CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Vinter 2014-2015

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Storytime (1 year & up with caregiver) Ongoing, Mondays, 10:30-11am Stories, songs, rhymes and other activities for children 1 year and older, along with their parent or caregiver. No registration required.

Books for Babies (from birth with caregiver) Ongoing, Fridays, 10:30-11am Stories, songs, tickles and bouncing rhymes especially for baby and you! Best for babies who still enjoy laptime. No registration required.

Christmas Tree Ornaments

Saturdays, December 6 & 13, Library hours Use our supplies and your imagination to create decorations for the Children's Library and Teen Annex Christmas trees. No registration required.

Wacky Word Fun! (7-12)

Saturdays, Dec. 6, 13 & January 17 - May 16, 10:30am-12pm Drop in, meet new friends and play a variety of fun games and activities designed to help your English language skills. No registration required.

Happy Hanukkah Storytime (Family)

Wednesday, December 10, 10:30-11:15am Join us for stories, crafts & refreshments. No registration required.

Winter Holiday Crafts

December 20-January 3, Daily, Library hours Make a craft to take home. No registration required.

Very Merry Ventriloquism with Sue! (Family)

Saturday, December 20, 2:30-3:15pm Sue's show is full of merriment, seasonal singing, and festive fun. Sue VanDuynhoven uses ventriloquial magic to bring her puppet 'stars' alive! No registration required.

Button Making (5+)

Monday, December 22, 2:30-3:30pm Design and create your very own button! No registration required.



From Naughty to Nice: an NFB film (Family)

Tuesday, December 23, 2:30-3pm

Featuring the work of the internationally renowned Old Trout Puppet Workshop, this amusing cautionary tale about Santa Claus is a treat for the whole family. (25mins). No registration required.

Le premier cadeau du Père Noël : un film de l'ONF/NFB (Family)

Mardi 23 Décembre, 15:00-15:30

Ce récit à la fois amusant et édifiant sur le Père Noël met en valeur l'inégalable performance de la troupe canadienne de réputation mondiale, l'Old Trout Puppet Workshop. (25mins). Aucune inscription n'est nécessaire

Rapunzel - A puppet show (Family)

Monday, December 29, 2:30-3pm Puppetworks presents their version of Rapunzel in this fast paced, laugh-filled story with audience participation. No registration required.

Happy Noon Year's Eve!

Wednesday, December 31, 11am-12:15pm Join us for a family friendly version of New Year's Eve filled with party hats & noise makers, games, refreshments and bubble wrap "fireworks" as we count down to noon. No Registration Required.

Blow The House Down Puppet Theatre: Goldilocks and The 3 Bears / 3 Billy Goats Gruff

Friday, January 2, 3-3:30pm (Family) How could one cute little blond girl wander off the beaten path and create such havoc in the house of the 3 bears? Meanwhile, the Gruff bros tangle with the toll bridge Troll as they try to cross that famous bridge. Don't miss these favourite tales but with our Blow The House Down Puppet Theatre twist, of course.

No registration required.

Book Blizzard!



January 6-February 28, Library hours

Reading is SNOW much fun at your Library! Kids can pick up a Book Blizzard challenge sheet at any London Public Library starting January 6. Cozy up and read on a cold winter day, or participate in fun challenges and tell us about them. For each book you read or challenge you complete, put a snowflake up in the Library and help us create a winter wonderland!

Paper Art Club (5+)

Saturdays, January 10 - March 28 (except February 14 & 21), 2-4pm

Join the Paper Art Club from Western University for origami instruction. Learn some great techniques and create awesome artwork!

No registration required.

Pop Up Storytime (Family)

Saturdays, January 10-March 7 (except January 24), 10:30-11am Pop in to the Children's Library for wintery Saturday morning stories, songs and fun in front of the fireplace. No registration required.

Captain Underpants: The Epic Event

Saturday, January 10, 2-4pm

To be brief, we want to win a framed pair of underpants signed by Dav Pilkey. And we need you! Just come to our epic event: pin the undies on the Captain, guess the number of underpants contest, find the hidden underpants, write your own superhero profile, and more. You don't have to be in fourth grade or have a bad haircut to attend (but it might help).

No registration required.

PA Day Craft

Friday, January 16, Library hours Drop in and make a craft to take home. No registration required.

NFB Shorts

Friday, January 16, 2:30-3pm

Watch a half hour's worth of short National Film Board of Canada films for children. No registration required.

When the Dust Settles - Animation 7 min

This animated short features 2 neighbouring gophers with very un-neighbourly appetites for anger and evenge. By sundown, they have destroyed everything... even their homes. Will they be able to put the pieces back together?

Waseteg - Animation 6 min

Waseteg is the story of a young Mi'gmaq girl whose name means "the light from the dawn." Sadly, her mother dies while giving birth and, though her father works very hard to provide for his family, Waseteg is surrounded by the bitterness and loneliness felt by her sisters.

From Far Away - Animation 7 min

This short animation tells the story of Saoussan, a young girl struggling to adjust to life in Canada after being uprooted from her wartorn homeland. She has come to seek a quieter and safer life, although memories of war and death linger, memories that are awakened when the children at her new school prepare for a scary Halloween. From Far Away speaks to the power within us all to adapt like Saoussan and to welcome a newcomer.

Runaway - Animation 9 min

Cordell Barker, director of the Oscar®-nominated films The Cat Came Back and Strange Invaders, is back with Runaway. Set to the rousing music of Ben Charest (Triplets of Belleville), this animated short takes you on a journey that is both funny and disastrous.

Films courts de l'ONF / NFB

Vendredi 16 Janvier, 15:00-15:30 Regarder 30 minutes de films courts de l'ONF pour les enfants. Aucune inscription n'est nécessaire.

Et la poussière retombe ... - Animation 7 min

Deux marmottes ennemies font des ravages! Une fois leur soif de destruction apaisée... que se passera-t-il? Parviendront-elles à s'entendre? Avec humour, ce court métrage d'animation propose d'explorer des solutions de réconciliation. Jeunes et moins jeunes y trouveront matière à réflexion.

Waseteg - Animation 6 min

Waseteg relate l'histoire d'une jeune Mi'gmaq dont le nom signifie « lumière de l'aube ». Malheureusement, la joie de sa naissance est assombrie par la mort de sa mère. Avec le temps, ses sœurs éprouvent de la rancœur à son égard, et Waseteg grandit dans la solitude et la tristesse.

Venue de loin - Animation 7 min

Dans ce court métrage d'animation, Saoussan, une fillette ayant connu les affres de la guerre dans son pays, fait de gros efforts pour s'adapter à sa nouvelle vie au Canada.

Train en folie - Animation 9 min

Dans un train bondé, des passagers heureux font la fête sans se soucier du destin qui les attend au détour. Lorsqu'une catastrophe se produit, une lutte des classes aussi amusante qu'impitoyable s'amorce. Il y aura évidemment des victimes, mais à la fin, tous seront égaux. Train en folie marque le retour au meilleur de sa forme du réalisateur de Le chat colla.. et de Tombé du ciel. Rythmé aux notes de Ben Charest (compositeur des Triplettes de Belleville), Train en folie vous invite à un voyage aussi drôle que fatal.

Tune Time! (Family)

Tuesdays, January 20 - March 10, 10:30-11am This caregiver & child program supports early literacy through rhyme, rhythm, and repetition - the language of music. No registration required.

FUN-tastic Community Celebration of Family Literacy (Family)

Saturday, January 24, 10am-2pm

Bring the whole family to this fun-filled community celebration of Family Literacy Day. Learn more about how talking, reading, playing and singing together can help your children; it all starts with words! Crafts and activities, stories and music, face painting, pizza (low-cost), draw prizes and more!

There will also be a special presentation of "Robin Hood" by DuffleBag Theatre.

DuffleBag Theatre Presents Robin Hood 11-11:50am (Wolf Performance Hall)

The ever popular DuffleBag Theatre brings the classic story of Robin Hood to life in their fun-filled and humourous fashion using audience members as the stars. Dufflebag theatre is presented by Prologue to the Performing Arts. Free tickets are available beginning 1 hour before the performance.

Kids Are Kind



February 2-28, Daily, Library hours It's easy to be kind. Decorate a bookmark, include a kind message, and then hide it in a book for another patron to find. You will brighten someone's day! No registration required.

Paper Heart Cards (6+)

Saturday, February 7, 3-4:30pm Create a Valentine's Day card inspired by the unusual combination of newspaper and water colours (while supplies last). No registration required.

Celebrate Freedom to Read Week (Family)

February 22-28, Daily, Library hours Borrow a challenged book from our display and receive a unique button made by our staff. No registration required.