

Public Library "One stop....endless possibilities"

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2024



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"If we talk about literacy, we have to talk about how to enhance our children's mastery over the tools needed to live intelligent, creative, and involved lives." – Danny Glover

Beyond Words and Pages

In our new Strategic Plan, we listed five core values. Unsurprisingly, Literacy was one of them.

What does literacy mean to you?

At our Library, we believe that literacy transcends traditional notions of reading and writing. While reading and writing are fundamental, we believe that literacy extends well beyond words and pages. It encompasses a rich tapestry of skills and knowledge that empower individuals to navigate an increasingly complex world. It is the cornerstone of lifelong learning and personal advancement.

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From digital literacy and financial literacy to civic literacy, cultural literacy and media literacy, there countless are avenues through which we can expand our understanding and enhance our lives. Whether you're mastering technology, deciphering financial statements, or critically analyzing media messages, literacy is the key to unlocking new opportunities and achieving personal growth. Together, let's embrace the diverse forms of literacy. Your Library is here to assist you on your journey of lifelong learning and discovery.



Events

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Children's

Programming

Help children discover the joy of reading through our Toddler Time and Storytime series as well as special programs expanding basic literacy.



Preschool Programs School Aged Programs Storytime Schedule Reading Club

April/May/June, 2024

General

Programming

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



Chess Club Workshops Game Night Language Class 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 Programs Signature Events

Boomers & Beyond

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

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Wednesday April 24th, 2024



7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Doors open @6:30 p.m.

Northern Superior Tap Room - 50 Pim Street

Participants are asked to bring their own device! Play alone or as part of a team!

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INNOVATION

Algoma

19+ Event

Free Registration @ Eventbrite starting Wed. April 3rd, 2024 at 9:00 am

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Children's Programming

Registered Programs

Babytime Ages 0 to 12 Months



Designed for the youngest library users and their parents or caregivers, Babytime is a great way to introduce young children to the library, to begin a love of books and to help children develop into lifelong learners.

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Wednesdays: May 1 to June 5, 2024 10:00 to 10:30 am

Online registration begins April 10, 2024 @ 9:00 am

North Branch

Thursdays: June 13 to July 18, 2024 10:30 to 11:00 am

Online registration begins May 23, 2024 @ 10:00 am

Register @ <u>https://</u> ssmpl.ca/kids/kidsprogramming/



This program is generously sponsored by:





Pre-School Time Ages 30-48 months

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library



Thursdays: April 4 to May 23, 2024 10:00 am to 11:00 am Program Room

Children will explore stories and learning activities that encourage them along a lifelong path of reading and learning. All children will have opportunities to engage in activities that focus on pre-reading, numeracy and socialization. Come join us and get ready to read!





Save the Date **Children's Mental** Health Week at the North Branch May 5-11, 2024 232C Northern Ave. E. 2000 TD Reading fun for kids, Summer from Canada's public libraries Club 2024 **Get Your** Summer **Read On!** Visit your library and register for the TD Summer Reading Club! Registration starts Monday, June 17th, and is open to kids of all ages! tol: toronto It lines

Dove Real Beauty Workshop

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Tuesday, May 7, 2024 6:00 - 7:00 pm



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

Online registration begins Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024 @ 9:00 am. <u>https://ssmpl.ca/kids/ kids-programming/</u>



This program is generously sponsored by:

Zonta Club of Sault Ste Marie Area



To our Winter Reading Club Gift Basket Winner - Colbie!



Children's Programming

PA DAY Drop-in Programs

Get Ready for ... Earth Day PA Day Craft Time



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Friday April 19, 2024 Storytime 10:00 am Craft Table 10:30am - 3:00 pm

PA Day Storytime with Deidra

North Branch April 19, 2024 11:00 am -12:00 pm.



Drop in for a special storytime with Deidra as she reads "That's What I've Been Told" and "What's in a Bead?" Activities and bead craft to follow.

This is a drop-in program, no registration is required. All ages welcome!

PD Day activities will be available all day during library hours

Star Wars Day: Jedi Training Academy

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Saturday May 4, 2024 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Drop in and try Star Wars themed activities and crafts to earn your Jedi Knight certificate!

No registration necessary



VISITS WITH ZUMI!





North Branch Last Wednesday of every month Until June 2024: April 24, May 29, June 26, 2024 5:15pm

Drop in to the North Branch for a therapeutic visit with the famous Zumi .





James L. McIntyre Centennial Library May 18, 2024 10:00 am - 4:00 pm May 19, 2024 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Drop in for some May Long Weekend camping fun! Children will be able to enjoy camping themed activities and crafts.



LEGO My Library Wrap-Up Party!

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Thursday, May 30th, 2024 6:00 - 7:30 pm



Kids and their grown-ups can drop in for LEGO challenges and time for free building.

In Partnership with:



Note: Parents must stay at the library with children under 10 years of age.

This will be our last Lego night until September!

Make It Monday PA DAY

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Monday June 10, 2024 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Drop-in between the hours of 10 am to 3 pm for some fun crafts and activities!

Get Ready for Summer Fun!





North Branch

Monday June 10, 2024 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Come and have fun with many activities, crafts & games!

This is a drop-in program!

Children's Programming

Celebrate EARTH DAY @ the North Branch April 22nd, 2024 Activities all week long

Activities all week long Monday April 22nd to Saturday April 27th Take home a Giant Sunflower Seed kit

*while supplies last

This is a drop in program ~ Everyone is Welcome!

Build Box Fun!

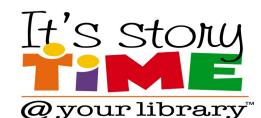
Drop by the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library or the North Branch anytime during our regular hours and



spend some time trying out one of our many Build Boxes. This is a great opportunity to try Magna Tiles, Code-a-pillar, Legos and Marble Run.



Visit our website to see the build boxes available. <u>https://ssmpl.ca/</u> reading-entertainment/ object-library/

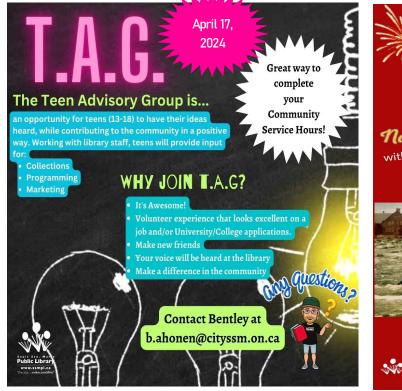


Registration is not required for the following free programs. Storytimes include stories, rhymes and a craft.

* Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Storytime Schedule			
Day	Location	Storytime	Time
Tuesday	North Branch	Storytime	11:00 to 11:30 am
Wednesday	Centennial	Wednesday Night Storytime & Craft	6:00 to 6:30 pm
The last 'Wednesday Night Storytime' is May 29th from 6:00-6:30. See you all in the Fall !			
Friday	Centennial	Storytime	10:00 to 10:30 am

For more information about Storytimes please call the Children's Desk at 705-759-5241.







Details to be announced in May on the library website at ssmpl.ca

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For further information call 705-759-5236

Brian Tremblay presents...



The Neighbourhood

Photographs, Memories, Music & Stories of Growing Up in the Sault

North-Branch 232 C Northern Avenue E.

6:30 - 8:30 pm Doors open at 6:00 pm

Tickets \$10.00 Per Person Tickets go on sale April 16, 2024

Available at both library locations

Thursday, May 16, 2024

For more information contact the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library at 705-759-5231

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Adult Programming

Spring Programs



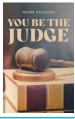
You Be The Judge!

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Saturday April 6, 2024 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Come join the Sault's former criminal court judge as he introduces you to his new book, "You Be The Judge".

Norman Douglas will be here to talk about his book, answer questions and quite possibly sign a copy of his interactive book for you.

This is a drop-in program and all are welcome!



Starting Your Garden

North Branch Wednesday April 10, 2024 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Lead hand at Bellevue Park, and local farmer, Jeff Marshall will ever you how to start your gard FULL

Registration pens on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 10:00 am.

Scan the QR code or call (705) 759-5248 to register.







Come Celebrate

National Canadian Film Day

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Wednesday April 17, 2024 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm Program Room

We will have a free screening of the film '**Beans'.**

Online registration begins Monday, April 2, 2024 at 9:00 am

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ national-canadian-film-day-2024-tickets-863779707357? aff=oddtdtcreator

9:00 am

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Knowledge is free at the library, Just bring your own container,

Handicraft with the RWTO

Retired Women Teachers of Ontario Sault Ste Marie Branch

North Branch

Thursdays: April 19, May 16, June 20, 2024 1:30 - 3:00 pm

The RWTO ladies invite you to join them to work on your handicraft and meet new people. This is a drop-in program and everyone is welcome.

Earth Day Film Screening

presented by Clean North and the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Saturday April 20, 2024 2:00 pm Program Room Sault Ste. Marie CLIMATE HUB

To register for this free event scan the QR code, visit ssmpl.ca or call 705-759-5236



It's Not Rocket Science Trivia Night



with Northern Superior Brewery

The Library along with Northern Superior Brewery will be hosting a free trivia night. Test your trivia knowledge and win great prizes! Participants are asked to bring their own devices - play alone or as part of a team!

This is a 19+ event.



The Tap Room - 50 Pim Street Wednesday April 24, 2024 7:00 pm - 900 pm Doors open @ 6:30 pm

Free registration on Eventbrite beginning April 3, 2024 at 9:00 am: <u>https://</u> www.eventbrite.ca/ e/576138695347





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North Branch

Thursday, May 16, 2024 7:00 - 9:00 pm Doors open at 6:30 pm

Tickets \$10.00 per person - go on sale April 16, 2024.

Tickets available at both library locations

CRAFTERNOON Rock Pendants



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Wednesday, April 25, 2024 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Create your own wire-wrapped pendant with a polished Lake Superior rock. Supplies are provided and each participant will take home one completed pendant.

Space is limited and registration is required.

To register, scan the QR code, call 705-759-5236 or visit ssmpl.ca





Basket Weaving Workshop with Judy McGonigal

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Saturday, April 27, 2024 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Program Room

\$25.00. Per person - cash only Sign up "in person" at the Reference & Information Desk. Call 705-759-5236 for more info.

Celebrate June 1-30, 2024 ational Indigenous History Month with Voices of Bawating Details to be announced in May on the library website ssmpl.ca

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL:

Discover the culture. sights, and sounds of **New Zealand!**



North Branch Wednesday, May 22, 2024 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Adults are invited to join in on a virtual armchair adventure to explore the Islands of New Zealand. Test your knowledge and learn about the Maori people all from the comfort of your chair!

Registration opens April 17, 2024.



Call 705-759-5248 or scan the QR code.





Drop by the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library and add a row to our community scarf!

Show us your work in progress for a chance to wind a fiber arts gift basket! Receive extra ballots by attending any Wednesday Knit and Crochet Night in Mav!

The Knit & Crochet **Crafters Group**

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Wednesday Evenings: April 3 to May 29, 2024 6:30 - 8:30 pm

All levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome to attend and enjoy the company of others who love the craft! This group of crafters is intended to be self-sustaining. Meet at the large table near the DVD collection at the Centennial Library. There may also be opportunity for those who would like to learn, depending on the attendance of those willing to teach!



CRAFTERNOON Pride Month Buttons

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Wednesday, June 27, 2024 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Create your own vintage-inspired Pride Month button. Supplies are provided and each participant will take home one completed button.

Space is limited and registration is required.

To register, scan the QR code, call 705-759-5236 or visit ssmpl.ca



Borrow ebooks & audiobooks

Libby. The reading app from our library, built by OverDrive.



General Programming



North Branch Wednesday, April 17, 2024 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Families are invited to explore the pointillism technique made famous by Georges Seurat and Paul Signac in the 1800's. This all ages event makes for a fun, creative and educational family night

out.

Online registration begins March 20, 2024, 10:00 am @

https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/

Chess Club

Join the Library, as we bring back drop-in Chess Night! All ages and abilities welcomed. No registration required.



North Branch Tuesdays: April 2 - June 25, 2024 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Learn to Play Bridge with the Algoma/Cambrian **Bridge Club**

North Branch Wednesdays: Feb 14 - April 24, 2024 10:30 am - 12 pm

This is a drop-in program, no registration required.



North Branch Thursday June 20, 2024



6:00 pm



Featuring Luke Gore-Shadow and Lana Von Archer All ages welcome! Crafts to follow storytime

Rainbow Book Care Package



Drop by the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library to pick up your free Rainbow Book Care Package - June 17th, 2024 while supplies last.

Each package contains: a 2SLGBTQIA+ book for you to keep, local resources, stickers and other fun stuff!



Earth Day 22 APRIL 2024

From April 1 to 30th, 2024 Check out any Nature/Environment themed Book or DVD and receive a ballot for a chance to win a Gift Basket filled with re-usable environmentally friendly items!

Draw Date: May 1, 2024 Ballots available at both Library locations.



Spring Story Walk

@ The Downtown Plaza (526 Bay St.)

March 28 - April 23, 2024

Visit the Downtown Plaza and read "Watch It Grow" by Barbara Reid as you walk on a sunny spring day!









Boomers & Beyond

Savvy Seniors Book Chats



SPRING 2024

Join us at the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library for an informal gathering where we share the books and movies that we've been reading and watching. All seniors welcome! Held the last Tuesday of each month from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Free - No registration required

Dates: April 30, May 28

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library - 50 East Street





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.

For more information about the Visiting Library Service please call 705-759-5236

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!

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library		North Branch	
Wednesday, April 24	1:00 am - 12:00 pm	Monday, April 8	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Wednesday, May 22	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Thursday, May 9	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday, June 12 (Boomers & Beyond)	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Wednesday, June 19	11:00 am - 12:00 pm





In 1902, a boat club was constructed near Pine Street, the brainchild of the Vanderbilt Society's small Sault Ste. Marie chapter.

It would be a building so grand that, according to the Sault Star, it would "compare favourably with any boat quarters in the East." Descriptions of the planned building featured locker rooms, indoor bathing facilities, a smoking room, and a grand assembly room with a large balcony.

The building was scheduled to officially open on June 26. 1902 – the day of King Edward VII's coronation. However, the boating club's opening was postponed because of the King's ill health. He had developed appendicitis and, while he was never scheduled to be in attendance, there was concern that should the outcome of his illness be a negative one, it would be more appropriate to choose a new date for the boat club's celebrations.

After a brief delay, the Sault Boating Club had its grand opening on July 1 with an evening that included speeches, music, and dancing. There was a dress code, with reminders going out to male attendees that "yachting or light suits" would be the appropriate attire. The mayor, W.J. Thompson, was in attendance, and encouraged citizens to provide the club with "their financial and moral support."

The Boat Club held dances and lawn parties, and people showed up for games of bridge and tennis. And, of course, there were the boating activities. The club hosted regattas – series of races typically involving yachts or boats – and sent crews to competitions out of town as well.

At first. there were restrictions as to who could join the boat club: members had to be men over the age of 21. However, as time passed, the rules were relaxed. Women were officially allowed to join in 1937. The minimum age was also lowered to 18 older members had begun attending the country club more regularly, and the boat club became a hub for a vounger crowd.

On October 31, 1939, the building, now called the St. Mary's River Boat Club. burned down in what the Sault Star referred to as "a real blaze of glory." The fire was so out of control that there was no chance of saving the building; firefighters could only try to keep it from spreading. Crowds gathered to watch the flames, with the audience growing to hundreds of people.

The fire resulted in the complete loss of the building –

valued at \$10,000 – as well as \$5,000 worth of the building's contents. Among the items destroyed was a voyageur canoe that had been used by troops working to suppress the Red River Rebellion.

The boat club was soon rebuilt, however the new building lacked the grandeur of the original one. As well, the Second World War put a strain on the club's membership. It folded for a while, then reopened and, from the 40s through to the 60s, became a popular social gathering place including notable members Russ Ramsay as well as Ozzie Hargreaves, father of the Hargreaves quadruplets.

The venue became so popular, in fact, that it sparked safety concerns. In 1965, the morality squad and fire marshal showed up at a dance to clear people out of the building, concerned that the e v e n t W a s overcrowded. Estimates put the number o f attendees around 500 people; the maximum capacity was later set to 252!

In May of 1967, the boat club burned down once again, leaving nothing but rubble and some still-functional tennis courts. The facility was re-built for the second time. This time, it opened as the Rotary-YMCA Tennis and Aquatic Club, or RYTAC. This facility closed in 2012 due to financial concerns. Today, the site is owned by Sault College and is known as the Franklin Prouse Centre. The property will be used as a programming space for the college, hosting tennis courts and waterfront activities once again.





The Friendly Bookworm

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

News from our Annual General Meeting . . .

At the Friends of the Library AGM in February we celebrated a banner year financially, topping \$40,000 in book sales in 2023.

The Friends have had their most members ever, largely due to the success of "half price Saturdays" for members.

At their AGM, the entire Board of Library purchased Friends memberships to show their unanimous support of the work that we do. Thank you!!

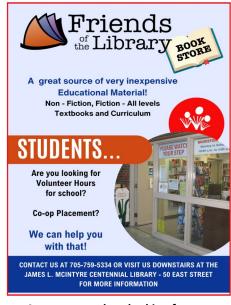
Continuing with the Friends very active outreach efforts, Sault Area Hospital cancer patients heading to Sudbury this spring will receive gift bags with books, puzzle, etc. to help pass the time while away from home.

Next Meeting Annual General Meeting Monday June 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Friends sold gardening books at Seedy Saturday and spread the word about the Friends Bookstore.



We call our bookstore the "best kept secret in town". Most books are \$1, Childrens books are 3 for \$1. Check our special displays for nearly new/ gently used and collectibles with prices as marked. Watch our Facebook page for more deals. Every Saturday is half price for members! We could not do this without the generous donations we receive from the community, and the support of library staff and our volunteers.





Are you a student looking for your next volunteer experience? Our bookstore is your best bet!



Bookstore Hours

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

Lower Level James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Volunteering Makes A Difference!



The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library would like to acknowledge and thank our generous Library Donors

Would you like to donate to the Library?

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

Paypal - an online donation by credit card at https:// www.paypal.com/ca/fundraiser/charity/3465175

Other donation options:

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

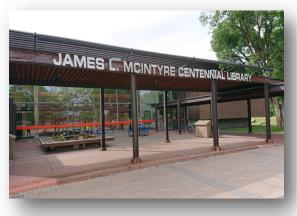
Special Occasion Gift - In celebration of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement, or any other special occasion.

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

About Your Library...

w.ssmpl.ca





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

HOURS OF OPERATION:	
MON THURS.	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
TUES-THURS	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
FRIDAY	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Summer Hours begin Monday June 17th, 2024

Library Closures 2024

New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2024
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Easter Sunday	Sunday, March 31, 2024
Easter Monday	Monday, April 1, 2024
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2024
Canada Day	Monday, July 1, 2024
Sir William Hearst Day	Monday, August 5, 2024
Labour Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
Thanksgiving	Monday, October 14, 2024

Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Staff Development Day	Monday, November 18, 2024
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25, 2024
Boxing Day	Thursday, December 26, 2024
Early Closures:	
Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2024 Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm
Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Closed at 12:30 pm
New Year's Eve	Tuesday, December 31, 2024 Closed at 4:30 pm

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