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October 2026



ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK

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celebrating 125 years of the
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Ontario Library Association

Our Programs Calendar has all you
need for an exciting Spoooky season!



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Library Closures

Sunday, October 11 & Monday, October 12 - Thanksgiving

For Adults

Visit grimsbylibrary.ca to register

DID YOU NOTICE?

We have a new screen, projector and speakers in the Lounge!

Thank you to Hamilton Video & Sound for making our dream set-up come to life! Join us for an author talk or presentation to enjoy this incredible new addition to the library!



Community Linux Workshop

Saturday, October 10 | 11AM-12PM

Lounge | Drop-In

Explore Linux in this beginner-friendly, hands-on workshop. Linux is a free alternative to Windows and Mac OS. In this program, you can test-drive Linux on your own laptop, or one of our demos. Presented by Linux enthusiast and computer science student **Nathaniel Mierau**.

Marconics Energy Healing

Tuesday, October 13 | 7-8PM

Lounge | Registration required

Marconics Energy Healing is a gentle energy healing practice that works with your body's natural energy system. **Nisreen Mama-Foda** will discuss Marconics and the potential benefits.



Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu

Thursday, October 8

6:30-8:45PM | Lounge

Legendary Mandalorian bounty hunter Din Djarin and his young apprentice Grogu are enlisted to protect the New Republic and everything the Rebellion fought for.



Author Talk: Alissa Orsulak

Thursday, October 15 | 7-8PM

Lounge | Registration required

The Other Side: Embracing My Brain Injury by **Alissa Orsulak** is a heartfelt memoir chronicling her journey of recovery after an acquired brain injury. Through candid and reflective storytelling, Alissa shares the physical, emotional, and cognitive challenges she faced while learning to navigate life anew.

Startup in a Saturday:



A Hands-On Workshop for First-Time Founders

Saturday, October 17 | 10AM-2PM

Lounge | Registration required

Always thought about starting something but never knew where to begin? Startup in a Saturday is a free 4-hour workshop for first-time founders, side-hustlers, and anyone with an itch they can't quite shake. No business background is required. The workshop is led by **Baraa Fattal**.



Movie Nights



Minions & Monsters

Wednesday, October 14

6:30-8PM | Lounge

Minions became movie stars, lost everything, unleashed monsters upon the world, then banded together to try and save the planet from the very mayhem they created!



For Adults

Visit grimsbylibrary.ca to register



Tech Help

Wednesdays | 4-5PM

Saturdays | 11AM-1PM

Volunteers are here to help you with your technology questions! **Drop-In.**

Library After Hours: Bookish Crafts

Saturday, October 17 | 7-8:30PM

Centre Space | Registration required

Calling all adults! It's your turn for craft time. Watch *Hocus Pocus* under the string lights in the library while we bedazzle books, make bookmarks, and meet new crafty pals! Bring your own book, all other materials provided.



Book Tasting

Monday, October 19 | 9AM-2PM

Centre Space | Drop-In

Celebrate Public Library Week by discovering your next favorite book! Stop by to sample a wide selection of titles from different genres and authors.



Service Canada Information Table

Tuesday, October 20

1-4PM | Lobby | Drop-In

Service
Canada

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!

Available 24/7 in the Online Library

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Brain Injury Support Group

Wednesday, October 21 | 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.

Intermediate Ukulele

Mondays, Oct 26-Nov 23 | Ages 9+

10-10:45AM | Studio | Registration required

If you already know a few ukulele chords, join us to continue learning more about this accessible instrument including advanced chords and strumming techniques!



Death Café Gathering

Wednesday, Oct 28 | 6:30-8PM

Studio | Registration required



In a safe, supportive space, we'll explore perspectives, share stories, and deepen our understanding of mortality and meaning over warm drinks & cake. This program is facilitated by **Lauren Peart**, an End-of-Life Death Doula, Reiki Master and Holistic Health & Wellness Practitioner.

Author Talk: Margot Stornelli

Thursday, October 29 | 7-8PM

Lounge | Registration required



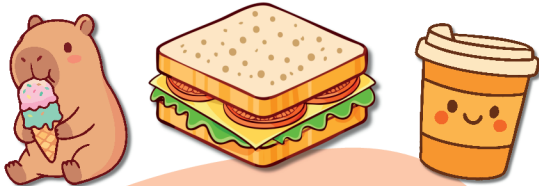
When Margot returns home after her senior year abroad and finds love in Canada, will she relocate and live happily ever after? A teenage adventure of a lifetime across the pond opened her eyes to a world of love, diversity, and endless possibilities. Join **Margot Stornelli** as she discusses her debut memoir, *The Big Red Suitcase*.

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! **Drop-in.**



Homeschool Hub

11AM - 1PM

Studio | Ages 5+

Homeschool Drop-In is back! Join us Mondays for STEM, handicrafts, and literacy-based activities plus a chance to connect with other homeschoolers.



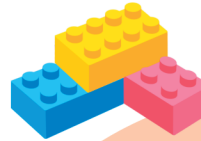
Craft Club

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! September theme: Fat Bear Week!

Tuesday



Preschool Drop-In

10:30AM-12:30PM

Children's Area | Ages 0+

Stop by with your preschool child to enjoy puzzles and toys!

Lego Club

3:45 - 4:45PM

Centre Space | Ages 6+

Did you love our Summer Lego Club? So did we! Join us for a new building challenge every week.



Wednesday



Family Game Night

5 - 7PM

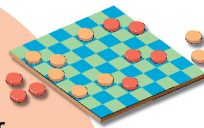
Centre Space | All Ages

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



Drop-In Chess

7 - 8PM

Centre Space | Ages 7+

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



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Slime Lab

Wednesday, October 7

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

October 1, 8, 15

9:30-10AM & 10:30-11AM

0-24 Months | Drop-In
Children's Area



Kids' Book Club

Monthly Program | Lounge | Register

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

Session 1 | Grades 4-6

*Tuesday, October 20 | 3:45-4:45PM

*Please note this club generally runs on the
2nd Wednesday of each month.

Session 2 | Grades 7-8

Wednesday, October 21 | 3:45-4:45PM

This club will run the 3rd Wednesday of each
month.

Therapy Tails & Giant Board Games

Tuesday, October 13 & 27

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!



Book Tasting

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Scribble Bar

October 19 - 25 | Lounge | All Ages | Drop-In

Celebrate Ontario Public Library Week with us! We're setting up a doodle station at the library to engage young minds in creative activities! Stop by to create your own doodle masterpiece. The best designs will be turned into library bookmarks and tote bags. Your art could be everywhere!

For Families

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Spoooky Season

Peanuts Celebration!

Friday, October 23

3:45-4:45 PM | Centre Space

Ages 6+

Join us for a Peanuts-themed celebration! Create Snoopy and Charlie Brown crafts, play comic-inspired games, and relax in our Peanuts reading nook.

Registration Required



PD DAY

Monday, October 26



Movie Afternoon:

Hotel Transylvania:
Transformania

1-2:30 PM | Lounge
Drop-In



DIY Halloween Trick-or-Treat Bag

11 AM-12 PM | Centre Space

Ages 7+ | Registration Required

Halloween Cookie Decorating

Wednesday, Oct 28 | 3:45-4:45 PM | Ages 6+ | Program Room

Come create spooky cookies! Decorate your own delicious treats with eerie icing, and creepy sprinkles. **Registration required.**



Halloween Storytimes

Storytime

Wednesday, October 28

10-10:30 AM

Children's Area | Drop-In



Babytime

Thursday, October 29

9:30-10 AM & 10:30-11 AM

Children's Area | Drop-In



HALLOWEEN AFTER DARK DANCE PARTY

Halloween Costume Party

Friday, October 30 | 7-8 PM | Centre Space | All Ages | **Registration Required**

Calling all witches, wizards, ghosts, and ghouls! Come dance the night away at our Library after-dark Halloween Costume Dance Party.

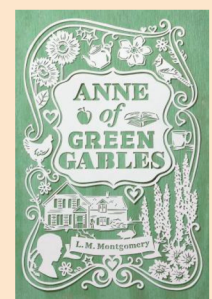
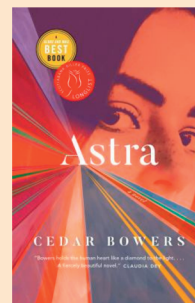
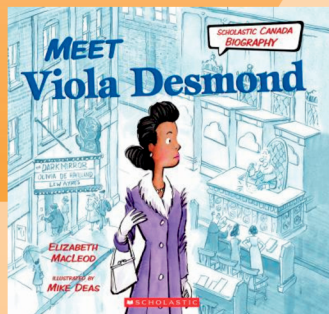
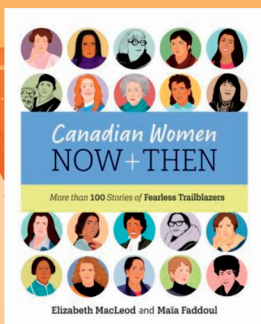
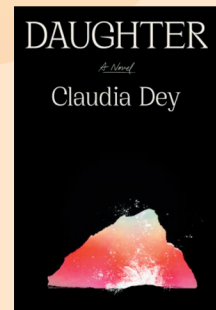
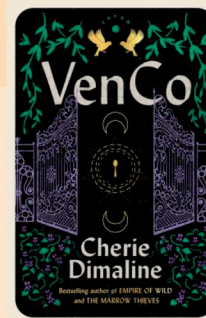
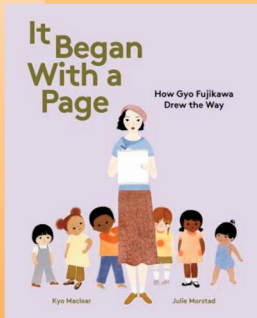
Visit our [online calendar](#) for more details!



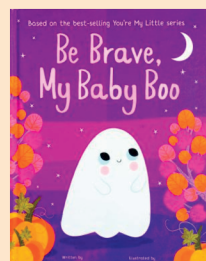
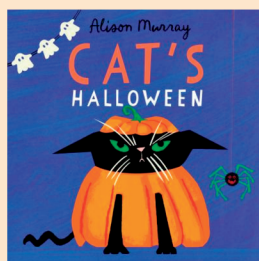
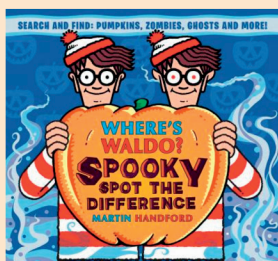
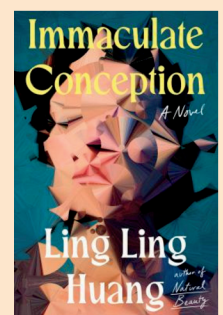
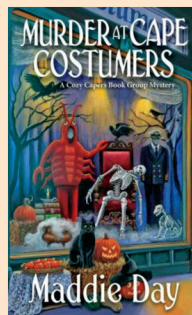
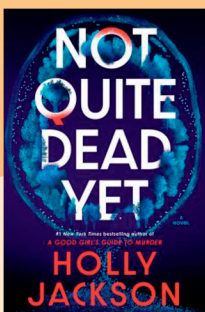
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Canadian Women's History Month



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STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2030



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Vision

Integral to a thriving community, we are Grimsby's home for learning, creativity, and connection.



Mission and Values

We bring knowledge, resources, and experiences within reach, helping people navigate and participate in community life

- Community First
- Learning for Life
- Everyone Belongs
- Access for All
- Trusted and Open

Learn more about how these strategic priorities position GPL to build on its successes, respond to emerging opportunities, and continue serving as a trusted, innovative community hub that is ready for what's next.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- 1 Delivering What Matters
- 2 Connecting Our Community
- 3 Growing with Grimsby



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