

Programming Guide November & December 2025

STRAFFORDVILLE LIBRARY &
FRED BODSWORTH PUBLIC
LIBRARY OF PORT BURWELL



Baby & Toddler Programs

Family Storytime with EarlyON

Mondays, November 3 to December 15 | 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. No registration required. No program on Monday, December 22.

Children's Programs

Create Your Own Circus Ticket: Mad Libs Edition

Monday, November 3 to Friday, November 28 | Drop-In | Stratfordville | Port Burwell

Join us at the branches in the month of November for an interactive circus-themed bulletin board. Participants will fill in a Mad Libs ticket, tear off the stub and enter a draw for a giant bag of popcorn! Ages 6+. Drop-in. No registration required.

PA Day Take & Make Kits: Acrobat Monkey

Thursday, November 13 | Drop-In | Port Burwell | Friday, November 14 | Drop-In | Stratfordville

Pick up a free Take & Make Kit from the library and create your own flipping acrobatic monkey! Use cardstock, string and straws to make this playful creature swing and tumble. Ages 6+. Drop-in. No registration required.

Home Alone: Stay Safe with the YWCA

Friday, November 14 | 10:00am-3:00pm | Stratfordville

The Red Cross Stay Safe! Program offers basic first aid and safety skills for children and youth 9-13 years old. Participants learn about being safe when they are without the direct supervision of a parent, guardian, or trusted adult, both at home and in their communities. \$45 per participant. Please register directly with the YWCA: www.ywcaste.ca or call 519-631-9800.

Graham Cracker Holiday Houses

Tuesday, December 2 | 6:00-7:00pm | Port Burwell | Thursday, December 4 | 6:00-7:00pm | Stratfordville

It's that magical season again! Join us at the library to craft and deck out your very own graham cracker holiday house—kids, get ready for some sweet fun! Ages 6+. Space is limited. Registration required. Please register online or call the library at 519-866-3584.

Teen Programs

Teen Night at the Library: Paint Night

Thursday, November 27 | 6:30-7:30pm | Straffordville

Join us for a fun paint night just for teens! Celebrate the season by painting your own snowy masterpiece to take home. We'll bring the supplies—you bring the winter vibes. Ages 11+. Registration required. Please register online or call the library at 519-866-3584.

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.

Homeschooling Community Group

Mondays, 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.

Jumbomania Exhibit Talk with the Elgin County Museum

Tuesday, November 25 | 6:30-7:30pm | Straffordville

Jumbomania at the Library! Step right up for a larger-than-life adventure! Elgin County Museum Curator Madeleine Howard will be visiting the Straffordville Library to share stories from the Jumbomania exhibit—a fascinating look at the incredible life (and lasting legacy) of Jumbo the Elephant, the world's most famous circus star. All ages. Registration required. Please register online or call the library at 519-866-3584.

Roamin' Gnome

Monday, December 1 to Monday, December 22 | Drop-In | Straffordville | Port Burwell

The Roamin' Gnome is back and roaming the stacks at the Straffordville and Port Burwell branches! Visit the library throughout December to spot where he's hiding each day - and enjoy a sweet holiday treat! All ages. No registration required.

Happy Birthday, Jane Austen: A Holiday Ornament Tribute

Monday, December 1 to Monday, December 22 | Drop-In | Straffordville | Port Burwell

This holiday season we are celebrating Jane Austen's 250th birthday! To honor the famous author, we are crafting Regency-era holiday ornaments to decorate our library branches. You can also make ornaments to take home! All ages. No registration required.



Wrapping Station

Monday, December 1 to Monday, December 22 | Drop-In | [Straffordville](#)

Do you need a place away from home to wrap holiday gifts? Visit the library with your unwrapped gifts during branch open hours in December and use our collection of wrapping paper, gift tags and tape! All ages. No registration required.

Holiday Open House

Tuesday, December 9 | 5:00-7:00pm | [Straffordville](#) | [Port Burwell](#)

You're invited to our Holiday Open House! Gather with friends, family, and neighbours to celebrate the season with refreshments and holiday-themed activities for all ages. It's a wonderful way to connect with your community and share in the spirit of the season! All ages. No registration required.

Adult Programs

Adult Book Club

Thursdays, November 20, December 18 | 6:30-7:30pm | [Straffordville](#)

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.

Early Warning Signs of Dementia with the Alzheimer Society

Thursday, November 20 | 11:00-12:00pm | [Port Burwell](#)

Join us at the Port Burwell Library for a presentation from the Alzheimer Society. We will review the range of the aging symptoms and then a deeper exploration of the 10 Possible Warning signs of dementia. Ages 18+. Registration required. Please register online or call the library at 519-866-3584.

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 Monday, October 20, 2025

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

Library Closures

BRANCHES ARE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
LIBRARY BRANCHES CLOSE AT 1PM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025
LIBRARY BRANCHES RE-OPEN ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026



STRAFFORDVILLE &
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HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

REFRESHMENTS | MUSIC | ACTIVITIES

**5-7
PM**

