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What was the first book you ever borrowed from a library?

I distinctly remember mine. The book I borrowed was not what one might consider great literature. Or good Literature. Or literature. It was, in fact, absurdly fantastical. Something any seven-year-old boy would love at the time. It was Bruce Coville's *My Teacher is an Alien*. It's probably a book most people have never heard of. I can barely remember the plot. I know that it involves a small group of kids who discover that one of

their teachers is an alien and they later work to expose them. What I remember most about the book is how I felt reading it and the everlasting impression that it left on me. This was the book that made me discover a passion for reading.

Before *My Teacher is An Alien*, I wasn't interested in books. I was a struggling reader, evident by my very low reading scores. So low, in fact, that I repeated the first grade. But then, my mother took me to the local public library in our hometown. I was asked to pick out something I'd like. What I came back with was a book with a colourful cover, depicting an alien who, to the shock of two children secretly observing, was removing his human suit. What a delight for a young boy, who, like many others, thought that perhaps their teacher was not from this world.

It took me weeks, but I read that book like I had never read one before (because I hadn't). When I finished, I was disappointed because I wanted more. Fortu-

nately, the library had *My Teacher Fried My Brains*, the next book in the series. After that, I read every Bruce Coville story I could get my hands on, and when there were no more to be had I moved on to R. L. Stine's *Goosebumps*. Spine tingling terror for a developing reader.

Over time, my reading tastes matured, and I began to read anything and everything that had a good story. My passion for books grew so strong that it eventually influenced my career. I studied literature in university and later earned a Masters in Library and Information Science. And somehow, over time, a young struggling reader grew up to become the CEO of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library, a person who ensures that other youth will have the same opportunities to discover their books.

Thank you, Mr. Coville.

P.S. I am still convinced that Mrs. Bishop was from another planet.

Save  
The  
Date

**BOOMERS and BEYOND**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026**

Stay tuned for more details

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### Children's Programming

Help children discover the joy of reading through our registered programs 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.





- 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



# **PLUMBER BROS. DAY**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026**

**10:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**JAMES L. MCINTYRE**

**CENTENNIAL LIBRARY @ 50 EAST ST.**

Celebrate the world's most famous plumbers  
with crafts and activities!

Drop in - no registration required.

# Children's Programming

\* Library card required for Registered programs.

## Registered Programs

### Baby Time

Ages 0 to 12 Months

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library  
Mondays

June 1 - June 22, 2026

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Program Room

Online Registration begins  
May 11, 2026 @ 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 spon-



### Baby Picasso

Ages 6 to 12 months

James L. McIntyre  
Centennial Library

Wednesdays

June 3 to June 24, 2026

10:00 am - 10:45 am

Program Room

Online Registration begins  
May 13, 2026, @ 9:00 am



Baby Picasso is a four 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/>



This program is generously sponsored by:



### Toddler Time

Ages 13 to 29 Months

North Branch

Thursdays

May 21 to June 25, 2026

10:30 am - 11:15 am

Program Room



Online Registration begins  
April 30, 2026 @ 10:00 am

Toddler Time is a fun 45-minute program designed for toddlers and their caregivers. This program encourages and supports learning through stories, songs, art and play.

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



This program is generously sponsored by:



### Pre-school Time

Ages 30 to 48 Months

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Thursdays

May 14 to June 18, 2026

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Program Room

Online Registration begins  
April 23, 2026 @ 9:00 am

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.

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



### Dove Real Beauty



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Wednesday May 6, 2026

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Program Room

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

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

Space is limited

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



# Children's Programming

\* Library card required for Registered programs.

## Easter at the Library

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Saturday, April 4, 2026  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Hop into fun at the Library! Join us for crafts, activities and an egg hunt!  
Drop - in, no registration required



## North Branch and Clean North present: Plant Pals & Bloom Boosters Event

North Branch  
Saturday, April 25, 2026  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm



Join us at North Branch and explore some hands on activities! Create an insect hotel, engage in story sharing and learning about pollinators and composters.



Special guests from Entomica will be joining us from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Free Event! Everyone is welcome



## Special Story Sharing with Clean North!

North Branch  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
11:00 a.m.



Join North Branch for some special story sharing. Learn about our friends the bee, with a bee craft to follow!



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



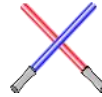
## STAR WARS DAY



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library  
Saturday, May 2, 2026  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Drop in for Star Wars-themed activities and crafts.

Drop-in event, everyone welcome



**MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU.**

## Storytime with Author Sara Tessier

North Branch  
Tuesday May 5, 2026  
11:00 am



Join the North Branch and local author Sara Tessier for a special reading of her latest children's stories. Crafts to follow.

Sarah's books will be available for purchase for \$10.00 each.

Drop-in, everyone is welcome!



## Mother's Day Craft

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library  
Saturday, May 9, 2026

Drop in anytime during library hours on Saturday, May 9th, to make a special card for Mom!

## Father's Day Craft

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library  
Saturday, June 20, 2026

Drop in anytime during library hours on Saturday, May 9th, to make a special craft for Dad!



## Kids' TD Summer Reading Club



Reading fun for kids, from Canada's public libraries!

Join the fun starting June 22, 2026

Available at both library locations.

## PA DAY FUN

PA Days are fun! 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!

Drop-in program. Everyone is welcome.

## PLUMBER BROS. PA DAY

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library  
Friday, April 17, 2026  
10:30 am - 3:00 pm

Celebrate the world's most famous plumbers with crafts and activities!

Drop-in - no registration required

## STEP RIGHT UP FOR PA DAY FUN!



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library  
Friday, June 5, 2026  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Join us for a circus-themed celebration packed with colorful crafts and playful activities. Drop in for big-top fun!



No registration required.

# Children's Programming

\* Library card required for Registered programs.

## LEGO My Library



### James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Thursdays:

January 8 - May 14, 2026

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.

Thursday, May 14, 2026 will be the last night until September 2026.

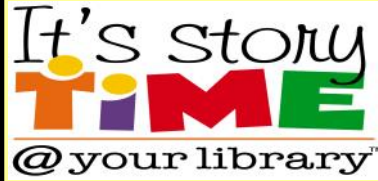
## Build Box Fun!



### 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.



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 to 11:30 am
Wednesday	Centennial	Storytime	6 to 6:30 pm
Friday	Centennial	Storytime	10 to 10:30 am



**TD**  
**Summer**  
**Reading**  
**Club**  
**2026**

Reading fun for kids, from Canada's public libraries!

Join the fun starting  
**June 22, 2026!**

Sign up at either library location.



**STAR WARS**  
**DAY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026**

**9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

**JAMES L. MCINTYRE**  
**CENTENNIAL LIBRARY**  
**50 EAST ST.**

Drop in for Star Wars-themed activities and crafts.  
No registration required.

**MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU.**

# Adult Programming

\* Library card required for program registration.

## Preserving Papers

### North Branch

Tuesday April 28, 2026  
6:00 to 7:00 pm  
Program Room A



Looking to take care of your family documents and photographs? This program will help you preserve your family's archival material, including storage practices and easy cleaning techniques.

Registration: April 7, 2026 @10:00 am

Call 705-759-5248 to register or drop in to the North Branch.



## Canada Reads 2026 Debates Live Stream

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library  
April 13 - 16, 2026  
Starting at 10:00 am

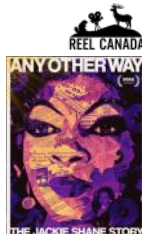
Watch the Canada Read Debates live stream at the Centennial Library as five Canadian celebrities debate their choices of one book that all Canadian should read. Over the course of four days, they will vote to eliminate one every day. The last book standing is the winner!



Join us for the Screening of:

## "Any Other Way: The Jackie Shane Story"

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library  
Wednesday, April 15, 2026  
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Scan the QR code to register or call the Reference and Information desk at 705-759-5236



## Earth Day film screening of the Forest Documentary: Carbon Capture

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library  
Wednesday, April 22, 2026  
6:30-8:00  
Program Room A



Join the Library and Clean North for a Film Screening of "Carbon Capture" followed by a presentation from the Sault Ste. Marie Climate Hub.



Sault Ste. Marie CLIMATE HUB

## AI in Real Life: How to Protect yourself from AI Scams

North Branch  
Saturday, May 2, 2026  
11:00 am to 12:00 pm



Seating is limited for this program. Registration is required.

Registration starts on April 14, 2026.

To register please call 705-759-5248

Sun Life Financial  
Newcomers to Canada  
with Jared Theriault

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library  
Wednesday, May 6, 2026  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Program Room

Join us for an evening of information as we explore topics such as: Banking and credit in Canada, Taxation and investment products and financial protection.

Scan the QR code or call 705-759-5236



## Be Prepared Emergency Preparedness Workshop

North Branch  
Thursday, May 7, 2026  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm



Are you prepared to protect yourself and your household in the event of an emergency or disaster? Learn what to do by participating in a Be Ready Workshop!

Drop in - no registration is required  
Call 705-759-5248 for more information.

## How to Grow a Giant Pumpkin

North Branch  
Tuesday May 19, 2026  
6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Program Room A



Want to try growing a giant pumpkin? Jeff Marshall will provide you with valuable information on how to get started. Seedlings will be handed out at the end of the program.

Registration: April 28, 2026 @10:00 am  
Scan the QR code or call 705-749-5248 to register.



We're All in This Together:  
Film Screening and Book Club

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library  
Saturday, May 23, 2026  
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Which is better: the movie or the book? Join us for a **free screening** of the Canadian comedy-drama film *We're All in This Together*, based on the book by Amy Jones. Stay for a lively discussion on how the story transforms from page to screen. A limited number of copies of the book are available through the Library. Register early to guarantee access to a copy!

Registration April 23, 2026  
Scan the QR code or call 705-759-5236.



# Adult Programming cont'd

\* Library card required for Registered programs.

## PARADE

QUEER ACTS OF LOVE & RESISTANCE

**James L. McIntyre Centennial Library**  
Sunday, May 31, 2026  
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Join the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library for a screening of the documentary *Parade: Queer Acts of Love and Resistance*, then stay later to create some buttons to wear this June!

Registration May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
Scan the QR code or call  
705-759-5236.



## Rainbow Book Care Package

**James L. McIntyre Centennial Library and North Branch**  
June 2026, while supplies last

Drop by the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library to pick up your free Rainbow Book Care Package, containing a 2SLGBTQIA+ book to keep, local resources, stickers, and more!

Available at both locations while supplies last.



## Broom Making Workshop

**James L. McIntyre Centennial Library**  
Date and Time: TBD



This May, come and make a broom with us! Paul Oak will guide participants on how to construct a corn broom in this workshop. Space will be limited to provide the best experience.

More information to follow!

## Crafternoon

**James L. McIntyre Centennial Library**  
Last Thursday of every month  
Upcoming dates: April 30, May 28, June 25, 2026  
2:30-4:00 p.m.

Crafternoon is back! Keep an eye out each month for craft and registration details.



## Plotting a Mystery with Judy Penz Sheluk

**James L. McIntyre Centennial Library**  
Wednesday, June 3, 2026  
6:30-8:00 p.m.



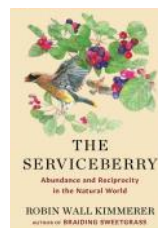
Explore where mystery novel ideas come from and how to turn them from inspiration to completed novel!

Registration May 4, 2026  
Scan the QR code or call  
705-759-5236.



## Voices of Bawating Book Chat: The Serviceberry

**James L. McIntyre Centennial Library**  
Date and Time: TBD



Come join us for a book chat! We will be discussing Robin Wall Kimmerer's "The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World."

Stay tuned for more information!



## Knit in Public Day

**James L. McIntyre Centennial Library**  
June 13, 2026  
During open hours

Celebrate Worldwide Knit in Public Day at the library! Show us your knitting work in progress for a chance to win a fibre-arts gift basket. More details coming soon!



## Lights Up Movie Screening

**James L. McIntyre Centennial Library**  
Saturday, June 13, 2026  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Bring your crafting and enjoy some mess-free snacks while you watch two documentaries about the art and community of knitting.

Registration May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Scan the QR code or call  
705-759-5236.



**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](http://www.ssmpl.ca) or scan the QR code

# Boomers & Beyond

## Savvy Seniors Book Chats



Hello Fellow Readers!

If you consider yourself a SENIOR, then you are welcome to come to the **Senior's 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.

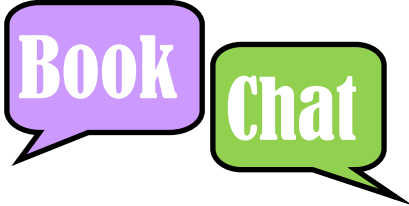
Come and enjoy an intriguing time of chit chat and get to know some well-read friends!

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

**Free - No registration required**

**Dates: April 28, May 26 an June 30, 2026**

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



### 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. This service is Free.

**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!**

CENTENNIAL	
TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST:	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
TUESDAY, MAY 26TH:	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH:	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
<b>BOOMERS AND BEYOND</b>	
NORTH BRANCH	
THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH:	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
FRIDAY, MAY 8TH:	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD:	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

## NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY

### AI IN REAL LIFE: HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM AI SCAMS

Presented by Melissa Jakimik

- Introduction into AI Scams
- Real examples of AI being used in scams
- Practical tips on how to protect yourself

**Saturday  
May 2, 2026  
11 AM-12PM**

Seating is limited for this program.  
Registration is required.  
Registration starts on April 14, 2026  
To register please call: 705-759-5248

# General Programming

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## Visits with Zumi

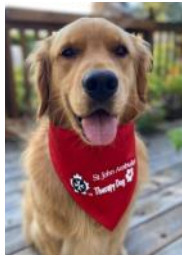
North Branch

Wednesdays

April 29

May 27

June 24



Zumi and Joey are back for lots of tail-wagging fun in 2026! All visits with Zumi begin at 5:15 pm. Come



have some fun and snuggles with this adorable pup!



## Attention Teens/ Tweens! Learn a New Skill!



**James L. McIntyre Centennial Library**  
Friday, April 17, 2026  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Teens/Tweens are welcome to come learn to knit a dishcloth for a loved one. Who knows... you may even be able to craft some gifts for the upcoming year.

Call the Reference and Information Desk for more information at 705-759-5236

*\* This is a "make up" program for the snowday during March Break*

## Game Night

North Branch

Thursdays until

June 4, 2026

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm



Drop in to the North Branch to play games! Feel free to play one of our boardgames or bring your own. This is a family friendly program. Everyone is welcome to play!



**SPECIAL STORYTIME  
WITH  
CLEAN NORTH**

**TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2026  
11 AM TO 11:30 AM**

LEARN ABOUT OUR LITTLE HELPER FRIENDS  
THE BEES, WITH A BEE CRAFT TO FOLLOW!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
705-759-5248

Drop by the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library  
to pick up your free

**RAINBOW BOOK  
CARE PACKAGE**

June 2026  
While supplies last

Each package contains:

- A 2SLGBTQIA+ book for you to keep
- Local resources
- Stickers and other fun stuff

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June 3  
6:30-8:00  
P.M.

James L.  
McIntyre  
Centennial  
Library

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

Explore where  
mystery novel  
ideas come from  
and how to turn  
them from  
inspiration to  
completed novel!



# PLOTTING A MYSTERY

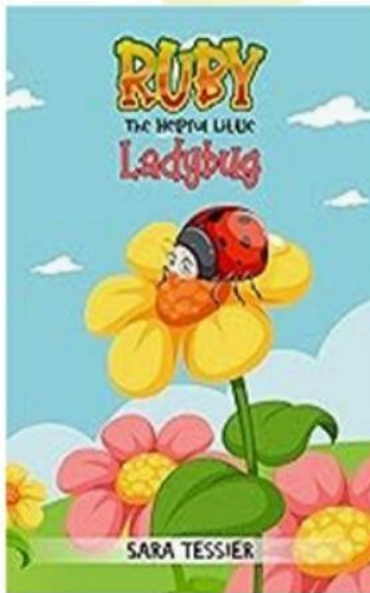
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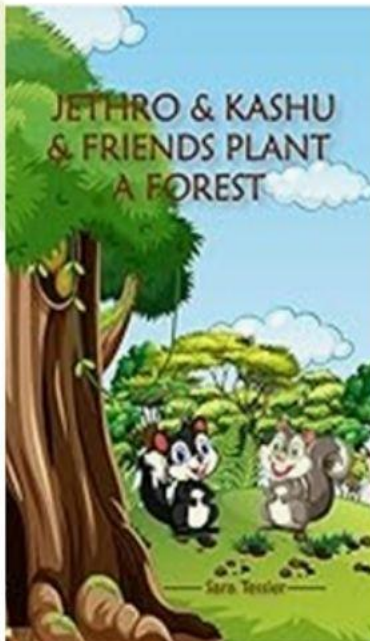
# Sara Tessier



**Join The North Branch  
and Sara Tessier  
for a special reading  
of her latest children's stories.**

**Tuesday May 5, 2026  
@ 11:00am**

Books will be on sale for \$10  
each and a craft will follow.



Salem, Oregon  
Public Library  
"The story... endless possibilities"

232-C Northern Ave E  
705-759-5248





## The Friendly Bookworm

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

**Thank you to the people of Sault Ste. Marie for making 2025 a great year for the Friends of the Library!**

We are pleased to announce that the Friends of the Library Bookstore raised over **\$41,000** in sales from books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles in 2025! 100% of those funds went directly to the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library to support their collections and services to the community.

We couldn't have done it without our team of dedicated, friendly, knowledgeable volunteers - more than 45 strong! We also could not have done it without our wonderful customers, our members, or the generous book donations from the people of Sault Ste. Marie. Huge thanks also to the managers and staff of the Library who help us in ways large and small every week.



A Monday team of Friends volunteers present a 2025 year-end donation to Library CEO Matthew MacDonald.

**Most Books  
\$1.00!**

### Come and Join Us!

Does what we do look like fun to you? Do you love books and reading? Come and volunteer with us! Volunteer applications are available in the bookstore (lower level, Centennial Library) or on the Library website: About Us - Friends of the Library.

### Friends Bookstore has the books to inspire your Spring plans!

Whether it's gardening, birdwatching, spring cleaning, or a backyard building project, we have books and magazines to help you with your plans.



Or perhaps you're looking to freshen up your decor? We have a wide variety of hardcovers and trade paperbacks in excellent condition to help you curate an attractive bookshelf display that is colour-themed or features books of a particular style.

Visit the Friends Bookstore in the lower level of the Centennial Library and check out our selection. Ask one of our friendly volunteers to help you find the right book for you.

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday June 1, 2026**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**James L. McIntyre Centennial Library**



### New Friends' Initiative

Six of our volunteers are helping to fill a need at the Algoma Treatment and Remand Centre, organizing and updating their library. Books are important sources of education and recreation for people housed in remand facilities. Our volunteers are helping to freshen up the library so it's easier for staff or inmates to find engaging, entertaining, and helpful books. We believe in the power of good books to improve lives!



**Hours :** Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm      Saturday 10am - 4pm      Sunday Closed  
Lower Level - James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

# Our History

Sault Ste. Marie has been home to many talented National Hockey League players over the last century. In recent weeks, the Sault's own Michael Amadio scored a double-overtime playoff game-winning goal for the Vegas Golden Knights. However, few players from the city have left as golden a legacy as Phil Esposito.

When Esposito was just nine years old, his guidance counsellor asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up. "I want to be a hockey player" was his response. Not a lawyer, or a doctor, or a steel mill worker, but a hockey player. His guidance counsellor thought it was a terrible idea!

Little did she know Esposito would grow up to become one of the greatest hockey players of all time.

As a teenager, Esposito signed with the Chicago Black Hawks and was called up to the NHL in 1964.

In the following year, he was the team's topline centre, playing alongside superstar Bobby Hull.

Esposito was relentless on the puck and an unmovable presence in front of the opposing net. His play-making abilities were also second-to-none, as Hull ended the season by winning the Art Ross Trophy, awarded to the highest-scoring player in the league.

Back then, the NHL consisted of only six original teams. Esposito and the Black Hawks reached the Stanley Cup Finals before losing to the Montreal Canadiens in sudden-death game 7. In 1967, Esposito was traded to the Boston Bruins in a blockbuster

deal. He was reportedly less than thrilled and when management offered him a \$10,000/year contract, Esposito threatened to quit hockey altogether and stay in Sault Ste. Marie.

Although he wanted nothing less than \$12,000, Esposito finally accepted a \$10,000 offer with additional scoring bonuses. By the end of the season, Esposito scored 35 goals and 84 points for the second-best total in the league. He was paid \$16,500.

In the 1968-69 season, Esposito exploded under the Bruins.

In 52 years, no player had ever exceeded 100 points. Esposito obliterated the record, scoring 49 goals and tallying 77 assists to reach 126 points. It was his first of five Art Ross trophies, including the 1971-72 season where he broke the league record in goals, finding the back of the net 76 times and scoring a bewildering 152 points.

Both of those records stood for over a decade until former Soo Greyhound, Wayne Gretzky, asserted his historic dominance over the league in the 1980s. To this day, only four other players have reached 150 points in a single season.

However, an NHL player's legacy is cemented not only by goals or points but from winning the coveted Stanley Cup. Esposito accomplished every hockey player's dream in 1970, winning the Stanley Cup with the Bruins in a four-game sweep of the St. Louis Blues. Esposito's 13 goals and 14 assists in the playoffs were, unsurprisingly, a new points record.

The Bruins repeated as champions in 1972 with Esposito leading the charge.

Esposito was so beloved by his fans, that bumper stickers were printed with the words "Jesus saves, but Esposito scores on the rebound."

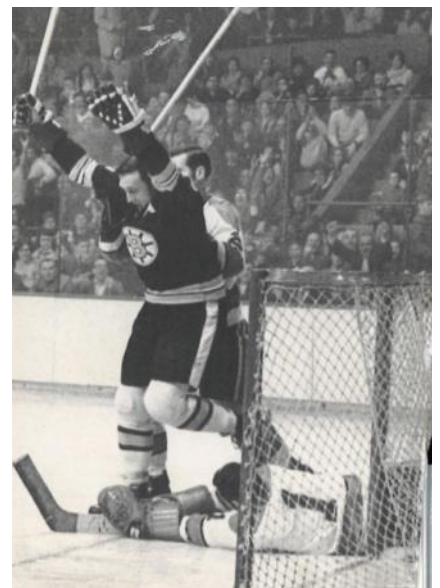
In the legendary 1972 Summit Series between Canada and the Soviet Union, Esposito was named Captain. Canada was seen as the underdog, but Esposito once again led the scoring race and pulled Canada to victory over the Russians, winning four games to three.

He was later named an Officer of the Order of Canada for his heroics.

After being traded to the New York Rangers in the 1975-76 season, Esposito ended his career in the Big Apple. At 37 years old, he dragged the Rangers to the Stanley Cup Final in 1979 where, unfortunately, they were defeated in five games.

Esposito retired from playing in the NHL in 1981. At the time he was heralded as the second-best player in history behind only Gordie Howe in recorded goals and points. Today, Esposito remains the seventh-best goalscorer of all time with a staggering 717 goals to his name. For points, he is seated tenth with 1590.

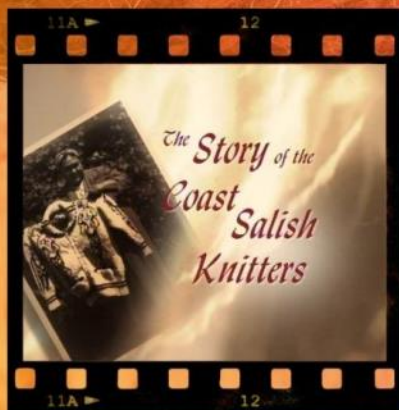
Esposito entered the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1984. In 1987, his jersey number #7 was retired in Boston and hung from the arena's rafters. Not bad for a 'terrible idea.'



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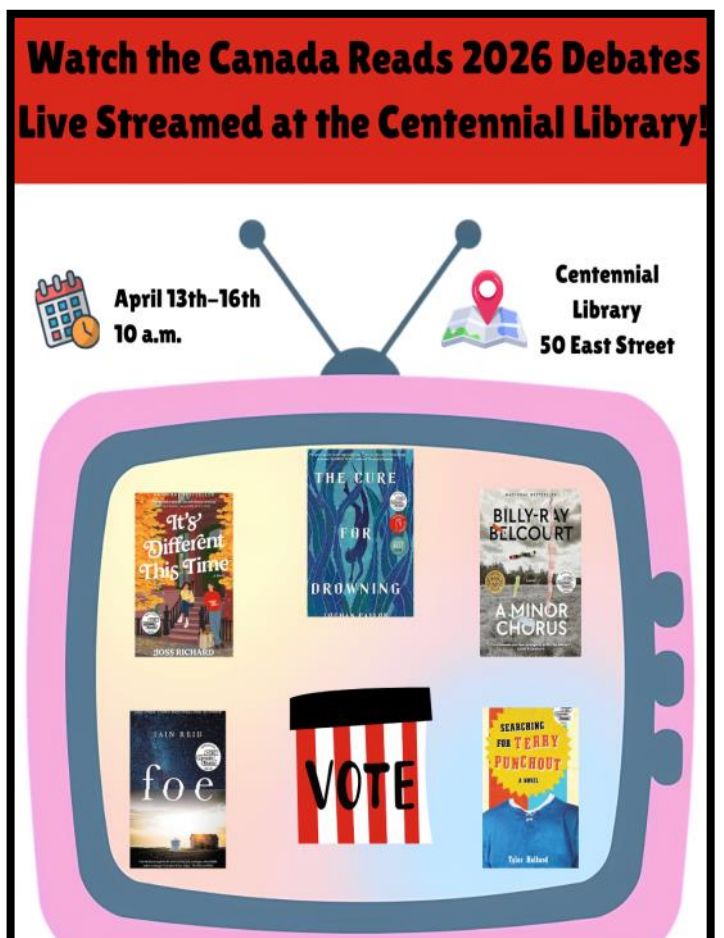
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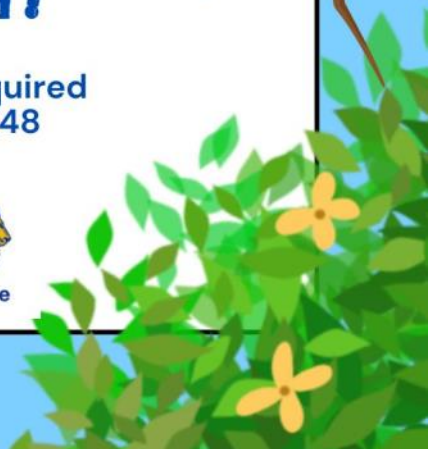
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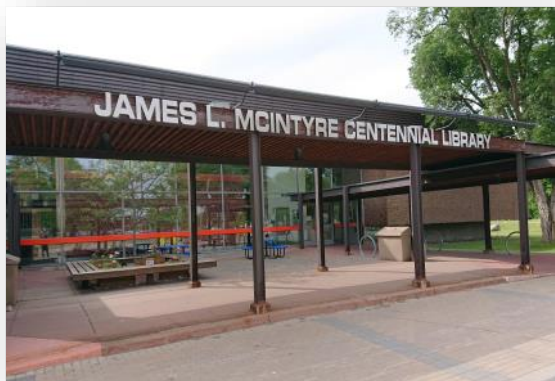
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New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1, 2026
Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2026 (North Branch only)
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2026
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 5, 2026
Easter Monday	Monday, April 6, 2026
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2026
Canada Day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

### 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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