



Summer Reading Programs for All Ages

Your library is the place to be this summer! Kids will love the programs we are offering, including the TD Summer Reading Club for ages 2 to 12. Read your favourite books and earn great prizes! The Club runs to August 14 - full details in our branches or on our website.

This year, we also have Summer Reading Clubs for adults and teens. Earn prizes for reading, just like the kids do! Starting July 3, you can register to receive a Canada 150 Log Book to keep track of the number of hours you read. Deadline for prize entries is August 14.




LiNC is here! We are thrilled to officially launch an exciting partnership with four other Niagara library systems – Fort Erie Public Library, Niagara College Library, Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library and Pelham Public Library. We're calling ourselves LiNC – the Libraries in Niagara Cooperative.

All Lincoln Public Library (LPL) cardholders are automatically LiNC cardholders. This means that you can borrow directly from any LiNC library. You can also place holds on their materials and have them sent to the LPL branch nearest you. Items can be returned to LPL; we'll make sure they get back to the library that owns them.

To see if the item you want is at a LiNC library, go to our home page and click on *Explore/Search the Catalogue*. The box to the left of the green "Search" button has a drop-down menu. When you select the top option, Libraries in Niagara Cooperative, you are searching everything at all five library systems.

Ask any staff member for more information, pick up a LiNC FAQ flyer, or check our website under Borrowing.



Day Change!
Movie Matinees move to Fridays
The Wednesday Flicks have become the Friday Films for the summer. Same place – the Fleming Branch in Beamsville, and same time – 1 pm. Plus the same great variety of movies, free admission and free popcorn! No registration required – just show up and enjoy. Check our website and bulletin boards for details.



Enjoy both the Outdoors and Reading with a StoryWalk®!

A StoryWalk® is an opportunity for kids to experience reading a book while walking through an outdoor area such as a park, trail, or neighbourhood. StoryWalks® promote literacy and outdoor physical activity, plus they encourage parent and community involvement.

Enjoy the Canadian book *Grumpy Bird* by Jeremy Tankard at various Lincoln locations this July – ask for a flyer or check our website.

We are pleased to introduce our two Summer Students, Keara McDermott (left) and Nicole Skurnac (right). Here are five fun facts about each of them!



Five Fun Facts about Keara:

- For the past two summers she was working at summer camp.
- She is completing a degree at Queen's University and is going on exchange to Belgium this winter.
- Her favourite children's book is ***Where the Wild Things Are*** by Maurice Sendak.
- Her hobbies include hockey, lacrosse, and of course, reading.
- Her two best friends are her dogs, Ginger and Otis.

Five Fun Facts about Nicole:

- She was an LPL Page during high school.
- Her favourite hobbies are swimming, photography, and playing soccer.
- She is currently at university, studying Concurrent Education, and wants to be an Elementary School Teacher.
- When she was a kid, her favourite books were anything by Robert Munsch or Dr. Seuss.
- She can't wait for the TD Summer Reading Club to start!



Fifteen Years and Counting... by Wendy Baarda

Can it really be 15 years ago that I started working at Lincoln Public Library? When I think back to all the changes we've been through together and all the different people I have worked with, I'm actually surprised that I could fit it all into 15 years!

I began my library career on July 2, 2002 after working for Rannie Publications in Beamsville for 13 years. As a Grimsby girl, born and raised, Beamsville wasn't really on my radar. We had a natural rivalry living so close together, but after returning to high school in 1988 to get my diploma as an adult student, I not only graduated, but attained my Administrative Assistant Certificate and began my newspaper career in the fall of 1989. At first I worked as a receptionist in the financial department, then was in the newspaper division. I worked the switchboard, took classified ads, wrote a small column and even covered the Grimsby Peach Kings Hockey team for a year!

I met many great co-workers and customers and came to love the town of Beamsville. Changes in the newspaper business were inevitable and I began to look further afield for something I would enjoy. I started taking courses online to earn a Library Technician's Diploma. Enter Margaret Andrewes, who told a mutual friend, Jan Moore, of an available maternity leave position at the library. I was fortunate enough to secure the temporary job, and couldn't have had a nicer, sweeter person to cover for than Nancy McLennan. We worked together for a few weeks, and she was friendly, efficient, and, best of all, she made me laugh. That was something I needed as a newly single person starting out on her own. I was disappointed when she didn't return to the library, even though it paved the way for me to continue and eventually become fulltime.

With the support of my family and co-workers I graduated from Mohawk College with my Library Technician's Diploma in 2012 and haven't looked back. I love my job, and that is a direct result of co-workers and patrons who make every day an interesting experience. I've made lifelong friends and appreciate the opportunity given to me by the library. I am blessed with two sons, who with their wives are loving and supportive, and I am grateful to have my brother and three sisters close by. My biggest blessing came in the birth of my grandson Cole, who will turn one in August and is the light of our lives. Thank you Lincoln Public Library for taking a chance on me, and making many of my dreams become a reality. I can't wait to see what my next chapter brings.