

JULY / AUG  
2025



# Take Me Away!

AT STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE YOURSELF AWAY THIS JULY & AUGUST! ESCAPE THE ORDINARY AND LOSE YOURSELF IN CAPTIVATING READS, UNFORGETTABLE PROGRAMS, AND IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES THAT WILL TRANSPORT YOU TO FAR-OFF LANDS.

With every book you dive into and every program you engage with, you'll embark on an adventure that sparks your imagination and expands your horizons. Let's journey together and discover the wonders that await.

Your adventure starts here—let's take you away!



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# kids

## Tales & Trails

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF A GOOD BOOK WHILE OUT IN NATURE

**May 10 - September 2 | Drop-In | Stratford-Perth Museum** - Come read *Your House Is Not Just A House* by *Idris Goodwin* while enjoying the Heritage Trails at Stratford-Perth Museum! This combination of literacy, physical activity and nature is brought to you in partnership with the Rotary Club of Stratford, and Stratford-Perth Museum. [splibrary.ca/tales-trails](https://splibrary.ca/tales-trails)

## Cue the Creativity: Maker Magic

FREE WEEKLY DROP-IN THEATRE PROGRAM WITH THE STRATFORD FESTIVAL

**July 3 - August 14 | 2:00-4:00 | Library Auditorium** - Step into the spotlight with this magical theatre arts program -- a hands-on exploration with the Stratford Festival. Each week features a new theme with creative stations, including props, set design, costumes, wigs, makeup, movement, music, lighting effects and characters. [splibrary.ca/cue-creativity](https://splibrary.ca/cue-creativity)

## End of Summer Party

CELEBRATE WITH ACTIVITIES, GAMES, SNACKS, CRAFTS

**August 20 | 1:00-4:00 | SPL Front Garden** - Let's wrap up a fantastic summer of reading and discovery with a party. Join family, friends, and the SPL summer team to celebrate. Bring along your Read Your Way Through Summer game board and be entered into a draw for awesome prizes. [splibrary.ca/summer-party](https://splibrary.ca/summer-party)

# teens & tweens

## Ignite Your Summer: Photo Contest

ENTER A WEEKLY PHOTOGRAPHY INSTAGRAM CONTEST TO WIN GREAT PRIZES

**July 7 - August 24 | Virtual | Grades 9-12** - Follow SPL's teen Instagram @SPL.Ignite to compete in a weekly summer photography contest. Submit your original photos based on weekly themes for a chance to win some great prizes! [splibrary.ca/ignite-your-summer](https://splibrary.ca/ignite-your-summer)

## Book Subscription Kits

YA LOOT PACKS & TWEEN LIT KITS

Sign up to receive a monthly pack filled with three books specially chosen for you, as well as fun gifts and activities. When you're done, return the books but keep the goodies.

**YA Loot Packs - July 7 & August 11** - [splibrary.ca/ya-loot-packs](https://splibrary.ca/ya-loot-packs)

**Tween Lit Kits - July 16 & August 20** - [splibrary.ca/tween-lit-kits](https://splibrary.ca/tween-lit-kits)

## Dungeons & Dragons: Escape the Dark Lair

ESCAPE ROOM: DISCOVER THE MAGIC SCROLL TO ESCAPE IN 30 MINUTES

**July 21 - 23 | 2:15-8:15 | Library Quiet Room (30-min time slots)** - The Library's annual summer escape room returns with a D&D theme. Register with your family and friends -- up to a group of 5 in your 30-minute time slot at [dnd-escape.eventbrite.ca](https://dnd-escape.eventbrite.ca)

# adults



## Library Happy Hour

AFTER HOURS IN THE STACKS FOR ADULTS 19+

**Fri. July 11 & Fri. August 15 | 7:00-9:00 | Library Main Floor** - Come for drinks (cash bar), entertainment, and literary activities. Registration required. [splibrary.ca/happyhour](https://splibrary.ca/happyhour)



## Survive The Last Of Us!

AFTER HOURS GAME FOR ADULTS 19+

**Fri. July 18 | 6:30-8:00 | Whole Library** - Are you ready to survive "The Last of Us" apocalypse? Join in teams of five and navigate the dark, eerie library while solving clues and completing challenges -- all while trying to avoid "the infected" on your tail. Prizes and pizza after the game. No registration required. Arrive to the back door early and secure your spot (limit to 40 players). [splibrary.ca/survival-game](https://splibrary.ca/survival-game)



## STAR Challenge

ADULT READING FOR FUN AND PRIZES ALL SUMMER

**July & August** - Why should kids have all the fun? Starting July 1, join the STAR (Summer Time Adult Reading) Challenge for adults 18+. Pick up your STAR card at the main desk. Read (or listen to) five items to fill your card; it becomes a ballot for a monthly prize. For additional credits and prizes join STAR Online. [splibrary.ca/star](https://splibrary.ca/star)

# featured



## Book Club Kits

NEW BOOK CLUB KIT RESERVATION SITE: MUGO LIBRARY

Coordinate your club reading with ease. Browse our curated collection of kits, reserve up to 12 months in advance, 150 kits to choose from. Start planning your new literary adventure. [splibrary.ca/bookclubs](https://splibrary.ca/bookclubs) or [mugolibrary.com/pcin/book-club-kits](https://mugolibrary.com/pcin/book-club-kits)

## Library of Things

SIGN OUT MORE THAN JUST BOOKS WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD

Learn more about our lendable kits. Discover free access to equipment, tools, technologies, and experiences that foster learning, create opportunity, and connect communities. Sign out a Wonder Pass, Get Active Kit, puzzles and more. Get ready to discover. [splibrary.ca/library-things](https://splibrary.ca/library-things)

## Maker Multiverse: Constructing Futures

CREATE A STRATFORD MULTIVERSE USING YOUR IMAGINATION

**August 18 - 22 & August 25 - 28 | Check website for times | Library Auditorium** - Join us for this exciting Provocation Ideas Festival event -- in partnership with BMI Group. Drop-in over the two weeks and help create a Maker Multiverse using recyclables, old toys, LEDs, and robotics. [splibrary.ca/multiverse](https://splibrary.ca/multiverse)





# Take Me Away!



**Create Your Own Vacation Games**  
By Laura Baker



**The Great Canadian Bucket List**  
By Robin Esrock



**Best Vacation Ever**  
By Jessica Cunsolo



**Camping Activities For Kids**  
By Steve Lemig



**Best Road Trips: Ontario & Quebec**  
By Lonely Planet



**People We Meet On Vacation**  
By Emily Henry

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## LIBRARY HOURS

SUNDAY	2PM - 5PM
MONDAY	10AM - 9PM
TUESDAY	10AM - 9PM
WEDNESDAY	10AM - 9PM
THURSDAY	10AM - 9PM
FRIDAY	10AM - 6PM
SATURDAY	10AM - 5PM

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## UPCOMING CLOSURES

July 1: Canada Day  
August 3 & 4: Civic Holiday  
August 31 & September 1: Labour Day

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