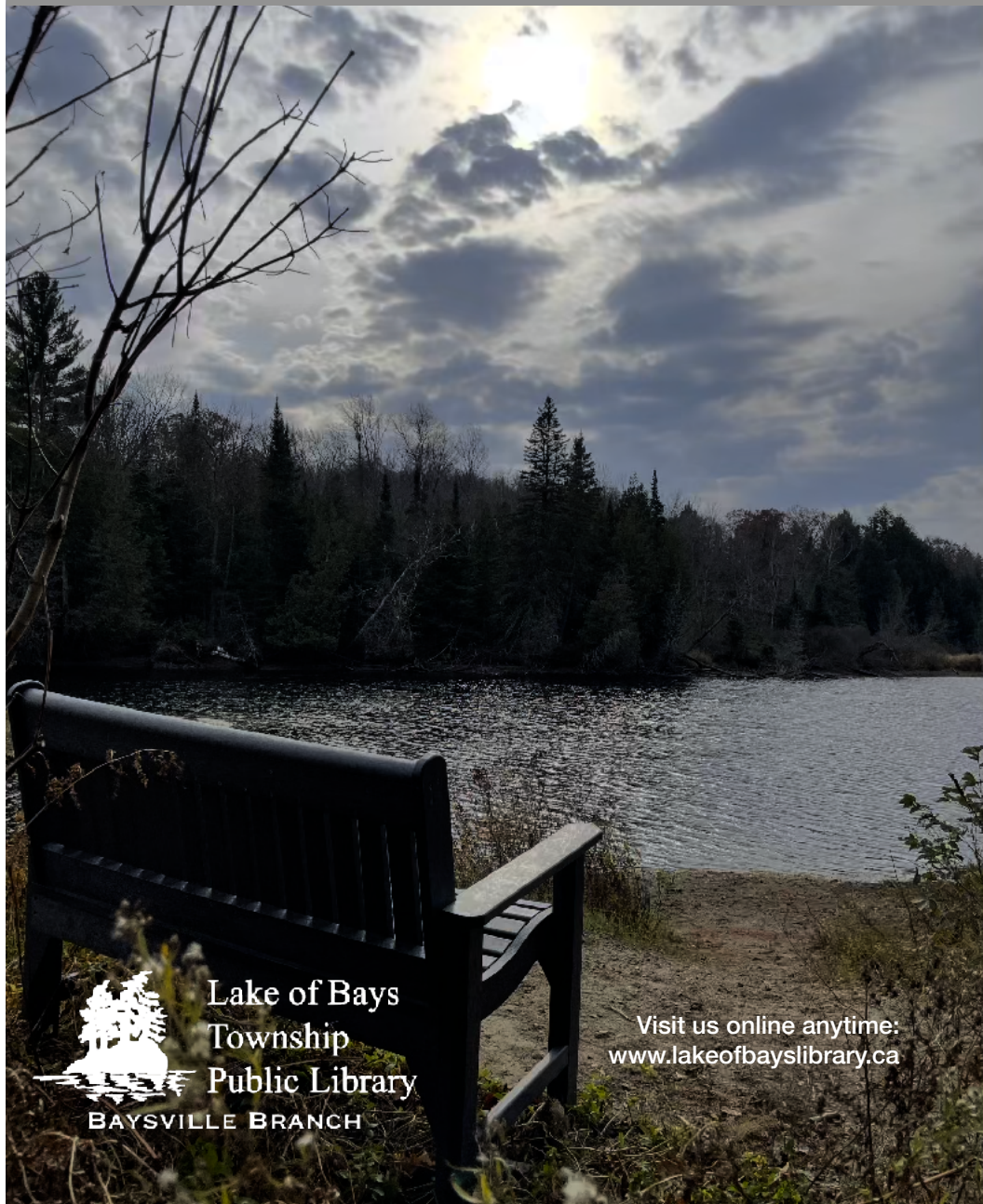


WHAT'S ON

November, December 2025, January 2026



BAYSVILLE BRANCH

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TOGETHER WE READ

November 4 to 18, 2025



LIBBY READS

November 18 to December 2



This digital book club connecting readers to the same ebook & audiobook with no waitlists or holds, starts

November 4th! The featured title is “Denison Avenue” by Daniel Innes & Christina Wong. A poignant meditation on loss, aging, gentrification, and the barriers that Chinese Canadian seniors experience in big cities.

**Libby
READS**
November 18 - December 2



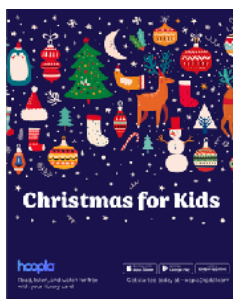
Enjoy “The Village Beyond the Mist” by Sachiko Kashiwaba as an ebook or audiobook with no waitlists or holds through Libby. novel invites readers into a mysterious mountain village where folklore, magic, and community intertwine.

It's a story of resilience, wonder, and the bonds that bring people together. This whimsical novel also served as the inspiration for the award-winning film “Spirited Away.”

MOVIES, MUSIC AND MORE: HOOPLA & KANOPY



Eight nights of joy! Celebrate Hanukkah with Hoopla's Kids collection — stories that highlight festive fun, traditions, and heartwarming tales



Jingle all the way to story time! Hoopla's Christmas for Kids collection is festive fun and cheer for little ones to brighten the season.



Start the holiday countdown with holiday classics during the 12 Days of Kanopy.

Visit our website Digital Library tab for how to get access to these free services.

LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Presented by Rosanna Ruppert

3 Different Free Workshops

Please sign up

November 5, 6:00pm

Change the Narrative: De-escalation Tips for Connection

Are you looking for effective ways to manage escalated behaviors? This session provides practical de-escalation techniques empowering you to stay calm, communicate clearly, and regain control during high-stress situations.



SILA Skills
SKILLS IN LIFE FOR ALL

December 2, 2:00pm or December 4, 6:00pm (2 dates!)

Love the Season, Dread the Stress: How to survive and thrive over the holidays

Learn a few practical, evidence-informed skills you can use in the moment to enjoy the holidays and stay true to yourself, with skills for staying connected with others, navigating family dynamics, and maintaining self-care during this busy time.

January 15 at 2:00pm and 6:00pm (2 times to attend)

Fill My Cup - I'm Running on Empty!

Are you feeling overwhelmed and unsure about your work or home life? You're not alone - there's hope, and help is available. Join this uplifting session designed to help you persevere even when the going gets tough. You'll acquire essential tools to face each day with confidence and resilience. This isn't just empty talk—it's about practical, actionable strategies designed to help you stay strong and keep moving forward.

Rosanna Ruppert is a dedicated Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) skills practitioner and coach with over 15 years of experience. Discovering the transformative power of DBT skills, she became passionate about sharing these skills with others. In 2019, she co-founded The SILA Skills Group, focusing on bringing these transformational skills to the broader population.



MIND AID VISITS

Tuesday, November 11 ~ 4:00pm to 6:00pm

MiND-AID Friday, December 5 ~ 12:00pm to 2:30pm

The youth hub RV may be tucked inside keeping warm for the winter but you can still come hang out with the MiND-AID team indoors at a table set up inside.

If you're 29 and under, come hang out and engage in one of our activities and access some support for your needs. Mind-Aid is a One Right Door to mental health services, a nurse practitioner, food security, financial and victim support, employment and financial assistance and much more.

Come by and say Hello!

HEARING AND HEALTH

November 27, 3:00pm

Free!

Please sign up



Join local audiologist Alysha Beaulne for an interactive session on

- the signs of hearing loss,
- how hearing affects overall health,
- and an overview of the latest hearing technology.



Optional hearing screenings will be available after the talk. (Note that a hearing screening detects if there is an issue and is not the same as a hearing test which is a comprehensive diagnosis.)

Alysha Beaulne is a registered audiologist and owner of Birdsong Audiology in Huntsville. With over 10 years of experience, she focuses on evidence-based, people-first hearing care for adults and children. She is licensed with CASLPO and a member of Speech and Audiology Canada and the Canadian Academy of Audiology.

THE BUTTERFLY PROJECT

**A tribute to Children's Grief Awareness Day
& National Grief & Bereavement Day**

November 18 - 22

You're invited to craft a beautiful

Remembrance Butterfly when you're in the library this special week. A kaleidoscope of all butterflies created will be showcased at the library. In the new year, the butterflies created at libraries and Huntsville high school will flutter into Hospice Huntsville to honour and cherish our loved ones.



Hospice support volunteers will be attending Tuesday, November 18, 2:00pm to 4:00pm to provide information about hospice and grieving.

DIY GIFT IN A JAR*

December 11
Stop in 3pm to 6pm
Adults & Teens
Free but please RSVP

Stop in and scoop up a great gift!

You'll add the dry ingredients for a cookie recipe in lovely layers to a jar. Customize with the add-ins you'd like. Then decorate the jar with ribbon and a special gift tag and instructions for how your gift recipient can turn this mix into a batch of delicious cookies. Makes a great gift for just about anyone! All they'll need to do is add the wet ingredients, mix and bake. Each jar will make 2 dozen cookies.



We'll have jars on hand but feel free to bring in your own clean quart/litre sized jar if you like.

***This is NOT a nut free event. If you need a gluten free option please let us know when you sign up so we can source the supplies.**



ART GALLERY EXHIBITS

November/December: Janet Stahle

Janet's stunning "tradigital" artwork from her 2026 calendar will be on display for show or sale.

January/February: Peter Craik

Vibrant nature photography to transport you to different parts of the world. Peter Craik can be found on Instagram at @craikco.

The Art Gallery in the library is sponsored by the Baysville Friends of the Library. Want to exhibit your work? Email baysville@lakeofbayslibrary.ca for more info.



BAYSVILLE
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

LEARN THE ONLINE LIBRARY

Tuesday, January 27
1:00pm



Learn how to access ebooks, audiobooks, movies, magazines, music, comics, and more—all on your computer, tablet, or phone from the comfort of home. Learn Libby, how to Hoopla, and check out Kanopy. Join us for an overview of these online library services that are free with your library card.

Free. Please sign up.

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL TOUR!



January 22, 2:00pm

Madeira, Portugal!

Pull up a chair and sit back to enjoy a travelogue of sunny Madeira, Portugal as experienced by one of our very own community members. Let it inspire your travels or simply soak up the sights and be transported away in your imagination.

Free!

Please sign up to save your seat

Would you like to share your travels with our community?
Please get in touch: baysville@lakeofbayslibrary.ca



SOUP CLUB

**November 1, December 6, February 7,
11:00am to 1:00pm**

Cook up a big batch of soup as a group upstairs in the community kitchen. You'll enjoy a big bowl of soup with some bakery bread for lunch. Each

participant can take home 1 litre of soup to enjoy again, freeze or share.

Remember to bring your own containers to take soup home

\$10 per person. Sign up Required

BAYSVILLE BOOK CLUB

Last Thursday of the month at 10:00am

November 27, January 29

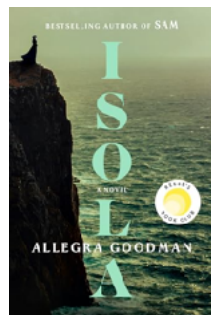
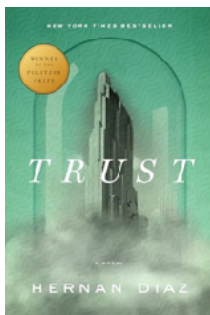
Read the selected book and come prepared to talk about it—your impressions, your reactions—and learn more about the book and the author. Always a fascinating discussion. Contact us to join.

November: *Trust*, by Hernan Diaz

January: *Isola*, by Allegra Goodman

The Book Club in November, January and

February meets in person at the library and at the same time on Zoom. Contact the library for more information.



TECH TUTOR

Need to learn how to use your PC or phone? Learn how to get email or create a calendar event? Get on social media? We'll help. Make an appointment so we can set a time to give you individual help.



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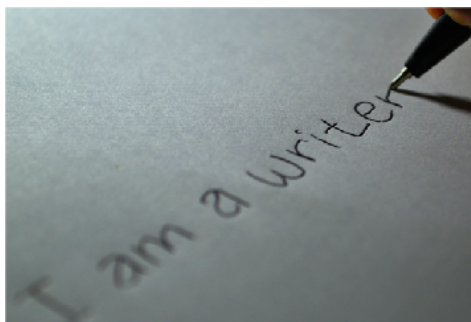
Join the group to play — or learn to play — this ancient game. It's never too late to try something new. A great way to socialize while you strategize. Everyone welcome. Please contact the library to join.

Wednesdays at 1:00pm Free!



WRITERS' CIRCLE

Writers of all genres meet the **last Wednesday of the month at 9:30am** in the library. Get feedback on your writing from your writing peers. Facilitated by the Muskoka Authors Association. For more info, contact the library.



Programs on this page do not run during the school holiday break. Check our website for details.

TWEEN MAKER CLUB



Tuesdays, 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Ages 10 to 13

Free • Please sign up

Are you a tween who loves making things? Learning new creative skills and processes?

In this program you will tackle new creative projects covering different mediums, processes, and skills. Some projects will span more than one week. Registration is necessary please to ensure we have supplies.

CURIOUS KIDS CLUB

Fridays @ 1:00pm



A wide variety of activities aimed at children ages 5 to 10. It's a social atmosphere with lots of play based learning and creativity.

Fun Activities for kids to explore
Art, Science, Technology, Math,
Reading and more.

Contact the library to join

Don't be bored! Drop in to play with our magnetic formers, Lego, colouring sheets, straws & connectors, or children's literacy computers any time we're open.





KIDS HOLIDAY FUN

FREE!

Ages 3 and up; younger children may need caregiver assistance

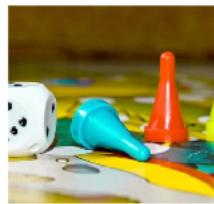
Dec 23: Tiny Tree Craft. 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Twist up a few chenille sticks to create a cute fuzzy bejewelled tree. Drop in.

Dec 27: "Noon" Year's Eve! 11:30am to 12:30pm. We're ringing in the new year a little early for the kids this year! Join us for New Year's crafts followed by a Countdown and Balloon Drop at noon! Please sign up.

Dec 30: Board Game Cafe. Don't be bored, play a board game. Classics and games for different age levels so you can challenge friends or family to a game. Drop in.

Jan 2: Melted Snowman. 1:00-3:00pm. Make a painting that looks exactly like a melted snowman. Drop in.

All Week: Holiday Scavenger Hunt. Stop in during the week and find all the holiday symbols around the library. You may just get a sweet reward.



PA DAY ACTIVITIES

Friday, November 21, 1:00pm

Mrs. Claus Stories & Crafts

Join us for a special afternoon of holiday stories, crafting and cookie decorating with Mrs. Claus! She's an expert in all things Christmas so bring the family.

Free • All ages
Please sign up



Friday, January 30, 1:00pm

"Beat the Blahs" Photo Party

Let's have some fun with photos!



Backdrops, props, and a photo op with family or friends. Come with your own props if you'd like and try out ours. Picture yourself somewhere else!

BOOK THE PRIVACY POD



Book our quiet pod to take an online class, make a phone call, or enjoy some quiet work or study time. The pod is wheelchair accessible, and can fit four people so it's perfect for a meeting, too.

ONTARIO PARK PASS

Borrow a provincial park vehicle day pass from the library. Enjoy the great outdoors! The pass can be used at Algonquin Provincial Park, Arrowhead, Bass Lake, Bonnechere and many more provincial parks in Ontario. Ask us for details.



TECH TWIST CREATE IT

Where crafting and technology meet!
\$5.00/person. Please sign up

November 20, 2:00pm

Winter Luminaries. Cut out and assemble a lovely lantern to light up your night using a battery tea light or fairy lights.



December 9, 2:00pm

Ribbon Present Bows. Cut out the template then wind your ribbon into a traditional present topper bow. The template's yours to keep. Bring your own ribbon or try a sample of ours.



January 13, 2:00pm

Custom Journal/Calendar/Organizer Stickers. Can't find the right stickers in the store? Design, print and cut your own here at the library.



CREATIVITY CORNER

This special cabinet holds all sorts of creative tools — Cricut Maker for paper or vinyl crafts, sewing machine, button maker, jewelry making pliers and tools, watercolour paints and paper, Procreate digital illustration app, Ivy sticker printer, and more for you to work on your own projects!



How does it work?

1. Get oriented at a personal orientation session. We'll show you around, where and how to track your material use and the associated pricing.
2. Book a time during most library open hours to get creative on your own project.

Please contact us to book your time.

Adults must accompany those under 16. Personal non-commercial projects only please.

LIBRARY OF THINGS

The library has THINGS you can borrow with your library card. Check these out:

Snowshoes—Two sets of adult (one 30" and one 27") and two sets of children's snowshoes to get you outdoors.



LED Light Therapy Lamp

The HappyLight® Lumi light therapy lamp with adjustable brightness by Verilux. Full-spectrum, UV-free light to help chase away the winter blahs.

Cognitive Care Kits Cognitive care activity kits support the idea that providing and engaging in meaningful activities enhances the life of people living with dementia. Kits based on puzzle, artist, games, and sensory stimulation.

Music for All Ages

Boomwhacker set is the music making whacking tubes and songbook to make your own music—no music experience required! And the **Learn Ukulele**



kit is a ukulele along with a book to teach yourself how to play.

Technology with no Internet for Kids

We have **Leap Pad tablets** loaded with learning games for children. The **Yoto** is an audio player for children that plays audiobooks or music, depending on the card you put in. Charge it up and it can go where you go.



Doesn't need internet to work. Cards to borrow too, with the player, or borrow them separately. If you have your own player. Cards for kids up to age 12.



BORROW PUZZLES!

Do you like to do puzzles? We have 200, 300, 500, and 1000 piece puzzles, and many pleasing scenes, to suit your puzzling style.



LIBRARY ONLINE



Our virtual library includes thousands of books, movies, TV shows, music albums,

audiobooks, magazines, and genealogy databases – most available 24/7 from the comfort of your home. Get links and how-to info from our website.

BOARD GAMES



Watch for us to be adding board games to the library collection. This means you'll be able to borrow

some of your favorites—Monopoly, Scrabble, Yahtzee, and many more. A great cost effective way to connect with family this winter.

WE THANK THE LAKE OF BAYS TOWNSHIP AND THE BAYSVILLE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR PROGRAMS AND MATERIALS.

Remember to stop in at the library for:

- The latest bestsellers
- DVDs both new and classic
- Children's books
- Children's DVDs
- Teen book collection
- Magazines
- Audiobooks
- eBooks through Libby and Hoopla
- Movies to download or stream through Hoopla and Kanopy
- Muskoka history books

Plus we offer:

- Free WiFi
- Public computers
- Photocopies
- Printing
- Laminating
- Fax
- Scanning
- Privacy Pod

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Saturday: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Closed Sundays & Mondays

Holiday Modifications:

Closed December 25, 26, Jan 1

Dec 24 & Dec 31: 10:00am to 2:00pm

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