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Waterloo PUBLIC LIBRARY

Coming SPRING 2022

Exciting news! Construction of the East Side Branch Library is now underway.

Visit **wpl.ca** for more info on Waterloo's newest library

THE CITY OF Waterloo

Waterloo PUBLIC LIBRARY

Book a Seat

Public computers, WiFi & study seats must be reserved.

To make your reservation visit **wpl.ca** or talk to staff.

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ASK US

Have questions? We can help!

askus@wpl.ca **519-886-1310**

Library staff are answering phones, monitoring voicemail and email
Monday to Saturday, 10:00am to 6:00pm

LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library

Monday to Saturday
10:00am to 6:00pm

John M. Harper Branch

Monday to Saturday
10:00am to 6:00pm

McCormick Branch

Tuesday to Saturday
10:00am to 6:00pm

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V

Virtual Program

Virtual programs will take place live on either Google Meet or Zoom Pro and require registration at **wpl.ca**. Participants will receive an email with the link to join the live program.

L

Live Stream

Watch live on our Facebook page and YouTube channel to ask questions and leave comments. You can also watch a recording of the event later on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

A

Play Anytime

Fun activities that you can do anytime! Find current and past Play Anytime programs at **wpl.ca/play-anytime**

Find FAQs and supply lists at: **bit.ly/wpl-live**

EXPLORE PLAY LEARN

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Early Learning Programs for young children at WPL are based on literacy research and include tips and information for parents and caregivers. Your active participation in these programs will maximize the experience for you and your child.

EXPLORE PLAY LEARN (V)

Ages 5 and under with a caregiver
Wednesdays, December 2, 9 & 16
10:30am to 11:00am

Stories, songs and fun activity ideas for the preschool crowd.

STORYTIME WITH MRS. CLAUS (L)

Ages 3 and up
Saturday, December 12
2:00pm to 2:30pm

Get into the holiday spirit with Mrs. Claus, who is coming for a special visit from the North Pole to share some fun stories, songs and games with us.

Our **Explore Play Learn Book Bundles** are available at all WPL locations and come with activity ideas, Bingo Cards, book suggestions and more!
wpl.ca/kids

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Ages 5 and under with a caregiver
Join the club at waterloo.readsquared.com

Explore the world of early literacy with your preschooler. The mission is simple: Read!

Create an account with us (using the link above) where you and your child can track all of the books you read together. Each week, new missions to help you build literacy skills for life will appear in your account.

Graduates of the program will receive a special gift and certificate. For more information about 1000 Books Before Kindergarten visit:

1000booksbeforekindergarten.org

SCHOOL AGE & FAMILY FUN

Kit Pick-Up

Programs with this symbol have supplies or a kit to pick up ahead of the program start date

HOLIDAY BAKING FROM MY HOME TO YOURS (L)

Families
Wednesdays | 7:00pm to 7:45pm

We are getting ready for the holidays by baking something new each week.

December 2: Gingerbread Boys

December 9: Potato Latkes

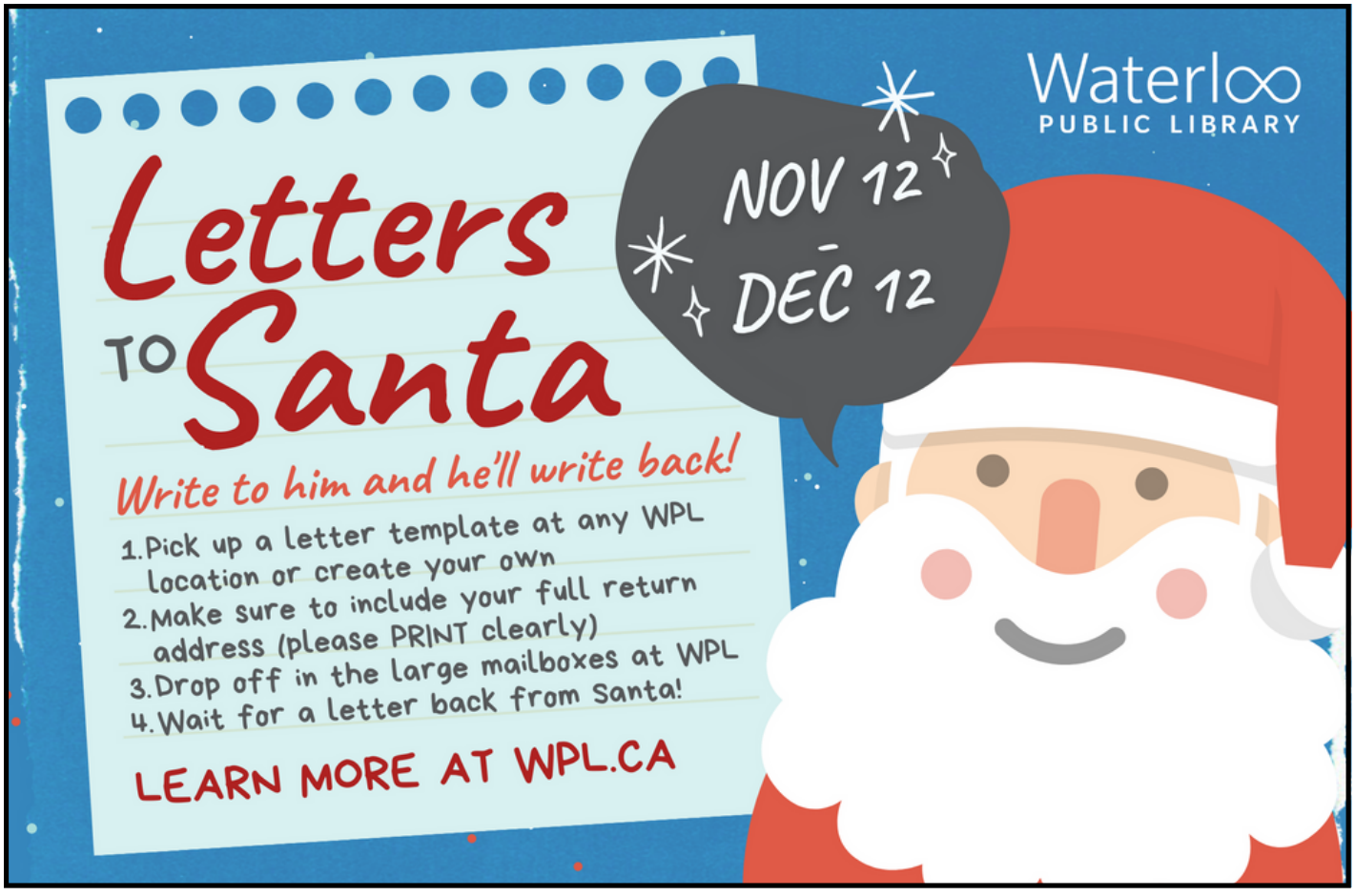
December 16: Mince Pies

December 23: Buttery Shortbread

LOCKED IN SANTA'S WORKSHOP: A CHRISTMAS ESCAPE ROOM (A)

Families
Start playing Thursday, December 3

There's trouble at the North Pole! Santa's locked in his workshop on Christmas Eve and needs your help getting out. Join us for this online Christmas-themed escape room to help rescue Santa and save Christmas!



SCHOOL AGE & FAMILY FUN

VIRTUAL HOLIDAY EVENTS

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Families
Thursday, December 24
10:00am to 10:45am

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house...the children were celebrating from their own COUCH! WPL presents crafts, songs and stories as we prepare for Santa to arrive. Join us for gingerbread houses... and lots of festive cheer - Christmas Day is almost here!

NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY EXTRAVAGANZA!

Families
Thursday, December 31
11:30am to 12:00pm

Are you ready to ring in the New Year? Just because we can't celebrate in person doesn't mean we can't party together online! We've even got a kit full of goodies for you to help celebrate so let's ring in 2021 together.

HANUKKAH CHALLENGE

Families
Start playing Saturday, December 5

Rabbi Klopman has locked all the gelt in his office. Can you solve the challenges he set, discover the code and find the gelt? Our Hanukkah celebration depends on you! Test your Hanukkah knowledge with this fun family challenge.

CRAFTY CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

Grades SK to 2
Saturday, December 5
11:00am to 12:00pm

Make some fun Christmas decorations to get yourself into the holiday spirit. All supplies will be provided.

CHEF A L'ECOLE HOLIDAY EDITION

Grades 3 to 8
Saturday, December 5
11:00am to 12:00pm

Together with Chef Susanne we will learn a delicious Christmas recipe. Along the way we will practice our French and learn a little about the history of French Canadian holiday traditions.

Chef à l'école is an interactive cultural experience for French students of all ages and abilities.

SCHOOL AGE & FAMILY FUN

KIDS' READING CLUBS

FOR THE LOVE OF STORIES

Grades K to 4
Monday, October 5 to Saturday, December 19
Register at waterloo.readsquared.com

You'll find new reading challenges every 2 weeks to help you discover new books, explore new ways of writing or try your hand at illustration. Activities are fun to do on your own or as a class adventure.

PAGE TURNERS

Grades 5 to 8
Monday, October 5 to Saturday, December 19
Register at waterloo.readsquared.com

New missions are posted every 2 weeks, including writing challenges, book 'bingo', fun videos and projects. These activities are suitable for kids on their own or in their classroom working together.

ENVIRO-CHRISTMAS (A)

Families
Start playing Monday, December 7

Explore new ways to up-cycle materials commonly found at home into awesome holiday decorations and gifts.

BOOK CLUB: THE STRANGERS (V)

Grades 5 to 6
Wednesdays, December 9 & 16
4:15pm to 5:00pm

The Strangers by Margaret Peterson Haddix tells the mysterious story of the Greystone children who arrive home one day to find their mother very upset. The newspaper article she is reading launches them into a quest to discover their real identities.

KIDS' FIELD TRIPS

New interactive virtual activities for school age kids every week. Find them at wpl.ca/field_trips

SCHOOL AGE & FAMILY FUN

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FUN

Grades 3 to 6
Monday, December 14
4:15pm to 5:15pm

Only 11 days until the BIG day! Wear. Wear your jolliest clothing while creating pieces of art to keep or give away as gifts. All supplies will be provided.

HOLIDAY CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA

Grades 3 to 6
Monday, December 21
11:00am to 12:00pm

The Winter Solstice may be the shortest day of the year, but there is still lots of time to make crafts to keep or share as gifts. All supplies will be provided.

ADULTS & TEENS

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

WPL Book Clubs are open to everyone. Registrants will receive an email with the link to join the meeting.

For more information, visit **wpl.ca** or contact Christine at **cbrown@wpl.ca.**

DECEMBER BOOK CLUB (V)

Blaze Island
by Catherine Bush

Thursday, December 10
11:00am to 12:00pm

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAY COFFEE DRINK GUIDE WITH MATTER OF TASTE COFFEE (V)

Adults & Teens
Tuesday, December 1
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Staff at Matter of Taste are experts at choosing the right coffee. They'll demonstrate how to make the best coffee at home and will share information about new signature beverages and teas for the holidays. Use ingredients you already have or purchase coffee and tea supplies for the workshop at Matter of Taste at 115 King St. W, Kitchener.

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT IN: CHARCUTERIE BOARD MAKING WITH VINCENZO'S & WINE RACK (V)

Ages 19+
Thursday, December 3
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Learn how to make a delicious charcuterie board with Vincenzo's and what wines to pair with your favourite cheeses at our virutal wine and cheese night. Douglas Clarke, certified sommelier, will be discussing perfect wine pairings for the holiday season.

ADULTS & TEENS

PAINT ALONG WITH ACRYLICS: PET PORTRAITS (L)

Tuesday, December 1
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Whether capturing your own pet, or painting a gift for someone else, we'll show you how to go from pet picture to a work of art.

GOLDEN GIRLS TRIVIA (V)

Monday, December 7
7:30pm to 8:30pm

We're throwing a party and inviting everyone we know. Blanche, Dorothy, Rose and Sophia join us as we head to Miami where friendship is thrice as nice to reminisce about old times in Sicily

RENISON LECTURE SERIES

TAMING TOXIC TROLLS: FINDING PEACE ONLINE (V)

Tuesday, December 15
7:00pm to 8:30pm
Register for this event at Eventbrite.com

Is it possible to use peacebuilding, conflict resolution and restorative justice techniques online?

Join this lively panel discussion as we explore this timely topic.

RENISON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

CRAFTY CHRISTMAS FOR ADULTS (V)

Tuesday, December 8
7:00pm to 8:30pm

Make a beautiful, felt ornament for your Christmas tree with some basic embroidery stitches.

ADULTS & TEENS

GLOBAL MIGRATION FILM FESTIVAL

BROTHERS IN THE BUDDHA (V)

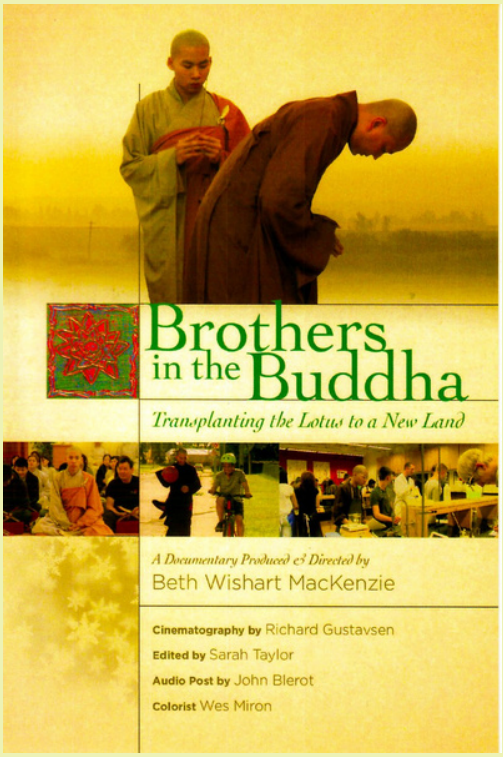
Thursday, December 10
7:00pm to 8:30pm

WPL is pleased to be participating in this year's Global Migration Film Festival, in partnership with the Immigration Partnership of Waterloo Region (November 28-December 18). Presented in over 100 countries annually, The Global Migration Film Festival showcases films that capture the promise and challenges of migration.

Join us for a screening of *Brothers in the Buddha* the story of Michael, a seventeen year old Vietnamese Canadian youth who takes up the monastic discipline at a monastery in the heart of Edmonton, Alberta.

GLOBAL MIGRATION FILM FESTIVAL

IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP
Settle. Work. Belong.



ADULT FIELD TRIPS

Digital field trips just for adults!
Museums, art galleries, fascinating facts and fun activities all from the comfort of your home.
Check it out at wpl.ca/adult_field_trips.

ADULTS & TEENS

SCHITT'S CREEK TRIVIA

Monday, December 14
7:30pm to 8:30pm

As every Jazzagirl knows "When one of us shines, all of us shine". Test your knowledge of all things Rose and fabulous in this quirky trivia night. It is the time for pettifogging. DAVID!

THE COOKBOOK BOOK CLUB

Monday, October 19 to Thursday, December 31
Join the club at **waterloo.readsquared.com**

Looking for the next best cookbook? Join our cookbook book club for adults.

You'll work your way through new recipes and challenges. Can you plan a Fiesta Night? What's the trick to the perfect chocolate cake? Review recipes and popular cookbooks, share your successes and get recommendations from culinary enthusiasts in your community.

TEEN SCENE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TEEN BOOK CLUB...COMING SOON!

We are looking for creative, energetic and book savvy teens (grades 7+) to help us create a teen worthy Virtual Book Club. We are looking for prize ideas, book recommendations, trivia, reading challenges and visual graphic ideas! If you are looking for community service hours, or if you just think you have great ideas to add, contact **mbaldasaro@wpl.ca** for more information.

COMING IN JANUARY

AUTHOR EVENT

Terry Fallis

Wednesday, January 20 at 7pm

Register now at wpl.ca

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Laurier EdTalks: Innovation in Education

Education Beyond Borders

Re-Imagining Education in Haiti, Nepal, Egypt ... and Beyond

Wednesday, January 27 at 7pm

Guest Speakers

Judy Halpern & Steve Sider

Laurier Faculty of Education

Register now at wpl.ca

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EXAM STRESS KITS

DECEMBER 1 TO 23*

AVAILABLE AT ALL WPL LOCATIONS

WPL is here to help you de-stress this exam season. Receive a FREE mini exam stress kit (filled with goodies) when you show your student ID to one of our staff.

*1 per person, while supplies last

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