

# WHAT'S ON

July & August • 2026



## LEARN TO PLAY AMERICAN MAH JONGG

**July 8, 11:00am**

**July 15, 11:00am**

**Free • RSVP**

*Come to one session or come to both!*

Mah Jongg is having a moment, and we have a weekly group that gathers to play. Whether you're drawn to the click-clack of the tiles, the thrill of building a winning hand, or just want to know your Bams from your Craks and Dots, we'll teach you what you need to know to get started — from reading the National Mah Jongg League card to building the Wall and calling "Mah Jongg!" Whether you want to play here with our group or take your new skills elsewhere, you'll leave ready to sit down at the table with confidence.



## TALL PINE TALES

**July 15, 7:00pm**

*With light refreshments*

An evening event showcasing readings by established and emerging writers from Muskoka.

They will present a variety of genres including historical fiction, poetry, humorous personal anecdotes, suspenseful short stories, and novel excerpts. It's the 13th annual event and a great evening's entertainment!



**Admission by donation.**

## BARB (HICKS) DRUMMOND

**July 16, 6:00pm**



Join Baysville-raised author Barb (Hicks) Drummond as she returns home to Baysville for an evening of laughter, storytelling, and heartfelt honesty. Barb's international award-winning memoir explores family, caregiving, Alzheimer's, grief, identity, and the unexpected moments

that make us laugh out loud when we probably shouldn't. Whether you knew Barb's mom, Sybil, grew up in Baysville, have loved someone through illness, or simply enjoy a great story well told, this will be a warm, personal, and memorable evening you won't want to miss.

**Please sign up so we save you a seat.**

**Light refreshments served!**



## YVONNE HEATH

**August 12, 11:00am**



Join Yvonne Heath for an inspiring conversation about challenges, loss, and supporting her son through addiction and recovery - while creating joy along the way.

Yvonne helps people have the conversations we're afraid to have about grief, change, and life's challenging moments—so we're ready when they happen. Or at the very least, not blindsided.



Together, we will learn how to Just Show Up as our imperfect and real selves, so none of us has to face the tough stuff alone.

**Please sign up so we can save you a seat.**

**Light refreshments served!**

## STORIES FROM THE SHORELINE: A NATURE JOURNALING WORKSHOP

**August 21, 11:30am-1:30pm**

**\$0 Free! Includes all materials**

**Please sign up!**

Slow down, look around, and discover the stories hidden along the water's edge. In this workshop, you will learn the basics of nature journaling as a tool for observation, creativity, and connection with the natural world.

Together we will visit the water's edge just outside of the library and create small sketches, notes, and doodles inspired by what we see along the shoreline. Throughout the journaling session, there will be time for questions, conversations, and learning more about the lake's many occupants. No artistic experience is required, just



curiosity and a willingness to explore! \*All journaling materials will be provided for this workshop.

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## AI OVERVIEW FOR SENIORS

**July 31, 11:30am**

Artificial Intelligence is becoming more and more integrated into the devices and equipment we use. What is it exactly? Get a look at several AI services to learn more about them, where to find them, and how you might use AI in your everyday life.

This presentation will give you an overview of image, writing, and music creation tools as well as what other surprising ways you may be using AI right now without realizing it. **Please sign up.**



## BRING THE LIBRARY TO YOU!

Why wait for the library to open when your next great read, watch, or listen is just a tap away? With Libby and hoopla, your library card unlocks thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, movies, and more—completely free, 24/7. Stretched out on the dock, lounging at the beach, or settled in at the cottage and don't want to move an inch? No problem. Borrow an ebook, queue up an audiobook for the drive home, or stream a movie for movie night, all from your phone or tablet. The library is always open when it's in your pocket!



**See all the services: [www.lakeofbayslibrary.ca/digital-library](http://www.lakeofbayslibrary.ca/digital-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!

How does it work?

1. Get oriented at a personal orientation session. We'll show you what's in the cabinet, go over the expected practices, 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**

## BOOK CLUB

Last Thursday of the month  
at 10:00am

**July 30, August 27**

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

**July: *The Names*, by  
Florence Knapp**  
**August: *We Breed Lions*, by  
Rick Westhead**



## LIBBY READS

Available in your Libby app with  
no waitlists or holds:

**July 9 to 23, 2026**

*I See You've  
Called in Dead*  
John Kenney

As Bud awaits his  
fate at work, he  
does the only  
logical thing: attends the wakes  
and funerals of total strangers to  
learn how to live again.



## 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 help.



## MAH JONGG

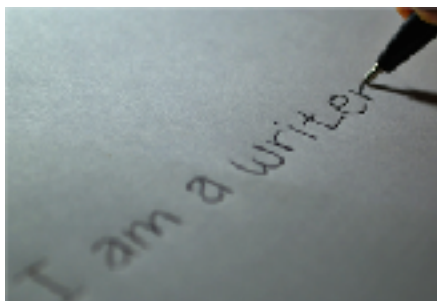
Join this informal group to play  
— or learn to play — this  
ancient game. It's never too late  
to try something new. A great  
way to socialize while you  
strategize. Everyone welcome.

Most **Wednesdays** at 1:00pm  
Free!



## WRITER'S 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  
Muskoka Authors' Association.  
For more info, contact the library.



## TWEEN CRAFTS

**Ages 10+**

**Free • Please Sign Up**

**July 7: Laminated Flower  
Bookmarks**

Arrange delicate blooms and leaves into a unique design, then preserve your artwork to enjoy with your favourite books for years to come.

**July 21: DIY Blank Notebook**

Turn simple materials into a charming handmade notebook for a keepsake you'll love to use.

**Aug 4: Pour Painting**

Discover the magic of fluid art! Experiment with swirling colours and unique patterns to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece.

*Creativity Especially for Tweens*



## IT'S ELECTRIC!

**August 18, 2:00pm**

**or 3:00pm**

**Ages 4 to 13**



Create an electrical circuit using our bodies! Then use static electricity to move objects, build a "light switch" circuit, and make a popsicle stick flashlight to take home.

**Free • Sign Up Required**

**Sign up by August 11 to guarantee a spot!**

## BUCKET DRUMMING WORKSHOP

**July 17, 2:00pm**



Hilary from **Crash Rhythm** puts on the ultimate bucket drumming workshop! You won't believe how good bucket drums sound. Explore rhythms, tempo, volume and more while you learn basic drumming skills. Bucket and drumsticks provided for the workshop.

**Free • All Ages • Please Sign up**

## SCIENTISTS IN SCHOOL

**Ages 4 to 13**  
**Free • RSVP**

Instructor leads remotely while we follow along and do the activities at the library.

### **July 22, 11:15am Science Meets Art**

Explore perception as you use shadows, colour, motion, and light to create art from science. You'll make a puppet, a spinning top and a kaleidoscope, as well as design your own galaxy.

### **August 13, 1:00pm Ewww That Science is Gross!**

Make "snot" and sneeze it while exploring viscosity, identify various animals from their scat (i.e. poop) and learn about digestion while producing a burp in a bag. Join us on a gross but fun-filled science adventure!

**Please sign up as workshop spaces are limited.**



## STORY TIME

**Tuesdays July & August**

**11:00am**

**Ages 0 to 5**



Join us for songs, stories, bubbles, lap bounces and an art activity. On rainy days we'll meet inside the library multi purpose room.

**Plus we plan to have story time September 1 too!**

## AMANDA'S EXOTIC ANIMALS



**August 6, 2:00pm**

Slithery, slinky & furry fun! Get up close and personal with some amazing, exotic creatures, learn fascinating facts, and make memories. **Bring the family!**



## SUMMER SCIENCE CLUB

**MOST THURSDAYS,  
@ 2:00pm  
AGES 4 +**

Super science themed fun and activities!

- July 2: Bubble Science
- July 9: Geology
- July 16: Rainbow Fun
- July 23: Space
- July 30: Leaves & Trees
- August 20: Coding & Messages
- August 27: Water & Buoyancy
- Sept 3: Optical Illusions

**Pre-registration is recommended,  
but drop-ins are welcome if  
supplies last.**

## KIDS' CRAFTS

**Ages 5+  
Free  
Drop in  
2:00pm to 3:00pm**



Have a creative summer and hop in on one of these craft table sessions:

- July 7: Air Dry Clay Sculpting
- July 14: Cloud Dough Make & Take
- July 21: Craft Cart Freestyle Crafting
- July 28: Paper Tube Bird Feeder
- August 4: Air Dry Clay Sculpting
- August 11: Outside Bubble Art
- August 25: Beach Clay Handprint
- Sept 1: Cloud Dough Make & Take

Materials for these children's programs sponsored by the  
Baysville Friends of the Library

## FAMILY BINGO



**Fridays,  
July 10, 24  
August 7, 21  
Sept 4  
3:00pm • Free  
Please sign up**

What can we say? It's the classic game of classic fun!

Bring the whole family and try your luck. We supply the bingo cards and the bingo chips. A great way to cool off on a hot summer afternoon. Snackish prizes.

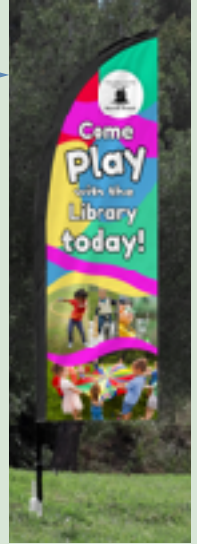
## COME PLAY WITH THE LIBRARY TODAY!

See our flag in the park?



That's your sign to join us to play with big games, toss games, bubbles, a parachute, hula hoops and more. Different play on different days!

Best chance to catch us  
Wednesdays or  
Fridays at 11:00am



## TD STORYWALK®

**August**

**Outdoors. Start near the library entrance.**



*Colette: The Solitary Bee* is a book that explores themes of independence, the value of community, and asking for help.

Read this story set out on

signposts as you walk around the library park.

## BAYSVILLE READ & BEAD

**More Reads More Beads!**



At the Baysville branch, sign up for the TD Summer Reading program to get your TD reading materials plus your free Baysville Read & Bead Tracker kit. Start your necklace with a library pendant then customize from there.

Keep track of your 10-minute reading blocks and show us your progress to earn different levels and styles of beads to decorate your necklace your way. Plus earn ballots to enter the prize prize. Draws July 31 and August 29.

## LIBRARY OF THINGS

The library has THINGS you can borrow with your library card. Here are some of the things you can check out:

**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

Our **Boomwhacker** bag has the music making whacking tubes and a songbook so you can make your own music—no experience required! And the **Learn Ukulele Kit** is a ukulele along with a book to teach yourself how to play.



### Get Fit, Get Out There!



Did you know you can borrow an **Ontario Parks Vehicle Day pass** from the library? All you need is your library card.

Enjoy the great outdoors! These park passes can be borrowed for 3 days.

Our **Adult Field Pack** is a great companion to the pass. It's got pocket

field guides to wildlife and binoculars. Check out the **Kids' Nature Backpacks** too!



What does 10,000 steps look like for you? Want to know how long or how well you slept last night? Interested in your stress level?

Find out by borrowing our **Fitbit Charge 5** for a week at a time.

They're cleaned after each use in a UV sanitizer. Give it a try to see what they're all about.

## BORROW PUZZLES

Do you like to do puzzles? Find 200, 300, 500, and 1000 piece puzzles, and many pleasing scenes, to suit your puzzling style. Kids' puzzles too!



## LIBRARY ONLINE



Thousands of books, movies, TV shows, music, audiobooks, magazines, or genealogy databases –

most available 24/7 from the comfort of your home. Get links and how-to info from our website.

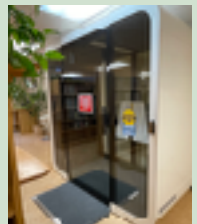
## BOOK THE POD

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 up to four people so it's perfect for a meeting too.

Contact us to make a reservation for priority or try by chance.



**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
- Puzzles and Games
- Muskoka history books

**Plus we offer these services:**

- Free WiFi
- Public computers
- Photocopies
- Printing
- Laminating
- Fax
- Scanning
- Privacy Pod
- eBooks through Libby and Hoopla
- Movies to download or stream through Hoopla and Kanopy



**"Postcards from Baysville"  
Quilt Raffle**  
Tickets at the library.  
A Friends' fundraiser for the  
Baysville Branch



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## HOURS:

Tues & Thurs: 12:00pm to 7:00pm

Wed & Fri: 11:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Closed Sundays & Mondays

**Closed Wednesday, July 1**



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