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Chief Executive Officer

On August 25th of this year, the world lost one of its greatest champions of literacy, Dolly Parton. Dolly is best known as a legendary country music singer, songwriter and actress, but she was also a passionate philanthropist. One of the greatest legacies she leaves behind is the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a program created to inspire a love of reading in young children and help ensure that every child has access to books. Through the Imagination Library, she transformed a personal commitment to honour her father into an international program that places high-quality books directly into the hands of young children,

helping families build a culture of reading at home. Since 1995, the program has grown from a small Tennessee initiative into one of the world's largest early-childhood book-gifting programs, distributing hundreds of millions of books to children around the world. The Imagination Library expanded into Canada in 2006 and was launched here in Sault Ste. Marie in 2024.

Since its inception, hundreds of millions of free books have been gifted to children across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and the Republic of Ireland, with approximately 3.5 million books distributed each month. The program is made possible through a shared funding model involving the Dollywood Foundation and local community partners. Each child enrolled in the program receives one book per month from birth to age five – at no cost to families. Currently, the City's goal is to increase enrollment of eligible children living in Sault Ste. Marie to between 50-65%.

Together, the Imagination Library and a free Sault Ste. Marie Public Library card can help make local homes rich with books and provide children with opportunities to

develop a lifelong love of reading. It is a wonderful example of how a community can come together to give children the tools they need to succeed.

To learn more about the local Imagination Library and how to register your child, visit <https://saultstemarie.ca/play/arts-culture/dolly-parton-imagination-library/>

If you would like to donate to the local Imagination Library program visit: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-dollywood-foundation-of-canada/campaign/on-sault-ste-marie-DPIL/?version=2>



 **THE SAULT STE. MARIE
PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE
CLOSED**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026
FOR
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
WE WILL RE-OPEN TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026 FOR REGULAR HOURS

Events October, November, December, 2026

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Children's Programming

Helping children discover the joy of reading through our Storytime series as well as special programs expanding basic literacy.



Preschool Programs
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 Storytime Schedule
 Reading Club

General Programming

Fun, creative, social programming for all ages to enjoy.



Tours
 Workshops
 Drop-In Activities
 Language Classes
 Crafting Programs

Adult Programming

Dig deeper into books, crafts, continuing education, and community through adult programs such as author talks and book clubs at the library.



Book Clubs
 Information Sessions
 Signature Events

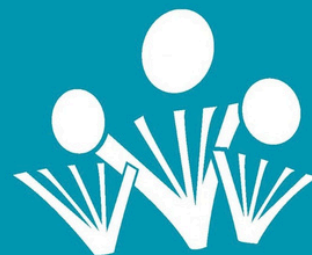
Next Chapter Living

Engaging programs and services designed to empower older adults, allowing them to keep up with the world and stay current.



Book Chats
 Workshops
 VLS Service

SAULT STE. MARIE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Food for Thought Food Drive

October 1st - 24th, 2026

LOST YOUR LIBRARY CARD?
COME IN FOR A FREE REPLACEMENT CARD
BY DONATING A
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM

Bring your identification to either location
of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library
and get a FREE Library card update!

Also... Anyone who brings in a
non-perishable food item will receive a ballot
for a chance to win a fun Gift Basket!

Suggested Items

- Canned Food ✓
- Rice ✓
- Cereals ✓
- Dried Pasta ✓
- Etc. ✓

**LET'S ALL HELP
OUR LOCAL
SOUP KITCHEN!**



Drop-off Locations

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
50 East St.

North Branch
232C Northern Ave. E.

Children's Programming

Registered Programming

Baby Time

Ages 0 - 12 Months



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Wednesdays

Jan. 6 - Jan. 27, 2027

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Program Room

Babytime offers the youngest library users and their parents or caregivers the opportunity to share time together at the library. Babies will be exposed to language books and playful activities. We invite you to come sing, clap, bounce and listen to stories.

Online registration begins December 16, 2026 @ 9:00 am.

Register: <https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/>



This program is
generously
sponsored by:



Toddler Time

Ages 13 - 29 Months



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Thursdays

Jan. 21 - Feb 25, 2027

10:00 am - 10:45 am

Program Room

Online registration begins December 30, 2026 @ 9:00 am.

Get up and get moving at the library with stories, songs and fun that encourages your toddler's development and skills! During these 45 minute programs, library staff share stories, songs and movement activities and crafts to match the emerging skills of your toddler. This program will engage toddlers and teach caregivers how to encourage and support learning through play and fun.

Register: <https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/>



This program is generously sponsored by:



Zonta Club
of Sault Ste Marie Area
Member of Zonta International

Pre-School

Ages 30 - 48 Months



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Mondays

Jan. 4 - Feb. 8, 2027

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Program Room

Children will explore stories and experience activities that encourage them along a lifelong path of reading and learning. This program was designed to promote language and listening skills, expand their imaginations and arouse their curiosity about the world around them. All children will have opportunities to engage in activities that focus on pre-reading, numeracy, and socialization.

Online registration begins December 14, 2026 @ 9:00 am.

Register: <https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/>



LET'S GLOW CRAZY at the Library



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Tuesday, December 29, 2026

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Children ages 6-10 are invited to join us as we light up the Library with some glow stick fun! Music, dancing, glow sticks, crafts, games and popcorn!

Online registration December 8, 2026
@ 9:00 am

Space is limited

Register: <https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/>



Dove Real Beauty



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Saturday, November 7, 2026

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Program Room

The Dove Real Beauty Workshop for girls is a fun, education and interactive program for girls ages 6-10 and their adult female mentors. The workshop encourages girls and women everywhere to embrace a more positive image of themselves, both inside and out.

Registration begins Friday, Oct. 16, 2026
@ 9:00 am.

Space is limited

Register at: <https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/>



This program is generously sponsored by:



Zonta Club
of Sault Ste Marie Area
Member of Zonta International



Children's Programming

Drop-In Programming

Pumpkin Patch

PD Day

James L. McIntyre
Centennial Library

Monday, October 26, 2026

9:00 am - 3:00 am



Join us in the Children's Department for some pumpkin fun for everyone!

PA Days at the North Branch!



PA Days are the perfect excuse for kids to take a break from the usual routine and dive into some extra fun! Join us at the North Branch Library every PA Day throughout the school year for games, crafts, and playtime. There's no need to plan ahead – this is a drop-in program. Everyone is welcome.



Costume Swap

Swap, save, and scare in style!

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Saturday October 3rd

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



Drop off your donations of gently used costumes anytime we are open until the big day! Then join us at the swap and pick up a fa-BOO-lous new to you costume for this year !

FALL STORYTIME

at the North Branch

North Branch
Tuesday Mornings
11:00 am



Come join us for great stories, rhymes, and crafts.

This is a drop-in program. Everyone is welcome.

Clean North and North Branch Library Family Event



North Branch
Saturday, November 14, 2026

Keep an eye on our social media pages for more details!



PA Day Movie Event!

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Friday, November 20, 2026

Movie starts @ 10:30 am

Join us for a fun Spongebob movie event complete with Popcorn, craft and activities!

Note: Children must be accompanied by an adult

Lions Club of SSM and North Branch Library present:

Christmas Storytime

with Santa & Friends



North Branch

Saturday, December 19, 2026

11:00 am - 12:00 pm



Join us for some holiday festivities with crafts, treats and other activities.

This is a drop-in family event. Everyone is welcome to participate.

For more information call 705-759-5248.

SNOWMAN MELT DOWN Winter Reading Club



Winter reading just got a lot more exciting!

Sign up for our winter reading club in person at either location of the Sault Ste Marie Public Library beginning **Monday, December 21, 2026.**

Keep tracking your reading, melting the snowmen, and earning entries.

Submit a ballot for every snowman you melt before **Friday, March 19, 2027** for your chance to win the grand prize!

Christmas Craft



James L. McIntyre
Centennial Library

Saturday, December 12, 2026

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Get festive at the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library - Centennial Location! Drop in to the Children's Department to make your own Christmas ornament! All ages welcome - no registration needed!

"There is no friend as loyal as a book."

-Ernest Hemingway

Children's Programming

Axolotl

Winter Games



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
December 21, 2026 - January 2, 2027
During open hours (check website for holiday closures)

Make an axolotl and compete in the Winter Games! No registration required. For kids of all ages!

LEGO My Library



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Sundays:
September 13 to November 29, 2026
2:00 to 4:00 pm

Drop in to the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library on Sundays between 2:00 and 4:00 pm starting September 13th for LEGO My Library with LEGO challenges, free-building time, and a chance to win prizes!

No registration is required for this free program, offered in partnership with Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore and Kiwanis Aktion Club.

Resuming in the new year on
January 10, 2027



AKTION CLUB
of Lakeshore



STORY TIME @ THE LIBRARY

Tuesdays **North Branch** 11:00 to 11:30 am

Wednesdays **Centennial** 6:00 to 6:30 pm

Fridays **Centennial** 10:00 to 10:30 am

Registration is not required for this free program. Storytimes includes stories, rhymes and a craft. *Children must be accompanied by an adult



Axolotl



Winter Games

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50 East St.

Dec. 21, 2026 to Jan. 2, 2027

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No registration required. For kids of all ages.



OUR
NEWSLETTER
IS ONLINE



"From the Stacks"
is published quarterly and gives you
up-to-date information on programming
and events happening at your library!



Visit our website at
www.ssmpl.ca
or scan the QR code



General Programming

Visit with Zumi @ the Library

North Branch
Wednesdays
5:00 pm



Zumi and Joey will be visiting the North Branch on the last Wednesday of the month October 26, 2026 and



November 30, 2026 @
5:00 pm. Drop in and
say hi to Joey and her
furry friend!

Christmas Open House Come & Go



North Branch

Wednesday December 16, 2026,
1:00 to 4:00 pm

Join us at the North Branch Library and help us celebrate the holidays with some Christmas cookies and a hot beverage.



Christmas Open House



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Thursday, December 3, 2026
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate the holiday season with a classic holiday movie, book sales, book wrapping tutorial, delicious refreshments and crafts!

This event will be a drop-in, please stay tuned for more updates!

Adult Programming

2026 Municipal Election Meet & Greet



Hear directly from your 2026 Municipal Election candidates!

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Ward 1: Tuesday October 6, 2026

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Ward 2: Wednesday, October 14, 2026

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Ward 3: Saturday, October 17, 2026

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Ward 4: Wednesday, October 7, 2026

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
(North Branch)

Ward 5: Saturday, October 17, 2026

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Do you want to submit a question for the candidates? Scan the QR code or fill out a paper copy at either library location.



Author Palooza '26

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

This October come enjoy a book fair, take part in an author panel, mingle and network with local authors! Don't miss the opportunity to support a selection of your favourite local authors and publishers!



The Knit & Crochet Crafters Group

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Wednesday Evenings
starting September 9, 2026
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

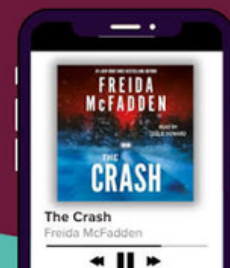


All levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome to attend and enjoy the company of others who love the craft!

Meet at the large table near the DVD collection at the Centennial Library

Borrow it in Libby.
Browse. Read. Listen.

**Sign up for
a Library card and
get started!**



Libby.
The library reading app

**Sault Ste. Marie
Public Library**
www.ssmpl.ca
"One stop... endless possibilities"

Adult Programming

How to Advocate for Yourself in Healthcare

with Anita Laipnieks

North Branch

Saturday, October 17, 2026
11:00 am



Whether you're navigating healthcare for yourself or someone you love, join Anita Laipnieks, Advanced Care Paramedic and Founder of LAIPA Healthcare Advocacy, for a practical one-hour workshop designed to help you feel more informed, prepared, and confident in your healthcare journey.

Registration is required as seating is limited. Please call the North Branch @ 705-759-5248.

Crafternoons @ Centennial

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library



Join us for the last Thursday of the following months:

October 29, and November 26, 2026, when we will be introducing a variety of new handicrafts.

Stay tuned for more details as the dates approach!

Creating Your Own Personal Archives

North Branch

Tuesday October 20, 2026
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm



Have you inherited boxes of family history or looking to organize the material you already have? The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library's Archive Technician will instruct you on ways to organize and maintain your personal archive collection.

Registration open Tuesday September 29, 2026 @ 10:00 am. Please call the North Branch @ 705-759-5248.

Holiday Card Swap



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
November 13 – December 18, 2026

Bring your unused holiday cards, leave them on the swap table, and take what you need. Refresh your stash, reduce waste, and spread holiday cheer sustainably!



Film Screening



Nirilaurta: Let Us Eat

Marie-Helene Cousineau & Malaya Qaunirq Chapman

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

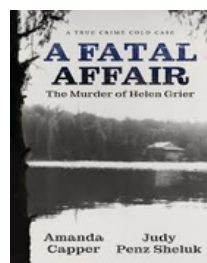
Wednesday, November 18, 2026

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Program Room

With soaring food prices, the people of Taloyoak, Nunavut, rely on Inuit culture and community to strengthen bonds and feed their families.

Documentary (2026) - 52 min.



Author Event

The Story Behind the Story

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Saturday, November 28, 2026

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

The Story Behind the Story: Amanda Capper and Judy Penz Sheluk present a behind-the-scenes look at co-writing A Fatal Affair: The Murder of Helen Grier. Question and Answer period, book sales and signing will follow the presentation.



Helen Grier
December 14, 1908 - October 29, 1937

The Library is More than just Books!



This winter season, use your library card to check out:

- Snowshoes → Walking Poles
- Radon Kits → Thermal Cameras

Or one of our many Passes to local attractions!



Our Object Library has a variety of other items available for check out as well!
Call our Circulation Dept. for more details!

705-759-5271

Next Chapter Living

Savvy Seniors Book Chat



Hello Fellow Readers!

If you consider yourself a SENIOR, then you are welcome to come to the **Savvy Seniors Book Chat**. This group meets the last Tuesday of the month.

Come and share the interesting BOOKS, and MOVIES that you've been reading and watching. If you're inclined to do so, swap a book with others in the group.

Come and enjoy an intriguing time of chit chat and get to know some well-read friends!

**Held the last Tuesday of each month
from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
October 27 and November 24.**

Free - no registration required

**James L. McIntyre Centennial Library -
50 East St.
Board Room**



GADGET CORNER



Do you have an electronic device or gadget that has you stumped?
Are you ready to throw it in the corner and give up on it?
Perhaps we can help you!

CENTENNIAL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH:	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH:	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST:	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

NORTH BRANCH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND:	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH:	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH:	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM



VISITING LIBRARY SERVICE (VLS)

The Sault Ste Marie Public Library provides services to eligible residents of the City of Sault Ste Marie who, for reasons of restricted vision or mobility, or long-term injury or illness, are unable to use regular library facilities.

The service is Free!

For more information about the Visiting Library Service please call

705-759-5236

SENIOR'S WINTER DRIVING WORKSHOP

**WITH
TIM HOWSON DRIVING SCHOOL**



**PREPPING YOUR VEHICLE FOR WINTER
WINTER TIRES, BATTERY REPLACEMENT,
OIL CHANGES, TRACTION CONTROL,
ANTILOCK BRAKES, ICY CONDITIONS,
WHAT TO DO IN A SKID**

**DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED
STAY TUNED TO THE
LIBRARY'S SOCIAL MEDIA
FOR MORE DETAILS!**

AUTHOR PALOOZA '26

The Year of Mingle, Book Fair, and Panel.

Do not miss the opportunity to mingle and support a selection of your favourite local authors and publishers!

This October, come enjoy a book fair, take part in an author panel, mingle, and network with local authors!



When: 21 October 2026

Time: 6PM TO 8PM

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library



Good things
take times



The Friendly Bookworm

Newsletter of the Friends of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

Calling all High School Students!

The Friends of the Library Bookstore is a great place to earn your volunteer hours for school. Drop by the bookstore to pick up a volunteer application, or find the application on the Library website/About Us/Friends of the Library. Our student supervisor provides training and mentoring on Saturday afternoons for registered student volunteers.



Teachers, we've got you covered

Check out the bookstore's large selection of children's books and teaching resources for your classrooms. We've got art ideas, activity guides to inspire you, levelled readers, picture books, and more! Most children's books are only 3 for \$1, and teaching books are \$1 each.



Summer Events

The Friends were once again active in community activities this summer. While the wild-fire smoke from northwestern Ontario dampened outdoor festivities at Rotaryfest, the show went on for our popular Rotary Book Sale and Flea Market. Thanks to amazing assistance from Library staff, we were able to change plans at the last minute and hold our sale indoors, in the lower level of the Centennial Library. We had a lot of fun and raised a lot of money for the Library.



Volunteer Laurie encourages Rotaryfest participants to come inside for the Friends Annual Rotary Book Sale and Flea Market in July.

Next General Meeting
Date: TO BE DETERMINED
Centennial Library



The Friends brought our pop-up bookstore to the Salty Marie Trails Festival at Hiawatha Highlands in July. Find us next at the Clean North Repair Cafe on Saturday, October 17th, 2026

Bookstore Changes

We are making some pricing changes in the Friends Bookstore, starting in September. While most books will still be \$1, we're changing prices for some items to keep our inventory fresh and to reflect the quality of our books. We are also trying a new Staff Picks area. Come and check out recommendations from our amazing staff!



PRICE LIST



Most books are \$1 or less!

2 for \$1 - or \$0.50 each

Hardcover Fiction *
Romance



Designated Popular Authors
Young Adult*
Cancelled Library Books

3 for \$1 - or \$0.50 each

Children's Books*

5 for \$1 - or \$0.25 each

CDs
Magazines



Premium Books \$3
CDs \$1



Staff Picks \$2
LPs - Free!

*unless otherwise marked



Lions' Club of SSM and
North Branch Library
present

Christmas Storytime with Santa and Friends

Saturday, December 19, 2026

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

North Branch Library

Join us for some holiday festivities
with crafts, treats and
other activities

This is a drop-in family event.
Everyone is welcome to participate

For more information call:
705-759-5248





In business for an astonishing 78 years, and run by multiple generations of the same family, Virene's was a department store with an excellent reputation for selling quality clothing.

They were also known for treating their employees well. Employees were offered long-standing careers, not just jobs. For instance, employee Norman Nicholson had been with Virene's for 32 years when a newspaper article was written about the business in 1969 entitled, Virene's Nice Place To Work. Blanche Turner, was at that point employed for 27 years, primarily in the children's department.

Employee turnover was said to be minimal. According to Ruby Newell Farmer in an Oral History of Sault Ste. Marie interview, she stated that Virene's was "wonderful to work for, they cared just as much about your family as they cared about the store."

Another employee of the establishment, Liam Brennan, was the focus of an amusing article written about Virene's in 1979 where he is teased about his affinity for a mannequin he named Gretchen.

Liam, a buyer for the store, was responsible for dressing Gretchen in the latest fashions. He said in the Sault Star article that he would "occasionally swing her off her feet and pretend they were on the dance floor." Liam also dressed Charlie, the male mannequin at Virene's but Gretchen was his favourite.

"Charlie's easier to dress, but he's no fun to be with," Liam is quoted as saying.

Judging by the article, Virene's employees definitely had a good sense of humour and knew how to have a bit of fun at work.

The history of this retail landmark began back in March of 1913 in a former grocery store at the corner of Gore and Albert streets. The store was filled with approximately

\$2,000 worth of stock of men's and boy's wear.

The store was named A.L. Virene and Sons and touted the slogan "A Square Deal Always" above the door.

In 1920 the business was taken over by sons Elnor and Alvin upon the retirement of their father and then, in 1929, they acquired the stock and business of the W.L. Cherry store. Two stores were then run for two years until consolidating under one roof on Queen Street.

Expansions and additions continued through the years. Between 1931 and 1937, ladies, children's wear and linens were added to the inventory and then on April 7, 1949, the official opening of the new Virene's department store on Queen Street occurred. The Sault Star reported at the time that it was the "most modern and impressive store interior north of Toronto."

In 1955, after the death of his uncle Elnor, the next generation of the family would enter into the business. Thornley Virene was noted in the Sault Star to be "not quite ready" to start managing the department store. However, armed with a fresh diploma in business administration, his services were needed by his father Alvin who had always looked after the retail aspects of the store.

In 1960, Alvin decided to retire, leaving the responsibility to continue the legacy with Thornley who was only 28 years of age. He was believed to be the youngest department store president in Canada at that time.

Eventually, Thornley Virene chose to return to school to obtain a law degree and left the management of the store in the capable hands of longtime employee J.P. "Jack" Kersey. Mr. Kersey worked to maintain the store's reputation for selling quality goods and "put a lot of stock in a

loyal, dedicated, and efficient staff."

The store began to experience some difficulty upon the advent of the (ACR) Station Mall in 1973, however, loyal customers kept the store afloat and Virene's maintained its presence in the downtown core when other businesses were migrating away.

In 1983, the store marked its seventieth anniversary with a champagne party and fashion show at the Windsor Park Imperial Room.

In 1987, the fourth generation of the Virene family, Philip Virene, took the helm of the newly remodelled store at the age of 26. 1988 was a very profitable year for the business but things were to quickly change by 1990.

In November 1990, the Sault Star reported that after 77 years in business, Virene's was planning to close its doors due to the economic uncertainty of the Sault Ste. Marie area. A number of factors were involved in the decision to close - the fiscal problems at the steel plant, the impending Goods and Services tax, the effects of cross-border shopping, and the fact that Canada's economy was in a recession that started in approximately April 1990.

Mr. Virene and the family "saw a very bumpy road ahead for the type of large independent store they had."

When the doors to Virene's were closed for the last time in February of 1991, Phil Virene warned in an article in the Sault Star that, "if Algoma does go, the city will basically collapse." He also added that, "we always felt that when things looked like it wasn't going to be worth running the business, when the future looked really scary, we would step out while we were still ahead."



SAULT STE MARIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Giving Tree



The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library is accepting donations for our Giving Tree, from November 16th to December 30th, 2026.

Donations of new items such as hats, mitts, gloves, socks, etc. will be gladly accepted at:

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
50 East St
and the North Branch
232C Northern Ave. E.

**For more information
call 705.759.5231**



Sault Ste Marie Public Library



Holiday Fundraiser



The Sault Ste Marie Public Library will be offering decorated snowshoes for purchase as part of our winter fundraising campaign.

**\$40.00 Each
\$60 per Pair**

All proceeds go directly to the Sault Ste Marie Public Library!

Great Gift Idea!

LET'S GLOW CRAZY AT THE LIBRARY

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James L. McIntyre Centennial Library**

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light up the Library with some glow stick fun!**

Register online Tuesday, December 8th, 2026 @9:00 am




Thank You!



The Sault Ste Marie Public Library would like to acknowledge and thank our generous Library Donors (for gifts over \$100.00)

Would you like to donate to the Library?

The Library accepts **Cash, Debit & Cheques** (made out to the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library) at either of your favourite library locations.

Other donation options:

In Memoriam - As a tribute to a family member, friend, or colleague.

Special Occasion Gift - In celebration of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement, or any other special occasion.

Adopt A Magazine - Individuals or businesses can sponsor a magazine or newspaper subscription for the Library.

The possibilities are endless!

Contact us today at 705-759-5242



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Kiwanis Club of Sault Ste Marie
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Hispanic Association
RWTO Retired Women Teachers
of Ontario (SSM Branch)
Zonta Club of Sault Ste Marie

*Recognized donors from
January 1, 2026 - October 1, 2026*

About Your Library...



JAMES L. MCINTYRE CENTENNIAL LIBRARY
50 EAST STREET, SAULT STE MARIE, ON P6A 3C3

HOURS OF OPERATION:

MONDAY - THURSDAY	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
FRIDAY	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
SATURDAY	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM



NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY
232C NORTHERN AVE., SAULT STE MARIE, ON P6B 4H6

HOURS OF OPERATION:

MONDAY	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
TUESDAY - THURSDAY	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
FRIDAY	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Library Closures 2026

New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1, 2026
Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2026 (North Branch Only)
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2026
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 5, 2026
Easter Monday	Monday, April 6, 2026
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2026
Canada Day	Wednesday, July 1, 2026
Sir William Hearst Day	Monday, August 3, 2026
Labour Day	Monday, September 7, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2026

Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Staff Development Day	Monday, November 16, 2026
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2026
Boxing Day	Saturday, December 26, 2026 Monday, December 28, 2026

Early Closures

Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2026 Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm (Centennial only)
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24, 2026 Closed at 12:00 pm
New Year's Eve	Thursday, December 31, 2026 Closed at 4:30 pm

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