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EXAM STRESS BUSTERS

EXAM STRESS KITS

APRIL 12 TO 30*
MAIN LIBRARY ONLY

Receive a FREE mini exam stress kit
(filled with goodies) when you book a
study seat at our Main Library.

**1 per person, while supplies last*

WELLNESS PROGRAMS



Watch for this symbol to find great
programs and events that can help
you de-stress this exam season.



Book a Seat

Public computers, WiFi & study seats
must be reserved.

To make your reservation visit wpl.ca or talk to staff.



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ASK US

Have questions? We can help!

 askus@wpl.ca  519-886-1310 x124

Library staff are answering phones, monitoring voicemail and email Monday to Saturday, 10:00am to 6:00pm

LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library

Monday to Saturday
10:00am to 6:00pm

John M. Harper Branch

Monday to Saturday
10:00am to 6:00pm

McCormick Branch

Tuesday to Saturday
10:00am to 6:00pm



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Virtual Program

Virtual programs will take place live on either Google Meet or Zoom Pro and require registration at wpl.ca. Participants will receive an email with the link to join the live program.



Live Stream

Watch live on our Facebook page and YouTube channel to ask questions and leave comments. You can also watch a recording of the event later on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.



Play Anytime

Fun activities that you can do anytime! Find current and past Play Anytime programs at wpl.ca/play-anytime



Supplies or a kit are required for the program

EXPLORE PLAY LEARN

BABIES

COFFEE & BOTTLE CLUB

Ages 0 to 18 months with a caregiver
Wednesdays, April 7 to 28
10:30am to 11:15am

The pandemic has definitely changed the experience of meeting and interacting with other new parents and caregivers. Join us for stories, songs and an informal meeting space where new parents and caregivers can talk to other grownups and share their experiences. Each week new activity ideas will be shared to help entertain, educate and occupy babies as we all continue staying...home.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Ages 4+ years with a caregiver
Mondays, April 19 to May 10
10:30am to 11:15am

We'll explore the outdoors and learn all about the exciting world around us! Spring is a time of warmth and growth, and we'll learn all about how our natural world changes at this time of year with activities and adventure.

Kit Pick Up

Programs with this symbol have supplies or a kit to pick up ahead of the program start date



DISCOVERING PLANTS

Ages 3 to 6 years with a caregiver
Wednesdays, April 21 to May 12
10:30am to 11:15am

Spring is here and it's time to start growing things! Learn about seeds and how to take care of your plants with hands-on activities each week.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



Ages 5 and under with a caregiver
Join the club at waterloo.readsquared.com

Explore the world of early literacy with your preschooler. The mission is simple: **Read!**

Create an account with us (using the link above) where you and your child can track all of the books you read together. New missions will appear in your account each week to help build literacy skills for life.

Graduates of the program will receive a special gift and certificate. For more information about *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* visit:

1000booksbeforekindergarten.org

SCHOOL AGE & FAMILY FUN



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LEARN TO CODE IN PYTHON

Ages 9 to 12
Wednesdays, April 21 to May 26
5:30pm to 6:30pm

Looking for a challenge? Join Code Club's weekly Python workshops to learn something new and advance your skills in text-based coding. Let's get coding!

INTERMEDIATE CODING WITH SCRATCH

Ages 9 to 12
Fridays, April 23 to May 28
5:30pm to 6:30pm

Looking to develop your Scratch skills? Take your animations one step further with weekly intermediate Scratch Code Club workshops. This is an intermediate program for kids with some experience using Scratch.



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MUG CAKE TUESDAYS

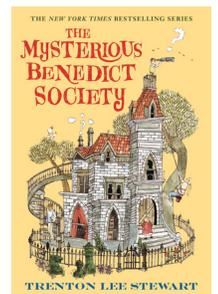
Ages 7 to 12
Tuesdays, April 6, 20 & 27
(no program April 13)
4:00pm to 4:30pm

Cakes, cinnamon buns, apple crisp, banana bread and more! Join the fun as we make easy, tasty afterschool treats every week.

TWEEN BOOK CLUB: THE MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY

Ages 10 to 12
Thursdays, April 8 & 22
4:15pm to 5:00pm

"Are you a gifted child looking for special opportunities?" When this peculiar ad appears in the newspaper, dozens of children enroll to take a series of mysterious, mind-bending tests. But in the end just four very special children will succeed. Their challenge: go on a secret mission that only the most intelligent and resourceful children can complete.



SCHOOL AGE & FAMILY FUN

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB: SHARPIES & WATERCOLOUR

Ages 9 to 12 years old
Tuesdays, April 20 to May 11
4:15pm to 5:00pm

Learn about art fundamentals. We will focus on lines, shapes, composition and colour values as we get creative with fine line Sharpie drawings mixed with watercolour paints.

PLAY (ALMOST) ANY SONG ON THE PIANO

Ages 8 to 12 years old
Tuesdays, April 27 to June 1
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Keyboard theory may not sound like a lot of fun, but with only a little knowledge in this area, you can learn to play almost any song by ear AND compose your own melodies too! This program is designed for beginners.



FRONTIER COLLEGE

NUMBER NINJAS

Have fun with math through this unique online program run in partnership with our friends from Frontier College. Using interactive digital platforms, children will have the opportunity to explore mathematical concepts with fun activities and challenges.

Ages 7 to 8 years old
Mondays, May 10 to June 28
(no program May 24)
6:30pm to 7:15pm

Ages 9 to 10 years old
Wednesdays, May 12 to June 23
6:30pm to 7:15pm

READING BUDDIES

Ages 7 to 9
Saturdays, May 8 to June 26
(no program May 22)
10:00am to 10:45am

Encourage a love of reading with this fun, interactive literacy program hosted by our friends from Frontier College! Participants will pair up with a volunteer literacy tutor for a guided online reading session followed by language games and activities with the group.



Literacy:
Learning for Life.

L'alphabétisation,
Une leçon pour la vie.



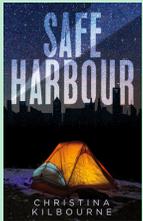
Forest Of Reading Festival

AUTHOR EVENTS

MEET CHRISTINA KILBOURNE: RED MAPLE NOMINEE

Ages 12+ (Grades 6+)
Wednesday, April 7
12:00pm to 12:45pm

In the book, *Safe Harbour*, fourteen-year-old Harbour is living in a tent in a Toronto ravine with her dog, a two-month supply of canned tuna, and an unconventional reading list. She's not homeless, she tells herself, but as summer turns into fall, Harbour must face reality and accept help if she is to survive on the streets. Join in the conversation with Christina Kilbourne.



MEET TERRY LYNN JOHNSON: SILVER BIRCH NOMINEE

Ages 8+ (Grades 3+)
Thursday, April 29
9:30am to 10:15am

Terry Lynn Johnson is the author of *Dog Driven*, a riveting adventure about a musher who sets out to prove her impaired vision won't hold her back from competing in a rigorous sled race through the Canadian wilderness. Terry Lynn will share some writing tips, fun stories about her dogs, information about real dog sledding equipment and answer your burning questions.



LET'S EXPLORE THE FOREST OF READING: ONLINE READING ADVENTURE

All ages

Join now at waterloo.readsquared.com

Explore all the nominated titles in your age category/interest level with activities, videos and challenges. The more missions you complete, the more chances you have to win. Fun to do by yourself, with your family or with your class.

BOOK TALKS

Watch at youtube.com/WaterlooLibrary

Learn more about the 2021 Silver Birch Fiction and Red Maple Award Nominees with these great book talks from WPL staff. These book talks are designed to get kids excited about reading these titles.

Discover more Forest of Reading activities at wpl.ca/FOR

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FAMILIES

EASTER FAMILY STORYTIME

Families
Saturday, April 3
11:00am to 11:45am

Join us for an Easter Family Storytime. We'll have stories, songs, and crafts you can make at home.

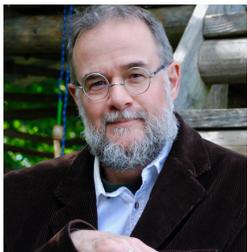


RAMADAN

Families
Saturday, April 17
2:00pm to 3:00pm

Ramadan is a time of spiritual reflection and self improvement observed by Muslims worldwide. We will be joined by our friends from the Coalition of Muslim Women to mark this Ramadan with an afternoon of crafts, trivia and music with a special performance by Dawud Wharnsby!

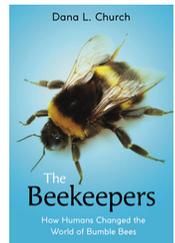
Presented in partnership with the Coalition of Muslim Women.



THE BEEKEEPERS: HOW THE HUMANS CHANGED THE WORLD OF BUMBLE BEES

Families
Saturday, April 24
2:00pm to 3:00pm

Join Dana Church, author of *The Beekeepers: How Humans Changed the World of Bumble Bees*. Dana will be visiting to talk about the important role bees play in our ecosystem. Following her talk, we will have pollinator activities with our friends from the Waterloo Horticultural Society.



In partnership with the Waterloo Horticultural Society and the Pollinator Working Group (City of Waterloo).



PLAY ANYTIME PROGRAMS

Have fun ANYTIME with our assortment of Play Anytime Programs. Go on a geocache around Waterloo, try your hand at a virtual escape room, do some fun trivia, learn how to make something new and so much more!

Start playing now at wpl.ca/play-anytime

TEEN SCENE

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Ages 13 to 19 years old
Thursday, April 1 to Wednesday, June 30
Register at waterloo.readsquared.com

It's real simple friends, complete as many missions as possible and you could win!

Our Teen Events Team has created a space where you can share reviews, recommendations (and rants!) about the books you read. Find book-minded others, complete challenges and discover your next great read.

VIRTUAL TEEN Pictionary

Ages 13 to 19 years old
Wednesday, April 21
4:00pm to 5:00pm

Join the Teen Event Team as they host their second teen program. How are your drawing skills? Are you up to the task of drawing clues for your team to guess? Plus, there will be prizes!



LET'S TALK WITH KWMC

Ages 14 to 21 years old
Wednesdays, April 28 to June 16
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Let's Talk is a program for newcomer youth. Explore career goals, your new community and so much more...through art! Using video, drawing, music, poetry and more you can win prizes, meet new people, gain volunteer hours, practice English and get information you need.



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TEEN POETRY & SHORT STORY CONTEST

Teens 13 to 19 years old
Submissions due Saturday, May 15

There may not be many places to go right now so we invite you to invent some. Submit original works of fiction and poetry to our contest and you could win a prize!

LEARN MORE AT WPL.CA/TEENSWRITE



ADULTS & TEENS

VIRTUAL WHEEL OF FORTUNE GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, April 6
7:00pm to 8:00pm

I would like to buy a vowel! Sign up to be assigned to a team and then go head-to-head in our version of the popular game show Wheel of Fortune.



VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

WPL Book Clubs are open to everyone. Registrants will receive an email with the link to join the meeting.

For more information, visit wpl.ca or contact Christine at cbrown@wpl.ca.

APRIL BOOK CLUB

The Good German
by Dennis Bock

Thursday, April 8
11:00am to 12:00pm



YOGA WITH CAROLYNNE WILLIS

Wednesday, April 7
7:00pm to 8:00pm

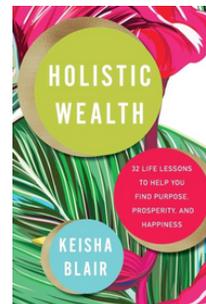
Join Carolynne, a yoga and meditation coach of the last 10 years, as she shares her craft with us. Yoga is simply learning how to slow down and breathe, inhabit your own form and become aware of how you feel. This session is suitable for all levels of practice and for newcomers to yoga.

HOLISTIC WEALTH: HOW TO FIND PURPOSE, PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS WITH BESTSELLING AUTHOR KEISHA BLAIR

Thursday, April 8
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Keisha Blair will share her inspiring story of finding purpose, prosperity and happiness, even after tragedy.

Keisha is the host of The Holistic Wealth Podcast with Keisha Blair, and is the founder of the Institute on Holistic Wealth. She has been a contributor to the CBC, The New York Observer, MSN, Yahoo and many others. Keisha has been profiled in The New York Times, Forbes, The Winnipeg Free Press and featured in the Harvard Business Review, among others



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RENISON LECTURE SERIES

FINDING REFUGE IN CANADA: NARRATIVES OF DISLOCATION BOOK LAUNCH

Tuesday, April 20
7:00pm to 8:30pm

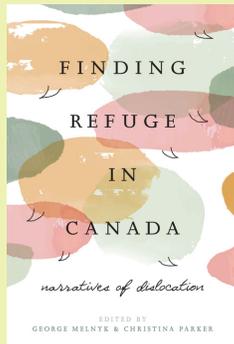
Register for this event at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Millions of people are displaced each year by war, persecution, and famine and so the global refugee population continues to grow. Canada has been long considered a welcoming country that accepts refugees from around the world. Refugees

themselves however, have encountered mixed reception experiences as they have settled here. *Finding Refuge in Canada: Narratives of Dislocation* is a collection of personal narratives about the refugee experience in Canada.

Selected chapter contributors will do a short reading from their chapters and engage in dialogue about their experiences.

Hosted by Ismaila Alfa of CBC Toronto.



ACADEMY AWARDS PARTY

Tuesday, April 13
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Come dressed for a night at the Oscars! Participate in Oscar-themed trivia and view some movie clips as we get ready for the 2021 Academy Awards.



STRESS AND OUR NERVOUS SYSTEM

Wednesday, April 14
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Stress is an inevitable part of life. What if, instead of trying to avoid stress, we find more efficient ways to navigate it? Lindsay Gulanes, somatic experience practitioner, will discuss the ways our nervous system metabolizes stress, integrates survival information, and the link between connection and thriving.



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THE COOKBOOK BOOK CLUB

Join the club at waterloo.readsquared.com

Looking for the next best cookbook? Join our cookbook book club for adults.

You'll work your way through new recipes and challenges. Can you plan a Fiesta Night? What's the trick to the perfect chocolate cake? Review recipes and popular cookbooks, share your successes and get recommendations from culinary enthusiasts in our community.



THE ART OF APARTMENT COMPOSTING

Monday, April 19
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Approximately 7% of greenhouse gasses produced globally come from preventable food waste. Proper composting can be a better solution, but many think it impractical for apartment living. Not so! Learn about different (smell free!) apartment composting options from Shefaza Esmail from the University of Waterloo's School of Environment, Resources and Sustainability.

50'S ROCK N ROLL TRIVIA

Monday, April 19
7:30pm to 8:30pm

Music of the 50's shaped Rock n Roll music by blending styles like Rhythm and Blues, Gospel, Pop, Rockabilly and Country Music. Test your knowledge of popular singles that topped the charts during the 1950's.

VIRTUAL SPEED FRIENDING

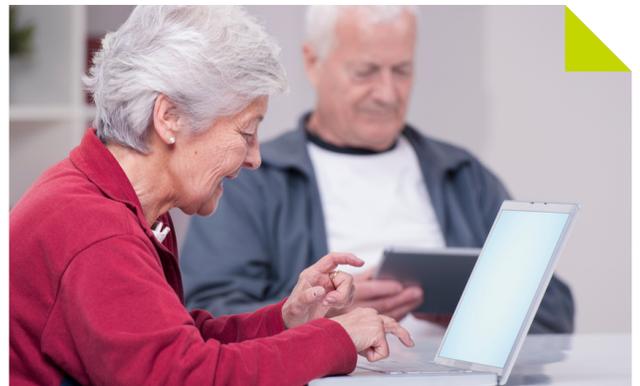
Wednesday, April 21
7:00pm to 8:00pm

It has been harder than usual to get out and meet people so we're stepping in with our virtual mixer. We'll match and group you and give you fun things to do so you can find new friends.

EXPLORING TECHNOLOGY FOR OLDER ADULTS

Thursdays, April 22 to May 13
4:00pm to 5:00pm

In this Choose Your Own Adventure style technology program you will provide input into the tech topic we will look at each week. Learn about new technology, apps to make your life easier and new skills for navigating the net.



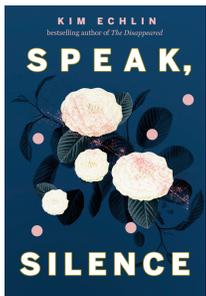
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A DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR KIM ECHLIN

Thursday, April 22
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Internationally bestselling, award winning and Giller-shortlisted author Kim Echlin ("The Disappeared") will discuss her latest book. *Speak, Silence* tells the difficult story of Bosnian women who were raped during the war. It is a story of war crime and loss, suffering and courage, and the strength of women.

Presented in partnership with Words Worth Books.



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HOW TO SET UP A RAIN BARREL

Friday, April 23
4:00pm to 5:00pm

We'll be taking a look at how to set up a basic rain barrel, avoid the pitfalls and improve your setup to make it as convenient to use as possible!

BOY BANDS & GIRL GROUPS OF THE 50'S/60'S TRIVIA

Monday, April 26
7:30pm to 8:30pm

No screaming or crying, just a fun night of trivia celebrating the teen idols of the girl groups and boy bands of the 50's and 60's.

LAURIER EDTALKS: INNOVATION IN EDUCATION

LAURIER EDTALK: PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Wednesday, April 28
7:00pm to 8:00pm

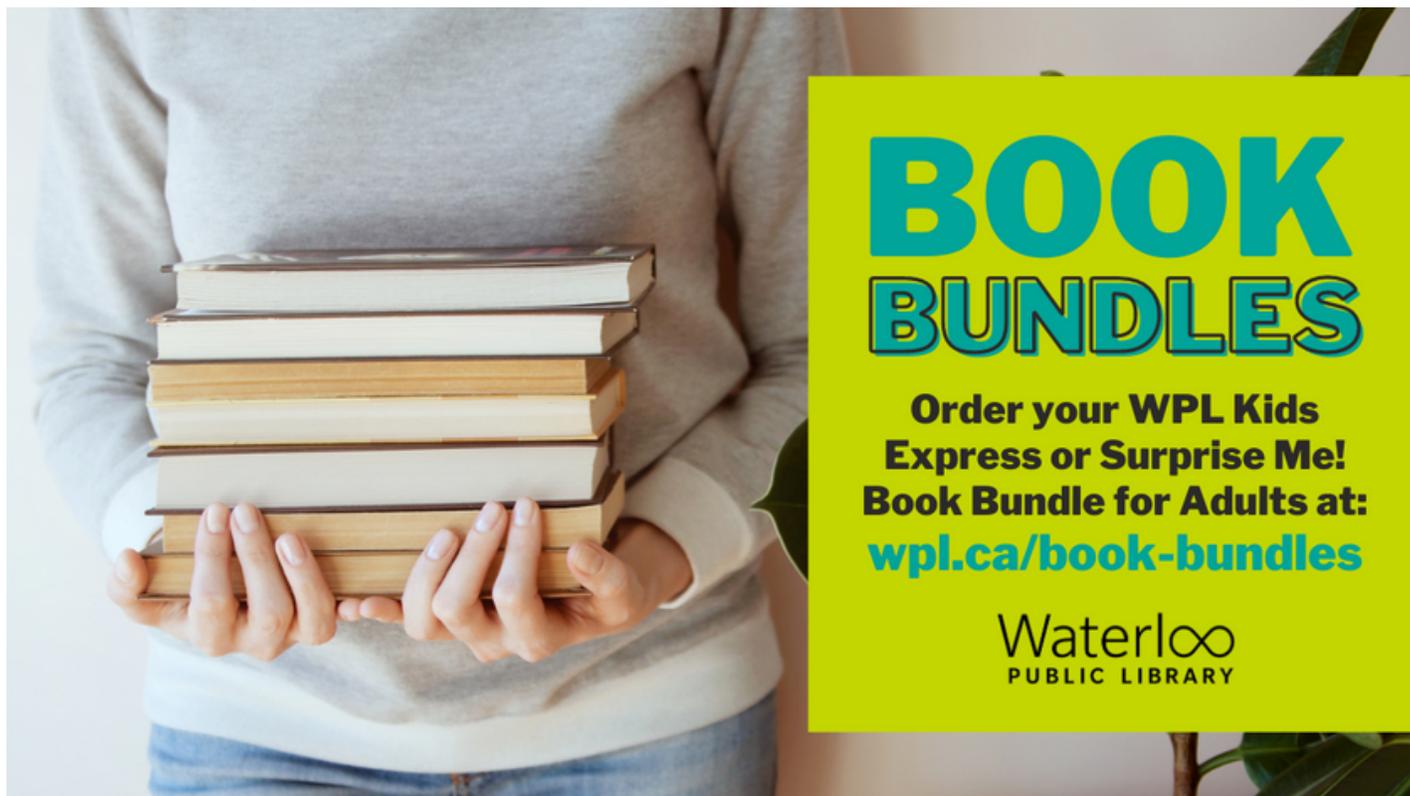
[Register for this event at Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Quality physical education can provide children and youth with a foundation of healthy behaviors but the time spent by young people doing these activities is in decline. Physical education provides opportunities for all students to experience the joy and benefits of movement and leads to positive health outcomes.

Anne Facey teaches Physical Education and Health in the Faculty of Education and serves as a field supervisor for teacher Candidates.



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wpl.ca/book-bundles

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 - French content
 - Language learning
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