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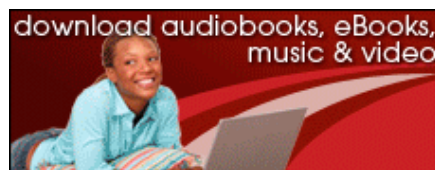
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Staff have received training on the service and customers have been testing the service with an official launch scheduled for March 18, 2010.



Spitfires face off for literacy at Central Branch

The Windsor Spitfires and Windsor Public Library teamed up last month to promote reading and literacy. At the February 23 event, players, off-ice staff and library staff emphasized the importance of literacy and how it leads to success on and off the ice.



FACE OFF: Spitfires players (Left to Right) Saverio Posa, Craig Duininck and Derek Lanoue entertained with their storytelling and interaction with the audience.

"Literacy is important in today's society. It doesn't only mean being able to read and write – it's the ability to understand and employ printed information in daily activities in order to achieve personal goals and develop knowledge and potential," says Jean Foster, acting CEO of Windsor Public Library. "I am thrilled the Windsor Spitfires partnered with us to promote literacy. As role models for young children in Windsor, the Spitfires players have the ability to demonstrate through their stories and actions, that reading and literacy have been important factors in their success - on and off the ice."

The program included a short presentation by the Windsor Spitfires on the importance of reading and literacy and how the skills have helped in their success; a reading session of short hockey-related stories; and a question-and-answer period concluded the evening event.

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Library teams with Unemployed Help Centre to forgive fines

Windsor Public Library is offering customers a period of amnesty from April 12 through 18, 2010. During this time, customers who bring in an item of canned food to donate to the Unemployed Help Centre Food Bank will have up to \$20 of fines cleared from their library accounts.

The goal of Amnesty Week is to recover lost items

"The primary goal of the amnesty period is to encourage library customers to return their materials, pay any fines they may have accumulated and to return to the library. Some people accumulate so much in fines that they forfeit their borrowing privileges until they can afford to pay them," says WPL Acting CEO Jean Foster. "What we are saying with this period of amnesty is we want our customers back. We hope that teaming with the Unemployed

Help Centre will also act as an incentive for customers to clear their accounts."

Those wishing to take advantage of the program should go to any public library branch, return their materials and/or indicate they wish to pay their fines and let the staff know that they would like amnesty.



The goal of Amnesty Week is to recover lost items and to allow customers who owe fines to reestablish a good relationship with Windsor Public Library and at the same time provide a benefit to those less fortunate. Customers will be given an opportunity to waive existing fines to a maximum of \$20 by donating cans of food to the Unemployed Help Centre. Items will be collected at all branches.



Fine reduction does not include replacement costs for items billed; replacement fees for missing pieces of multi-part items; collection agency fees; card replacement fees; or future overdue fines. Customers must visit a Circulation Desk and inform staff that they wish to participate in Amnesty Week – the reprieve does not apply to materials deposited in drop-boxes or requests made via email or telephone.

A message of hope...

In January at the Central Branch of Windsor Public Library, area residents



had the unique opportunity to view a world class exhibition, From a Culture of Violence to a Culture of Peace: Transforming the Human Spirit.

The exhibition called for a world free of nuclear weapons and was a message of hope with universal appeal and global public support. Together with the exhibition, the event also featured cultural performances based on promoting peace, culture and education.

The Windsor stop of the exhibition was sponsored by Windsor Public Library and SGI Canada (Soka Gakkai International Association of Canada).

FORMS CLINIC

A Forms Clinic is being offered at Central, Sandwich and Bridgeview Libraries on Tuesdays and Thursdays through mid-April. This free service gives the public an opportunity to sit one-on-one with St. Clair College Paralegal Students who will assist in completing various federal, provincial and municipal government forms. No appointment is necessary.

Electronic Resources for Science and much more...

Windsor Public Library provides library card holders with numerous resources to help with research in science. Whether for a school assignment or to keep up with new discoveries, you can use our books and DVDs or make use of electronic resources which are available 24/7. Finding the electronic resources is as easy as choosing the **Research Tab** on the library home page and then selecting **Researching with Databases**. You'll need your library card and PIN to access from outside the library.



McGraw Hill Access Science is the online version of their well-respected encyclopedia. With a simple search function, over 2000 biographies of scientists, current science news, images and even pod casts, this database is a dynamic resource for scientific research. The Study Center is especially valuable for students, providing study guides by topic, AP Study Guides and even help with essay topics.

Gale Virtual Reference Library provides electronic access to many reference books which have, traditionally, been available only in the library. Now you can use them at any time of the day or night! Expand the science section to see the titles available, from general encyclopedias to more specialized resources. Some

of these titles are helpful for younger students.

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PRESENTS

HELP FOR JOB HUNTERS.

YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

TIPS FROM THE BOOK:

YES! You Can Land A Job...
(Even) In A Crummy Economy

Interactive Presentation

- EXPLORING WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU
- DISCOVERING YOUR STRENGTHS
- UNCOVERING THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE CAREER OF YOUR DREAMS
- TAKING THE NEXT STEP WITH LIBRARY RESOURCES TO GUIDE YOU



**MEET THERESE MARIE BOLDT
CAREER COACH AND AUTHOR**

Wednesday, March 24, 4 pm-7 pm
Fred Israel Auditorium-Lower Level
Windsor Public Library
850 Ouellette Avenue, Windsor, ON

FREE ADMISSION

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First 100 Guests will receive a copy of Therese Boldt's book.
Book signing after the presentation.

Individuals wishing to register can contact
Windsor-Essex at 211 or 519.258.0247
or Toll Free: 1.866.686.0045 by
Monday, March 22, 2010 (5 p.m.).

Archives full of interesting facts and information

Founded in 1984, Windsor's Community Archives is the official repository for the City of Windsor's documentary heritage and can be found on the lower level of the Central Branch of Windsor Public Library.

Included are documents from Windsor's amalgamated communities of Ojibway, Sandwich, Walkerville, Ford City/East Windsor, Riverside and the Townships of Sandwich, Sandwich East and Sandwich West. Each of these collections consists of material from the various municipal governments such as: council minutes, tax assessment rolls, deeds, agreements, agendas, committee minutes and reports.



*Windsor Gas Company Limited. Located on Pitt St.
Photograph was taken circa 1925.*

The archives also holds documents from the Amalgamated and Windsor public libraries, Windsor Utilities Commission, Windsor Police Services, the Windsor-Essex County Development Commission, Department of Planning and Urban Renewal, Legal Department and the Mayor's Office. This material dates from 1854 to 1990s. Beyond municipal documents the archives also has material from private donors.

The private collections range from small family collections donated to the archives, to large institutional collections such as the Green Shield Prepaid Services collection. Other collections of note that can be found in the archives such as the Cyril Hallam collection who was a teacher at Patterson Collegiate Institute who donated school yearbooks, newspapers and other material related to Patterson Collegiate. One of the most interesting and fascinating collections held in the archives is the Bruce J. S. Macdonald collection.

The archives public service hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. -1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays are by appointment only.

Bruce Macdonald was a practising lawyer and officer in the Essex Scottish Regiment as well as its commander during the Second World War. He was also the Chief Prosecutor of war crimes for the Canadian Armed Forces. He successfully prosecuted S. S. Brigadefuhrer Kurt Meyer for war crimes in 1945. The minutes of the trial are part of this collection. The Macdonald collection consists of textual material, photographs, negatives, slides, artifacts, drawings and post cards. A detailed finding aid is available for this collection plus the other collections found in the archives. Windsor's Community Archives has 45 private collections in its holdings for the public to access and use for research.

The archives holds over twenty thousand images consisting of prints, slides, negatives and glass slides. Within its holdings the archives holds over twenty thousand sets of architectural drawings, both from private architects and the city. The archive also holds 66 maps of the city and region some dating back to 1800. Included in this map collection are three sets of Fire Insurance Plans dated 1924, 1937 and 1952/53.

To find out more information about material found in the archives, please contact the archives directly at 519-255-6770, Ext. 4414.



*Red and White Chain Store. Located on Drouillard Road
in Ford City. Photograph was taken circa 1930 by
Seneca Studios of Riverside.*

Book Buddy Program can always use volunteers

The Book Buddy Program at Windsor Public Library is a unique program offered to school children in the City of Windsor. The program provides a volunteer adult tutor for elementary school children (ages 6-10) who are experiencing difficulties with reading. The pair work together, one-on-one, focusing on phonics and other literacy skills with the goal of promoting life-long reading to the child.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The volunteer becomes a mentor, reading and being read to by the child using children's books and activities. The Book Buddy Program has existed since 1997 as a summer program and in 2003 became a popular year round program due to the addition of standardized testing in Ontario schools. The program takes some of the strain from the school system as students are practising reading and writing skills during non-school hours such as the summer months or after school.

Thanks to the ongoing support of the **CanWest Global Raise-a-Reader™ Foundation** and **Windsor Volunteers for Literacy**, the Windsor Public Library is able to offer the

program to the community. A Program Coordinator is responsible for interviewing volunteers and matching them with the appropriate children and ensuring both have the necessary resources. As word has spread of how effective the Book Buddy Program is in improving the reading skills of children in our community, so there has been the need for volunteer tutors to provide matches for children on the waiting list.

The Book Buddy Program has recently become bilingual and now offers service in both official languages. This grew from an identified need in the Forest Glade and Riverside areas.

WAITING LIST

There are approximately 54 children on the waiting list for Book Buddy service in French and 144 on the English list. If you are interested in volunteering some time, please call 519-255-6770, Ext. 4460.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- One-on-one reading with supportive volunteers
- Increased confidence and motivation to read

THE PROGRAM REQUIRES THAT YOU

- Are 16+ years of age
- Receive a police clearance
- Meet with your buddy for a minimum of one hour per week

AS A VOLUNTEER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR

- Choosing interesting reading materials
- Planning fun, educational activities
- Attending a 40 minute orientation session

MARCH BREAK 2010

March Break activities run from Monday, March 15 to Saturday, March 20 at Windsor Public Library. The theme is **WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE**. For information and a comprehensive listing of events, visit www.windsorpubliclibrary.com.



THE JOURNEY TO FREEDOM: The play followed six friends who were stuck in a library and required to finish a school project for Black History Month. Apathetic attitudes changed as these young women learned about the people who changed the past in hopes of making a better future. The play was performed at the Central Branch of Windsor Public Library.

Donate new and gently used books to Raise-a-Reader Book Drive



It is time to dig out that pile of books from the back of your closet and give the gift of reading in support of Raise-a-Reader. Don't miss the opportunity to do a bit of early spring cleaning while at the same time allowing someone else to enjoy your literary treasures.

Since last month, Raise-a-Reader has been asking Windsor and Essex County residents to drop-off new or gently used books at any of the six Canadian Tire locations in Windsor-Essex during regular business hours or at Windsor Crossing's Customer Service desk Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am - 6 pm. Donations will be collected through March 14.

The books will be sold to the community during **The Windsor Star Raise-a-Reader BOOK SALE to be** held at Windsor Crossing on Saturday, March 27 from 9 am - 6 pm and Sunday, March 28 from noon - 5 pm.

The Book Drive is proudly supported by past local Raise-a-Reader beneficiaries **Book of My Own** and **Windsor Public Library**.

LOCATIONS

Canadian Tire Locations:

8505 Tecumseh Rd. E., Windsor
2650 Tecumseh Rd. W., Windsor
4150 Walker Rd., Windsor
300 Maidstone Ave. W., Essex
380 Sandwich St. W., Amherstburg
262 Erie St. S., Leamington

Windsor Crossing:

1555 Talbot Rd., LaSalle
Customer Service (next to The Children's Place Outlet)
Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 6 pm

The CanWest Raise-a-Reader campaign is an award-winning national fundraising initiative of the CanWest Global Foundation. It is a unique philanthropic program that increases awareness and raises money and other resources in support of family literacy programs throughout Canada.

Locally, on Raise-a-Reader Day, more than 200 volunteers and celebrities join The Windsor Star editorial team and staff at locations throughout the

city and county to exchange special-editions of The Windsor Star for donations. The efforts have resulted in raising more than \$270,000 to date. One hundred percent of the money collected supports literacy initiatives in this community.

Please note that encyclopedias, magazines, textbooks, Reader's Digest and National Geographic cannot be accepted.

Monitor your energy consumption

Area residents can check out an Energy Meter from WPL and monitor energy consumption at home thanks to a partnership with the City of Windsor. They are easy to use and provide information on how much electricity an appliance uses. They also provide an associated cost to run the appliance. They are available at all locations and normal borrowing privileges apply.

If you're new to home energy monitoring, it's simple: plug the meter into an outlet, and then plug an appliance (fridge, telephone, etc.) into the meter, which can measure either the instant energy increase or the average rate of energy use over time.

The opportunities to conserve electricity are immense. Conservation is easy! It is just making a series of very small changes that can over time become a natural way of living: turning off lights when you leave the room, changing your furnace filter regularly, ensuring that windows and doors are properly sealed, etc. While these changes may seem small, they

can add up to big savings on your energy bill, and have an even bigger impact on the environment!

Understanding your energy consumption is the first step to knowing how to reduce it. Visit Windsor Public Library and check out an energy meter. Additionally, check out some of our other materials on energy consumption and conservation.



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CALENDAR

Children's Programs

OEY Parent-Child Mother Goose Program

Central Library
Tuesday, March 2, 9, 23, 30
9:30 - 10:30 am

A free program, offered by Early Childhood Educators, for parents and babies from birth to 12 months. Focus on the pleasure and power of using rhymes, songs and stories. Enjoy connecting with your child. To register call OEY at 519-971-9332.

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ESO Math

Central Library
Tuesday, March 2, 9, 23, 30
1:30 - 2:30 pm

ESO Family Math uses everyday materials and math games to help children understand math ideas. ESO Family Math provides a means for parents to help their preschoolers develop pre-math skills while encouraging their children to have fun as they learn. Parents gain confidence and feel they are better able to help their children.

For ages 3 to 6 with their caregivers. To register call OEY 519-971-9332.

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What's Cooking

Central library
Thursday, March 4, 11, 25
1:30 - 2:30 pm

Childhood is an optimal time to expose children to basic concepts of good nutrition. Children will grow in self-confidence as they participate in this grown-up activity of cooking! For ages 3 to 5 with their caregivers.

To register call OEY at 519-971-9332.

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Preschool Storytime

South Walkerville Library
Tuesday, March 2, 9, 23, 30
10:30 - 11:00 am. For more information call Ext. 5900.

Fontainebleau Library
Tuesday, March 2, 9, 23, 30
10:30 - 11:00 am. For more

information call Ext. 5000.

Bridgeview Library
Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
6:00 - 6:30 pm. For more information call Ext. 2200.

Budimir Library
Thursday, March 4, 11, 25
10:30 - 11:15 am. For more information call Ext. 3300

Riverside Library
Thursday, March 4, 11, 25
10:30 - 11:15 am. For more information call Ext. 6620.

Forest Glade Library
Thursday, March 4, 11, 25
10:30 - 11:15 am. For more information call Ext. 5400.

Seminole Library
Thursday, March 4, 11, 25
10:30 - 11:00 am. For more information call Ext. 8800.

Sandwich Library
Thursday, March 4, 11, 18, 25
10:30 - 11:00 am. For more information call Ext. 7700.

Fun and entertaining stories for children 2 1/2 to 5 years old with a caregiver. Program helps build language skills and enrich the imagination.

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Toddler Storytime

Budimir Library
Tuesday, March 2, 9, 23, 30
10:30 - 11:00 am
For more information call Ext.3300.

Riverside Library
Tuesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23
10:30 - 11:00 am
To register call Ext. 6620.

Join in for stories, finger plays and songs for children 18 months to 2 1/2 years old accompanied by an adult.

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Mother Goose

Riverside Library
Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17, 24
10:30 - 11:30 am. To register call Ext. 6620.

South Walkerville Library
Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17
1:00 - 2:00 pm To register call 519-255-6770, Ext. 5900.

Budimir Library
Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10:30 - 11:30 am. To register call Ext. 3300.

Bridgeview Library
Wednesday, March 10
6:00 - 6:30 pm. To register call Ext. 2200.

A program for caregivers and infants, 6 to 17 months which fosters bonding and enhances relationships through songs, rhymes and stories to promote early speech and language development. Presented by trained Parent/Child Mother Goose instructors.

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Crafty Kids

Bridgeview Library
Monday, March 1
4:00 - 5:00 pm

Come to the library the first Monday of each month and be a crafty kid.

There will be a monthly book with corresponding craft. For more information call Ext. 2200.

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Multi-Cultural Bedtime Stories

Fontainebleau Library
Monday, March 1
5:00 - 7:30 pm

Children and caregivers share multi-cultural and dual-language stories during this family event. For more information call Ext. 5000.

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Book Chatter Knitalong

South Walkerville
Monday, March 1
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join us for our very first Knitalong! Beginners can learn the basics of knitting, while more experienced needlecrafters can bring a project to work on. Needles can be borrowed, we do have a limited selection of yarn, if you have a specific colour or type in mind, please bring your own. For ages 9 to 12. To register call Ext. 5900.

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Library Live - Children's Club

Central Library
Tuesday, March 2, 9
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Children ages 5 to 13. Do you like to

have fun, read amazing books, act, draw and have terrific time? Join us for an evening full of variety of activity. High School Volunteers Welcomed. For more information call Ext. 4403.

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Act-Out Drama Club

Riverside Library
Wednesday, March 3, 10, 24, 31
6:30 - 7:30 pm

During these sessions we will focus on, story drama, character development and scene work. New participants are encouraged. For youth grades 4 to 8. To register call Ext. 6600.

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Bedtime Stories

Remington Park Library
Thursday, March 4, 11, 18, 25
7:00 - 7:45 pm

Join us at Remington Park for fun stories on Thursday evenings. Pajamas optional! For children ages 3 to 5 accompanied with a caregiver. To register call Ext. 5500.

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Book Chatter

Fontainebleau Library
Wednesday, March 10
6:30 - 7:30 pm
For more information call Ext 5000.

Budimir Library
Wednesday, March 24
6:30 - 7:30 pm
For more information call Ext. 3300.

Join our youth book club for a discussion of fantastic books and share ideas for our summer meetings! For ages 9-14.

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St Patrick's Day

Sandwich Library
Wednesday, March 17
2:00 - 3:00 pm

Listen to some Irish riddles and do a special St Patrick's Day craft. For more information call Ext. 7700.

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First day of Spring

Sandwich Library
Saturday, March 20
2:00 - 3:00 pm
Listen to some stories about Spring.

Make a Spring craft, bring home some flowers to colour your world. For more information call Ext. 7700.

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Library Live 'Out of Many People - One'

Central Library
Tuesday, March 23
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Children ages 5 to 13 join us for a fantastic evening celebration.

We will play games, sing songs and listen to amazing stories from around the world as we celebrate Anti-Racism day. To register call Ext. 4403.

Teen Programs**Junior Chess Club**

Riverside Library
Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Chess club for children ages 9 to 18 with John Coleman. Children under 12 years must be accompanied by a guardian. To register call Ext. 6620.

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Teen Advisory Group

Budimir Library
Wednesday, March 10
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join Budimir Library's new Teen Advisory Group. We're looking for members ages 13 to 17 to share ideas and activities every month. Please register by calling Ext. 3320.

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Introduction to Music

Central Library
Thursday, March 4, 18
5:30 - 8:00 pm

An introductory program to the fundamentals of music for young adults run by George Bozanivich and George Manury. Together the two will teach young adults for only FIVE dollars which will provide you with all eight lessons on the basics of music from what life in the music industry is like to basic songwriting. All skill levels welcome. To register call Ext. 4403.

Adult Programs**Rave Reviews**

Central Library
Monday, March 1
2:30 - 4:00 pm

Come join library staff in a lively discussion as they share some of their favourite reads, both fiction and non-fiction. Simple refreshments provided. For more information call Ext. 4404.

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Remington Reads

Remington Park library
Tuesday, March 2, 23
2:00 - 3:30 pm

Join us and share what you are reading now, what's on your must read-list, and hear what others are reading and recommend. To register call Ext. 5500.

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Knit 'n Chat

Fontainebleau Library
Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Now is the perfect time to hone your knitting skills by starting a new knitting project or finishing an old one! To register call Ext. 5000.

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English Conversation Circle

Central Library
Monday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
5:30 - 7:30 pm. For more information, call Ext. 4402.

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Riverside Chats

Riverside Library
Wednesday, March 3, 31
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Book chat for adults. For more information call Ext. 6600.

Something for Everyone**Riverside Chess Club**

Riverside Library
Tuesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
5:00 - 8:30 pm
Saturday, March 6, 13, 20, 27
12:00 - 4:30 pm

All ages are invited to play a game of chess. For more information call Ext. 6620.