Grimsby Public Library

LIBRARY NEWS

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Events and announcements at your local library

December 2026

NEW COLLECTION ITEM!



VoxBooks™
Books that Talk!

With permanently attached VOX Readers, ordinary print books turn into an all-in-one read-along!

Our Programs Calendar has all you need for a festive season!

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Library Closures

- December 24 - Open 9AM-12:30PM
- December 25 to December 28 - CLOSED
- December 31 - Open 9AM-12:30PM
- January 1 - CLOSED

For Adults

Visit grimsbylibrary.ca to register

Helping Your Child Become a Stronger Reader:

Understanding Reading Development, Benchmarks & Next Steps

Thursday, December 3| 6:30-7:30PM
Lounge | Registration required

Join **Elevate Literacy** for a parent workshop on how children learn to read, what to watch for at home, and simple ways to help. We will also discuss the K-2 reading benchmark info shared with Ontario families, what it tells you, and helpful questions to ask. Leave with clearer next steps to support your child.



If you are unable to visit the Grimsby Public Library due to disability, illness or frailty, you can get Library books delivered to your doorstep! Seasonal service is available during the winter months. Fill out the Application Form on our website under 'Services' or contact us for more information.

Come Sit With Me Awhile:

When Ordinary Mornings Become Extraordinary

Tuesday, December 8 | 7-8PM
Lounge | Registration required

Author M.S. Forester explores how resilience is often built quietly. She invites participants to notice the meaning hidden within their own everyday lives and to consider the stories they may not yet realize they are carrying.

Creativity Workshop: Vision Boards

Wednesday, December 9 | 7-8PM
Program Room | Registration required

A vision board is a creative way to give shape to an idea or goal. Adults of all ages are invited to explore their ideas creatively. Bring along a board, photos or meaningful materials. All other materials will be provided.

Euchre Social



Wednesday, December 9 | 7-8PM
Centre Space | Drop-in

Join us for a fun and relaxed Euchre Social! Meet new people, enjoy friendly conversation, and play a few rounds of euchre. Whether you're an experienced player or have never played before, everyone is welcome! Adults and Teens.

Holiday Green Screen Photos

Thursday, December 10 | 6:30PM Start
Limited Sessions Available | Register

Bring your own .jpg backgrounds on a USB drive or use photo backgrounds provided by the library. Come dressed to impress or in a fun costume! Props are welcome. Book a 20 minute time slot for your free photo session.



4 spots available : 6:30, 6:50, 7:10, 7:30

Holiday Wrapping Station



Monday, December 14 to Friday December 18
Centre Space | Drop-in

Skip the stress (and the mess!) this holiday season. Bring your unwrapped presents to the Library's Holiday Wrapping Station. We'll provide a curated selection of free wrapping supplies, including festive paper, ribbons, tags, and more. While supplies last!

For Adults

Visit grimsbylibrary.ca to register

Service Canada Information Table

Wednesday, December 16
1-4PM | Lobby | Drop-in

Chat with a specialist about federal government services, including income tax, getting a social insurance number, employment insurance, the Canada Pension Plan, and more. Service Canada offers many programs and benefits for individuals and families. There is something for everyone!

Brain Injury Support Group

Wednesday, December 16 | 6-7PM
Studio | Registration required

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

Needleworking Social

Wednesday, December 16 | 7:30-8:30PM
Lounge | Drop-in

Get cozy and connect with fellow crafters at our Needleworking Social! Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, embroider, all skill levels are welcome. Bring your own materials and projects, share tips, learn new skills, and enjoy a relaxing evening of creativity and conversation!

NFB Short Films:

Wishes, Wonders and Little Joys: Holiday Compilation

Thursday, Dec 17 | 7-8PM | Lounge | Age 7+

This compilation brings together films by talented filmmakers. Blending whimsy, humour and tenderness, these stories remind us that the holiday season is often a time to cherish life's little joys and simple pleasures.

MOVIE NIGHTS!

All movies start at 6:30PM
Lounge | Drop-in

Twilight

Tuesday, Dec 22



The Muppet Christmas Carol

Wednesday, Dec 23



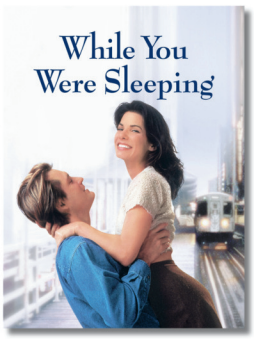
The Magic Faraway Tree

Tuesday, Dec 29



While You Were Sleeping

Wednesday, Dec 30



Become a Library Board Member

The Library is looking for new Board Members for the upcoming 2027-2030 term.

Apply online here or return a paper copy to the Library Circulation Desk.

APPLY HERE

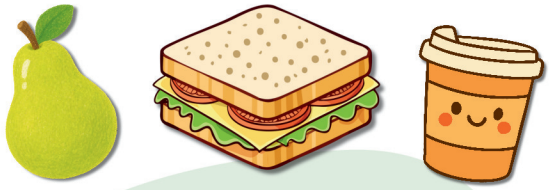
Deadline to apply is December 11 at 4:30PM

For Families

Just drop-in for these library programs!

Weekly Drop-in Programs

Monday



Play Cafe Drop-In

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!





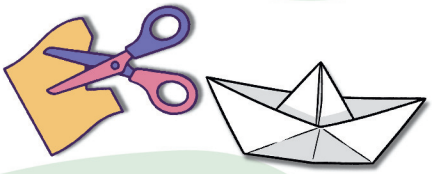
Homeschool Hub

11AM - 1PM

Studio | Ages 5+

Homeschool drop-in is here! Join us Mondays for STEM, handicrafts, and literacy-based activities. The final Homeschool Hub of 2026 will be on **Monday, December 14**. See you in 2027!





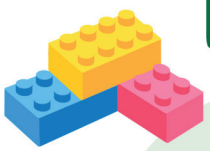
Craft Club

3:45-4:45PM

Centre Space | Ages 6+

Unleash your imagination during our Craft Club, with themed crafts every week. Just bring your creativity and we'll handle the rest!

Tuesday





Lego Club

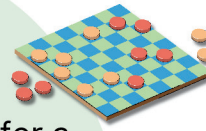
3:45 - 4:45PM

Centre Space | Ages 6+

We love LEGO! Join us at the library every week to show off your creativity and build something exciting.

Wednesday





Family Game Night

5 - 7PM

Centre Space | All Ages

Grab the whole crew and drop in for a night of laughs, teamwork, and friendly competition!

Drop-In Chess

7 - 8PM

Centre Space | Ages 7+

Thursday

Knit & Crochet Club

3:45-4:45PM

Centre Space | Ages 8+

Beginners and avid creators welcome! Learn and hang with pals.



Drop-In Chess

7 - 8PM

Centre Space | Ages 7+



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

For Families

Visit grimsbylibrary.ca to register

Slime Lab

Wednesday, December 2
3:45-4:45PM | Ages 8+ | Register

Squish, stretch, and mould your own slime! Join us each month for a new slime recipe! We'll experiment with exciting themed ingredients to keep things fun (and messy!)

Drop-In Babytime

Thursdays
December 3 & 10
9:30-10AM & 10:30-11AM
0-24 Months | Drop-In
Children's Area

Kids' Book Club

Monthly Program | Register

Read and discuss great books with us! Spaces are limited.



Session 1 | Grades 4-6
Wednesday, December 9 | 3:45-4:45PM

Session 2 | Grades 7-8
Wednesday, December 16 | 3:45-4:45PM

Therapy Tails & Giant Board Games

Tuesday, December 8 & 22
6:30 - 7:30PM | Children's Area | Drop-In

Kids and teens can read stories to the gentle and cute Therapy Tails dogs. Games will be in the lounge. Woof!



Homeschool Hub

Our Homeschool Hub is overflowing! Starting in January, families must register for this program. It will run as a Grimsby-first initiative. Registration opens **December 15 at 9AM.**

Junior Naturalist Club

The annual registration for our popular Junior Naturalist club opens on **December 1st at 9AM.** Please visit the January date in our Programs Calendar to register.

Christmas Storytime + Green Screen

Wednesday, December 16
10- 10:30AM | Ages 2+
Drop-In
Fireplace Lounge
Green screen 9:30-10AM



& Babytime

Thursday, December 17
9:30-10AM & 10:30-11AM
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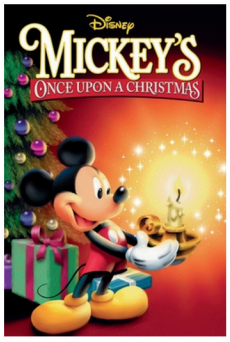
Afternoon Movies!



Mickey's Once Upon A Christmas

Monday, December 21 | 1-2:15PM

Discover the true meaning of the holiday season with Donald, Goofy and Mickey. **Drop-in.**



The Grinch (2018)

Tuesday, December 22 | 1-2:30PM

Based on Dr. Seuss' beloved holiday classic. The Grinch tells the story of a cynical grump who goes on a mission to steal Christmas! **Drop-in.**



Arthur Christmas

Wednesday, December 23 | 1-2:40PM

Santa's clumsy son Arthur sets out on a mission with Grandsanta to give out a misplaced present to a young girl in less than two hours on Christmas Day. **Drop-in.**

PD Day Craft

Make a Snowman



Monday, December 21
Centre Space | Ages 6+
Registration required
11AM-12PM & 12-1PM

Build your very own snowman with air-dry clay!

Holiday Cookie Decorating



Tuesday, December 22
Program Room | Ages 6+
11AM-12PM | Registration required

Come create holiday cookies. Decorate your own delicious treats with holiday icing, and festive sprinkles.

Author Visit!



Wednesday, December 23
Lounge | All ages
11-11:45AM | Drop-In

Join local author Bob Chrystian for a reading of *Where's Fred?* The story of an observant cat watching a fox.

Noon Year's Eve Party

Wednesday, December 30 | 11:30AM-12:15PM
Lounge | Ages 6+ | Registration Required

Celebrate 2027 early! **Enjoy a magic show by Calvin the Magician!** Join us to watch the ball drop, dance, and take part in the excitement of a new year, no need to stay up past bedtime.

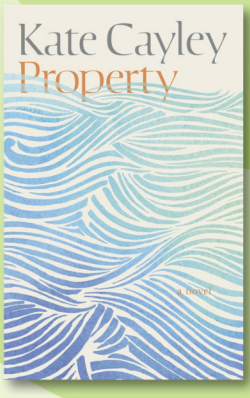
Registration will open on December 1 at 9AM.

2027

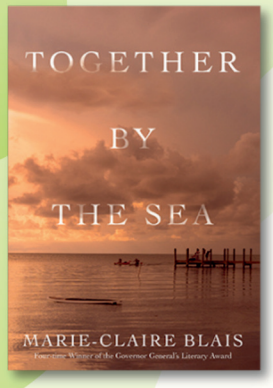
Collection Features

Celebrate • Learn • Place holds in our online catalogue today!

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S LITERARY AWARDS



Fiction



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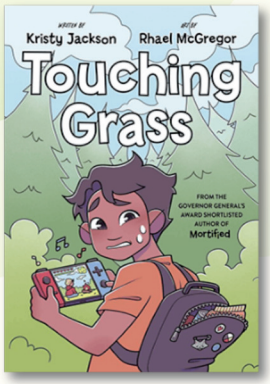


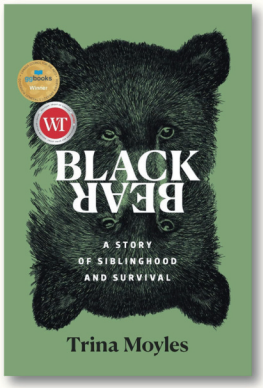
Young People's Literature - Text



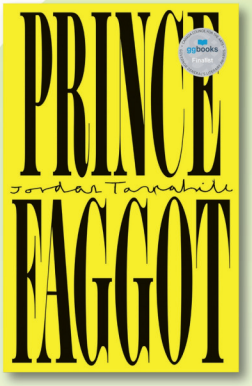
Young People's Literature - Illustrated



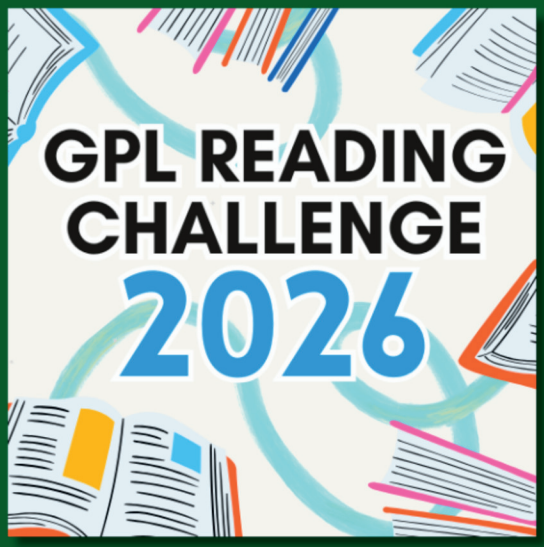
Poetry



Non-fiction



Drama



Did you complete the challenge?

Submissions for this year's prize draw are open now!

You can submit your completed list of titles on our website.

OR in-person by visiting the library.

Submissions will close Thursday, December 31.

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Stay up to Date

Visit grimsbylibrary.ca

Things to look for in 2027

Book Club Additions

We recently added six new titles to our Book Club in a Bag sets, featuring some of our most popular titles. Visit our website to reserve a set!



Grimsby Author Series Returns This Spring!

Our fall series sold out fast! Stay tuned for an exciting lineup of authors visiting the library throughout the spring season. Tickets on-sale in February!



Seedy Saturday

Saturday, February 20
10AM - 2PM
West Lincoln Public Library
SMITHVILLE BRANCH

Get stocked up for gardening in 2027! More details to come

How can I stay up to date with GPL in 2027?

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

Inbox too full? No worries!
You can also follow us on social media.

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