This six week conversational program 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. Register by calling the London Cross Cultural Learner Centre at 519-432-1133 x224
• CENTRAL
  Thursdays, Mar. 22–Apr. 26, 6:30–8 pm

Library Settlement Partnership
Library Settlement Workers are available at two London Public Library locations. LSP workers speak a variety of languages and help newcomers find services in London. They provide information about language learning, housing, health care services, immigration issues, library services and much 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
Newcomers, 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.

• CENTRAL
  Thursdays, Mar. 1 & 15, Apr. 5 & 19, May 3 & 17, 6–8 pm
• BEACOCK
  Thursdays, Mar. 8 & 22, Apr. 12 & 26, May 10 & 24, 5:30–7:30 pm
  Saturdays, Mar. 10 & 24, 1–3 pm
• JALNA
  Saturdays, Mar. 10 & 25, Apr. 14 & 28, May 12 & 26, 2–4 pm
• SHERWOOD
  Saturdays, Mar. 3 & 17, Apr. 7 & 21, May 5, 3–5 pm
  May 19, 10 am–12 pm

In Partnership with THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

For all classes in partnership with the Thames Valley District School Board, participants must bring their PR card, citizenship card, passport and provide recent Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) scores in order to register. For an initial language assessment, call the CLARS Centre at 519-432-1133. Non-permanent residents may attend for a fee of $14 per class, prepaid in cash at the beginning of each month, and do not require an assessment. For more information about the class, call the Thames Valley DSB Adult ESL office 519-452-2000 x 69715. Join anytime and register with the class instructor.

Please note: No Classes March 10–17.

ESL for Seniors
These classes focus on the language necessary for use in everyday living with an emphasis on Canadian customs and culture. There will be lots of opportunity to talk with English speakers. The classes are especially designed for the older immigrant adult.

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

ESL Class for Adult Newcomers
These classes focus on learning and using the type of English that is necessary for everyday living in Canada. The emphasis will be on Canadian cultures, customs and communities.

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

ESL for Everyday Living
These classes focus on learning and using the type of English that is necessary for everyday living in Canada. The emphasis will be on Canadian cultures, customs and communities. For people with CLB scores 1-4.

• SHERWOOD
  Tuesdays, 6–8:30 pm or Thursdays, 9:15–11:45 am

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

• CENTRAL
  Wednesdays, 6:30–8:30 pm

IELTS / TOEFL Preparation
This 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. Some of the aspects of the course include: learning about expected essay formats and test-related tasks practice in using academic level vocabulary developing reading comprehension and listening/speaking skills and strategies for tests.

• SHERWOOD
  Wednesdays, 6–8:30 pm

Citizenship Prep Course
Learn everything you need to know to be successful on the Canadian Citizenship Test and much more about our country! Topics covered include: learning about expected essay formats and test-related tasks practice in using academic level vocabulary developing reading comprehension and listening/speaking skills and strategies for tests.

• EAST LONDON
  Thursdays, Mar. 22–Apr. 26, 6:30–8:30 pm
• MASONVILLE
  Thursdays, May 10–Jun. 14, 6:30–8:30 pm

The Library can help with your English learning and practicing for tests like TOEFL, IELTS and TOIEC. We provide the format that meets your needs – online learning platforms, and books and CDs.

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IELTS is an English language testing system that is recognized and accepted worldwide by employers, schools and universities. This database provides study help and practice tests for preparing for the test. Access it with your Library card from our website.

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Knitting Circles
Learn to knit, improve your skills and share your knowledge with others.
• CROUCH Tuesdays, 1:30–3:30 pm
• CENTRAL Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30 am
• BEACOCK Wednesdays, 1–4 pm
• BYRON Wednesdays, 6:45–8:45 pm
• EAST LONDON Thursdays, 12:30–2:30 pm
• LONDON Thursdays, 1–3 pm
• BYRON Thursdays, 2:30–4:30 pm
• CROUCH Thursdays, Mar. 1–May 31, 7–9 pm

Lambeth Library Artists
Join a group of artists of all levels. Bring your sketch pad, paint and supplies. Facilitated by artist and educator Sally Glanville.
• LAMBETH Wednesdays, Mar. 7, 21, Apr. 4, 18, May 2, 16, 1:30–3 pm

Lambeth Village Crafters & Friendship Group
Join this group of Lambeth seniors who gather to stitch, visit and share a light snack.
• LAMBETH Wednesdays, Mar. 14, 28, Apr. 11, 25, May 9, 23, 9:30–11 am

Byron Creative Crafts
Come work on your own knitting, crocheting, papercraft or other creative projects.
• BYRON Thursdays, 9 am–12 pm

Come and Paint at Byron
Bring your own paint supplies for an informal afternoon of painting.
• BYRON Thursdays, 1–4 pm

Itch to Stitch Club
Bring your project of knitting, crocheting, looming or rug hooking. Get help from others stitchers or learn how to stitch. A $2 weekly donation for supplies is appreciated. In partnership with the Alice Saddy Association.
• SHERWOOD Thursdays, 1–3 pm

Pond Mills Crafts & Laughs
Bring your craft and materials and join us for a fun night of crafting while knocking a few projects off of your Pinterest list!
• POND MILLS Thursdays, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3, 7:30–8:45 pm Call Branch at 519-685-1333.

Tatting, Anyone?
Members of Fringe Element Tatters will demonstrate and teach the art of tatting. Basic supplies provided for beginners.
• CARSON Saturdays, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19, 1:30–4:30 pm

Make, Create and Explore in the Studio
The Studio is open for self-directed creation with materials and tools available. Children 11 and under require adult supervision. Donations of basic tools and craft supplies in good condition are welcome.
• LONDON Saturdays, 2:30–4 pm

Basic Photography: Learning to Use Your Digital Camera
Become more comfortable and confident in taking pictures with your digital camera! This four week session will cover topics such as parts of the camera, storytelling with pictures, lighting, shutter speed, and much more! Bring your digital camera to each session.
• EAST LONDON Wednesdays, Apr. 4–25, 6:30–8 pm Registration begins Mar. 7.

That's Pinteresting
Join us for DIY adult crafts, home decor and arts inspired by Pinterest.
• BEACOCK Saturday, May 5, 2–3:30 pm
• CARSON Saturday, May 26, 2–3:30 pm

Family and Friends Game Night
Drop in for a game with activities for children and adults alike. All welcome. In partnership with the Hamilton Road Community Association.
• MASONVILLE Tuesdays, 2–3:45 pm

Crouch Cards, Coffee & Conversation
Games galore: euchre, Scrabble, cribbage and more.
• MASONVILLE Tuesdays, 2–3:45 pm

Beacock Coffee and Games Fun
Non-competitive cards and games fun held in a friendly social environment.
• BEACOCK Fridays, 10–11:30 am

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
Health & Wellness

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

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

Ask a Nurse Health Clinic
Health Zone’s Registered Nurse offers resources and services as needed and available. No appointment or Health Card necessary.
• CROUCH
Fridays, 12:30–2:30 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
No session Mar. 16

The Psychology of Everyday Life
These talks are provided in partnership with Western University’s Psychology Department.
Thurs. Mar. 8: Navigating the London Mental Health System and Emotions with Kimberely Dossett, Adam Newton and Monica Tomlinson
Thurs. Mar. 15: Chronic Pain & Healthy Aging: Issues and Research with Dora Ladowski and Ola Mohamed Ali
• CENTRAL
7–8:30 pm

Learning and Support Group for Adult Survivors of Child Abuse
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
Saturdays, Mar. 10, 24, Apr. 14, 28, May 12, 26, 10 am–12 pm

De-Cluttering Your Life and Mind
Make space for what is truly important in your life by learning what is underneath your physical and emotional clutter.
• CHERRYHILL
Wednesday, Mar. 21, 2–3:30 pm

Essential Oils 101
Join Christine Quayle, DoTerra Wellness Advocate and Essential Oil Educator, to learn what essential oils are and how to use them.
• BEACOCK
Tuesday, Mar. 27, 6–8 pm
Registration begins Mar. 20

Stories of Illness & Health: Immigrant & Refugee Experiences
Experience the stories of people living with chronic or acute conditions. The audience can reflect and engage in dialogue with our storytellers. In partnership with Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, the Arts and Humanities at Western, the Public Humanities at Western, the Faculty of Health Science, the Narrative Medicine Initiative, Fanshawe’s School of Nursing.
• CENTRAL
Tuesday, Mar. 27, 6:30–8 pm

Looking After a Family Member With a Health Condition
Join us for this event highlighted by a panel discussion with experienced family caregivers and a demonstration of new features on caregiverexchange.ca, a web based resource for family caregivers. In partnership with the healthline.ca Information Network.
• CENTRAL
Tuesday, Apr. 3, 2–4 pm
Register by calling 519-660-5910

Personality Matters in the Real World
A three part series delving into the complexities of personality. In partnership with faculty of the Western University’s Psychology Department
Apr. 5: Narcissism in the Workplace: Entitled, Self-Absorbed, and Ready to Lead with Dr. Alex Benson
Apr. 12: Personality Matters in the Workplace with Dr. Richard Goffin
Apr. 26: What the World Needs Now is . . . Emotional Intelligence with Dr. Don Saklofske
• CENTRAL
7–8:30 pm

Take Control of Your Health & Reduce Your Risk of Developing Cancer!
An informative evening to learn how simple lifestyle changes can make a big difference to reducing your risk of developing cancer. In partnership with the South West Regional Cancer Program.
• POND MILLS
Wednesday, Apr. 18, 6:30–8 pm

Finding Fitness at Mid-Life: Author Talk and Book Launch
Tracy Isaacs and Samantha Brennan share their approach to fitness and their new book Fit at Mid-Life: A Feminist Fitness Journey which offers a uniquely feminist approach to how women can break free from what society thinks and get active in their forties and beyond. Book sale and signing to follow.
• LANDON
Saturday, Apr. 28, 2–3 pm

So What Does That Mean, Doctor? Author Talk
Join Pearlette Cassells, author of this easy-to-read guide that empowers you to be more proactive about your health. Her book is a tool that helps individuals, families and caregivers write down and track their medical information in one place to prepare for appointments.
• CHERRYHILL
Tuesday, May 8, 2–3 pm
Preventing, Managing and Living with Osteoporosis
Learn about osteoporosis and general bone health during this information session presented by three specialists in endocrinology from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western.

- CENTRAL
  Tuesday, May 8, 6:30–8:30 pm

Let’s Talk, Ladies!: Dispelling the Myths About Cancer
Discuss the myths and learn the facts about breast, cervical and colorectal cancer as well as the HPV vaccine. In partnership with the South West Regional Cancer Program.

- MASONVILLE
  Thursday, May 17, 6:30–8 pm

CMHA: Circle of Life Art Therapy
Explore your inner self and thoughts through art. This is a drop-in group for women.

- CROUCH
  Tuesdays, 1–3 pm

CMHA: The Literary Circle
We will explore different writing genres and work on our own projects.

- LANDON
  Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30 pm

CMHA: Men’s Group
Gather to share and discuss topics such as men’s physical and mental health, finding purpose, relationships and communication, and demystifying machoism. In partnership with CMHA Middlesex.

- CROUCH
  Thursdays, 2–4 pm

CMHA: Clearing Clutter Support Group
A support group for individuals who struggle with the distress of having too much stuff and no space to store it. In partnership with CMHA Middlesex.

- CARSON
  Fridays, Apr. 6–May 25, 9:30 am–11:30 am
  To register call CMHA Middlesex 519-679-9570 x27.

Creative Age 2018: Photography from Basics to Beauty (50+)
Join local photographer, Chris Baldwin, as we discuss how a picture is taken, avoiding common mistakes, printing and framing. In partnership with Creative Age London.

- LONDON
  Wednesdays, Apr. 25–May 9, 7–8:30 pm
  Registration begins April 12.

Creative Age 2018: Planning Your Creative Retirement
Join Kathy Smith as she helps you explore a creative path for your retirement years. An introduction to retirement opportunities and transitioning strategies.

- CENTRAL
  Tuesday, May 29, 7–8:30 pm
  Doors open at 6:40 pm.

Creative Age 2018: ZINEiors
Join Nicole Dalmer for a program that is the first of its kind; focusing exclusively on the creation of zines. Participants will be introduced to paper folding and collage techniques, and other zine principles to create their own zine.

- CHERRYHILL
  Tuesday, May 1, 2-4:30 pm
  Registration begins Apr. 2

- BYRON
  Tuesday, May 9, 2-4:30 pm
  Registration begins Apr. 2

Creative Age 2018: An Evening with June Cole and Friends
Join us in the Wolf Performance Hall for a free Creative Age celebration of music, dance and theatre. Hosted by June Cole.

- CENTRAL
  Thursday, May 31, 7-9 pm

Exercise the SMART way
Get a natural high by joining these fun, energetic classes. In partnership with VON.

- CHERRYHILL
  Fridays, 10–11 am
- CROUCH
  Wednesdays, 9–10 am & 5:30–6:30 pm
  Thursdays, 5:30–6:30 pm
  Fridays, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

Current Events Discussion Group
Stay current on the latest news and politics with other retired adults.

- LONDON
  2nd & 4th Friday of the month, 10–11 am
- MASONVILLE
  1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 1:30–3:30 pm
For Older Adults

**Francophone Seniors’ Group**
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.
No program on Mar. 30
• CHERRYHILL
  Fridays, 1–3 pm

**Celebrating Seniors Series**
Join us for an activity or speaker. In partnership with the Medway Seniors Group.
Mar. 14: Back Pain and Stretching
Apr. 11: Language Learning at the Library
May 9: Ranked Ballot Voting
• SHERWOOD
  Wednesdays, 2–3 pm

**Identity Theft**
Seniors are a target for identity theft and scams. Learn how to spot fraud and alert authorities when you see it. Part of the Educational Opportunities for Seniors series.
• SHERWOOD
  Wednesday, Mar. 21, 1:30–3:30
  Register by calling Third Age Outreach at 519-661-1621

**The Benefits of Music**
Learn about the benefits of music to your health and wellness. Part of the Educational Opportunities for Seniors series.
• LANDON
  Wednesday, May 16, 1:30–2:30 pm
  Register by calling Third Age Outreach at 519-661-1621

Parenting

**Middlesex-London Health Unit, Infant Growth/Development and Breastfeeding Drop In**
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

**Prenatal Classes**
Meet other families and learn about pregnancy, coping through labour and birth, physical and emotional changes after birth, infant feeding, infant safety and how to care for your new baby. In partnership with Middlesex-London Health Unit. To register visit www.healthunit.com/prenatal-health.
• BEACOCK
  Wednesdays, Mar. 21–28 & Apr. 4–11, 6:30–8:30 pm
• CHERRYHILL
  Thursdays, May 10–31, 6:30–8:30 pm
• EAST LONDON
  Wednesdays, May 17–Jun. 13, 6:30–8:30 pm
• JALNA
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• POND MILLS
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• SHERWOOD
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**www.lpl.ca/digital**
Special Help

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 will be 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 519-964-3663 x300 or email housing@centreofhope.ca
• SHERWOOD
  Tuesdays, 9 am–12 pm
• POND MILLS
  Tuesdays, 1–5 pm
• BEACOCK
  Thursdays, 9 am–3:30 pm
• EAST LONDON
  Saturdays, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12, 9 am–1 pm
  Wednesdays, 1–5 pm
• JALNA
  Tuesdays, 9–12 pm
  Fridays, 1–5 pm
  Saturdays, Mar. 24, Apr. 28, May 26, 12:30–4:30 pm
Take Control of Your Job Search with London Employment Help Centre
Get help with your resume, cover letter, career counselling, and other services. In partnership with the London Employment Help Centre.
For more information and to book an appointment call 519-439-0501 x262 or email dganeshakumar@lehc.ca
• SHERWOOD
  Tuesdays, 12:30–3:30 pm
Community Employment Services Fanshawe: Resume Drop-In
Learn how to write effective resumes and cover letters that clearly display your skills, experience and all you have to offer to potential employers. In partnership with Community Employment Services, Fanshawe College.
• BEACOCK
  Thursdays, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, May 10, 9–12 pm
Getting Together With Technology
Group discussion about ways that technology can be used to improve accessibility for vision-impaired persons.
• CENTRAL
  Thursdays, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, May 5, 6–8 pm
Community Volunteer Income Tax Clinic: For 2017 Returns
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 CRA. 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.
• BEACOCK
  Mondays, Mar. 5–Apr. 30, 9 am–4 pm
• CENTRAL
  Thursdays, Mar. 8–Apr. 26, 9:30–3:30 pm
• CHERYHILL
  Thursdays, Mar. 1–Apr. 26, 5–8 pm
  Saturdays, Mar. 3–Apr. 28, 1–4 pm
• CROUCH
  Fridays, Mar. 2–Apr. 27, 9:30 am–3:30 pm
  Saturdays, Mar. 3–Apr. 28, 9:30 am–12:30 pm
  • EAST LONDON
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  Thursdays and Fridays, Mar. 1–Apr. 27, 12 pm–3 pm
  • SHERWOOD
  Fridays, Mar. 2–Apr. 27, 9:30 am–4 pm
  Saturdays, Mar. 3–Apr. 28, 9:30–12:30 pm
Community Justice Centre Services at the Central Library
Western University Law students and pro bono lawyers will be available to help with legal issues and court procedures. By appointment only. For more information call 519-661-3352.
• CENTRAL
  Mondays, Mar. 5–May 28, 5 pm
The Money Program
Learn practical and creative ways to stretch your buck. In partnership with Crouch Neighbourhood Resource Centre.
• CROUCH
  Thursdays, Apr. 12, 19, 26, 7–8:30 pm
Mobility Device Inspection Clinic
Is your mobility device in need of a minor repair? Free maintenance inspections of manual and power wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, canes, etc. In partnership with March of Dimes Canada.
• JALNA
  Tuesday, May 15, 11 am–3 pm
Programs & Classes with a Fee

Painting with Peter Lam
London artist, Peter Lam, provides guidance for artists of all levels. Contact branch for list of materials required.
• BYRON
Tuesdays, Mar. 6–Apr. 24 & May 8–Jun. 26, 10 am–12 pm
Fee: $70. Registration begins Feb. 20.

Tai Chi for Beginner and Intermediate
An instructor from the Phoenix Tai Chi Centre leads a class suitable for both beginners and intermediates. Participants will be required to sign a waiver to hand in to instructors at the first class.
• BYRON
Tuesdays, Mar. 6–Apr. 24 & May 8–Jun. 26, 1–2 pm
Fee: $45
Registration begins Feb. 20.
• CHERRYHILL
Wednesdays, Apr. 4–May 23, 1–2 pm
Fee: $45
Registration begins Feb. 20.

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.
• LONDON
Thursdays, Mar. 22–May 10, 11 am–12 pm
Fee: $40. Registration begins Mar. 1.

Paint Night for Adults and Teens
15+ years
Join us for a fun night of painting in this Landon Studio workshop. Each participant will leave with their painted canvas. Beginners welcome. Dress for mess!
• LONDON
Tuesday, Mar. 30, 6:30–8:30 pm
Fee: $10. Registration begins Mar. 9.

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
• MASONVILLE
Wednesdays, Apr. 4–May 9 & May 16–Jun. 27, 6:30–7:30 pm
Intermediate
• MASONVILLE
Wednesdays, Apr. 4–May 9 & May 16–Jun. 27, 7:40–8:40 pm

Watercolour Painting: Intermediate and Advanced
Helen Bruzas shares her enthusiasm and knowledge, participants bring their own supplies.
• CHERRYHILL
Fridays, Apr. 13–Jun. 8, 1–3:30 pm
Fee: $60. Registration begins Mar. 10.

Create Exquisite Greeting Cards
Learn various techniques and create exquisite greeting cards. Sponsored by the Lambeth Lions Club.
• LAMBETH
Fridays, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 18, 1:30–3 pm
Fee: $5. Registration begins three weeks prior to the start of session.

Tai Chi
Learn a series of flowing moves to help reduce stress, improve balance, strengthen muscles and joints, increase flexibility and enhance memory.
• EAST LONDON
Tuesdays, Apr. 24–Jun. 26, 7–7:45 pm
Fee: $40. Registration begins Apr. 3.
Digital Essentials

Classes are taught on the Library’s Windows based computers. Please do not bring your laptop or device to these classes.

**How to Use a Mouse & Keyboard:** This course is for people who are new to using a mouse and keyboard or for those who would like to practice their skills.

**Computers:** Learn the basic functions of the computer and find out about computers at your library.

**Internet:** Learn about the Internet, how to use search engines, how to find and use websites, and techniques for searching the Internet.

**Email:** Learn how to create, send and receive messages. Gmail will be demonstrated.

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**Facebook:** Learn how to make a Facebook account, set your privacy settings and connect with your family and friends.

**How to use Your iPhone:** This course will introduce you to your iPhone – icons, settings, call, email and text options, camera and photos, clock, calendar and Safari.

**How to Use Your Android Phone:** This course will introduce you to Android smartphones and the differences between devices. Get started setting up your device, creating a Google account, home screen, basic apps, basic gestures, and navigating your phone, Internet, camera and apps.

Registration is required for each class. All classes are two hours. Register for each class up to two weeks in advance. You may take any class more than once. Free.
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### Computer Help

Get some computer help with our technology volunteers. Bring your questions about using a computer, email and more. Call participating locations listed below to either book an appointment, or confirm tutor availability.

- **Locations with *** require appointments.**
  - BEACOCK: 519-451-8140
  - BYRON: 519-471-4000
  - CENTRAL: 519-661-4600***
  - CHERRYHILL: 519-439-6456
  - EAST LONDON: 519-451-7600***
  - JALNA: 519-685-6465
  - LANDON: 519-439-6240
  - MASONVILLE: 519-660-4646
  - SHERWOOD: 519-473-9965
  - STONEY CREEK: 519-930-2065
  - WESTMOUNT: 519-473-4708***

No computer skills at all? Try one of our 2-hour beginner Computer Classes!
Resilience

Rip out the ornamental pears—plant apples, pawpaws, dill, and fennel.
Rip out ornamental dams, let the river flow, flex wavy-rayed lamp muscles, soft-shelled turtles.
Rip out parking lots, build flex streets, piazzas, bike lanes; when you are holding a wrecking ball everything looks like a bog, a garden, a fat orange harvest moon.

We prepare for the future check the weather, test the alarms, but we know that for many the future is here—it is the end times. Survivors make tents out of old tarps, share food, medicine, stories, strategies, carry can openers, huddle under bridges.

We drive by—they absorb our shocks and stresses; rivers absorb our shocks and stresses.

What we can learn, from an Osprey’s nest, a beehive, from one hand held out to another, from a neighbor shoveling out a neighbor’s walk, from over 10,000 years of wisdom, teachings, before boats ferried extraction across the ocean, before colony dug its boot into the turtle’s back.

Future shocks and stresses—batten down the hatches sure, we must, but remember apocalypse means “uncover, reveal.” The end is a revelation; a flood can also baptize—it’s time we get to work.

by Tom Cull
More and more families are choosing to spend time playing games together. It’s a great way to reduce screen time and be present and interactive with our kids. Games help build skills like comprehension and problem solving that support literacy and completing school work. Because they’re having fun, kids are motivated to concentrate, understand and strategize. Many games also require the use of numeracy skills and help to expand vocabulary. Even social skills like waiting your turn and losing gracefully are being practiced. There’s a lot of learning going on. But the best part – games are fun!

Starting March 10, you can borrow a game from 12 library locations to use at home. Loans are for 7 days. Return to the same location you borrowed from. Please don’t put games in our return chutes. Phone the location to set aside and pick up that day. Holds cannot be placed.

GAMES TO GO! Find games in our Library catalogue by searching Games to Go or typing in the name of the game you are looking for. Each location has a selection of 10 games.

These games are made available thanks to a donation from Project Play.
Meet some of our generous Friends of the London Public Library, shown here in the new Library Commons at Central Library.

Friends Appreciate Your Donations!

Friends accept donations of books, music CDs and DVDs that can be sold in The Library Store. Drop off at any library branch. For large quantities, call the Friends line at 519-661-2448 and leave a message saying you have donations. Arrangements can be made to pick them up.

London Public Library’s A BOOK FOR EVERY CHILD
THANK YOU, LONDONERS!

Many thanks to Londoners for their generous donations of new books and financial contributions to the Library’s 2017 A Book for Every Child campaign. Your gifts helped us collect over 6,000 books that will be distributed to girls and boys in our community through local schools and agencies.
We are proud to announce that London Public Library CEO and Chief Librarian, Susanna Hubbard Krimmer, is the recipient of the 2018 OPLA Lifetime Achievement Award. The Ontario Public Library Association presents the award to a library staff member who has given lifelong service to the profession and has contributed significantly to the growth and innovation of public libraries in Ontario. Susanna has supported creative new approaches to service at London Public Library that have been a model for other library systems. Her participation in the ongoing education of librarians and library staff has also earned her the respect of her peers. Susanna says, “I am humbled by and grateful for this special recognition by my professional peers. I have been fortunate to have worked with passionate, creative, smart, hardworking people throughout my career. This award also celebrates their roles in the accomplishments for which I am being recognized by the Ontario Public Library Association.” The award was presented in February at the Ontario Library Association’s annual conference, attended by 4,500 people.

Baby’s Book Bag Receives Pillar Community Innovation Award

London’s Child & Youth Network Literacy Team and the Kiwanis Club of Forest City-London were recognized in November with the PCAI for community collaboration for Baby’s Book Bag, a literacy initiative that reaches out to new parents with the message that making time every day to read, talk, sing and rhyme with their baby is fundamental to developing a child’s literacy skills.

The bags contain two quality board books, a rhyming music CD and important information about free or low-cost services and resources that support families in London. They are distributed to parents through community organizations like the Middlesex-London Health Unit, Ontario Early Years Centres, Family Centres, and London Public Library.

Baby’s Book Bag truly demonstrates the spirit of collaboration. The Child & Youth Network Literacy Team, is a partnership of 25 organizations, including the Library, that supports improving literacy for all children in London. Working with the Kiwanis Club of Forest City-London, who provided the funding essential to the project’s long-term sustainability, they have put more than 11,000 Baby’s Book Bags into the hands of parents with new babies. We call that working together!
Additions were recently made to the Library's Albanian language collection thanks to a donation from the Albanian Canadian Community Association. Making new books available to their community through the Library was one way this local organization could support families in maintaining their language, heritage and culture. The group has also made Albanian language classes for children available through the International Languages Elementary Program at GA Wheable Alternative and Continuing Education.

David McCord, our Coordinator of Collections Services, was pleased to work with Besnik Rexhvelaj and Andi Demcellari from the association when they approached the Library with their wish to donate Albanian books for adults and children. Through consultation with them, we were able to expand and update the collection with titles that are relevant to this community. David says it can be a challenge to purchase books in a language other than English. He values collaboration with the communities who are borrowing and reading books in their original language because it means we can make it a collection they will use and enjoy.

Working Together With the Albanian Community

A World of Languages at the Library

The Library has books, magazines and newspapers available to read and borrow in 29 languages other than English and French. In addition, we also have DVDs in even more languages.

The World Languages collection is valued by newcomer communities in our city, providing them with a link to their heritage as they settle into a new country and learn a new language. Over the years, the Library has been responsive to the language needs of London's population as new cultural groups have arrived. We are proud to say that this collection reflects the diversity of our community. Currently, our three largest and most borrowed language collections are Arabic, Spanish and Chinese.

Online newspapers and magazines from around the world are available in over 60 languages from our website on the PressReader digital platform. With more than 6,000 titles to choose from, it's a great way to keep up with the news from back home.
NEW IN OUR COLLECTIONS

ADULT FICTION

Floating City ◆ Kerri Sakamoto
The Great Alone◆ Kristin Hannah
How to Stop Time◆ Matt Haig
The Rule of Stephens◆ Timothy Taylor
Summer Hours at the Robbers Library◆ Sue Halpern

ADULT NON FICTION

Factfulness: The Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World◆ Hans Rosling
Fascism: A Warning◆ Madeleine Albright
A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies and Leadership◆ James Comey
Microtrends Squared: The New Small Forces Driving Today’s Big Disruptions◆ Mark Penn & Meredith Fineman
The Never-Ending Present: The Story of Gord Downie and The Tragically Hip◆ Michael Barclay◆

PICTURE BOOKS

Sleepy Bird◆ Jeremy Tankard
They Say Blue◆ Jillian Tamaki
Nothing Happens in This Book◆ Judy Ann Sadler
Love◆ Matt de la Pena
I Am Enough◆ Grace Byers

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**Lynda.com**
An online education service with more than 6,000 courses for learning business, software, technology and creative skills. Noted for its excellent instructional videos.

**hoopla**
Borrow movies, television shows, documentaries, music and audiobooks with this on demand digital media service.

**OverDrive**
You can choose from thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks with this digital media platform.

**PressReader**
Access same-day newspapers from around the world in full-colour, full-page format.

**RBdigital**
This service provides access to dozens of eMagazines with your smartphone, tablet or computer.

**InstantFlix**
An online streaming service providing access to movies by independent filmmakers. Includes shorts, features and documentaries, with thousands of selections from 85 countries.

**Mango Languages**
Choose courses in over 60 different languages with this online language learning system.

**Information Databases**
Access articles from newspapers, magazines, academic journals, encyclopedias and directories. Includes specialized databases with health, consumer and business information.

www.lpl.ca/digital
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.

NEW! 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
- Quick Picks & Magazines: 7 days
- High demand material: 7 days
- Feature Film DVDs: 7 days
- Games: 7 days
- All other DVDs: 21 days
- eBooks & eAudio: up to 21 days
- eVideo: up to 5 days

Returns
You can return materials to any London Public Library location. The return chutes are open for use when we are closed except at Westmount Branch Pop Up.

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!

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

Visiting Library
Anyone unable to use standard library facilities may request home delivery by calling 519-661-6444. Visiting Library Service also oversees the distribution of CNIB Talking Books.

Accessibility
We want to be accessible to you. Ask about our resources and services.

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

My Library! App
Search the catalogue, manage your account. Check out, place holds and download eBooks and eAudio.
www.lpl.ca/mylibrary

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 & Meeting Space Rentals
Space available in many locations.
Let us help you plan your next event: 519-661-5120 (Mon–Fri, 9 am–5 pm)
meeting.space@lpl.ca
www.lpl.ca/meetingspace

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 Board Room at Central Library. All are welcome. Agendas, Minutes and Reports are available online.

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**Rotary Reading Garden opens April 23**  
The Rotary Reading Garden at Central Library opens for the season on April 23. The Garden is available for all to enjoy, weather permitting, until dusk or one hour before the Library closes.

**Westmount Temporary Location**  
The Westmount Pop Up Library is located in Westmount Shopping Centre, near the Viscount entrance. Please note that items can only be returned when the Pop Up Library is open.