

# Grimsby Public Library

# LIBRARY NEWS

Events and announcements at your local library



FEBRUARY 2026

## SEEDY SATURDAY

Saturday, February 14 | 11AM - 3PM  
18 Carnegie Lane, Grimsby

Seedy Saturday is a free community event to help you get ready for the 2026 gardening season, with plenty of seeds to discover and local speakers and organizations to inspire your garden plans.



## FEATURED SPEAKERS



### Landscaping a Small Yard

Design Tips from a Pro

11:15AM - 12:00PM



### Keystone Species

The best native species to support local biodiversity

12:15PM - 1:00PM



### Gardening for Nature

How to support nature in your own backyard

1:15PM - 2:00PM



### My Niagara Garden

Making the Most of Your Garden

2:15PM - 3:00PM

# For Adults

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



## 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!

**Monday, Feb. 9 | 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.**



## The Kindness Circle

**Tuesday, Feb. 10 | 6:30 - 7:30PM**

**Program Room**

Join us for a monthly, facilitated conversation where participants share stories, poems, and lived experiences around themes such as kindness, resilience, and community. This welcoming, inclusive program is designed to build connection and support emotional wellbeing through shared storytelling, hosted by local author and educator Harjeet Dhillon.

**Registration required.**

## Meet a Professional or Hobbyist: Understand Mutual Funds, Segregated Funds and Insurance products

**Wednesday, Feb. 11 | 7 - 8PM | Lounge**

Learn the basics of mutual funds, segregated funds, and insurance options such as life, critical illness, and disability insurance in this accessible, beginner-friendly session. Discover how these tools fit into financial planning and what to consider when evaluating your options. Presented by Mike Pakreslis, Chartered Investment Manager and licensed insurance professional. **Registration required.**



## Writing at GPL

**Thursday, Feb. 12 | 6:30 - 7:30PM**

**Program Room | Ages 17+**

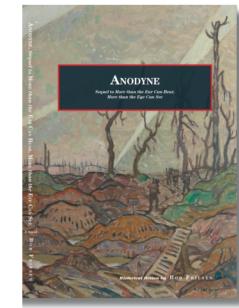
Join us for prompts, exercises and a chance to develop your writing skills! Our program is designed to inspire creativity and build confidence in your writing journey. All levels are welcome—bring your ideas, your curiosity, and your writing tools! **Drop-in.**

## Author Visit: Bob Friesen

**Thursday, Feb. 12 | 7 - 8PM | Lounge**

Please join us for a presentation by local author, Bob Friesen, on his new novel *Anodyne*.

This second book of a trilogy set in Grimsby Beach is a fast-paced spy adventure that follows characters from the first novel as they experience the events of the First World War. **Drop-in.**



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## Brain Injury Association of Niagara Peer Support Group

**Wednesday, Feb. 18 | 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.

## Off The Page

**Thursday, Feb. 19 | 6:30 - 7:30PM | Lounge**

Two featured poets will read their poetry before an open mic segment for anyone that would like to share their work. **Drop-in.**

## Guided Meditation

**Monday, Feb. 23 | 7 - 7:45PM | Program Room**

Find calm, clarity, and connection. 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 offers a welcoming space to pause, breathe, and recharge.

**Registration Required.**



## Intermediate Ukulele

**Monday, Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 23, 30**

**10 - 10:45AM | Studio | Ages 9+**

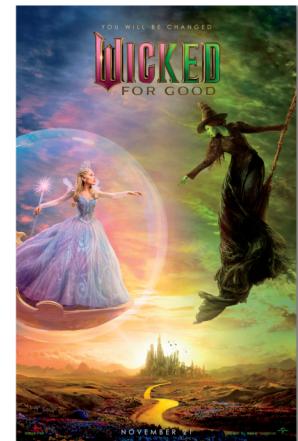
If you already know a few ukulele chords, please join us to continue learning more about this accessible instrument. We will play songs with more advanced chords, and cover topics such as strumming techniques, finger-picking, reading tab, and how to learn some of your favourite songs. **Registration required.**

## Movie Night: *Wicked: For Good*

**Thursday, Feb. 26 | 6:30 - 8:45PM | Lounge**

Join us for a movie featuring *Wicked: For Good!*

After challenging the Wizard's totalitarian regime in Oz, Elphaba must grapple with her identity as the "Wicked Witch." Meanwhile, the Wizard has given Glinda the title "Glinda the Good". The two witches must make decisions that seal their fates in this second musical installment. **Drop-in.**



## Community Volunteer Income Tax Program Clinics

**Monday, March 2 - Thursday, April 30**

**Registration Starts February 9, register by phone only**

Have your income taxes completed by a volunteer with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program from March 2 - April 30! Call the Library at **905-945-5142** to set up an appointment. You are eligible for CVITP tax services if you have a simple tax situation and a modest income. Call to register.



This CVITP service is a collaboration between the Grimsby Public Library and the Canada Revenue Agency.

# 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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## Reading Buddies

**Tuesdays, Feb. 3 - April 7 | 4 - 4:45PM**

**Children's Area | Grades 1 - 4**

Children in grades 1 - 4 will work one-on-one with a trained high school volunteer who will guide each session and provide support. The 'Big Buddy' and 'Little Buddy' will collaborate to read aloud early readers, decodable books, graphic novels, picture books, and chapter books. This program combines reading practice aimed at improving skills such as decoding, predicting, and making connections, with enjoyable activities to inspire a love of reading.

**Our winter program session is full. Please keep an eye out for when this program returns later this spring.**

## Therapy Tails

**Tuesday, Feb. 3 and 17 | 6:30 - 7:30PM**

**Children's Area**

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

## Great Backyard Bird Count

**Feb 13 - 15 | Children's Area**

Every year bird enthusiasts around the world take part in the three-day event counting birds to help create a real-time snap shot of how many birds are where. Come hang out in the children's area for at least 15 minutes between February 13-15, watch for birds on our patio and record your sightings on our tally sheet. At the end of the event, we will submit the numbers as part of the Great Backyard Bird Count!

## PD Day: Library Winter Olympics

**Friday, Feb. 13 | 11AM - 12PM | Centre Space**

Join our Library Winter Olympics this PD Day! Enjoy fun Olympic-themed activities.

**Registration required.**

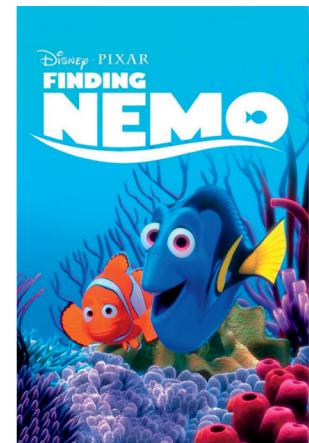
## PD Day Movie: *Finding Nemo*

**Friday, Feb. 13 | 1 - 2:40PM | Lounge**

Join us for a movie afternoon featuring *Finding Nemo*. There Are 3.7 Trillion Fish In The Ocean. They Are Looking For One.

A heartwarming and adventurous animated film that follows the story of Marlin, an clownfish, and his son Nemo, who is captured and taken to a dentist's office fish tank. Together, they embark on a journey across the ocean to rescue Nemo and overcome their fears.

**Drop-in.**



## Family Day Grab & Go Craft Kits

**Feb 2 - 14 | Available while supplies last**

Although we'll be closed on Family Day, we've put together fun take-home kits for you and your family to celebrate together. Stop by and pick up your kit before they're gone!



# Collection Feature

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



## Blind Date With a book

**Monday, Feb. 9 - Saturday, Feb. 14**

This Valentine's Day, skip the awkward small talk and enjoy a blind date with a book instead! Each book is wrapped to keep its identity secret and includes a few treats for a cozy night in. This might just be the start of a beautiful reading relationship.

Limit: one blind date (book) per person while supplies last

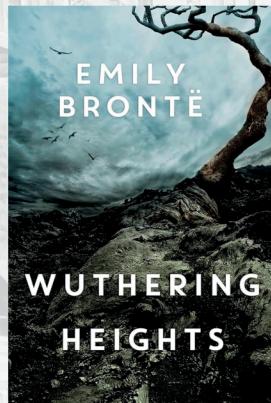
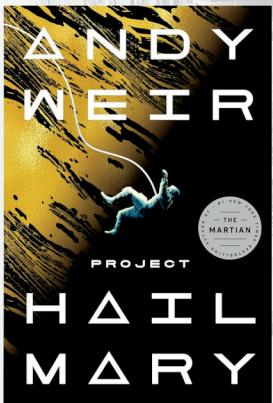
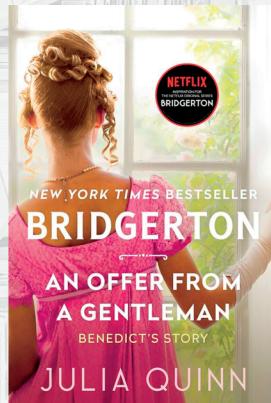
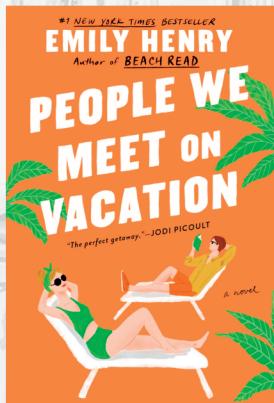
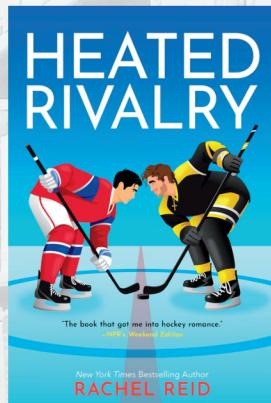
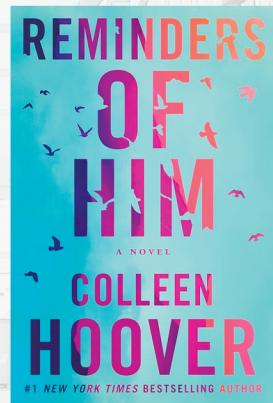
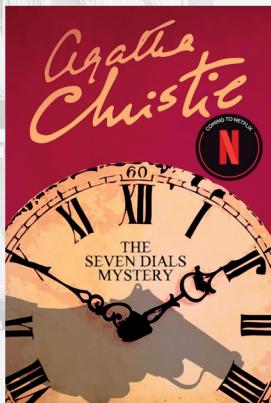
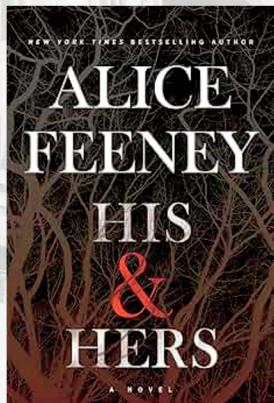


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## From Page to Screen



# Stay up to Date

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



# SPRING SEASON COMING SOON!



**Friday, March 27th @7PM**  
**Friday, April 17th @7PM**  
**Friday, May 22nd @7PM**

**Tickets on-sale  
Monday, February 23 at 9AM**



## Watch the Winter Olympics at GPL



**Friday, Feb. 6 | 2 - 4:45PM | Lounge**

Kick off the Winter Olympics at the Library! Join us to watch the Opening Ceremony, then drop in throughout February as we stream Olympic events in our lounge. Grab a seat, soak up the excitement, and cheer on Team Canada!

Stream for free on CBC Gem

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



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