

# Grimsby Public Library LIBRARY NEWS

  
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Events and announcements at your local library

**JANUARY 2026**

## GPL READING CHALLENGE 2026



Designed to help you read more, get through your TBR pile and encourage a love of books in the community. Join the challenge and get reading this year!

**Check inside for our Adult and Junior GPL Reading Challenge!**

## INTRODUCING IN 2026... YOTO PLAYERS & CARDS!

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# For Adults

Visit [grimsbylibrary.ca](http://grimsbylibrary.ca) to register

## Exam Kits

Exam season is stressful for everyone. Throughout the month of January, we'll be offering exam care kits to help you through your next cram session!

## Needle Crafters Club

**Saturdays | 2 - 4PM | Lounge**

Whether you knit, crochet, or do other needlework, drop by during this weekly gathering to work on and share your projects with others! Beginners to experts, all are welcome. **Drop-in.**

## Tech Help

**Wednesdays | 4 - 5PM | Centre Space**

Teen volunteers are here to help you with your technology questions! **Drop-in.**

## Meet a Professional or Hobbyist: Discover the Special Olympics!

**Thursday, Jan. 8 | 7 - 8PM | Lounge**

Join Rotary member Gordon Lampman for an inspiring talk on the history, Canadian roots, and lasting impact of the Special Olympics, and discover the many ways you can get involved. Gordon brings a wealth of experience as a longtime Hamilton Police Constable, PR graduate, and as a coach with West Niagara Special Olympics. Inspired by his sister, who has Down syndrome, Gordon is passionate about inclusion and the belief that with Special Olympics, anything is possible. **Registration required.**



## Writing at GPL

**Thursday, Jan. 15 | 6:30 - 7:30PM**

**Program Room | Ages 17+**

Join us for prompts, exercises and a chance to develop your writing skills! Our program is designed to inspire creativity and build confidence in your writing journey. All levels are welcome—bring your ideas, your curiosity, and your writing tools! **Drop-in.**

## Ukulele for Beginners

**Mondays, Jan. 19 - Feb. 9 | 10 - 10:45AM**

**Studio | Ages 9+**

Ukuleles are affordable and accessible for anyone who would like to start playing music. Join us for a four part series of beginner ukulele lessons to get started with simple chords and songs. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one from the library. **Registration required.**

## Interview Skills Workshop

**Monday, Jan. 19 | 11AM - 1PM | Studio**

Employment Help will be here to help you boost your confidence and land that job! Learn how to prepare, communicate and follow up; answer interview questions and present yourself with confidence. Register through Employment Help.



Scan here  
to register!



## Brain Injury Association of Niagara Peer Support Group

**Wednesday, Jan. 21 | 6 - 7PM | Program Room**

This monthly facilitated group meeting is open to all adults living with the effects of brain injury. **Email [info@bianiagara.org](mailto:info@bianiagara.org) to register.**



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## Film Club: *Punch Drunk Love*

**Thursday, Jan. 22 | 7 - 7:45PM | Lounge**

This bi-monthly meeting is like a book club, but to discuss films instead of books! Stream *Punch-Drunk Love* for free using the Library's Kanopy app and then join us for a lively discussion. In *Punch-Drunk Love*, Barry Egan (Adam Sandler) is a small business owner with seven sisters whose abuse has kept him alone and unable to fall in love. When a mysterious woman (Emily Watson) enters his life, his romantic journey begins. **Registration Required.**

## Guided Meditation

**Monday, Jan. 26 | 7 - 7:45PM | Program Room**

Find calm, clarity, and connection at our new monthly Guided Meditation series. Presented in partnership with Rotary, each session is led by Nisreen Mama-Foda, certified Hypnotist and Reiki Master who will guide participants through gentle mindfulness practices designed to reduce stress, improve focus, and support overall well-being. This beginner-friendly program takes place on the last Monday of every month and offers a welcoming space to pause, breathe, and recharge. **Registration Required.**



## Movie Night: *Tron: Ares*

**Thursday, Jan. 29 | 6:45 - 8:45PM | Lounge**

Join us for a movie night featuring *Tron: Ares*! A highly sophisticated program, Ares, is sent from the digital world into the real world on a dangerous mission. **Drop-in.**



## Winter Sowing Gardening Workshop

**Wednesday, Jan. 28 | 7 - 8:30PM  
Lounge and Studio**

Believe it or not, you can still garden in the middle of winter! Native plants actually rely on the cold season to prepare for strong spring growth, making this the perfect time to stay cozy inside and plant native seeds in containers.

Join us first for an informative presentation in the library lounge with Loretta Shields, BSc in Agriculture (Plant Protection) and President of the Smithville Garden Club. Learn why native plants matter and how winter sowing works, then move to the studio for a hands-on workshop to create your own mini nursery to take home.

Just bring a container, roll up your sleeves, and get ready to get messy! Check your blue box for a clear or translucent plastic container to make your mini cold frame. We'll provide all other materials, including native seeds, so you can focus on planting and having fun.

**Registration Required**



# For Families

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## Weekly Programs

### Play Cafe Drop-In

**Mondays | 10:30AM - 12:30PM**

**Children's Area | Ages 3+**

Explore and play with our variety of café-themed toys. Get ready to pour, serve, and enjoy hours of fun! **Drop-in.**

### Homeschool Hub

**Mondays | 11AM - 12PM**

**Centre Space | All Ages**

Join us for hands-on activities, creative projects, and connection with other homeschoolers. Enjoy a mix of STEM, art, and writing activities that change each week.

**Drop-in.**

### Craft Cart

**Mondays | 5 - 6PM | Children's Area | Ages 6+**

Unleash your imagination with our Craft Cart. Stop by and find the creative supplies that will inspire your next masterpiece. **Drop-in.**

### Preschool Drop-In

**Tuesdays | 10:30AM - 12PM**

**Children's Area | Ages 0+**

Meet in our children's area with your preschool child! We will have puzzles and toys available. This is a great opportunity for little ones and caretakers to meet with others. **Drop-in.**

### Story Time

**Wednesdays | 10 - 10:30AM**

**Children's Area | Ages 2+**

Stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft for children ages 2+ years! **Drop-in.**

### Family Game Night

**Wednesdays | 5:30 - 6:30PM | Centre Space**

Grab the whole crew and drop in for a night of laughs, teamwork, and friendly competition! Whether you're a trivia whiz, or puzzle pro, there is something for everyone! Just show up and play! **Drop-in.**

### Bouncing Babies

**Thursdays & Fridays | 9:30 - 10AM**

**Children's Area | 0-12 Months**

It's never too early to introduce your baby to the wonderful world of books! Enjoy reading and singing with your baby in arms while meeting other caregivers and babies. Please bring a blanket for your little one to sit/lie on.

**Drop-in.**

### Babies On The Move

**Thursdays & Fridays | 10:30 - 11AM**

**Children's Area | 12-24 Months**

Share stories, rhymes, songs and movement with your little one! Enjoy reading and singing with your baby while meeting other caregivers and children. **Drop-in.**

### Drop-In Chess

**Thursdays | 7 - 8PM | Centre Space | Ages 7+**

Drop in for a casual game of chess with our teen volunteer or another chess enthusiast. Beginners welcome! **Drop-in.**





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## Therapy Tails

**Tuesday, Jan. 6 and 20 | 6:30 - 7:30PM**

**Children's Area**

Kids and teens can read stories to the gentle and cute Therapy Tails dogs. Woof! **Drop-in.**

## Stuffy Sleepover

**Friday, Jan 9 | Drop-off by 5PM | Front Desk**

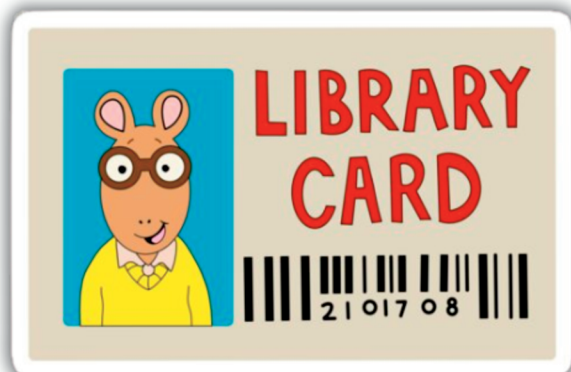
Bring your favourite stuffy to the library for an unforgettable sleepover! Our secret photographers are ready to capture all the exciting adventures your plush pals will experience once the librarians leave for the day. Don't miss the chance to see if they really get some sleep! **Registration required**



## Family Literacy Day - Arthur!

**Thursday, Jan. 22 | 4 - 5PM | Centre Space**

Having fun isn't hard when you've got a library card! Join us in celebrating Family Literacy Day with Arthur themed activities. **Drop-in.**



## Junior Naturalists Club

**Last Tuesday of the Month | 5 - 6PM**

**Centre Space | Ages 8 - 13**

Are you a nature lover? The Grimsby Library Junior Naturalist Club is designed for kids aged 8 to 13 who have an interest in the natural world. Participants will have the opportunity to explore topics such as local salamanders, constellations, pond ecosystems, and raptor migrations. Meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of each month, meeting in the centre space here at the library. Note that some meetings may be off-site.

**Registration Required**







# GPL READING CHALLENGE 2026



## START THE CHALLENGE TODAY!

If you complete all 12 challenges, you can enter our year-end grand prize draw! A form will appear on our website at the end of the year, so start reading and check back in December. You can sign up for the GPL Reading Challenge e-newsletter to get a notification for when the grand prize draw opens.

## NOT SURE WHAT BOOKS TO READ?

Receive monthly reading recommendations for each challenge delivered straight to your inbox throughout the year by signing up for our e-newsletter!



Scan the QR code to sign-up today!

A book that teaches how to do something new	A book set in the world of sports (go Team Canada!)	A book published by a small Canadian publisher	A book set in space or on another planet
A book by a celebrity or public figure	A book you loved from childhood	A book with a title starting with J, U, L, or Y	A book with a Canadian animal on the cover
A book with a fall-inspired front cover	A book with title that has more than 4 words	A book with “ice”, “snow, or “cold” in the title	A book recommended to you by a library staff member



# Collection Feature

Visit [grimsbylibrary.ca](http://grimsbylibrary.ca) and start reading today!



## GPL JR READING CHALLENGE

For ages 6+

**Welcome to the Junior Reading Challenge,  
designed to encourage a love of books!**

### **JANUARY**

Start a new series

### **FEBRUARY**

Read a book about family

### **MARCH**

Read a book with a green cover

### **APRIL**

Read a non-fiction book

### **MAY**

Read a comic book or graphic novel

### **JUNE**

Read a book that takes place in Canada

### **JULY**

Read a "classic" book

### **AUGUST**

Read a book with a cat or dog on the cover

### **SEPTEMBER**

Read a book from a library display

### **OCTOBER**

Read a spooky book

### **NOVEMBER**

Read a book that's also a movie

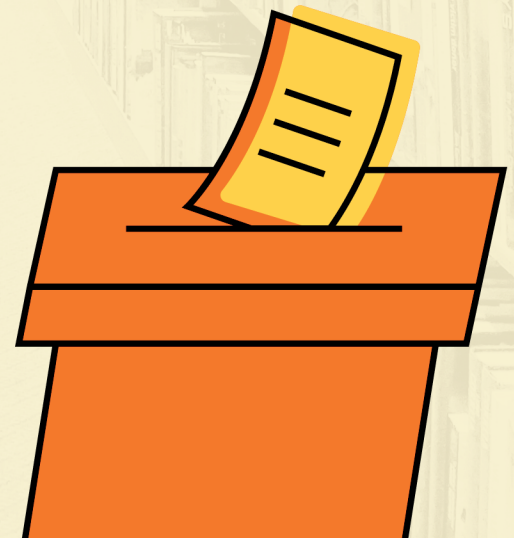
### **DECEMBER**

Read a book that takes place in the winter

## HOW TO JOIN THE CHALLENGE?

It's easy! Read a book that fits into the topic, that's twelve books total. You can do it!

Then once you've finished your book of the month, enter your name and the name of the book into our monthly prize draw! Just fill out the ballot at the desk in the children's area for your chance to win.





# Stay up to Date

Visit [calendar.grimsby.ca/library](http://calendar.grimsby.ca/library) for the latest program/event updates

## Book Sale Bonanza!

January 22 - 25

Start the year with a good book (or a few)!  
Stop by the lobby to browse our book sale tables, filled with books for all ages and interests. The more books you buy, the more space we will have to purchase new exciting additions to our collections.

**\$0.50 per book,  
or fill a bag for just \$2.00!**

Come browse, build your home library,  
and give these books a second life.

## Seedy Saturday

Saturday, February 14

11AM - 3PM

Grimsby Public Library

Get stocked up  
for gardening in 2026!  
More details to come

## How can I stay up to date with my library?



The best way to stay up to date is by subscribing to one of our e-newsletters, delivered straight to your inbox. Scan the QR Code to select the right newsletter for you!

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