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Our Indigenous History

Sault Ste. Marie has a long storied past. The Anishinaabe have their own name for this area; Bawating, which means "the place of the rapids." For thousands o f years, Indigenous peoples settled on these shores. In the 1600's. traders and French missionaries arrived and in time the Métis community evolved. The settlers later renamed the area to what we know it as today. The land on either side of the Bawating river became contested between the colonizing French and British nations. Over time, Sault Ste. Marie became established as a permanent colonial settlement, then a township and finally a City. Through colonization and immigration, the City grew, developed and diversified.

A lot has changed over the centuries, but not everything. Through all that tumultuous time, Indigenous peoples have remained present, surviving atrocities and the attempt to diminish their culture and way of life. The Indigenous population is no small part of our community. According to the 2021 Canadian Census. 11.9% of Sault Ste. Marie identify as Indigenous. That is more than 1 in every 10 people you will meet on the street.

Indigenous stories matter. Sharing them is one way of preserving them. They contain a rich history of culture. celebration. and hardship. Recently, the Library has been promoting these stories through our Indigenous Voices Project, labelling Indigenous authored books so that they are easier to identify and locate on the shelves of your library. In June, we celebrate National Indigenous History month and National Indigenous Peoples Day, here on the shores of Bawating to acknowledge, honour embrace the people, culture teachings ofAnishinaabe. I invite you to come to the library to read "Anishinaabe and hear Nowewin" the "Sound of the Original People."





BOOMER Sand BENOND

Wednesday June 14, 2023

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library—50 East St.

More details to follow!



Events

April/May/June 2023

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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

General

Programming

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



Chess Club Workshops Game Night

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 Chess Club Signature Events

Boomers & Beyond

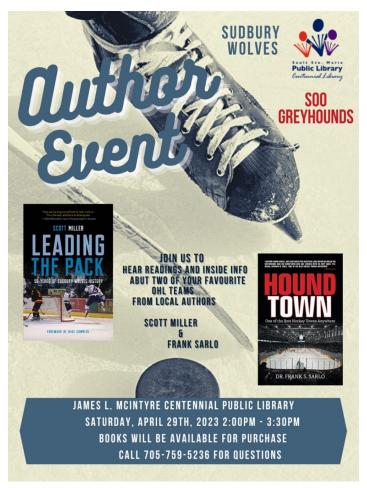
Engaging programs and services designed to empower older adults, allowing them to keep up with the world and stay current.



Book Chats Workshops VLS Service







Children's Programming

Registered Programs

Baby Time

Ages Newborn to 12 Months

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

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Mondays: April 17 to May 20 2023 10:00 am FULL

Online registration begins Monday, March 27, 2023, 9:00 am.

North Branch

Thursdays: June 1 to July 6, 2023 10:30 am - 11:00 am Program Room A

Online registration begins Thursday, May 11, 2023, 9:00 am.

Register at this link https://ssmpl.ca/kids/ kids-programming/

This program is generously sponsored by





Toddler Time



Ages 13 to 29 Months

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. Most of all, Toddler Time is a great way to spend time together and meet new friends! This 6-week program is for children ages 13-29 months (1 year to 2.5 years) and their caregivers.

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Wednesdays: May 3 to June 7, 2023 10:00 am to 10:45 am **Program Room**

Online registration opens Wednesday April 12, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Please visit the Children's programming page at https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kidsprogramming/



This program is generously sponsored by



Baby Picasso Ages 6 to 12 Months



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. Please bring a towel and a washcloth to each session.

James L McIntyre Centennial Library

Thursdays: June 15 to July 6, 2023 10:00 to 11:00 am **Program Room**

Online registration begins Thursday, May 25, 2023, 9:00 am at this link https:// ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/

Program limited to 12 babies

Note: Each person can register for one child only (unless the person is registering twins, triplets, etc.)

Pre-School

Ages 30-48 months

James L. McIntyre **Centennial Library**

Thursdays: April 6 am to

2023 10:00

Program Room

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

Online registration opens Thursday March 16, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Please visit the Children's programming page at https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kidsprogramming/





Reading fun for kids, from Canada's public libraries tdsummerreadingclub.ca

Join the fun, starting June 26th! Reading recommendations and free activities for all kids, all summer long! Participate anytime, anywhere – at public libraries, at home, online, or wherever your summer takes you. Visit either library location for details and to sign up!

ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/

Children's Programming

Drop-in Programs



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Saturday April 8, 2023 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Decorate paper eggs and create a nest craft. Get creative with stickers and markers!

Drop-In program
Everyone Welcome!



Easter Activities

North Branch

Monday April 3 to Thursday April 6, 2023

Come find all the Easter eggs hiding in the library! Enjoy some fun riddles, create an easter craft and cast your vote for your favourite: Chocolate Bunnies vs. Jelly Beans. Plus... guess at how many chocolate eggs are in the jar! The Best Guess wins!



North Branch

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Join us at the North Branch for some fun Earth Day activities!

Make an Earth Day craft, pick up a Green Bean Kit, Earth Day themed trivia, search and find, colouring sheets and activities will be available!

Drop-in program - Everyone is welcome!

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Children's Department

Saturday & Sunday April 22-23, 2023

Drop in for Earth Day-themed activities and a craft!

STAR WARS DAY TREASURE HUNT!

An Outdoor Family Adventure

Saturday May 6, 2023

Play anytime between 10 am and 3 pm

(Takes approx. 30-60 minutes to complete if walking)

Starts and ends at the

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library 50 East St.

No Registration Necessary "If it rains, we'll move it inside the library!"

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

PA DAY ACTIVITIES

You Reap What You Sow... Let's Plant Seeds & Watch Them Grow!



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Friday May 19, 2023 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Stop in anytime between 10:00 to 3:00 to take part in our PA Day gardening fun! We will enjoy crafts, activities and plant our very own sunflower seed!

Storytime from 10:00 -10:30 am
Drop-in program - Everyone welcome!

North Branch

Friday May 19, 2023 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Join the North Branch for fun PA day activities including an obstacle course, crafts, games and more!

Drop-in program
Everyone is welcome!



Lego My Library



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Thursdays: 6:00 - 7:30 pm Our last Lego night for the season will be June 1st, 2023.

Come join us as we explore our creativity with LEGO® at the Centennial Library! There will be LEGO® challenges and free building too!

This program is generously sponsored by





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

Build Box Fun!

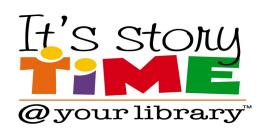


Drop by the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library or the North

Branch and try out one of our many Build Boxes. Visit our website to see the Build Boxes available. https://ssmpl.ca/reading-entertainment/object-library/

Children's Programming





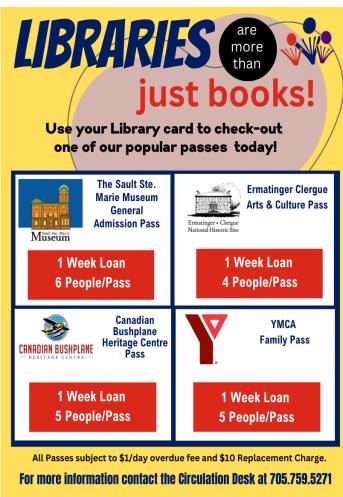
Registration is not required for the following free programs.

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 Last date for Storytime & Pa	6:00 to 7:00 pm aint April 26, 2023		
Friday	Centennial	Storytime	10:00 to 10:30 am		

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







THE MANY PHASES
OF YOUR GARDEN

with Susan Richards from New North Greenhouses

Wednesday, April 12th

7:00-8:30 pm @

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library





705-759-5236

for more info.

Learn how to adapt with the changing conditions in your garden and see what's new and trending for your garden this season!

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 29TH

To register, visit Eventbrite.ca

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-many-phases-of-your-

garden-tickets-580534031917

Adult Programming

Spring Programs

The Many Phases of Your Garden

With
Susan Richards from
New North Greenhouse

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Program Room

Learn how to adapt with the changing conditions in your garden and see what's new and trending for your garden this season!

Online registration begins Wednesday,
March 29th, 2023 at this link https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-many-phases-of-your-garden-tickets-580534031917

Call 705-759-5236 for more information.





Join instructor Anne O'Connor, M.S.W. for Mindfulness Practices for Daily Life Offered completely on Zoom

Sessions start @ 7:00 pm Mondays from April 3 to June 26, 2023



Call the Reference and Information Desk @ 705-759-5236 to Register



Come Celebrate

National Canadian Film Day

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Wednesday April 19, 2023

2:00 pm - 3:45 pm Program Room

We will have a free screening of the film 'All My Puny Sorrows'

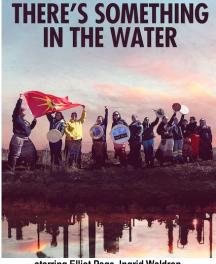
Online registration begins Monday, April 3, 2023 at 9:00 am at this link

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/national-canadian-film-day-screening-ssmpl-tickets -569875602267

Earth Day

Film screening of





starring Elliot Page, Ingrid Waldron and Louise Delisle

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Saturday April 22, 2023 2:00 pm Online registration begins Wednesday April 5, 2023. Check the library website at www.ssmpl.ca for registration link and details.

Discussion to follow, Door prizes.

Call 705-759-5236 for more information.

Visit the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Earth Day ~ April 22nd, 2023 and pick up a Lavender Seedling

courtesy of

Bellevue Park Greenhouse

*while supplies last!



It's Not Rocket Science Trivia Night

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Tuesday April 25, 2023 7:00 pm - 900 pm Doors open @ 6:30 pm

Free registration on Eventbrite beginning April 4, 2023 at 9:00 am



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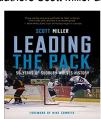
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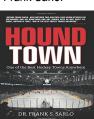
Scott Miller with Frank Sarlo

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Saturday April 29, 2023

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Join us for readings and inside info about two of your favourite OHL teams from local authors Scott Miller and Frank Sarlo.





Giant Pumpkin WeighOff



Gain first hand expert knowledge on how to grow a giant pumpkin from Jeff Marshall, lead hand gardener at Bellevue Park and Kieran O'Neill, former winner.

North Branch

Wednesday May 17, 2023 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Seedlings will be handed out at the end of the program.

Online registration beings Monday April 24, 2023 at this link: https://

www.eventbrite.ca/e/565312935207

This is a FREE Program Space is limited! For more information please call the North Branch at 705-759-5248.



North Branch FILM EVENT

The North Branch Library will be hosting a film event for the TVO documentary

"Viral News: When two reputedly conservative businessmen bought the Toronto Star in March 2020, prompting media critics to predict its final demise, the pandemic was about to remind everyone of a newspaper's vital purpose."

North Branch

Monday May 15, 2023 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Online registration begins Monday April 24, 2023 at this link: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/565322192897

Space is limited! For more information call 705-759-5248.



WORLD HUNGER DAY FOOD DRIVE



North Branch
James L. McIntyre Centennial Library
May 1 to May 31, 2023

In recognition of World Hunger Day, the Library will be hosting a Food Drive for the month of May. Please drop off any non-perishable food items to either one of our library locations. All items collected will be donated to local food banks. For more information call 705-759-5248.



General Programming

Game Night - All Ages

North Branch

Wednesday April 26, 2023
Family Game Night
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Try one of our board games or

Try one of our board games or bring your own!

Wednesday May 31, 2023 Video Game Night 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday June 28, 2023 Gotta Catch 'em All! Game Night 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Bring your Pokemon Cards and play with fellow enthusiasts!

Drop - In Everyone Welcome!

Chess Club

allies!

PFLAG

COFFEE NIGHT

2nd Wednesday of the Month

April 12, May 10, June 14, 2023

North Branch

6:30 - 7:30 pm

The Library will be holding a Chess Club at the North Branch! All ages and abilities welcomed.

LGBTQ2S+ drop-in support group. Every-

one is welcome from parents to youth and

North Branch

Tuesdays: April 4 - May 30, 2023 5:00 - 7:30 pm

No registration required.



Teen Advisory Group T.A.G.

An opportunity for teens (13-18) to voice their ideas about what they would like to see more of at the library. Working with library staff, teens will provide input for: Collections, Programming and Marketing. This is a great way to complete your community Service Hours!

North Branch

April 19 and May 17, 2023 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Contact Bentley:

b.ahonen@cityssm.on.ca for more info!





Listen to knowledge keepers

Experience the beauty of the Anishinaabe people

Watch unique video content featuring the Voices of Bawating's people

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

Sault Ste. Maric
Public Library

www.ssmpl.ca
"One stop...endless possibilities"

For further information call 705-759-5236

Boomers & Beyond

Savry Seniors Book Chals



Spring 2023

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

Free - No registration required

Dates: April 25 and May 30, 2023

Bay Street Active Living Centre 55+, 619 Bay Street

Facilitated by the Library

"When I got my library card, that was when my life began."

Dita Mao Prowo

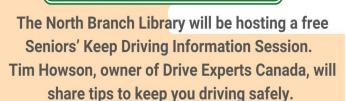


VISITING LIBRARY SERVICE (VLS)

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

Seniors Keep Driving



Registration opens May 30th at 9:00 am

Register here: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/565320287197 or call North Branch at (705) 759-5248

North Branch - 232C Northern Ave E Tuesday June 20 at 1:30pm



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

Monday, April 3rd 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Tuesday, May 9th 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Wednesday, June 14th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

North Branch

Thursday, April 20th 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Wednesday, May 24th 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm





From the Archives of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

Though the Mackinac Bridge might not be located in Canada it has still had a substantial impact on the Upper Peninsula and Sault Ste. Marie Ontario.

Its construction was one of the main driving forces behind the construction of our own International Bridge. Many Saultites have crossed the Mackinac Bridge when driving south for a day or weekend trip to perhaps Mackinac Island or even further south.

The idea of a bridge or tunnel at the Straits of Mackinac was proposed as early as 1884 when Thomas Bates of the Grand Traverse Herald wrote, "If there is to be a great through route from east to west through Michigan there must be a sure and permanent crossing at the Straits".

While the idea of a bridge was discussed for decades there were also other suggestions including a floating tunnel or a series of bridges and causeways beginning in Cheboygan and coming up to the tip of Mackinac Island before crossing over to St. Ignace!

In 1923 a ferry service was established at the Straits but within 5 years it was so popular that a study was ordered into the merit of building a bridge across the Straits. The cost was estimated at \$30 million but efforts to secure funding failed

and it would not be until January of 1951 that the Bridge Authority determined that the bridge could be built and financed with revenue bonds for \$86 million.



The Mackinac Bridge Authority consisted of Prentiss M. Brown (Chairman), Charles T. Fisher Jr (Vice Chairman), Mead L. Bricker, William J Cochran, George A. Osborn, Murray D. Van Wagoner, John C. Mackie and Mrs. Charles T Fisher.

However, due to the Korean War there was a shortage of materials, so legislation to build the bridge was put off until 1952. The Bridge Authority began offering its bonds for sale in March of 1953 but there were not enough takers to guarantee successful underwriting. In order to solve this issue the legislature passed an act in the spring of 1953 where operating and maintenance cost of bridge, up to \$417,000 annually, would be paid for out of gasoline and license plate taxes.

With everything finally settled, construction began in 1954 on the new bridge that was designed by Dr. David B. Steinman. A huge labour force was employed in order to complete construction with 3,500 men employed at the bridge site and an additional 7,500 working at quarries, shops and mills.

The Mackinac Bridge was to be the longest single suspension bridge in the world and was one of the world's greatest bridge engineering projects at the time. It was also the most expensive, costing approximately \$99.8 million to complete. The support equipment needed during its construction was massive, requiring a huge fleet of boats including tugs, personnel, barges and whirley cranes with the ability to rotate 360 degrees.

The new bridge also boasted having the deepest and most massive foundation of any bridge in the world. The Mackinac Bridge measures 19.243 feet of steel structure but has an overall entire length of 5 miles. It stands 552 feet above the water and its piers below the water are 210 feet. The bridge also contains 42,000 miles of cable wires in the structure. The bridge was finally completed and opened to traffic on Nov. 1, 1957 but was formally dedicated June 25 to June 28. 1958.



The Mackinac Bridge allowed an increase in traffic and tourists into the Upper Peninsula, which many thought would over burden the ferry system that ran between Sault Ste. Marie Michigan and Ontario. One might say that its construction provided the much-needed kick needed to build our own bridge, which began in 1960. Though the Mackinac Bridge may no longer be the longest suspension bridge in the world, it still stands as an engineering and construction milestone.





The Friendly Bookworm

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



Update from President Sue Hall

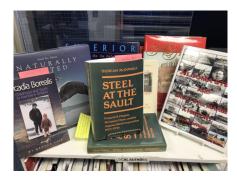
- The Friends welcome new volunteers.
 Forms are available online, in the Bookstore and at the Circulation desk.
- High school students are invited to earn community volunteer hours working with the Friends of the Library
- The Friends participated in Seedy Saturday with a display of Gardening books
- The Friends are providing a small library to the YMCA for their lobby
- We are setting up a small library in the new Youth Wellness Hub on Dennis Street
- Thanks to all the generous book donors in Sault Ste. Marie who make this business so successful. Every penny goes to our library to purchase new materials and provide wonderful programming.

Next Meeting
Monday, April 3 2023
at 7:00 p.m.
James L. McIntyre
Centennial Library

<u>Friends' News from the</u> <u>Library's Annual Report</u>

- We currently have over fifty active volunteers doing everything from sorting donated books to filling Little Free Libraries around town.
- Total sales in 2022 over \$34,000!
- During 2022 we helped agencies by providing donations of books. We gave books to Sault Area Hospital, The Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre, retirement and seniors' homes, Christmas Cheer, the Soup Kitchen, Algoma Conservatory of Music, Grocer4Good and many others.

The Friends of the Library Bookstore carries collectible books and books by local authors...



Save on CD's—Only .50¢ each!









Bookstore Hours

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

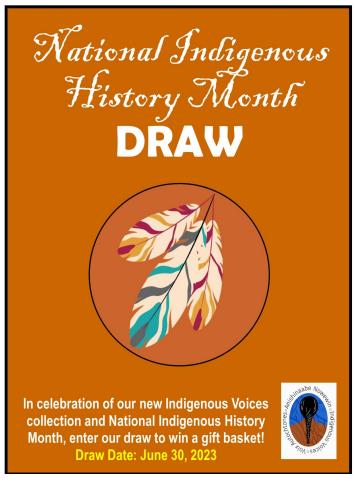
Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

Lower Level James L. McIntyre Centennial Library











The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library would like to acknowledge and thank our generous 2023 Donors

Would you like to donate to the Library?

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

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

Other donation options:

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

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

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

The possibilities are endless!

Contact us today at 705-759-5242

Patrick Allan

M. Ann Corris

Cupe Local 67 - In Memoriam of Sharon Brooks

Jane Forth

Douglas MacDougall

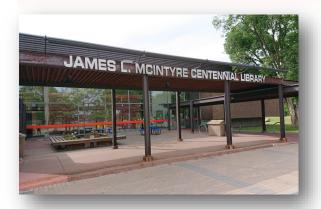
Bill McBurney

Richard Moran

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About Your Library...





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 MON. - THURS.
 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

 FRIDAY
 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

 SATURDAY
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

 SUNDAY
 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM



NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY

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

 MONDAY
 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

 TUES-THURS
 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

 FRIDAY
 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

 SATURDAY
 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

 SUNDAY
 CLOSED

Summer Hours begin Monday June 19, 2023



Library Closures 2023

New Year's Day	Sunday, January 1, 2023	Sir William Hearst Day	Monday, August 7, 2023
·	Monday, January 2, 2023	Labour Day	Monday, September 4, 2023
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2023	Thanksgiving	Monday, October 9, 2023
Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023	Remembrance Day	Saturday, November 11, 2023
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 9, 2023		Monday, November 13, 2023
Easter Monday	Monday, April 10, 2023	Staff Development Day	Monday, November 20, 2023
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2023	Christmas Eve	Sunday, December 24, 2023
Canada Day	Saturday, July 1, 2023	Christmas Day	Monday, December 25, 2023
	Monday, July 3, 2023	Boxing Day	Tuesday, December 26, 2023

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