

Why we do it

The St. Marys Public Library aims to inspire a sense of adventure and wonder while nurturing children's imaginations and celebrating their accomplishments. This is why we believe in providing a program that encourages reading, literacy, and learning-based fun throughout the summer. Through games, crafts, and general play, the program provides a valuable opportunity for children to continue to learn and develop valuable skills in a fun and informal environment. The program also allows pre-school age children to engage in activities to help build a sound foundation in literacy, physical literacy and sensory skills that will benefit them in the future.

The Friends of the Library

The St. Marys Public Library is thrilled to announce that the Summer Reading Program 2017 is being made possible by The Friends of the Library. If you would like to learn more about the Friends of the Library, please contact the library.

Registration

There will be no advance registration for the Summer Reading Program this year. All sessions will be on a drop-in, "first-come, first-served" basis. At the beginning of each session, parents / caregivers will be asked to sign up their children and fill out a brief contact information sheet before their child can join. If your child is old enough to come on their own, please make sure that they know an emergency contact number to sign themselves in. Each session has a maximum number of spots, and when a session is full it will be closed off. Arrive early to ensure your child has a spot in the activities! Please note that some sessions do require parent or caregiver supervision.

All children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sessions are provided at no cost, but the Library always appreciates donations. A donation jar will be present at each session and donations will be accepted at the circulation desk.



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The St. Marys Public Library Presents:



A program made possible by:

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Sessions run from July 3rd to August 24th

Reading Tracking

Each year, the TD Summer Reading Program provides tracking booklets for parents/caregivers and children to track their reading throughout the summer. There are two booklets: A pre-reader booklet and a school age reading booklet. Parents/guardians and their children can decide together which booklet is appropriate for their reading level.

Two steps to tracking your reading

- Pick up your reading tracking package from the Library and start reading!
- Check in at the circulation desk when you complete each page to receive a reward. The reward consists of a sticker which corresponds to the completed page, and a shape that the child can sign or decorate. The shapes will be used to decorate the walls of the Library and show the community how much children are reading! Finally, for each page, children will get a ticket to fill out which will then be put into a draw for a grand prize at the End of Summer BBQ on August 24th.

Pre-Reader tracking booklet

- Each page of the pre-reader tracking booklet contains a sticker box and grid paper. After a child reads for 30 minutes they are to write the name of their book(s) or draw a picture.
- After the child has completed 30 minutes of reading they are eligible for their reward!
- The child must bring the booklet to the circulation desk at the Library to receive their reading reward.

School-Age tracking booklet

- Each page of the school age tracking booklet contains a sticker box and grid paper. After a child reads for 1 hour they are to write the name of the book(s) they read or draw a picture.
- After the child has completed 1 hour of reading they are eligible for their reward!
- The child must bring the booklet to the circulation desk at the Library to receive their reading reward.

In- Library Sessions

Tinker Toddlers

Tinker Toddlers is a program designed for toddlers and babies who are already walking or crawling. Toddlers will engage in literacy based activities and sensory play. The session will consist of different stations and games that will enhance the child's sensory and literacy skills. This summer, sessions will focus on skills such as finger, hand, and leg strength, fine motor skills, and much more! The recommended age for Tinker Toddlers is 1-3 and the program will run for 1 hour. Maximum of 15 participants not including parents/caregivers. Parent or caregiver supervision is required.

Maker Monday

Maker Monday is a creative craft program that allows your child to work on a different make and take home project each week. The session will run for 1.5 hours of dedicated craft time for the kids to complete their project and games to finish off the session. The recommended age for this program is 7+. 20 participants maximum.

Reading Help

Reading help is a free 30 minute tutoring session with Christina (summer program coordinator). School age children will read through books and work on their language and vocabulary skills over the allotted thirty minute session. Children and parents must book a thirty minute time slot in advance. This program is not a drop-in based event. To book your 30 minute session, call the Library, or email Christina at summerreading@stmaryspubliclibrary.ca

STEAM kids

STEAM sessions are based on the acronym STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) and encompass learning-based play that is exciting and fun, but also educational. Children will engage in a wide variety of experiments which will enhance their skills in the five fields that STEAM offers. The session plan is repeated on Tuesday and Wednesday, so while children are welcome to come to both sessions, the content will be the same. Sessions will run for 1.5 hours and the recommended age for STEAM is 7+. 20 participants maximum.

LEGO Club

LEGO club is a 3 hour session of dedicated LEGO play. The session is drop-in based which means that participants can join and leave the group anytime between the allotted three hours. Children under 7 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Funday Friday

Watch out for Friday's **free** special events, guests, movie matinees & more. Call the Library or grab a detailed calendar from the circulation desk to find out which events are running and when.



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10:35am - 11:10am
Stories, rhymes, tickles, and more!

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