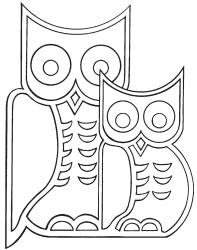


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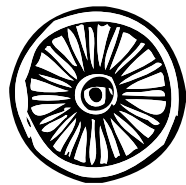
ST. CATHARINES PUBLIC LIBRARY STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The St. Catharines Public Library Board is committed to providing all the citizens of St. Catharines with the highest level of library services, materials and facilities within the resources available to meet their informational, educational and recreational needs.

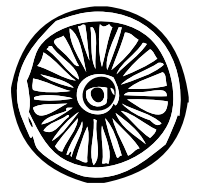
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The Cherry-Wood Horse A Pioneer Story



Join us for a reading of *The Cherry-Wood Horse* by local author Barbara Weiler. Her new book, intended for children ages 8-12, follows David and his Mennonite family as they find a new home in Upper Canada. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the story and to see the author attired in traditional pioneer clothing.

- Saturday, January 21 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm • CENTRAL, Story Hour Room • FREE

BROCK Talks

Join us for Brock Talks, an exciting new speaker series with Brock University's Faculty of Humanities. Professors will speak about their fascinating areas of research, ranging from Classics to the Dramatic Arts!

- "The Gladiators' Code: Life in the Roman Arena"

Dr. Michael Carter

- Thursday, January 19 • 7:30 pm

- "Finding Direction:

What Does a Theatre Director Actually Do?"

Dr. Virginia Reh

- Wednesday, February 29 • 7:30 pm

- Topic to be Announced

Dr. Ann Howey

- Wednesday, March 28 • 7:30 pm

- CENTRAL, Mills Room • FREE

For further details, please call 905-688-6103, Ext. 211.



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Computers 1

Let staff introduce you to the basic components of the computer. Learn mouse and keyboarding skills and how to operate a Windows computer. No experience necessary!

Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, January 11 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Friday, January 27 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, January 20 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Computers 2

Explore the Windows operating system and learn to manage and organize your files and folders. Pre-requisite: *Computers 1* or basic mouse and keyboard skills. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, January 18 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Friday, February 3 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, January 27 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Internet 1

Learn to surf the Internet using web addresses. Pre-requisite: basic knowledge of computers. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, January 25 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Friday, February 10 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, February 3 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Internet 2

Improve your Internet searching skills by using search engines and web directories. Pre-requisite: *Internet 1* or basic knowledge of computers and the Internet. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, February 1 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Friday, January 6, February 17 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, February 10 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Internet 3

Focus your searches to find just the right information and explore new forms of information on the Internet. Pre-requisite: *Internet 2*. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, February 15 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Friday, January 13, February 24 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, January 6, February 17 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Computer Training at the Central Library

Recommended for ages 15 and above.

- **Registration required for all courses.**
- **Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance**
- **Sessions may be cancelled if courses are not filled**
- **Please note that there is a fee of \$2.00 should you choose to purchase a course handout for any of the free classes.**
- **For more information or to register, please call 905-688-6103, ext. 211**

Internet 4

Find it ALL online - even hidden treasures that are not freely available. Use online tools, such as directories and databases, explore portals and download forms. Pre-requisite: *Internet 3*. Register for one of the dates below:

- Wednesday, January 4, February 22 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Friday, January 20 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, January 13, February 24 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Email

Learn to send, receive and organize your email using Gmail, a free web-based email service. Basic knowledge of computers and the Internet required. Pre-registration is required.

- Saturday, January 7 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- FEE: \$5.00 + HST

Get HIP! Learn to use the Library Catalogue

Let us introduce you to Horizon Information Portal (HIP), our online catalogue and gateway to books, DVDs, articles, music and much more. Register for one of the dates below.

- Tuesday, January 17, February 7 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- FREE

Microsoft Word Basics

Learn the basics of creating stylish letters, professional looking reports and other useful documents in Microsoft Word 2010. Basic knowledge of computers required. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, February 29 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Saturday, February 4 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- FEE: \$5.00 + HST

Facebook 1 facebook

Explore the world of social networking with Facebook. Create a profile, update your status and connect with friends. Basic knowledge of the Computer and the Internet are required. Each participant must also have a **valid email address**. Register for one of the dates below.

- Thursday, January 19 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Thursday, February 16 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FEE: \$5.00 + HST



Facebook 2 facebook

Enhance your Facebook experience by experimenting with popular Facebook features. Learn how to upload pictures, connect with organizations, create groups, and master private messaging and chat. Pre-requisite: *Facebook 1*.

- Thursday, January 26 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Thursday, February 23 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FEE: \$5.00 + HST



Tech Time

Join us for a free, drop-in computer class where adults can ask questions and practice their computer and Internet skills in a relaxed environment. Receive one-on-one help with basic computer software issues, searching the Internet, accessing the Library catalogue and electronic resources, email, word processing, social networking and more! Pre-registration is NOT required.

- Saturday, January 21 • 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Saturday, February 18 • 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
- FREE

DISCOVER YOUR ROOTS

This program provides a basic overview of many genealogical resources and how to access and use them. Call 905-688-6103, ext. 220 to register. Space is limited.

- Thursday, February 16 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Special Collections, 2nd Floor, Central Library • FREE

GENEALOGY On The Internet

Learn about and explore genealogical websites, and develop your research skills. Pre-requisite: *Internet 1* or basic knowledge of computers and the Internet. Pre-registration is required.

- Thursday, February 9 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- CENTRAL, Learning Resource Centre • FREE

For more information or to register,
call 905-688-6103, ext. 211.

Online Research 101

Learn to search Census Records, Wills, Passenger Lists, Birth, Marriage & Death Records and many other unique full-text primary sources with user-friendly search tools and comprehensive indexes to find the story of your ancestors.

- Thursday, January 12 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- CENTRAL, Learning Resource Centre • FREE

For more information or to register,
call 905-688-6103, ext. 211.

Job and Career Searching Online

Use national and local websites to find both public and private job postings, and discover new career possibilities by using the Internet and our electronic databases. Tap into the hidden job market and learn to research companies and job trends through government information, business directories, and even the newspaper. In addition, get tips on resume preparation, cover letters, and interview skills.

- Tuesday, January 10 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Saturday, February 11 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- CENTRAL, Learning Resource Centre • FREE

Pre-registration is required.

DOWNLOAD Audiobooks & eBooks



Want to download popular audiobooks and eBooks from home? Join us for a demonstration of the library's new Overdrive collection. You will learn how to find, download and transfer audiobooks and eBooks to your computer or portable device. Pre-requisite: basic knowledge of computers and the Internet. Register for one of the dates below:

- Wednesday, January 11 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Saturday, January 28 • 10:00 - 11:00 am
- Wednesday, February 8 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Saturday, February 25 • 10:00 - 11:00 am
- Central Library, Learning Resource Centre • FREE

For more information or to register,
call 905-688-6103, ext. 211.

Afternoons for Adults

For more information, please call 905-688-6103, ext. 227 or ask Staff at the Central Library's Children's & Community Services Information Desk. All programs are free, no pre-registration required.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME

Whether you are already retired or dreaming about the future, there are many financial issues to consider. Marianne Dhimi, a Certified Financial Planner, will discuss strategies for making your retirement income go further, including what you need to know for tax season.

- Tuesday, February 7, 2012 • 2:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room, 54 Church Street

SAFARIS AND BEYOND



If you've ever wanted to travel outside the usual tourist destinations, this presentation is for you. Erica Jurus, coordinator for the Niagara College Explorers' Club, will talk about going beyond your comfort zone for an exciting and enriching travel experience. Photos from the club's recent Kenyan safari will be highlighted.

- Tuesday, February 28, 2012 • 2:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room, 54 Church Street

TECHNOLOGY 101

Are you curious about things like GPS, tablet computers and digital media? Tech expert David Bott will guide you through the latest gadgets and technology and talk about what trends you need to know.

- Tuesday, March 6, 2012 • 2:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room, 54 Church Street

TRIVIA AFTERNOON

Teams of 2 players are invited to compete as we test your knowledge of trivia. Prizes will be awarded. **Please register in advance by calling 905-688-6103 ext. 227.**

- Tuesday, April 3, 2012 • 2:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room, 54 Church Street



CREATING COLOURFUL GARDENS

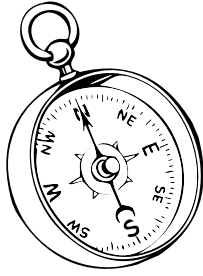
Beckie Fox, editor of Garden Making Magazine, will show you how to transform your garden from an ordinary space into a work of art. New and experienced gardeners alike are welcome to attend.

- Tuesday, April 24, 2012 • 2:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room, 54 Church Street

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Please join us for a delightful concert of classical music as Lynne Brinkman, well-known local accompanist, plays a revue of familiar and well-loved pieces.

- Tuesday, May 1, 2012 • 2:00 pm 
- Central Library, Mills Room, 54 Church Street 



Exploring in the 21st Century

Explorer and author Adam Shoalts has ventured from the jungles of the Amazon to the frozen tundra of the sub-Arctic. Last summer, the Royal Canadian Geographic Society sponsored his expedition to explore a nameless river deep in the Canadian wilderness that had never been previously explored in recorded history. Please join us as Adam shares exciting tales and photographs from his most recent adventure!

- Wednesday, January 25 • 7:30 pm
- CENTRAL, Mills Room • FREE

The 6th-Century BCE Shipwreck at Pabuç Burnu, Turkey

In the first half of the sixth century B.C.E., a ship sank off the Turkish coast, near the modern town of Bodrum. Excavated in 2002 and 2003 by the Institute of Nautical Archaeology, the vessel's preserved cargo and hull construction provide glimpses into systems of local transportation and trade in the Archaic Period (ca. 800-500 B.C.E.). Join Dr. Elizabeth Greene, Assistant Professor of Classics at Brock University, for a fascinating talk about her ongoing research into this ancient shipwreck.

- Tuesday, February 7 • 7:30 pm
- CENTRAL, Mills Room • FREE



LEARN TO PREPARE YOUR OWN TAXES

a seminar co-sponsored by Canada Revenue Agency
Bring your information slips and receipts, and learn how to prepare your own personal income tax return.

- Thursday, March 8 • 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- Merritt Branch, 149 Hartzel Rd.
- Call 905-682-3568

or

- Thursday, March 15 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- CENTRAL, Mills Room, 54 Church Street
- Call 905-688-6103, ext. 211.

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE.

CANADIAN AUTHORS IN ACTION An Evening of Short Stories

Niagara authors Barb Weiler, Karen Gansel, Samantha Craggs and John Barta, will read a selection of stories from their published works. Please join us for an evening of literary entertainment. Everyone is welcome.

- Wednesday, February 15 • 7:30 pm
- CENTRAL, Mills Room • FREE

For further information,
please call 905-688-6103, ext. 228.

Co-sponsored by the Canadian Authors Association.



Baking with the Allergy-Free Cook

Meet local cookbook author Laurie Sadowski and learn the ins and outs of baking allergy-free food. Her book, *The Allergy-Free Cook Bakes Bread*, outlines how to perfect gluten-free, dairy-free, egg-free, soy-free, and vegan breads, muffins, cinnamon rolls, and everything else you crave! Laurie will deliver tips on baking with yeast, cross contamination, resources in the Niagara Region, adapting your own recipes and more!

- Thursday, February 16 • 7:30 pm
- CENTRAL, Mills Room • FREE



Sustainability Series: Food Security

Please join members of Climate Action Niagara for what promises to be an interesting and informative series of discussions on environmental issues related to food security and sustainability in the Niagara Region.

Protecting Local Soils for Food Security

Discussions on issues that are depleting the integrity of Niagara soils, plus methods for protecting soil health through sustainable practices.

- Tuesday, January 10 • 7:00 pm
- CENTRAL, Mills Room • FREE

What is 'Local' Food Security?

This presentation will include a film and open discussion on the issues related to local food security, including the role that individuals can play.

- Tuesday, April 17 • 7:00 pm
- CENTRAL, Mills Room • FREE

The Economics of Farming

How does one start a farm? From a business plan, to education and regulations, this forum will provide a practical discussion on the costs, pitfalls and opportunities of farming.

- Wednesday, May 23 • 7:00 pm
- CENTRAL, Mills Room • FREE



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KIWANIS AQUATIC CENTRE AND GRANTHAM BRANCH

(Lester B. Pearson Park)

Donation Opportunities

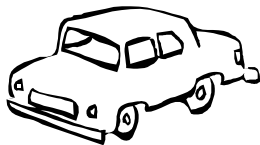
A variety of donation programs exist which provide opportunities for the public to support the creation of this new branch. These programs include: Honour with Books, the Endowment and Trust Fund, Grantham Branch Donor Wall and Naming Rights.

For more information:

- Pick up a brochure at any Library location
- Visit www.stcatharines.library.on.ca/donate
- Call Administration at, 905-688-6103 ext 236
- Or send your enquires to
admin@stcatharines.library.on.ca

(The Center is expected to open in the spring of 2012)

VISITING LIBRARY SERVICE



Library materials can be delivered to your home by volunteers through the Visiting Library Service. Any resident of St. Catharines who is housebound due to a short or long-term illness (minimum of 3 months), physical disability or age, and who is unable to obtain materials from the Library, may request this service. To register, please call the Central Library at 905-688-6103, ext.227. Staff will be happy to discuss your reading and/or listening preferences with you.

Volunteers interested in delivering materials to patrons who are registered with the Visiting Library Service should call the Central Library at 905-688-6103, ext.227.



The St. Catharines Public Library provides its own chat-based information and research service. Our reference librarians are available during regular library hours to answer any questions that you may have, from in-depth, course-related research to simply placing holds on books.

Chat with us by clicking on the “**Chat with Us**” button from the Library website at www.stcatharines.library.on.ca.

You can also send us an email at askus@stcatharines.library.on.ca, call us at **905-688-6103 ext. 211** or visit us in person.

For local history or genealogy questions, please call **905-688-6103, ext. 220** or email us at special.collections@stcatharines.library.on.ca.

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

CENTRAL

54 Church Street, L2R 7K2

905-688-6103, fax 905-688-6292

Tues. - Thurs.	10 am - 9 pm
Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday	1:30 pm - 5 pm
	Oct. - Dec.
	Jan. - May

GRANTHAM

Grantham Plaza

400 Scott Street, L2M 3W4

905-934-7511

Tues. - Fri.	10 am - 8 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm

MERRITT

149 Hartzel Road, L2P 1N6

905-682-3568

Tues. - Fri.	10 am - 8 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm

PORT DALHOUSIE

23 Brock Street, L2N 5E1

905-646-0220

Tuesday	1 pm - 8 pm
Thursday	10 am - 8 pm
Saturday	11 am - 4 pm

Sunday Hours

CENTRAL LIBRARY

1:30 pm - 5 pm

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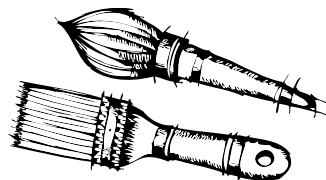
Closed Easter Sunday.

SATURDAY MORNING GARDENING CLINICS

A Master Gardener will be in the foyer of the Central Library Saturday, January 7 and Saturday, February 4 from 9:30 - 11:30 am to answer your gardening questions.

THANK YOU GOVERNOR SIMCOE

The Library thanks art students Jen, Anne, Ashley, Jacob and Paige for adding a festive touch to the window in the Children's Corner at the Central Library with their seasonal artwork.



ST. CATHARINES PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Regular Meetings

Central Library, 54 Church Street
7:00 pm

Thursday, January 26, 2012

Thursday, February 16, 2012

LIBRARY SERVICES CONTACTS

A listing of extensions to help answer your questions. Please call 905-688-6103

Administration	Ext. 236
Adult Information/Reference	Ext. 211
Audio Visual (CDs/DVDs)	Ext. 227
Children/Young Adult Services	Ext. 227
Circulation	Ext. 210
Fiction/Community Services	Ext. 227
Interlibrary Loans ...	Ext. 219
Overdues	Ext. 221
Room Bookings	Ext. 238
Special Collections ..	Ext. 220
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