

Programming Guide September & October 2025

STRAFFORDVILLE LIBRARY &
FRED BODSWORTH PUBLIC
LIBRARY OF PORT BURWELL



Baby & Toddler Programs

Family Storytime with EarlyON

Mondays, September 15 to October 27 | 10:30am-11:30am | Straffordville

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. No registration required. No program on Monday, October 13.

Children's Programs

Back to School I SPY

Tuesday, September 2 to Tuesday, September 30 | Drop-In | Straffordville

Kick off the school year with an I SPY challenge at the Straffordville Library! Search the display board to find hidden school supplies. Complete the challenge and pick a prize from the treasure bin! All ages. Drop-in. No registration required.

LEGO Tuesdays

Tuesdays, September 2 to September 30 | Drop-In | Port Burwell

Tuesdays, October 7 to October 28 | Drop-In | Straffordville

Unleash your imagination and join us for LEGO Tuesdays at the library branch. Choose from a list of fun challenges or build original masterpieces. We can't wait to see what you create! Ages 6+. Drop-in. No registration required.

PA Day STEAM Lab

Friday, October 10 | Drop-In | Straffordville

Join us for a fun-filled day of family creativity! Together we will build, explore and make connections with engaging STEAM-powered activities! Ages 6+. No registration required.

Haunted Candy Houses

Monday, October 27 | 4:00-6:00pm | Straffordville | Tuesday, October 28 | 4:00-6:00pm | Port Burwell

Get into the Halloween spirit at the library! Stop by the library from 4pm to 6pm to create your own spooky (and sweet!) haunted candy house. All materials provided. Ages 6+. Drop-in. No registration required.

Teen Programs

Teen Night at the Library: Pumpkin Paint Night

Thursday, October 9 | 6:30-7:30pm | Straffordville

Celebrate the cozy vibes of Autumn with a festive Paint Night! We'll be decorating pumpkins and gourds in bright, seasonal colors—perfect for fall fun. All supplies provided. Ages 11+. Space is limited. Registration required.

All Ages Programs

Jumbomania: The Puppet Project

Tuesdays, September 30 to Tuesday, November 18 | 5:00-7:00pm | Straffordville

Join us on Tuesday evenings from 5pm to 7pm starting September 30 and help library staff build a giant Jumbo parade puppet inspired by the Elgin County Museum's Jumbomania exhibit. The library's Jumbo puppet will debut at the Straffordville Santa Claus Parade this winter! Ages 14+. High school students will earn volunteer hours. No program on Tuesday, November 11. Registration required.

Spook-tacular Pumpkin Patch

Thursday, October 2 to Friday, October 31 | Drop-In | Port Burwell | Straffordville

Bring your creative spirit to the library branches this October! Help build our Spook-tacular Pumpkin Patch using scratch art to colour some funky pumpkins and conjuring up some fright-fully fun ghosts using paper doilies. All ages. Drop-in. No registration required.

Boo Basket Giveaway

Thursday, October 16 to Thursday, October 30 | Drop-In | Port Burwell | Straffordville

From Thursday, October 16 to Thursday, October 30, kids and teens can enter to win a frightfully fun Boo Basket filled with Halloween treats and surprises! Simply check out a book to receive a ballot. The more you read, the more chances to win the giveaway. Winners will be drawn on Halloween—just in time for spooky celebrations! Ages 17 and under. No registration required.

Homeschooling Community Group

Mondays, October 20, November 17, December 15 | 1:00-2:00pm | Straffordville

Join us at the library on the third Monday of the month for a program designed for homeschooling families! Each month features a new theme. Enjoy literacy activities, connect with other families, and discover all the ways the library can support your learning journey. All ages. Registration required. Please register for each date online or by calling the library at 519-866-3584.

Adult Programs

Understanding the Progression of Dementia with the Alzheimer Society

Tuesday, October 7 | 11:00-12:00pm | Stratfordville

In this session, we will explore what progression means in the context of dementia, the impact those changes have on all involved, and consider how to support the changing relationship. Ages 18+. Registration required. Please register online or call the library at 519-866-3584.

Adult Book Club

Mondays, October 16, November 20, December 18 | 6:30-7:30pm | Stratfordville

Join us on the third Thursday of the month for a lively discussion of the selected Adult Book Club title. Contact the library for more information or to reserve a copy of the book. All are welcome. Registration required. Please register online or call the library at 519-866-3584.

Grow Me Instead: Promoting Invasive-Free Gardening Across Ontario

Thursday, October 23 | 2:00-3:00pm | Port Burwell

Did you know that many garden plants can escape into natural areas and become invasive? Are you interested in native gardening? Join Vicki Simkovic, from the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, for the "Grow Me Instead" presentation to guide you through a thoughtful approach to choosing plants that support a healthier ecosystem for our community. Learn about problematic garden plants and non-invasive or native alternatives to choose instead. Adults and teens welcome. Registration required. Please register online or by calling the library at 519-874-4754.

Library Information



Stratfordville 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

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



Registration Begins on Monday, September 15, 2025

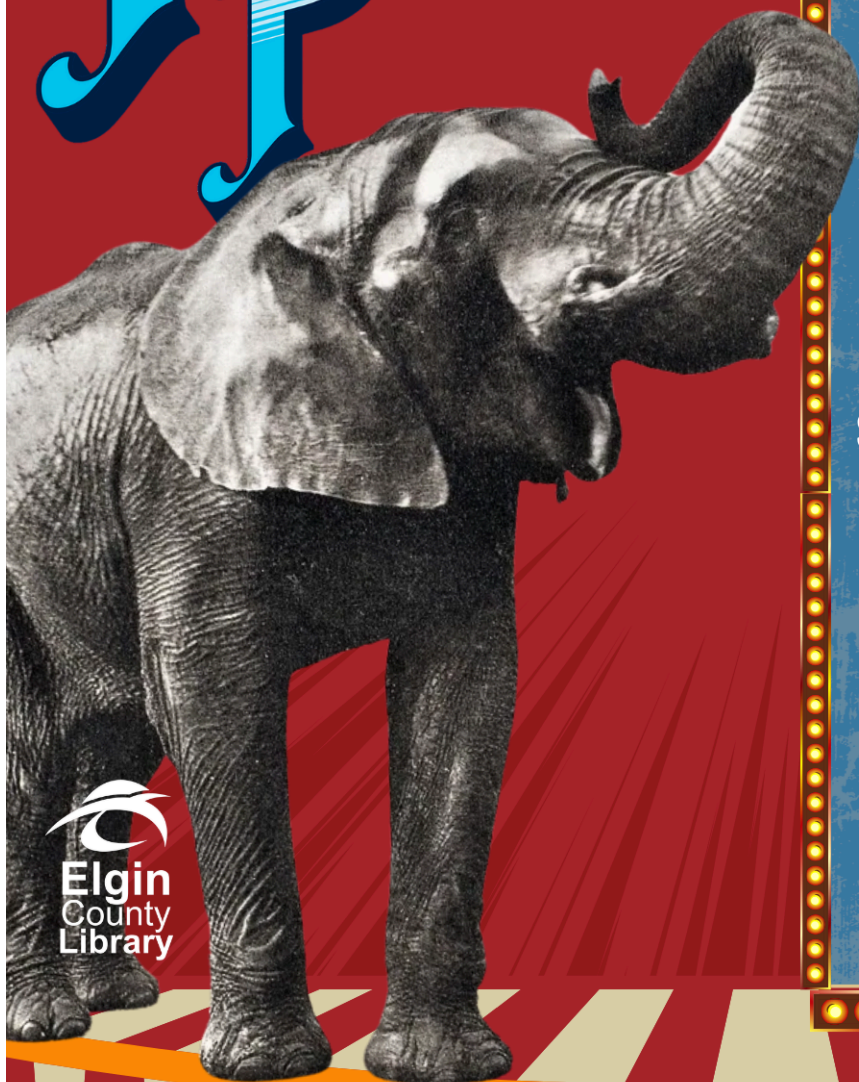
REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.ELGINCOUNTY.CA/LIBRARY OR BY CALLING THE BRANCH

Library Closures

BRANCHES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

JUMBOMANIA

THE PUPPET PROJECT




Elgin
County
Library

BECAUSE EVERY SMALL TOWN
NEEDS A 10-FOOT ELEPHANT

AND OBVIOUSLY, WE'RE
BUILDING ONE...

JOIN THE PUPPET BUILD TEAM!

STRAFFORDVILLE LIBRARY
TUESDAYS,
SEPTEMBER 30 - NOVEMBER 18
5-7PM

AGES 14+.
EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. JUST
SHOW UP, GRAB A GLUE GUN,
AND MAKE CIRCUS HISTORY.