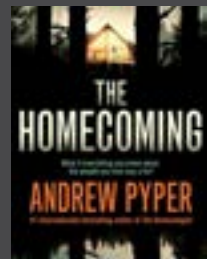


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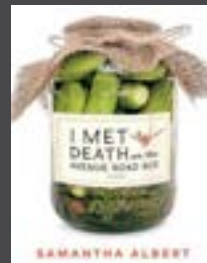
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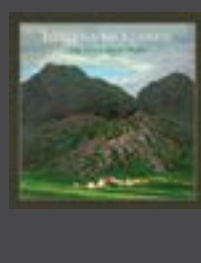
Confessions of a Fairy's Daughter: Growing Up With a Gay Dad
By Alison Wearing



Martin and the River
By Jon-Erik Lappano



I Met Death on the Avenue Road Bus
By Samantha Albert



The Road Back Home
by Loreena McKennitt

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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

May 18 & 19: Victoria Day
June 9: Staff Development Day
July 1: Canada Day

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In Our Backyard!

AT STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, WE INVITE YOU TO EXPLORE WHAT'S IN OUR BACKYARD THIS MAY & JUNE! UNEARTH HIDDEN GEMS WITH LOCAL STORIES, INVALUABLE RESOURCES, AND THRILLING ADVENTURES WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED.

With every story you uncover and every experience you share, you'll dive deeper into the richness of our community. Let's celebrate the beauty and wonder right here at home, together!.

[Let's explore and discover what's in our in backyard!](#)



kids



PA Day Program: Imagination Ignited

HANDS-ON THEATRE WORKSHOP WITH THE STRATFORD FESTIVAL THEATRE

Friday, June 6 | 10:30-11:30 & 2:00-3:00 | Library Auditorium | Drop-In

InterACTIVE Theatre Workshop: Through hands-on drama activities, participants will explore storytelling, movement and expression in a playful, engaging way. splibrary.ca/imagination

NEW: Children's Resource Consultant

WORKING WITH EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE PROGRAMS

Alternating Mondays (May 12 onward) | 2:15-4:15 | Lower Level (children's floor)

The City of Stratford Children's Resource Consultant Program supports the inclusion of all children ages 0-12 -- providing community consultations to enhance program accessibility and outreach initiatives. splibrary.ca/resourceconsultant

Tumblebook Library + BiblioEnfant

COMBINE A LOVE OF READING WITH VISUALS ON SCREEN

Make reading an even more fun experience with these animated and talking picture books. Try the French version for learning fun in a new language. splibrary.ca/kids

adults



Garden Seminar Series

EXPLORE WHAT'S IN OUR BACKYARD WITH FUN, DISCUSSION-BASED PROGRAMS

Fridays in May | 2:00-3:00 | Library Auditorium - Topics include: Monarch Magic & Pollinator Gardens, Victory Gardens - History, Small Container Gardening, and Grow with SPL. Learn more at splibrary.ca/garden-series

Library Happy Hour

AFTER HOURS IN THE STACKS

Fri. June 13 | 7:00-9:00 | Library Main Floor - Come for drinks (cash bar) and entertainment, with Stratford's Poet Laureate David Stones performing some of his poetry, with musical accompaniment. Registration required, must be 19+ years old. splibrary.ca/happyhour

Adult Cosplay Armor Crafting

COME BUILD BASIC COSPLAY FOAM ARMOR

June 17 | July 15 | August 12 | 6:30-8:00 | MakerSpace - Whether you're working on a project, or have something specific in mind, be inspired by like-minded makers, and get all the materials you need to get started. Adults 18+, 6 spots (first come, first served). splibrary.ca/adult-cosplay

teens & tweens



Teen Maker Marketplace Vendor Show

BUY ONE-OF-A-KIND ITEMS FROM LOCAL TEEN ENTREPRENEURS

Saturday, May 24 | 1:00-3:30 | Stratford Mall - Support small businesses run by teens at our third annual Teen Maker Marketplace Vendor Show! Many handmade items will be available, including crochet fashions and stuffies, 3D printed toys and keepsakes, artwork, jewelry, and more. splibrary.ca/makershow

Dungeons & Dragons

LEARN TO PLAY D&D AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesdays 3rd of the month | 6:00-8:00 | Library Auditorium - Ready to roll the dice? All ages and skill levels welcome (those under 12 with an adult please). No experience necessary. Play with us in a fun and structured environment. Register at splibrary.ca/dragons

Percy Jackson: Escape From Mount Olympus

ESCAPE ROOM: CAN YOU STOP THE EVIL MYTHOLOGICAL CREATURES IN TIME?

May 28 - 30 | 3:00 - 8:00 (30-min time slots) - The Library's annual escape room returns with a Percy Jackson themed adventure. Evil mythological creatures are trying to burst out of their containment and take over the whole world. Register up to a group of 5 in your time slot at percyjackson-escape.eventbrite.ca

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Artist Talk with Lauren Wright Vartanian

STITCHING SCIENCE TEXTILE ART ALPHABET SERIES

Thurs. May 22 | 7:00-8:00 | Library Auditorium - Lauren shares her process of stitching 26 alphabet panels featuring scientific concepts -- and her publishing journey after being picked up by Firefly Books in 2024 (available at event). Find her original art exhibit on the main floor until May 31. splibrary.ca/artist-talk

Park Passes

FREE ADMISSION TO UPPER THAMES & ONTARIO PARKS

Borrow an Upper Thames Parks pass for free entry to Wildwood, Pittock and Fanshawe Conservation Areas from May until November. One pass admits 4 people walking or biking, or 1 vehicle. splibrary.ca/wonderpass

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LIVE, WORK, PLAY: DISCOVER OUR VIBRANT CITY

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