Keep your eyes peeled for our March Break Guide. It’s guaranteed to be loaded with fun programs for all ages. Hitting shelves mid-February.

MAIN BRANCH PROGRAMS

Preschool Programs

Rock’n Tots: (newborn-12 months with caregiver) 9:45-10:30am (13-24 months with caregiver) 10:45-11:30am
Tuesdays, January 12-March 1
Tuesdays, March 29-June 7
Move and groove with family and friends as we listen to a variety of musical genres, drum to the beat and play.

Busy Bodies: (12-23 months with caregiver)
Wednesdays, January 13-March 2: 9:30-10:00am
Wednesdays, March 30-June 8: 9:30-10:00am
Nurture the love of reading with your one year old through singing songs, playing finger games and sharing stories.

Tales for Twos: (2 years with caregiver)
Wednesdays, January 13-March 2: 10:30-11:00am
Wednesdays, March 30-June 8: 10:30-11:00am
Share stories, wiggle, giggle and learn a tune or two that will help encourage language development and early reading skills.

Creative Baby: (6-12 months with caregiver) 9:30-10:15am (13-24 months with caregiver) 10:45-11:30am
Thursdays, January 14-March 3 FEE: $8.00 for the eight week session
Thursdays, March 31-June 9 FEE: $11.00 for the eleven week session
Strengthen your child’s love of reading and language development in this fun and interactive program that uses a variety of sensory materials for your baby to explore and have fun with. Please bring a towel and mess-friendly clothes.

Bouncing Babies: (newborn-11 months with caregiver)
Fridays, January 15-March 4: 9:15-10:00am
Fridays, April 1-June 10: 9:15-10:00am
It’s never too early to bring babies and books together. Enjoy stories, rhymes, bounces, parachute play and bubbles in this fun and interactive program. (The first 15 minutes is social time.)

Storybug Time: (2-3 years with caregiver)
Fridays, January 15-March 4: 10:45-11:30am FEE: $8.00 for the eight week session
Fridays, April 1-June 10: 10:45-11:30am FEE: $11.00 for the eleven week session
Build upon your child’s love of reading and language development in this creative and interactive program. Themed craft included each week.

School Age Programs

Chess Club: (7-13 years)
Mondays, April 25-June 6: 6:30-8:00pm
Bring a friend and come play a fun game of chess. There’s always a new tip or trick that can be learned in this program. No program May 23.
Teen Programs
Anime Club: (13-17 years)
Saturdays, January 9, February 13, March 5, April 9, May 14 and June 11: 2:30-4:00pm
Join us as we watch and discuss the latest Anime and our favourite manga. If Anime is new to you or if you are an expert, everyone is welcome to join and meet new friends. Small snack provided.

Tinkering Teens: (13-17 years)
Saturdays, January 23, February 27, March 19, April 23, May 28 and June 25: 2:30-4:00pm
Create, design and build! Explore a variety of tools, such as Makey Makey, that will help inspire you to be a tinkerer.

Writers Gathering: (14 years and up)
Sundays, January 24, February 28, April 24: 1:30-4:30pm
The Writers Gathering is a group of creative individuals who wish to openly share ideas, discuss work in progress, and ultimately, have fun! No registration is required.

Film Club: (14 years and up)
Sundays, January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17: 2:30-4:00pm
Are you interested in exploring basic film techniques? Or maybe you have experience with creating short films and enjoy sharing your skills. Either way, join the club and meet fellow film enthusiasts.

Pre-Release Movies @ Main: (family)
Saturday, February 13: 10:30am- The Peanuts Movie (93 mins)
Saturday, April 16: 2:00pm- Alvin and The Chipmunks: Road Chip (86 mins)

Outreach Programs
Seaway Mall
2:00-2:45pm
Join us at the Seaway Mall for family based stories and free activities. No registration required.
Saturday, February 6 - Blast off with a Launchpad!
Saturday, March 12 - Makey Makey
Saturday, April 2 - Book Spine Poetry
Saturday, May 7 - Superhero Lollipop
Saturday, June 4 - Photo Fun

Programs at both branches
Make’n Take Table: (all ages)
Saturdays, Main Branch: 9:30am-4:30pm
Diamond Trail Branch: 11:30am-2:30pm
Visit our craft table and make something special to take home. While supplies last. Adult supervision is required.
January 23 – “A” is for Alligator
February 13 – Love Bug
March 26 – Baa Baa White Sheep
April 23 – Earth Day Poem
May 7 – Superhero Lollipop
June 18 – Tacky Tie

Please register in advance for all programs unless otherwise noted. All programs with food require a food waiver form to be signed before the program begins. Registration can be completed in person at the Information Desk, by calling the Library at 905-734-6210 ext. 2521 or through our online calendar at www.welland.library.on.ca

Registration for Winter programs begins Saturday, December 12.
Registration for March Break programs begins Wednesday, February 17.
Registration for Spring programs begins Saturday, February 27.
Registration for Summer programs begins Monday, June 13.
Registration for the TD Summer Reading Club begins Monday, June 27.
SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Family Literacy Day
Saturday, January 23: Main Branch: 10:30-11:30am
Diamond Trail Branch: 1:00-2:00pm
WPL is celebrating Family Literacy Day. Come with your family and friends to one of our branches to play book BINGO and/or Library-opoly. Prizes to be won, snacks provided and fun to be had by all.

Teen Tech Week: Create it at Your Library
March 6-12
Teen Tech Week is all about you: the teen who is a do-it-yourselfer and someone who is interested in learning new skills. Check out our website to learn about different programs and events during this week, and take a sneak peek at the Simple Circuit Light Box program. We hope to see you throughout the week at both branches.

Free Comic Book Day
Saturday, May 7: Main: 9:30am-4:30pm
Diamond Trail Branch: 11:30am-2:30pm
“Up, up and away…”
Fly to the library and get a free comic/graphic novel before they’re all gone! While supplies last.

TD Canadian Children’s Book Week
May 7-14
Celebrate the established and emerging Canadian authors by checking out a book! Borrow five or more picture books or one children’s chapter book during the week to receive a free book to add to your collection. A selection of books will be available at the Circulation Desk. While supplies last.

PD Days
Have fun on the following PD Days at the Main Branch of the Library.

Sno-Wonders
Friday, January 15: 2:00-3:00pm
What should you do when old man winter brings snow? Have some wintry, cold fun… indoors.

Chocolate Tasting Party
Friday, February 12: 2:00-3:00pm
Are you a milk or dark chocolate lover? Or, maybe you enjoy flavours such as mint or caramel. Come sample a variety of chocolates and learn about the many uses of chocolate.

Plant a Rainbow
Friday, June 10: 2:00-3:00pm
Come plant a rainbow and watch how quickly it grows at home.

Blast off with a Launchpad!
Blast off with one of our new Launchpad tablets for kids! These rugged child-friendly tablets are pre-loaded with high-quality, ad-free educational apps that kids are sure to enjoy. Special features include an avatar builder which lets children design their own personal explorer; earn Discovery Points which can be used to purchase virtual accessories; and for parents, there’s an informational console so you can see how much time your child spent on the tablet.
Borrow one today and blast off with Launchpads!

Sesame Street eBooks
When you read a Sesame Street eBook with your child, you can make story time extra engaging with bright pages, audio narration, interactivity, animation, and more. Best of all, Sesame Street eBooks are ready to read right here, right now! Visit the Digital Media section of our website today!
**DIAMOND TRAIL BRANCH PROGRAMS**

**Wii After School: (5 years and up)**
*Mondays, starting January 11: 4:00-5:00pm*
After a long day at school, what could be more fun than video games? The library has the wii and the games. All you need to do is show up.
*No program February 15, March 14, March 28 or May 23*

**Drop-in Storybook Bingo: (family)**
*Tuesdays, starting January 12: 6:00-6:30pm*
Learning to read can be fun! You and your child will be engaged in a game based storytime that will have you yelling out your favourite word…BINGO! *No program March 15 or March 22.*

**Craft Attack: (family)**
*Wednesdays, starting January 13: 4:00-7:30pm*
Drop-in, bring friend and craft away at our crafting table. Join us weekly and try creating an original piece of art. *No program March 16.*

**Minute to Win It: (8 years and up)**
*Thursdays, January 14-March 3: 4:00-5:00pm*
No challenge is too big or too small when your goal is to earn the title of Champion of All.

**Food Frenzy: (8 years and up)**
*Thursdays, March 31-May 26: 4:00-5:00pm*
If you’ve been told, “Don’t play with your food”, this program is for you! Come learn how to make delicious treats such as candy sushi and maybe even start a marshmallow war.

**Beads and Blocks Club: (8 years and up)**
*Thursdays, June 2-16: 4:00-5:00pm*
What do beading and Lego have in common? They both require imagination and patience. Join this new club that dares to fuse beads and blocks into one hour of fun.

**Saturdays at the Branch**

**FANTASTIC FLICKS: (family)**
*Saturdays: 12:30pm start*
Get in from the cold and enjoy the following family friendly movies at Diamond Trail Branch:

- **January 9** – *Shaun the Sheep* (85 mins)
- **February 6** – *Pre-Release: The Peanuts Movie* (93 mins)
- **February 20** – *The Games Maker* (111 mins)
- **March 5** – *Hotel Transylvania 2* (89 mins)
- **March 19** – *Frozen* (more information in March Break Brochure)
- **April 9** – *Pre-Release: Alvin and The Chipmunks: Road Chip* (86 mins)

*Movie titles are subject to change*

**Makey Makey: (8 years and up)**
*Thursdays, January 14-March 3: 4:00-5:00pm*
Have you ever heard of a banana piano? Come to our Makey Makey sessions and learn how to make unusual things, like a banana piano.

**Season Storytime: (family)**
*Saturdays: 12:30-1:30pm*
January 30 - **Winter Wonderland**: Pretend to walk through a winter wonderland with us and make a wintery craft that won’t melt away.

April 23 - **Earth Day Storytime**: Help us celebrate Earth Day by making a craft from recycled materials. Snacks provided.

**Wii Just Wanna Have Fun: (5 years and up)**
*Saturdays, March 26, May 21, June 18: 12:30-1:30pm*
Bring your friends and choose a wii game to play together.

**Lego: (family)**
*Saturday, June 4: 12:30-2:30pm*
Dive into our Lego collection and create something unique.

**TD SUMMER READING CLUB**
The TD Summer Reading Club is coming! Kids of all ages can get ready for great books, lively programs and lots of fun at both library branches during July and August. Watch for program and registration information June, 2016.

*Registration for TD Summer Reading Club begins June 27.*