

AGENDA

OXFORD COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
21 Reeve Street, Woodstock and online
www.oxfordcounty.ca/livestream

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF
4. ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 4.1 June 20, 2023
5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
 - 5.1 Strategy Corp
Strategic Planning Workshop to be presented at the close of the Board Meeting.
6. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
7. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE
8. REPORTS
 - 8.1 2023-18 Key Agenda Items Update (Verbal Report)
RECOMMENDATION
 1. That the Library Board receive the Key Agenda Items Update, Report No. 2023-18 for information and discussion.
 - 8.2 2023-19 Librarian's Report and Statistics
RECOMMENDATION
 1. That the Library Board receive Report No. 2023-19 for information and discussion.
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

11. NEW BUSINESS / ENQUIRIES / COMMENTS

12. CLOSED SESSION

Regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual.

12.1 Closed session begins

12.2 Correspondence from D. Thomson
RE: Drag Queen Story Time

12.3 Closed session ends

13. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

**OXFORD COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES**

June 20, 2023

Member Present	Councillor David Mayberry Chair Julia Harris Vice-Chair Laura Langford Ellen Devlin Cynthia Lacroix Katherine Grieve
Members Absent	Councillor Brian Petrie
Staff Present	L.M. Williams, CEO/Chief Librarian L. Buchner, Director of Corporate Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Oxford County Library meets in regular session this twentieth day of June, 2023, in Room 222, Oxford County Administration Building, Woodstock, at 1:00 p.m. with Chair Julia Harris in the chair.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Moved By: David Mayberry
Seconded By: Katherine Grieve

Resolved that the Agenda be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

NIL

4. ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 May 16, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Moved By: Katherine Grieve
Seconded By: Cynthia Lacroix

Resolved that the Minutes of the Library Board meeting held on May 16, 2023 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Strategy Corp

RE: Library Strategic Plan Update

5.2 Warden Ryan, Oxford County

RE: Drag Storytime

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Moved By: David Mayberry

Seconded By: Cynthia Lacroix

Resolved that the delegations 5.1 to 5.2 inclusive be received.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

6. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

NIL

7. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 P. Burtoft - June 9, 2023

RE: Drag Storytime

7.2 B. Burtoft - June 9, 2023

RE: Drag Storytime

7.3 ISAN - P. Marshal - June 14, 2023

RE: Drag Storytime Ingersoll

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Moved By: David Mayberry

Seconded By: Laura Langford

Resolved that Correspondence Items 7.1 to 7.3 inclusive be received for information.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1 2023-13 Key Agenda Items Update (Verbal Report)

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Moved By: Katherine Grieve
Seconded By: Laura Langford

1. That Report No. 2023-13 entitled Key Agenda Items Update, be received for information and discussion.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.2 2023-14 Librarian's Report and Statistics

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Moved By: David Mayberry
Seconded By: Ellen Devlin

1. That Report No. 2023-14 entitled Librarian's Report and Statistics, be received for information and discussion.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.3 2023-15 2022 Library Year-End Financial Statements

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Moved By: Cynthia Lacroix
Seconded By: David Mayberry

1. That the Oxford County Library Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 be accepted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.4 2023-16 Caffyn Bequest Expenditure Request – Collections

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Moved By: David Mayberry
Seconded By: Ellen Devlin

1. That Report No. 2023-16 entitled Caffyn Bequest Expenditure Request - Collections, be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.5 2023-17 2022 Annual Report Card

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Moved By: Laura Langford
Seconded By: Ellen Devlin

- 1. That Report No. 2023-17 entitled 2022 Annual Community Report Card, be received for information.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Moved By: David Mayberry
Seconded By: Katherine Grieve

- 1. That a staff report be prepared on the June 10th Drag Storytime Events and be brought back to the Library Board.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NIL

11. NEW BUSINESS / ENQUIRIES / COMMENTS

11.1 Public Libraries Update

11.1.1 CBC Article: Are drag storytimes worth fighting for? These people think so.

11.1.2 The Walrus Article: Have you been to the library lately?

11.2 Passing of Matt Schoults would like the Board to provide condolences

12. CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Moved By: David Mayberry
Seconded By: Cynthia Lacroix

Resolved that the Library Board go into a closed session to consider personal matters about an identifiable individual.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried at 4:04 p.m.

TIME OF COMPLETION OF CLOSED SESSION:

4:34 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Moved By: David Mayberry
Seconded By: Cynthia Lacroix

Resolved that the Library Board reconvene in Open session.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried at 4:34 p.m.

13. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

NIL

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Oxford County Library Board adjourns its proceedings at 4:35 p.m. until the next meeting scheduled for July 18, 2023.

Minutes adopted on _____ by Resolution No. ____.

CHAIR

SECRETARY



Oxford County Library Board - Key Agenda Items 2023

Agenda items	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Notes
Board Orientation	X	X	X	X	X							2023 Goal
2022 Year End Statistics		X										Yearly Agenda Item
Monthly Statistics		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	Regular Agenda Item
Quarterly Metrics and Trends Report				Q1					Q2		Q3	Regular Agenda Item
Monthly Librarian Report	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	Regular Agenda Item
2023 Business Plan and Budget Update				Q1				Q2		Q3		Regular Agenda Item
2022 Annual Community Report					X							Yearly Agenda Item
2023 Financial Audit					X							Yearly Agenda Item
Technology Plan								X*	X			2023 Goal / *Draft Plan
Service Delivery Model							X*	X				2023 Goal / *Draft Plan
2024 Business Plan								X				2024 Planning
2024 Budget Plan									X			2024 Planning
Strategic Planning							X*	X				*Draft Plan / Final Plan

Additional Agenda Items of Note will be added as anticipated.

Updated July 2023

To: Oxford County Library Board

From: CEO/Chief Librarian

Librarian’s Report and Statistics

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Board receive Report No: 2023-19 for information and discussion.

CEO / Chief Librarian

- June 28 – Strategy Corp Inc.
- June 28 – Community Futures Oxford AGM
- June 28 – Ontario Library Service Guidelines Council Auditor Training
- July 6 – Oxford County Library Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee
- July 7 – Strategy Corp Inc.
- July 11 – Homewood Health – Staff Training Discussion
- July 12 – w/ Constable Jewell – Debriefing

Statistics – June 2023

In Attachment 1 to this report, June 2023 statistics for:

- **Branch Attendance** – Branch Attendance continues to grow after reopening from the pandemic restrictions in Spring 2022. Branches with higher than 2019 attendance include:
 - Norwich @ 5%
 - Brownsville @ 9% – open 3 hours less than 2019
 - Harrington @ 161% - open 3 hours less than 2019

% Total Change	June	Year to Date
2019 to 2023	-19%	-28%
2022 to 2023	41.1%	82.2%

- **Computer Use** – Overall computer use took a slight decline to -4.4% over 2022. These declines are mostly attributed to significantly less wi-fi usage in several branches, which is likely a continued reopening effect.

% Total Change	June	Year to Date
2022 to 2023	-4.4%	27.3%

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- **Physical Circulation** – Circulation gains over 2019 numbers continue to be strong at 11% increase June over June. Expect to see moderately level circulation numbers over 2022 numbers for the remainder of the year as branches were reopened in June 2022 to physical browsing and regular library services.

Top circulating branches include:

- Burgessville – up 9% in June from 2022 with a Circ per Hour rate of 37.7
- Ingersoll – up 14% in June from 2022 with a Circ per Hour rate of 47.6
- Princeton – Up 40% in June from 2022 with a Circ per Hour rate of 19.1

% Total Change	June	Year to Date
2019 to 2023	11.4%	8.6%
2022 to 2023	2%	11%

- **Digital Circulation** – Gains in digital circulation continue to be on trend with moderate increases expected from 2022. Usage of eBooks continues to be flat. Gains in Digital magazine and newspaper usage continue to be strong in 2023. This is likely due to less availability of magazines in a physical format as many go to digital only issues. Audiobooks and TV & Movie categories continue to provide good growth, with expected growth in TV & Movies expected as customers turn to free entertainment resources to help cut spending.

% Total Change	June	Year to Date
2022 to 2023	7%	4%

Community Engagement

Ox on the Run

The Ox on the Run Vehicle officially launched on June 30th at the Ingersoll Touch-a-Truck event. However, staff took the Ox on the road in the week before the launch to reach as many schools as possible, inviting kids to visit them at community parks, splash pads and festivals this summer. Feedback received in branches has been great as kids and families are excited at the new Ox on the Run.

Strategic Communications worked with Library staff on a news release the last week of June to help get the word out about the service. Outreach staff were also interviewed by Heart FM to highlight what the Ox will be doing this summer and beyond.

Newsletter Mailout

In an effort to reach out to areas identified as under-represented through the Library's GIS mapping of Cardholder project, staff worked with Strategic Communications to create a Spring Newsletter / Brochure. This Newsletter was then mailed to approximately 10,000 residences in the following areas:

- Lakeside
- Kintore

- Happy Hills
- Forest Estates Park & Innerkip
- Drumbo & Wolverton
- Mount Elgin & Dereham
- Culloden
- Ostrander
- Springford
- Rural Tillsonburg

Library staff reported seeing a number of new and renewed memberships in the weeks following the mailout in early June. The administration team is currently reviewing new and renewed membership data to determine if this project was a successful use of the library's increased marketing budget.

Oxford Reads

The Maid by Nita Prose has been selected as this year's Oxford Reads title in a landslide vote. OCL and Woodstock Public Library staff are currently working to promote the title and will be visiting Farmers Markets together in August and September to get the word out on the book and the in-person Gala featuring this award-winning Canadian Author.

Stone Houses of Zorra Project – Highlighted in Ontario Farmer

The Local History Team's Stone Houses of Zorra Project has received high praise from the *Ontario Farmer* newspaper. The article, from the June 27th issue, has been provided as Attachment 3 to this report. Staff have been excited at the feedback received by the public on this important local history project.

Wilmot Tavistock-Gazette Collaboration

OCL staff will be working with the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette in the coming months to offer regular book reviews in the newspaper. Staff are excited to work with the editorial team to highlight material found at local branches. The paper recently launched a new website at www.granthaven.com.

Branch and Programming

Programming Highlights

Summer Reading Club has taken off this summer with over 352 children registered for the reading club using the Beanstack app and over 46,000 minutes read. In 2022 Beanstack registrations for the entire summer were 380.

Brownsville and Otterville Branches were recently visited by The Reptile Store. These events hosted 58 people at Brownsville and 32 people at Otterville. Photos of the events can be found on the library's Facebook page.

Ingersoll Touch-a-Truck Event was also a huge success with over 200 in attendance to see the new Ox on the Run Bookmobile, as well as a fire truck, police vehicle and the Sweet Cycle Ice Cream bike.

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Innerkip Branch hosted the Museum of Archaeology for a fossil dig event with over 20 people in attendance.

Tillsonburg Branch is working with the Housing Roundtable of the Reducing Poverty Together committee to create an *Understanding Homelessness* lecture series slated for Fall 2023.

Upcoming Events

Attachment 2 of this report includes the Ox on the Run July and August calendars, as well as the Program Calendar found at the link below.

To view our Program Calendar, go to:

<https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=2048>

SIGNATURES

Departmental Approval:

Original Signed by

Lisa Marie Williams
CEO/Chief Librarian

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Library Statistics June 2023
Attachment 2 – Calendars
Attachment 3 – Stone Houses of Zorra Article

Branch Attendance Statistics - June 2023

Report No.: 2023-19
Attachment 1 - June 2023 Statistics

BRANCH	HOURS PER WEEK	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD	TOTAL	
PRINCETON	15	2019	323	273	408	450	417	438	603	422	391	477	401	286	2,309	4889	
		2022	88	113	94	172	228	240	402	212	219	245	252	164	935	2,429	
	15	2023	279	220	398	273	251	317							1,738	1,738	
	% Change 19 to 23			-14%	-19%	-2%	-39%	-40%	-28%							-25%	
	% Change 22 to 23			217%	95%	323%	59%	10%	32%							86%	
TAVISTOCK	35	2019	1026	741	1083	940	1014	927	1300	1226	879	1079	918	757	5,731	11890	
		2022	302	317	426	525	560	585	756	908	564	696	723	478	2,715	6840	
	35	2023	679	629	937	665	699	820							4,429	4429	
	% Change 19 to 23			-34%	-15%	-13%	-29%	-31%	-12%							-23%	
	% Change 22 to 23			125%	98%	120%	27%	25%	40%							63%	
THAMESFORD	35	2019	882	717	913	902	993	750	1202	1246	814	1147	1041	787	5,157	11394	
		2022	178	229	319	431	455	500	737	930	541	588	753	526	2,112	6,187	
	35	2023	672	593	796	713	908	732							4,414	4,414	
	% Change 19 to 23			-24%	-17%	-13%	-21%	-9%	-2%							-14%	
	% Change 22 to 23			278%	159%	150%	65%	100%	46%							109%	
TILLSONBURG	59	2019	7866	6408	9328	8104	7759	7329	8650	8037	7227	10209	7430	5991	46,794	94338	
		2022	2,323	2,725	3,736	3,686	3,373	4,022	4,571	5,258	3,980	4,328	4,664	3,378	19,865	46,044	
	54	2023	4,934	4,480	6,702	5,383	5,642	5,687							32,828	32,828	
	% Change 19 to 23			-37%	-30%	-28%	-34%	-27%	-22%							-30%	
	% Change 22 to 23			112%	64%	79%	46%	67%	41%							65%	
TOTALS	366	2019	22,659	18,931	25,103	23,229	22,148	21,140	25,198	23,531	20,468	24,729	21,017	16,570	133,210	264,723	
		2022	5,234	6,495	9,307	9,658	9,619	12,141	13,879	15,565	11,596	12,044	13,788	9,535	52,454	128,861	
	335	2023	15,468	13,801	18,839	14,956	15,395	17,128							95,587	95,587	
TOTAL Change 2019 to 2023				-31.7%	-27.1%	-25.0%	-35.6%	-30.5%	-19.0%							-28.2%	
TOTAL Change 2022 to 2023				195.5%	112.5%	102.4%	54.9%	60.0%	41.1%							82.2%	

Computer Use - June 2023

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Attachment 1 - June 2023 Statistics

BRANCH		YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD	TOTAL	
PRINCETON	Computers	2022	0	2	0	13	7	17	16	10	7	9	7	3	39	91	
		2023	9	14	10	7	13	2							55	55	
	Wireless	2022	14	1	2	13	17	21	16	13	15	12	10	10	68	144	
		2023	8	15	23	22	40	44							152	152	
	Totals 2022			14	3	2	26	24	38	32	23	22	21	17	13	107	235
	Totals 2023			17	29	33	29	53	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	207	207
	% Change			21%	867%	1550%	12%	121%	21%								
TAVISTOCK	Computers	2022	0	1	5	5	8	5	8	16	21	13	16	9	24	107	
		2023	16	21	25	15	20	16							113	113	
	Wireless	2022	84	8	13	11	24	31	24	22	25	27	22	31	171	322	
		2023	14	16	20	32	20	19							121	121	
	Totals 2022			84	9	18	16	32	36	32	38	46	40	38	40	195	429
	Totals 2023			30	37	45	47	40	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	234	234
	% Change			-64%	311%	150%	194%	25%	-3%								
THAMESFORD	Computers	2022	1	7	11	10	14	14	11	17	15	19	17	18	57	154	
		2023	13	17	18	26	24	22							120	120	
	Wireless	2022	37	16	14	26	24	71	107	40	56	63	73	56	188	583	
		2023	47	92	65	57	59	43							363	363	
	Totals 2022			38	23	25	36	38	85	118	57	71	82	90	74	245	737
	Totals 2023			60	109	83	83	83	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	483	483
	% Change			58%	374%	232%	131%	118%	-24%								
TILLSONBURG	Computers	2022	150	251	267	327	350	321	417	496	408	419	390	249	1,666	4,045	
		2023	331	338	476	372	447	388							2,352	2,352	
	Wireless	2022	338	126	652	1,010	863	913	1,143	1,087	895	707	900	550	3,902	9,184	
		2023	770	676	1,156	352	357	325							3,636	3,636	
	Totals 2022			488	377	919	1,337	1,213	1,234	1,560	1,583	1,303	1,126	1,290	799	5,568	13,229
	Totals 2023			1,101	1,014	1,632	724	804	713	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,988	5,988
	% Change			126%	169%	78%	-46%	-34%	-42%								
TOTAL COMPUTER USAGE		2022	1,266	1,123	1,917	2,556	2,269	2,445	3,034	2,814	2,552	2,320	2,699	1,964	11,576	26,959	
		2023	2,318	2,196	3,228	2,143	2,519	2,338							14,742	14,742	
% Change 2022 to 2023			83.1%	95.5%	68.4%	-16.2%	11.0%	-4.4%							27.3%		

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD	TOTALS
Digital TV & Movies	2022	726	644	669	636	561	575	655	641	513	619	766	817	3,811	7,822
	2023	792	706	673	655	643	658							4,127	4,127
% Change - Digital TV & Movies		9%	10%	1%	3%	15%	14%							8%	
Digital Magazines and Newspapers	2022	2,253	1,325	1,448	1,369	1,692	1,477	1,662	1,627	1,822	2,239	3,051	3,080	9,564	23,045
	2023	3,587	2,650	3,663	3,306	2,744	3,119							19,069	19,069
% Change - Digital Magazines & Newspapers		59%	100%	153%	141%	62%	111%							99%	
Tumble Books	2022	248	143	162	145	117	138	39	40	10	38	100	57	953	1,237
	2023	92	66	73	79	62	92							464	464
% Change - Tumble Books		-63%	-54%	-55%	-46%	-47%	-33%							-51%	
Digital Music	2022	1,564	1,724	2,837	1,596	2,291	2,430	1,239	1,460	1,605	1,236	1,498	1,965	12,442	21,445
	2023	2,769	2,346	1,418	1,455	1,389	1,366							10,743	10,743
% Change - Digital Music		77%	36%	-50%	-9%	-39%	-44%							-14%	
Digital Audiobooks	2022	6,176	5,522	6,153	3,385	3,430	3,424	3,571	3,842	3,536	3,523	3,652	3,565	28,090	49,779
	2023	3,973	3,646	4,133	4,001	4,221	3,812							23,786	23,786
% Change - Digital Audiobooks		-36%	-34%	-33%	18%	23%	11%							-15%	
Digital ebooks	2022	6,996	6,315	6,686	6,500	6,464	6,258	6,683	6,827	5,893	6,317	6,055	6,137	39,219	77,131
	2023	6,885	6,489	6,865	6,489	6,437	6,318							39,483	39,483
% Change - eBooks		-2%	3%	3%	0%	0%	1%							1%	
TOTAL Digital Circulation	2022	17,963	15,673	17,955	13,631	14,555	14,302	13,849	14,437	13,379	13,972	15,122	15,621	94,079	180,459
	2023	18,098	15,903	16,825	15,985	15,496	15,365	-	-	-	-	-	-	97,672	97,672
% Change - Digital Circulation		1%	1%	-6%	17%	6%	7%							4%	

Definitions:

- Digital Movies include the following: Hoopla Movies, Hoopla TV, Hoopla Binge Passes, Kanopy
- Digital Magazines and Newspapers include the following: Overdrive Magazines, Zinio (Jan 2021 to April 2021), Press Reader
- Digital Music includes the following: Freegal, Hoopla Music
- Digital Audiobooks includes the following: Hoopla Audiobooks, Overdrive Audiobooks, Axis 360 Audiobooks
- Digital eBooks includes the following: Freanding, Hoopla Comics, Hoopla eBooks, Overdrive eBooks, Axis 360 eBooks

July 2023

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Attachment 2: Calendars

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <u>TAV - Summer Book Nook</u> <u>ING - Robots on the Run!</u> 2:00 PM
2	3 <u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> 2:00 PM	4 <u>HAR-Weekly Scavenger Hunt</u> all week long <u>PLA- Community Employment Services</u> 9:00am-11:30am <u>NOR - Yarn & Yack</u> 12:30-2:30 <u>TIL - Nintendo Switch Party</u> 2-3:30pm <u>BRO-Summer Reading Club Fun!</u> 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm <u>BUR - Drop in Play-doh Playtime</u> 3:00 pm-5:00 pm <u>MTE Diabetes Discussion; General Information</u> 7:00 P.M.	5 <u>NOR - Read With Me</u> <u>PRI - Oxford EarlyON @ The Princeton Library</u> 9:30-11am <u>TIL - Shake, Rattle, & Read</u> 9:30am <u>TAV - Out of This World Story and Craft</u> 10am - 11am <u>PRI Hobby Farm Animal Visit</u> 11:00am - 1:00pm <u>THA - Silly Sidewalk Chalk</u> 11:00am-1:00pm <u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> 11:00 am <u>Community Employment Services - Princeton</u> 1-3:30pm <u>ING - Nintendo Switch Party</u> 12:30-2pm <u>Mini Excavation with the Ontario Museum of Archaeology</u> 1:00pm-2:00pm <u>PLA: Summer Reading Curiosity Club</u> 1:00pm-2:00pm <u>OTT-Summer Reading Club Fun!</u> 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	6 <u>NOR - Read With Me</u> <u>BRO-Coffee and Connect Drop-in</u> 10:00 am - 11:00 am <u>TAV - Community Employment Services</u> 12pm - 3pm <u>THA - Community Employment Services</u> 1:30pm - 4:00pm <u>NOR - World Building</u> 3:30-4:30	7 <u>ING - Felt Board Friday Storytime</u> 10am <u>NOR - Curiosity Club Fridays</u> 10:00-11:00 <u>TAV - Galaxy in a Jar</u> 11am - 12pm <u>THA - Kanopy Movie Fridays</u> 1:00 - 2:30pm <u>ING - Friday Films for Adults</u> 2:00 PM <u>BUR - Lego Fridays</u> 2:00-5:00 pm <u>TIL - Stuffie Sleepover Evening Storytime</u> 6:00pm	8 <u>TAV - Summer Book Nook</u> <u>BUR - Recycle Flower Craft</u> 10-11 am <u>PRI - Summer Movies!</u> 10:00am - 12:00pm <u>NOR - Roaming Robots</u> 10:00 am - 12:00 pm <u>INN Mini Excavation with Ontario Museum of Archaeology</u> 10:30 AM <u>BRO: The Reptile Store</u> 11:00 am - 12:00 pm <u>OTT- The Reptile Store</u> 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm <u>ING - Robots on the Run!</u> 2:00 PM
9	10 <u>HAR-Summer Reading Story Walk</u>	11 <u>HAR-Weekly Scavenger Hunt</u>	12 <u>NOR - Read With Me</u>	13 <u>NOR - Read With Me</u>	14 <u>NOR - Curiosity Club Fridays</u>	15 <u>TAV - Summer Book Nook</u>

	<p>all week long</p> <p><u>ING - Mural Monday 10am</u></p> <p><u>ING - Library Tech Help 2:00 PM</u></p>	<p>all week long</p> <p><u>PLA- Community Employment Services 9:00am-11:30am</u></p> <p><u>OTT-Tech Help Drop-in 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>NOR - Yarn & Yack 12:30-2:30</u></p> <p><u>ING-Art in the Park 1-3pm</u></p> <p><u>TIL Tech Discovery Workshop: How to Clean Up and Speed Up Your Computer 1:00pm</u></p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class 2:30 - 3:30</u></p> <p><u>BRO-Summer Reading Club Fun! 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>BUR-Drop inPlay-doh Playtime 3:00 pm-5:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>BUR-Painting Tuesday on canvas 4:30-5:30pm</u></p>	<p><u>PRI - Oxford EarlyON @ The Princeton Library 9:30-11am</u></p> <p><u>ING - Shake, Rattle, & Read 9:30am</u></p> <p><u>TIL- Shake, Rattle, & Read 9:30am</u></p> <p><u>TAV - Mini Excavations 11am - 12pm</u></p> <p><u>ING - Library Tech Help 11:00 am</u></p> <p><u>Community Employment Services - Princeton 1-3:30pm</u></p> <p><u>PLA: Summer Reading Curiosity Club 1:00-2:00pm</u></p> <p><u>THA - DIY Tote bags 1:00 - 1:45pm</u></p> <p><u>NOR - Fireside Book Club 1:00 - 2:00</u></p> <p><u>TIL - Chibi Glass Art 2-3:30pm</u></p> <p><u>OTT-Summer Reading Club Fun! 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>NOR - Spanish Circle 5:00-6:00</u></p>	<p><u>TAV - Community Employment Services 12pm - 3pm</u></p> <p><u>THA - Community Employment Services 1:30pm - 4:00pm</u></p> <p><u>ING - Chibi Glass Art 1-2:30pm</u></p> <p><u>INN Colour Changing Playdough 3:30</u></p> <p><u>ING- Family Fun Night - Bug Bingo 5:30pm</u></p>	<p><u>10:00-11:00</u></p> <p><u>HAR-Make a Pinch Pot 11am-12pm</u></p> <p><u>ING - Friday Films for Adults 2:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>BUR- Lego Fridays 2:00-5:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class 2:30 - 3:30</u></p> <p><u>TIL Family Movie Friday: The Bad Guys 6:00pm</u></p>	<p><u>PRI - Summer Crafts! 9:00am - 12:00pm</u></p> <p><u>BUR- Skunk Haven Program 10-11 am</u></p> <p><u>TIL Computer Programming 101 1:00pm</u></p> <p><u>ING - Robots on the Run! 2:00 PM</u></p>
16	<p><u>ING - Library Tech Help 2:00 PM</u></p>	<p><u>HAR-Weekly Scavenger Hunt all week long</u></p> <p><u>PLA- Community Employment Services 9:00am-11:30am</u></p> <p><u>ING- Personalized Puzzles Age 5-8 11am</u></p> <p><u>OTT-Tech Help Drop-in 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>NOR - Yarn & Yack 12:30-2:30</u></p> <p><u>ING- Personalized Puzzles Age 9-13</u></p>	<p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>PRI - Oxford EarlyON @ The Princeton Library 9:30-11am</u></p> <p><u>ING - Shake, Rattle, & Read 9:30am</u></p> <p><u>TIL- Shake, Rattle, & Read 9:30am</u></p> <p><u>TAV - Buggy Story and Activity 10am - 11am</u></p> <p><u>THA - Dino Story Time 10:30 - 11:00am</u></p> <p><u>ING - Library Tech Help 11:00 am</u></p>	<p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>TAV - Community Employment Services 12pm - 3pm</u></p> <p><u>THA - Community Employment Services 1:30pm - 4:00pm</u></p> <p><u>THA - Everlasting Flower Fairies 2:00 - 3:00pm</u></p>	<p><u>NOR - Curiosity Club Fridays 10:00-11:00</u></p> <p><u>THA - Kanopy Movie Fridays 1:00 - 2:30pm</u></p> <p><u>ING - Friday Films for Adults 2:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>BUR- Lego Fridays 2:00-5:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class 2:30 - 3:30</u></p>	<p><u>TAV - Summer Book Nook</u></p> <p><u>Tie Dye Socks 10-11 am</u></p> <p><u>ING - Heads Up for Healthier Brains! 10:00 am</u></p> <p><u>ING - Christmas In July Storytime 10am</u></p> <p><u>BRO-Skunk Haven 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>ING - Robots on the Run! 2:00 PM</u></p>

		<p>1pm</p> <p><u>TIL Monthly Films for Adults: A Man Called Otto (2023)</u> 1:00pm</p> <p><u>Thamesford - The Write Stuff Writing Club</u> 2pm-4-pm</p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class</u> 2:30 - 3:30</p> <p><u>ING - Nintendo Switch Party</u> 2-3:30pm</p> <p><u>BRO-Summer Reading Club Fun!</u> 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p> <p><u>BUR - Drop in Play-doh Playtime</u> 3:00 pm-5:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Community Employment Services - Princeton</u> 1-3:30pm</p> <p><u>EMB Trash Theatre presents Budding Botanists</u> 1:00-2:00PM</p> <p><u>EMB Trash Theatre presents Budding Botanists</u> 1:00-2:00PM</p> <p><u>PRI Museum of Archaeology Mini Excavation</u> 1:00 - 2:00pm</p> <p><u>PLA: Summer Reading Curiosity Club</u> 1:00pm-2:00pm</p> <p><u>TIL - Nintendo Switch Party</u> 2-3:30pm</p> <p><u>OTT-Kids Paint Night</u> 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm</p> <p><u>NOR - Mini Excavations</u> 5:30-6:30</p>			
23	<p><u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> 2:00 PM</p>	<p><u>HAR-Weekly Scavenger Hunt</u> all week long</p> <p><u>PLA- Community Employment Services</u> 9:00am-11:30am</p> <p><u>THA - Musical Moments with Miss Gail</u> 10:30 - 11:10am</p> <p><u>OTT-Tech Help Drop-in</u> 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p><u>NOR - Yarn & Yack</u> 12:30-2:30</p> <p><u>ING-Art in the Park</u> 1-3pm</p> <p><u>TIL - Art in the Park: Bubble Party!</u> 1:00pm</p> <p><u>TIL - Cricut T-Shirt Workshop</u> 2-4pm</p>	<p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>PRI - Oxford EarlyON @ The Princeton Library</u> 9:30-11am</p> <p><u>ING - Shake, Rattle, & Read</u> 9:30am</p> <p><u>TIL- Shake, Rattle, & Read</u> 9:30am</p> <p><u>TAV - Construction Story and Activity</u> 10am - 11am</p> <p><u>PLA - Pinch Pot Pottery for Kids with Ontario Museum of Archaeology</u> 10:00-11:00</p> <p><u>THA - Rainbow Story Time</u> 11:00 -11:45</p> <p><u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> 11:00 am</p> <p><u>ING - Lunch & Listen - Adult</u></p>	<p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>TIL Homeschool Hub</u> 9:30am</p> <p><u>TAV - Community Employment Services</u> 12pm - 3pm</p> <p><u>THA - Community Employment Services</u> 1:30pm - 4:00pm</p> <p><u>TAV - Construction Junction</u> 4pm - 5pm</p> <p><u>Norwich Book Club</u> 5:30-6:30</p>	<p><u>NOR - Curiosity Club Fridays</u> 10:00-11:00</p> <p><u>BUR - Lego Fridays</u> 2:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class</u> 2:30 - 3:30</p> <p><u>Teen Book Box Signup Deadline</u> 5:00pm</p>	<p><u>TAV - Summer Book Nook</u></p> <p><u>TIL - Kids Pottery Session Ages 5-8 with MOA</u> 10:00am</p> <p><u>INN Harry Potter Wands</u> 10:30 AM</p> <p><u>TIL - Kids Pottery Session Ages 9-13 with MOA</u> 12:00pm</p> <p><u>ING - Robots on the Run!</u> 2:00 PM</p>

		<p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class</u> <u>2:30 - 3:30</u></p> <p><u>BRO-Summer Reading Club Fun!</u> <u>3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>BUR- Drop inPlay-doh Playtime</u> <u>3:00 pm-5:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>Brownsville Library Book Club</u> <u>5:00 pm - 6:00 pm</u></p>	<p><u>Story Time</u> <u>12:00pm</u></p> <p><u>Community Employment Services - Princeton</u> <u>1-3:30pm</u></p> <p><u>ING - Cricut T-Shirt Workshop</u> <u>1-3pm</u></p> <p><u>PLA: Summer Reading Curiosity Club</u> <u>1:00pm-2:00pm</u></p> <p><u>NOR - Tech Help</u> <u>1:00 - 2:00</u></p> <p><u>OTT-Summer Reading Club Fun!</u> <u>3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>NOR - Writer's Circle</u> <u>5:00-6:30</u></p>			
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30	<p><u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> <u>2:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>ING - Mural Monday</u> <u>3pm</u></p>					
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July 2023

August 2023

Report No.: 2023-19
Attachment 2: Calendars

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p><u>HAR-Weekly Scavenger Hunt</u> all week long</p> <p><u>PLA-Community Employment Services</u> 9:00am-11:30am</p> <p><u>OTT-Tech Help Drop-in</u> 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p><u>NOR - Yarn & Yack</u> 12:30-2:30</p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class</u> 2:30 - 3:30</p> <p><u>ING - Nintendo Switch Party</u> 2-3:30pm</p> <p><u>BRQ-Summer Reading Club Fun!</u> 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p> <p><u>BUR- Drop inPlay-doh Playtime</u> 3:00 pm-5:00 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>PRI - Oxford EarlyON @ The Princeton Library</u> 9:30-11am</p> <p><u>ING - Shake, Rattle, & Read</u> 9:30am</p> <p><u>TIL- Shake, Rattle, & Read</u> 9:30am</p> <p><u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> 11:00 am</p> <p><u>Community Employment Services - Princeton</u> 1-3:30pm</p> <p><u>PLA: Summer Reading Curiosity Club</u> 1:00pm-2:00pm</p> <p><u>THA - Mini Excavations with the Museum of Ontario Archaeology</u> 1:30 - 2:30pm</p> <p><u>OTT-Summer Reading Club Fun!</u> 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>TIL - Get Curious About Skunks!</u> 10:00am</p> <p><u>THA- Trash Theatre presents Rhythmic Recyclers</u> 10:30 - 12:00pm</p> <p><u>TAV - Community Employment Services</u> 12pm - 3pm</p> <p><u>THA - Community Employment Services</u> 1:30pm - 4:00pm</p> <p><u>ING - Cookbook Club</u> 6:00 PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p><u>ING- Felt Board Friday Storytime</u> 10am</p> <p><u>THA - Kanopy Movie Fridays</u> 1:00 - 2:00pm</p> <p><u>ING - Friday Films for Adults</u> 2:00 PM</p> <p><u>BUR- Lego Fridays</u> 2:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class</u> 2:30 - 3:30</p>	<p>5</p> <p><u>TAV - Summer Book Nook</u></p> <p><u>ING - Robots on the Run!</u> 2:00 PM</p>
6	<p>7</p> <p><u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> 2:00 PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p><u>HAR-Weekly Scavenger Hunt</u> all week long</p> <p><u>PLA-Community Employment Services</u> 9:00am-11:30am</p> <p><u>TIL-Little Creatures Adventure Time</u> 10:00am</p> <p><u>THA - Silly Sidewalk Chalk</u> 11:00am-1:00pm</p> <p><u>OTT-Tech Help Drop-in</u> 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p><u>NOR - Yarn &</u></p>	<p>9</p> <p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>PRI - Oxford EarlyON @ The Princeton Library</u> 9:30-11am</p> <p><u>ING - Shake, Rattle, & Read</u> 9:30am</p> <p><u>TIL- Shake, Rattle, & Read</u> 9:30am</p> <p><u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> 11:00 am</p> <p><u>Community Employment Services - Princeton</u> 1-3:30pm</p> <p><u>PLA: Summer Reading</u></p>	<p>10</p> <p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>TAV - Community Employment Services</u> 12pm - 3pm</p> <p><u>THA - Community Employment Services</u> 1:30pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p><u>BUR- Lego Fridays</u> 2:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class</u> 2:30 - 3:30</p> <p><u>TIL Family Movie Friday: Sing 2</u> 6:00pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p><u>TAV - Summer Book Nook</u></p> <p><u>BUR- Rainbow weaving craft</u> 10am-11 am</p> <p><u>PRI - Summer Movies!</u> 10:00am - 12:00pm</p> <p><u>ING - Robots on the Run!</u> 2:00 PM</p> <p><u>OTT-Skunk Haven</u> 3:00 pm - 4:00pm</p>

		<p><u>Yack</u> 12:30-2:30</p> <p><u>ING-Art in the Park</u> 1-3pm</p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class</u> 2:30 - 3:30</p> <p><u>BRO-Summer Reading Club Fun!</u> 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p> <p><u>BUR- Drop inPlay-doh Playtime</u> 3:00 pm-5:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Curiosity Club</u> 1:00pm-2:00pm</p> <p><u>THA - Weird and Wacky Animals</u> 2:00 - 3:00pm</p> <p><u>OTT-Summer Reading Club Fun!</u> 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p>			
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	<p><u>ING - Mural Monday</u> 10am</p> <p><u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> 2:00 PM</p>	<p><u>PLA- Community Employment Services</u> 9:00am-11:30am</p> <p><u>ING-Pinch Pot Pottery Age 5-8 with MOA</u> 10am</p> <p><u>OTT-Tech Help Drop-in</u> 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p><u>ING-Pinch Pot Pottery Age 9-13 with MOA</u> 11:30am</p> <p><u>NOR - Yarn & Yack</u> 12:30-2:30</p> <p><u>Thamesford - The Write Stuff Writing Club</u> 2pm-4-pm</p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class</u> 2:30 - 3:30</p> <p><u>BRO-Summer Reading Club Fun!</u> 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p> <p><u>BUR- Drop inPlay-doh Playtime</u> 3:00 pm-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>BUR-Painting on wood</u> 4:30 pm-5:30 pm</p>	<p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>PRI - Oxford EarlyON @ The Princeton Library</u> 9:30-11am</p> <p><u>ING - Shake, Rattle, & Read</u> 9:30am</p> <p><u>TIL- Shake, Rattle, & Read</u> 9:30am</p> <p><u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> 11:00 am</p> <p><u>Community Employment Services - Princeton</u> 1-3:30pm</p> <p><u>TIL - Nintendo Switch Party</u> 2-3:30pm</p> <p><u>OTT-Summer Reading Club Fun!</u> 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p>	<p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>HAR-Little Hobby Hill Farm</u> 10:30am - 12:00pm</p> <p><u>TAV - Community Employment Services</u> 12pm - 3pm</p> <p><u>THA - Felt Sewing</u> 1:00 - 1:45pm</p> <p><u>THA - Community Employment Services</u> 1:30pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p><u>THA - Kanopy Movie Fridays</u> 1:00 - 2:30pm</p> <p><u>BUR- Lego Fridays</u> 2:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class</u> 2:30 - 3:30</p>	<p><u>TAV - Summer Book Nook</u></p> <p><u>PRI - Summer Crafts!</u> 9:00am - 12:00pm</p> <p><u>ING - Robots on the Run!</u> 2:00 PM</p>
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	<p><u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> 2:00 PM</p> <p><u>ING - Mural Monday</u> 3pm</p>	<p><u>PLA- Community Employment Services</u> 9:00am-11:30am</p>	<p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>PRI - Oxford EarlyON @ The Princeton Library</u></p>	<p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>TAV - Community Employment Services</u></p>	<p><u>BUR- Lego Fridays</u> 2:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class</u></p>	<p><u>ING - Robots on the Run!</u> 2:00 PM</p>

		<p><u>THA - Fanshawe Pioneer Village : From Sheep to Sweater</u> 10:30-11:30am</p> <p><u>OTT-Tech Help Drop-in</u> 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p><u>NOR - Yarn & Yack</u> 12:30-2:30</p> <p><u>TIL Monthly Films for Adults: Where the Crawdads Sing (2022)</u> 1:00pm</p> <p><u>ING-Art in the Park</u> 1-3pm</p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class</u> 2:30 - 3:30</p> <p><u>ING - Nintendo Switch Party</u> 2-3:30pm</p> <p><u>BRQ-Summer Reading Club Fun!</u> 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p> <p><u>BUR- Drop inPlay-doh Playtime</u> 3:00 pm-5:00 pm</p>	<p>9:30-11am</p> <p><u>ING - Shake, Rattle, & Read</u> 9:30am</p> <p><u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> 11:00 am</p> <p><u>Community Employment Services - Princeton</u> 1-3:30pm</p> <p><u>PLA: Summer Reading Curiosity Club</u> 1:00pm- 2:00pm</p> <p><u>OTT-Summer Reading Club Fun!</u> 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>12pm - 3pm</p> <p><u>THA - Community Employment Services</u> 1:30pm - 4:00pm</p> <p><u>ING- Family Fun Night - Animal Trivia</u> 530pm</p>	<p>2:30 - 3:30</p>
27	<p><u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> 2:00 PM</p>	<p><u>PLA- Community Employment Services</u></p> <p><u>OTT-Tech Help Drop-in</u> 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p><u>NOR - Yarn & Yack</u> 12:30-2:30</p> <p><u>TIL- DIY Book Nook</u> 2-3:30pm</p> <p><u>NOR - S.M.A.R.T. Exercise Class</u> 2:30 - 3:30</p> <p><u>BRQ-End of Summer SRC Party</u> 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm</p> <p><u>BUR- Drop inPlay-doh Playtime</u> 3:00 pm-5:00 pm</p>	<p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>PRI - Oxford EarlyON @ The Princeton Library</u> 9:30-11am</p> <p><u>ING - Shake, Rattle, & Read</u> 9:30am</p> <p><u>ING - Library Tech Help</u> 11:00 am</p> <p><u>ING - Lunch & Listen - Adult Story Time</u> 12:00pm</p> <p><u>Community Employment Services - Princeton</u> 1-3:30pm</p> <p><u>ING- DIY Book Nook</u> 2-3:30pm</p> <p><u>OTT-End of Summer SRC Party</u> 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm</p>	<p><u>NOR - Read With Me</u></p> <p><u>THA - Community Employment Services</u> 1:30pm - 4:00pm</p>	



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9	10 	11 Princeton Library 10am-12pm Mount Elgin Library 1:30-3:30pm	12 Ducky Dennis Park Burgessville 1-3pm	13 Optimist Park Tavistock 10am-12pm Harrington Ball Diamond 1:30-3:30pm	14 Otterville Mill 10am-12pm	15
16	17	18 Plattsville Arena Park 10am-12pm Hickson Park 1:30-3:30pm	19 Brownsville Hall 10am-12pm Memorial Park Tillsonburg 1:30-3:30pm	20 Drumbo Park 10am-12pm Harold Bishop Park, Norwich 1:30-3:30pm	21 Memorial Park Embro 10am-12pm	22 Brownsville Family Fun Day
23	24	25 Innerkip Library 10am-12pm Hilltop Park Mount Elgin 1:30-3:30pm	26 Princeton Library 1-3pm Car Cruz, Innerkip Community Centre 4-7pm	27 Harrington Ball Diamond 10am-12pm	28 Otterville Mill 10am-12pm	29 Berry Days at Berrylicious Fruit Farm
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*The Reptile Store show requires registration.
Visit the Program Calendar at www.ocl.net



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AUGUST 2023

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20	21	22 Hilltop Park Mount Elgin 10am-12pm Harold Bishop Park Norwich 1:30-3:30pm	23 Memorial Park Embro 1:30-3:30pm	24 Plattsville Arena Park 10am-12pm Hickson Park 1:30-3:30pm	25  Memorial Park Tillsonburg 10am-12pm	26 Harvest Fest Ingersoll
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Historian creates online database of stone farmhouses

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The fieldstone houses dotting the countryside northwest of Woodstock are “an important part of Oxford County’s cultural heritage and the rural architectural landscape,” said Vick Brenner, Digital Literacy and Local History Technician at the Oxford County Library.

They are a testament to the hard work of the pioneer families who settled this area, she said.

Brenner gathered information on 77 stone houses — most of them built between 1850 and 1870 — from local history books, newspapers, land records and present-day owner interviews. She then consolidated that information digitally into six volumes accessible via the library’s website.

The 1851 and 1861 censuses were also helpful as they included information on dwellings. In several instances, settlers reported living in a log cabin in 1851 and a stone house in 1861.

Some of the families had professional photographers take their picture in front of the houses, presumably to send back to the homeland, said Brenner.

The settlers, most of whom came from Scotland, first built log houses but after about twenty years, they replaced the log cabins with stone homes that “were built to last,” said Brenner.

After clearing the land, the



Possibly the oldest stone house in Zorra, this Georgian-style house was built in 1835



Former owner John Herman completed the exterior of this timber frame house in 1996 using stone collected from old barn foundations

landowners had access to large quantities of stone as a building material. It is believed that many of the houses were built by the farmers themselves but some may also have had help from Scottish stone masons who had come to Canada to work on the Welland Canal.

The farm houses generally fall into one of three architectural styles:

- Georgian, a two-story design distinguished by a central front door flanked by two windows and with a flat front façade.

- Cottage, characterized by a central front door, flanked by two windows. Built on a small scale, these homes had a flat front facade and were one and a half story, with slanted ceilings in the upstairs rooms.

- Gothic Revival, characterized by a central gable over the front door, arched windows, steep roofs, finials, decorative porches, and trim, often referred to as ‘gingerbread’. These homes had a flat front facade and were one and a half story, with slanted ceilings in the upstairs rooms.

The earliest stone houses were usually either Georgian or the more modest cottage architectural style. The Gothic revival

farmhouse style became popular with the rural farm community later after the designs of James Avon Smith, a Toronto architect, were published in ‘The Canada Farmer.’

Brenner found that most of the current homeowners she interviewed were very proud of their homes and had collected many archival documents such as deeds, letters, and photographs which they intend to pass on to the future owners.

Today, many of the homes are still located on working farms with two of them being occupied by descendants of the original families that built them. One of the homes featured was built in 1996 with stone repurposed from old barn foundations.

A couple of the homes are in a precarious condition and a few of the homes have been demolished.

For more information on the Stone Houses of Zorra project, go to: <https://history.ocl.net/Services/Local-History/Zorra>

If you have historic photographs depicting any of the stone houses featured in the project that you would like to share, email: vbrenner@ocl.net.



This stone house, with its central gable over the front door, is an example of the Gothic Revival architectural style



This stone house underwent an extensive renovation after it had fallen into a state of disrepair



This house, completed in 1877, was constructed by master stone mason John Thompson Crellin in a distinctive Scottish style



This Ontario Farmhouse Cottage is notable for the colourful stone used for the façade