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# Recreate Yourself!

AT STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, WE INVITE YOU TO RECREATE YOURSELF THIS JANUARY & FEBRUARY! IGNITE YOUR PASSIONS, UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY, AND EMBARK ON A JOURNEY OF SELF DISCOVERY.

With every book you open and every program you join, you step into new possibilities. Let's spark innovation, fuel inspiration, and make your dreams come alive through dynamic experiences and vibrant community connections.

Let's transform together!





# kids



## Tales & Trails

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF A GOOD BOOK WHILE OUT IN NATURE

**Jan 2 - Apr 30 | Stratford-Perth Museum** - Come and read *Do You Wonder* by Wallace Edwards while enjoying the Heritage Trails at Stratford-Perth Museum! Brought to you in partnership with the Rotary Club of Stratford, and the Stratford-Perth Museum.

## Storytimes

TURN LEARNING TO READ INTO A PLAYFUL AND FUN EXPERIENCE

Join us for stories, songs, literacy games, and all kinds of fun!

- **Whale of a Tale** - Mondays | Dec 30 - Jun 23 | 6:30-7:30 | Library Auditorium
- **Baby Steps** - Wednesdays | Jan 8 - Feb 26 | 10-11 | Library Auditorium
- **Story Starters** - Thursdays | Jan 9 - Feb 27 | 10:30-11:30 | Library Auditorium

## Winter Break Wind Down

JOIN US FOR STORY TIMES IN THE MORNING AND MAKER PROGRAMS IN THE AFTERNOON

**Jan 2 & Jan 3 | 10:30 & 2 | Library Auditorium** - Ready to wind down after a busy holiday season? Looking for fun and engaging activities to do as a family? We are here to help!



# teens & tweens



## Book Subscriptions

RETURN THE BOOKS BUT KEEP THE GOODIES

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

- **YA Loot Packs** - Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12 - [splibrary.ca/lootpacks](https://splibrary.ca/lootpacks)
- **Tween Lit Kits** - Feb 19, March 19, Apr 16, May 21 - [splibrary.ca/litkits](https://splibrary.ca/litkits)

## Nerf Night

RALLY YOUR FRIENDS FOR AN ACTION-PACKED AFTER-HOURS SHOWDOWN

**Feb 28 | 6:30 - 7:45 | Library Auditorium** - Attention tween Nerf masters in grades 4-7! Nerf night is BACK! Bring one of your Nerf elite blasters to the library for an after-hours battle. This is a drop-in program so arrive early to secure one of the 40 spots. No automatic blasters.

## Spl.Ignite

TEENS INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

@[spl.ignite](https://www.instagram.com/splignite) - Follow us for book recommendations, upcoming events, prizes and a place to connect with other teens.



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# adults



## Mental Agility

JOIN US FOR FUN, INTERACTIVE SESSIONS TO KEEP YOUR MIND SHARP

**Jan 10, 14 & 24 | Library Auditorium** - Our Mental Agility Programs are perfect for adults looking to enhance memory, improve focus, and stay mentally active. Learn about the connection between hearing and memory, challenge your brain with memory hacks, and forge new neural pathways with music!



## Emotional Agility

LEARN HOW TO BETTER NAVIGATE LIFE'S UPS AND DOWNS

**Feb 7, 11 & 27 | Library Auditorium** - This February, join us for a suite of films and events that will help you embrace late-in-life change, learn what it is to "live a good death", work through grief creatively and treat you to A Night Out!



## Drop N Swap: Accessories

FREE TO DROP AND FREE TO "SHOP"

**Feb 13, 14 & 15 | Library Auditorium** - Ever wonder...what to do with the stuff you no longer want? Join SPL's sustainability effort to keep unwanted items out of our landfill – drop it off here, and swap it for something you may treasure! Free to drop, free to "shop" - no money exchanged at all, no dropping necessary for swapping! For a complete instructions and a list of accessories we will accept, please visit our website.

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## Winter Movie Challenge

GET READY FOR OSCAR SEASON WITH OUR MOVIE CHALLENGE

**February | Library** - Pick up a card at our information desk—it's your movie tracker and ballot in one. Each time you return an item, bring your card along, and our staff will stamp it for every film you've watched. Whether you're enjoying titles on Kanopy, our digital film archive, or browsing our in-house collection, each movie earns you a stamp!



## Office Hours with Adult Learning

ADULT LEARNING OFFICE HOURS 2-4 PM ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

An adult learning program coordinator from Adult Learning Program of Perth is available once a month at the library to help residents prepare for employment, apprenticeship, secondary school credit and more. Registration is encouraged but not required. Begins January 15th.



## Social Worker Drop-in

AVAILABLE FROM 1 - 3 PM ON THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

A Social Worker from Family Services Perth-Huron is available twice a month at the library, offering free, no-appointment-required support for individuals and families, including counseling, referrals to community resources, and assistance with various life challenges.

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**Master of Me**  
By Keke Palmer



**The Spark in Me**  
By Miguel Tanco



**How To Be Old**  
By Lyn Slater



**Little Dinosaurs, Big Feelings**  
By Swapna Haddow



**With Love, Miss Americanah**  
By Jane Igharo



**Lifestyled**  
by Shira Gill

Find more stories on recreating yourself:  
<https://bit.ly/3Zg8Ygi>

## 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

January 1: New Years Day  
February 16 & 17: Family Day

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