



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!**

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! Offline Tracking Logs can be picked up at any Norfolk County Public Library Branch! Staff will sign off on what's been reported and you can continue tracking your reading!

READ BOOKS TO WIN PRIZES!

Level	Minutes Read	Prize	*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!
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	

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!

Follow @NorfolkLibrary on social media for updates or changes to programs.

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

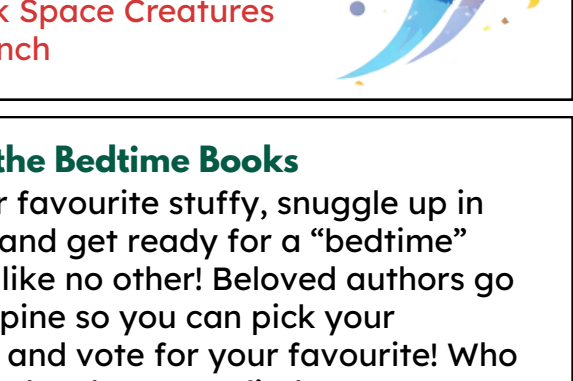
Enjoy sensory activities, outdoor games, stories, and MORE with our friends from EarlyON Child and Family Centres!
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, July 21: Langton Fields 28 Albert St, Langton
Thursday, July 30: Port Rowan Harbour Park
Wednesday, August 12: Houghton - 505 Fairground Rd

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

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



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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

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

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

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

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

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!

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

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

Branches' Scavenger Hunt!

Branches has had some FANTASTIC adventures and wants to share the photos with you! Pick up your special booklet at any Library Branch and start your search. 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

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

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 & Weathers
August's Theme: Construction & Cities
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Every Tuesday Every Friday
Simcoe Branch Port Rowan Branch
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Every Thursday Every Saturday
Delhi Branch Port Dover 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

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

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

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

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, and Engineering, Arts, and Math
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 7
Delhi Branch
Friday, July 24
Port Rowan Branch

Summer Moment for Teens

Capture the summer and make it yours! Teens will 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 Dover Branch
Wednesday, August 12 at 1:00 p.m.
Use Maker Tech
Waterford Branch

WINGS OF FIRE

Wednesday, July 29
Simcoe Branch
Friday, August 14
Waterford Branch

Grill & Chill Summer Craft for Grown-Ups

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

GALAXY

Friday, July 10
Waterford Branch
Tuesday, July 14
Delhi Branch

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

UPSIDE-DOWN MAGIC

Friday, July 17
Port Dover Branch
Thursday, August 13
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