

Summer 2025 Program Guide

JULY 2ND TO AUGUST 23RD



43 West Front St.
Stirling, ON
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Hours:
Tuesday to Thursday 10-7
Friday, Saturday 10-3





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Summer Reading

Children: Scavenger Hunt

 **July 2nd to August 23rd**

Calling all young explorers! This summer, turn every book into a new adventure with our Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt – the ultimate reading challenge just for kids! Pick up your scavenger hunt sheet at the library.

Complete fun reading challenges and check off each task as you go – no need to go in order! Turn in your completed scavenger hunt sheet by August 23rd and earn a special book bundle prize!



Adults: Bingo

 **July 2nd to August 23rd**

Who says summer reading is just for kids? Join our Adult Summer Reading BINGO Challenge and make your summer more inspiring, fun, and book-filled!

Pick up your BINGO card at the library and complete a line (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) or fill the whole card for a chance to win!

Adults



Self-Sufficient Living

Tuesday, July 15th at 6pm &
Tuesday, August 26th at 6pm

Looking to live more simply, sustainably, and independently? Join our ongoing community discussion group where we explore the practical side of homesteading, gardening, self-sufficiency, and sustainable living—together.

This is a casual, welcoming space to share experiences, ask questions, and learn from one another. Whether you're an experienced backyard gardener or just curious about reducing your reliance on the grid, there's a place for you at the table. Let's build self-reliance—and community—one conversation at a time. No registration required.

Career Edge

Thursday, July 31st
5:30-6:30pm

Drop in to speak with a Career Edge Employment Counsellor for help with job search assistance, access to training opportunities and more! No registration required.



Teens



Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesdays 4:30-6:30pm

Ages 12-15. Register online.



Makers for the Library

Thursdays 2-4pm: July 3rd to August 21st

Makers for the Library is a creative, hands-on volunteer program that gives teens the opportunity to earn community service hours by making crafts, art, and DIY items that the library can sell to raise funds for programs and events. Teens use their skills—or learn new ones—in crafting, design, and small-scale production, all while contributing to their community in a meaningful and fun way. For ages 12 and up. Register online here



Teen Volunteering

Are you 13–19 years old and looking to earn volunteer hours, gain experience, and make a difference in your community?

Volunteer Tasks Include:

- ✓ Shelving books & organizing materials
- ✓ Helping with kids' programs & crafts
- ✓ Supporting summer reading activities
- ✓ Creating social media content by taking photos and videos at library programs

🕒 Flexible after-school & weekend shifts

📅 Great for community service hours & resumes

How to Join:

Fill out an application online.
Orientation provided!



The Teen Volunteer Program allows young people to support their local library while gaining community service hours, building their resume, and developing leadership and communication skills. Volunteers assist library staff with a variety of tasks. Volunteering at the library is a great way for teens to give back to the community, explore career interests (especially in education or library sciences), and make new friends in a welcoming environment.



Be a part of
something great
—volunteer today!

Children

Chapter Chompers

Tuesdays at 1pm - July 8th to August 19th

Chapter Chompers Book Club combines reading, food and creativity. Each week we will prepare a simple recipe together to eat for lunch while enjoying a chapter from a read-aloud book before participating in an activity that connects with the story.

This book club blends literacy, life skills and joy - making lunchtime something to look forward to! A separate registration is required for each week. Register online. Recommended for ages 6 +.



July 8th



July 15th



July 22nd



July 29th



August 5th



August 12th



August 19th

Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30am

Join us for a fun-filled reading adventure! Bring your little ones for a lively and engaging storytime session featuring books, songs, and interactive activities. Perfect for toddlers and preschoolers, Storytime encourages a love of reading, sparks imagination, and supports early learning — all in a warm and welcoming space. Recommended for ages 4 and under and their caregiver. No registration required.



Video Games Unplugged

Saturdays in July at 11am

Video Games Unplugged is a high energy, screen-free library program that brings kids favourite video games to life - without the consoles! Instead of playing the games, kids dive into real-world crafts, challenges and imaginative play inspired by the virtual worlds they love. No registration required.

MINECRAFT

Saturday July 5th

POKÉMON

Saturday July 12th

RÖBLOX

Saturday July 19th

SUPER MARIO

Saturday July 26th



Wednesdays 2-4pm

Fair Crafts

Come have fun at the library making cool crafts to enter in the Stirling Agricultural Fair! We'll use paint, glue, glitter, and more to create awesome art you can be proud of. You might even win a ribbon at the fair! This year's fair theme is Sunflowers and Sunshine.

Each week we'll focus on making a different craft that can be entered into the fair. Each person can enter multiple crafts so long as they are from different categories, so come back each week for more chances to win! For ages 14 and under. No registration required to attend at the library but registration is required to enter crafts into the fair which library staff can assist with.

1.

July 2nd

Finger Painting "Sunflower"

2.

July 9th

Painted rock using theme

3.

July 16th

Sun made with popsicle sticks or paper quilt square

4.

July 23rd

Straw blowing painting

5.

July 30th

A sunflower made with tissue paper or a sunflower made with pipe cleaners and beads

6.

August 6th

Sunflower made with a paper plate or homemade wreath with a summer theme

7.

August 13th

Yarn bracelet or handmade piece of jewelry

8.

August 20th

Retro Crafts: Perler beads, shrinky dinks and beaded lizards!

Take & Make Kits



July: Book Page Dahlia

Available July 5th. While supplies last.

Drop into the children's department to pick up a kit containing all the supplies needed to make a book page dahlia. All you need to provide are the scissors and glue!



August: Nature Journals

Available August 9th. While supplies last.

Pick up a kit to make your own nature journal! Then once you've made your journal you can decorate the pages with drawings, pressed flowers, or any nature-inspired embellishments you discover during your adventures.

Patchwork Masterpieces

All Summer Long!

Drop into the children's department for a fun and engaging art activity designed to spark imagination and teamwork. Each person colours a section of a larger picture.

Once everyone's artwork is complete, we assemble the pieces to unveil one amazing, library-sized masterpiece! Whether your child loves to doodle or colour within the lines, their piece plays a special part in the final work of art. Let's create something amazing—together!

No registration required. Drop-in any time the library is open. Recommended for all ages.

PAWS for Reading

Tuesdays 6-7pm: July 8th-August 19th

PAWS for Reading is a program that allows children to read to a trained therapy dog! Reading to a dog is fun and can help improve reading and communication skills because a dog doesn't care if you stumble or make you feel awkward.

Sign up for a 15 minute time slot to read to Burgess by calling us at 613-395-2837 or emailing info@stirlinglibrary.com or just drop into the library and ask!





Coding for Kids

**Wednesdays 3-4
July 2nd to August 20th**

Join our exciting Kids Coding Program designed for young tech explorers!

Whether your child is a beginner or already curious about computers, this program introduces them to the world of coding through fun, hands-on activities and interactive projects. Recommended for ages 6 and up. No registration required.

Lower Trent Conservation

Source Water Protection

 **Friday, July 18th 10:30-12:30**

Participants will explore the concept of watersheds using a 3D map, examine how source water affects their community through a model, and enhance their understanding of water's historical significance with activity pages. The program also includes a map-based exploration of Stirling, helping to connect participants to the local landscape. These programs are drop in style, come at any point and stay as long or short as you'd like!

Wetlands

 **Friday, August 8th 10:30-12:30**

Through hands-on activities, participants will discover how wetlands filter water, provide habitat for wildlife, and help prevent erosion. The program includes a water filter experiment, turtle models, and guides to explore wetland species, as well as a felt board activity featuring wetland wildlife for hands-on exploration. Additionally, there will be an erosion control demonstration. To wrap up the experience, participants will have the opportunity to reflect through themed colouring pages. These programs are drop in style, come at any point and stay as long or short as you'd like!



**LOWER TRENT
CONSERVATION**



Garden Party with the Stirling & District Horticultural Society

Wednesday, August 13th at 11am

Join us for a delightful day in the garden at the iconic Covered Bridge!

Enjoy a family-friendly outdoor celebration filled with games, garden-themed activities, crafts, and more—perfect for all ages! Whether you're a budding gardener, or just looking for a fun family outing, there's something for everyone!

Bring your picnic blankets, curiosity, and love of nature! No registration required. All are welcome!

Drop-In Activities

Available any time the library is open

Makerspace

Head to the back of the children's department to check out the library's makerspace! There are things to build with like Lego and Keva Planks, art supplies to create with and sometimes other crafts and challenges to complete. Help yourself to anything on an open shelf or drawer and start exploring and getting creative!

Puppets & Toys

When it's too hot or raining outside drop into the children's department to hang out and play. We've got plenty of puppets for you to use to put on a puppet show in our puppet theatre. There are also lots of blocks, animals, rescue heroes and other toys to play with and use your imagination. Available any time the library is open.

Colouring Contest

Pick up a colouring sheet in the children's department and return it before the end of the month to be entered into the colouring contest. Each month a few winners will be picked and win a small prize. Colouring sheets are available anytime and crayons and markers are available upon request.

Weekly Riddle & Question of the Week

Can you solve the riddle? Drop into the children's department and fill out a ballot with the answer to the riddle. Come back each week for a new riddle and to see if you are that week's winner! If you are that week's winner, roll the dice to see what you've won!



Small Town Shorts

Film Festival

What is it?

The Small Town Shorts Film Festival will feature short films made by members of the communities of Trent Hills, Marmora & Lake, Stirling, Madoc, Asphodel-Norwood, and Tweed! The festival theme for 2025 is "Outside."

The festival will include jury prizes and audience prizes based on age level categories. Small Town Shorts Film Fest is designed to encourage collaborative creation, to give members of the community the opportunity to see what they have created on a big screen, and to encourage community members to move away from just consuming content to creating.

Where is it?

Submission Deadlines

Early Bird: August 20, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Final Deadline: September 10, 2025 at 5:00 PM (\$5 submission fee after the early bird deadline)

Films will be screened at the Aron Theatre in Campbellford on Thursday, October 2nd.

How do I submit my film?

Submission forms are available for download online at www.smalltownfilmfestival.ca and at the Trent Hills, Marmora & Lake, Madoc, Stirling-Rawdon, Asphodel-Norwood, and Tweed public libraries.

For full festival rules and terms head to the website mentioned above!



Thank

You!

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