



Once upon a

Summer!

2026 **SUMMER READING**
CHALLENGE
& **PROGRAM** Norfolk County 
Public Library
Delhi • Port Dover • Port Rowan • Simcoe • Waterford

Welcome to the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge & Program!

Once Upon a Summer, people across Norfolk County read books to win prizes in the Summer Reading Challenge and enjoyed hands-on activities in the Summer Reading Program. Everyone agreed that it was a FANTASTIC summer at the Norfolk County Public Library!



The Challenge:

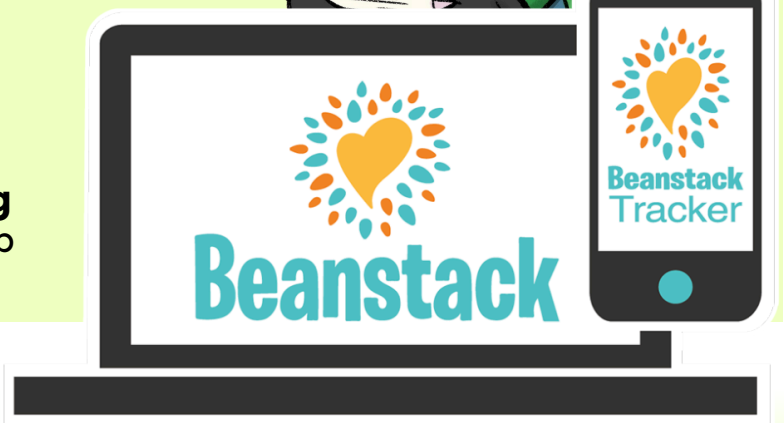
- Read books to win prizes!
- Four prize levels to keep you motivated!
- By tracking minutes read, everyone can join in, no matter their age or reading speed and ability!

The Program:

- Beyond the books, the summer is full of hands-on programs at each of our Branches! Plus, we'll be in the community hosting events for even **more** fun!

REGISTER ON Beanstack

Beanstack is the website we use for registering and participating in Library reading challenges. As a parent, you can create a single account and add as many readers as you wish! Each reader will then register for the challenge that's appropriate for them. This is also where you'll report your summer reading! ***



THE CHALLENGE STARTS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026!!

Sign up at: norfolklibrary.beanstack.org
You can also get the "Beanstack Tracker" app and report right from your mobile device!

*** If you are unable to access Beanstack, you can register as an **OFFLINE READER!**

1 Visit your local Library Branch and ask staff to sign you up! Take an offline tracking log to record your reading. When you're ready to report, visit the circulation desk for staff to log it!

Storytime

Join us for giggles, wiggles, and learning! Our drop-in Storytime programs are great for children ages 0 to 6 years of age. Build early literacy and social skills with themed stories, songs, activities, and play!

Theme in July: Parks and Picnics!

Theme in August: Adventures Beyond!

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Every Tuesday

Delhi Branch

Every Friday

Port Dover Branch

Simcoe Branch

Waterford Branch



Walking Scrabble

Combine the classic game with gentle indoor exercise! Walking Scrabble is perfect for engaging your mind, getting moving, and connecting with others. Walk around the Library to collect letter tiles, then use them to build words, and rack up steps toward your daily fitness goals while enjoying great company.

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday

Delhi Branch



Cricut Crafters Corner

Cut, create, and craft with us! Sign-up at bit.ly/NCPLregister to cut, create, and craft with us using a Cricut Cutter! Bring a laptop or tablet with Design Space already installed, materials, and your own Cricut machine if you have one! If you're new to Cricut, bring yourself and a willingness to learn!

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22

Text & layered designs

12:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26

Open Project Studio

Port Dover Branch



Build It! LEGO Challenge Club

Bring your friends and see what you can create! Get your "Builder Badge" card stamped each month to be entered to win the year-end Build It LEGO prize set.

July's Theme: Water & Weather

August's Theme: Construction & Cities

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Every Tuesday

Simcoe Branch

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Every Thursday

Delhi Branch

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Every Friday

Port Rowan Branch

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Every Saturday

Port Dover Branch



Science Saturday

Experiment and learn together! Explore a different science activity each month. Make a mess (in a good way!), try easy experiments, and learn something new together. Drop in for free family-friendly fun!

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 18

Air Pressure

Port Dover Branch

Saturday, August 15

Sound & Vibration

Port Rowan Branch



Teen Art Club

Are you a teen who loves to draw, paint, and create? Drop in each month and create a unique art project! Learn new techniques, try new materials, and experiment with paint, canvases, and other available art supplies.

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, July 8 & August 12

Delhi Branch

Drop-In Tech Help

Drop in for help with your device or for training on our MakerSpace tech!

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The FIRST Wednesday

Delhi Branch

The SECOND Wednesday

Port Dover Branch

The THIRD Wednesday

Port Rowan Branch

EVERY Wednesday (weekly)

Simcoe Branch

The FOURTH Wednesday

Waterford Branch

Board Game Nite(s)

Drop in for Board Game Nite with the Norfolk Game Group. Free for all ages (adults and supervised kids), with games for every interest and skill level!

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Every Thursday

Simcoe Branch

First Wednesday of the Month

Waterford Branch

Each of our 5 Branches has 10 hidden photos of Branches waiting to be discovered! It's a fun and interactive way to explore your Library!

Anytime during Library Hours from Saturday, June 27 to Friday, August 14

Fun at One

Drop in every Saturday and enjoy games, crafts, and activities that are all about having fun, making friends, and making your Saturday awesome!

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 4

Oversized Games at the Simcoe Branch

Saturday, July 11

Building Bridges at the Port Rowan Branch

Saturday, July 25

Rock Dot Painting at the Simcoe Branch

Saturday, August 1

Break & Take at the Delhi Branch

Saturday, August 8

Branches' Birthday at the Waterford Branch

Roald Dahl Book Club

Join us in the magical world of Roald Dahl! Enjoy reading from The BFG, followed by fun activities and discussions. Take home other Dahl books to explore and record your thoughts, drawings, and favourite moments in a colourful journal. Let's share and connect through the joy of storytelling!

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Mondays: July 6, 13, 20, 27 & August 10

Simcoe Branch

Water Safety Storytime

Join the Norfolk County Recreation Department for water safety storytimes! Enjoy stories, crafts, and free resources!

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

June 30 at the Delhi Branch

July 3 at the Simcoe Branch

July 3 at the Waterford Branch

July 10 at the Port Dover Branch



Happy Birthday, Harry Potter!

Dress in costumes and bring the wizarding world to life. Enjoy hands-on activities inspired by the book series, including games, crafts, and MORE!

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, July 31

Simcoe Branch



Quest & Create: Summer Craft

Get creative as a family this summer with fun, hands-on activities that spark imagination and encourage learning through play. Explore colours, textures, and techniques together while building important skills and making lasting memories.

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8

Air-Dry Clay Merfolk

Port Dover Branch

Monday, July 13

Sock Puppet Dragons/Unicorns

Simcoe Branch

Friday, July 24

Butterfly Twisters & Planes

Waterford Branch

Friday, August 7

Royal Masks & Capes

Port Rowan Branch

Tuesday, August 11

Wax Stick Space Creatures

Delhi Branch



Battle of the Bedtime Books

Bring your favourite stuffy, snuggle up in your PJs, and get ready for a "bedtime" storytime like no other! Beloved authors go spine-to-spine so you can pick your champion and vote for your favourite! Who will win the battle? Come find out!

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Every Thursday from July 9 - August 20

Port Rowan Branch

ROUND ONE	July 9	Robert Munsch
	July 16	Mo Willems
	July 23	Round One Winner
ROUND TWO	July 30	Eric Carle
	August 6	Dr. Seuss
	August 13	Round Two Winner
FINAL ROUND	August 20	BEDTIME BOOK CHAMP!

READ BOOKS TO WIN PRIZES!

Level	Minutes Read	Prize
1	240	A book and a bookmark
2	600	A puzzle or crafting kit
3	1080	Fidget and a building blocks twerf animal
4*	1560	NCPL yo-yo & summer treat

***please note when registering: include your correct age.** This will help us award appropriate prizes. Additionally, adult participants will receive a single grand prize once they complete all levels: a book, NCPL water bottle & lip balm!

We want readers of all ages and abilities to have fun and feel successful this summer, that's why we're tracking minutes read! Whether you fly through books or enjoy reading at your own pace, every minute counts. The more time you spend reading, the more chances you'll have to win!

FIND YOUR LIBRARY IN THE COMMUNITY!

**Check the weather forecast and dress appropriately!
Remember to bring your hats, water, bug spray, and sunscreen!**

Stories on the Farm

Enjoy a morning on the farm and have some free outdoor family fun! Join Library staff for an interactive storytime, themed crafts, sensory activities, and explore the farm on a guided nature hike through the lavender fields.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 8 • Wednesday, July 15 • Wednesday, July 29 • Wednesday, August 5

1795 Windham Road 11, Windham Centre, ON

Family Fun at the Park with EarlyON

Enjoy sensory activities, outdoor games, stories, and MORE with our friends from EarlyON Child and Family Centres!

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 21: Langton Fields 28 Albert St, Langton

Thursday, July 30: Port Rowan Harbour Park

Wednesday, August 12: Houghton - 505 Fairground Rd

Light Up the Night

Make a glow in the dark bug, explore the night sky with stories, games, a guided hike, and MORE!

6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19

Long Point ECO Adventures, 1730 Front Road, St. Williams

We Are Going on a Bear Hunt

Join us for a free, fun-filled afternoon at Long Point Eco-Adventures! Pack a picnic, bring your favourite teddy bear and a blanket, and enjoy a StoryWalk, games, crafts, sensory activities, and MORE!

11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 22

Long Point ECO Adventures

1730 Front Road, St. Williams



Put this calendar on your fridge and join in all the Library fun this summer!



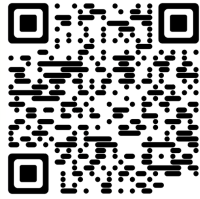
NCPL: MORE than books!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 6	7	8	9	10	11
6 PM - Roald Dahl Book Club	10:30 AM - Storytime 1 PM - STREAM Adventure (Harry Potter)* 4 PM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club	9 AM - Stories on the Farm 1 PM - Quest & Create Summer Craft: Air-Dry Merfolk 1 PM - Drop-In Tech Help 1 PM - Drop-In Tech Help 2:30 PM - Walking Scrabble 4:30 PM - Teen Art Club 5 PM - Teen Advisory Group*	4 PM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club 6 PM - Battle of the Bedtime Books 6 PM - Board Game Nite	10:30 AM - Water Safety Storytime 10:30 AM - Storytime 10:30 AM - Storytime 1 PM - STREAM Adventure (Galaxy Zack) 3:45 PM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club	11 AM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club 1 PM - Fun at One: Building Bridges
13	14	15	16	17	18
1 PM - Quest & Create Summer Craft: Sock Puppet Dragons/Unicorns 6 PM - Roald Dahl Book Club	10:30 AM - Storytime 1 PM - STREAM Adventure (Galaxy Zack)* 4 PM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club	9 AM - Stories on the Farm 1 PM - Drop-In Tech Help 1 PM - Drop-In Tech Help 2:30 PM - Walking Scrabble 3 PM - Summer Moment for Teens* 4 PM - Grill & Chill Summer Craft for Grown-Ups*	4 PM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club 6 PM - Battle of the Bedtime Books 6 PM - Board Game Nite	10:30 AM - Storytime 10:30 AM - Storytime 10:30 AM - Storytime 1 PM - STREAM Adventure (Upside-Down Magic) 3:45 PM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club	11 AM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club 1 PM - Science Saturday
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3 PM - Summer Moment for Teens* 6 PM - Roald Dahl Book Club	10 AM - Family Fun at the Park 10:30 AM - Storytime 4 PM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club	11:30 AM - We Are Going on a Bear Hunt 12:30 PM - Cricut Crafters Corner* 1 PM - STREAM Adventure (Amulet)* 1 PM - Drop-In Tech Help 1 PM - Drop-In Tech Help 2:30 PM - Walking Scrabble 5 PM - Teen Advisory Group*	4 PM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club 6 PM - Battle of the Bedtime Books 6 PM - Board Game Nite	10:30 AM - Storytime 10:30 AM - Storytime 10:30 AM - Storytime 1 PM - Quest & Create Summer Craft: Butterfly Twisters & Planes 1 PM - STREAM Adventure (Harry Potter) 3:45 PM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club	11 AM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club 11 AM - Grill & Chill Summer Craft for Grown-Ups* 1 PM - Fun at One: Rock Dot Painting
27	28	29	30	31	AUGUST 1
6 PM - Roald Dahl Book Club	10:30 AM - Storytime 4 PM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club	9 AM - Stories on the Farm 1 PM - Drop-In Tech Help 1 PM - STREAM Adventure (Wings of Fire)* 2:30 PM - Walking Scrabble	10 AM - Family Fun at the Park 4 PM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club 6 PM - Battle of the Bedtime Books 6 PM - Board Game Nite	10:30 AM - Storytime 10:30 AM - Storytime 10:30 AM - Storytime 1 PM - Harry Potter's Birthday 3:45 PM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club 4 PM - Summer Moment for Teens*	11 AM - Build It! LEGO Challenge Club 1 PM - Fun at One: Break & Take
3	4	5	6	7	8
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Programs marked with an * require registration. See back of booklet for details and links.

LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!

Visit bit.ly/NCPLregister or scan the QR code to sign-up for one of these programs!



STREAM Adventure

Join a team and enjoy a story-filled adventure! Kids ages 9–13 years will bring their favourite book series to life through discussions, crafts, games, Makerspace activities, and MORE!
STREAM = Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Math

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7

Delhi Branch

Friday, July 24

Port Rowan Branch

Harry Potter

WINGS
OF
FIRE

Wednesday, July 29

Simcoe Branch

Friday, August 14

Waterford Branch

GALAXY
ZACK

Friday, July 10

Waterford Branch

Tuesday, July 14

Delhi Branch

UPSIDE + DOWN
MAGIC

Friday, July 17

Port Dover Branch

Thursday, August 13

Port Rowan Branch

ANUET

Wednesday, July 22

Simcoe Branch

Wednesday, August 5

Port Dover Branch

Summer Moment for Teens

Develop skills, explore the Makerspace, and meet new friends while having a summer moment.

Wednesday, July 15 at 3:00 p.m.

Explore 3D Printing

Port Dover Branch

Monday, July 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Upcycle with Sewing

Simcoe Branch

Friday, July 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Craft with Duct Tape

Delhi Branch

Saturday, August 8 at 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy a Trivia Challenge

Port Rowan Branch

Wednesday, August 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Use Maker Tech

Waterford Branch



Grill & Chill Summer Craft for Grown-Ups

Personalize your summer: design your own BBQ apron or can cozy!

Can Cozy WORKSHOPS:

Thursday, July 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Port Dover Branch

Saturday, July 25 at 11:00 a.m.

Port Rowan Branch



BBQ Apron WORKSHOPS:

Wednesday, July 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Delhi Branch

Tuesday, August 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Waterford Branch

Monday, August 10 at 11:00 a.m.

Simcoe Branch



Delhi Branch
192 Main Street of Delhi



Port Dover Branch
713 St. George Street



Port Rowan Branch
1034 Bay Street



Simcoe Branch
46 Colborne Street S.



Waterford Branch
15 Main Street S.

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