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# A Message from KPL's Board Chair and CEO

Earlier this year we asked visitors to Kitchener Public Library and to the KPL website to comment on our services, collections and future direction. Over 960 people took the time to share their thoughts. We collected a wealth of information that will help us establish future priorities and to serve the community better.

One survey question asked participants what colour captured their impression of KPL and why. Not surprisingly, over 24% selected red, the colour of our current logo. Green, blue and yellow were the other top picks. We were fascinated to read why people associate those colours with KPL. It gave us some real insight into what you think about the library and the kind of place you want it to be.

Here is a sample of what we heard:

Red is vibrant and alive. It means strength and energy. Red makes me think of fiery innovation and of moving forward. It is bright and fun. It's the colour of Canada, which I've come to know so much better due to the KPL.

Green signifies vibrancy, change, growth, perennial life. KPL has helped me and my family grow in countless ways. Green is bright, forward thinking, environmental, fun, and clean! Sharing is green. Green represents relaxed and neutral, alive, but quiet at the same time. Borrowing a library book or downloading a resource means reusing energy, paper, time, money.

Blue is vibrant and fresh, but still calming and peaceful and generally a content colour. The library always gives me a sense of calmness, as does the colour blue. Blue is quiet, friendly, helpful, knowledgeable, fun. I know blue would suit the library best because it represents wisdom, loyalty, intelligence.

Yellow is a happy, cheerful colour like the KPL has been. It is sunny, bright, alive, enlightening, full of life. It reminds me of learning and makes me feel good. All of the staff and the overall atmosphere are always upbeat, energetic, and warm like a summer sun. KPL is like a light in the community offering resources to adults, youth and children alike.

The survey also asked participants how KPL had impacted their lives. One response summed it up best, "KPL makes it possible to dream bigger."

Thank you for your input!

*Dan Carli, Chair,  
Kitchener Public Library Board*

*Sonia Lewis, CEO,  
Kitchener Public Library*

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*Look for these icons in our magazine to easily see what events are taking place at your nearest library location.*

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Rachel Kalap:

# My Library Story

## Reading, Writing & Friendship

**A**s a young child, most of my homeschooling education came from books lining the shelves at the various Kitchener Public Library branches. I remember being so excited to stand at eye level with the checkout desk and hand the librarian my prized red and white card that was the key to taking home my stack of children's novels and picture books.

Stories have always been a big part of my life. Now that I'm a teen homeschooler, I still spend a lot of time at the library, as well as reading at home, writing my own stories, and connecting with other people over books that I've read. I've spent countless hours browsing KPL's collection, searching the stacks for answers to my burning questions. Everything I could ever want to know is hidden in the library, just waiting to be discovered.

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just waiting to be discovered."*

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The library has given me many amazing opportunities, like being able to meet one of my all-time favourite authors, Kenneth Oppel. Over the years I've participated in many programs and activities at the library, including a children's writing club that took place in the Homework Room at the Main Branch, as well as other writing programs for teens.

This will be my fifth year as a member of KPL's Youth Advisory Council (YAC). This has been a great way to meet other teens who love to read. One of the things that I do for YAC is to write reviews of books that I've read. These reviews are then posted on the teen page of KPL's website, and others can be found paper-clipped inside various books on the shelves in the teen section.

Whether checking out stacks of novels, using the free Wi-Fi to complete assignments for my online courses, browsing the non-fiction section or just using it as a place to wait between my various activities, the library will always be a comfortable place for me. KPL is my connection to a world of books, authors and people who share my passion for words.



*Rachel Kalap, member of KPL's Youth Advisory Committee; local actor, singer & writer*

### About KPL's Youth Advisory Committee

KPL's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is an award-winning group of young people who assist the library in developing services for youth in our community. The Committee meets twice a month (October to June) to discuss library services, plan events, and work on special projects such as the Teen Summer Reading Challenge. If you are between 12 and 18 years of age and would like to learn more about KPL's YAC, please contact Christy at 519-743-0271 ext. 277 or email [christy.giesler@kpl.org](mailto:christy.giesler@kpl.org).

# support your library



## International Volunteer Day

*Volunteers are ordinary people with extraordinary dreams.*

The United Nations has designated December 5 as International Volunteer Day. Kitchener Public Library would like to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of our volunteers. In 2011, 425 volunteers, from ages 12 to 80, donated more than 11,000 hours to over 20 different initiatives. To all KPL volunteers, we say THANK YOU! We value and appreciate your ongoing support and generosity.

## Volunteers Needed for Family Literacy Program

Kitchener Public Library has a special family literacy program called Library Links for Life. The goal of this program is to help families embrace reading and to introduce them to the library. Volunteers share library books with young children and their parents at community sites twice a week. To find out more, contact Volunteer Services at 519-743-0271 ext. 275.

## Visiting Library

Do you know someone who loves to read, but finds it difficult to visit the library? Visiting Library is a free service for people who can't visit the library due to health and mobility restrictions. Each month a volunteer brings a selection of books and audiobooks to your home. To apply, please call 519-743-0271 ext. 275.



Staff at Kitchener Public Library understand the importance of philanthropy. Working with people from all walks of life means bearing witness to the pressing needs of the community.

Public libraries are the free, democratic cornerstone of every municipality. In a sense, they level the field of access to the information, guidance, and materials necessary for personal advancement. Front line staff working with the public have an awareness, like few others, of the challenges and opportunities confronting the people of Kitchener.

It is this understanding, perhaps, that leads KPL staff to give back. Every year, staff collectively support two of the causes they believe in – the United Way and the Library. They give to the United Way because they know the affiliated agencies receiving United Way funding are tackling the obstacles faced by some of KPL's customers. Staff members are also proud to give back to KPL because they understand the programs and services of the Library are critical to the future of the community it serves.

While Kitchener Public Library continues its Central Library fundraising efforts through the **evolve. literally.** campaign, KPL staff are not only "talking the talk" but they're "walking the walk" as the Library reaches out and asks for public support.

On behalf of everyone at KPL, a big thank you to all of our donors for your generous support!

# central library renovation & expansion

## Project Update

Underground garage construction is continuing as planned and took advantage of some great fall weather. The upper level of the first section of the garage has been poured and work is progressing to extend the garage to its full phase one size.

In tandem with ongoing garage construction, work is underway to install insulation along the library's south wall. The original 1962 design of the Main Library did not incorporate any insulation into this exterior wall.

In order to preserve the Bechtel Mural, located inside the library on the south wall of the main floor lounge, this insulation work is being done from the outside. All the original stone has been removed to facilitate installation of the insulation material. Once the insulation work is complete, the original stone will be re-applied. For other areas of the library, insulation work can be completed from the inside of the building during the renovation phase of the project.

## Under Construction . . . but Open for Business!

The Main Library remains open for business, and continues to serve over 1,000 customers each day.

Your library card is valid at all five KPL locations, and items can be returned to any of these locations.

For your convenience, each Community Library has free parking!

To learn more about the Central Library project,  
view photos & videos, visit  
[www.kpl.org/central](http://www.kpl.org/central)



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*Bechtel Mural; interior south wall*



*Underground garage taking shape*



*Insulation and stone work; exterior south wall*

# new & notable



## Settlement Workers at KPL

Are you new to Canada? Settlement workers can help you with learning English, finding a job, housing, health care and education. Services are available to all new immigrants, even if you've been in Canada for a while.

No appointment is necessary. The settlement workers speak many languages, including Spanish, Arabic and Farsi. Translation services are also available (by referral).

For more information, contact Natalie Gibbons, Multicultural Librarian, 519-743-0271 ext. 230 or visit the Library Settlement Partnership website: <http://www.lsp-peb.ca>

*This program is a partnership with Citizenship & Immigration Canada, the Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre and Kitchener Public Library.*

### Settlement Worker Schedules

#### Main Library

Monday	1 – 9 pm
Tuesday	1 – 9 pm
Wednesday	10 am – 5 pm
Friday	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Saturday	10 am – 4 pm

#### Forest Heights Library

Monday	11:30 am – 8 pm
Tuesday	9:30 am – 1:30 pm
Wednesday	5 – 8 pm
Thursday	1 – 5 pm
Friday	2:30 – 5:30 pm
Saturday	9 am – 1 pm

#### Grand River Stanley Park Library

Tuesday	11:30 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday	2 – 6 pm
Friday	1:30 – 5:30 pm



## Computer Literacy

Are you comfortable using a computer? Do you struggle to keep up with what's new?

Being "computer literate" means having the knowledge, skills and ability to use computers efficiently. It can also mean being comfortable using computer programs. Being computer literate doesn't mean you need to know everything, or how to use every piece of software. It just means having a basic understanding of how computers work and feeling comfortable while using them.

Are you wondering how to get started or increase your computer skills? Find links to easy-to-follow learning tutorials on KPL's

website, as well as links to other computer learning websites. Need more help? Call InfoLink at 519-743-0271 ext. 282 for information about local computer courses.

### Useful Websites:

#### New User Tutorial

<http://tech.tln.lib.mi.us/tutor/welcome.htm>  
This tutorial is for people who have never used a computer before.

#### Goodwill Community Foundation:

##### Free Online Learning

<http://www.gcf.earnfree.org/>  
Learn at your own pace to improve your computer, reading and math skills.

## What's New in Local History



### Happy 100th Birthday!

2012 is a special year! The Waterloo Historical Society, a partner in the Grace Schmidt Room with KPL, will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. The City of Kitchener is also marking its Cityhood centennial year. Congratulations on reaching these historic milestones!



### Historic photos are now in the catalogue!

The GSR digital collection is moving to KPL's enhanced online catalogue. To view these images, click on the special GSR link, or search the catalogue by keyword. It's that easy!

### Genealogy:

#### Finding Family Online with Karen Ball-Pyatt, KPL Local History Librarian

Explore genealogy websites and databases with KPL's expert.

Space is limited. Call ext. 255 to register.



Thurs. Feb. 16 at 7 pm  
(Computer Centre)

# new & notable

## Empowering YOU with Our Enhanced Online Catalogue

We've recently implemented exciting enhancements to our online library catalogue, including the ability for customers to author their own content! The new interface will help make the catalogue easier to use, as well as easier for users to discover the books and articles they're searching for.

Here is a quick summary of the catalogues exciting new features:

- A fresh new look, with an intuitive "Google-like" search interface
- Powerful Keyword search that automatically differentiates between title, author & subject
- "Did you mean" suggestions for misspelled words
- The inclusion of database articles within search results
- The ability to add personally meaningful "tags", or identifiers, to book records
- The ability to write and post reviews for others to see online
- A shopping cart function allowing users to export records to email

The new catalogue is available on dedicated workstations at all KPL locations, and 24/7 via the Internet. Library customers will also have the option of choosing their online search interface of choice, since the "classic" version of the catalogue will continue to remain available alongside the new platform.

Library staff invites users to have a look at the new interface, explore the links, and get to know their new library portal.

## QR Codes are Here!

Have you seen those black & white squares that look like an optical illusion puzzle? They're popping up everywhere these days: on posters, newspapers, real estate signs and more. The images are a type of bar code called QR Codes – short for Quick Response. You can "read" the code by scanning the code with a phone. But first, you'll need to download a free app for your iPhone, Blackberry, Android or other smartphone. To use the app, you'll need a smartphone with access to the internet (i.e. a data plan or WiFi connection).

Once the code is scanned, it will provide you with more information. For example, it might link to a website, launch a YouTube video or add program information to your calendar.

For example, if you picked up a Stratford Festival Guide for the past season, there was a QR code that linked to a video from the General Director. Theatre programs can display codes to download a trailer, or a discount coupon to another show. Planning to dine out afterwards? Scan the QR code from a restaurant window and find a link to the menu. There are countless applications for QR codes!

Last August, 16.5 million people in the US scanned a QR code. Will you be next?



*Try "reading"  
this QR code with your  
smartphone:*

Step 1: Download a free QR code reader app on your phone.

Step 2: Open the app, then point your smartphone camera at the black & white square.

Step 3: Watch your screen to see what appears!

## Having trouble?

Here's a helpful how-to video:

<http://cnet.co/al48Ly>

Or, call KPL's InfoLink at 519-743-7502 and we'll talk you through, step-by-step.

# reading for pleasure

## Award-winning Fiction

Fall is book award season and the nominations are in; both of Canada's major literary prizes, The *Scotiabank Giller Prize* and the *Governor General's Literary Awards* announced their finalists to great media attention in October.

### The Scotiabank Giller Prize

(Winner *Half-Blood Blues* by Esi Edugyan)

*The Free World* by David Bezmozgis  
*The Antagonist* by Lynn Coady  
*The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick de Witt  
*Half-Blood Blues* by Esi Edugyan  
*Better Living Through Plastic Explosives* by Zsuzsi Gartner  
*The Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje

### Governor General's Literary Awards

(Winner to be announced November 15)

*The Free World* by David Bezmozgis  
*The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick deWitt  
*Half-Blood Blues* by Esi Edugyan  
*The Little Shadows* by Marina Endicott  
*Touch* by Alexi Zentner

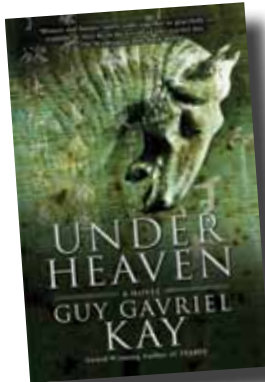
Here are the shortlists for other Canadian literary awards:

#### Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize

Winner: *The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick deWitt;

*The Meagre Tarmac* by Clark Blaise;  
*The Beggar's Garden* by Michael Christie;  
*Half-Blood Blues* by Esi Edugyan, and  
*The Quiet Twin* by Dan Vyleta.

**Sunburst Award for Canadian Literature of the Fantastic** includes work by some of Canada's greatest science fiction and fantasy writers. Check out one of these titles, you're sure to be amazed by their storytelling:



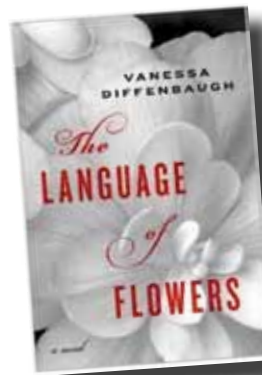
*Under Heaven* by Guy Gavriel Kay;  
*Watch* by Robert J Sawyer;  
*Chimerascope* by Douglas Smith;  
*A Taint in the Blood* by S.M. Stirling; and  
*Stealing Home* by Hayden Trenholm

The prestigious **Booker Prize** is awarded to the best full-length novel written in English by a citizen of the UK, Commonwealth, Eire, Pakistan or South Africa. The nominees were: *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes; *Jamrach's Menagerie* by Carol Birch; *The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick deWitt; *Pigeon English* by Stephen Kelman; and *Snowdrops* by A.D. Miller.

## Spotlight on Debuts

If you enjoy the discovery of a new author, here are few interesting debuts from 2011. They will provide hours of pleasurable reading during the long nights of winter.

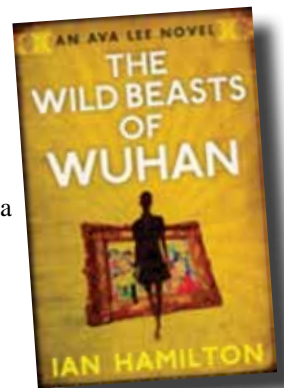
*The Keeper of Lost Causes* by Jussi Adler-Olsen  
*Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline  
*The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh  
*22 Britannia Road* by Amanda Hodgkinson



*Graveminder* by Melissa Marr  
*Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles  
*The Submission* by Amy Waldman  
*Touch* by Alexi Zentner

## Great Reads Coming To Our Shelves

*The Whisperer* by Donato Carrisi  
*Third Gate* by Lincoln Child  
*The Drop* by Michael Connelly  
*Red Mist* by Patricia Cornwell  
*Death Benefit* by Robin Cook  
*V is for Vengeance* by Sue Grafton  
*The Wild Beasts of Wuhan* by Ian Hamilton  
*Doctor Brinkley's Tower* by Robert Hough  
*Copper Beach* by Jayne Anne Krentz  
*Agent 6* by Tom Rob Smith



Did you know? Each year we compile a list of our staff's favourite reads from the past year. Early in the New Year, the list will be posted on our website on the Books & More page. While you wait for the 2011 list, here are a few selections from 2010:

*Good to a Fault* by Marina Endicott;  
*The Beauty of Humanity Movement* by Camilla Gibb;  
*The Weight of Silence* by Heather Gudenkauf;  
*Crashers* by Dana Haynes;  
*Think of a Number* by John Verdun;  
*A Vintage Affair* by Isabel Wolff;  
and *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

# staff reviews

Looking for a recommendation? Let KPL staff tell you about their favourite books, audiobooks, CDs and more! Additional reviews are available at [www.kpl.org](http://www.kpl.org) under the section Books & More



## Coal Black Heart: The Story of Coal and the Lives it Ruled

by John De Mont

This book about desperate times, poverty, social injustice and survival is a reminder to anyone who has ties to Nova Scotia, especially Cape Breton, and what it took to eke out a living in a very difficult time in Canadian history.

It tells what people had to endure: men never returning to their young families because of disasters in the mines, broken promises from the governments, and the great hardships of working for the mining companies. The book tells of how these families rose to the challenges and made their lives work, despite the problems.

Coal mining, even though it was a dirty and dangerous job, was the life blood of Cape Breton in the late 18th to mid-19th century. This book is a must-read for anyone who has roots in "The Pits" of Nova Scotia.  
*Debbie, Circulation Services*

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## Grace Like a River

by Christopher Parkening

The album *Grace like a River* is a treasured collection of performances by the classical guitarist Christopher Parkening. A great influence in his studies was under the direction of Andres Segovia. Some of the composers found on the album are Bach, Albeniz, Tarrega, Ravel and Ponce. The CD also includes two live performances of Caselnuovo-Tedesco's *Guitar Concerto in D* and *Koyunbaba* by Domeniconi, which have never yet been released to the public. Parkening's artistry on the guitar is very refreshing, and a pleasure to hear.



*Mary Lynn, Circulation Services*

# reading for information

## The Automobile

Automobiles have had a tremendous impact on our culture and the environment.

Find information on the history of cars, learning to drive, repair manuals or the car industry at KPL.

*Carjacked: the Culture of the Automobile and Its Effect on Our Lives*

by Lutz, Catherine. . . . .303.4832 Lutz

*Car: the Definitive Visual History of the Automobile*

by Hester, Beth Landis (editor). . . . . 629.2209 Car

*Motor City Muscle:*

*the High-Powered History of the American Musclecar*

by Mueller, Mike. . . . . 629.222 Muell

*In the Blink of an Eye:*

*Dale, Daytona, and the Day That Changed Everything*

by Waltrip, Michael. . . . .796.72092 Waltr

*Blood and Smoke:*

*a True Tale of Mystery, Mayhem, and the Birth of the Indy 500*

by Leerhsen, Charles. . . . .796.7206 Leerh

*Punching Out: One Year in a Closing Auto Plant*

by Clemens, Paul . . . . .338.47629 Cleme

*Ontario Driver's Study Guide:*

*Your Guide to Passing the G1 & G2 Driver's Tests*

by Mancini, Ingrid . . . . . 629.283 Manc

*At the Crossroads:*

*Middle America and the Battle to Save the Car Industry*

by Abraham, Aamidor. . . . . 338.47 Aamid

*The Yugo:*

*the Rise and Fall of the Worst Car in History*

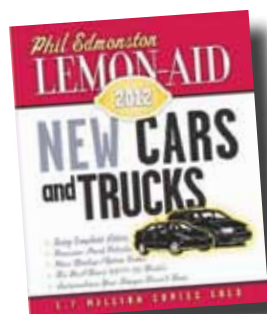
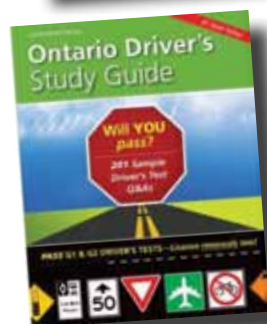
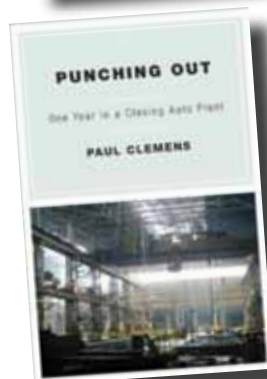
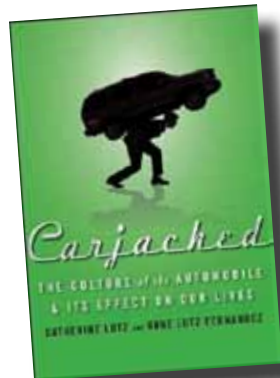
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*Lemon-Aid New Cars and Trucks*

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*Diagnosis and Troubleshooting of Automotive Electrical, Electronic, and Computer Systems*

by Halderman, James . . . . . 629.254 Halde



## Featured Electronic Collection



## Chilton Auto Repair Library™

Chilton has been a trusted name in car and truck maintenance and repair for more than 80 years. Now, in addition to our extensive collection of print manuals, you can access this valuable information through the Chilton Auto Repair database on KPL's website.

After selecting the year, make and model of your vehicle, links will appear for repair, maintenance and technical service bulletins or recalls. Information is provided for thousands of vehicles as far back as the 1940's. Excellent diagrams and schematics are also included, and all content is printable.

Chilton's Auto Repair Library is available at: [www.kpl.org/branch/databases.html](http://www.kpl.org/branch/databases.html)

# Amateur Photography Contest

In partnership with



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**RECORD**

Calling all amateur photographers! It's time to submit your best work to KPL's sixth annual photography contest.



*2011 Grand Prize, Angela House*

Each entry must include an official entry form, available at all library locations or online. The contest opens **January 3** and closes **February 7**. Be sure to read the contest guidelines to ensure that your photographs are not disqualified.

Entries will be judged by a panel of professional photographers from *The Waterloo Region Record*. Winners will be notified in March.

Submit up to 3 entries (total) in one or more of the following categories:

People, Animals, Landscape, Architecture

GRAND PRIZE: \$200 gift certificate

Winners from each category will receive:  
1st Place: 16" x 20" enlargement  
2nd Place: 11" x 14" enlargement  
3rd Place: 8" x 10" enlargement

These enlargements will be plaque-mounted and displayed during the month of April in the gallery space at Kitchener's City Hall. They will also appear in *The Waterloo Region Record* and on both KPL's and the Record's website and Facebook pages.

To enter, 5" x 7" **reprints** can be dropped off at any Kitchener Public Library location, or mailed to:

KPL Photo Contest  
c/o Marketing & Communications Dept.  
85 Queen St. N., Kitchener, ON,  
N2H 2H1

\*\* Photo submissions cannot be returned.  
Digital alteration is NOT permitted.

See complete details and contest rules at [www.kpl.org](http://www.kpl.org)



To view last year's winners, take a picture of this QR code with your smart phone!

## Photography Secrets: Capturing the Wow Factor

with Rod Frketich,  
Photo/Graphics Editor,  
The Waterloo Region  
Record

A great photograph tells a story, using emotion, perspective and composition. Improve your pictures with tips, tricks and techniques from the Record's Photo Editor. Put yourself in the winner's circle this year, with simple techniques like cropping and saturation.

Please call the host library to register.

**CH** Thurs. Jan. 12 at 6:30 pm

## Exhibition: KPL Amateur Photography Contest

View the winning photographs from KPL's 6th annual Photography Contest, in partnership with *The Waterloo Region Record*.

**City Hall Council Chambers**  
Wed. Apr. 4 at 6:30 pm


Presentation will be followed by a reception in the City Hall gallery space.

# Ideas & Issues

*New Location! Join us at the Forest Heights Library each Wednesday for a 50-minute lecture with faculty from the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University.  
Forest Heights Community Library, 251 Fischer-Hallman Road*


## Moral & Political Liberalism

with Dr. Jan Narveson, Professor Emeritus, Philosophy, uWaterloo

 Wed. Feb. 1 at 12 noon

## Toward a Welcoming Community: Engaging Newcomers

with Dr. Troy Glover, Recreation and Leisure Studies, uWaterloo

 Wed. Feb. 15 at 12 noon


## Poverty Reduction & the Urban Poor: the Ugandan Policy Model

with Dr. Andrea Brown, Political Science, WLU

 Wed. Feb. 8 at 12 noon

## Economies of the World in Upheaval

with Dr. Larry Smith, Department of Economics, uWaterloo

 Wed. Feb. 29 at 12 noon



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## One Book, One Community: Dead & Buried

with The Mysterious Players

The Mysterious Players will be performing *Dead & Buried*, a murder mystery/comedy based on Louise Penny's *Bury Your Dead*. The Chief is called in to investigate an odd case, when Hank's Toss-it mysteriously disappears during a visit to the library. The toss-it opens a door into the past, exposing a mystery that has lain dormant for...days! It's a puzzle "Ganache" must solve if he is to catch a random-day killer.

*There will be a draw for one gift certificate for a murder mystery dinner at the Rum Runner (\$40 value).*

*The Mysterious Players have been entertaining audiences with clever plot twists and audience interaction since 1986.*

 Mon. Dec 5 at 7 pm (Main floor reading lounge)



# health & wellness

## Free Hearing Tests (ages 50+)

Hearing loss is usually ignored for up to 7 years. Don't delay!



Call to make an appointment for a free 15-minute initial hearing test. Receive your results right away.

Please call 519-743-0271 ext. 255 to register. Limited space.

**GR** Tues. Jan. 31 from 1 – 4 pm (by appointment only)



## Achieving Your New Year's Resolution

with Dr. Jeff Winchester, DC, Bridgeport Family Chiropractic

Have you joined a gym and then not gone? Have you tried to lose weight, and then gained it all back? Jeff went from couch potato to running the Boston Marathon in just 5 years. Learn how to maximize living every day.

Please call the host library to register.

**GR** Tues. Jan. 17 at 6:30 pm



## Living with Thyroid Cancer

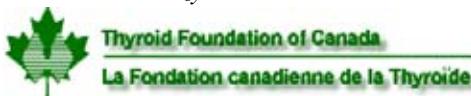
with Dr. Luciana Parlea, BSc, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Parlea is a new endocrinologist to the Region, with a special interest in evolving strategies and current trends for the management of thyroid cancer.

Please call the host library to register.

**FH** Wed. Jan. 25  
Displays at 6 pm;  
Presentation at 6:30 pm

Supported by the Thyroid Foundation of Canada & Genzyme Canada



## Head Injury & Trauma

with Jean Taylor, CK, Key Rehab Services Inc.

What's involved when you suffer from a serious injury? Who should be on your health care team? What are the steps you need to take to return to independent living? Jean will discuss the many facets of rehabilitation.

Please call the host library to register.

**GR** Tues. Feb. 7 at 6:30 pm

## Community Health Care: A Helping Hand

with the Waterloo-Wellington Community Care Access Centre (CCAC)



What is the CCAC and what services do they offer? Are there costs involved? Find out more about home healthcare and when it's time to consider to a long-term care facility.

Please call the host library to register.

**PP** Wed. Feb. 22 at 7:15 pm

## Thriving with Autism

with Jackie McMillan, BES

Jackie is an autistic adult, who found her way "out of the fog" through dietary and environmental changes. She'll discuss why autism is on the increase and the three easiest changes that will help families the most.

Please call the host library to register.

**GR** Tues. Dec. 6 at 6:30 pm

## Yoga for Mood Disorders & Anxiety

with Jayne Hembruff, Inspired Health and Wellness

Yoga can help you to relax and feel calmer or help you cope with fatigue. Learn special yoga techniques that target mental health. Please dress in comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel.

Please call the host library to register.

**FH** Tues. Jan. 24 at 6:30 pm

# health essentials

## Treating Depression Naturally

with Dr. Som Thammasouk, ND

Depression affects the entire body, including the nervous system, moods, thoughts and behaviors. If you or someone you know is suffering from depression, join Dr. Thammasouk to learn naturopathic approaches to address this common condition.

**Please call the host library to register.**

**PP** Wed. Jan. 18 at 7:15 pm

## Arthritis & Musculoskeletal Pain

with Dr. Michael Reid, ND

Musculoskeletal injuries and osteoarthritis are the most common cause of severe long-term pain and physical disability. Join Dr. Reid to learn about treatment strategies for pain, including prolotherapy and platelet-rich plasma injections as an alternative to corticosteroids.

**Please call the host library to register.**

**CH** Wed. Feb. 13 at 7 pm



## Active Adults: Mind and Body Fitness

### Jan. 9: Yoga 101

with Jayne Hembruff,  
Inspired Health & Wellness

Come pamper yourself with Gentle Yoga. This style of yoga suitable for all ages and abilities as it can be done in a chair or wheelchair. This class will leave you feeling terrific!

### Jan. 16: Climate Change

with Art Hornett

Art's growing concerns about the impact of industry on the environment originates from his earlier career in industry and his recent reading and thoughts about pollution.

### Jan. 23: Introduction to Stargazing

with Duncan Class

There's no need for expensive telescopes to enjoy stargazing! You'll be amazed by what is visible with binoculars or your own eyes when you know what to look for.

### Jan. 30: Astrology

with Bryan Trussler

Have you ever read your horoscope in the newspaper? Is there more to it than meets the eye? Learn about the art and science of astrology – you might be surprised!

### Feb. 6: iPod, iPhone, iPad, iEverything!

with Bryan Dunham, KPL

Enjoy a demonstration of the latest Apple gadgets and find out what all the fuss is about. If you're feeling adventurous, you can even try one out!

### Feb. 13: Wii've got game!

Try your hand at Wii Bowling and Wii Golf. These games aren't just for the grandchildren – it's a lot of fun! We'll also have card and word games to play.

Stretch yourself in new directions! Older adults (ages 50+) are invited for a morning of fitness at the Forest Heights Pool & Library. First stop: a gentle 45-minute workout in the pool. Then, join us at the library for informative topics with fascinating speakers!

**FH** **Mondays**

Pool swim:  
8:30 am – 9:30 am  
Refreshments:  
9:30 am – 10 am  
Library Presentation:  
10 am – 11 am

**Registration REQUIRED.**  
**Please call the host library.**

# get set to grow

*This series is a partnership with the Kitchener Horticultural Society.*

## Seedy Saturday

with local speakers & the Kitchener Master Gardeners

Attend free workshops with a variety of speakers. Topics will include planting, healthy seedlings and collecting your own seeds. Bring along seeds to swap, or purchase seeds from local vendors, including heritage seeds. Master Gardeners will help answer any questions you may have. There will also be displays from local community groups.



**CH** Sat. Feb. 25 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

## The Garden: An Evolution

with Maryanne Weiler, Master Gardener, KHS

With love and hard work, Marianne has created a stunning perennial garden. Find out how she's created such a rich environment, starting with only a bare slope. Marianne's garden was recently featured in *Gardening Central* magazine.

**CH** Tues. Jan. 10 at 7 pm

## The Gardens of Langdon Hall

with Heather Riddell

With the help of old landscape drawings, the gardens of Langdon Hall have been restored to their original Victorian magnificence. Enjoy this illustrated talk on the history of the hotel's grounds.

**CH** Tues. Feb. 14 at 7 pm



# healthy food systems



*This series is a partnership with the Waterloo Region Food System Roundtable and KPL.*

## Heritage Seeds & Bees in your Garden

with Bob Wildfong, Executive Director, Seeds of Diversity Canada; Founder, Pollination Canada

Grow produce that is more delicious, nutritious and planet-friendly by gardening with diversity! Learn how to find and grow over 3000 varieties from heritage seeds produced by backyard gardeners all across Canada. Take home a few seed samples and learn how to pollinate your garden by attracting non-stinging native bees.

**FH** Tues. Jan. 31 at 6:30 pm

## Local Agriculture: Join In!

with Wolfgang Pfenning, Pfenning's Organic Farms and Candace Wormsbecker, Transpire Organic Farm & Wellness

Farmers, restaurants, stores and government are all working to keep local agriculture in Waterloo Region strong. But more needs to be done if we want a thriving and sustainable food system! Learn how YOU can become part of the change.

**FH** Tues. Feb. 28 at 6:30 pm

## Get Local – It's Delicious!

with Steve Martin, Martin's Family Fruit Farm; Board Member, FoodLink Waterloo Region

Locally grown food is better for your health, better for the environment, and the right choice to support Waterloo Region farmers and producers. Steve will help everyone attending to "Get Local." Learn why it is important to eat this way, where to find local food and how to select top-quality foods in season.

**FH** Tues. March 27 at 6:30 pm

# in addition

**21ST CENTURY LITERACIES**  
 FAMILY HEALTH MATHEMATICAL VISUAL  
 COMPUTER FINANCIAL INFORMATION MEDIA

## Computers: What's New?

with Bryan Dunham,  
Coordinator, KPL Information  
Technology

Join KPL's own computer guru for an engaging discussion on technology. What is computer literacy and why is it important? What's the next big trend in computers? How do you stay up-to-date? Bring your questions and ask our expert!



**Please call the host library to register.**

**FH** Tues. Feb. 21 at 7:00 pm

## E-Book Download Clinic

with KPL Information Services staff

Learn how to download free e-books from the library. You may bring your e-reader device to the session. Space is limited, so register early!

**Please call 519-743-0271 ext. 255 to register.**

- M** Thurs. Jan. 12 at 7 pm (Computer Centre)
- M** Thurs. Jan. 26 at 7 pm (Computer Centre)
- M** Thurs. Feb. 9 at 7 pm (Computer Centre)
- M** Thurs. Feb. 23 at 7 pm (Computer Centre)

## Résumé Rescue

with KPL volunteers

Free, one-on-one consultation to help you create your first résumé or update an existing résumé are available at Country Hills, Forest Heights, Grand River

**To book an appointment, please call 519-743-7502.**

## Astrology Outlook

*Bryan Trussler has been providing astrology seminars at KPL for nearly 20 years!*

## Western Astrology

The year 2012 is the year when western astrology meets Mayan prophecy. Where do these two ancient systems agree or disagree? What have they to say to each other? Is there a message here, or is it no different than Y2K fear-mongering?

**Please call the host library to register.**

**CH** Mon. Jan. 9 at 6:30 pm

## Eastern Astrology

The year 2012 has attained notoriety in western culture because of the Mayan calendar, but the Water Dragon is just another year in China. This year's talk will explore how calendars shape our cultural worldview and historical consciousness, as well as how the measurement of time shapes our thinking about eternity.

**Please call the host library to register.**

**CH** Mon. Jan. 23 at 6:30 pm

# in addition



## Stargazing: What You Need to Get Started

Find out how to avoid telescope “money traps” and learn which equipment will perform. Develop basic skills toward your first stargazing certificate. Sign up during the program for a free night of outdoor observation.

**Please call the host library to register.**

**PP** Wed. Feb. 15 at 7:15 pm

## Genealogy: Finding Family Online

with Karen Ball-Pyatt, KPL Local History Librarian

Explore genealogy websites and databases with KPL’s resident expert. Space is limited, so register early!

**Please call the host library to register.**

**M** Thurs. Feb. 16 at 7 pm (Computer Centre)

## ESL Learners & New Canadians

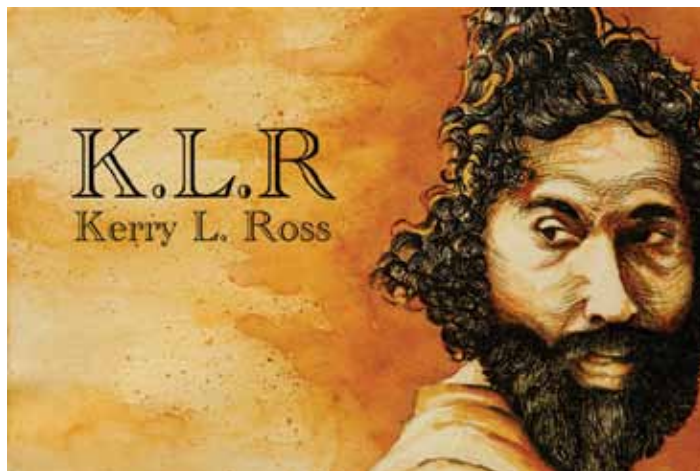
with Natalie Gibbons, Multicultural Librarian

Are you new to Kitchener? Learn how the library can help you. Find international newspapers, computer software to help you learn English, TOEFL & IELTS study guides, books and movies in other languages, family programs and helpful websites. It’s all free!

**Please call the host library to register.**

**CH** Mon. Jan. 30 at 6:30 pm

**GR** Tues. Feb. 21 at 6:30 pm



See [www.klartist.ca](http://www.klartist.ca)

## Artist-at-Work: Watercolour Portraits

Kerry L. Ross received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Calgary in 1995. Today, it is the faces and ideas she encounters on her travels that deeply colour her art. Unconcerned with extraneous detail, her paintings focus the mind, isolating the image for the purpose of contemplation. This allows space for the unregulated responses of the viewer’s eye.

**No registration – simply drop by.**

**FH** Sat. Jan. 14 from 1 to 3 pm

**CH** Sat. Jan. 28 from 1 to 3 pm

## Shared Stories: An ESL Book Club

If English is your second language, join us for this 60-minute conversation club. Discover the joy of stories in a welcoming environment where you can safely share your own point of view and experiences. Borrow a book each month, then bring it back the next month and talk about it.

**For more information, call Laura at 519-743-0271 ext. 277 or email [laura.dick@kpl.org](mailto:laura.dick@kpl.org).**

**FH** Tuesdays at 7 pm Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 13

# programs for teens

Teen programs are reserved for youth ages 12 – 18

## Book of the Month Club for Teens

This is a club just for teens who want to read a new book each month and chat about it.

Thurs. Dec. 8 at 4 pm

*Dash & Lily's Book of Dares*  
by Rachel Cohn & David  
Levithan

Thurs. Jan. 12 at 4 pm

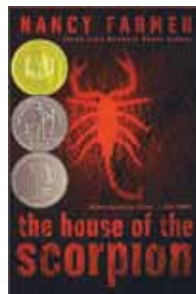
*The House of the Scorpion*  
by Nancy Farmer

Thurs. Feb. 9 at 4 pm

*Gimme a Call*  
by Sarah Mylnowski

New members are welcome!

For meeting information and to register,  
call Christy at 519-743-0271 ext. 277 or email  
[christy.giesler@kpl.org](mailto:christy.giesler@kpl.org).



## Hunger Games Readalikes

Seen the series? Can't wait for the movie? Check out these titles . . .

### Divergent by Veronica Roth

Tris is 16, the age at which teens must select which of five factions to join for life. Each faction represents a virtue: Candor, Abnegation, Dauntless, Amity, and Erudite. To the surprise of herself and her selfless Abnegation family, she chooses Dauntless, the path of courage. Her choice exposes her to the demanding, violent initiation rites of this group, but it also threatens to expose a personal secret that could place her in mortal danger.  
*Recommended for ages 14 and up.*



### Matched by Ally Condy



Cassia trusts the Society to make the right choices for her, so when Xander's face appears onscreen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows that he is her ideal mate... until she sees Ky's face flash for an instant. The Society tells her it's a rare malfunction, and that she should focus on the happy life she's destined to lead with Xander. But Cassia can't stop thinking about Ky, and as they slowly fall in love, Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility.  
*Recommended for ages 12 and up.*

## Teen Origami Program

Learn how to make assorted origami items at this hour-long program. Paper provided.

Thurs. Jan. 5 at 2 pm @ **the Kitchener Market** (Upper Level)

To register, call Christy at 519-743-0271 ext. 277 or email  
[christy.giesler@kpl.org](mailto:christy.giesler@kpl.org).

**What's better – The Hunger  
Games book or the movie?**

*You tell us!*

 **KPL Teen Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/kplteensread](http://www.facebook.com/kplteensread)

## Legend by Marie Lu

What was once the western United States is now home to the Republic, a nation perpetually at war. Fifteen-year-old June is being groomed for success in the Republic's highest military circles. Born into the slums, Day is the country's most wanted criminal. June and Day have no reason to cross paths – until the day June's brother, Metias, is murdered and Day becomes the prime suspect. In a shocking turn of events, the two uncover the truth of what has really brought them together, and the sinister lengths their country will go to keep its secrets.  
*Recommended for ages 12 and up.*



# at the market

Join us at the Kitchener Market! KPL will be offering a variety of programs on the Upper Level. For more information about the Kitchener Market, visit [www.kitchenermarket.ca](http://www.kitchenermarket.ca)  
Address: 300 King Street East, Kitchener

## Babytime

It's never too early to bring babies and books together. Babies (**0 – 11 months**) and their caregivers will enjoy **20 – 30 minutes** of rhymes, songs, stories and bounces.

**No registration required.**

Wed. at 10:45 am Jan. 11 – Feb. 29  
@ the Kitchener Market

## One Is Fun

Oh, the wonderful world of books! Enjoy giggles, stories, rhymes and more, in this **20 – 30 minute** interactive program for toddlers (**12 – 23 months**) and their caregivers.

**No registration required.**

Thurs. at 10:30 am Jan. 12 – March 1  
@ the Kitchener Market

## Tales for Two's

It's time for toddlers to take over. This **30-minute** program is designed especially for active two-year-olds (**24 – 35 months**) and their caregivers. Join us for stories, songs, crafts and lots of fun.

**No registration required.**

Thurs. at 9:45 am Jan. 12 – March 1  
@ the Kitchener Market

## Preschool Storytime

Books are the focus, and fun is the goal! Preschoolers (**3 – 5 year olds**) are invited for **45-minutes** of stories, songs, rhymes and crafts. Each week is an opportunity to explore a new theme, learn and laugh.

**No registration required.**

Wed. at 9:45 am Jan. 11 – Feb. 29  
@ the Kitchener Market

## Family Storytime

Everyone is invited to share in this **30-minute** program, which includes great stories, fun songs and rhymes. Fun for the whole family! **All ages.**

**No registration required.**

Tues. at 10:00 am Jan. 10 – Feb. 28  
@ the Kitchener Market

## KPL Kids' Club

Take a break from shopping and drop by the KPL space (Upper Level) for stories, crafts and fun.

**All ages. No registration required.**

Sat. from 9:00 am – 11:00 am  
@ the Kitchener Market

## Jingle Babies

It's never too early to bring babies and books together. Babies (**0 – 11 months**) and their caregivers will enjoy this special **20 – 30 minute** holiday program.

**No registration required.**

Wed. Dec. 21 at 10:45 am  
@ the Kitchener Market

## Story Wonderland

In the lane, snow is glistening. A beautiful sight, we're happy today, walking to a story wonderland. Children are invited to come in from the cold to curl up for some holiday stories and songs. **Ages 3 – 5.**

**No registration required.**

Wed. Dec. 21 at 9:45 am  
@ the Kitchener Market

## Minute to Win-It

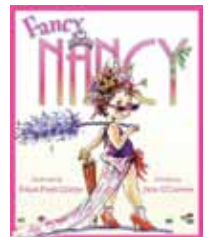
Like the popular game show we want to know: Are you up to the challenge? 60 seconds is all you'll get in a variety of fun filled tasks! **Ages 8 – 12.**

**No registration required.**

Tues. Jan. 3 at 2:00 pm  
@ the Kitchener Market

## Fancy Nancy

Come dressed up all "glamorous" (that is fancy for beautiful) and join us for our Fancy Nancy "soiree" (that is fancy for party). **Ages 5 – 12.**



**No registration required.**

Thurs. Jan. 5 at 10:00 am  
@ the Kitchener Market

## Spend your PA days with us!

### Jump into January

Come in from the cold and spend your PA day with us, running, jumping, crafting and reading!

**Please register at the Main Library one week before the program.**

Fri. Jan. 20 at 10:00 am @ the Kitchener Market

### Medieval Times

Come hither lads and ladies, as we transform into Kings, Queens and Knights. Don't miss our royal fun!

**Please register at the Main Library one week before the program.**

Fri. Feb. 3 at 10:00 am @ the Kitchener Market

# preschool programs



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Please register one week before the program.

- CH Mon. at 9:45 am Jan. 9 – Feb. 27
- FH Thurs. at 9:45 am Jan. 12 – Mar. 1
- GR Wed. at 11:00 am Jan. 11 – Feb. 29
- PP Wed. at 9:45 am Jan. 11 – Feb. 29

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- GR Mon. at 11:00 am Jan. 9 – Feb. 27
- PP Wed. at 10:30 am Jan. 11 – Feb. 29

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Please register one week before the program.

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- FH Tues. at 9:45 am Jan. 10 – Feb. 28
- GR Wed. at 9:45 am Jan. 11 – Feb. 29
- PP Mon. at 9:45 am Jan. 9 – Feb. 27

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Please register one week before the program.

- CH Tues. at 2:00 pm Jan. 10 – Feb. 28
- CH Wed. at 10:45 am Jan. 11 – Feb. 29
- FH Tues. at 10:45 am Jan. 10 – Feb. 28
- GR Mon. at 10:00 am Jan. 9 – Feb. 27
- GR Thurs. at 2:00 pm Jan. 12 – Mar. 1
- PP Mon. at 10:45 am Jan. 9 – Feb. 27

## Little Scientist

Discover the wonder of science through stories, activities and simple experiments. **Ages 4 – 5.**

Please register one week before the program.

- ★ Thurs. at 2:00 pm Feb. 2 – Feb. 23

## Picture This: Little Artist

Budding artists **3½ – 5** will discover the techniques used by artists during this **45-minute** program.

Please register one week before the program.

- FH Wed. at 2:15 pm Feb. 1 – Feb. 22

## Little Travelers

Travelers **ages 3 – 5** are invited to join us as we armchair travel to a different place each week. Experience the world through stories, songs and crafts.



Please register one week before the program.

- PP Wed. at 2:15 pm Feb. 8 – 29

# children's programs



## Attention Teachers

KPL offers class visits at your local library. We can also visit you! Want to learn more about what resources the library offers? How to research a project? KPL class visits can be customized to suit your needs.








Let us help you get your students excited about reading and talking about books with *Check. It. Out.*, our literacy program for **grades 4 – 6**.

For more information, please contact Barb Janicek, Children's Librarian at 519-743-0271 ext. 285 or [barb.janicek@kpl.org](mailto:barb.janicek@kpl.org).

## Reading Buddies

Children in **grades 1 – 4** are invited to read with an adult volunteer, play literacy games and listen to stories. This **45-minute** program is for readers who have learned the fundamentals of reading but need practice.

**Please register two weeks before the program.**




-  Thurs. at 6:15 pm Jan. 12 – Mar. 8
-  Tues. at 6:15 pm Jan. 10 – Mar. 6
-  Thurs. at 6:00 pm Jan. 12 – Mar. 8
-  Thurs. at 7:00 pm Jan. 12 – Mar. 8
-  Tues. at 6:15 pm Jan. 10 – Mar. 6
-  Thurs. at 6:15 pm Jan. 12 – Mar. 8
-  Thurs. at 7:15 pm Jan. 12 – Mar. 8

## Mother-Daughter Book Club

This **1-hour** book club is for girls in **grades 4 – 6** and their moms or another important woman in their lives.

New members are welcome!

**For meeting information, book titles or other questions, please call Christy at 519-743-0271 ext. 277 or [christy.giesler@kpl.org](mailto:christy.giesler@kpl.org).**




-  Sat. Dec. 10 at 10:30 am
-  Sat. Jan. 21 at 10:30 am
-  Sat. Feb. 18 at 10:30 am



## beTween the Pages

Do you love to read? Do you love to talk? Let's get together to talk about a selected book, share some snacks, and do some activities related to the book. **Grades 4 – 6**. New members are welcome!


**For questions, meeting information and book titles, please call Barb at 519-743-0271 ext. 285 or [barb.janicek@kpl.org](mailto:barb.janicek@kpl.org).**

-  Sat. Dec. 10 at 10:30 am
-  Sat. Jan. 21 at 10:30 am
-  Sat. Feb. 18 at 10:30 am

## KPL Kids at the Country Hills Community Centre

Come to the **Country Hills Community Centre** (100 Rittenhouse Rd.) for an awesome evening of crafts and fun for **6 – 11** year olds. We will have cool themes and lots of interesting things for you to explore!


**Registration starts Monday, November 21 at 9:00 am, Country Hills Community Centre or call 519-741-2596.**

-  Thurs. from 6:15 – 7:00 pm  
Jan. 12 – Mar. 1

## KPL Kids at the Forest Heights Community Centre

Come to the **Forest Heights Community Centre** (1700 Queens Blvd.) for an awesome evening of crafts and fun for **6 – 11** year olds. We will have cool themes and lots of interesting things for you to explore!




**Registration starts Tues. Nov. 22 at 9:00 am, Forest Heights Community Centre or call 519-741-2621.**

-  Mon. at 6:00 pm Jan. 9 – Feb. 27

## Creative Writing Club

Do you love writing stories, poems or plays? Let's talk about writing, do some writing and (if you feel like it) share some of your writing. Bring a pencil, a notebook and your imagination! **Grades 3 – 6**.

**Please register one week before the program.**

-  Sat. Dec. 3 at 2:30 pm
-  Sat. Jan. 14 at 2:30 pm
-  Sat. Feb. 25 at 2:30 pm

# children's programs



## Creative Kids

Calling all kids who love crafts! Beat the winter blahs with stories and crafts at the library. All you need is a little creativity, we'll provide everything else. **Ages 5 – 12.**

Please register one week before the program.

★ Mon. at 6:30 pm Jan. 16 – Feb. 6

## Minute to Win-It

Like the popular game show we want to know: Are you up to the challenge? 60 seconds is all you'll get in a variety of fun filled tasks! **Ages 8 – 12.**

Please register one week before the program.

CH Fri. Jan. 6 at 2:30 pm

FH Thurs. Jan. 5 at 2:30 pm

PP Tues. Jan. 3 at 2:30 pm

## Spend your PA days with us!



## Book Swap

Are you tired of reading the same books? Bring some books from home that you no longer want and be a part of our book swap. You may find a great new author to read! We will also be making a fabulous piece of altered art out of recycled books. **Ages 5 – 12.**

Please register one week before the program.

CH Fri. Jan. 20 at 2:30 pm



## Science Rocks!

Come out to the library on your PA Day and try some science experiments! **Ages 5 – 12.**

Please register one week before the program.

CH Fri. Feb. 3 at 2:30 pm



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# family programs

## Twilight Tales & Pool Plunge

The entire family is invited to enjoy books, songs and more during this special **30-minute** program at the library. Then put on your bathing suits and jump in the pool!

**No registration required.**

**FH** Wed. at 7:00 pm Jan. 4 – Mar. 7

7:00 – 7:30 pm:

**Twilight Tales Family Storytime**

7:45 – 8:45 pm:

**Pool Plunge** (Children must be accompanied by an adult in the water.)

The library storytime is free. The cost of the swim is \$3.50 per child and \$5.50 per adult/ per swim. Swim is optional.

## Stories 'n Splashes

The entire family is invited to enjoy books, songs and more during this special **30-minute** program at the **Lyle Hallman Pool**. Then put on your bathing suits and jump in the pool!

**No registration required.**

Thurs. at 5:45 pm Jan. 19 – Feb. 9

@ **Lyle Hallman Pool**

5:45 – 6:15 pm:

**Stories n' Splashes Storytime**

6:30 – 8:00 pm:

**Pool Plunge** (Children must be accompanied by an adult in the water.)

The library storytime is free. The cost of the swim is \$3.50 per child and \$5.50 per adult/ per swim. Swim is optional.

## Get Your Game On!

Card games, Scrabble, Scattergories and more. Let the games begin!

**No registration required.**

**PP** Sat. Jan. 21 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**PP** Sat. Feb. 18 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm



## A "Mary" Christmas

with Mary Lambert

Everyone will be singing and laughing along during this high energy show. It's a jolly holiday for the entire family!

**Free tickets available at the host location one week before the program.**

**M** Sat. Dec. 3 at 10:30 am

**FH** Sat. Dec. 3 at 2:00 pm

## Christmas Sing-along

with Erick Traplin

Dance along, as Erick performs some of his favourite songs and Christmas tunes. It's fun for the entire family!

**Free tickets available at the host location one week before the program.**

**CH** Wed Dec. 7 at 6:30 pm



## Holiday Hootenanny

Bring the entire family to share holiday stories, songs and crafts. **All ages.**

**No registration required.**

**M** Mon. Dec. 19 at 1:30 pm

**CH** Sat. Dec. 17 at 10:30 am

**FH** Sat. Dec. 10 at 2:30 pm

**GR** Sat. Dec. 10 at 10:30 am

**PP** Wed. Dec. 21 at 10:30 am

# family programs

## Winter Wonderland

Are you looking for something to do on a cold January morning? Come out for a fabulous time where we will share great stories, songs and a craft! **All ages.**

**No registration required.**

CH Wed. Jan. 4 at 10:30 am

PP Wed. Jan. 4 at 10:30 am

## Hockey Mania

Come out and score some fun with KPL and the Kitchener Rangers. We will enjoy the book *The Farm Team*, meet some Kitchener Rangers, and celebrate reading. **Ages 5 – 12 years.**



**No registration required.**

★ Wed. Jan. 4 at 10:00 am

## Family Storytime

Everyone is invited to share in this **30-minute** program, which includes great stories, fun songs and rhymes. Fun for the whole family!

**No registration required.**

★ Mon. at 1:30 pm Jan. 9 – Feb. 27

★ Tues. at 6:30 pm (Ongoing)

## Family Storytime & Craft

A joint program with Home Child Care. Please feel free to bring your own snack.

**Please register one week prior to the program.**

CH Thurs. Jan. 12 10:00 – 11:30 am

CH Tues. Feb. 14 10:00 – 11:30 am

GR Wed. March 7 10:00 – 11:30 am



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## Let's Read: Free Family Skate

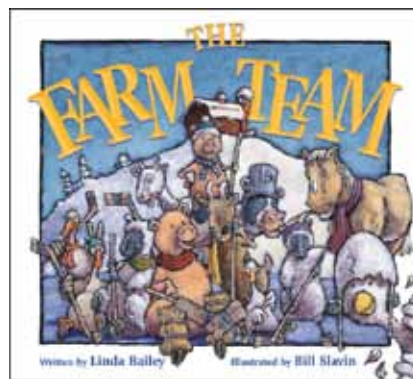
Free family skating with the *New Hamburg Firebirds!*

**1:15 – 1:45 pm** – Reading of *The Farm Team* (upstairs in the Community Centre Room)

**2:00 – 3:00 pm** – ICE TIME !

Thurs. Jan. 5 at 1:15 pm

@ Wilmot Recreation Complex,  
1291 Nafziger Road, Baden



## Celebrate Family Literacy Day at KPL!

January 27 is Family Literacy Day across Canada. KPL is celebrating all month long!

Starting January 2, participate in our Family Literacy Read-a-thon. After you have read a book together as a family – at bedtime, at the library, or wherever you like to read – visit any KPL location. Write your family's name and the title of the book you read on a paper snowman and post it on our Read-a-thon board. Let's watch our snowman families grow and see how many books KPL families can read in one month!

Do you think we will read 100? 1000? Who knows? We'll celebrate our success with a Family Celebration at the library. There will be stories, songs and lots more fun!

**No registration required.**

★ Tues. Jan. 24 at 6:30 pm

CH Sat. Jan. 28 at 10:30 am

▲ FH Sat. Jan. 21 at 2:30 pm

◆ GR Sat. Jan. 21 at 10:30 am

## Fancy Nancy

Come dressed up all "glamorous" (that is fancy for beautiful) and join us for our Fancy Nancy "soiree" (that is fancy for party). **All ages.**

**Please register one week before the program.**

▲ FH Sat. Feb. 18 at 2:30 pm

## How Do I Love Thee?

Love is in the air! Enjoy a special family storytime about friends and family. **All ages.**

**No registration required.**

★ Tues. Feb. 14 at 6:30 pm

CH Sat. Feb. 11 at 10:30 am

◆ GR Sat. Feb. 4 at 10:30 am

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**How to Get a Library Card**

Kitchener Public Library cards are free to all residents and property owners of Kitchener. A free reciprocal borrower's card is also available for residents of Cambridge, Waterloo and Waterloo Region. For residents living outside Waterloo Region, a non-resident library card is available for an annual membership fee of \$39.00. You can get a library card by filling out an application form at any KPL location or online at [www.kpl.org](http://www.kpl.org).

**Borrowing Limits**

A maximum of 100 items may be borrowed per card and up to 200 holds may be placed on library materials.

**Loan Periods and Fines**

The standard loan period for most items is three weeks, **with the exception of Express Reads, Express Views, Magazines, Toys, and DVDs.** Fines are levied for overdue material. The daily and maximum overdue fines vary depending on the material type. The overdue fine for books is \$0.30 per day, with a maximum of \$9.00, while the daily fine for DVDs is \$1.00, with a maximum of \$9.00.

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For details of our loan periods and fine rates, please visit [http://www.kpl.org/borrowing/loans\\_fines.html](http://www.kpl.org/borrowing/loans_fines.html).

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- Mon. – Thurs. 9:30 am to 9:00 pm
- Fri. 9:30 am to 5:30 pm
- Sat. 9:00 am to 5:30 pm
- Sun. 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm\*

- \* Main Library Only
- October 16 - December 11, 2011.
- \* Main Library Only
- January 8 – May 13, 2012

**All KPL locations will be closed the following days:**

- Saturday, December 24 -- at 1:00 pm (Christmas Eve)
- Sunday, December 25 -- Christmas Day
- Monday, December 26 -- Boxing Day
- Tuesday, December 27 -- Christmas Closure
- Saturday, December 31 -- at 1:00 pm (New Year's Eve)
- Sunday, January 1 -- No Sunday Hours until January 8
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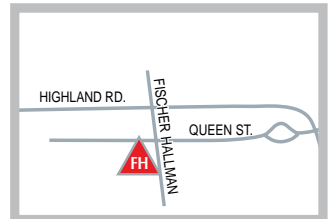
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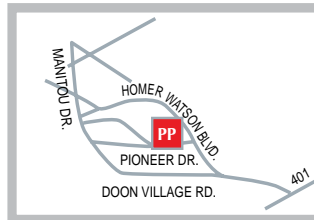
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Free parking is available at all our Community Libraries. At the Main Library, pay & display metered parking is available at the adjacent Centre-in-the-Square parking lot. Parking is \$2.00 per hour, with a \$9.00 all-day maximum. Some on-street parking is also available on nearby streets.

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