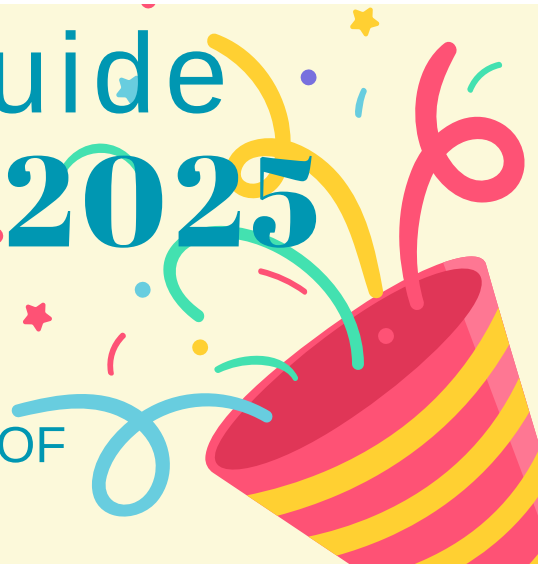


Programming Guide July & August 2025

STRAFFORDVILLE LIBRARY &
FRED BODSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY OF
PORT BURWELL



Baby & Toddler Programs

Family Storytime with EarlyON

Mondays, July 7 to July 28 | 10:30am-11:30am | Stratfordville

Interact with your little one as they listen to stories and rhymes, create and explore all our play and learn stations. For ages 0-6 together with their caregiver. Drop-in. No registration required.

Children's Programs

LEGO Mosaic: Reading Together Across Canada

Thursday, July 3 to Thursday, August 14 | Drop-In | Stratfordville

This summer's story starts one brick at a time! At the Stratfordville Library, we're building a LEGO mosaic inspired by a cozy Canadian moment with children and forest friends reading together. Add a completed tile to the mosaic and help bring the image to life. All ages. Drop-in. No registration required.

Game On! Video Game Club

Fridays, July 4 to August 1 | 2:00-4:00pm | Stratfordville | Monday, July 28 | 2:00-4:00pm | Port Burwell

Prepare for an epic gaming adventure on the Nintendo Switch and enjoy classic board games with snacks. Bring your game face! Ages 8+. Drop-in. No registration required.

Candy Bento Box

Monday, July 7 | 2:00-4:00pm | Port Burwell | Tuesday, July 8 | 2:00-4:00pm | Stratfordville

Build your own candy bento box! Create edible characters, roll sweet sushi, and explore a tasty twist on Japanese tradition. Ages 7+. Drop-in. No registration required.

Take & Make Kits: Beach Explorers

Thursday, July 17 | Drop-In | Port Burwell

Splash into summer learning with our Beach Explorers Take & Make Kit! This *sun-believable* activity kit encourages children to appreciate and nurture their local beach through hands-on activities and crafty fun. Kits will be available at the Port Burwell Library starting Thursday, July 17. This program is offered in partnership with the Municipality of Bayham. While supplies last. Ages 6+. Drop-in. No registration required.

Family STEAM Night

Thursday, July 17 | 5:00-7:00pm | Straffordville

Join us for a fun-filled evening of family creativity! Together we will craft, build, and explore amazing wonders from around the world through engaging STEAM-powered activities! Ages 6+. Drop-in. No registration required.

Craig the Science Guy

Tuesday, July 29 | 6:00-7:00pm | Straffordville

Craig the Science Guy is coming to Straffordville Library! Enjoy hands-on science, big laughs, and exciting experiments! Ages 6+. Space is limited. Registration required. Please register online or call the library at 519-866-3584.

Teen Programs

Global Creations: Teen Craft Station

Thursday, July 3 to Thursday, August 14 | Drop-In | Straffordville

Travel the globe without leaving the library! Drop by our teen activity station to explore cool crafts from around the world like folding an origami masterpiece, designing a colorful mandala or creating vibrant Mexican folk art. Get creative, try something new, and take your masterpiece home! Ages 11+. Drop-in. No registration required.

Teen Time at the Library: Paint Afternoon

Thursday, July 31 | 2:00-3:00pm | Straffordville

Ignite your creative spirit by painting a summertime scene during teen time at the library! All materials provided. Ages 11+. Space is limited. Registration required. Please register online or call the library at 519-866-3584.

All Ages Programs

TD Storywalk®: Let's Go

Thursday, July 3 to Tuesday, July 29 | Drop-In | Straffordville

Thursday, July 31 to Thursday, August 28 | Drop-In | Port Burwell

Get out and get active with the TD Storywalk this summer. Drop by the library and walk through the pages of "Let's Go!" on display around the garden beds. Complete the I SPY activity and choose a small treat from our treasure box! All ages. Drop-in. No registration required.

Read Around the World Bulletin Board

Thursday, July 3 to Thursday, August 14 | Drop-In | Stratfordville | Port Burwell

Join us on an interactive journey around the world as we explore different countries and cultures from every corner of the globe. Drop by the library all summer long for exciting crafts and activities, embarking on a new adventure with every visit. Let's discover our world together! All ages. Drop-in. No registration required.

What's that Sound at Night? Nocturnal Animals in Ontario Parks

Monday, July 14 | 1:00-2:00pm | Stratfordville

Have you ever been sitting around the campfire or lying in your tent late at night and wondered, "What on earth was that sound?" Our park is home to a fascinating array of nocturnal species, each with its own unique vocalizations. By familiarizing ourselves with these sounds, we can unlock the secrets of their nighttime communications and take away any fear or misconceptions you might have about them. Join the Port Burwell Provincial Park Discovery team and discover some of the amazing nocturnal species that live in our park! Listen to fascinating nighttime noises and learn all about the secret communications of our nocturnal neighbours! All ages. No registration required.

Campfire Stuffy Sleepover

Tuesday, July 15 | 6:00-6:30pm | Port Burwell | Tuesday, July 22 | 6:00-6:30pm | Stratfordville

Bring your stuffy to the library for some bedtime stories and when you head home, your stuffy will get to stay overnight for an exciting campout at the library! Pick them up on the following Thursday and we will send you some pictures to see what kind of adventures they got up to during the night. All ages. No registration required.

Family Storytime at the Beach

Thursday, July 17 | 11:00-11:30pm | Port Burwell East Beach

Join us for a special beach Storytime filled with sunshine, stories, and fun! Explore ways to care for our beach environment through engaging picture books and *sand-tastic* interactive activities. Be inspired by the wonders of the beach and shoreline during this educational family program-bring a towel or blanket to sit on, sunscreen, and your curiosity! This program is offered in partnership with The Municipality of Bayham. Please note that all children must be supervised by a caregiver. All ages. No registration required.

Vienna Lions Kids Fest

Saturday, July 19 | 11:00-5:00pm | Vienna Lions Community Centre

Drop by our booth at the Vienna Lions Kids Fest and explore everything that the library has to offer! All ages. Drop-in. No registration required.

Birds of Prey Show with Canadian Raptor Conservancy

Thursday, July 24 | 1:00-2:00pm | Port Burwell

Soar into the wild world of raptors with the Canadian Raptor Conservancy's Birds of Prey Show — a thrilling, educational experience for all ages! This live, free-flight demonstration brings you face-to-face with some of nature's top aerial predators, including eagles, owls, hawks, falcons, and more. Don't miss this unforgettable opportunity to get up close with these spectacular birds and learn about wildlife conservation in action! All ages. No registration required.

Beach Fest: Reading Zone & Beachcomber Bingo

Saturday, August 2 | 10:00-12:00pm | Port Burwell

Stop by the library and enjoy a chill Reading Zone – enjoy a book or hear a read-aloud story at 10:15am, 10:45am, 11:15am and 11:45am. Pickup a Beachcomber Bingo and walk around the town and beach with your family and find as many things as you can! Complete a line and return it to the library and choose a small treat from our treasure box! All ages. Drop-in. No registration required.

Port Burwell Library Summer Wrap-Up Party

Thursday, August 7 | 1:00-2:00pm | Port Burwell

Celebrate a summer of Reading Around the World at the Port Burwell Library! Enjoy a sweet treat, pick up a Take & Make Kit and try out a “big” game too! While supplies last. All ages. Drop-in. No registration required.

Wrap-Up Party: The Bubbleology Show

Friday, August 8 | 1:00-2:00pm | Straffordville

Celebrate a great summer of reading with Miss T the Bubble Queen! Her amazing Bubbleology Show blends science, art and big-time bubble fun for all ages. We are hoping for sunshine at this outdoor event! If we move indoors, seating is limited—so register early. Plus, enjoy a cool treat! All ages. Registration required. Please register online or call the library at 519-866-3584.

Navigational Skills for Kids with the Provincial Park

Thursday, August 14 | 12:00-1:00pm | Port Burwell

Calling all young explorers! Join our exciting Navigation Skills for Kids program and embark on an adventure to master essential navigation skills. Discover the four cardinal directions, learn how to use a compass, find and use landmarks, read park maps, and pick up crucial safety tips. Join the Port Burwell Provincial Park Discovery team and learn to navigate with confidence no matter where you go! All ages. No registration required.

Straffordville Watermelon Festival

Saturday, August 23 | 10:00-5:00pm | Straffordville Community Centre

We can't wait to see you at this year's Watermelon Festival! Stop by the Elgin County Library booth to browse our giant book sale, pick up a watermelon-themed Take & Make activity and more! While supplies last. All ages. Drop-in. No registration required.

Library Information



Straffordville Library

9366 PLANK RD.
STRAFFORDVILLE, ON N0J 1Y0
519-866-3584

MONDAY | 10AM - 8PM
TUESDAY | 10AM - 8PM
WEDNESDAY | CLOSED
THURSDAY | 10AM - 8PM
FRIDAY | 10AM - 5PM
SATURDAY | 1PM - 4PM



Fred Bodsworth Public Library of Port Burwell

21 PITT ST.
PORT BURWELL, ON N0J 1T0
519-874-4754

MONDAY | 2PM - 5PM
TUESDAY | 2PM - 7PM
WEDNESDAY | CLOSED
THURSDAY | 10AM - 5PM
FRIDAY | CLOSED
SATURDAY | 10AM - 12PM



Registration Begins on Tuesday, June 10, 2025

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.ELGINCOUNTY.CA/LIBRARY OR BY CALLING THE BRANCH

Library Closures

BRANCHES ARE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025 & MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025