



The spring session of programs runs
from April 3 to May 26, 2018

Register ONLINE at www.wpl.ca

Our
programs
are free!

Explore Play Learn @ RIM Park drop-in

Thursdays – ongoing

10:30am to 11:15am

RIM Park, Room 104

2001 University Ave. E., Waterloo

Join us each week for interactive and engaging fun. Explore different stories and songs, play games, experiment with science and art, and learn all about the world around you. Help build your child's literacy skills for life. Everyone is welcome!

Pinecar Derby

Saturday, June 16

Ages: Family (with children ages 5 and up)

Main Library

10:00am to 12:00pm: Design and Build pre-register

Registration opens June 9

1:00pm to 3:00pm: Races drop-in

In this family program, caregivers and kids work together to design, prototype, build and test their own pinecar race car. Using tools and real materials, teams will work to bring their best ideas to life. Once they are ready, it will be off to the races to see which car performs the fastest, smoothest and sleekest.

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

<p>519-886-1310 www.wpl.ca</p>	<p>Main Library 35 Albert Street, Waterloo 519-886-1310 Ext. 129</p>	<p>McCormick Branch 500 Parkside Drive, Waterloo 519-886-1310 Ext. 213</p>	<p>John M. Harper Branch 500 Fischer-Hallman Road North, Waterloo 519-886-1310 Ext. 310</p>
<p>Babies Ages: birth to 12 months (unless otherwise noted) with a caregiver</p>	<p>Babies on the Town Tuesdays pre-register April 3 to May 22 1:30pm to 2:30pm Registration opens March 27</p>	<p>Babies on the Move Thursdays pre-register April 26 to May 24 2:00pm to 2:30pm Registration opens April 19</p>	<p>Baby Connections Wednesdays pre-register April 4 to 25 2:00pm to 2:30pm Ages: 6 to 12 months Registration opens March 28</p> <p>Who Let the Dads Out?! Saturday, April 28 pre-register 10:30am to 11:00am Ages: birth to 18 months Registration opens April 21</p> <p>Baby Time Wednesdays pre-register May 2 to 16 2:00pm to 2:30pm Registration opens April 25</p>
<p>Ones Ages: 11 to 23 months with a caregiver</p>	<p>Early Learning Programs for young children at WPL are based on early literacy research and include tips and information for parents and caregivers. Your active participation in these programs will maximize the experience for you and your child. Engaging in reading, rhyming, singing and movement activities together will help to build your child's literacy skills for life.</p> <div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; border-radius: 50%; width: 100px; height: 100px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 20px auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">Our programs are free!</p> </div>	<p>Thursdays pre-register April 5 to May 24 10:30am to 11:00am Registration opens March 29</p>	
<p>Learn, Create, Play Ages: 5 and under with a caregiver Offered in partnership with the City of Waterloo.</p> 		<p>Wednesdays drop-in April 4 to May 23 10:30am to 11:30am</p>	<p>Mondays drop-in March 5 – ongoing (no program May 21) Program room 10:30am to 11:15am</p>
<p>Explore Play Learn Ages: 5 and under with a caregiver</p>		<p>Tuesdays drop-in May 1 to 22 10:30am to 11:15am</p> <p>Saturdays drop-in Ongoing 11:00am to 11:45am</p>	<p>Caregivers of children ages 9 and under must remain in the library while their children attend programs.</p>



Messy Play:

Dress for mess with this hands-on sensory program.



Risky Play:

Real tools are used in this program to build confidence and early tool-literacy.



Outdoor Play:

Part or all of this program happens outside. Dress for the weather.

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

Discovering Series – Ages: 2 to 4 years with a caregiver

Main Library

Discovering Dinosaurs

Mondays **pre-register**
April 9 to 23
10:30am to 11:15am
Registration opens April 3

Discovering Magic

Mondays **pre-register**
April 30 to May 14
10:30am to 11:15am
Registration opens April 23

Discovering Art

Tuesdays **pre-register**
April 3 to 24
10:30am to 11:15am
Registration opens March 27

Discovering French

Wednesdays **pre-register**
April 4 to 25
10:30am to 11:15am
Registration opens March 28
Songs, stories and play en français with our friends from École élémentaire L'Harmonie. Weeks 1 to 3 take place at the Main Library with week 4 at École élémentaire L'Harmonie, 158 Bridgeport Road East, Waterloo.



McCormick Branch

Discovering Gardening

Tuesdays **pre-register**
April 3 to May 22
10:30am to 11:15am
Registration opens March 27

Discovering Play in the Library

Fridays **drop-in**
April 6 to May 25
10:30am to 11:15am
Self-guided activities will be set-up in the Children's area.

John M. Harper Branch

Discovering Bugs

Tuesdays **pre-register**
April 3 to 24
10:30am to 11:15am
Registration opens March 27

Discovering Bird Houses!

Wednesdays **pre-register**
April 4 to 25
10:30am to 11:15am
Registration opens March 28

Discovering Transportation

Thursdays **pre-register**
April 5 to May 3
10:30am to 11:15am
Registration opens March 29

Discovering Fairytales

Mondays **pre-register**
April 16 to May 28 (no program May 21)
10:30am to 11:15am
Registration opens April 9

Discovering Robots

Tuesdays **pre-register**
May 1 to 22
10:30am to 11:15am
Registration opens April 24

Discovering English for ESL Kids

Wednesdays **pre-register**
May 2 to 23
10:30am to 11:15am
Registration opens April 25

Discovering our Emotions

Thursdays **pre-register**
May 10 to 24
10:30am to 11:15am
Registration opens May 3

Summer Reading Club

Are you ready to GEEK OUT this summer?

June 29 to August 18



It's almost Summer Reading Club time and this year we are celebrating everything that gets you SUPER excited. Have a passion for horses, hockey, dinosaurs or drawing? Maybe you are a dancer, a coder, a *Star Wars* fan or a future astronaut.





Since you're probably like us and can't wait for Summer Reading Club, we're going to give you a sneak peek!

From June 16 to 23, drop by any WPL location to early-bird register for the Club. We will tell you about all the fun things we have planned for the summer and enter you for a chance to win a summer kick-off prize pack.

Make sure your library card is ready to go, it's going to be an awesome summer!

SCHOOL AGE & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Main Library 35 Albert Street, Waterloo 519-886-1310 Ext. 129

Ages	Program Description	Date & Time
Grades 1 to 6	Birdhouse Building  Learn basic woodworking skills, how to use tools safely, and make your own birdhouse.	Saturday, April 7 pre-register 2:00pm to 4:00pm Registration opens March 31
	Little Library Build-a-thon Learn basic woodworking skills, how to use tools safely and how to make your own Little Library.	Saturday, April 21 pre-register 2:00pm to 4:00pm Registration opens April 14
Grades 3 & up	WPL Children's Theatre Group We're putting on a show! Help write the script for our play, make costumes and props and act, too. The play will be presented at the Explore Play Learn Storytime on May 26. Note: There are fun roles for everyone – performing or not – everyone welcome!	Tuesdays pre-register April 3 to May 22 4:00pm to 5:30pm Registration opens March 27 <i>Dress Rehearsal/Performance is Saturday, May 26 from 10:00am to 12:30pm</i>
Family	Where the Wild Things Are    Hike the trails and play with nature in this mini-forest school for little folks. This critter-exploring adventure with Mother Earth takes place at RIM Park. Let the wild rumpus start! This is a family program that is recommended for children 2 to 7 years of age.	Wednesdays pre-register offsite April 4 to May 23 10:30am to 11:15am RIM Park Registration opens March 28
	Homeschool Connect Let's work together to build a fun-filled program that fits your learners. On April 4 we will meet and greet to decide what we want to focus on each week.	Wednesdays pre-register April 4 to May 23 2:30pm to 3:30pm Registration opens March 28
	Open Family Creation Space Play, learn and have fun while using your imagination to make new things. Each week we will have different materials and tools for you to explore.	Saturdays drop-in April 7 to May 26 2:30pm to 4:00pm
	Bike Tune-up Boogaloo Bring your bicycle to the library. We'll show you how to do a tune-up as well as basic bike repairs.	Saturdays drop-in May 5 and 19 2:00pm to 4:00pm

WPL in Your Neighbourhood

Saturday, June 2: Maker Expo, Kitchener Auditorium
Sunday, June 24: KW Multicultural Festival, Victoria Park, Kitchener
We'll be there, will you? Stop by and say "hi"!



SCHOOL AGE & FAMILY PROGRAMS

McCormick Branch 500 Parkside Drive, Waterloo 519-886-1310 Ext. 213

Ages	Program Description	Date & Time
Grades JK to 1 with parent(s) or caregiver	<p>Family Math</p> <p>We're sharing easy tips and activities to make math fun and part of your everyday activities.</p> <p>Number Sense & Numeration, Geometry & Spatial Sense, Measurement, Data Management & Probability and Algebra & Patterns.</p>	<p>Tuesdays pre-register</p> <p>April 24 to May 15 6:30pm to 7:30pm Registration opens April 17</p>
Family	<p>Open Family Creation Space</p> <p>Play, learn and have fun while using your imagination to make new things. Each week we will have a different set of materials and tools for you to explore through open-ended creation.</p>	<p>Saturdays drop-in</p> <p>May 5 and May 19 10:00am to 11:30am</p>

Earth Hour & Day

Programs presented in partnership with Waterloo Global Science Initiatives PowerShift.

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Earth Hour Family Story Time: Stories in the Dark

Saturday, March 24 drop-in

11:00am to 11:45am

Location: Main Library

Learn about energy conservation and how to be a good friend to the environment. Crafts, stories, songs and fun activities with the lights off!

Open Family Creation Space: Earth Day Edition

Saturday, April 21 drop-in

2:30pm to 4:00pm

Location: Main Library

Design and build working toys using renewable energy.

Science Odyssey Week

May 11 to 20

We love science! Get your science on at WPL with our friends from Let's Talk Science.



Open Family Creation Space

Saturday, May 12 drop-in

2:30pm to 4:00pm

Location: Main Library

The Family Science Challenge

Saturday, May 19 drop-in

2:30pm to 3:30pm

Location: John M. Harper Branch



SCHOOL AGE & FAMILY PROGRAMS

John M. Harper Branch 500 Fischer-Hallman Road North, Waterloo 519-886-1310 Ext. 310

Ages	Program Description	Date & Time
Family	Gamer's Club: Minecraft Create and take part in Minecraft challenges, make friends and develop your digital literacy skills.	Wednesdays drop-in April 4 to May 23 6:30pm to 8:00pm
	NSERC Little Inventors Space Challenge Do you have a cool idea for space innovation? What are the challenges of living in space? How would you solve them? Design and submit an entry to NSERC's Little Inventors for Space Challenge. nserc.littleinventors.org Note: parents must accompany children under 7 years of age	Saturday, April 7 pre-register 3:00pm to 4:30pm Registration opens March 31
	CREATE! In the Library Play, learn and have fun while using your imagination to make new things. Each week we will have a different set of materials and tools for you to explore through open-ended creation.	Saturdays drop-in April 14 and 28 2:30pm to 3:30pm
	Little Inventors  Use your imagination to build and test your prototypes before creating your big ideas.	Saturdays pre-register April 21 and May 5 3:00pm to 4:30pm Registration opens one week before each program.
	Family Planting Time Get those green thumbs ready. Plant seeds, repot plants, make and decorate potting containers.	Saturday, May 26 drop-in 2:30pm to 4:30pm

TEENS & TWEENS PROGRAMS

John M. Harper Branch 500 Fischer-Hallman Road North, Waterloo 519-886-1310 Ext. 310

Ages	Program Description	Date & Time
Grades 5 & 6	Our Business World Do you want to run your own business some day? Using games, multimedia and discussions, learn about entrepreneurship. This program is presented in partnership with Junior Achievement. 	Mondays pre-register April 9 to 30 6:00pm to 7:30pm Registration opens April 3
	Girls Who Code  We're using code to tackle climate change. New GWC members welcome (boys too). 	Tuesdays pre-register March 27 to May 22 7:00pm to 8:00pm Registration opens March 20

PD DAY PROGRAMS

Ages	Program Description	Date & Time	
School Age	Code-Fest 2018 Location: Main Library Code with Scratch, collaborate with others to build Minecraft worlds, real-life <i>Star Wars</i> coding, and more.	Friday, May 4 2:30pm to 4:00pm	drop-in
	PJ Masks Save the Planet! Location: John M. Harper Branch Help the PJ Masks stop Romeo's plan to destroy the earth! Work together on different challenges and help the gang save the planet just in time for Earth Day!	Friday, April 13 2:30pm to 3:30pm <i>Registration opens April 6</i>	pre-register
	LEGO Racing Location: Main Library Design and build LEGO vehicles then race them. Our stopwatch is ready.	Friday, April 13 2:00pm to 5:00pm <i>Registration opens April 6</i>	pre-register
Family	May the 4th Be with You! Location: John M. Harper Branch <i>Star Wars</i> games. <i>Star Wars</i> activities. <i>Star Wars</i> trivia. Did we say we love <i>Star Wars</i> ?	Friday, May 4 2:30pm to 3:30pm <i>Registration opens April 27</i>	pre-register

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Festival of Trees is Coming to Waterloo Region!

Friday, May 18
10:00am to 2:00pm
Kitchener Memorial Auditorium
Tickets: \$11

Each year the Ontario Library Association nominates great Canadian titles for every grade level. After student voting in April, awards are presented to the winning authors during special Festival of Trees events across Ontario. For the first time, Waterloo Region is one of the hosts and we couldn't be happier!

Students (and teachers and parents too!) are invited to join us for the big day. There will be author workshops, activities, live entertainment and games.

Tickets are on sale now through the Aud box office. Learn more at forestfestivaloftrees.ca/about-us



TEEN PROGRAMS

Main Library 35 Albert Street, Waterloo 519-886-1310 Ext. 129

Ready Player One: Gaming and Virtual Reality Night

Tuesday, April 10 **drop-in**
6:30pm to 7:30pm

Play different video games, try out some virtual reality, and have an opportunity to win prizes.



Cupcake Wars

Tuesday, April 24 **drop-in**
6:30pm to 7:30pm

We provide the materials and supplies. You and your team provide the creativity to decorate your literary-themed cupcake. Special prize to the winning team.



Escape from the Upside-down: Stranger Things Escape Room

Tuesday, May 8 **drop-in**
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Can you save Eleven and the Gang and find your way out of the Upside Down before time runs out? Travel through parallel dimensions with your teammates and solve a series of puzzles to find your way out. Each team will have 20 minutes to solve the puzzles.

Thrift Paint Night

Tuesday, May 22 **drop-in**
6:30pm to 7:30pm

Take a thrifted painting, add your personal touch and, voila, it's a masterpiece! The possibilities are endless. All materials supplied.



Jurassic Terrariums & Trivia Night

Tuesday, June 5 **drop-in**
6:30pm to 7:30pm

Get pumped about *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*. Create a Jurassic-themed terrarium or dinosaur planter. Movie trivia and prizes too.

Keep Calm & Study On

Tuesdays, June 19 & 26 **drop-in**
5:00pm to 8:00pm

Our auditorium will be transformed into a calm place for teens to study for exams. Get tips on breathing exercises, make a stress ball, use our music study station, and enjoy a few snacks.

