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SUMMER'S NOT OVER YET! STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY INVITES KIDS TO END-OF-SUMMER CELEBRATION

[Stratford, August 13, 2026] - Summer may be winding down, but there's still time for one more celebration! Stratford Public Library is inviting children and families to an end of End of Summer Celebration Party on Wednesday, August 26 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Library Front Garden. Come early for a pre-celebration, joy-making, enthusiasm-building kazoo party from 12-12:30!

The free afternoon will celebrate a summer of reading, creativity, play and community connection. Whether families participated in library programs all summer long or are simply looking for a fun way to wrap up the season, everyone is welcome.

Families can enjoy an afternoon packed with crafts, games, and activities, with something for children of all ages. A special thank-you goes to TD, a sponsor of the event, who will be bringing a colouring wall for families to enjoy.

If your child has been working their way through the BINGO Summer Challenge, don't leave those cards at home! Bring completed BINGO cards to the Children's Floor desk to collect special summer rewards, generously supported by TD and many local businesses:

- First completed card: A fun SPL tote bag
- Second completed card: A coupon from a local business
- Third completed card: An SPL water bottle

"Summer at the library is about so much more than reading," says Trish MacGregor, Children's Librarian. "It's about discovering something new, making things, playing, connecting with others and having fun. The End of Summer Celebration is a chance to recognize all of those experiences and bring families together for one more afternoon of summer fun."

For at least the fourth year in a row, Stratford Public Library has seen a record number of children participating in the TD Summer Reading Club™, with more than 1,200 children registered. BINGO cards can be turned in for prizes up until Monday September 28.

The End of Summer Celebration Party takes place Wednesday, August 26 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Stratford Public Library Front Garden. The event is free and everyone is welcome. For more information, visit <https://splibrary.ca/summer>

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