



What the hoopla? Your Library Just Got a Major Digital Upgrade!

Big news! hoopla is coming to your Thunder Bay Public Library this spring, giving you an all-access pass to instant entertainment, anytime, anywhere! This exciting new digital platform is bringing audiobooks, eBooks, movies, TV shows, comics, magazines, music, and more straight to your fingertips on any device!

Binge-worthy books? Check. Must-watch movies? Got 'em. Chart-topping tunes? Yep! Whether you're cozy at home or on the go, hoopla lets you stream or download to all of your devices with your Thunder Bay Public Library card.

Don't miss out on all the hoopla! Your next great read, watch, or listen is just a click away. Full details on **page 7**.

Check out the
FREE programs
at your Library!



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Kids
Programming



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Youth
Programming



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Adult & Senior
Programming



Library Information

Hours of Operation

Waverley Library

285 Red River Road

Monday – Thursday: 9:30 am – 8 pm

Friday – Saturday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Sunday: 12:30 – 5 pm

Mary J.L. Black Library

901 Edward St. S

Monday – Thursday: 9:30 am – 8 pm

Friday – Saturday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Sunday: 12:30 – 5 pm

County Park Library

1020 Dawson Rd. (County Fair Mall)

Monday – Wednesday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Thursday: 12:30 – 8 pm

Friday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Brodie Library

216 Brodie St. S

Monday – Friday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Full Day Closures (All Branches)

April 18

Good Friday

April 20

Easter Sunday

April 21

Easter Monday

May 18

Long Weekend Closure

May 19

Victoria Day

Please note: Summer hours begin on Sunday, June 15. Updated hours will be posted on tbpl.ca and at the main entrance of each branch.

Your Suggestions Are Welcome!

Is there a book or other item you'd love to see in our collection? Let us know! Fill out a purchase suggestion form online at tbpl.ca/suggestions or in person at any branch.

Thanks for Joining Us in 2024



Watch for our full 2024 Report to the Community coming in April.



**Thunder Bay
Public Library**

Connect with us

@TbayPL



| **Phone** 807-345-8275

| **Email** comments@tbpl.ca

| **Online** www.tbpl.ca

From the desk of the

Head Librarian



As the seasons change, so does your Library. Starting April 1, 2025, we are moving all digital materials to one convenient service through hoopla. This means hoopla will replace cloudLibrary, Kanopy, Naxos, ComicsPlus, and cloudLibrary NewsStand. Read more about the transition on [page 7](#).

Another change we've recently initiated is in our staff lists. Some of you have been receiving the *New and Upcoming List* via email for years. It has now been rebranded as *Lori's List*. Lori has been the person behind the list since before I joined the Library in 2006, and she continues to inspire great reading every month! If this is the first time you're hearing about this list, I invite you to sign up here: tbpl.ca/loris-list

Aside from reading great new books, what are you most looking forward to

this spring? In our household, we can't wait to start planting. And we're not the only ones excited for the Library's Wet Your Plants kits. The warmer weather also means our Garden Tool Sheds will reopen at the beginning of May. So if you need to borrow a wheelbarrow, action hoe, or even a spade, we've got you covered. With seeds, tools, and our gardening books, you'll be set for the growing season from spring to autumn.

If you're a regular at Mary J.L. Black Library, you may have noticed our new Clubhouse space, designed for school-age children ages four and up to enjoy hands-on learning experiences. One of our newest programs, Discovery Club, lets kids explore LEGO, STEAM toys, robots, and more. We've also introduced a fantastic interactive projector, the Obie, which transforms floors, walls, or tables into immersive play areas with no controllers needed. With games for all ages, from zero to one hundred plus, the Obie is an exciting new addition to the Library.

We've also been trying out a variety of different programming, and some of our recent successes include individual appointments to digitize photographs, True Crime programs, and puzzle swaps.

Our True Crime programming this spring features two drop-in sessions exploring three historical crime stories from our

region, all predating 1970. Our puzzle swap is a fantastic opportunity to pass on puzzles you're tired of and get some fresh ones. Serious puzzlers can also compete in our two puzzle races. Solve as quickly and accurately as possible for a chance to win a prize.

As always, we have collections and programs for all interests at your Library this spring. If there's an area where you would like to see us offer programming, or if you have some special skills, please let us know!

Ruth Haulin-Douglas

Head Librarian

Ruth's Spring Reading List:

Vox by Christina Dalcher

Rainfall Market by Yu Yöng-gwang

Ninth House by Leigh Bardugo

The Very Secret Society of Irregular

Witches by Sangu Mandanna

Flour: Spectacular Recipes From

Boston's Flour Bakery + Cafe

by Joanne Chang

Gardening with Short Growing Seasons

by Graham Saunders



New & Notable

Adult

Coded Justice by Stacey Abrams
Our Last Wild Days by Anna Bailey
Speak to Me of Home
 by Jeanine Cummins
Thunder Game by Christine Feehan
Brush with Death by J.M. Hall
Perfect Psychopath by Alice Hunter
Never Flinch by Stephen King
The Tenant by Freida McFadden



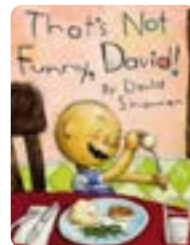
Youth

Sunrise on the Reaping
 by Suzanne Collins
They Bloom at Night
 by Trang Tran
Kirby's Lessons for Falling
 (in Love) by Laura Gao
Oathbound by Tracy Deonn
Shadow Bride
 by Shelby Mahurin
All Better Now
 by Neal Shusterman
The History of Everything
 by Victoria Evans
Everything I Promised You
 by Katy Upperman



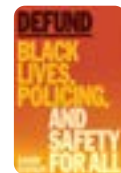
Children

Big Nate: Attack of the Cheez Funk
Breath by Lincoln Peirce
Home by Matt de la Peña
Mermaids Are the Worst! by Alex Willan
Catty Corner Lands on Her Feet
 by Julie Murphy
Lonely Goose by Lela Nargi
Little Blue Truck and Racer Red
 by Alice Schertle
That's Not Funny, David!
 by David Shannon
Mallory and the Trouble With Twins
 by Arley Nopra



Adult Nonfiction

Autism Out Loud by Kate Swenson
Fahrenheit-182: A Memoir
 by Mark Hoppus
John and Paul: A Love Story in Songs
 by Ian Leslie
Ordinary Time: Lessons Learned While
Staying Put by Annie B. Jones
Blood in the Water: The Untold Story of A
Family Tragedy by Casey Sherman
Click: How to Make What People Want
 by Jake Knapp
Hitman: The Untold Story of Canada's
Deadliest Assassin by Julian Sher
Defund: Black Lives, Policing, and Safety
for All by Sandy Hudson



DVDs

Dog Man
Heretic
Moana 2
Mufasa: The Lion King
Nosferatu
Sonic the Hedgehog 3
The Substance



Beyond the Books

Indigenous Author Series: An Evening with David A. Robertson

Thursday, June 19, 2025

6:00–8:00 PM

Waverley Library

Join us for a special reading with David A. Robertson, a celebrated author and two-time Governor General's Literary Award winner. Robertson is also the recipient of the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award and the Writers' Union of Canada Freedom to Read Award, among many other accolades.

As a writer for both children and adults, podcaster, public speaker, and social advocate, Robertson has made an immense impact in the literary world. In recognition of his contributions to the arts, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters from the University of Manitoba in 2023. He is a member of Norway House Cree Nation and currently resides in Winnipeg.

Registration for this event will open on Thursday, June 5 at 9:30 am.

Register at tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, in person at any branch, or by calling 807-345-8275



Level Up Your Next Game Night with TBPL!

Did you know that your Thunder Bay Public Library has a treasure trove of tabletop games? Explore over 100 board games, card games, and other tabletop favourites at TBPL! Visit the Waverley Library to browse the physical collection, or check out the full list online.



Found a game you like, but it's already checked out? Place a hold, and we'll notify you when it's ready for pickup at your preferred branch.

Visit tbpl.ca/things for more details, and to browse our board game collection.

Get Your Garden Spring-Ready!

Thunder Bay Public Library and Roots Community Food Centre have partnered to create Canada's very first Garden Tool Lending Library—just for you!



Our Garden Tool Sheds are located at the Brodie Library and the Waverley Library and are available from **May 1 to October 31**. Items borrowed from this collection must be cleaned and returned to the location from which they were borrowed.

Explore Thunder Bay



New in Our Collection: Explore Passes

Now you can enjoy free day use of any of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's ten Conservation Areas with an Explore Card Parking Pass from our collection.

- Mission Island Marsh
- Cascades
- Hazelwood Lake
- Hurkett Cove
- Cedar Falls
- Silver Harbour
- Little Trout Bay
- Wishart
- Mills Block
- MacKenzie Point

Visit tbpl.ca/things to browse and borrow any of our available Attractions Passes.

Coming Up at Thunder Bay Art Gallery

Get inspired! Borrow a Thunder Bay Art Gallery pass from our collection and visit their spring exhibitions:

Edward Poitras: Big Iron Sky
April 11 – June 1, 2025

Where My Dreams Lay: Secondary School Art Show
April 18 – May 25, 2025



THUNDER BAY
ART GALLERY

TBSO Season Wraps May 2

There are still two more opportunities this season to see the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra with your Thunder Bay Public Library card!

Visit tbpl.ca/tbso to enter your name for the free ticket draws for the final two shows of the year:

Register April 4 – 10 for your chance to see TBSO Pops - A Trip to Broadway on April 26

Register April 11 – 17 for your chance to see TBSO Masterworks - Resurrection on May 2.

Please join us in thanking the TBSO for making tickets for their 2024 - 2025 season available through our collection.



THUNDER BAY
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

More Thunder Bay Attractions to Enjoy

Fort William Historical Park Family Passes



Enjoy free admission to the park for up to four people, including access to the park's special events.

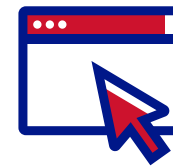
Thunder Bay Museum

Enjoy free admission for four people to three floors of galleries showcasing the vast and rich heritage of Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario.



Ontario Parks Day Use Passes

Enjoy free admission for four people to three floors of galleries showcasing the vast and rich heritage of Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario.



More Than Books!

Learn about all the amazing "things" available to borrow in our collection.

Visit: tbpl.ca/things

What the hoopla?



Introducing: hoopla

We're excited to announce that starting April 1, 2025, all of Thunder Bay Public Library's digital content will be available exclusively on hoopla! With hoopla, you no longer need multiple apps or websites; everything is in one place, making it easier than ever to enjoy eBooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, magazines, music, and more.

While there are some differences between hoopla and our previous digital platforms, we're here to help make the transition as smooth as possible for you!

What Happens to Your Current Holds in cloudLibrary?

cloudLibrary will be accessible until the end of April, and we recommend making a note of any holds, favourites, or borrowed titles, as they will not transfer automatically. Once hoopla is live on April 1, you can search for those titles again and either add them to your favourites list or check them out immediately if they're available.

Who Can Access hoopla?

To use hoopla, you'll need a full-service Library card, meaning you must have verified your address, shown ID, and be:

- a resident of Thunder Bay;
- a resident of Fort William First Nation;
- a resident of a municipality with a TBPL agreement; or
- a non-resident member who has purchased a membership.

How Does hoopla Work?

Once you register and login using your Library card number and PIN, you'll see that hoopla offers two types of borrows:

Instant ⚡

Instant borrows work exactly as they sound. No waiting, no holds. If you see an Instant title, you can borrow it immediately! However, since the Library pays per checkout, we have monthly and daily borrowing limits in place.

Each patron gets up to five Instant borrows per month. Instant items include:

- movies, TV shows, music, comics, magazines;
- books and audiobooks (except the newest releases); and
- BingePasses.

What's a BingePass? These special collections, like The Great Courses, or magazine subscriptions, give you

unlimited access to content for one full week by using just one of your Instant borrows.

Flex ↻

Flex borrows function similarly to cloudLibrary. You can either check out available items or place a hold if they're currently in use. This is where you'll find the newest and hottest releases! What's important to know is:

- you can have up to five Flex items checked out at a time;
- returning a Flex item frees up space to borrow another;
- you can place up to ten holds on Flex items; and
- flex borrows are exclusively for books and audiobooks.

Bonus Borrows: One of the best features of hoopla is Bonus Borrows! For the last seven days of each month, you can enjoy a curated collection of titles that don't count against your borrowing limits. That means extra books, movies, and more, completely free!

With hoopla, borrowing digital content is easier and more accessible than ever. Stay tuned for more details and get ready to read, watch, and listen, whenever and wherever you want!

For more information, please visit tbpl.ca/hoopla

Kids Programming

Family Storytime

County Park Library
Wednesday @ 10:00 am
April 2 - June 18

Mary JL Black Library
Tuesday @ 10:00 am
April 15 - June 17

Waverley Library
Thursday @ 10:00 am
April 10 - May 29

Drop in for literacy-focused fun the whole family can enjoy! Children, parents, and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs, and rhymes followed by free play and socialization time.
(All ages) Drop in.

After School Family Storytime

Mary JL Black Library
Tuesday @ 3:30 pm
April 15 - June 17

Did you miss Family Storytime? Stop in and catch what you missed with this after school repeat!
(All ages) Drop in.



Play Day

County Park Library
Thursday @ 1 - 7:00 pm
April 3 - June 26

Mary JL Black Library
Friday & Saturday @ 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
April 4 - June 28

(No program April 18)

Waverley Library
Friday & Saturday @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
April 4 - June 28

(No Play Day on April 5 or 18, May 31, June 21 or 28, Play Day will begin on May 2 and June 13 after PA Day Puppet Show)

Families are invited to drop in for self-guided free play and socialization with our toys, puzzles, and games.
(All ages) Drop in.

Blissful Beading

County Park Library
Thursday @ 3 - 7:30 pm
April 3 - June 26

Drop in and relax while you create beaded trinkets, necklaces, keychains, and more! **(Ages 4+) Drop in.**

Baby and Me Storytime

County Park Library
Monday @ 11:15 am
April 7 - June 30
(No program April 21, May 19, June 23)

Mary JL Black Library
Wednesday @ 1:30 pm
April 9 - June 18

Waverley Library
Tuesday @ 10:00 am
April 8 - May 27

Drop in for fingerplays, bounces, stories, and songs followed by playtime and socializing with other parents and caregivers! Best for babies from birth through twelve months who are cuddling and crawling.
(Ages 0 - 12 months) Drop in.

Baby Prints

Mary JL Black Library
Sunday @ 1:30 pm
April 13, May 25, June 8

Drop in and make a footprint or handprint craft with your baby! Stay for stories, songs, lap rhymes, and social time with other parents and caregivers.
(Ages 0 - 12 months) Drop in.

REGISTERING FOR PROGRAMS

All programs at your Thunder Bay Public Library are free to attend. For events with an * asterisk, registration begins at 9:30 am two weeks prior to the program date. Online: tbpl.ca/onlinecalendar, phone: 807-345-8275 or by visiting any Library branch.

Kids Programming

Discovery Club

Mary JL Black Library
Unless noted, the Discovery Club is open during all branch hours.

(No program April 24 - 27, May 22 - 25, June 13, 26 - 29)

Drop in for self-guided family exploration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) concepts with robots, coding activities, building challenges, and lots more.
(Ages 4+) Drop in.



Wild Ones

Mary JL Black Library
Wednesday @ 10:00 am
April 9 - June 18

Drop in for stories and some action-based songs, followed by playtime and socializing with other parents and caregivers!
Best for babies and toddlers aged 13-24 months who are toddling, bouncing, and walking.
(Ages 13-24 months) Drop in.



Tales for Twos*

Waverley Library
Wednesday @ 10:30 am or 2:00 pm
April 9 - May 28
Registration: March 26 @ 9:30 am

This program is for children ages 24 months up to 3 years of age with a caregiver. There will be stories, songs and rhymes, crafts and other activities, with time for play and socialization.
(Ages 24-36 months)
Registration required.

Game On! With the Interactive Projector

Mary JL Black Library
Sunday @ 1 - 4:30 pm
April 6 - June 8

Tuesday @ 3:30 - 7:30 pm
April 1 - June 24

(No program April 20, 22, May 18, 20, June 10)

Drop in and play a game with the new Obie interactive projector. Get moving with physically engaging games that encourage hand-eye coordination and gross motor skill development, or sit down for some peaceful coloring or creative challenges.
(All ages) Drop in.

Preschool Storytime*

Waverley Library
Monday @ 10:30 am or 2:00 pm
April 7 - June 2
(No program April 21, May 19)

Registration: March 24 @ 9:30 am

A school readiness program for children ages 3 and 4 to attend on their own while caregivers remain nearby in the Library. Caregiver participation is required for the craft and play portions of the program.
(Ages 3 - 4) Registration required.

Kids Subscription Book Bags*

Pickup at all branches
Registration: April 3 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: April 24 - 27, May 22 - 25, June 26 - 28, July 24 - 26

Spring into reading!
Register your child and for the next 4 months, a specially selected bag of books will be waiting for you to pick up from your selected library location. Choose the genre, format, and location, and we'll do the rest!
(Ages 0-12) Registration required.



Kids Programming

Fabulous Food Kit*

Pickup at all branches

Registration: April 7 @ 9:30 am

Pickup: April 24 - 27

Yum, yum - FOOD!
Each kit will include books (signed out on your library card), activities, and a craft all about things to eat! (Ages 2 - 12)
Registration required.



Baby's First Library Kit*

Pickup at all branches

Registration: April 7 @ 9:30 am

Pickup: April 24 - 27

Start building your baby's first library! This kit includes three board books for you to keep, a song booklet, community resources, colouring pages, and baby print craft supplies all designed to support parents and caregivers as they foster a love of reading in little ones. (Ages 0 - 24 months)
Registration required.

Thank you to the Friends of Thunder Bay Public Library and the Thunder Bay Community Foundation for their support of this program.



Puppy Perks Storytime

Mary JL Black Library

Thursday, April 17 @ 10:00 am

Brodie Library

Thursday, May 15 @ 10:00 am

Mary JL Black Library

Thursday, June 5 @ 10:00 am

Drop in for a pup-tacular storytime! Join Tammy from PAWsitively Social for this fun-filled opportunity to learn how to safely approach dogs and socialize with them. (All ages) Drop in.



Little Sprouts Kit - Tomatoes*

Pickup at all branches

Registration: April 10 @ 9:30 am

Pickup: April 24 - 27

Register for Little Sprouts and inspire little ones in your family with a love of gardening! This children's version of our tomato-themed garden kit includes seeds, growing instructions, tomato-centric recipes, and activity sheets. Teens, check out the Green Thumb Kit and adults, check out the Wet Your Plants Kit! (Ages 0 - 12)
Registration required.



Frozen Fun!

Waverley Library

Sunday, April 27 @ 2 - 4:00 pm

Do you want to build a snowman? Join us for some Frozen-themed fun for the whole family where you can play with pretend snow, create a snowglobe and much more! Drop in anytime between 2 and 4. (While supplies last)
Allergy Alert
(All ages) Drop in.



Star Wars Discovery Club

Mary JL Black Library

Sunday, May 4 @ 12:30 - 4:30 pm

Drop in and celebrate May the Fourth with Star Wars-themed crafts and our self-guided STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) activities including coding, building challenges, and lots more. (Ages 4+) Drop in.

Kids Programming

**PA DAY
YAY!**

DIY Flower Pot Craft

County Park Library
Friday, May 2 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Drop in and decorate a small plant pot to take home! **While supplies last. (All ages) Drop in.

Surprise Puppet Show

Waverley Library
Friday, May 2 @ 10:30 am

It's a PA Day and we have a special puppet show in store for you! Which one, you ask? We are keeping it a secret, no, - a surprise! Play Day to follow. (All ages) Drop in.

Science North

Mary JL Black Library
Friday, May 2 @ 1 - 4:00 pm

Drop in and join Science North's Bluecoats in a fun, interactive program just for kids. (All ages) Drop in.



Superheroes, Super-People! Kit*

Pickup at all branches
Registration: May 5 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: May 22 - 25

Celebrate superheroes and everyday heroes like firefighters, nurses, teachers, parents and more! Each kit will include books (signed out on your library card), activities, and a craft all about Superheroes and Super-People! (Ages 2 - 12) Registration required.



Core Concepts Kit*

Pickup at all branches
Registration: May 5 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: May 22 - 25

It's never too early to introduce core concepts like ABC, 123, colours, and more! Each kit will include books (signed out on your library card), activities and a craft all about core concepts! (Ages 1 - 6) Registration required.



Little Sprouts Kit - Cucumbers*

Pickup at all branches
Registration: May 8 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: May 22 - 25

Register for Little Sprouts and inspire little ones in your family with a love of gardening! This children's version of our cucumber-themed garden kit includes seeds, growing instructions, cucumber-centric recipes, and activity sheets. Teens, check out the Green Thumb Kit and adults, check out the Wet Your Plants Kit! (Ages 0 - 12) Registration required.

Lilo & Stitch Party*

Waverley Library
Saturday, May 31 @ 2:00 pm
Registration: May 17 @ 9:30 am

Surf's up! Experiment in Dr. Jumba Jookiba's lab, sew a Lilo and Stitch plushie that is cute and fluffy, play luau games and more! (Ages 5+) Registration required.

Summertime Kit*

Pickup at all branches
Registration: June 2 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: June 26 - 28

Hooray for summer! Each kit will include books (signed out on your library card), activities and a craft all about summertime and outdoor activities! (Ages 2 - 12) Registration required.

Kids Programming

Love Makes a Family Photo Op and Craft

Mary JL Black Library
During branch hours
All of June starting June 4

Families are invited to come take a picture with our Love Makes a Family photo backdrop celebrating Pride Month. After your photo shoot, stay to make a Pride themed craft and add yours to our in-Library Pride displays. **(All ages) Drop in.**

Father's Day DIY

Waverley Library
Sunday, June 8 @ 2:30 pm
Registration: May 25 @ 12:30 pm

Create a unique keepsake keychain for dad, or any other fatherly figure in your life. Trace your handprint, draw your own design, or use a template. **(All ages) Registration required.**

Baby Rave

Waverley Library
Tuesday, June 17 @ 1:30 pm

Celebrate another milestone: baby's first rave! Books, bopping beats, blacklights, glow-in-the-dark baby prints and more!
(Ages 0 - 3) Drop in.



PA DAY YAY!

Discover the Discovery Club

County Park Library
Friday, June 13 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Drop for self-guided family exploration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) concepts with robots, coding activities, building challenges, and lots more. This program is regularly offered at the MJLB branch. **(Ages 4+) Drop in.**

Play Day + Game On! Projector

Mary JL Black Library
Friday, June 13 @ 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Drop in for self-guided playtime! Build, create, explore, and imagine before trying out the new Obie interactive projector with physically engaging and educational games. **(All ages) Drop in.**

Bunch of Munsch

Waverley Library
Friday, June 13 @ 10:30 am

Celebrate Robert Munsch's 80th birthday with us! Watch the puppet show The Paperbag Princess and stay for a craft with time to play. Play Day to follow. **(All ages) Drop in.**

Candy Sushi*

Waverley Library
Saturday, June 21 @ 2:30 pm
Registration: June 7 @ 9:30 am

Tweens - learn to eat with chopsticks and make Candy Sushi. **Allergy Alert. (Ages 7+) Registration required.**

Recycled Book Flower Vases

Waverley Library
Wednesday, June 25 @ 6:00 pm

Tweens - help us recycle and learn how to create a beautiful flower vase using our old books! **(Ages 7+) Drop in.**

Little Sprouts Kit - Beans*

Pickup at all branches
Registration: June 12 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: June 26 - 28

Register for Little Sprouts and inspire little ones in your family with a love of gardening! This children's version of our bean-themed garden kit includes seeds, growing instructions, bean-centric recipes, and activity sheets. Teens, check out the Green Thumb Kit and adults, check out the Wet Your Plants Kit!
(Ages 0 - 12) Registration required.



Kids Programming



Reading Buddies*

Waverley Library

Wednesday @ 5:30 or 6:30pm
April 9 - May 28

Reading Buddies is an early literacy program designed to help children in grades 1, 2, and 3 become more confident and motivated readers. This free program provides children with one-on-one reading support from a screened volunteer.

Spaces are limited, and participants must register for one of the two sessions.

Volunteer registration opens
Wednesday, March 19, at 9:30 am

Participant registration opens
Wednesday, March 26, at 9:30 am

* Visit tbpl.ca/reading-buddies for more information about the program and to register.

Storytime with Mz. Molly and Friendz

Saturday, April 5 @ 2:30 pm
Waverley Library

Saturday, May 3 @ 2:30 pm
Mary JL Black Library

Saturday, June 28 @ 2:30 pm
Waverley Library

Join us for an afternoon of wonder, whimsy, and warmth with Mz. Molly and Friendz! This all-ages, family-friendly storytime is an interactive, joy-filled celebration of diversity and acceptance, where stories come alive with glittering energy, vibrant characters, and a whole lot of heart.

After storytime, the magic continues with a 30-minute guided crafting session led by Molly's Friendz. Whether you're young or young at heart, come laugh, create, and celebrate in a safe, welcoming space where everyone belongs.

This is a drop-in event. No registration required.



Thunder Pride



Summer Reading Club



Proudly Sponsored by:



Summer Reading Club

The TD Summer Reading Club is Canada's biggest, bilingual summer reading program for kids of all interests and abilities, ages 0-12. The Club celebrates Canadian authors, illustrators and stories, and inspires kids to explore the fun of reading their way. This is key to building a lifelong love of reading. It has been demonstrated that kids who read over the summer retain and build on the literacy skills that they have been practicing during the school year.

Your child will receive a free notebook and stickers to track their reading. Thunder Bay Public Library will also have fun activities and initiatives for kids to take part in throughout the summer, culminating in a celebration party! And, every week, your child will receive prizes and coupons for free stuff just for reading. There's something for everyone ages 0-12 and their families.

Registration Details

You can register for the TD Summer Reading Club beginning **June 13 at 9:30 am**. Pick up of materials at your selected Library location will be available weekly beginning July 2. Register online at tbpl.ca/src, in-person at any library location or by calling (807) 345-8275.



YOUth Programming

Rec Room

Mary JL Black Library
Thursday @ 5 - 7:30 pm
Doors open at 4:30 pm
April 17 - June 12

(No program April 24, May 8)

Art, anime, and always changing activities. Our excitable and inclusive group of friends would love to meet you!
(Grades 7 - 12) Drop in.

YOUth Subscription Book Boxes*

Pickup at all branches
Registration: April 3 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: April 24 - 27, May 22 - 25,
June 26 - 28, July 24 - 27

Not sure what to read next? Choose the genre, format, and location, and we'll do the rest! Each month from April - July, you'll receive 2 hand-picked library books, candy, and some goodies.
(Ages 13 - 18) Registration required.

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YOUth Action Council (YAC)*

Mary JL Black Library

The YOUth Action Council meets monthly to discuss changes to the Library, suggest programs, and buy young adult books. Earn volunteer hours and develop your event planning and teamwork skills. Visit tbpl.ca/youth and click on Volunteer with us to learn more
(Ages 13 - 18) Registration required.

YOUth Review

At home participation
Date: April - June

Review books or movies that you loved (or hated) for community service hours. For each review, you can earn up to 4 volunteer hours! Visit tbpl.ca/youth for more info. (Grades 9 - 12)



YOUth Knitters

At home participation
Date: April - June

Knit or crochet hats or scarves for those in need to earn community service volunteer hours. Visit tbpl.ca/youth for more info. (Grades 9 - 12)



YOUth Programming



Green Thumb Kits - Tomatoes*

Pickup at all branches
Registration: April 10 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: April 24 - 27

Register for our Green Thumb Kit and get inspired with a love of gardening! This teen version of our tomato-themed garden kit includes seeds, growing instructions, and simple tomato-centric recipes. Children, check out the Little Sprouts program and adults, check out the Wet Your Plants program!
(Grades 7 - 12) Registration required.

Green Thumb Kits - Cucumbers*

Pickup at all branches
Registration: May 8 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: May 22 - 25

Register for our Green Thumb Kit and get inspired with a love of gardening! This teen version of our cucumber-themed garden kit includes seeds, growing instructions, and simple cucumber-centric recipes. Children, check out the Little Sprouts program and adults, check out the Wet Your Plants program!
(Grades 7 - 12) Registration required.

Green Thumb Kits - Beans*

Pickup at all branches
Registration: June 12 @ 9:30 am
Pickup: June 26 - 28

Register for our Green Thumb Kit and get inspired with a love of gardening! This teen version of our bean-themed garden kit includes seeds, growing instructions, and simple bean-centric recipes. Children, check out the Little Sprouts program and adults, check out the Wet Your Plants program!
(Grades 7 - 12) Registration required.

Tween Takeover

Mary JL Black Library
April 22, May 20, June 10
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Tonight is for the tweens! Take over the teen space for the evening. Each month will be a different activity.

April 22: Scratch Art

May 20: DIY Bird Feeders

June 10: Bubble Painting

(Ages 9 - 12) Drop in.



Adult Programming



Eat Your Backyard

Mary JL Black Library

Event Dates:

April 7 @ 6:00 pm - Companion Planting, Planting for Pollinators, and getting the most out of your space

May 5 @ 6:00 pm - Planning for Seed Saving

June 2 @ 6:00 pm - Pests and Diseases

Join us at Mary JL Black the first Monday of each month at 6pm for our Eat Your Backyard garden talk series. Guest speakers from Superior Seed Producers will be here to share their knowledge and experiences, as well as to answer all your burning garden-related questions. Not just for experienced gardeners - if you've never planted a seed or have only a tiny place to grow, this series will give you the confidence to start planting!

(Adults 18+) Drop in.



Adulting 101

Mary JL Black Library

Event Dates: April 9, May 14, June 11 @ 6:00 pm

Join us for these interactive, informative sessions on life skills that every adult should have. Maybe you haven't changed a tire in a decade or two and need a refresher, or nobody's ever shown you how to create a meal plan. If so, these sessions are for you!

April 9: Meal Planning and Creating a Grocery List

May 14: Simple Sewing (sew a button, simple stitches)

June 11: Auto Maintenance (check your oil, change a tire)

(Ages 18+) Drop in.



iPhone for Beginners*

Mary JL Black Library

Registration: April 22 at 9:30 am

Event Dates: May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3 @ 1 - 3:00 pm

New to **iPhone** and want to master the basics? This 5 week course will help you feel confident with the technology in no time! This class is for Apple iPhone users only. (No Android, no iPad) **Registration required.**

Spice Club

All branches

Pickup Dates: April 9, May 14, June 11 during branch hours.

Do you enjoy cooking, and are you looking for more ideas in the kitchen? Take part in the TBPL Spice Club! Spice Club packages are available at each branch on the second Wednesday of the month. Packages contain a sample of the monthly spice as well as a flyer containing information, recipes, and book recommendations! Pick-up is first come, first served, and there is a limited number at each location. One package per person please.

Apple Express*

Mary JL Black Library

Registration: Opens two weeks prior to each session.

Event Dates: 1 - 3:00 pm

June 10: Maps

June 19: Photos

Can't commit to a five week how-to-use-your-device course? Try a topic specific mini course instead! Learning how to use these apps will make your Apple experience more valuable. iPhone and iPads welcomed. Registration for each program will open two weeks prior. **Registration required.**

Adult Programming

Get Crafty - Paint a Pot*

Mary JL Black Library

Registration: April 22 at 9:30 am
and May 20 at 9:30 am

Event Dates: May 5, June 2 @ 2:00 pm

It's gardening season! Paint a flower pot for yourself or a friend. As a bonus, seeds generously donated by Roots Community Food Centre will be given to participants. All supplies provided.
(Ages 18+) Registration required.



Wet Your Plants Kit - Cucumbers*

All branches

Registration: April 10 at 9:30 am
Pick Up: April 24 - 27

Foster a love of gardening and register for Wet Your Plants! This garden-themed kit includes seeds, growing instructions, recipes, and activities.
(Ages 18+) Registration required.

Spoiler Alert Book Club*

Mary JL Black Library

Registration: April 28 at 9:30 am
Event Dates: May 12, June 9, July 14,
August 11 @ 5:30 pm

Stuck in a reading rut? Join our Spoiler Alert Book Club. Each month we will read from a different genre or theme, and then meet to discuss our books. Get some new reading recommendations, explore genres you've never read before, and enjoy some great conversation.

We will meet monthly the second Monday of each month May through August, at 5:30pm at Mary JL Black Library.
(Ages 18+) Registration required.



Surprise Book Bundle*

All branches

Registration: May 8 @ 9:30 am
Pick Up at Selected Branch: May 22 - 25,
June 26 - 28, July 24 - 26, August 28 - 30

Stuck in a reading rut? Try our Monthly Book Bundle! Think of it as a blind date with a book (or books) - each month from May through August we'll choose a selection of books from a different genre for you to explore. Select your format and pick up branch and we'll do the rest.
(Adults 18+) Registration required.



Cookbook Club*

Mary JL Black Library

Registration: April 28 @ 9:30 am

Event Dates:

May 26 Session: Cooking Canadian

June 23 Session: Kids' Cookbooks

July 28 Session: Summer Eating

August 25 Session: Your Favourite Cookbook

Each session begins at 5:30 pm

Join us for our monthly Cookbook Club!

How it works: Register and pick up a cookbook based on the month's theme. Try a few recipes, then bring your review and results to our meeting! Light refreshments will be served.

(Adults 18+) Registration required.

Adult Programming

Launchpad Book Club*

Mary JL Black Library

Registration: April 28 @ 9:30 am

Event Dates: May 12, June 9, July 14,
August 11 @ 2:00 pm

Wondering if a book club is something you'd enjoy? Curious to try one out but not sure about a long-term commitment? Whether you have a group of friends who don't know where to start, or you want to meet new people and hear new perspectives, the Launchpad Book Club could be for you.

Register for a four-month commitment where Library staff will lead and coach group discussions, assist in searching for and selecting the right book, and connect you with other book lovers. After the four meetings, the group "graduates" and is ready to continue on their journey as a book club together! **Registration required.**

Wet Your Plants Kit - Summer Squash*

All branches

Registration: May 8 @ 9:30 am

Pick Up: May 22 - 25

Foster a love of gardening and register for Wet Your Plants! This garden-themed kit includes seeds, growing instructions, recipes, and activities. **(Ages 18+) Registration required.**



Thunder Bay Repair Café*

Mary JL Black Library

Saturday, May 24, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Registration*: May 10 @ 9:30 am

Toss it? No way! Do you have a broken household item? Our volunteer fixers will show you how to fix it for free. We accept small appliances, electronics, clothes, jewellery, computers and more. ***Register at www.tbayrepaircafe.org**

We're always looking for skilled fixers to help us out - visit the link above for more information about volunteering!



Game On! With the Interactive Projector (for Seniors!)

Mary JL Black Library

Wednesday, May 14 @ 1 - 3:00 pm

Drop in to try out the new Obie interactive projector in tabletop mode - it's not just games for kids! Play with interactive bubbles, try virtual Mah-jong, beat your friends at trivia, or try one of 60 other games! **(Seniors) Drop in.**

Seniors' Coffee Chat

Mary JL Black Library

May 8, June 12 @
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Waverley Library

May 22, June 26 @
1 - 3:00 pm



Come socialize at our relaxed, welcoming Seniors' Coffee Chat. In partnership with Age Friendly Thunder Bay, TBPL now offers twice-monthly drop-in sessions for those 50+. Meet new people, engage in crafts and activities, and learn about resources in the community. Refreshments are provided. **(Seniors) Drop in.**



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Adult Programming

Puzzle Race*

Mary JL Black Library

Registration: May 3 @ 9:30 am and
June 14 @ 9:30 am

Saturday, May 17 @ 11:00 am

Saturday, June 28 @ 11:00 am

Do you fancy yourself a puzzle pro?
Test your skills in a puzzle race!

Sign up alone or as part of a team
to compete in a timed competition
and win a fun prize pack.

(Adults 18+) Registration required.



Puzzle Swap

Mary JL Black Library

Saturday, June 28 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Drop off starts June 2 @ all branches

Tired of the same old puzzles? Time
to swap! For the month of June, drop
your puzzle(s) off at any of our locations
and receive a swap coupon for each
one. Then join us on Swap Day @ Mary
JL Black Library on Saturday, June 28
between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm to redeem
your coupon(s) for a new-to-you puzzle.
(Adults 18+)

Wet Your Plants Kit - Beans*

All branches

Registration: June 12 at 9:30 am

Pick Up: June 26-28

Foster a love of gardening and register
for Wet Your Plants! This garden-
themed kit includes seeds, growing
instructions, recipes, and activities.

(Ages 18+) Registration required.

Scan to Save Your Memories

Waverley Library, Brodie Library, and
Mary JL Black Library

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Email us at adults@tbpl.ca to book an
appointment to use our new Epson
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available.**



The TBPL Files: True Crime Edition

Mary JL Black Library

Wednesday, May 7 @ 6 - 7:30 pm

Waverley Library

Thursday, May 15 @ 6 - 7:30 pm

Fraud, bootlegging, robberies, hijackings
and murder! The District of Thunder Bay
has borne witness to many unique and
interesting tales of crime. Come join us
for a special Spring drop-in session to
delve into three gripping crime narratives
from our past.

There is no registration for this program,
choose the session that fits best into
your schedule (the same information
is presented at each). If you have any
questions, please contact the TBPL
Research Department at
research@tbpl.ca

Disclaimer: Due to the sensitive nature
of this program, it is only offered to adults
and covers crimes that have occurred
prior to 1970. **(Ages 18+) Drop in.**

Research

Local History

Curious about the history of Thunder Bay, local businesses, schools, or even your house? Are you researching your family tree? The local history and genealogy collections at your Thunder Bay Public Library have been in development since the early 1900s.

The collections include everything from newspapers on microfilm (dating back to 1875), city directories, maps, rare books, and photographs. For more information, and to start browsing our local history collection, visit: tbpl.ca/reference/local-history-and-genealogy



Family History 1:1s

Brodie Library

Looking for some help with your family history research? The Brodie Library offers genealogical and local history resources to help you on your way! We offer personalized one-to-one sessions for anyone who would like assistance getting started with local history research, or perhaps deciding on the next steps in your quest. To set up a one hour session at the Brodie Library, please email research@tbpl.ca or phone the TBPL Research Department at **(807) 345-8275 extension 4200**

Market Research

Starting or growing a business? Get FREE market research help at your library!

Individual Market Research Help

Book a one-to-one research session and get help from knowledgeable library staff based on your unique business needs. Staff will help you navigate through our business databases and get the most out of the Library's resources.

Market Research Workshops

Small group workshops are available for you and your fellow entrepreneurs. Learn about market research with your colleagues in an interactive setting.

For more information or to book a research session or workshop, email research@tbpl.ca

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The Next Chapter Legacy Society

These remarkable individuals left legacy gifts to the Thunder Bay Public Library over the past year. Their enduring generosity ensures the continued enrichment of our community. We invite others to consider joining our Legacy Society, **The Next Chapter**, to help create a lasting impact for future generations.

Molly Denson
May Lucy Matson
John Wodchyc

For details, contact Meagan at mross@tbpl.ca or 807-684-6818

Library Love

Tribute Donations

We sincerely thank those who have made tribute gifts in honour or memory of loved ones listed below, celebrating their lives through contributions that enrich our Library's mission.

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Friends Used Book Store

Brodie Library, Lower Level
Monday – Friday: 10 am – 4 pm

You never know what you'll find at the Used Book Store! Visit us to browse through an always-changing selection of used books, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, and vinyl—in every genre, for every age.

We also accept donations of lightly used books, textbooks, and media. Visit tbpl.ca/friends for more details on what we accept.

Toonie Tote Sale

Stock up on reading for just \$2 per bag!

Our popular used book sale is back for 2025! At the end of each month, join us for a fantastic three-day book sale at Brodie Library. Fill a bag with clearance books for just \$2!

Dates:

April 23 – 25, 10 am – 4 pm

May 28 – 30, 10 am – 4 pm

June 25 – 27, 10 am – 4 pm

Location:

Brodie Library, Lower Level

All funds raised help enhance Library services and programs for the entire community. Don't miss out on these amazing deals—or the opportunity to support your Library!





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