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# Sustainable Communities

LIBRARIES ARE AN ORIGINAL STAKEHOLDER IN THE SHARING ECONOMY. WE'RE A SHARED SPACE, WITH SHARED RESOURCES, THAT ANYONE IN THE COMMUNITY CAN ACCESS.

Libraries also share knowledge and expertise through our staff, collections, and the specialized knowledge of our community partners.

*Together, we're building a sustainable community!*



# kids

APR 5  
TO  
MAY 24

## Baby Steps

BABIES, BOUNCES, BOOKS & BONDING

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 AM | April 5 - May 24 | Library Auditorium - Bring your little one to the library to experience all kinds of fun surrounded by a group of friends! Join Diane Wednesday mornings in the Library Auditorium for interactive songs, rhymes, and bounces. No registration required. [splibrary.ca/babysteps](http://splibrary.ca/babysteps)

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## Story Starters

MAGICAL PICTURE BOOKS, NEW FRIENDS, SONGS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 AM | April 6 - May 25 | Library Auditorium - Come to the library and enter a world of magical picture books, new friends, songs, and activities with Story Starters. Join Beth in the Library Auditorium on Thursday mornings to learn, play, create, and explore. No registration required. Geared to preschoolers. [splibrary.ca/storystarters](http://splibrary.ca/storystarters)

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MAY 24

## Reading Buddies

GET YOUR CHILD EXCITED ABOUT READING... WITH A BUDDY!

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 4:00 & 4:30 PM | April 4 - May 24 | Children's Floor - Reading Buddies is a one-to-one program for school-aged children to practice their English or French reading skills and have lots of fun at the same time. Learn more and register at our website. [splibrary.ca/readingbuddies](http://splibrary.ca/readingbuddies)

# teens & tweens

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13 & 16

## March Break Create

TWO UNIQUE PROJECT KITS YOU CAN MAKE AT HOME

Ages 13-18 | March 13 & 16 | Kits - Get creative over March Break from the comfort of your own home! On Monday and Thursday of March Break, two unique craft project kits will be available for pick up. Sign up for one or both. [splibrary.ca/marchbreakcreate](http://splibrary.ca/marchbreakcreate)

- March 13 - Endless Photo Cube | March 16 - Marbled Mug

## Family Trivia Night: Movie Trivia

A FAMILY SHOWDOWN IN ALL MOVIE GENRES

Families (Ages 9+) | March 23, 6:30-7:30 PM | Library Auditorium - Do you have what it takes to score big at the Stratford Public Library's Family Trivia Night? We'll have snacks and drinks to fuel your brain power with the most know-it-all family taking home a goodie bag! [splibrary.ca/trivia](http://splibrary.ca/trivia)

## Stranger Things Climb

A REAL-LIFE STRANGER THINGS ADVENTURE AT PURSUIT CLIMBING

Ages 9-12 | April 21, 6:30-8:00 PM | Pursuit Climbing - In teams of five, tweens will work to complete challenges in order to escape from the Upside Down. Solve Morse Code messages, seek out specific characters, and climb the rock walls to reach hidden clues! The first team to finish gets goodie bags, and all participants may enjoy drinks and chips at the end of the game. [splibrary.ca/climb](http://splibrary.ca/climb)

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# adults

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18

## Photography Basics with Will Bailey

GET PRO TIPS AND PRACTICE USING YOUR PHONE OR CAMERA

March 18, 2:30-4:30 PM | Library Auditorium - Join SPL and Will Bailey for some pro-tips and advice with your cell phone, SLR, or point-n-shoot. Register at: [splibrary.ca/photography](https://splibrary.ca/photography)

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21 & 22

## Drop n Swap: Garden Decor

FIND NEW TREASURE FOR YOUR HOME AND GARDEN

Drop: April 21, 10-6 / Swap: April 22, 10-4 | Library Auditorium - This spring, swap items you no longer want for something you may treasure! You don't have to "drop" items in order to take things home on April 22. See website for full details. [splibrary.ca/dropnswap](https://splibrary.ca/dropnswap)

APR 18  
21 & 26

## Celebrate Earth Day

EDUCATIONAL AND INSPIRATIONAL EVENTS TO GET YOU EXCITED FOR SPRING

- April 18, 2-3 PM | Library Auditorium  
The Ground Gets Lower Every Year: Gardening Tips for Seniors
- April 21, 10:30-11:30 AM | Zoom  
From Ew to Wow: The Magic of Vermicomposting
- April 26, 6:30-7:30 PM | Library Auditorium  
Eco-Friendly Home Organizing  
[splibrary.ca/earthday](https://splibrary.ca/earthday)

# featured



## Staff Picks

INTRIGUING BOOK LISTS CURATED BY OUR EXPERT LIBRARIANS

Looking for something fantastic to read? Our staff are avid readers and are always excited to share our favorite titles. Whatever your age, whatever your reading preferences, SPL has something for you. [splibrary.ca/read](https://splibrary.ca/read)



## Seed Library

BORROW, GROW, HARVEST, AND RETURN

The Seed Library is a free service that supports sustainable gardening practices, food security, and community building. Take what you would like, grow and enjoy your harvest, then save seeds to include in the library the following year. Thanks to our partner The Local Community Food Centre. [splibrary.ca/seedlibrary](https://splibrary.ca/seedlibrary)



## Community Supports

ACCESS VITAL COMMUNITY SERVICES AT YOUR LIBRARY

The library is a safe place where staff will help you find the important resources you need. We have drop-in Social Worker and Settlement Worker hours who can help with citizenship, housing, education, health care, addiction, and more. [splibrary.ca/community](https://splibrary.ca/community)

- Social Worker - Monthly on the 1st & 3rd Monday, 2:30-4:00 PM
- Settlement Worker - Thursdays, 2-4 PM

## RECOMMENDED READING LIST

**Walking Together**  
by Albert D. Marshall  
On Order

**The Boreal Forest**  
by L. E. Carmichael  
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**Dry**  
by Neal Shusterman  
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**Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands**  
by Kate Beaton  
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**From What Is to What If**  
by Rob Hopkins  
153.3 Hop

**Regenesi: Feeding the World Without Devouring the Planet**  
by George Monbiot  
338.19 Mon

**Birds Art Life**  
by Kyo Maclear  
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**Finding the Mother Tree**  
by Suzanne Simard  
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## Sustainable Communities

When you think of the word "library" one word inevitably springs to mind – sharing. (What, you thought we were going to say books?)

Libraries are an original stakeholder in the sharing economy. A portion of your taxes go into keeping this library a shared space, with shared collections, which the entire community may access.

Libraries also share knowledge and expertise, not only through our staff and collections but through our partners like Climate Momentum, the Stratford & Area Master Gardeners, and The Local Community Food Centre. Together we offer educational and inspirational programs such as Gardening in a Changing Climate, Vermicomposting, Drop n Swaps, and the Seed Library. Through these programs and services, we foster a culture of sharing while nurturing biodiversity and encouraging deep connections to nature.

We still have oodles and oodles of books (which have never been single-use). They are shared out, well-read, well-loved, often repaired, then well-read and well-loved again. When they are so well-loved they can no longer be read they are upcycled, redirected, and \*gasp\* recycled. But above all else, they are shared with you.



**Get involved in building sustainable communities!  
Visit [splibrary.ca/earthday](https://splibrary.ca/earthday)**

## 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

April 7, 9 & 10: Easter  
May 21 & 22: Victoria Day  
June 12: Staff Development

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