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FANTASTIC BEASTS ARE RUNNING LOOSE IN DOWNTOWN STRATFORD

Just in time for the latest Fantastic Beasts movie, your library is bringing magic back to downtown Stratford with Fantastic Beasts and the Stratford Expedition. The call to action reads:

“A large container carrying fantastic beasts through the City has been broken into by the dark wizards who follow Grindelwald and the magical creatures are now running wild! The Canadian Ministry of Magic is once again requesting that all local witches and wizards pick up their wands and utilize their knowledge, training, and skills to save the city of Stratford and the innocent creatures who are caught in the middle!”

Beginning April 14, weekly challenge signs will appear in downtown shop windows. It’s up to you to complete each week’s challenges and submit them to the Ministry of Magic via SPL’s teen Instagram ([@spl.ignite](https://www.instagram.com/spl.ignite)). Only then will Stratford and the fantastic beasts be safe.

“We wanted to get fans excited for the movie while encouraging them to celebrate the spring weather and our beautiful downtown”, says Teen Services Librarian Brooke Windsor. “We designed this program to be fun, to foster curiosity and critical thinking, and to encourage civic exploration. And we’re excited to continue our partnerships with some truly supportive local businesses.”

Everyone is welcome to participate and prizes are available for players ages 6-18. To be eligible to win, participants must register on the library’s website at splibrary.ca/fantasticbeasts. Then, on April 14th, simply watch for the signs, raise your wand, and put your witch and wizard training to use. Help cast a memory charm that your family will treasure for years to come.

Looking for more excitement? On Monday, April 18, those in grades 1-9 can dig into some fun coding activities with our virtual Spring into Coding program in partnership with the University of Waterloo’s Engineering Science Quest. And, teens can try their luck competing in Squid Game Night, a drop-in, after-hours program that guarantees plenty of running, screaming, pizza, and prizes...for those who survive.

Visit splibrary.ca for details on these programs and more.

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