

November 23 - 28

THIS Week

STAY CONNECTED
@ St. Catharines Public Library

Please visit the Virtual Programs page on our website or the Library's social media accounts to access programs. All videos will be available at the times listed and will remain on our YouTube channel.

For Children

CRAFT KITS FOR KIDS

Monday at 10:00 am

COMMUNITY HELPERS: THE MAYOR

Monday at 11:00 am

CHILDREN'S CHECKOUTS

Saturday at 10:00 am

For Tweens & Teens

TEEN READS: DUOLOGIES

Friday at 2:00 pm

For Adults

THIS DAY IN LITERARY HISTORY:

BLACK BEAUTY

Tuesday at 10:00 am

HISTORY MYSTERY

Tuesday at 2:00 pm

SPOTLIGHT TITLES

Wednesday at 12:00 pm

THROWBACK THURSDAY

Thursday at 10:00 am

LEARN HOW: PLACE A HOLD

Thursday at 12:00 pm

BLACK FRIDAY FEATURE

Friday at 10:00 am

ELEVATOR RENOVATION AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

Please note that the elevator is being replaced at the Central Library and will be out of service commencing November 30 for an extended period of time.

While renovations are in progress, if you are unable to access the 2nd floor and require materials or help from staff in this area, please notify staff on the first floor and they will arrange for you to receive assistance. Additional Internet stations and a microfilm reader/scanner will be available on the first floor.

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation as we enhance accessibility at the Central Library.

AMONG US

(Ages 11-18)

Play Among Us! with us. In this hit cooperative game players are dropped onto an alien spaceship as crewmates...but beware: one crewmate will be an imposter bent on eliminating everyone!

- Thursday, November 26 • 3:30 - 4:30 pm

For more information and to register please visit
<https://scplamongus.eventbrite.ca>



MRS. CLAUS SING-A-LONG (AGES 2-6)

Mrs. Claus will be visiting the library for a holiday sing-a-long and stories. Please register each child attending. The Zoom link will be emailed to registrants closer to the program date.

- Friday, December 4 & Saturday, December 5



1000 BOOKS before kindergarten

Help your child to develop a life-long love of reading by taking the pledge to read 1000 Books before Kindergarten. Sign up through myscpl.readsquared.com or download the READsquared app. Tag us using #scpl1000b4k so we can share in your little one's reading journey as well.



Bullet Journaling 101 (Ages 13-18)



Kick off the year with a great new habit that will help you stay organized, set goals, and keep track of the memories you make in an artistic and efficient way.

- Monday, December 7 • 6:30-7:30 pm

For more information and to register, please visit:
<https://scplbulletjournaling101.eventbrite.ca>



HOLIDAY STORYTIME (AGES 2-6)

Songs, stories and craft to celebrate the holidays for children aged 2-6 living in the St. Catharines area! Craft kits will be available for pick up at your preferred St. Catharines Public Library location prior to the program. Each child registered will receive a kit. Registrants will receive craft pickup instructions and the Zoom link prior to the program.

- Wednesday, December 16 • 6:00 pm

Register here:

<https://scplholidaystories.eventbrite.ca>

Craft Pickup KITS

Back by popular demand! New kits will be released each week and are available for pickup at all Library locations during opening hours, while quantities last. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram to find out what craft will be featured each week.



FROM THE GARDEN:
**GROWING AND
PRESERVING HERBS**

From the Garden Zoom series with Erin Riseing, Program Coordinator for the Niagara Community Garden Network. Herbs add flavour to our meals but also medicinal and nutritional value. Learn how to grow herbs indoors, propagate them from cuttings and explore different ways to preserve herbs to enjoy later.

- Monday, November 23 • 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Please register using the eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/growing-preserving-herbs-tickets-126446074613>



Brock Talks

OPERA DURING THE PANDEMIC

One of the industries hardest hit by COVID-19 is the performing arts, particularly genres like opera, which has traditionally involved dozens of performers and artisans presenting shows for hundreds of people per night. In this talk, Professor Nina Penner, Department of Music, will discuss what local opera companies (e.g., the Canadian Opera Company, Opera Atelier, Against the Grain Theatre) are doing to keep the art form alive and speculate about the future of opera in Canada.

- Tuesday, November 24 • 7:00 pm

Register for the Zoom session here:

<https://operaduringthepandemic.eventbrite.ca>



ESL Conversation on Zoom



Share stories and discuss current events, popular culture, and other topics. The Zoom link and additional information will be emailed after registration. An Internet connection and a tablet or computer that supports Zoom is required to attend.

- Wednesdays, November 18 - December 9
- 6:30-7:30 pm

Please register for the Zoom session here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/esl-conversation-circle-on-zoom-tickets-127559976323>

MAINTAINING A HEALTHY BRAIN

This is an online public education session offered by Sarah Putman, Manager of Education, Alzheimer Society Niagara Region.

The brain is one of your most vital organs. It plays a role in your every action and thought. Though you can't see it, your brain needs to be looked after and exercised regularly just like the rest of your body. Join us as we explore normal aging, Dementia and ways to keep you brain healthy.

- Tuesday, December 1 • 7:00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/maintaining-a-healthy-brain-tickets-128160540627>

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS with an Evening of Classical Guitar

What better way to celebrate the spirit of Christmas than through music? Join us for a virtual concert featuring talented guitarist, David Coruzzi, who will play a selection of classical guitar pieces, including some festive favourites, for your listening enjoyment.

- Thursday, December 3 • 7:00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/celebrate-christmas-with-an-evening-of-classical-guitar-tickets-129140736419>

SCPL Online Book Club

Join the conversation!

The St. Catharines Public Library is hosting our online book club on Facebook.

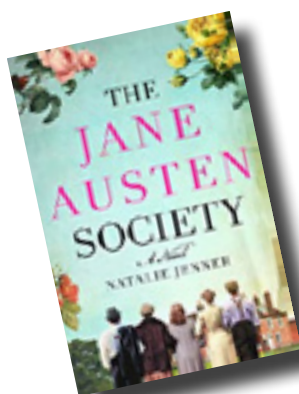
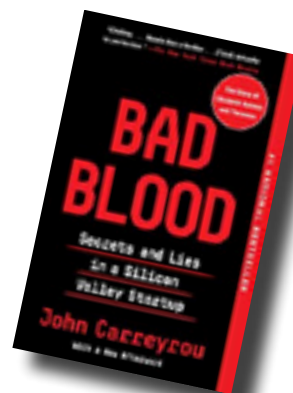
This book club facilitates discussion about popular titles, including recent bestsellers, genre fiction, memoirs, and narrative nonfiction. One new title will be featured each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles from month to month.

Interested? Join today and contribute your thoughts and opinions to the discussion! The book club does not take place in real time, so you can participate whenever it is convenient for you. New members are always welcome! To join our Facebook group, click Groups in the left menu on your News Feed, enter "SCPL Online Book Club" in the search bar at the top, then select the group and click "+ Join Group" below the cover photo.

NOVEMBER - NON-FICTION

BAD BLOOD by John Carreyrou

For years, Elizabeth Holmes, founder and CEO of the Biotech start-up Theranos, deceived investors, her employees and FDA officials with the promise of revolutionary technology that would significantly enhance the speed and ease of blood tests. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, John Carreyrou tells the compelling and salacious true story of the rise and fall of Theranos, a company once valued at \$9 billion, and exposes the "biggest corporate fraud since Enron."



DECEMBER - FICTION

THE JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY by Natalie Jenner

Jenner's debut novel follows an unlikely group of people in the small English town of Chawton, who come together all because of their love of Jane Austen after the writer's legacy is threaten. This is charming, yet bittersweet story which celebrates the ability of literature to heal and elevate the human spirit in the aftermath of World War II.

MONTHLY ADULT BOOK CLUB

**There is space in our Central Library
Tuesday Evening Book Club!**

Meet other book lovers and participate in a lively discussion. This group normally meets monthly in-person at the Central Library, but we are currently hosting our meetings virtually through Zoom. Register for your spot today at <https://scpl-adultbookclub.eventbrite.ca>



INTRODUCING

EDUCATOR MEMBERSHIPS

Educator memberships are available to educators currently working or living in St. Catharines. This includes Kindergarten to Grade 12 classroom teachers in public and private schools and licenced daycare employees. The membership allows educators to borrow library items for an extended period without accruing fines. Name identification and address verification as per Adult Card Registration and proof of educator status is required. Please call 905-688-6103 ext. 210 or email circulation@stcatharines.library.on.ca for more information.



FOOD FOR FINES

Got Fines? Give Food

November 2 – 30, 2020

Library patrons are invited to bring commercially packaged, unexpired and undamaged boxed or canned non-perishable food items to the Circulation Desk at any library location. Patrons can have up to \$50 waived in library fines per library account during this campaign.

How it works:

- 1 donated food item = up to \$5.00 fine waived, 2 donated food items = up to \$10.00 fine waived etc.
- Non-nutritional food items such as candy bars, soda and ramen will not be accepted.
- The Food for Fines promotion is only applicable towards existing fines. Credit cannot be given for future fines.
- Food collected will be donated to Community Care.
- This campaign does not apply to replacement costs for damaged or lost items, or collection agency fees.

Reduce your overdue fines and help your community!

For more information please call 905-688-6103 Ext. 210.



Please be advised that masks are mandatory as per the City of St. Catharines by-law.

LIBRARY HOURS & LOCATIONS

CENTRAL LIBRARY
54 CHURCH STREET, L2R 7K2
905-688-6103
FAX 905-688-6292

Limited on-site services.

- Monday • 9 am - 5 pm
- Tuesday • 9 am - 8 pm
- Wednesday • 9 am - 5 pm
- Thursday • 9 am - 5 pm
- Friday • 9 am - 5 pm
- Saturday • 9 am - 5 pm

DR. HUQ FAMILY LIBRARY BRANCH
425 CARLTON STREET, L2M 4W8
905-934-7511

Limited on-site services.

- Monday • 9 am - 5 pm
- Tuesday • 9 am - 5 pm
- Wednesday • 9 am - 8 pm
- Thursday • 9 am - 5 pm
- Saturday • 9 am - 5 pm

MERRITT LIBRARY BRANCH
149 Hartzel Road, L2P 1N6
905-682-3568

Limited on-site services.

- Monday • 9 am - 8 pm
- Wednesday • 9 am - 5 pm
- Friday • 9 am - 5 pm
- Saturday • 9 am - 5 pm

PORT DALHOUSIE LIBRARY BRANCH
23 Brock Street, L2N 5E1
905-646-0220

Limited on-site services.

- Tuesday • 10 am - 5 pm
- Thursday • 10 am - 5 pm
- Saturday • 11 am - 4 pm

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Keep up-to-date with all of the latest news
www.stcatharines.library.on.ca