



# Winter at the Library

DISCOVER YOUR NEXT READ, A NEW SKILL, OR ESCAPE TO A WARM, COZY SPACE!



At SPL, we love this season of slowing down, enjoying quiet moments, and appreciating its sparse beauty.

These are months of self discovery, reflection and replenishment. Let's celebrate winter and embrace what it offers.

We invite you to rest more, browse new books, explore old reads, and learn new things. We have something for readers, makers, gamers, explorers -- and every age group.

Connect with each other during shorter days, and be among books you love.





**kids**  
ages 0-8



[splibrary.ca/kidevents](https://splibrary.ca/kidevents)

### WHALE OF A TALE

Jan 5 - Mar 30 | 6:30 PM

### BABY STEPS

Jan 7 - Feb 25 | 10:00 AM

### STORY STARTERS

Jan 8 - Feb 26 | 10:30 AM

### READING BUDDIES

Jan 13 - Mar 4 | 4:00 & 4:30 PM

Spring Registration starts Mar 6

### WINTER GAMES PA DAY

Jan 30 | 10:30 AM & 2:00 PM

### RINKSIDE READS & HOCKEY FUN

Mar 7 | 9:00 AM | Rotary Complex



## MARCH BREAK ESCAPE

### MON MAR 16

Creation Stations | 2:00 PM

Stuffy's Great Escape | 6:30 PM

### TUES MAR 17

PJ Party | 10:30 AM

KPop Demon Hunters Party | 2:00 PM

### WED MAR 18

LEGOpalooza | 10:00 AM | 2:00 PM |

6:30 PM

[splibrary.ca/marchbreak](https://splibrary.ca/marchbreak)

### THURS MAR 19

Beach Party | 10:30 AM

Game Quest | 2:00 PM

Glow Karaoke | 6:30 PM

### FRI MAR 20

Pop In & Play | 10:00 AM

Mini Maker Lab | 2:00 PM

### LEGO MOSAIC POP-UP

All Week (all ages)

### MARCH BREAK CREATE

Mar 16 & 19 (teens only)



**teens**  
ages 9-17



[splibrary.ca/teenevents](https://splibrary.ca/teenevents)

### TEEN LIBRARY PET-FLUENCER

Submissions Jan 5 - 16

Public Voting Jan 19 - Feb 8

Winner Announced Feb 12

### YA LOOT PACKS

Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12

### TWEEN LIT KITS

Feb 18, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 20

### TWEEN BREAK-IN BAGS

Mar 5, Apr 9, May 7

### TEEN MAKER MARKETPLACE

Apply by March 16

### CHOPPED @HOME

Mar 30, Apr 27, May 25

### TEEN VOLUNTEERING

Apply by Feb 27 for Crafting for a Cause + Event Crew

### MARCH BREAK CREATE

Mar 16 & 19



**adults**  
ages 18+



[splibrary.ca/adultevents](https://splibrary.ca/adultevents)

### VISION BOARD WORKSHOP

Jan 10 | 1:00 PM

### BRAIN HEALTH WORKSHOP 50+

Jan 13 | 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

### EXERCISE WITH ONECARE

Jan 16 | 2:00 PM

### MEMORY HACKS

Jan 21 | 2:00 PM

### ORGANIZING VITAL DOCUMENTS

Jan 23 | 2:00 PM

### CRAFTING WITH BOOKS

Feb 10 | 2:00 PM

### WINTER HAPPY HOUR

Feb 13 | 7:00 PM

### DISCOVERING YOUR ANCESTORS

Feb 20 | 2:00 PM

### INTRO TO EMBROIDERY (16+)

Feb 24 | 6:30 PM

### WRITERS MEET & GREET

Feb 26 | 6:30 PM

### PUZZLE & GAME DROP SWAP

Mar 12 | 5:00 PM (drop)

Mar 13 | 10:00 AM (drop)

Mar 14 | 10:00 AM (swap)

### NOTORIOUS STRATFORD WOMEN

Mar 6 | 10:30 AM

### UNDERSTANDING PUBLISHING

Mar 10 | 10:30 AM

### HERE FOR NOW SNEAK PEEK

Mar 26 | 7:00 PM

### D. CHAPMAN: ONTARIO BIRDS

Mar 28 | 2:00 PM

### PINTS & PAGES

3rd Tues of Month | 6:30 PM





**maker**  
ages 9+ **space**



[splibrary.ca/makerevents](https://splibrary.ca/makerevents)

#### OPEN LABS

Mon, Tues, Wed, Sat | 1:00 PM  
Thurs | 5:30 PM

#### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

3rd Tues of Month | 6:00 PM

#### 3D DESIGN (12+)

Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 24 | 6:30 PM

#### BATTLEBOTS

Jan 24, Feb 7, Mar 14 | 10:00 AM

#### TABLETOP GAMING

Jan 24, Feb 7, Mar 14 | 1:00 PM

#### SOCRATICA MEET UP (14+)

Feb 4 & 18, Mar 4, Apr 1 | 6:30 PM

#### CRAFT & CONNECT (18+)

Feb 11 & 25, Mar 11 & 25, Apr 8  
| 6:30 PM

“ I love the library because it is safe, welcoming, and has amazing programs, such as the Makerspace, where I volunteer. - Luke, age 17



**all ages**



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#### TAILS & TRAILS

Dec 12 - Apr 30 | Stratford-Perth  
Museum

#### WINTERFEST BOOT CAMP

Jan 24 | Upper Queens Park

#### FAMILY LITERACY DAY

Jan 27

**BLIND DATE or PLAY  
DATE WITH A BOOK**

Feb 1 - 28

#### 2026 MOVIE CHALLENGE

Feb 20 - 26

#### CHESS (K)NIGHTS

Every Mon | 6:30 PM

#### THURS NIGHT WRITERS CLUB

Feb 1 - 28



**services**



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#### SOCIAL WORKER

1st & 3rd Tues | 1:00 PM

#### TECH TUTORS

Tue & Sat | 10:30 AM  
Wed | 4:00 PM

#### ANTI-HATE EDUCATION

Wed | 11:00 AM

#### OFFICE HOURS ADULT LEARNING

3rd Wed | 1:00 PM

#### SETTLEMENT SERVICES

Thurs | 1:30 PM



**freedom to read**

**Feb 22 - 28**

SPL remains a strong advocate for inclusivity in our reading choices.

This annual event encourages Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom.



Some of the most controversial books in history are now regarded as classics. Pop in during Freedom to Read (FTR) week and explore our book display, grab a FTR button, or a new FTR SPL library card.

[splibrary.ca/freedomtoread](https://splibrary.ca/freedomtoread)

#### EMMA'S WARMEST BOOK PICK FOR A COLD DAY



**The Skull by Jon Klassen**

“ Chock-full of wry humour, Klassen reimagines the Tyrolean folktale as an ode to the unspoken acceptance, trust, and understanding of beautiful friendships.

Delightfully eerie, this story is a warm and sweet twist for kids (and grown-ups!) who are okay with their stories being a little macabre.



### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO READ?

Let our talented team of librarians help you. Complete a Readers' Advisory Form and receive a personalized list of fantastic library materials, handpicked just for you.

[splibrary.ca/ask-us](https://splibrary.ca/ask-us)



### COOL THINGS TO BORROW THIS WINTER

More than books! Cozy up with puzzles, video & board games from our Library of Things. Stay active with Get Active Kits like Walking Poles. Enjoy local experiences with Wonder Passes for Warriors hockey, Gallery Stratford, or the Stratford-Perth Museum.

[splibrary.ca/library-things](https://splibrary.ca/library-things)

### SEASONAL COMFORT COOKING



Create winter warming grub. Explore our cookbook booklist with recipes for soups, one-pot meals, drinks.  
[bit.ly/splcomfortcooking](https://bit.ly/splcomfortcooking)

#### A Favourite SPL Staff Hot Cocoa

1/4 cup cocoa powder	pinch salt
1/3 cup sugar	4 cups milk
1/3 cup water	1 tsp vanilla

Combine cocoa, sugar, water, salt in a pot over medium heat until smooth. Simmering, add milk until warm. Stir in vanilla.

### LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE ONLINE

**pronunciator:**

FREE access with your library card! With Pronunciator, learn over 163 languages with personalized courses. Explore a new language before winter travels.





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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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