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# WOODSTOCK

July/August 2025

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## NEW SUPPORT KITS

The Woodstock Art Gallery is making it easier for visitors.

## PROPERTY TAX UPDATE

Find how your tax dollar delivers services to our community.

## WOODSTOCK ART GALLERY

This August, the Woodstock Art Gallery welcomes a new Director/Curator.

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Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 15 and enter today!

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## City of Woodstock Phone Directory Contacts

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Library.....	519-539-4801
Market Centre Rental.....	519-537-8411
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Para-Transit Services.....	519-539-1291 x 2510
Parks & Recreation.....	519-539-1291 x 4101
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Small Business Centre.....	519-421-2129
Southside Aquatics.....	519-421-POOL (7665)
Southwood Arena.....	519-421-3484 x 4301
Transit Services.....	519-539-1291 x 3102

## Event Listings

To have your events listed in the FREE Community Events Calendar in *What's on Woodstock*, please visit [cityofwoodstock.ca/wowevents](http://cityofwoodstock.ca/wowevents)



# New sensory support kits at the Woodstock Art Gallery

Visiting public facilities or unfamiliar spaces can be challenging for many people, especially those who are neurodivergent or sensory-sensitive.

To help create a more accessible and inclusive experience for all visitors, the Woodstock Art Gallery is collaborating with Autism Canada and Oxford Community Foundation to offer sensory support kits.

Each kit includes a backpack with a soft plush friend, a cozy fleece blanket, noise reduction earmuffs, tinted safety glasses and fidget toys.

“Bright lights, crowds and unexpected noises can be stressful, overwhelming and overstimulating. These kits are designed to help visitors manage sensory inputs so they can explore the gallery comfortably and independently,” explained Dee Logan, Education Coordinator.

## What are sensory supports?

Sensory support items are tools or objects designed to help regulate and engage the senses, provide comfort and focus, and reduce overstimulation.

They can be particularly helpful for people with autism, ADHD, OCD or sensory processing disorders, who may have difficulty processing or regulating sensory information.

Many sensory items have a calming effect and help users focus on tasks or interact with their environment more comfortably.

There are several types of sensory supports:

- **Tactile:** Fidget toys, stress balls, weighted blankets, textured items
- **Auditory:** Headphones, noise-cancelling earmuffs, soundscapes
- **Visual:** Privacy screens, tinted glasses, visual timers
- **Other senses:** Aromatherapy, flavoured items




## How to sign out a kit

The Gallery's sensory support kits are available for free to all visitors. You can ask to sign one out at the front desk.

Staff will walk you through the process and can answer questions or provide additional assistance during your visit. Each kit also includes a user guide in the front pocket of the backpack.

Make sure to return the kit before you leave! You can also fill out a short online survey to share feedback about your experience and offer suggestions for the future.



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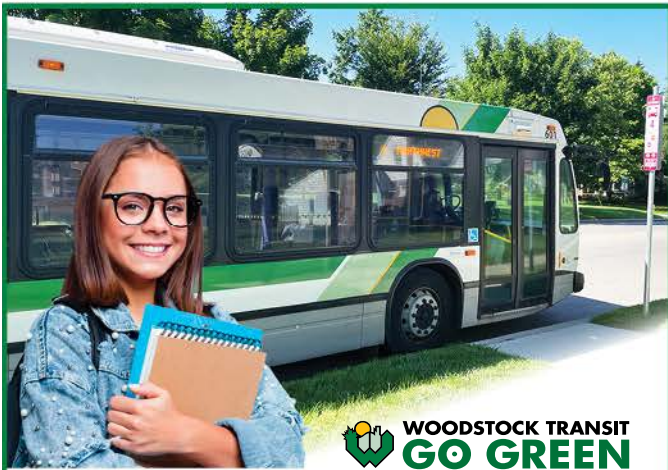
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# Woodstock Art Gallery welcomes new Director/Curator

With more than a decade of experience in public galleries across Ontario, Alexandra Hartstone is bringing her passion for community and Canadian art to the Friendly City.



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An established curator and arts administrator, she has previously worked at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, the Art Gallery of Guelph and most recently at the Grimsby Public Art Gallery.

Hartstone has a deep commitment to accessible, community-driven arts programming and is passionate about the role of regional galleries in shaping and reflecting Canadian art and identity.

"I'm thrilled to be joining the City of Woodstock and the Woodstock Art Gallery. I'm looking forward to building on the gallery's strong legacy while championing new ideas and voices," Hartstone said.

The Woodstock Art Gallery is part of the City's Culture Department and is the only municipal public art gallery in Oxford County.

The leadership search began in February after the departure of long-time Director/Curator Mary Reid, with Head of Education Stephanie Porter stepping into the role in the interim.

"We are very excited to welcome Alexandra to Woodstock and deeply grateful for Stephanie's strong leadership and knowledge, which has ensured the continued success of the Gallery during this transition," said Karen Houston, Manager of Culture.

Hartstone will officially start her new role as Director/Curator in August.



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 15 and enter today!

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Woodstock, with its beautiful parks and the Thames River flowing through it, needs to give extra consideration to stormwater contamination. While we often think of rain as clean, the reality is that when it falls onto our urban landscape, it picks up a host of pollutants before flowing into our storm drains and, eventually, our rivers and waterways.

## The Path of Polluted Runoff

Unlike our sanitary sewer system, which treats wastewater before release, stormwater flows directly into our waterways. This means anything on our streets, sidewalks, and lawns can end up in the Thames River. Leaky vehicles, spills from maintenance work, and improper disposal of used cooking oil or animal grease contribute to significant contamination. Even small amounts of oil can create a sheen on the water's surface, harming aquatic life and reducing oxygen levels. For example, just one drop of motor oil can pollute 25 litres of water.

When oils are poured into catch basins, the oil-contaminated water finds its way to the stormwater receivers around the city. The contaminated water eventually flows into watercourses including the Pittock Reservoir, which is part of the Thames River.

## Wildlife at Risk

Our local wildlife, including fish, birds, amphibians, and mammals, are directly affected by stormwater contamination. Oil slicks can coat bird feathers, reducing their insulation and making them vulnerable to hypothermia. Fish can suffer from respiratory problems and reproductive issues due to chemical exposure. Amphibians, with their permeable skin, are particularly vulnerable to pollutants. We can all work together to improve the health of our urban wildlife by keeping our waterways clean and safe.

## Where to Safely Dispose of All Oils

It is never safe to pour oil down any drain as it will pollute our water system. The best way to dispose of oil products is to bring them to the Enviro Depot. The Enviro Depot will gladly dispose of your used cooking oil and motor oil (as well as paint or solvents). Allow cooking fats, oils and greases to cool before storing in a container in the fridge until full. To properly handle the materials, substances must remain in their container and be clearly labeled.

To learn about the City of Woodstock's stormwater system visit [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/stormwatermanagement](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/stormwatermanagement)

Need help disposing of other materials? Visit the Enviro Depot online at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/envirodepot](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/envirodepot)

## Smoke-Free Parks

In City Parks, smoking is prohibited. There is:  
NO VAPING / NO SMOKING CIGARETTES / NO SMOKING CANNABIS  
Violators could be fined \$250.



## Property Tax Reminder

Due August 29



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# 2025 Property Tax Overview

Each year, the City develops a budget for approval by Council that identifies how much money is needed to deliver services to the community. This financial plan details the revenue (money coming in) and expenses (money going out) and is used to determine the total tax levy (how much money needs to be raised through taxes as identified in the budget). In addition to property taxes, the City also generates revenue through user fees, licences, permits, land sales, grants and other sources.

Although oversimplified, your taxes are calculated by taking the total tax levy divided by the total assessment value for all properties in Woodstock and then multiplying the tax rate by the assessed value of your property.

## 2025 Tax Summary

The following table, shows how the revenue is broken down between money collected through taxation and how much the City raises from other sources.

2025 Total Revenues	
General Revenues	\$39,387,220
Tax Levy	\$131,986,699
2025 Total Budget	
	<b>\$171,373,919</b>

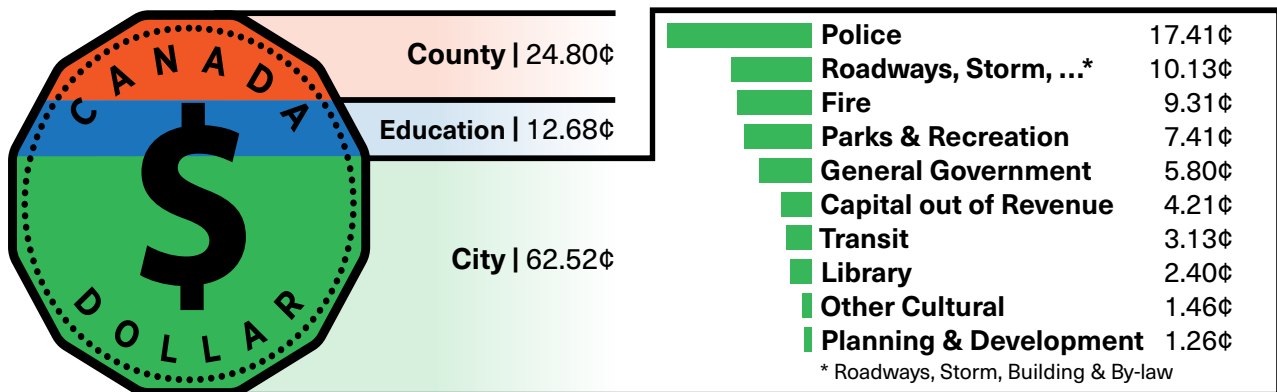
This table compares the tax levies on an average residential property and shows the increase from 2024 to 2025.

Value	2025	2024	Difference (\$)	Difference (%)
Assessed Value	\$268,870	\$268,870	\$0.00	0.00%
Municipal	\$3,209.16	\$3,017.98	\$191.18	6.33%
County	\$1,275.29	\$1,196.72	\$78.57	6.57%
Education	\$411.37	\$411.37	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,895.82</b>	<b>\$4,626.07</b>	<b>\$269.75</b>	<b>5.83%</b>

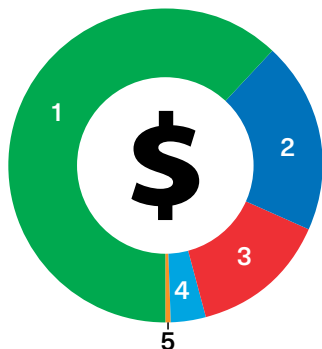
The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) supplies the assessed value to us. If you don't agree with your assessed value or you require additional information regarding your assessment, please call the Assessment Office at 1 866-296-6722.

## Where your Tax Dollars go

How each dollar raised by taxation in 2025 will be spent



## Percentage of 2025 Taxes Paid by each Property Class



<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>1. Residential</b>	61.64%
<span style="color: blue;">■</span>	<b>2. Commercial</b>	20.34%
<span style="color: red;">■</span>	<b>3. Industrial</b>	13.78%
<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span>	<b>4. Multi-Residential</b>	3.86%
<span style="color: orange;">■</span>	<b>5. Other</b>	0.38%

## Paying your Taxes

You can pay your taxes:

- Through your bank – you'll need your 15-digit tax roll number
- At City Hall – in person or drop off in the secure mail slot on Reeve Street
- Pre-authorized payment – forms are available on the City's website
- By mail – PO Box 1539 Woodstock ON N4S 0A7. Please enclose your tax bill with your payment. A receipt will be mailed to you.
- Did you know you can sign up for electronic property tax notices? Receive your tax bills as well as payment and other notifications by completing the form at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/payingtaxes](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/payingtaxes)

Taxes are due the last business day of the following months:

- February
- May
- August
- October

### Upcoming tax deadlines:

- August 29, 2025
- October 31, 2025

[www.cityofwoodstock.ca/payingtaxes](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/payingtaxes)

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# FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration for Fall aquatic, recreation  
and leisure programs starts Aug. 20.

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# C.O.W. TALES

CoW Tales is a regular feature in *What's on Woodstock* designed to celebrate the City of Woodstock's rich history. Thanks to the contributions of the Woodstock Museum NHS and the Heritage Advisory Committee, CoW Tales shares stories that help us understand and connect with our past as our community continues to grow and evolve. This issue features historical moments from July and August.



## Orangemen's Day

The Orange Order is a Protestant fraternal organization founded in Northern Ireland in 1795 during a period of conflict between Protestants and Catholics. It's named after William of Orange, who defeated Catholic King James II at the Battle of Boyne in 1690. The Twelfth or Orangemen's Day commemorates the Protestant ruler's victory. Parades have been held on July 12 by Orange Order lodges in the U.K. and Canada, including Lodge No. 93 in Woodstock. Photo: Orange Lodge parade, July 12, 1910.



## WWI begins

Canada entered World War I on Aug. 4, 1914, after the United Kingdom declared war on Germany. Thousands of people from across the country soon enlisted to join the new Canadian Expeditionary Force. This photo taken from an issue of *The Daily Sentinel Review* shows the first men from Woodstock and Oxford County to enlist. The photo is glued to a paper with the names of the men written below in green ink. Photo: First men to enlist from Oxford County for WWI, Aug. 14, 1914.



## The Great Canadian Bicycle Rally

The first Great Canadian Bicycle Rally was held in Woodstock on July 1–3, 1977. It was organized by Jean and Ken Ross, owners of Pedal Power Bicycles and founding members of the Woodstock Cycling Club (WCC). More than 800 people participated in the three-day rally, which included races and bicycle tours. The event continued for another four years, with attendance growing to over 1,000 people by 1981. Photo: The Great Canadian Bicycle Rally patch, 1981.



## Community Complex opens

Construction on Reeves Community Complex, formerly called the Woodstock District Community Complex, was completed in July 1996. Planning for the complex, located at 381 Finkle St., began in the early 1980s. The completed facility included a twin pad arena, gymnastics centre, dance academy and community hall. The foyer was also home to the newly established Sports Wall of Fame. Stub Harper was the first person to be inducted into the Sports Wall of Fame at the grand opening. Photo: Family walking to Woodstock and District Community Complex, 1995–1997.

# C.O.W. TALES

## Way Back When Contest

**THE WINNER** of the May/June 'Way Back When' Contest question is **Ralph Flood**. He correctly answered that the Les Cook Park is named after a former mayor. Ralph wins a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock, and he will qualify for a \$100 Boston Pizza Woodstock gift card to be drawn from all the monthly winners in December.

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### THINK YOU KNOW YOUR WOODSTOCK HISTORY?

Enter the Way Back When contest for a chance to win! Answer the last question below in bold. If your answer is correct, your name will be entered into the draw. The winner's name will appear in the next edition of *What's on Woodstock*. Contest questions have been selected from the book, *Quizzical History*, published by the Oxford Historical Society and Woodstock Museum NHS.

- Q.** When was the Woodstock Amateur Athletic Association founded? (See pg. 6)
- Q.** Which organization helped local veterans find employment after WWI? (See pg. 22)
- Q.** Who was mayor when the Woodstock and District Community Complex opened? (See pg. 3)
- Q.** Which summer camp on Lake Erie did many Woodstock children attend starting in 1908?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to [wow@cityofwoodstock.ca](mailto:wow@cityofwoodstock.ca) by Friday, August 8, 2025. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.

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Friday Aug. 8

## COWAPOLOOZA COUNTRY

6–10 p.m.

Music from headliners Outlaw Sate of Mind – Chris Stapleton Tribute with guests Ryan Langdon and Coty Robinson.



Saturday Aug. 9

## COWAPOLOOZA KIDS

2–6 p.m.

FREE family activities

Saturday Aug. 9

## COWAPOLOOZA ROCKS

6–10 p.m.

**Big Wreck** will rock the park with guests Harm & Ease and Joel Dupuis. Fronted by Ian Thornley, Big Wreck’s hit singles include *That Song*, *Blown Wide Open*, *The Oaf*, and *Albatross*.

## BIG WRECK



Free shuttle Friday 5–11 p.m. & Saturday 2–11 p.m.



- Food & Marketplace vendors
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See the full schedule, event FAQs and shuttle details at [cowapolooza.ca](http://cowapolooza.ca)



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Closed July 1 & August 4  
445 Hunter St., Woodstock ON  
www.mywpl.ca

## Programs for Children

### Summer Registration Dates

July Programs – June 23 at 10 a.m.

August Programs – July 28 at 10 a.m.

No registration required unless indicated in the program descriptions below. Register online, in-person, or by calling the library.

### Special Guests in July

#### BarryO Kidshow (Family)

Wednesday, July 9 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Ventriloquism is at the heart of the BarryO Kidshow, with a spoonful of juggling, magic and more. Join us!

#### Blooming Around the World

with Butterflies (Family)

Saturday, July 12 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Butterfly Lady, Sarah Hodgkinson, will share tips to encourage butterflies to visit your outdoor spaces.

#### Around the World with Reptilia (Family)

Wednesday, July 16 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Reptilia London will be here for a Meet and Greet with some scaly friends. Held outside on the library lawn.

#### Christmas in July with Santa (Family)

Saturday, July 19 – 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

It's Christmas in July! Play big games, do fun activities and take a photo with Santa.

#### Music Around the World (All Ages)

Tuesday, July 29 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Join us for an unforgettable musical journey around the world, featuring Grace Lou on the Erhu, the traditional Chinese two-stringed instrument, accompanied by Steve Holowitz on the piano. Registration required.

### TD Summer Reading Club

June 21-August 30

During library open hours



Discover unexplored worlds and new adventures! Register for the club and receive a Reading Club Kit. Great prizes to win all summer long!

Join us for the grand finale and celebrate YOU at the TD Summer Reading Club Year-End Party!

Thursday, August 28

Find out more at [www.mywpl.ca](http://www.mywpl.ca)



### Weekly Programs

#### Discovery Lab (6–12 years)

Fridays, July 4 to August 22 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Discover something new this summer. Program a robot, create with Lego, or learn to code! There are new STEM-based activities to try each week.

#### Friday Flicks (Family)

Fridays, July 4 to August 22 – 2:30–4 p.m.

It's showtime! Bring the family to enjoy a movie at the library. We will be showing a family friendly movie on Friday afternoons. Please call the library for movie titles each week.

#### Creative Lab (6–12 years)

Tuesdays, July 8 to August 19 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Let your imagination soar this summer. Drop by the library during our Creative Lab and make, craft, or design something amazing. There is something new to try each week.

# Programs for Children

## Storytimes

Children should be accompanied by a caregiver. Dedicated time for play and to meet other families is provided at the end of the program. No registration required.

### Tales & Tunes (Family)

Wednesdays – July 9 & 23 and August 6 & 20  
10:30–11:30 a.m.

### Books & Bounces (Birth to 18 months)

Thursdays – July 10 & 24 and August 7 & 21  
12–1 p.m.



## Summer Writing Contest for Kids

Calling all young writers and storytellers (6–12 years)! Create and submit an original poem or short story. Stories must be four pages or less in length. Submit entries to [programs@mywpl.ca](mailto:programs@mywpl.ca) by July 31st. The winner will be selected by award-winning author, Vikki VanSickle!

## Special Guests in August

### Read with a Wrestler (Family)

Thursday, August 7 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Drop in for a storytime with professional wrestler Cody Deaner as he reads his favourite book *Dino-Wrestling* by Lisa Wheeler. Stay for a craft and get a picture with Cody and his championship belt!

### Rhythms and Rhymes with

#### Duncan Campbell (Family)

Thursday, August 14 – 10:30–11:30 am

Join author Duncan Campbell and his guitar and learn about rhymes through stories, songs, and games! Held outside on the library lawn.

### Around the World with Butterflies (Family)

Saturday, August 16 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

What is butterfly migration and overwintering? Join us and learn more from Butterfly Lady, Sarah Hodgkinson.

### Faerie, Gnome or Elf Gardens with

#### Trash Theatre (4–12 years)

Thursday, August 21 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Enter the realm of enchantment and create your very own garden to take home for your favourite little creatures to live in! All supplies provided. **Registration required.**



# Programs for Children

## **Toddler Art** (18 months–2 years)

**Thursday, July 3 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, August 13 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.**

Some messy fun for curious tots as they learn and explore through process art. Please bring a smock or an old t-shirt or something that can get dirty, as aprons/smocks will not be provided. Registration required.

## **Messy Art** (3–5 years)

**Thursday, July 3 – 12–1 p.m.**

**Wednesday, August 13 – 12–1 p.m.**

Some messy fun for curious children as they learn and explore through process art. Chaos is expected. Please bring a smock or an old t-shirt or something that can get dirty, as aprons/smocks will not be provided. Registration required.

## **French Movie / Film Français** (Family)

**Saturday, July 5 – 2:30–4:30 p.m. : Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation [PG]**

**Saturday, August 9 – 2:30–4:30 p.m. : Shrek [PG]**

Drop-in to watch a movie in French! English subtitles will be available. Popcorn included!

## **Code with Scratch** (8–14 years)

**Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24 & 31 – 2:30–4 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20 & 27 – 1:30–3 p.m.**

Learn the basics of coding using Scratch! This program is designed to introduce beginners to coding concepts through 4 classes. Program series offered twice: Thursdays in July and Wednesdays in August. Each class will build on skills learned in previous sessions through tutorials and exercises. Registration required.

## **3, 2, 1 Blast Off! Bottle Rocket**

**Design & Launching** (8–12 years)

**Tuesday, July 15 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.**

Design, create, and launch a pop bottle rocket! Rockets will be launched outside and will involve water. All supplies provided. Registration required.

## **Origami** (8–12 Years)

**Wednesday, July 16 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.**

Join us as we dive into the art of paper folding. Learn to make some basic origami figures like a ball or frog. Paper and instructions provided. Registration required.

## **Around the World! Breakout** (6+ years)

**Saturdays, July 19 and August 2, 16 & 30 – 2:30–4:30 p.m. 30-minute timeslots**

Try to break open the box before time runs out! Breakout games are like escape-rooms and are full of puzzles that are fun for the whole family. Bookings are for 30-minute timeslots. Registration required.

## **Two Row Learning** (6–12 years)

**Mondays, July 21 & August 18 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

Explore Indigenous knowledge and teachings, presented by the 8th Fire, and sponsored by R&B Creative Creations, Line-X Woodstock, and Transitions Equine Assisted Learning. Enjoy complimentary pizza and snacks.

## **Adventure with Muk** (10–14 years)

**Wednesday, July 30 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.**

Muk invites players to join him on a Dungeons and Dragons adventure! Players will create their own characters, sidekicks, monsters to fight, and map. Registration required.

## **Pokémon Party** (6–12 years)

**Thursday, July 31 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.**

Whether you have been a fan all your life or if you are just discovering it for the first time, join us for games, trivia, and activities all featuring Pokémon!

## **Dog Man Party** (6–12 years)

**Thursday, August 14 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.**

Celebrate all things Dog Man! Join us for a paw-some adventure as we celebrate our favourite half-man, half-dog crime fighting hero!

## Programs for Teens

### Around the World: Teen Reading Challenge (13–18 years) June 21–August 30

Read books, watch movies, and enjoy art from around the world! Join the “Around the World” reading challenge through Beanstack and read books, complete activities, and earn badges for a chance to win a prize! Access Beanstack through the library’s website.

### Summer Writing Contest (13–18 years)

Submit an original poem or short story. Stories must be five pages or less in length. Submit entries to [programs@mywpl.ca](mailto:programs@mywpl.ca) by July 31st. The winner will be selected by award-winning author, Vikki VanSickle!

### It’s a Plant Potting Party:

#### Summer Edition (12–18 years) Tuesday, July 8 – 2:30–4 p.m.

Paint plant pots for some beautiful summer plants. A plant care tip sheet will be included with the project. Pots & plants will be provided. Registration required. Registration opens June 23 at 10 a.m.

### Tie Dye T-Shirts (12–18 years) Tuesday, July 22 – 2:30–4 p.m.

Learn different tie dye techniques and create our own t-shirt. Please bring your own pre-washed white (or light-coloured t-shirt). The library will also have some shirts on-hand. All dyes provided! Registration required. Registration opens June 23 at 10 a.m.

### Teen Henna Night (12–18 years) Tuesday, August 5 – 6–8 p.m.

Join us for a workshop with premier henna artist, Maggie, certified by the International Certification for Natural Henna Arts. Learn about the history and styles of henna, get your own design courtesy of Maggie, and go home with a henna cone of your own! Registration required. Registration opens July 28 at 10 a.m.

### DIY Mugs with the Cricut (12–18 years) Tuesday, August 19 – 2:30–4 p.m.

Learn how to use the Library’s Cricut machine! Select one of several designs and create your own mug! All supplies provided. Registration required. Registration opens July 28 at 10 a.m.

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## Programs for Adults

### Cyber Assist

Tuesdays – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Book one-on-one assistance with our technology specialist. Sessions are 30 minutes in length. Book online or call 519-539-4801, extension 3006.

### Adult Summer Reading Challenge July and August

Join us for a summer of great reading and fun as you log your reading in Beanstack, our online book club app. Complete challenges by participating in library programs, logging books, and visiting hiking trails. Visit our website to get started!

# Programs for Adults

## Knitting and Crochet Drop-In

**Saturdays, July 5 & 19 and August 2, 16 & 30 – 3:30–4:30 p.m.**

Come out for a cozy hour of knitting and crochet! Bring your project or check out our collection of crochet and knitting books for patterns. New to the craft? We will have extra crochet hooks, knitting needles, and yarn for you to get started! **No registration required.**

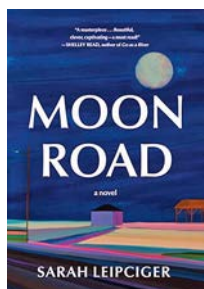
## WPL Book Club

**Tuesdays, July 8 & August 12 – 2–3 p.m.**  
**Thursdays, July 10 & August 14 – 7–8 p.m.**

Begin each month with a good read! Bring your lawn chair and meet on the library lawn for the afternoon sessions, weather permitting. **No registration required.**

### July Title

*Moon Road*  
Sarah Leipciger



### August Title

*Moon Soul*  
Nathaniel Luscombe



## Board Game Drop-In

**Mondays, July 7 & August 11 – 2–4 p.m.**

Join us for an afternoon of board games and fun! Play your favourite classic board game or challenge yourself to try something new. A new set of games will be put out each session. All board games provided.

## Pub Trivia

**Wednesday, July 16 – 7–8:30 p.m.**

Join us at Upper Thames Brewing Company each month where you and your teammates can test your smarts against other beer enthusiasts! **No registration required.**

## Writers' Group (15+ years)

**Wednesdays, July 23 & August 27 – 6–8 p.m.**

Active and aspiring writers of all kinds! Join us once a month for a time of fellowship, support, and quiet writing. Snacks provided. Mutual support appreciated! **No registration required.**

## Crafty Adults

**Thursday, July 24 – 7–8 p.m.**  
**Thursday, August 21 – 6:30–8 p.m.**

Come out for a fun night of crafting! Check our website for craft details each month. All materials provided. **Registration required.** Registration opens 2 weeks in advance of the program date.

## Let's All Go to the Drive-In! Outdoor Movies in Oxford County & Area

**Thursday, August 28 – 6:30–8 p.m.**

Join Chris Harrington, librarian and local drive-in historian, to learn about the history of local drive-in movie theatres in the Oxford County (and neighbouring counties). Fresh popcorn provided!

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Join our community-wide reading initiative this summer!

A collaboration between Oxford County Library and Woodstock Public Library.



## Summer Programs

### Summer Camps

Monday to Friday | 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Last chance to register! Join in all the fun this summer with learning, history, games, excursions, special guests and unique themes.

- July 7–11 | **Totally Jurassic Camp (Ages 6–12)**
- July 21–25 | **Spectacular Science (Ages 7–12)**
- Aug. 11–15 | **Culture Camp: Woodstock Art Gallery & Woodstock Museum (Ages 6–12)**
- Aug. 18–22 | **Fairy Tale Camp (Ages 4–6)**

**\$200 (Members \$180)**

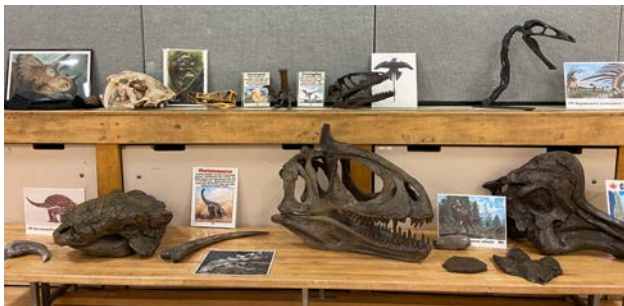
**Culture Camp: \$300 (Members \$250)**

### Dino Show with Club Rex

July 4 or 11 | 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Get your spot for the best Dino show in the City! This fun, interactive exploration of fossils of teeth and claws will get your Dino obsessed mind moving! Help identify large skulls and learn about new Dino discoveries. Register online. **Ages: 5+**

**\$15 (Members \$10)**



### Explore the Collection

Aug. 14 | 11–11:30 a.m.

Want to know more about Museum artifacts? Collections summer student Anna will share how she is updating our online records and adding links to local businesses in Woodstock. We'll explore the museum's database, learn the steps to search the collection, see our artifact storage area and discover some of the interesting museum work that happens behind the scenes! Register in advance online or over the phone. **Ages: 16+**

**Free**

## Fall Programs

Fall registration starts Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.! Watch for more details on upcoming programs including PA Day camps, adult workshops and Lunch & Learn topics at [woodstockmuseum.ca](http://woodstockmuseum.ca)

### Wood Carving Workshop

Sept. 9 & 16 | 6:30–9 p.m.

Try the satisfying art of hand carving and whittling with award winning instructors from the Tri-County Carvers. Back by popular demand! All bird kit materials, tools if needed, and annual membership in the club included in this two-session workshop! No experience needed. **Ages: 16+**

**\$70 (Members \$63)**

### Lunch & Learn: Fall Series

Sept. 16, Oct. 21 & Nov. 18 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Join us on select Tuesdays for a unique topic at the Woodstock Museum followed by a light lunch. Register in advance to reserve your spot. **Ages: 16+**

**\$25 (Members \$20)**

## Special Programs for Camp Groups

### Physics Matters: An Interactive Science Exhibit

Discover the science that shapes our everyday lives with an engaging exhibit all about physics! Explore topics including matter, force, motion, light, sound, structures and simple machines through diagrams, interactive components and hands-on activities.

**Book Now!**

**\$6 per camper for a 90-minute program**

Contact the Education Officer at 519-537-8424 for details.



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 15 and enter today!

**A:** The Oxford Returned Soldiers' Association.

# 13 GHOSTS ESCAPE ROOM

Fridays and Saturdays  
Sept. 12 – Oct. 25

1 hour time slots 4 – 9 p.m.

\$20 per person | 4 – 6 people | Ages 14+

Book online at  
[WOODSTOCKMUSEUM.CA](http://WOODSTOCKMUSEUM.CA)

## PHYSICS MATTERS

An Interactive Science Exhibit  
Grade 3 to 5 Curriculum

January 25 to October 4



Created by the Woodstock Museum NHS



# SUMMER PROGRAMS

## MINI MAKERS

July 14 – 18, Aug. 5 – 8, Aug. 18 – 22  
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Discover your inner Mini Maker! Professional art educators will introduce young artists to a variety of artistic fundamentals, techniques, tools and materials through mindful artistic practices and collaborative art projects during these half-day art classes.

Age: 4 – 6

Cost (5-day week): \$225 (Members \$200)

Cost (4-Day Week): \$180 (Members \$160)

## CULTURE CAMP: WOODSTOCK ART GALLERY & WOODSTOCK MUSEUM

Aug. 11 – 15  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

This two-in-one summer camp is designed to provide a full week of fun and inspiring hands-on projects, field trips and collaborative activities! Discover the spectacular world of science that shapes our everyday and experience the transformative power of art through mindful creative practices at the Woodstock Art Gallery.

Age: 6 – 12


Cost: \$300 (Members \$250)



## COMING SOON: FALL PROGRAMS

Save the date!

Registration for fall PA Days, classes and workshops starts Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.



# TASTE OF ART

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A Lifetime of Art



19+ EVENT

## Saturday September 20

7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

EARLY BIRD TICKETS on sale July 2	<b>\$75</b>
REGULAR after August 31	<b>\$90</b>

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SUMMER EXHIBITIONS

**ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION** **visual elements 67**

July 12 – Oct. 11, 2025

Juror Walk & Talk: Sept. 6, 1 – 3 p.m.

**JURORS: MICHEL DAIGNEAULT  
MATTHEW RYAN SMITH  
NICHOLAS CROMBACH**



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July 26, 2025 – Jan. 24, 2026

Reception with the Artist: Oct. 25, 2025

Jaquie Poole, *Flat Rock*, 2009, Acrylic on board, 91.5 cm x 122.3 cm, Gift of Jaquie Poole. Photo Credit: Rita Taylor


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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## July

- 1 **Canada Day at Southside Park**, 2–10 p.m. Enjoy free live music and performances throughout the day on the main stage. Canadian Kids Zone, Marketplace, Food Vendors, The evening ends with a spectacular fireworks show! Visit [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents)
- 8 **Woodstock Horticultural Society Open Meeting**, Huron Park Secondary School cafeteria, 7–9 p.m. First meeting free, Annual Membership \$15, Family \$25. Linda Yeoman speaks on Preparing Entries for Flower Shows. Use Berwick St door and south parking lot. No August meeting.
- 12 **Wheels of Honour**, Cedarview Retirement Living, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. 3rd Annual Military Vehicle Showcase, music, food and more. Donations to the local food bank are appreciated!
- 17 **Downtown Woodstock Shopping Night**, Dundas St, Adelaide St, Light St, 5–8 p.m. A monthly shopping event, Woodstock Shopping Night, typically occurs every 4th Thursday. 20+ participating stores stay open late 'til 8 p.m. Visit [downtownwoodstock.ca/events](http://downtownwoodstock.ca/events) or call 519-537-5721.
- 18–19 **Downtown Woodstock Summer Streetfest**, 9 a.m.–9 p.m. Dundas St from Vansittart Ave to Bay/Beale St will be closed off for cars. Come stroll and discover our charming downtown businesses. Enjoy live music and kids entertainment. Visit [downtownwoodstock.ca/events](http://downtownwoodstock.ca/events)
- 18–19 **Church of the Epiphany Garage Sale**, 560 Dundas St. Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. / Saturday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Home-made tarts and something for everyone. Bring your own bag.

## August

- 8–9 **Cowapolooza**, Southside Park, Friday, 6–10 p.m. / Saturday 2–10 p.m. Cowapolooza Country starts the fun on Friday. Cowapolooza Kids starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday with Cowapolooza Rocks hitting the stage at 6 p.m. Stay for our headliner, Big Wreck from 8:30–10 p.m. Visit [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents)
- 21–24 **The 188th Annual Woodstock Fair**, Woodstock Fairgrounds, Free admission for all! Agricultural Exhibits, Food, Fantastic Entertainment, Car Show and Prize Book Exhibits. Visit [www.woodstockfairgrounds.com](http://www.woodstockfairgrounds.com)
- 21–24 **Woodstock Horticultural Society presents the Flower Show**, Woodstock Fairgrounds. You are encouraged to enter the competition by picking up a Fair Book at the Fairgrounds office or check the Society's Facebook page for details.
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## Construction Update

### Phase 1 – Wellington to Riddell

Phase 1 of the Downtown Streetscape project is expected to be completed by mid-July.

### Phase 2 – Graham to Light

Phase 2 will begin following Streetfest. This phase is expected to take approximately 14 weeks.

### Safety tips

- Please do not move fencing. It is there to keep people safe.

For more information about the project visit [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/streetscape](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/streetscape)



# ELITE DANCE CENTRE



FALL CLASSES START SEPT 10TH

WEDNESDAYS

**KINDER (AGE 2-4) \$38+HST**

4:30-5:00 PARENT AND TOT

5:00-5:30 PRE-DANCE

5:30-6:15 COMBO CLASS

**PRIMARY (AGE 5-7) \$48+HST**

4:45-5:30 HIP HOP

5:30-6:15 ACRO

6:15-7:00 BALLET

7:00-7:45 JAZZ

**JUNIOR (AGE 8-10) \$48+HST**

4:45-5:30 BALLET

5:30-6:15 ACRO

6:15-7:00 JAZZ

7:00-7:45 TAP

7:45-8:30 HIP HOP

**TEEN (AGE 11-15) \$48+HST**

5:30-6:15 BALLET

6:15-7:00 ACRO

7:00-7:45 HIP HOP

7:45-8:30 TAP

7:45-8:30 JAZZ

8:30-9:15 LYRICAL

**MIXED AGE GROUPS (AGE 7+) 48+HST**

4:45-5:30 MUSICAL THEATRE

7:00-7:45 BOYS ONLY HIP HOP

**ADULT \$12+HST DROP IN**

6:15-7:00 TAP

7:45-8:30 HIP HOP

8:30-9:15 BALLET



SATURDAYS

**KINDER (AGE 2-4) \$38+HST**

9:00-9:30 AM PARENT AND TOT

9:30-10 AM PRE-DANCE

10-10:45 AM COMBO CLASS

**PRIMARY (AGE 5-7) \$48+HST**

10:45-11:30 AM JAZZ



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