

Off the Shelf

Your Guide to Programs and Services at the Waterloo Public Library

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How UW is Working Towards a Smoke-free Society

**Tuesday, April 20
7:00pm to 9:00pm**

**Main Library
35 Albert Street, Waterloo**

How do you convince a country to eliminate smoking at the local pub and why is this important in the fight against the global tobacco epidemic? Please join Professor Geoff Fong as he describes his incredible work and the impact it is making to stop cigarette smoking in over 160 countries worldwide.

Geoff Fong is a Professor of Psychology at Waterloo and is also the Founder and Chief Principal Investigator of the International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project.

Presented in partnership with the University of Waterloo's Faculty of Arts. For more information call 519-886-1310 ext. 124 or askus@wpl.ca

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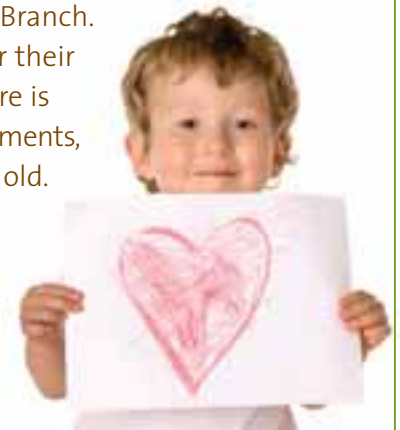
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Why I Love My Library

February is the month of love, so at WPL we decided to ask our customers why they love their library. The response was terrific! Over 400 paper "Valentines" to WPL were dropped in collection boxes at the Main Library and the McCormick Branch.

The love customers have for their library is overwhelming. Here is just a small selection of comments, from customers young and old.

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a place to grow



Waterloo
Public
Library

Hours and Locations

MISSION

*The Waterloo Public Library
is a place to grow!
Through a team of friendly,
knowledgeable and well
trained staff, volunteers
and trustees, WPL offers
people of all ages
innovative lifelong
learning and leisure
opportunities.*

MAIN LIBRARY

35 Albert Street
Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 5E2
Phone: 519-886-1310



- Monday to Thursday – 10:00am to 9:00pm
- Friday – 10:00am to 5:30pm
- Saturday – 10:00am to 5:30pm
- Sundays – open 1:00pm to 4:00pm

POPULAR EXTENSIONS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY 519-886-1310

General Enquiries	Ext. 110
Computer Reservations.....	Ext. 124
Information Services.....	Ext. 124
Children's Department.....	Ext. 129
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Holds	Ext. 189
Room Bookings	Ext. 186
Visiting Library Service.....	Ext. 186



McCORMICK BRANCH

500 Parkside Drive
Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 5J4
Phone: 519-886-1310 ext. 213

- Tuesday to Thursday – 10:00am to 9:00pm
- Friday – 10:00am to 5:30pm
- Saturday – 10:00am to 5:30pm
- Sunday and Monday – Closed

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JOHN M. HARPER BRANCH

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of the new branch library, visit
<http://harperbranch.wordpress.com/>

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Holiday Hours 2010

The Waterloo Public Library will
be closed on the following dates:

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday
Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday
Monday, April 5 – Easter Monday
Monday, May 24 – Victoria Day

To receive a copy of our
popular quarterly newsletter,
Off the Shelf, directly in your
Inbox, simply contact
Sandi Hall at 519-886-1310
ext. 157 or shall@wpl.ca



A Life in Libraries

“Bring your questions to any good library, and most likely you will match them up with answers. Bring loneliness, and in books you will find solace and company of other lives. Bring the gray of everyday and you will be lost in the infinite colors of books.” – Ben Jacobs

My love of libraries started in the late 1960s shortly after I learned how to walk. My parents, who are passionate about reading, took my sister and me to our local public library to register for our first library cards. Our library was the Terryberry Branch of the Hamilton Public Library. We loved visiting the library, selecting our books (a tiny *Beatrix Potter* tale always made it home in my hands), and taking part in wonderful programs.

When my family moved to Scotland in the early 1970s, one of the first things we did was join the local library. The library was in an old house with great character (in memory, it was actually a bit spooky after dark) and great books. In fact, I still have my cardboard library “ticket” from our time overseas.

In 1974, we moved to Waterloo and, once again, joined the public library as one of the first steps towards settling into our new community. Although we visited the Main Library, the McCormick Branch (then known as the Parkside Branch) had just celebrated its 1st anniversary. McCormick, a unique library in that it was one of the first to be built attached to a recreation facility, became our “home” library. My long-term relationship with WPL had begun.

After spending so many hours in a library as a customer, it was inevitable that I would end up working in a library. I started out part-time as a high school student, and returned to WPL as a full-time employee in 1986. I’m not exactly a quiet person, so my chosen career at first raised a few eyebrows amongst my friends. However, as anyone who visits WPL will know, the “Shhh-ing” librarian with the dour expression and hair tightly restrained in a bun does not exist here. Our librarians are friendly, educated, creative and always helpful.

WPL is a vibrant, bright, busy place with people of all ages, from all walks of life, converging on the building in search of various collections and services. Unlike some libraries, the statistics climb each month with more and more people discovering all Waterloo Library has to offer...and for free!

In February we asked you, our customers, what you love about the library. The response was amazing with over 400 comments being submitted. A small selection is in this edition of *Off the Shelf* (see cover article) but one of my favourites has to be the following:

“The library has been my doorway to the world – the real, the imaginative – since I first learned to read. Thank you!”

...and to our many customers, thank **you!**

Sandi Hall, Publicity & Promotions

Recommended Reads on Life in Public Libraries

Free for All: Oddballs, Geeks and Gangstas in the Public Library

by Don Borchert

Jack-of-all-trades Borchert shares wholesome, guardedly witty dispatches from the suburban L.A. library system in this charming tell-all. (Publishers Weekly)

Quiet, Please: Dispatches from a Public Librarian

Douglas launched his career as a page in a library branch, and never wholly losing his enthusiasm, he persevered, got an education, and now works as a librarian at Southern California’s Anaheim Public Library. Douglas’ memoir offers unique and utterly engaging insights. (Booklist)

This Book is Overdue: How Librarians and Cyberians can Save us all

by Marilyn Johnson

Contemporary librarians are morphing into undisputed masters of the information cosmos. Johnson’s paean to this new generation of librarians demolishes superannuated myths and stereotypes of fusty librarians filing catalog cards and collecting fines for overdue books, and replaces that with a vision of the profession’s future where librarians serve as guardians and guides to information in cyberspace. (Publishers Weekly)



LSP and WPL Welcome New Canadians

Kitchener-Waterloo is Ontario's fifth highest settlement area for immigrants and refugees. These new Canadians come from all corners of the globe. For example, in 2006 we welcomed immigrants from the People's Republic of China, United States, Romania, India, Colombia, Iran, Pakistan, Great Britain, Afghanistan and Ethiopia.

WPL has partnered with the Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre to offer a wonderful service to new Canadians.

This program is funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and by LSP.

What is LSP?

The Library Settlement Partnership (LSP) program is a partnership between public libraries, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the Ontario government and settlement service providers. Its purpose is to help new Canadians with their settlement needs.

What are "Settlement Needs"?

Anything that helps new Canadians settle in their chosen country is a settlement need. For example, information and assistance with language training, career and employment, education, schools for children, housing, health care, the law and opportunities for socialization. All three of the Settlement Workers at WPL are employed by the **K-W Multicultural Centre**.

If you have questions regarding this new program, please contact Gloria Van Eek-Meijers at 519-886-1310 ext. 125.



Let's Read!

On Sunday, September 27th 2009, an exciting new family literacy program was launched at Word on the Street – *Let's Read*. This program began with a grant from The Frank Cowan Foundation. With this grant, Kitchener Public Library, Waterloo Public Library, Cambridge Libraries and Galleries, the Region of Waterloo Library and Project READ Literacy Network came together to plan *Let's Read*. The goal of the program was to get the families of Waterloo Region reading – reading the same book, reading together as a family, and reading together as a community. In addition, lots of fun theme-related activities were offered at libraries throughout the region.

The Canadian children's classic *Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang*, the story of a little boy who always says everything twice, was chosen as the first *Let's Read* book. Storytimes, contests and special events were held in public libraries across the region with the visit by Cary Fagan, author of *Jacob Two-Two on the High Seas*, being a highlight. Waterloo Public Library also ran a *Let's Read* bookmark contest.

Congratulations to the winners – Ella Koller, Kathryn Waterman and Shang Wu and their winning bookmarks below.



The first year of the program was a huge success, far exceeding our goal of having 150 families reading *Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang* and 250 families attending a *Let's Read* event. During the course of the program over 800 families read *Jacob Two-Two* and 700 attended programs! This latter number doesn't include the many hundreds who attended the launch at Word on the Street and the wrap-up at the Family Literacy event at Conestoga Mall.

Plans are well on the way for this year's *Let's Read* program which will be kicked off once more at Word on the Street on Sunday, September 26 at Victoria Park in Kitchener. For more information on *Let's Read*, check our website <http://www.wpl.ca/kidbits/lets-read/> or read the *Let's Read* blog <http://letsread2009.blogspot.com/>

Joan Taylor, Manager of Children's Services





“Very friendly staff. We just moved here and going to library makes my kids feeling at home!”



(Please note: comments were not edited.)

“I love my library because it’s a chance for us to read books that are either fun to read or help us in the future.”

“I love this library because it provides me with the amazing stories I long for.”

“A place to relax and unwind. A place to learn, and what better value than a library card!”

“I love the library because there’s WiFi in a beautiful environment.”

“We love the pre-school programs!”

“I like the library because it’s full of great books and a good homework place.”



“Hi Librarians! I love library, because it has a lot of books, and I love to learn English. Reading stories in English help to improve my English knowledge.”



“Easy to find books... great part of community!”

“I love the library because it is an awesome place full of books and friendly staff who help people.”

“It’s a nice, bright place to come with the kids.”

“I love the library because there’s always something new here.”

“A great place to bring my granddaughter (3 years old); very entertaining, super selection of books.”

“I think the library is a great way to read magnificent books freely and easily.”

“The library gets my kids excited about reading.”



“I love that I can take treasures home.”

“I love the library because I hear stories. Lauren”



“Good books, computers, nice quiet homework area, the atmosphere is perfect!”

“Free computer access.”

“Libraries turn people into lifelong readers and learners. I am one and so too now is my daughter.”

“My kids love the programs and love to charge their books and DVDs. It helps me keep up with book club books, too.”

“I love the library because it feeds my imagination!”

“I like the Marvel comics.”

“I like recorded books for the car.”



McCormick Branch

**Communicate with
your library on a whole
new level!**

**Check out the
McCormick Branch Blog!**

The McCormick Branch Blog was created as a way for our community to interact with us and each other regarding our services and programs. We'd like to engage you in continual conversation and are excited to use our new blog as a way to inform you and entertain you. Many of the pages are designed to allow customers to leave comments or give feedback, so please feel free to share your thoughts: give your opinions on our book club selections, or tell us about a good book you've read recently! Check our homepage for scenes from the life of McCormick as we relate the cool, silly, and miraculous things that happen here from day to day! Visit www.wpl.ca and click on the McCormick link. Return often to laugh along with us and learn all the special highlights of life at McCormick!

**We have wireless
and colour printing!**

Are you doing your happy dance?!? McCormick Branch is excited to offer wireless Internet access! Feel free to bring in your laptop and stay awhile. Please be sure that your laptop battery is charged before you arrive because outlets are scarce at our location. Need to print something while you're here? No problem! Wireless customers can now also print from your laptop to our self-serve printers, just ask us how or visit www.wpl.ca/services/wifi/wifi-printing-wpl/ for more information. We also have a brand new colour printer, so print in colour for \$1.00/page at McCormick's self-serve print station.



**Toys to Grow
has new toys!**

If you have recently heard strange noises, beeps and music coming from the staff area at McCormick; looked into Rebecca's office to see her playing with toys (!); or had your toddler run behind our desk and then refuse to leave because there's a cart of fun stuff hiding back there, it's because we've been busy adding many new toys to the Toys to Grow collection! Stop into McCormick Branch on Thursdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm or Saturdays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm to see what's new! We have new puzzles, games, musical instruments, imaginative play and developmental toys to interest, engage and delight! Each customer can borrow 2 toys for a period of one week. Toys to Grow is generously funded by the Lakeshore Village Optimist Club.

By Rebecca Dechert Sage, Manager, McCormick Branch

Just for Tweens

Great Tweens Programs Coming Your Way!



MAIN LIBRARY

Cool Crochet

Learning crafts is always fun and crochet is no exception. It is even better with friends. With a piece of thread and only one hook, make things to last and to share with your family and friends.

Dates: Tuesdays, April 6 to June 1

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Ages: 8 to 14 years

Registration begins March 30

Knitting Klub

A WPL favourite, registration is opening up for this popular program once again on March 30 for kids 7 to 14 years.

Dates: Fridays, April 9 to June 25 (no classes June 11 or 18)

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Ages: 7 to 14 years

Broomstix

An introduction to role-playing in the Harry Potter world, create your own character and join your classmates in an adventure inside Hogwarts.

Dates: Mondays, April 12 to June 7 (no program May 24)

Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Ages: 10 years and up

Registration: Begins April 6

Science Workshop

Fascinated with how your body works? Want to learn more about the solar system? This science workshop is just the thing for you!

Date: Thursdays, May 6 to 27

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Ages: 6 years and up

Registration for 15 kids begins April 26th

Can you read this?

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The brain is an amazing thing! To learn more, visit the library and check out some cool books.

McCORMICK BRANCH

Around the World

Travel the world with us and have fun learning about different cultures and their ways. Try different foods, crafts, songs, stories and lots more!

Mexico – Saturday, April 24

Time: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Ages: 6 to 12 years

Registration begins April 2

Ancient Egypt – Saturday, May 22

Time: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Ages: 6 to 12 years

Registration begins May 6

Wildlife Garden

Spring has sprung, everything is growing...come be a part of it all and plant a spring garden.

Date: Saturday, June 5

Time: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Ages: 7 to 10 years

Registration begins May 21st

Chips and Dip

What goes with chips and dip? Reading of course! McCormick Branch Library is proud to announce its first children's book club for 10 to 12 year olds. Come join us for the fun! (Registration required – call anytime.)

Dates: April 28 and May 26

Time: 6:30pm to 7:15pm

For more children's programs, visit www.wpl.ca

By Jeanne Church, Children's Programs



WPL Children's Programs

April—June 2010



www.wpl.ca

Main
McCormick

Registered Programs
Registration may be done by phone or in person. First come, first served.



Drop-in Programs
These programs may be enjoyed every week or only on occasion.

Main Library

35 Albert Street, Waterloo ON

(519) 886-1310 ext. 129

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Tales for Tots Jan. 14—June 7 (no prog. April 5, 26 & May 24) 10:30—11:00 Everyone welcome</p>	<p>Time 4 Twos April 20—June 1 10:15—10:45 Ages: 24 to 35 months with caregivers. Reg.: March 30 to April 6</p>	<p>Preschool Wiggles and Giggles April 7—June 2 (no prog. April 28) 10:15—11:00 Ages: 3 to 5 years with caregivers</p>	<p>Onederful April 8—June 3 (no prog. April 29) 10:30—11:00 Ages: 12 to 24 months with caregivers</p>	<p>Knitting Klub Jan. 15 - June 25 (no prog. June 11 & 18) 4:00—5:00 Ages: 7 to 14 years Reg.: March 30 to April 6 (new members start April 16)</p>	<p>Family Storytime April 17—June 5 11:00—11:30 Everyone welcome</p>
<p>Broomstix April 12—June 7 (no prog. May 24) 4:00—5:30 Ages: 10 and up Reg.: April 6 <i>An intro. to role playing in the Harry Potter world</i></p>	<p>Tiny Tots April 20—June 1 2:15—3:00 Ages 3 to 5 years on their own. Reg.: March 30 to April 6</p>	<p>Chester Tales April 21—June 2 2:30—3:00 Ages: 3 to 5 years on their own. Reg.: March 30 to April 6</p>	<p>Babytime April 8—June 3 (no prog. April 29) 11:15—11:45 Ages: 3 to 15 months with caregivers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 2 Library Closed Good Friday</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">April 5 Library Closed Easter Monday</p>	<p>Cool Crochet April 6 to June 1 4:00—5:00 Ages: 8 to 14 years Reg.: March 30 to April 6 <i>Experience a traditional handicraft, have fun and make new friends.</i></p>		<p>Science Workshop May 6 to 27 4:00—5:00 Ages: 6 and up Reg.: April 26 <i>If you enjoy science then this workshop may be the thing for you.</i></p>	<p>Mother Goose on the Loose April 9—June 4 10:15—10:45 Ages: 24 to 35 months with caregivers. Reg.: March 30 to April 6</p>	<p>Family Fun Day June 19 10:00—1:00 Everyone welcome <i>A fun, annual event that celebrates the start of our Summer Reading Club. Don't miss it.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">May 24 Library Closed Victoria Day</p>		<p>A Beginning, a Muddle, & an End March 24—April 28 4:00—5:00 Ages: 9 to teen Reg. March 17</p>		<p>Fridays with Chester April 9—June 4 1:30—2:15 Ages: 3 to 5 years on their own</p>	

For more program descriptions please visit KidBits on our website at www.wpl.ca or pick-up a copy of our Events Calendar at either Main or McCormick. You may also call us directly at (519) 886-1310 Main—ext. 129 and McCormick—ext. 213.



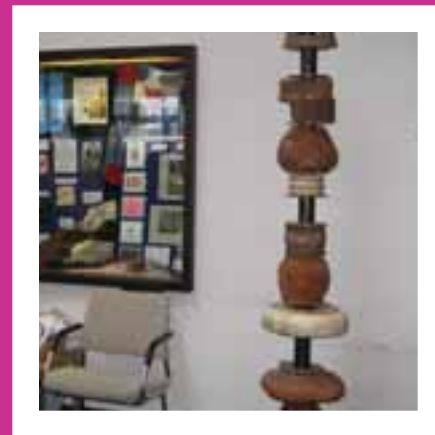
Our programs are FREE!

McCormick Branch 500 Parkside Drive, Waterloo ON

(519) 886-1310 ext. 213

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><i>Onderful</i> April 6—May 4 10:15—10:45 Ages: 12 to 23 months with caregivers. Reg.: March 23</p>	<p><i>Stories @ Berties</i> First Wednesday of every month 10:15—10:45 Everyone welcome</p>	<p><i>Baby Time</i> April 8—May 27 3:30—4:00 Ages: birth to 11 months with caregivers. Reg.: March 25</p>	<p><i>Wiggles & Giggles</i> April 9—May 14 2:15—2:45 Ages: 3 to 5 years on their own. Reg.: March 26</p>	<p><i>Knifty Knitters</i> April 3—May 8 10:30—11:30 Ages: 7 to 12 Reg.: March 19</p>
		<p><i>Kool Kids</i> April 14—May 12 (no prog. April 28) 6:30—7:30 Ages: 4 to 6 Reg.: April 1</p>			<p><i>Mexico</i> April 24 2:30—3:30 Ages: 6 to 12 Reg.: April 2</p>
		<p><i>Chips and Dip</i> April 28, May 26 6:30—7:15 Ages: 10 to 12 Register anytime</p>		<p>April 2 Library Closed Good Friday</p>	<p><i>Ancient Egypt</i> May 22 2:30—3:30 Ages: 6 to 12 Reg.: May 6</p>
<p>McCormick Branch is CLOSED Mondays</p>		<p><i>Book Worms</i> May 4—June 1 6:30—7:15 Ages: 6 to 8 Reg.: April 20 <i>A book club for the new reader.</i></p>			<p><i>Wildlife Garden</i> June 5 2:30—3:30 Ages: 7 to 10 Reg.: May 21 <i>Everything is growing... come plant a Spring garden.</i></p>
		<p><i>Pajama Tales</i> June 2—23 6:30—7:00 All ages welcome Reg.: May 19 <i>Wear your PJs and cozy in for a half hour of stories and imagination!</i></p>			<p><i>Garden Pets</i> June 12 2:30—3:30 Ages: 4 to 7 Reg.: May 28 <i>Come and paint a stone pet, or two, to place in your home garden.</i></p>

Totem: Youth Ceramic Public Art Project 2010



Customers will have noticed the recent installation of ceramic “totems” at the Main Library. The following is further details on this unique project.

2010 – Artist Mentor:

Mary Catherine Newcomb

2010 – Youth Mentor:

Rachel Johnson

Artist Participants

Naqa Al-Tibbeh
Chris Chevreau
Elisa Divito
Jasmeen Gill
Kristen Heinitz
Emma Herlick
Laura Irons
Michelle Jackson
Kari-Anne Kooy
Angela Mundie
Desiree Nechacov
Christine Scarlach
Brenda Schmidt
Emma Schmidt
Caelin Schneider
Erin Simpson
Allison Sosnoski
Virginia Tam
Teo Vasilescu
Janessa Williamson

Regional

Participating Schools

Grand River
Collegiate Institute
Bluevale Collegiate Institute
St. David Catholic
Secondary School
Woodland Christian
High School



Youth Ceramic Public Art Projects

Directed by a community artist mentor Mary Catherine Newcomb and the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery’s Director of Education Sheila McMath, this project has provided nominated high school students interested in the realm of public art the opportunity to construct a collaborative artwork. The artwork on display was created incorporating a modular system of construction with many smaller units assembled into the larger totemic works. Young artists gathered weekly at the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery to construct the modular components that make up this series of sculptures.

The Youth Ceramic Public Art project has provided unique portfolio development for students intending to pursue arts-related careers. Students have been given the opportunity to focus on a project beyond the academic routine of school assignments – an artwork that exists in the world of the art gallery, contemporary artistic practice and public space.

Since 2005, students from across the region have contributed significantly to the various CCGG-sponsored public art projects – specifically two sculptures installed on the grounds surrounding the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery. The “Many to One” Project was completed in Fall 2005 with artist mentor Carol Bradley and the Gateway Project completed under the direction of artist mentor John Hofstetter was unveiled in Spring 2007.

Sponsored By

Waterloo Public Library, Region of Waterloo Arts Fund, Pottery Supply House, Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery, Musagetes Fund of the Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation, and the Community Fund of the Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation.

SHOUT If You Love Your Library!

If a strong local library service is important to you, let the City of Waterloo know.

A simple telephone call, letter or email to elected representatives to let them know how you feel about a well-supported library service, current events at WPL, and the future of your library is important.

You can make a difference.

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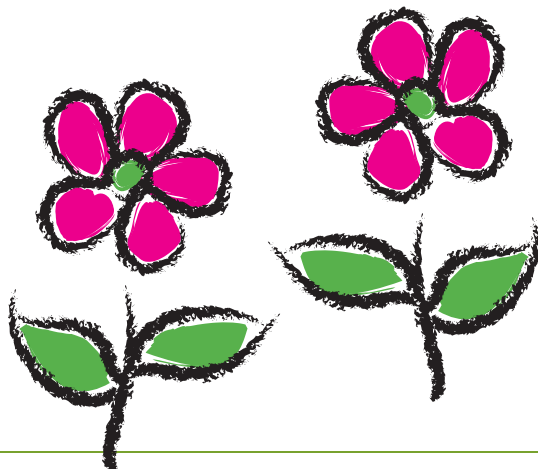
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You can also contact the Waterloo Public Library Board through Chair Tim Jackson at 519-883-0959 or jackson@techcapital.com

**These councillors are also members of the Waterloo Public Library Board*



Construction Continues at the Harper Branch

The John M. Harper Branch Library is currently under construction at the corner of Fischer Hallman Road and Laurelwood Drive, together with a recreation facility operated by the YMCA.

Foundation walls and footings for the library and the YMCA's pool were laid in the winter.

You can view the architectural drawings and follow the progress of the building of the Harper Branch Library online at <http://harperbranch.wordpress.com>.



From Compassion To Action



From April 18 to 24 organizations all across Canada will be recognizing the contributions made by volunteers from all corners of the country, as part of National Volunteer Week. Volunteer Canada reports that there are 12.5 million volunteers and that 1.2 billion hours of time, energy and skill, have been given to benefit community services; health care; sporting activities; environmental, political, humanitarian, arts and culture, initiatives and causes.

Like so many other organizations, Waterloo Public Library is fortunate to have the support of a vibrant group of volunteers. The volunteers that contribute to the success of our library, are a diverse group of individuals. They vary in age, professional and educational backgrounds; their personal interests run a full spectrum; some are retired, and others seek new opportunities that will open the doors to new opportunities and acquaintances. Nonetheless, they are an inspiring group of people that make the time to make a difference. Through the volunteer work done by people that we know in everyday life as family members, friends, co-workers or neighbours, we can visibly see what a difference just a few hours of our time can make.

At WPL, volunteers can be found almost anytime, somewhere in the Library performing a task that carries forward to the everyday services that are provided. Regardless of how big or small the task is, how long it takes to do it, or how often it is done, the value of volunteer work is huge. The work done by our volunteers truly does create a sense of belonging and being a part of something. Contributing to a service, helping it grow and reach into the lives of so many people, truly is "compassion in action".

Thanks to you volunteers, for your constant support and your dedication in carrying out the many tasks that support our services. Your willingness to share your time and talents is inspiring and exemplifies that we can all do something to make our communities much richer and fuller in spirit and resources.

One Book, One Community 2010



The *One Book, One Community* title for 2010 will be announced on Thursday, April 29 at 10:00am at Cambridge City Hall.

WPL is proud to once again be a partner in this wonderful celebration of Canadian authors and books. For more information, visit <http://oboc.ca/>



Share your child's joy. Explore the library together. Please do not leave children unattended anywhere in the library.

Daily Smile

A paperback was recently returned to the library in poor condition. It had the following note taped to the cover:

"Snapped in Cornwall. Fell apart while reading. (The book, not me.)"

This provided staff with their daily smile.

WPL Offers Downloadable e-books for All Ages

The Waterloo Public Library is now offering downloadable e-books for adults, teens and children!

You can download hundreds of free ebooks from the *Download Library* website onto your computer or Sony Reader and read them anywhere, anytime.

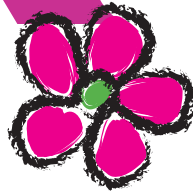
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For more information or to make an appointment for an in-person demonstration, email Christine Brown at cbrown@wpl.ca



Book Clubs



The WPL Book Club

This is an open club – feel free to attend once in a while, or come faithfully every month for some great discussion. Visit our blog at www.wplbookclub.blogspot.com to learn more about our selected titles, post your own book reviews, and more. The club meets at 7:00pm in the Auditorium at the Main Library (35 Albert Street). For more information call 519-886-1310 ext. 146.

Selections for 2010:

January 11 *The Best Laid Plans* by Terry Fallis

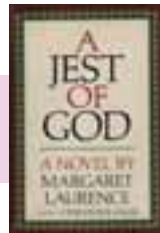
February 8 *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

March 8 *12 Books That Changed the World* by Melvyn Bragg

April 12 *Lolita* by Vladimir Nabokov

May 10 *A Jest of God* by Margaret Laurence

June 14 *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen



July 12 *Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth and Happiness* by Richard H. Thaler

August 9 *Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway

September 13 *One Book, One Community title* - TBA

October 18 *Truth and Beauty* by Ann Patchett

November 8 *Ten Good Seconds of Silence* by Elizabeth Ruth

December 13 *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

The McCormick Branch Book Club

This new book club is also "open". Participants are welcome to attend once in a while, or come faithfully every month for some great discussion. The club meets at 7:00pm in the Community Room at the Albert McCormick Community Centre. For more information call 519-886-1310 ext. 213.

Selections for 2010:

January 26 *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman

February 23 *The Best Laid Plans* by Terry Fallis

March 30 *Dreams from my Father* by Barack Obama

April 27 *The Shack* by William P. Young

May 25 *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer

June 29 *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

July 27 *The Time of My Life* by Patrick Swayze and Lisa Neimi

August 31 *One Book, One Community title* - TBA

September 28 *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

October 26 *The Painted House* by John Grisham

November 30 *The Hour I First Believed* by Wally Lamb

December 28 *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway



Pet-acular!

PART 2

This is Pet-acular Part 2 with more wonderful pet pictures from WPL staff. I would also like to recommend the following “uplifting” pet books. They are available in our collection. Enjoy!

Maggie’s Way: Observations from Below your Knees

by **Bill Stanton**

Great pictures and quotes on a basset hound’s view on life.

The Best of James Herriot: Favourite Memories of a Country Vet

by **James Herriot.**

A well-loved classic that can be enjoyed again and again.

Guardians of Being

Words by **Eckhart Tolle.** Art by **Patrick McDonnell.**

Words of wisdom, and fun artwork, that teach us about living in the moment.

Shy Boy: the Horse that Came in from the Wild

by **Monty Robert**

The author gently trains a wild mustang and gives him the option of returning to his herd or staying.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: what I Learned from the Dog.

101 stories About Life, Love and Lessons

by **Jack Canfield, Hansen & Newmark**

The title says it all...! A ‘cat’ version is also available at the library.

Kerstin, Children’s Program Coordinator



Deb’s Barnaby

“The picture window is his best entertainment...his own big-screen TV!”



Suzanne’s Max

“He is very special to me because taking him through training inspired me to become a dog trainer and start my own part-time business.”



During March Break, the folks from the Waterloo Horticultural Society presented a wonderful program for kids called “Way to Grow!”. Pictured here are happy participants Kathryn, Aiden and Gavin.



Amanda's Riker

"Our puppy Riker is always hungry and he's NOT picky. Socks are his favourite thing to chew."



Alannah's Dolphy

"This is my son's puppy, Dolphy (the blonde golden retriever) with his sister-in-law's mastiff Leo, who is a big galute."



Judy's Farfel

"He is an 11-year-old Wheaten Terrier who has always been a bit crazy but loveable!"

David and Susan's Chewy



Shira's Cobweb

"He loves to chase toys and can hear a block of cheddar being unwrapped from any point in the house."



Kerstin's Eliza Dewdrop and Lola Periwinkle

"Two feathered friends who brighten my day with their cheery chatter."



Rosey's Julian

"The corn snake is the only one in our house who laughs at my corny jokes!"

Christine's Dewey

(A Yorkie-Griffin mix)





Country Musicians Rock and Read for Kids II

In the autumn of 2009, WPL held its first *Country Musicians Rock and Read for Kids* to celebrate Canadian Library Month and to raise funds for children's literacy. Over 80 of North America's top country singer-songwriters took part, including Taylor Swift, Brad Paisley and Kenny Chesney.

In October, this fun fundraiser will return. Details will be coming soon at <http://waterloopubliclibrary.wordpress.com/>

UpTown Country Music Festival Saturday, June 19 3:00pm to 10:30pm

Spend the day in the UpTown! On June 19, there is lots happening for families. Start out your day at WPL's Family Fun Day from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Then make the short walk to City Hall (Regina Street) and enjoy some terrific, free concerts at the UpTown Country Music Festival. For more details, visit <http://www.uptowncountrywaterloo.com/>

Family Fun Day!

Saturday, June 19
10:00am to 1:00pm
Main Library

Join us for our annual Family Fun Day on June 19 and help us kick off WPL's Destination Jungle Summer Reading Club for Kids.

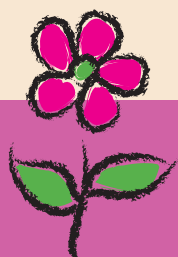
- Meet our special guests
- Get your face painted
- Register for the Summer Reading Club
- Get a temporary tattoo
- Take home a balloon animal
- Enter draws for great prizes
- Enjoy free refreshments

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