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October brings us autumnal changes such as cooler weather, shorter days, and bright, vibrant colours upon the trees. It also brings with it Ontario Public Library week, this year being held from October 20 – 26, 2024. As in past years, the Ontario Library Association has decided to give the week a cryptic theme leaving us to ponder the meaning behind it. This year's theme is "Libraries for Life."

There are many interpretations of this simple phrase. It could have something to do with the

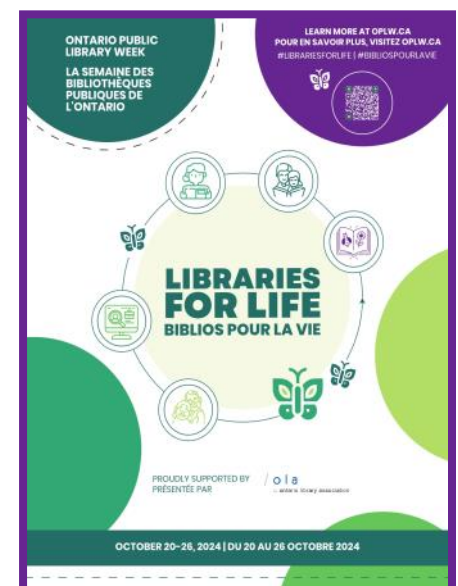
utility of libraries throughout a person's life. From infant to senior, libraries have programs, resources and services for all ages. Libraries remain relevant to a person throughout each stage of their life.

Then again, "Libraries for Life" may be related to personal growth. Libraries are a source of nutrients for the mind and soul. They provide opportunities for lifelong learning and personal development. "Libraries for Life" may even have a broader meaning. If we were to look at a community as a living organism, a library would be like an organ, breathing life into the community. A healthy community is one with a vibrant public library, among a number of other institutions such as schools, social services, recreational facilities, and community centres.

My favourite interpretation of "Libraries for Life", being a Romantic I suppose, has more to do with what is

written upon the pages, bound and nestled onto our library's shelves. It involves imagination bringing characters to life. Be it the moustachioed detective Poirot from Agatha Christie's crime novels or the freckled face of Anne Shirley from Montgomery's "Anne of Green Gables," the characters from books remain lifeless until the reader, like a wizard from Middle Earth, conjures them into being.

Regardless, I think we can all agree that that "Libraries for Life" is an apt theme for this year's Ontario Public Library week.



Events

October, November, December 2024

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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



TICKETS
ON SALE
Oct. 7, 2024

BOOK Tasting NIGHT



Friday, Nov. 8th, 2024

6:30 - 8:30 pm

North Branch Library - 232C Northern Ave. E.

Join us for an enchanting evening of literary exploration at our Library Book Tasting Event!

Discover a delightful array of books across various genres and styles as you wander through our specially curated stations with delicious food and drink pairings provided by Feeding Your Soul cafe.

TICKETS: \$35.00 PER PERSON (with a Library Card)
\$40.00 PER PERSON (without a Library Card)

19+ Event
Price includes 5 Cocktails & 5 Appetizers

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BOTH
LIBRARY LOCATIONS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
705.759.5248



Allergy Alert! These activities may have potential food allergies.

Children's Programming

Registered Programs

Baby Time

Ages 0 to 12 Months

North Branch

Thursdays

November 7 - December 12, 2024

10:30 am - 11:00 am

Online Registration begins

October 17, 2024 @ 10:00 am

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Thursdays

January 7 - February 11, 2025

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Online Registration begins

December 17, 2024 @ 9:00 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

Register at:

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



This program is generously sponsored by:



Baby Picasso

Ages 6 to 12 months

North Branch

January 6 to January 27, 2025

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Registration begins

December 16, 2024, @ 10:00 am

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.

Register at:

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



Toddler Time

Ages 13 to 29 Months

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Wednesdays

October 30 to December 4, 2024

10:00 am - 10:45 am

Online Registration begins

October 9, 2024 @ 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 at:

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



This program is generously sponsored by:



Toddler Time

Ages 13 to 29 Months

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Mondays

January 20 to March 3, 2025

10:00 am - 10:45 am

Online Registration begins

December 30, 2024 @ 9:00 am

Get up and get moving at the library with stories, songs and fun that encourages your toddler's development and skills! Dur-



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



This program is generously sponsored by:



Pre-School Time

Ages 30-48 months



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Thursdays

January 16 to March 6, 2025

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Program Room

Online registration

begins December 19, 2024 @ 9:00 am.

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!

Register at:

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



Children's Programming

Drop-In Programs

Discover and Try Guitar

For ages 9-15



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Saturday October 26, 2024

11:30am-12:30pm

Families are welcome to have your child try a guitar and ask any questions about the musical instruments and lessons. Each child will get a ballot for a chance to win a \$50.00 Gift Card from Long & McQuade just for McQuade gift card worth \$50.00. This can be used for lessons or to purchase any musical instruments.

Paper Craft PA Day

North Branch

Friday November 8, 2024

All Day!



Drop by the North Branch for some PA Day fun! Paper crafts, games and other activities will be available.

No registration required

All ages welcome!

Letters to *Santa*



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Between Nov. 16 and Dec 1st

Visit the James L McIntyre Centennial Library and write a letter to Santa Claus; then, drop it in our mailbox to send to the North Pole! All letters mailed by December 1st will receive a reply from Santa!

Family Craft Night:

**Christmas Book
Page Ornaments**



North Branch

Wednesday December 4, 2024

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Looking for a special Christmas Gift? Something extra for an empty spot on your tree? Join the North Branch for an evening of crafting fun using discarded books!

Drop in activity ~ Family friendly event!



Holiday Craft

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Saturday December 14, 2024

10:00 am to 3:00 pm



Mini Putt

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Dec. 21, 2024 to Jan. 4, 2025

During open hours

Christmas Craft

at **Station Mall**



Friday December 20, 2024

2:30 - 3:30 pm

Station Mall and The Sault Ste Marie Public Library are teaming up for a fun crafting hour just in time for the holidays.

Movie Event



James L. McIntyre

Centennial Library

Thursday, January 2, 2025

1:00 pm



LEGO My Library



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

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.

It's story TIME @your 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	Storytime & Paint	6:00 to 7:00 pm
Friday	Centennial	Storytime	10:00 to 10:30 am

Children's Programming

Holiday Contests @ the Library



This winter break stop by the Children's Department at the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library and guess how many Chocolate Icy Cups are in the Guessing Jar.



Take the Winter Holiday LEGO Challenge. Each build will receive a ballot to win an awesome LEGO gift bag.

Both contests run Dec 21th to January 5th.
Drop in for more fun in the Children's Department!!!

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/>



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



Long & McQuade
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Sault Ste. Marie
Public Library

DISCOVER ELECTRIC GUITAR,
ACOUSTIC AND BASS GUITAR
FOR 9-15 YEAR OLDS



Try guitar with trained instructors from Long & McQuade Musical Instruments.

**OCTOBER 26 • SATURDAY
11:30AM-12:30PM**

Families are welcome to have your child try a guitar and ask any questions about the musical instruments and lessons. Each child will get a ballot for a chance to win a \$50.00 Gift Card from Long & McQuade just for trying!

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Children's Department
50 East Street
705-759-5241

Letters to Santa

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
50 East St.

November 16th to December 1st, 2024

Visit the library and write a letter to Santa Claus. Then, drop it in our mailbox to send to the North Pole! All letters mailed by December 1st will receive a reply from Santa!



Sault Ste. Marie
Public Library

Adult Programming

"Read" to Avonlea

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
October 1-31, 2024



Drop by the library during open hours to try your hand at the "Read" to Avonlea scavenger hunt! Follow the clues and answer the trivia questions for a chance to win a gift basket.

For more information, please call the Reference and Information Desk at 705-759-5236.

Archive Tour

North Branch
Friday October 18, 2024
10:00am – 4:00pm



The Library will be holding tours of the Archives at the North Branch.

Registration open September 27, 2024, at 10:00 am scan QR code or call (705) 759-5248.



Authorpalooza



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Thursday October 24, 2024
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Come support and mingle with a selection of your favourite local authors. Hear in-person readings from their published works, learn about their process of being published, and for those aspiring authors, take advantage of the networking opportunity!

Published works will be available for purchase at this event!

Local Book Trivia Night

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Tuesday October 22, 2024
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Program Room

Think you know local literature? Prove it for a chance to win some great prizes! This is a free program, but registration is required.

Registration opens on October 1, 2024 @ 9 a.m. Scan the QR code or call 705-759-5236 to register.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/local-book-trivia-night-tickets-1020800992247?aff=oddtcreator>



Shingwauk & Beyond Oral History Review

North Branch
Tuesday October 29
12:30 pm – 3:00pm
Program Room A

Learn about the strength and resilience of the Indigenous people who lived through Residential Schools. Participants will view an Oral History of a former Shingwauk Residential School Survivor.

Registration opens Tuesday October 8, 2024 @ 10:00 am

Crafternoon

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Thursday October 31, 2024
1:30-3:30 p.m.

Good crafternoon, everyone! Join us for this month's program, where we learn how to transfer images onto candles to add a decorative touch in your home.

Registration opens on October 1, 2024 @ 9 a.m.

Scan the QR code or call 705-759-5236 to register.



Learn to Play Bridge



North Branch
Every Wednesday from
October 2 to November 20, 2024
10:15 am - 12:00 pm

The library is excited to offer a series of Introduction to Bridge classes starting this fall.

Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to brush up on your skills, these classes provide an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of bridge in a friendly and supportive environment.

To register please call the North Branch Library at 705-759-5248 to secure a spot. Registration starts September 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Be Prepared for Flu Season



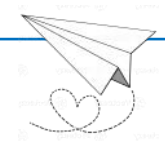
Rexall Pharmacy will be holding Flu Shot Clinics at the:

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Thursday November 7, 2024
9:30 am to 12:00 pm

North Branch
Monday November 25, 2024
10:30 am to 1:00 pm

This is a drop-in event
No registration required

Paper Craft Festival



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
Friday November 8, 2024
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Get ready to celebrate paper in all its forms! This is a drop-in program and no registration is required. For more information, please call the Reference and Information Desk at 705-759-5236.

Adult Programming



BOOK Tasting



North Branch

Friday, November 8, 2024

6:30pm – 8:30pm



Do you have good taste in books? We will be combining books with food and cocktails, a creative way to enjoy literature. "Tasting" different genres while pairing them with themed drinks and snacks adds a sensory layer to the experience.

Tickets on sale October 18, 2024

\$35.00 for library card holders or \$40 for non-members. Available at both locations of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library and at Feeding Your Soul - 96 White Oak Dr. E. This is a 19+ event

Archive Show & Tell



North Branch

Tuesday November 19, 2024

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Program Room B

Do you have interesting family treasures and would like to share that history? Come share some of you family's history with others.

Registration open October 29, 2024, at 10:00am,

Scan QR Code or call (705) 759-5248



Staff Development Day

The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library will be

CLOSED

Monday November 18, 2024

For Staff Development Day

We will re-open for Regular Hours on Tuesday Nov. 19th 2024

SAVE THE DATE

Boozy Trivia Night @ the Tap Room

Sunday, December 11, 2024

19+ Event

FREE

LOCAL BOOK TRIVIA NIGHT

Think you know local lit? Prove it and win some great prizes!

October 22, 2024
7:00-8:30 p.m.
James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
50 East Street

REGISTER NOW!

For more information visit ssmpl.ca or call 705-759-5236

Forester's Recollection by Eric Charrtrand-McCue (Anishinabe First Nation)

FIRST NATION 2024 PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK

"Remember When"

OCTOBER 1 - 4, 2024 | OLSERVICE.CA/FNPLW

First Nation Public Library Week was initiated in 2000 by those working in First Nation community libraries. There are currently 37 public libraries spread across Ontario's First Nation communities.

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Teen Programming



Scientific Illustration Workshop

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Tuesday October 1st
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 10 - 14 yrs.
Thursday October 3rd
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 yrs.

Computer Commons

Learn how to create detailed, professional scientific illustrations using Photoshop, Procreate, and Ibis. Perfect for aspiring illustrators looking to combine art with science. Online registration starts on September 10th.

3D Sculpting Workshop

North Branch

Tuesday October 8th
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 10 - 14 yrs.
Thursday October 10th
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 yrs.

Program Room B

Bring your 3D models to life in this hands-on sculpting workshop using Blender, perfect for artists who want to explore digital sculpture. Online registration starts on September 17th.

Stop Motion Workshop

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Tuesday October 15th
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 10 - 14 yrs.
Thursday October 17th
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 yrs.

Computer commons

Create your very own stop-motion animations in this fun and interactive workshop using everyday objects and animation tools. Online registration starts on September 24th.

Photo Bashing Workshop

North Branch

Tuesday October 22nd
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 10 - 14 yrs.
Program Room B

Saturday October 26th

1:00 – 3:00 pm / 15 - 19 yrs.
Program Room A

Combine images and digital painting to create epic, concept-style artworks in this Photoshop/Gimp photo bashing workshop. Online registration starts on October 1st.

Best Practices for 3D Printing Workshop

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Tuesday October 29th
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 10 - 14 yrs.
Thursday October 31st
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 yrs.

Computer commons

Learn essential tips and tricks for preparing your 3D models for printing, ensuring successful and high-quality results every time. Online registration starts on October 8th.

Infographics Workshop

North Branch

Tuesday November 5th
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 10 - 14 yrs.
Thursday November 7th
1:00 – 3:00 pm / 15 - 19 yrs.

Program Room B

Master the art of visual storytelling through infographics using Illustrator, Procreate, or Ibis, transforming complex information into engaging visuals. Online registration starts on October 15th.

Photogrammetry Workshop

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Wednesday November 13th
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 10 - 14 yrs.
Thursday November 14th
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 yrs.

Computer commons

Turn real-world objects into detailed 3D models using photogrammetry techniques, bringing the physical into the digital world. Online registration starts on October 22nd.

Camera Effects for Photography

North Branch

Tuesday November 19th
6:00 – 7:30 pm / 10 - 14 yrs.
Thursday November 21st
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 yrs.

Program Room B

Learn creative camera techniques like long exposure and depth of field to transform your photography and create stunning effects. Online registration starts on October 29th.

Introduction to Front-End Basics

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Tuesday November 26th
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 10 - 14 yrs.
Thursday November 28th
4:30 – 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 yrs.

Computer commons

Kickstart your journey into coding by learning the basics of front-end development, perfect for building interactive and visually engaging websites. Online registration starts on November 5th.

Teen Programming

Editorial Illustration Workshop

North Branch

Tuesday December 3rd

4:30 – 7:30 pm / 10 - 14 yrs.

Thursday December 5th

4:30 – 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 yrs.

Program Room B

Explore the world of editorial art and learn how to create illustrations that enhance and complement written content for articles and publications. Online registration starts on November 12th.

Principles of UI and UX Workshop

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Wednesday December 11th

4:30 – 7:30 pm / 10 - 14 yrs.

Thursday December 12th 4:30 – 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 yrs.

Computer commons

Discover the essentials of creating intuitive and user-friendly designs by mastering the fundamentals of UI and UX, perfect for aspiring digital designers. Online registration starts on November 19th.

Motion Graphics

North Branch

Tuesday December 17th

4:30 – 7:30 pm / 10 - 14 yrs.

Thursday December 19th

4:30 – 7:30 pm / 15 - 19 yrs.

Program Room B

Animate your designs and bring them to life with dynamic motion graphics using After Effects and Procreate Dreams in this exciting workshop.

Online registration starts on November 26th.

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



General Programming

Chess Club

North Branch

Every Tuesday

Starting September 10, 2024

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Program Room A

If you enjoy Chess come out to the North Branch library and challenge your skills with other players. No registration required all ages and skill levels welcomed!

Visits with Zumi

North Branch

Wednesday Oct. 30th

Wednesday Nov. 27th



All visits with Zumi begin at 5:15 pm

Come study at the North Branch!

Program Room B will be a dedicated study space from:

October 14 to October 18, 2024 and December 9 to December 13, 2024.

This is a quiet space for students to prepare for their exams. Study hours will be posted on our SSMPL Facebook and Instagram pages at the beginning of October and December.

You are also welcome to study in the public areas the library anytime the library is open. **For more information call 705-759-5248.**

Book Talk” with Employment Solutions

North Branch Wednesdays from 1:00 - 4:00 pm



October 9, 23, 2024

November 6, 20, 2024

December 4, 2024

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

Holiday Open House

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Wednesday December 4, 2024

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us as we celebrated the holiday season with special music, treats and cider.



North Branch

Wednesday December 18, 2024

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Join us at the North Branch for some holiday cheer! Enjoy a cup of coffee, hot chocolate and festive treats Hope to see you there!

Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOOD DRIVE



OCTOBER 20TH - 26TH, 2024



Bring in Non-Perishable Food Items to either location of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library and receive a ballot for our PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK Draw!

Accepting donations of:

- Rice
- Pasta/Noodles
- Cereals
- Canned Goods
- Etc.



Let's All Help our
Local Soup Kitchen

Sault Ste. Marie Public Library



Christmas ORNAMENT Fundraiser

FROM
NOVEMBER 18TH
TO
DECEMBER 20TH

ONLY
\$5.00
EACH



A great gift idea for Grandparents, Teachers, Neighbours, etc.!

All proceeds go directly to the Library

Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

Giving Tree

The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library is accepting donations for our Giving Tree, from November 18 to December 30, 2024.

Donations of new items such as hats, mitts, gloves, socks, etc. will be gladly accepted at:
James L. McIntyre Centennial Library - 50 East St
North Branch - 232C Northern Ave. E.

Give what you can... take what you need.



For more information
call 705.759.5231



Boomers & Beyond

Savvy Seniors Book Chats



FALL 2024

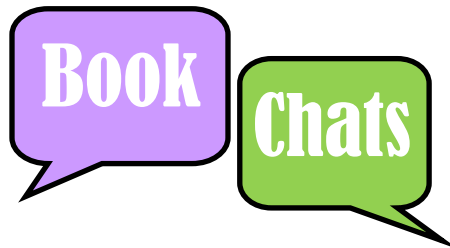
Join us at the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library for an informal gathering where we share the books and movies that we've been reading and watching. All seniors welcome!

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

Free - No registration required

Dates: Oct. 29, Nov. 26th, 2024

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library - 50 East Street



Tuesdays are for Handicrafts!



North Branch

The Retired Women Teachers of Ontario (RWTO) invite you to join them the 1st Tuesday of each month:

Tuesday October 1st, 2024

Tuesday, November 5th, 2024

Tuesday, December 10th, 2024

From 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Bring your handicraft and meet new people during this drop-in program! Everyone is welcome!

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 8TH:	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
THURSDAY, NOV. 14TH:	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
TUESDAY, DEC. 3RD:	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

NORTH BRANCH

MONDAY, OCT. 21ST:	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
THURSDAY, NOV. 21ST:	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
MONDAY, DEC. 9TH:	11:00 AM - 12:00 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.

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

Our History

1963 Algoma Steel Explosion

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.

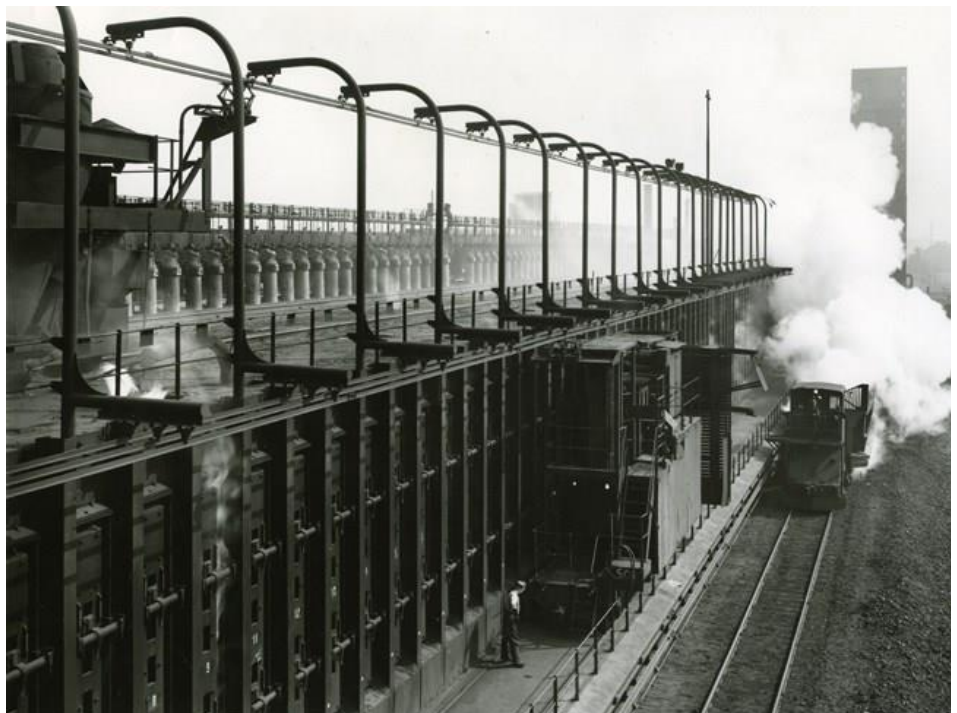
The panic wasn't quelled until 11:30 a.m., more than three hours after the initial blast, when Algoma Steel released a

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."

Employees, according to Vice President of Operations Douglas Joyce, "worked in sub-zero weather, and long past their normal hours to make the area safe and bring it back to normal production as rapidly as possible."





The Friendly Bookworm

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

Our best year ever . . .

The Friends of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library would like to thank our Bookstore customers and of course the generous donors of books who have contributed to what will be our best year ever! Every dollar we make selling your donated books goes directly to the Library and is used for purchasing new books and programming.



Ongoing partnerships . . .

This summer we were able to help the Algoma Treatment and Remand Centre, the Adult Enrichment Centre and the new Community Resource Centre as well as Sault Area Hospital provide books for their clients. We are always on the lookout for others who need books. Can't find it? Just ask our "Friendly" volunteers Drop by the Bookstore soon and see our wonderfully organized and vast array of books in every genre, most priced at one dollar! Do not miss our beautiful antique and collectible display at the front counter!



New Pop-up Bookstore

Monica and Nadine organized our "Pop-up Bookstore" at the Salty Marie Trails Festival at Hiawatha Park .



The Friends are very pleased to announce that our group is the recipient of a \$4000 grant from the Retired Teachers of Ontario! We have already purchased several items which will be used for a "Pop-up Bookstore". Our grant proposal focused on supporting literacy and life-long learning with a special emphasis on seniors.



Next Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2024
7:00 pm
James L. McIntyre
Centennial Library



Even the resident geese were anxious to get to our book sale!



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
(for gifts over \$100.00)*



**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](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**

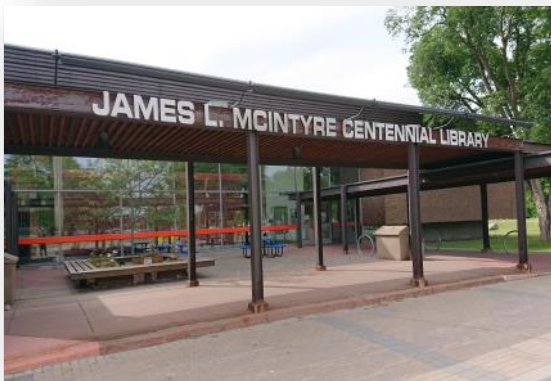
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In Memory of Carolyn Bielby
In Memory of Willy Eisenbichler
In Memory of Orrette Robinson
In Memory of Merle Webb
In Memory of Doug MacDougall

*Recognized donors from
Dec. 20, 2023 - Aug. 7, 2024*

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 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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