What's On
at Winnipeg Public Library
December 2023

EXHIBITS
Tipiskawi Kisik
Millennium Library, Main floor
Check out this holiday display inspired by the Night Sky Star Stories as told by Wilfred Buck, a member of the Opaskwayak Cree Nation of Northern Manitoba.

Pieced Together
Millennium Library
Blankstein Gallery, 2nd floor
Artists Zanifa Rasool and Sarah Struthers present Pieced Together, a collection of collage and abstract paintings.

Assiniboia Residential School Display
St. James-Assiniboia Library
Discover the hidden history and stories of some of the graduates and survivors of the school that was located on Academy Road until 1973. Exhibit runs to the end of December.

IN THE COMMUNITY
The library visits locations and events throughout the city, offering books to borrow, card applications, and information about library services. Stop by and visit us!

Mobile Library:
Blake Gardens Resource Centre
Monday, December 4 & 18: 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Indigenous Family Centre
Wednesday, December 6 & 20: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Marlene Street Community Resource Centre
Thursday, December 7 & 21: 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Programs for Adults

FILM SCREENINGS

Millennium Library,
Carol Shields Auditorium
Drop in to watch a free movie based on a book, an informative documentary, or an NFB release.

Book-to-Movie
Sunday, December 3: 2-3:30 p.m.
A Christmas Story

Top Docs
Sunday, December 10: 2-3:30 p.m.
Wait for Your Laugh

NFB Film Club
Sunday, December 17: 2-3:30 p.m.
Anything for Fame

ONLINE PROGRAMS

Time to Read Podcast:
If Beale Street Could Talk
Release date: Friday, December 1
Listen to the discussion of If Beale Street Could Talk by James Baldwin. Check out current and past podcast episodes at wpl-podcast.winnipeg.ca.

Next Page Live!
Monday, December 4: 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Hear from library staff with their recommendations for great holiday books.

Perspectives Online Book Club
Tuesday, December 5: 6:45-7:45 p.m.
Join us online to discuss books by authors from diverse backgrounds writing about their life experiences.

December title:
Selection Day by Aravind Adiga

BOOK CLUBS

Some book clubs still have space! Join a fiction, non-fiction, or cookbook club.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Millennium Library, Anhang Room
Saturday, December 2: 2-4 p.m.

Bill & Helen Norrie Library Mystery Book Club
Saturday, December 9: 2-3 p.m.
December title: A Winter Grave by May Peter

West Kildonan Library Baking Book Club
Thursday, December 14: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Join us to discuss baking books, favourite recipes, failures, and successes!

New sessions for 2024:

Charleswood Library Book Club
Tuesday, January 9: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Registration opens December 11.

Bound Rebellion Book Club
St. John’s Library
Monday, January 15: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Registration opens December 18.

Plant-based Cookbook Club
Charleswood Library
Monday, January 15: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Registration opens December 11.

HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

Support local food banks with donations of non-perishable food items November 14 - December 12 at participating branches. Donations are being accepted at: Charleswood, Fort Garry, Harvey Smith, Henderson, Millennium, Pembina Trail, and St. Vital libraries.

How to register for a program

Most programs require registration. Register online at winnipeg.ca/library (Programs & Events calendar). A Zoom link to join online programs will be sent by email.

Locations & Hours
Visit winnipeg.ca/library for current hours and updates.
LEISURE AND LEARNING

Puzzle Swaps
Need a new jigsaw puzzle? Stop by with a puzzle you no longer want and swap it with a new - well, different! - one to take home and assemble.

Westwood Library
November 20-December 29
St. Vital Library
December 1-30
Transcona Library
December 1-January 31
West Kildonan Library
Ongoing

Cookie Cutter Swap
Are you in need of new cookie cutters? Bring your unwanted cookie cutters and swap for others in time for holiday baking.

Charleswood Library
December 1-30

Gift Bags from Upcycled Paper
Charleswood Library
Saturday, December 2: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Learn how to turn old magazines, calendars, and other sturdy paper into fun gift bags and/or bows.

Westwood Knitting Club
Westwood Library
Thursday, December 7: 6-7 p.m.
Bring your project in progress, or supplies for help getting started. For knitters of all levels.

Speaking Crow Poetry Event
Millennium Library, Carol Shields Auditorium
Saturday, December 9: 1-3 p.m.
Drop in to share your poetry and hear from featured reader Paul Friesen.

Upcycled Gift Tags
Westwood Library
Sunday, December 10: 1-4 p.m.
Drop in to craft gift tags and other decorations using cardboard and other recycled materials.

Ukulele Jam
Westwood Library
Tuesday, December 12: 6-7:30 p.m.
Bring your own ukulele or borrow one from the lending library (pickup at Millennium Library only) and join our group for a monthly jam session of popular songs. Beginners and all levels of experience are welcome!

Harp Therapy
Cornish Library
Saturday, December 16: 2-3 p.m.
Join Certified Healthcare Musician Mary Robinson to learn about harp therapy and experience a short session accompanied by live music.

ideaMILL PROGRAMS

Holiday Card Making
Millennium Library, 3rd floor
Saturday, December 2: 2-4 p.m.
Learn the basics of the Cricut software and make your own holiday greeting card using the Cricut machine and other craft supplies.

Knitting Circle
Tuesdays, December 5 & 19:
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Bring your project in progress, or supplies for help getting started. For knitters of all levels.

Make Music Night
Wednesday, December 13: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Bring your own acoustic instrument and drop in for a jam and share session.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Excel Level 1
Bill & Helen Norrie Library
Saturday, December 2:
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Learn about basic spreadsheets, cell formatting, and simple formulas. Basic computer skills are required.

Excel Level 2
Bill & Helen Norrie Library
Saturday, December 2: 1-3 p.m.
Learn about functions and charts. Prerequisite: Excel 1 or equivalent knowledge.

eMedia HELP
One-on-One Appointments
St. James Library
Wednesday, December 6:
10:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Book a one-on-one appointment with Library staff for help with digital library services.

Winnipeg 150
The City of Winnipeg was incorporated on November 8, 1873. Visit WPL’s booklist page at winnipeg.ca/library for recommended fiction and non-fiction titles on Winnipeg’s past, present, and future.
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Programs for Children

Winter Early Literacy Programs

Join other families for these staff-led programs featuring stories, songs and rhymes for children 0-5 and their caregivers. Discover simple practices to nurture pre-reading skills. The library is a place where learning and fun happen at the same time! All children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Sessions began the week of January 22 and end by March 18.

Registration for the winter session begins December 11.

For details on locations, times and to register, visit our Programs & Events calendar at winnipeg.ca/library, or register in person or by phone.

Baby Rhyme Time
Introduce babies to the sounds of language through rhymes, songs and simple stories. For babies newborn to 18 months with a caregiver. 20-30 minutes.

Sensory Story Time
Share books, songs and movement activities in sensory supportive environment with low lights, fidget toys and a visual schedule. For children 3 years and up with a caregiver. 30 minutes.

Family Story Time
Help build pre-reading skills by sharing stories, singing and having fun together! For children up to 5 years with a caregiver. 30 minutes.

Visiting the Program & Events calendar to see which branches are offering December Early Literacy Mini Sessions. Mini Sessions run from December 4-23.

Holiday Toddler Time
Help toddlers learn about letters, numbers, colours, shapes and more by sharing holiday season books, songs and rhymes. For children 19-36 months with a caregiver. 20-30 minutes.

Westwood Library
Tuesday, December 12: 10:30 a.m.
Bill and Helen Norrie Library
Thursday, December 14: 10:30 a.m.

Holiday Baby Rhyme Time
Introduce babies to the sounds of language through holiday season rhymes, songs and simple stories. For babies newborn to 18 months with a caregiver. 20-30 minutes.

Westwood Library
Thursday, December 14: 10:30 a.m.

Holiday Family Story Time
Help build pre-reading skills by sharing holiday season stories, singing and having fun together! For children up to 5 years with a caregiver. 30 minutes.

Westwood Library
Friday, December 15: 10:30 a.m.

Holiday Story Time
Join us for holiday season stories, songs, and rhymes. Make a fun holiday craft to take home. Ages 3-5 with a caregiver. 45 minutes.

Bill and Helen Norrie Library
Friday, December 15: 10:30 a.m.

Winter Family Fun
Come and make a button or a bookmark to give to someone special or to keep for yourself during the holiday season. Play a winter game and read some winter books. For families. Drop in.

Munroe Library
Saturday, December 16: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Christmas Story Time
Enjoy some Christmas songs, rhymes, and stories. Create a Christmas craft to take home. Ages 3-5 with a caregiver. 45 minutes.

Transcona Library
Saturday, December 16: 2 p.m.

Holiday Happiness Story Time
Join us to share holiday season stories, sing and have fun together! For Families. 30 minutes. Drop-in.

St. Vital Library
Saturday, December 16: 2 p.m.

Go exploring together.

Read with your kids on Libby, the library reading app.
FOR YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY

- For children ages 11 and younger, a parent or caregiver must remain in the library during the program.
- Children are not supervised by library staff outside of the program space (e.g. washroom breaks or early exit from the program).
- In the absence of a parent or caregiver, library staff does not assume responsibility for a child.
- Children of all abilities are welcome to attend library programs. If a child requires the support of a parent or caregiver to participate in a program, please speak with staff.
- School-age programs are for children ages 6-12. Children attend on their own unless otherwise indicated.

Scan here for our events calendar and to register.