

SEPT / OCT
2025

Autumn Glow!

AT STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, WE INVITE YOU TO EXPERIENCE AUTUMN GLOW THIS SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER. EMBRACE THE COZY CHARM OF FALL WITH IRRESISTIBLE READS, ENRICHING PROGRAMS, AND HEARTWARMING MOMENTS THAT WILL ILLUMINATE YOUR LIBRARY EXPERIENCE.

With every page you turn and every program you participate in, you'll feel the warmth of the season and discover the joy it brings. Let's celebrate the beauty of autumn together and allow its glow to inspire us all.

Join us as we light up your fall--let the autumn glow shine bright!!



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kids



Tales & Trails

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF A GOOD BOOK WHILE OUT IN NATURE

Sept 2 - Dec 30 | Stratford-Perth Museum - Read *Good Morning, Canada* by Andrea Lynn Beck while enjoying beautiful Heritage Trails. In partnership with Stratford Rotary Club and Stratford-Perth Museum. splibrary.ca/talestrails



Storytimes

SONGS, STORIES, LITERACY GAMES, FUN!

WHALE OF A TALE - **Mondays | Sept 8 onward | 6:30-7:30pm** | splibrary.ca/whale

BABY STEPS - **Wednesdays | Oct 1 - Nov 26 | 10:00-11:00am** | splibrary.ca/babysteps

STORY STARTERS - **Thursdays | Oct 2 - Nov 27 | 10:30-11:30am** | splibrary.ca/storystarters



Reading Buddies

LET'S GET KIDS EXCITED ABOUT READING

Oct 7 - Dec 2 | Weekly Tuesdays | 4:00-4:30 & 4:30-5:00 - A one-to-one program for school-aged children to practice reading skills. Registration required. splibrary.ca/readingbuddies



PA Day Mystery Fun

MORNING STORYTIME & AFTERNOON MAKER FUN

Oct 10 | 10:30-11:30am & 2:00-4:00pm | Auditorium - Mystery morning storytime and afternoon Where's Waldo hunt. splibrary.ca/paday-mystery

teens & tweens



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AMAZING CREATIONS = FABULOUS PRIZES

Sept 29, Oct 27, Nov 24 | Grades 8-12 - Grab a kit, create, submit a photo to compete for a gift card. Make a needle-felted animal (Sept), scary soap (Oct), marbled clay creation (Nov). Registration required. splibrary.ca/pinterested



Teen Break-In Bags

AN ESCAPE ROOM, WITHOUT THE ROOM

Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4 | Grades 8-12 - Solve the themed puzzles to unlock the bag of goodies each month. Registration required. splibrary.ca/breakinbags



Otherworldly Evenings

TWILIGHT INTERACTIVE PJ PARTY - **Oct 3 | 6:30-9:00pm** | splibrary.ca/twilight-pjparty

ZOMBIE SURVIVAL NIGHT: THE REVENGE - **Oct 17 | 6:30-8:00pm** | splibrary.ca/zombiesurvival

BOO BASH - **Oct 22 | 6:30-8:00pm** | splibrary.ca/boobash



Teen Volunteering

SCORE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS WHILE SPREADING JOY

Apply by Sept 26 - Join the fun with the Library Event Crew or hone your craft skills with Crafting for a Cause.

adults



Book Drop & Swap

GIVE YOUR UNWANTED BOOKS NEW LIFE

Drop: Sept 18 (5-9pm) & 19 (10-4pm) | Shop: Sept 20 (10-4pm) | Library Auditorium - Drop gently used books and swap it for something you may treasure! Free to drop, free to "shop", no money exchanged, no dropping necessary for swapping! splibrary.ca/book-dropsnap

80s Craft Night for Grown-Ups

TOTALLY RAD EVENING OF CRAFTS, NOSTALGIA AND NEON

Oct 8 | 6:30-8:00pm | Auditorium - Party like it's 1985. Four craft tables, wall of fame, 80s snacks & music. Registration required. splibrary.ca/80s-craft-night

"A House Held Up By Books"

STRATFORD'S JOHN DAVIS BARNETT AND HIS EXTRAORDINARY LIBRARY

Oct 22 | 2:00-3:00pm - Learn about John Barnett, Master mechanic, public library advocate and internationally known collector of over 40,000 books. splibrary.ca/john-davis-barnett

Crafting With Books

CREATE DECOR FROM OLD BOOKS

Oct 24 | 2:00-3:30pm - From garlands and bunting to easy artworks, we'll craft new ideas and give old book pages new life. splibrary.ca/book-crafts

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NEW Chess Knights at SPL

THINK. PLAY. CONNECT. ONE MOVE AT A TIME.

Mondays | 6:30-8:30 | Main Floor - Drop-in for all ages. Tea offered. BYOB (bring your own board) if it is portable (limited sets available). splibrary.ca/chess



Fall Into Reading

ADULT READING FUN FOR PRIZES

Oct 6 - Nov 30 - Read (or listen to) a library book from 4 of the categories listed, and enter your bookmark ballot into a draw for a prize. splibrary.ca/fall-reading



Provocation Ideas Festival

CONSTRUCTING FUTURES -- A NEW VISION OF STRATFORD WITH MAKERSPACE

Oct 17 - 28 | Knox Church - A speaker's panel, a week of creating a multiverse, and a public exhibition. splibrary.ca/provocation



Every Voice Poetry Contest

WITH POET LAUREATE DAVID STONES

Apply by October 31 - Open to residents of Stratford, St. Marys & Perth County, in Youth (8-18) and Adult (19+) categories -- no entry fee, any style. Win prizes! splibrary.ca/every-voice

Autumn Glow



A Field Guide to Autumn
By Gabby Dawney



Hot Apple Cider
By 30 Canadian Authors



Wild Walking
By Melanie Choukas-Bradley



Autumn Light
By Pico Iyer



The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
By Washington Irving



Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone
By J.K. Rowling

Find more stories and passes from Autumn Glow:
bit.ly/autumn-glow-booklist

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

August 31 & September 1: Labour Day
October 12 & 13: Thanksgiving Day

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