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**Recently I asked ChatGPT,
“What is culture?”
This was its response:**

“Culture refers to the collective expression of a group of people encompassing their shared beliefs, customs, traditions, language, arts, and social behaviors. It's the way of life for a particular society, influencing everything from how individuals interact with one another to their

understanding of the world. Culture is transmitted from one generation to the next through socialization, education, and various forms of communication. It's dynamic and can evolve over time due to factors such as globalization, migration, and technological advancements. Culture provides individuals with a sense of identity and belonging while also shaping their perspectives and behaviors.”

It was a very precise and logical answer. Typical of a computer.

What ChatGPT failed to capture was the colour, vibrancy, experience and enrichment of culture. Culture is the taste of samosas on your tongue. It is the wood smoke that stings your eyes while sitting in a story telling circle. It is the reverberating echoes of djembe drums in your chest. It is the way your heartbeat quickens as you begin to dance a Merengue. It

is the smell of fresh baked Pulla in the early morning. These are only a few of the countless examples that could be given. Though you may be able to learn a bit about culture from a computer, your real education begins when you immerse yourself in stories, dialogue and lived cultural experiences. Culture Days is a national celebration of arts and culture which our community happily participates in annually. This year's celebrations will begin on September 20th and will run for three weeks until October 13th. The Library has an exciting Cultural Family Fun Day planned with over 20 partnering organizations, an opportunity not to be missed!

We invite you to immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of cultural experiences offered by the Library and throughout the community this season.



SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY STORYTIME

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

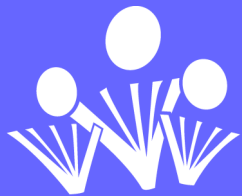
September 14th * 10am - 12pm

Events

July, August, September 2024

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Sault Ste. Marie
Public Library
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"One stop...endless possibilities"

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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

General Programming

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



- Tours
- Workshops
- Drop-In Activities
- 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
- Information Sessions
- 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

In Memory of



EISENBICHLER, Wilhelm

**Former CEO/Director
Sault Ste. Marie Public Library**



On April 12, 2024, Wilhelm Eisenbichler lost his battle with prostate cancer and passed away in London, surrounded by his wife Sheree and other family members.

Former Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Director, Wilhelm Eisenbichler (better known to everyone as Willy) came to the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library in 1980 filling the role of Assistant Adult Services Librarian briefly before assuming the role of Adult Services Librarian. He then became Director of the Library and Chief Executive Officer on May 1, 1993, following the retirement of Director & CEO Brian Ingram.

Willy had a passion for history which led him to find different ways to preserve our city's past. He served on a variety of committees, including the SSM Historic Sites Board, Heritage SSM, LACAC (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee), a committee dedicated to researching and determining historic designations for many of our older properties in the

city and the Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee. He recognized that our history was important and needed to be preserved. Therefore, he worked tirelessly with Reference Technician, Linda Burtch to establish the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Archives in 1992, in order to preserve the historical documents and photographs documenting the history of our growth into a thriving industrial centre.



During his tenure as Director, he oversaw many important events in the history of the Library, including a major renovation project of the Centennial Library in order to gain some much-needed space and improve efficiency of the Library. The wall separating the Children's and Adult departments was removed and the Administration Offices were moved downstairs to the former Centennial Room creating more floor space in the public areas.

He enjoyed living in Northern Ontario and experiencing the outdoors, whether it was through cross-country skiing, hiking, tennis or golfing. He also loved music, and played trombone in the Sault Symphony



occasionally but his true love was jazz. As a librarian, he was well-read and could often be found in the Library's Reading Area during his lunch hours reading the current news magazines and newspapers from around the country.

Willy retired from the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library in December 2008, but he continued to follow what was happening at the Library and was very supportive of furthering library service in Sault Ste. Marie. He was well-respected and was recognized by his peers by being named the Ontario Library Boards' Association (OLBA) Public Librarian of the Year in 2009, presented to a public librarian who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the advancement of public library service in Ontario.



After retiring, he eventually moved to London, Ontario to be closer to family and spent his retirement years pursuing his various interests and hobbies, as well as travelling and exploring many parts of the world but he always enjoyed coming home and spending time with his grandchildren.

Willy left an indelible mark on the city and on Sault Ste. Marie Public Library in particular, and he will be missed by all of us who had the privilege of working with him at the Library!

Children's Programming

Registered Programs

Harry Potter

Kids' Trivia Party



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Wednesday, July 31, 2024
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Harry Potter fans ages 8 to 12 are invited to join us for a party, with trivia, snacks, and a craft!



Registration opens
July 17 @ 9:00am



Allergy Alert! These activities may have potential food allergens.

Le Soleil

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library



Jeudi le 8 aout, 2024
1:30 - 2:30 pm

Les enfants sont invites a participer dans notre programme d'ete. Le programme include des histoires, du bricolage, des jeux et plus!

Inscrivez-vous en personne ou par telephone 705-759-5241.
jeudi, le 25 juin pour notre programme.



Dove Real Beauty Workshop



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Tuesday, September 24 2024
6:00 - 7:00 pm

The Dove Real Beauty Workshop for 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 , September 23, 2024

@ 9:00 am. <https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/>. Space is limited.

For more information call 705-759-5241.

This program is generously sponsored by:



Babytime

Ages 0 to 12 Months

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Mondays
September 16 - October 28, 2024
10:00 am - 10:30 am

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
August 26, 2024 @ 9:00 am

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



This program is generously sponsored by:



Baby Picasso



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
October 3 - October 24

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Baby Picasso is a 4 session program that introduces young children 6-12 months old to experiences that integrate music, art, literacy and sensory stimulation.

Registration begins
September 12, 2024, @ 9:00 am

Pre-School Time

Age 30-48 months



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Tuesdays

October 8 - November 26, 2024
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Program Room

Children will explore stories and learning activities that encourage them along a life-long path of reading and learning. This program is 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. Come join us and get ready to read!

Online registration begins
September 17, 2024 @ 9:00 am.
@ <https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/>



Allergy Alert! These activities may have potential food allergens.

Children's Programming

Drop-In Programs

Summer Time

LEGO

"Build it Box"



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Tuesdays, July 2 - Sept 3, 2024

Take the LEGO challenge There will be a new challenge posted each week. Earn a ballot each week for a chance to win a LEGO themed gift bag. Ask for a LEGO box at the Children's Desk and show us your build

Summer



Storytime

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Thursdays
July 4 - August 29
11:00 am - 11:30 am

New Date
and Time!

North Branch
Tuesdays
11:00 am - 11:30 am

Storytime is a fun family program for all ages where story books are read aloud.

This is a drop-in program! See you there!



Wednesday Matinee Family Movies



MovieTime

North Branch
232-C Northern Ave
Wednesday July 17 and
Wednesday August 21, 2024
Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Program Room A



Grab a friend and head to the North Branch for a family friendly movie. Popcorn included!



Teddy Bear Picnic

Outdoor Storytime

North Branch
232-C Northern Ave
Monday July 22, 2024
11:00 am - 12:00 pm



Grab your fluffy friend and head to the North Branch for a Teddy Bear Picnic Storytime; featuring fun stories, songs, and activities with a tasty treat to satisfy even the grumbliest of tummies!

Water Safety Storytime



SAULT STE. MARIE

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Thursday, July 25, 2024
11:00 am – 12:00 pm

We're making a splash with Water Safety Storytime. Kids and their caregivers are invited to drop in for stories, a water safety presentation and a craft with our special guest lifeguard from the John Rhodes Community Centre!

Drop in READY, SET, READ STORYTIME

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Fun activities and crafts to support children's literacy development .

July 24 - Letters, Letters, Letters
July 31 - Sounds and Rhymes
Aug. 7 - Finding New Words
Aug. 14 - Print is Everywhere
Aug. 21 - Understanding Stories

Summer



North Branch
Wednesday August 14, 2024
1:30 - 2:30 pm

Bingo is back! – Children are encouraged to register for an afternoon of Summer Bingo.

Registration will begin
July 31, 2024 @ 10:00
am



TD Summer Reading Club Story Walk

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
July 2 - August 31, 2024

Join us for the TD Summer Reading Club StoryWalk, featuring "The Darkest Dark" by Chris Hadfield. Enjoy reading a story outside as you move along from one page to the next!

Children's Programming

Summer Games

North Branch

July 2 - August 31, 2024

During the summer, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, drop by the North Branch between 1.p.m. – 3 p.m. to play games. Build Boxes, board games and puzzles.

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

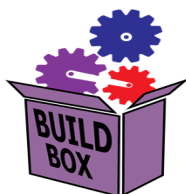


Northern THINK Hub at the North Branch

The Northern THINK Hub encourages curiosity, creativity, and hands on play. Kids can drop by and explore the Northern THINK Hub whenever the North Branch is open to the public.

Everyone is welcome

Build Box Fun!



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library North Branch

Drop by either library location 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.

<https://ssmpl.ca/reading-entertainment/object-library/>



LEGO My Library

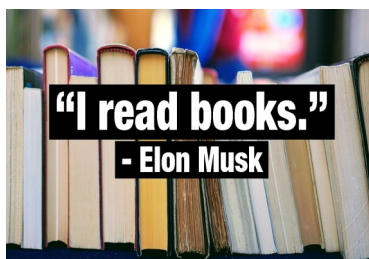


James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Starting September 12, 2024

Thursdays 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

This program will run weekly and feature a different LEGO building challenge each week, as well as time for free building.



Summer Drop-In Crafts & Activities

Drop in to the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library and North Branch Library during open hours anytime between July 2nd & August 31st for fun space-themed crafts & activities!



SSMPL'S KIDS' SUMMER BUCKET LIST Challenge!

Pick up a SSMPL Bucket List for Kids on or after July 2, 2024, at the North Branch. Complete as many items on the list. Submit your List to the North Branch by August 29, 2024, for a chance to win a special prize!

Draw will take place on August 30, 2024

For more information call: 705-759-5248

SSMPL's Kids' Summer Bucket List Challenge logo features a smiling sun, a red bucket, and a banner with the text "SSMPL'S KIDS' SUMMER BUCKET LIST Challenge!".

Small text at the bottom right: South Sea, Marie Public Library www.ssmpl.ca

ON CULTURE DAYS 2024



Join us along the
**Sault Ste. Marie
Cultural Corridor**

For a variety of online and in-person events

September 20th to October 13, 2024

A 3-week celebration of creativity, culture and heritage!



Scan the QR code to visit our Hub on the Culture Days 2024 website for a listing of everything going on in our community this year, or visit www.culturedays.ca.



SAULT STE. MARIE
AND AREA
LOCAL IMMIGRATION
PARTNERSHIP



Adult Programming

Adult Summer Reading Challenge



From July 1st - August 31st

Pick up your Reading Challenge Card at either the **James L. McIntyre Centennial Library** or **North Branch Library**.

Receive a ballot for each challenge completed! Complete however many challenges you'd like.

Remember to have FUN!

At the end of summer you'll have a chance to WIN 1 of 3 GREAT PRIZES!

Pick up your Challenge Card from either library location or download from www.ssmpl.ca

Language Classes with NOLHA



North Branch

Portuguese Classes

September 12, 2024 - November 7, 2024
Weekly every Thursday
6:00 - 7:30 pm
 Program Room B

Spanish Classes

September 11, 2024 - November 6, 2024
Weekly every Wednesday
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Registration opens August 21, 2024 @ 9:00 am



For any inquiries, please contact NOLHA at nolhacan@gmail.com



Crafternoons @ Centennial

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Crafter-Noon will be returning after Summer. Look forward to the last Thursday of the following months.

September 26, October 31 and November 28, 2024 when we will be introducing a variety of new handicrafts.

Stay tuned for more details as the dates approach.



Preserving Papers & Photographs



North Branch

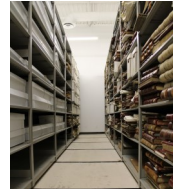
Tuesday, September 24, 2024
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Learn how to care for your family documents. Including storage practices and easy cleaning techniques.

Registration begins Sept. 3 @ 10:00 am.



Archive Tour



North Branch

Friday October 18, 2024
10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

See what goes on behind the doors at the Archives at the North Branch Library

Registration opens Sept. 27 @ 10:00 am.



Registration Fall Season 2024

Tuesday Book Clubs
 Registration opens: Tuesday, August 13th at 9:00 am

	<u>Morning Club</u>	<u>Afternoon Club</u>
September 17	10:00 am	2:00 pm
October 15	10:00 am	2:00 pm
November 19	10:00 am	2:00 pm
December 17	10:00 am	2:00 pm

Mystery and Suspense Book Club
 Registration opens: Wednesday, August 14th at 9:00 am

September 11	2:00 pm
October 9	2:00 pm
November 13	2:00 pm
December 11	2:00 pm

Registration will be facilitated through Eventbrite.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

SEPT. 1-30 2024



Sign up for a Library card
and enter our draw to win a

\$200 Station Mall
Gift Card



Already have a Library Card?

Refer a friend for a Library card
and have your name entered
in our draw as well!

(remind them to let us know your full name as their referral)

Rules:

- i. An individual signing up for a card can only have 1 person as a referral.
- ii. Valid only with a Full Membership sign-up. Library cards are FREE!
- iii. Must show proper identification at the time of sign-up.
- iv. One library card per person.
- v. A person can be a referral for an unlimited amount of people.





**TD KIDS' SUMMER
READING CLUB**

COSMIC ADVENTURE

JUNE 17 - AUGUST 23, 2024

COMPLETE READING
CHALLENGES AT YOUR OWN
PACE TO EARN MISSION
BADGES FOR YOUR UNIFORM
AND HELP YOUR TEAM WIN!

**SIGN UP TODAY AT EITHER
LIBRARY LOCATION!**



Archive Tour at the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library will be holding tours of its archives Friday October 18, 2024 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

See what goes on behind the doors at the Archives at the North Branch Library 232 C Northern Ave. E.

Registration begins September 27, 2024 please call the North Branch 705-759-5248 to reserve a tour spot or online by scanning the QR code . All attendees must register individually as space is limited.



**ON
CULTURE
DAYS**

Cultural Family Fun Day

Friday Sept. 27, 2024

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Clergue Park

Free activities for all ages in the
hub of our community

Travel along the Hub Trail
and stop by
Ermatinger Clergue National
Historic Site for their
Fall Rendezvous
celebration!

Event Highlights:

- Belly Dancing
- Latin Hispanic Dancing
- Rock Painting
- Longest Flight Contest
- Bugs!
- Soccer
- Tobacco Tying
- Tai Chi Demonstrations
- Fortune Telling
- Face Painting
- Yoga
- Henna



Scan the QR code for a listing of
everything going on in our
community this year,
or visit www.culturedays.ca



Teen Programming



Digital Painting Workshop

James L McIntyre Centennial Library
Tuesdays July 9 and August 11
12:30 - 2:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
2:30 - 4:30 pm / 15 - 19 years

North Branch
Tuesday July 16
12:30 - 2:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
2:30 - 4:30 pm / 15 - 19 years

Dive into the world of digital painting with our exclusive workshop designed just for you.
Registration begins on June 20.

Figure Drawing

James L McIntyre Centennial Library
Thursdays
July 11 and July 25
12:30 - 2:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
2:30 - 4:30 pm / 15 - 19 years
Program Room

North Branch
July 16 and August 1
12:30 - 2:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
2:30 - 4:30 pm / 15 - 19 years

Step into the captivating realm of figure drawing in our exclusive workshop tailored for teens.
Registration begins June 20

3D Modeling Workshop

James L McIntyre Centennial Library
Tuesdays
July 30
12:30 - 2:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
2:30 - 4:20 pm / 15 - 19 years
Computer Commons Room

North Branch
July 23 and August 13th
12:30 - 2:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
2:30 - 4:30 pm / 15 - 19 years
Program room B

Join our specialized workshop and dive deep into the art of crafting sleek, detailed

3D designs. From futuristic vehicles to architectural wonders, explore the different modelling techniques.
Registration begins June 20th.

Photo Editing and Retouching Workshop

James L McIntyre Centennial Library
Thursdays
August 15
12:30 - 2:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
2:30 - 4:30 pm / 15 - 19 years
Computer Commons Room

North Branch
August 8
12:30 - 2:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
2:30 - 4:30 pm / 15 - 19 years
Program Room B

Elevate your images to new heights with our photo retouching workshop.
Registration begins July 18.



Graphic Design Workshop

James L McIntyre Centennial Library
Tuesdays
August 20
12:30 - 2:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
2:30 - 4:30 pm / 15 - 19 years
Computer Commons Room

North Branch
August 27
12:30 - 2:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
2:30 - 4:30 pm / 15 - 19 years
Program Room B

Join us at the library for an exciting Graphic Design workshop tailored just for you!
Registration begins July 30

Build your Own Website

James L McIntyre Centennial Library
Thursdays
August 29
12:30 - 2:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
2:30 - 4:30 pm / 15 - 19 years
Computer Commons Room

North Branch
August 22
12:30 - 2:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
2:30 - 4:30 pm / 15 - 19 years

Come to the Library and dive into the world of website building! Learn how to craft your digital space, from layout to content, and unleash your online presence.
Registration begins August 1.

Principles of Animation

James L McIntyre Centennial Library
Tuesdays
September 3
4:30 - 6:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
6:30 - 8:30 pm / 15 - 19 years
Computer Commons Room

North Branch
September 10
4:30 - 6:00 pm / 10 - 14 years
6:00 - 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 years
Program Room B

Dive into the captivating world of animation at the Library! Join us for a dynamic workshop, where you'll discover the fundamental principles behind bringing characters to life on screen.
Registration begins August 13

To register for our Teen Programming please visit our website at www.ssmpl or scan this QR code.



Teen Programming

Photography Workshop

James L McIntyre Centennial Library

Tuesdays

September 5

4:30 - 6:30 pm / 10 - 14 years
6:30 - 8:30 pm / 15 - 19 years
Computer Commons Room

North Branch

September 12

4:30 - 6:00 pm / 10 - 14 years
6:00 - 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 years
Program Room B

Hey Teens? Want to sharpen your photography skills? Explore composition, lighting and storytelling to capture moments like a pro.

Registration begins August 15

Character Design

James L McIntyre Centennial Library

Thursdays

September 17

4:30 - 6:30 / 10 - 14 years
6:30 - 8:30 / 15 - 19 years
Computer Commons Room

North Branch

September 24

4:30 - 6:00 pm / 10 - 14 years
6:00 - 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 years
Program Room B

Ever dreamed of creating your own characters? Join us at the Library for an exciting character design workshop! Registration starts on August 27

Filmmaking Fundamentals

James L McIntyre Centennial Library

Thursdays

September 19

4:30 - 6:30 pm / 10-14 years
6:30 - 8:30 pm / 15-19 years
Computer Commons Room

North Branch

September 26

4:30 - 6:00 pm / 10 - 14 years
6:00 - 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 years
Program Room B

Ready to Uncover the secrets of filmmaking? Join us at the Library for a workshop, where you'll learn the filmmaking process from start to finish. Registration begins August 29



To register for our Teen Programming please visit our website at www.ssmpl or scan this QR code.

General Programming

Zumi Summer Visits



North Branch

July 31, 2024 @5:15 pm
August 29, 2024 @ 5:15 pm

There is no summer vacation for this wonder pup! Stop in for some furry summer lovin' with Zumi and chat all things summer, library, and therapy dogs with handler Joey!



Chess Club

North Branch

Tuesdays

Stay tuned for a September start date!

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



Join us at the
North Branch
for a "Book Talk"
with Employment Solutions

Wednesdays from
1:00 - 4:00 pm

September 11, 2024
September 25, 2024
October 9, 2024
October 23, 2024
November 6, 2024
November 20, 2024
December 4, 2024

Drop-in and speak with members from Employment Solutions and discuss your future job opportunities!



Storytime

CENTENNIAL LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM
STARTS AT 10:00AM-12:00 NOON
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH 2024



TICKETS ON SALE AUGUST 19TH AT THE
JAMES L. MCINTYRE CENTENNIAL LIBRARY AND NORTH BRANCH

LIVE SINGING | SPECIAL PRIZES | CRAFT

Boomers & Beyond

Savvy Seniors Book Chats



FALL 2024

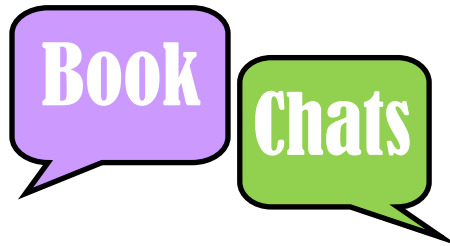
Join us at the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library for an informal gathering where we share the books and movies that we've been reading and watching. All seniors welcome!

Held the last Tuesday of each month from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Free - No registration required

Dates: Sept 24, Oct. 29

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

Thursday July 11 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday August 13 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Thursday Sept. 12 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

North Branch

Wednesday July 2 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thursday August 29 11:00 am -12:00 pm

Wednesday Sept 18 3:00 pm- 4:00 pm

THIS IS A DROP IN PROGRAM

Our History

In January of 1963, panic gripped Sault Ste. Marie as an explosion rocked the steel plant.

It was hardly the first time something had exploded at Algoma Steel.

The plant made national headlines in 1928, when an explosion in the No. 3 Blast Furnace left five people injured and one person dead; rubble from the explosion flew as far as a quarter of a mile away.

On Dec. 27, 1946, just after 2 a.m., two explosions were caused by hot slag spilling outside the open hearth onto ice and snow. While there were no injuries, the second and stronger blast shook the city and Sault, Michigan.

On Jan. 23, 1963, a major explosion shook the steel plant, just prior to eight in the morning, less than an hour into the shift. Initial reports coming out of the plant said that one employee was dead and many others were missing. However, rescue crews uncovered more bodies under the rubble, the last of the dead men being found at approximately 1 o'clock that afternoon.

All told, eight employees were injured and four killed: Henry Crawford, Charles Gooderham (who was also the Sault Board of Health chair), Steve Tarasuk, and Charles Wolfe. While the cause of the explosion wasn't initially known, it happened between the No. 5 and No. 7 batteries, in the reversing room. Dazed employees described to the Sault Star how the explosion had



come on with no warning. One described it as “just a blast of smoke,” with another saying that “there was smoke and dust all around. Everything was pitch black.”

Others talked about not being able to see anything, the noise of the blast, and wanting to get out as soon as possible. One injured employee said he just walked without knowing where.

Debris was scattered approximately 200 yards away, and glass was shattered. Even as far away as Gore Street, a combination of the cold weather and the force of the explosion may have shattered some windows.

Ray Smilie, Olympic boxer turned Bell Telephone Company manager, told of the pressure the accident placed on phone lines. As anxious relatives of Algoma Steel employees phoned the media and the police in search of information, they placed an “unprecedented” strain, leading to many lines going out of order.

The panic wasn't quelled until 11:30 a.m., more than three hours after the

initial blast, when Algoma Steel released a statement. They hadn't wanted to provide any details until they first notified the victims' next of kin.

However, as time went on, they released further information. Algoma Steel began an investigation into the cause of the explosion, in conjunction with the Department of Labour and the Department of Energy and Resources. Within a couple of days of the explosion, they announced that it “appeared to have been caused by some external factor and not by normal operating methods,” as reported in the Globe and Mail.

Algoma Steel officials also praised employees for their roles in the aftermath of the explosion. The initial rescue team was made up of trained employees “who worked so effectively . . . to assist plant protection personnel in controlling the area and assisting in rescue operations.”



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The Friendly Bookworm

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

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**Friends Giant
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**Rotaryfest Weekend
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Next Meeting

Monday, Sept. 9, 2024

James L. McIntyre
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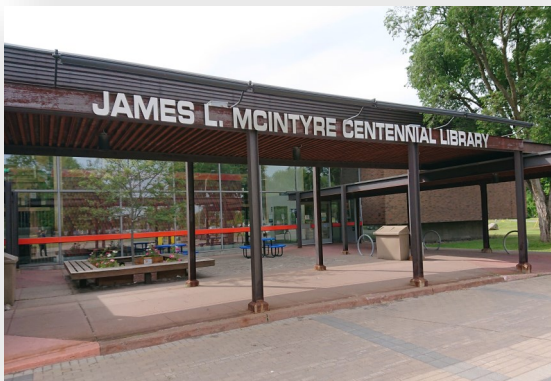
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Library Closures 2024

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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