



2026

SUMMER

Program Guide

Creative Explorers

Learn a new skill, express your creativity
and explore through books!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			CLOSED	1 Storytime 10:30am Kids Learn to Crochet 1-2:30pm	2	3 Coffee Filter Parachute Guy Take & Make Kit Giant Games Day 11am
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HOW TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS

1 Some of our programs require registration due to limited space or supplies. If the program requires registration it will state this in the description.

2 To register for a program from social media, simply click on the link in the caption then fill out the form with the required information and click Register. You should then see a confirmation message that your form was submitted successfully as well as receive a confirmation email.

3 Alternatively, you can also register for programs on our website. Navigate to www.stirlinglibrary.com and click on Calendar which is in the What's Happening drop down menu.

4 On the calendar you can search for specific programs, filter by adult, child, etc. by clicking on the categories under the calendar or change how you view the calendar (month, week, etc.)

5 Find the date of the program you are interested in registering for and click on it. This should bring up a pop-up box. Click on the program title and this will take you to the registration form. Fill out the required information and click Register. You should then see a confirmation message that your form was submitted successfully as well as receive a confirmation email.

6 If the program is full when you click on the program title you will see a message stating that the program is full. You can then send us an email or give us a call to be added to a waitlist in the event of a cancellation.

7 If you register for a program and then things change and you are no longer able to attend please let us know by sending an email or giving us a call as there may be a waitlist of other people wishing to attend. Keep in mind that an hour before a program is often not enough time to notify and fill a spot from a waitlist so whenever possible please let us know well in advance if you are unable to attend.

SUMMER READING

July 2nd to August 22nd

Explore the World Through
Books This Summer!

Join our Summer Reading Program and pick up your very own Summer Reading Passport! Every book you read becomes a new adventure. Travel to exciting places, discover different worlds, and explore fresh ideas through stories and imagination.

For every book completed, earn a passport sticker and take one spin per day on our prize wheel for a chance to win fun rewards! Want an extra spin? Tell us about a book you've read and spin again!

From fantasy kingdoms to mystery islands, every genre is a different "country" waiting to be explored. Where will your reading journey take you this summer?



Drop-In

Activities



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

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!



THURSDAYS AT 10:30AM

Storytime

Join us for a warm and welcoming storytime designed especially for children under 4 and their caregivers!

Enjoy engaging picture books, songs, rhymes, and simple activities that help build early literacy skills and a love of reading. It's a fun, interactive time to learn, play, and connect with your little one in a supportive library setting.

No registration required. Everyone welcome.





Wednesdays 1-3pm July 2nd to August 12th

Fair Crafts

Create, craft & enter your creations into the Stirling Agricultural Fair! You are invited to join in on the fun hands-on crafting where creativity takes center stage! Express your imagination, and prepare your creations for display at the fair. Everyone is welcome to create something special! Come craft with us and see your work shine at the fair! This year's theme is "Everything Fall"



July 8th

Painted rock using theme



July 15th

Leaf suncatcher made with tissue paper



July 22nd

Bracelet made with beads & handmade jewelry



July 29th

Sunflower made with paper plate & wreath made with torn construction paper



Aug. 5th

Crayon drawing & toilet paper roll owl



Aug. 12th

Tissue paper sunflower & pinecone critter

Kids Learn to Crochet

Thursdays in July 1-2:30pm

Kids can discover the fun of crochet in this 5-week beginner-friendly program designed to build skills step by step. Participants will learn basic stitches, simple techniques, and gradually create handmade projects while growing their creativity and confidence each week. No experience needed, just bring your imagination and get ready to stitch, create, and have fun!

For ages 8 and up. Registration required.



Thursday, July 2nd

Starting with the absolute basics we will learn how to hold the crochet hook, maintain proper tension and how to start our crochet projects with a slip knot and foundation chain. At the end we will go home with simple chain stitch flowers and/or necklaces.



Thursday, July 9th

Building on what we learned in week 1 we will continue with the chain stitch. Then we will move on to learning how to do a single crochet stitch. With the skills we have acquired this week we will create fun little crochet worms.



Thursday, July 16th

This week we will learn how to single crochet around elastics to create a unique bracelet.



Thursday, July 23rd

We'll add double crochet stitches into what we've learned so far to make scrunchies this week.



Thursday, July 30th

For the last week we'll learn how to do a magic ring and crochet in the round to create a cute little bird stufferie.



Summer Holiday Closures

JULY

We will be closed Wednesday, July 1st for Canada Day.

AUGUST

We will be closed Saturday, August 1st for the Civic Holiday. We will be open our regular hours on Tuesday, August 4th.

3D Printing



Tuesday, July 7th at 1pm

3D Printed Keychains

Design your own custom keychain in this fun hands-on 3D printing program! Kids will learn basic 3D design skills and create a personalized keychain that can be printed and taken home. Perfect for beginners who love creativity and technology!

Registration required. For ages 8 and up.



3D Printed Bubble Wands

Get creative with 3D printing and design your very own bubble wand! Kids will learn the basics of 3D modeling while creating fun and unique bubble wand shapes that really work. A perfect mix of technology, creativity, and outdoor fun!

Registration required. For ages 8 and up.



Tuesday, July 21st at 1pm

3D Printed Bookmarks

Create a one-of-a-kind bookmark using 3D design and printing technology! Kids will explore simple digital design tools while making a unique bookmark to use for all their summer reading adventures.

Registration required. For ages 8 and up.



NATIONAL MAC N CHEESE DAY

Tuesday, July 14th at 1pm

Celebrate National Mac & Cheese Day at the library with this deliciously fun program for kids! Participants will create their own tasty mac and cheese creations while exploring different toppings and flavors. Come enjoy cheesy fun, creativity, and a favorite comfort food with friends!

Registration required. For ages 6 and up.

NATIONAL S'MORES DAY

Tuesday, August 11th at 1pm

Join us at the library for a sweet celebration of National S'mores Day! Kids will make their own delicious s'mores treats while enjoying fun activities, games, and stories inspired by this classic campfire favorite. Come ready for gooey fun, creativity, and a tasty summer treat!

No registration required. For all ages.

FAMILY PAINT & SIP

Enjoy a relaxing and creative evening with the whole family at our Paint & Sip program! Families will work together to create a shared painting masterpiece, then unwind by making a fun mocktail and a sweet treat to enjoy together. It's a perfect mix of art, creativity, and quality time, no experience needed!

Registration required.



TUESDAY, JULY 28TH
AT 5PM



Saturdays



Giant Games Day

Drop into the library for a Giant Games Day! We'll have several different classic games to play but they'll all be oversized! No registration required. Simply drop in!



Chalk Day

Help us decorate our sidewalk outside the library. Drop in for some artsy fun. No registration required.



Nerf Battle

Battle it out with nerf guns in the library after hours! Registration required.



Super Mario Party

Stop by the library for Super Mario games and activities. No registration required.

TAKE & MAKE KITS

JULY

Available Friday, July 3rd

COFFEE FILTER PARACHUTE GUY

Make your own parachute with just a few simple supplies. They're simple to make, fun to watch glide down and you'll learn some basic STEM skills too! Drop into the library and pick up a kit containing all the supplies needed to make a couple parachute guys, while supplies last.

AUGUST

Available Tuesday, August 4th

ORIGAMI CROWNS

If you're looking for a fun and oh-so-easy project to brighten up your day (or someone else's!), you have to try making a simple origami crown. Drop into the library and pick up a kit containing the supplies needed to make several origami crowns, while supplies last.



SMALL TOWN SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL



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, Tweed, North Hastings, and Brighton. The festival theme for 2026 is “New Beginnings.”

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.

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.



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