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# May 25–31 is National AccessAbility Week

National AccessAbility Week is an opportunity to mark the important contributions made by Canadians with disabilities and to put a spotlight on the leadership of those who work tirelessly to make our communities more accessible and inclusive.

The City of Woodstock will celebrate with a flag raising in Museum Square on Monday, May 26, but striving to remove barriers for people with disabilities is an ongoing commitment.

## Accessibility Plan and Status Report

Under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA), municipalities must maintain a five-year accessibility plan and report annually on progress towards the goals and actions identified in the plan.

Some of the activities the City has recently completed include the new playground and splash pad on Finkle Street (read more about this project on pg. 14), a new accessible community garden at Donald Thompson Park, a basketball court at Homer Brown Park and accessible bleachers at Tip O'Neil baseball diamond. Renovations to the multipurpose room at Cowan Park Sportsplex were also completed, along with more accessible parking and modifications to the front entrance.

Looking ahead in 2025, accessibility is a core component of the Downtown Streetscape project, which includes rolled curbs, textured asphalt sidewalks, new lighting and street furniture.

## 2024 Donna Burleigh Award Recipients

The Donna Burleigh Accessibility Achievement Award recognizes individuals, groups and agencies that have made significant achievements in reducing or eliminating barriers for people with disabilities.

The award is named in honour of Donna Burleigh, a long-time member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee who passed away in 2023.

The 2024 recipients were celebrated at the Feb. 20, 2025, City Council meeting. Oxford County Naval Veterans Association and Journey Well Health and Wellness were both recognized for improvements to their facilities.

You can submit a nomination for the Donna Burleigh Award and find the 2024 Annual Status Report and 2023–2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/accessibility](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/accessibility).



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# Building community at South Gate Centre

June is Seniors Month in Ontario and this year South Gate Centre has an extra reason to celebrate.

Work is underway on the expansion of the community centre for adults over the age of 50. The project includes a 12,700 square foot addition, renovations to the existing building and landscaping to create more space for socializing, programming and events.

City Council approved the expansion as part of the 2023 capital budget, with \$7.8 million in funding from the City and \$1.2 million from South Gate Centre. Construction began last July and is expected to be completed in the fall.

“This has been a big vision and a journey, and to be able to see the conclusion of it soon will be fantastic,” said Executive Director Chris Cunningham.

## A place for connection

South Gate Centre grew out of Woodstock’s first senior citizens club, which was started by Alice Thomson in 1955. The first designated drop-in centre for seniors opened in 1960.

In 1999, South Gate Centre was formally established as a non-profit and found a home in the City-owned building at 191 Old Wellington St. S.

With 410 members, seven full-time staff and more than 200 volunteers, the centre offers a wide range of activities and events focused on health and wellness, fitness, social engagement and lifelong learning. They also operate Local Roots, a café and catering service that provides fresh and frozen meals to go, monthly dinners, lunches and baked goods.

“People come here because they absolutely love the community and connection. It’s a great place to find yourself, try new things and build incredible relationships,” said Angela Hess, Volunteer and Program Coordinator.

As the expansion takes shape, Hess and Cunningham are excited about the possibilities for the future, including cooking classes and more creative arts programming.



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## Celebrating Seniors Month

June is an opportunity to highlight the health and well-being of older adults, encourage inclusion and promote age-friendly communities across the province.

“Often as a society we tend to undermine people once they get past retirement and we forget that they still want to learn, they still want to grow, they still want to try new things and contribute to the community,” said Cunningham.

South Gate Centre will be hosting its annual Seniors Month barbecue on Friday, June 6, along with special health and wellness talks and pop-up programs throughout the month.

Staff and volunteers are also starting to prepare for the centre’s grand reopening in the fall and are looking for committee members to help plan the festivities.

To learn more and get involved, you can visit [www.southgatectr.com](http://www.southgatectr.com) or stop by in-person.



Artist renderings of the expansion project currently underway at South Gate Centre. This image shows the planned Fitness Hall.

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# Continuing Earth Day

*This article was contributed by Evelyn, a Student Representative for the Woodstock Environmental Advisory Committee.*

Earth day is a well-known occasion. Perhaps in April, an elementary school teacher taught about recycling, planting trees, and melting ice caps. Maybe you were taught about insects and got to see the journeys of baby caterpillars into beautiful adult butterflies. It is more than that!

Earth Day was first held in 1970 in Santa Barbara, California. While there were other events that led up to the activism, it was sparked by a large oil spill

that occurred in 1969. Inspired by anti-war “teach ins” organized by college students and faculty, Senator Gaylord Nelson wanted to create the same grass-roots movement to raise awareness of the devastating environmental issues that he could see around him.

The stance and actions of youth can be influential for change, so we wanted to see what they had to say. Local teens were asked through virtual interviews to reflect on why Earth Day and taking care of our planet is important, and how we can make a difference in our daily lives. Here’s what some of them had to say:

Gr. 12 Student: “Our beautiful planet is a privilege, not a right... We have dedicated April 22nd to raising awareness of our planet’s deteriorating health and educating the youth about our environment... When humans are given a gift, they are expected to cherish it, love it.”

Gr. 12 Student: “Tips: try up-cycling an item to decorate your garden, making your own bird feeders, and/or planting an insect friendly garden (butterfly garden).”

Gr. 11 Student: “Encourage others to put away their garbage in the proper spot and try not to waste things like food, clothing, etc.”

Gr. 11 Student: “Learning to sew and make my own clothing encouraged me to reuse my old clothes for a new purpose instead of discarding them. I use the fabric from clothing I no longer wear to make something new from it.”

Gr. 10 Student: “Try using more eco-friendly sprays and cleaners. Try making your own or use ones that are more sustainably sourced.”

Gr. 11 Student: “We can make a difference on Earth Day by making creative, out-of-the-box attention grabbing posters, art, and other visual reminders. I love seeing a creative take on something so important, especially when it is overlooked. Putting things into perspective... can make things easier to understand for people who just aren’t getting it.”

Gr. 8 Student: “Participate in a tree planting event.”

Earth Day should be used as a day to revitalize our efforts to change and to celebrate our environment together. Earth Day is a day to share our knowledge of issues, solutions, and goals to aspire towards. In the words of one of our teens, “*We set aside a day to teach...*”, but our actions must not be isolated to that day. We cannot leave Earth Day as an occasion.”

**Challenge:** Make a small goal to change and give yourself two weeks to complete it, including the research if necessary, and actively work towards integrating it into your lifestyle. See what you can do if you keep challenging yourself, making your own realistic timelines for change.

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# Growing Together: Woodstock Public Library launches new strategic plan

The Woodstock Public Library is planting seeds for the future with a new four-year strategic plan.



Photo by Dudek Photography

Work on the 2025–2028 strategic plan began last year with extensive community consultation including outreach, surveys and focus groups led by a committee of library staff and board members.

“The theme of ‘growing together’ came up very early in the planning process,” said CEO Lindsay Harris. “We heard how loved the library is from hundreds of people and about the need for more dedicated space, resources and programming as Woodstock continues to grow and change.”

More than 10,500 new users have accessed the library since 2018, with 4,300 new cardholders in the last two years alone. The library has also welcomed many newcomers to Canada who are finding a home in the Friendly City.

The strategic plan outlines goals and objectives around library space, community connections and partnerships, programs and collections, customer service, and marketing and communications.

“As a public library, we strive to not only meet the needs of our growing community, but to continuously evolve and embrace new opportunities for the future,” Harris said.

The plan was approved by the library board in March and will be presented to the public in May, but it’s already started to take root.

In 2024 the library added to its local author collection and partnered with the Oxford County Library to host two Local Author Book Fairs.

They’ve also expanded eBook and eAudiobook offerings for children and teens, resources for newcomers learning English as a second language and online language learning through the Mango app — all available for free with your library card.

Most recently, the library introduced PressReader, which gives users access to hundreds of digital newspapers and magazines from around the world in over 60 languages.

“PressReader has been in heavy use since we rolled it out in January,” Harris noted. “More than 2,500 issues were opened in the first two months, which is already double the use of our previous platform in all of 2024.”

You can learn more about the Woodstock Public Library’s collection, programs and services and watch for the 2025–2028 strategic plan at [www.mywpl.ca](http://www.mywpl.ca).



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## Construction Update

Phase 1 of the Downtown Streetscape project is nearly at the halfway mark.

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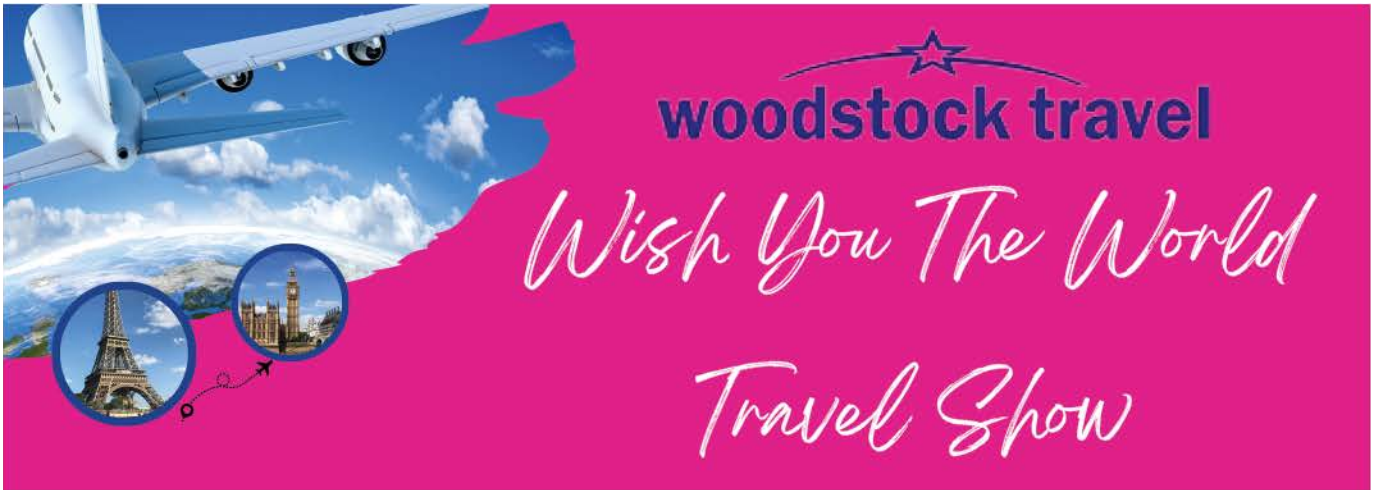
- Watermain and storm drain installation
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# Newest splashpad opening soon

Now that the weather is finally getting warmer staff are getting ready to open Woodstock's newest splash pad. A grand opening celebration is being planned for Saturday, May 24 from 1–3 p.m. Families are invited to come have some fun as the water is turned on for the season.

As part of the grand opening plans, children aged 3–13 are invited to submit their perfect park design for a chance to be the first to push the button and turn on the splash pad. Two winners will be randomly selected (one junior, one senior) and will be invited to take part in the grand opening event.

“This playground was designed with the community in mind, which is why we want to get families involved in the grand opening celebration,” said Chris Kern, parks supervisor for the City of Woodstock. “The day is going to be a lot of fun with lawn games and ice cream! We want families to come out, connect with each other and explore the new playground and splash pad.”

We sat down with Janet Elliott from Openspace Solutions, a Canadian company based out of Wellesley, who worked with the parks team to design and build this outstanding play environment to learn more about the project. She explained “As a destination park, we really envisioned this park being a place where families can come together to have fun and make memories. We wanted to have some ‘Wow’ features to encourage families to stay longer and come back more often.”

The project was truly a collaborative local effort. Woodstock-based companies Hortikopia and SPH Engineering also played key roles in the design and construction of the park, bringing their expertise to the layout, landscaping, and structural elements. Picnic tables and other seating will be

installed this spring, supplied by Maglin Furniture, a local company known for its high-quality, durable site furnishings.

One of the signature features of the water play area is the 40-gallon Mega-Soaker, a tipping bucket that creates a huge splash and always delights kids. There are interactive elements that can spin to change the direction the water sprays, ground sprays and hoops to run through. There are also some smaller scale elements for younger children who are just starting to explore water play.

The park also features a huge playground with lots of unique areas to explore.

“As a parent of a child with special needs, making sure there are play components for all ages and abilities is always a consideration in our designs,” said Elliott. “This design offers equipment that provides unstructured play for older children, quieter spaces for those who prefer independent play, and an area tailored to the smallest of park users.”

The playground is surrounded by a rubberized surface which supports the use of mobility devices and includes features like a spinning carousel that can accommodate a wheelchair, sensory panels, an eight-foot slide, swings and a gliding gondola, perfect for multi-generational play. The pavilion provides shelter for families and caregivers to take a break or get out of the sun for a bit.

“The most rewarding part of what we do is knowing we’re making a difference in kids’ lives. We’re proud to promote healthy lifestyles and encourage children to be outside having fun with their peers—because Play is better together,” added Elliott.

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# Celebrating Public Works

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National Public Works Week is recognized each May to highlight the importance of public works and recognize the professionals who work tirelessly behind the scenes making sure our roads are clear, our garbage is collected and our water and wastewater flows smoothly.

This year's theme is People, Purpose, Presence. The theme was selected because it's people who give public works employees their purpose and their presence is everywhere, making sure the public's needs are met.

While the City has typically marked the occasion internally, this year we're excited to be working with local schools to help raise awareness of the work done by our public works team, the types of careers available in the field and how what they do

touches people's lives. There are also a number of connections between the work done in traditional public works fields and school curriculum.

Students from participating schools will be invited downtown to view equipment displays and learn more about the types of work done by staff.

## What's new in public works

Innovations in public works will be on display this June in Woodstock as the Oxford County Roads Supervisors Association host the annual Association of Municipal Roads Supervisor's (AORS) Trade Show. The show is the largest of its kind in Ontario with between 200 and 300 exhibits showcasing the latest public works products and services.

More than 2,000 participants are expected to visit Woodstock to attend this two-day trade show. Attendees can learn and share information and technical developments in the materials, services and equipment required to build and maintain municipal roads and other core infrastructure.

"This is a great opportunity for our staff to drop in for a couple of hours and learn and be inspired by some of the new technologies or techniques that help deliver services to our residents," said Dan Locke, Director of Public Works for the City of Woodstock. "That's one of the great things about public service is that everyone is so willing to share knowledge and best practices with each other."

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# Youth Week

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	<b>Youth Volleyball</b> Cowan Park Sportsplex	<b>3:30–5 p.m.</b>
		<b>Friday, May 2</b>
<b>Saturday, May 3</b>	<b>Youth Pickleball</b> Cowan Park Sportsplex	<b>10:30 a.m.–Noon</b>
	<b>Youth Flag Football</b> Cowan Park Sportsplex	<b>1:30–3 p.m.</b>
		<b>Sunday, May 4</b>
<b>Monday, May 5</b>	<b>Youth Bubble Soccer &amp; Soccer</b> Cowan Park Sportsplex	<b>6–7:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Youth Public Skating</b> Reeves Community Complex	<b>5–6 p.m.</b>
		<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 7</b>	<b>Youth Basketball</b> Cowan Park Sportsplex	<b>6–8 p.m.</b>

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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, we're exploring the stories behind five local parks in celebration of Recreation and Parks Month in June!



## Victoria Park

Before earning its royal namesake, the park on Buller Street was used as a fairground by Oxford County. After the fairgrounds were moved, the area was called Central Park. The land was later purchased by the Town of Woodstock and renamed Victoria Park in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. Queen Victoria was the first British monarch to mark 60 years on the throne, ruling from 1837 until her death in 1901. Photo: Postcard of Victoria Park and bandstand, 1905C.



## Cottle Park & Altadore Park

Two parks in Woodstock can trace their names to one man. Thomas J. Cottle was born in 1808 and came to Woodstock from the British West Indies in the 1840s. Cottle was the first president of Oxford Horticultural Society and a member of town council, serving as mayor in 1860. He called his property on the corner of Victoria Street North and Grant Street "Altadore," which means "round hill" in West Indian. Photo: Altadore grounds, 1920C.



## Homer Brown Park

Homer Pratt Brown was born in New York state in 1822 and moved with his family to Paris, Ontario when he was a teenager. After relocating to Woodstock in his early 20s, Brown started the Woodstock Iron Works and became active in local government. Over the years he held various roles including deputy reeve, reeve, mayor and magistrate. Brown sold his business in 1867. He was appointed county treasurer two years later and held the position for more than three decades. Photo: Homer Brown, 22nd Battalion Oxford Rifles Band, 1870.



## Shanna Larsen Memorial Park

One of Woodstock's newer parks was dedicated in 2016 in memory of Shanna Larsen. A talented artist and aspiring teacher, Larsen was also a swimming instructor and coached figure skating and soccer. She passed away from breast cancer in 2005 at the age of 24. Larsen's mother, Lorna, founded the non-profit Team Shan to raise awareness of breast cancer in young women. The sunflower on the park sign is a symbol of Team Shan and was inspired by Larsen's artwork.

# C.O.W. TALES

## Way Back When Contest

**THE WINNER** of the April 'Way Back When' Contest question is **Amandeep Sekhon**. She correctly answered that the United Way Oxford was founded in April 1964. Amandeep wins a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock, and she will qualify for a \$100 Boston Pizza Woodstock gift card to be drawn from all the monthly winners in December.

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR!



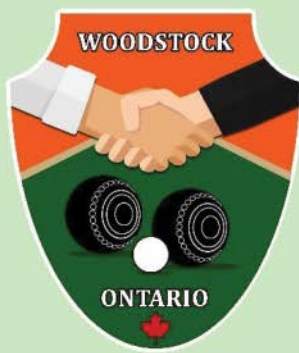
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### THINK YOU KNOW YOUR WOODSTOCK HISTORY?

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.** Which British royal stayed overnight at Altadore House in 1860? (See pg. 4)
- Q.** Who was the first superintendent of Southside Park? (See pg. 20)
- Q.** Which park was named in honour of an artist in 2023? (See pg. 3)
- Q.** Name another local park named after a former mayor.

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to [wow@cityofwoodstock.ca](mailto:wow@cityofwoodstock.ca) by Friday, June 6, 2025. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.



# Lawn Bowling

## Try it! You will love it!

**325 Finkle St - Corner of Parkinson Rd & Finkle St**  
**Open House** May 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
May 25, 2-4 p.m.

**Learn to Bowl** - Starting May 27 for 3 weeks  
Tuesday & Thursday nights - Cost \$50

### Woodstock Lawn Bowling Club

Social Bowling Nights  
Tuesday & Thursday, 7 p.m.  
[www.woodstocklawnbowling.ca](http://www.woodstocklawnbowling.ca)  
or 519-463-5447

### Lawn Bowling

1. Social sport is as casual or competitive as you like
2. Sport for all ages (12-80 years)



# Recreation Camps



	Age	Featured Activity*	July 2-4	July 7-11	July 14-18	July 21-25	July 28-Aug 1	Aug 5-8	Aug 11-15	Aug 18-22	Aug 25-29	Fee
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## Cowan Park Sportsplex 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### Traditional Day Camps

Cowan Kinder Camp	4 to 5		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Cowan Tykes	6 to 7		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Cowan Juniors	8 to 9		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Cowan Seniors	10 to 12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195

### Specialty / Themed Camps

Ultimate Sports Camp – Juniors	6 to 8			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Ultimate Sports Camp – Seniors	9 to 12			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Pack & Go	8 to 12			✓		✓		✓		✓		\$375
Little Picasso Art & Swim Camp	6 to 9				✓			✓		✓		\$195
Stemotics/Robotics – Minecraft Coding	6 to 9								✓	✓		\$375
Stemotics/Robotics – Lego WeDo	6 to 9			✓	✓							\$375
DIY Camp	6 to 9			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Summer Sport & Cycling Camp – Beginner	7 to 9				✓		✓			✓		\$195
Summer Sport & Cycling Camp – Pro	8 to 12			✓		✓				✓		\$195

## Southside Park – Outdoors 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### Specialty / Themed Camps

Explore the Outdoors – Hiking Camp	8 to 12			✓	✓		✓					\$195
Summer Sport & Bronze Star Camp	9 to 12			✓		✓			✓			\$375
Summer Sport & Learn to Swim Camp	6 to 9				✓		✓					\$325

## Reeves Complex 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### Traditional Day Camps

Reeves Kinder Camp	4 to 5		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Reeves Tykes	6 to 7		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Reeves Juniors	8 to 9		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Reeves Seniors	10 to 12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195

### Specialty / Themed Camps

Pack & Go	8 to 12			✓		✓		✓		✓		\$375
Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Camp JR	7 to 9									✓	✓	\$375
Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Camp SR	10 to 12									✓	✓	\$375
Summer Sport & Skating Camp JR	4 to 7								✓	✓	✓	\$375
Summer Sport & Skating Camp SR	8 to 12								✓	✓	✓	\$375

## Cowan Fields 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### Specialty / Themed Camps

Fields Kinder Camp	4 to 5		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Fields Tykes	6 to 7		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Ultimate Sports Camp – Juniors	8 to 9		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Ultimate Sports Camp – Seniors	10 to 12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Pack & Go	8 to 12		✓		✓		✓		✓			\$375
Racquets & Paddles – NEW!	8 to 12			✓		✓			✓			\$325
Activate – NEW!	9 to 12			✓		✓			✓			\$375
Summer Sport & Learn to Swim Camp	6 to 9				✓		✓					\$325

\* Swimming Off-site Trips Specialized Instructor



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 19 and enter today!

**A:** Arthur Dent.

# Still looking for something to keep your kids busy this summer?

The City of Woodstock offers fun and enriching camp programs for kids aged 4–12.

**It's not too late to register!**  
[www.cityofwoodstock.ca/camps](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/camps)



**Our camp staff are certified in first aid, and a variety of HIGH FIVE programs**



## CITY BEAUTIFUL AWARDS

**Do you know a property that helps make Woodstock beautiful?**

**Nominate them for a City Beautiful award!  
Deadline to nominate is July 20.**

Please submit a current photo of the property with the nomination form. You can nominate your own property or someone else's.

**Properties must be:**

- within the City of Woodstock
- visible from the street



### Nomination Details

Occupant Name or Business Name:

Occupant or Business Phone Number:

Street Name and Number:

Nomination Category (select 1)

- Residential
- New Landscape Residential (within last year)
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Institutional (school, church, bank, hospital etc.)

**Nomination forms may be delivered to:**

**Parks Department (located in Southside Park)**  
192 Old Wellington St. S. Woodstock, ON N4S 3J3  
Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.)

Submit online at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/citybeautiful](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/citybeautiful)

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## May

- 2-4 **STAGES** present Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids / Romeo and Juliet or The Old "You-Know-I-Really-Love-You-But-My-Father-Really-Hates-You" Blues, Theatre Woodstock, 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinées at 2 p.m. Tickets \$12-\$20. [app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=232686](http://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=232686)
- 7 **Downtown BIA Hall Meeting**, Market Centre, 22 Reeve St, 6-8 p.m. Free. Let's come together and cultivate connections in our vibrant downtown! Stay up to date and take the opportunity to connect with your local business owners. Visit [downtownwoodstock.ca/events](http://downtownwoodstock.ca/events).
- 8-10 **K2K Productions presents 'Sister Act Jr.'**, 65 Lansdowne Ave, May 8, 9 at 7 p.m., May 10 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets \$25. Step into a world of laughter and inspiration with K2K Productions Senior Company. Don't miss out! Visit [k2kproductions.ca/boxoffice](http://k2kproductions.ca/boxoffice) or call 519-290-9525.
- 10 **Woodstock Horticultural Society Annual Plant Auction**, Huron Park Secondary School cafeteria, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Use Berwick St door and south parking lot. All are welcome.
- 13 **Woodstock Horticultural Society Open Meeting**, Huron Park Secondary School cafeteria, 7-9 p.m. First meeting free, Annual Membership \$15, Family \$25. All new "Plant Bingo." Use Berwick St door and south parking lot.
- 15 **Children's Water Festival Family Night**, Pittock Conservation Area, 5-8 p.m. Free. Fun for the whole family! Join us for hands-on activities, live birds of prey, food trucks and more. Website: [facebook.com/share/1EH1UmoGQD](https://facebook.com/share/1EH1UmoGQD)

- 22 **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.
- 22-25 **STAGES** present 'The Spongebob Musical,' Theatre Woodstock, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$18-\$32. Matinée 2 p.m. on May 25. [app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=232667](http://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=232667)
- 28 **Oxford Historical Society Meeting**, Woodstock Museum NHS, 6:30 p.m., Free. Presentation by Angus Sutherland on the 'History of the Presbyterian Church.' Call 226-242-4774 or email [info@oxhs.ca](mailto:info@oxhs.ca). Visit [oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca](http://oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca).

## June

- 10 **Woodstock Horticultural Society Open Meeting**, Huron Park Secondary School cafeteria, 7-9 p.m. First meeting free, Annual Membership \$15, Family \$25. Speaker Heather Jerrard 'Weird & Wonderful Plants.' Everyone welcome.
- 26 **Downtown Woodstock Shopping Night**, see May 22 above.
- 28 **Tiny Paws for a Cause Shindig**, 5 p.m.-1 a.m. 564960 Karn Rd, Woodstock. Tickets \$70. Registered charity event at Wedding Ways at Rosehill. Live band, buffet meal, 50/50 draw, silent auction. Website [woodstockkittennursery.com](http://woodstockkittennursery.com).
- 29 **Oxford County Annual Coin Show**, Oxford Auditorium, 875 Nellis St., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Entry \$4. Buy, sell, trade and evaluate. Visit Woodstock Coin Club on Facebook. Contact John Tryhub, 519-608-8446, [john@woodstockgoldsilver.ca](mailto:john@woodstockgoldsilver.ca)

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**PRIDE**

**OXFORD COUNTY**

**SPONSORS:** TD, THE SHERMAN TEAM, Tourism Oxford, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc., Anderson, UNIFOR, RINGERSOLL RENT-ALL

# Upcoming Special Events



## Victoria Day Weekend

Southside Park

May 15–19, 2025

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

## Canada Day

Southside Park

July 1, 2025

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

# Cowapoolooza

S U M M E R F E S T I V A L

August 8–9 | Southside Park | Woodstock, ON

## BIG WRECK



For event details visit [www.cowapoolooza.ca](http://www.cowapoolooza.ca)



Recreation  
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# June 2025

June is Recreation and Parks Month

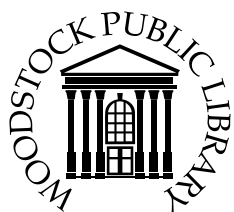
Active Living is Healthy Living



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Public Swim</b> 2-4 p.m.	2 Go Bird Watching	3 Play Tennis at Brompton or Richardson Park	4 Adult Skate 1-1:50 p.m.	5 Bake Something Delicious	6 Take a walk or cycle through our local trails	7 <b>Family Turf Time</b> 10-11 a.m.  <b>Public Swim</b> 2-4 p.m.
8 <b>Public Swim</b> 2-4 p.m.  <b>Family Turf Time</b> 4-5 p.m.	9 Take some time to garden, plant a tree, flowers, or veggies!	10 Play Pickleball	11 Adult Skate 1-1:50 p.m.	12 Visit Finkle Street Splash Pad	13 Grab a racket and head out to your local court for Tennis, Pickleball or Badminton	14 <b>Family Turf Time</b> 10-11 a.m.  <b>Public Swim</b> 2-4 p.m.
15 <b>Family Turf Time</b> 10-11 a.m.  <b>Public Swim</b> 2-4 p.m.	16 Explore a local park or playground!	17 Read a Book	18 Adult Skate 1-1:50 p.m.	19 Grab your board or bike and head over to Southside Park	20 Happy First Day of Summer	21 <b>Family Turf Time</b> 10-11 a.m.  <b>Public Swim</b> 2-4 p.m.
22 <b>Family Turf Time</b> 10-11 a.m.  <b>Public Swim</b> 2-4 p.m.	23 Play soccer in your backyard or in a local park	24 Batter Up!	25 Adult Skate 1-1:50 p.m.	26 Visit your Local Splash Pad	27 Take a walk on the Woodstock Silver Trail	28 <b>Public Swim</b> 2-4 p.m.
29 <b>Public Swim</b> 2-4 p.m.	30 Grab some sidewalk chalk and head outdoors!	<p><b>Note: Public Swims take place at Southside Aquatic Centre</b>  <b>Family Turf Time takes place at Cowan Park Sportsplex</b>  <b>Adult Skate is at Reeves Community Complex</b></p>				

Thanks to our sponsors, join us for free public swimming, public skates, and turf time!

Brickhouse Brewpub / Upper Thames Brewing Company, Dr Lail and Associates,  
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 City of Woodstock



# PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m. (May 4 & 11 only)  
Closed May 19 & 26  
445 Hunter St., Woodstock ON  
www.mywpl.ca

## Storytimes!

Each program includes age-appropriate stories, rhymes, songs, and activities designed by library professionals to help children develop literacy skills and a love of reading. Dedicated time for play and to meet other families is provided at the end of the program. Children should be accompanied by a caregiver. **No registration required.**

Program	Description	Dates/Times
<b>Tales &amp; Tunes</b> (Family)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays May 28 – June 25, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
<b>Books &amp; Bounces</b> (Birth–18 months)	Babies and caregivers will hear stories, and learn songs, rhymes, and bounces that will help foster a love of reading.	Thursdays May 29 – June 26, 12–1 p.m.
<b>Outdoor Storytime</b> (Family)	Join us on the library lawn for songs, stories and more! In the case of inclement weather, this program will be moved inside.	Fridays May 30 – June 27, 10:30–11:30 a.m.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten  
To participate: visit [www.mywpl.ca](http://www.mywpl.ca)

**Multilingual Storytime** (Family)  
Saturday, May 31 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the diversity of our community! Every month we will learn about a new culture through language, art, song and story. This month we will be joined by Jing Zhang (Ginny) to learn about the Dragon Boat Festival and learn some Mandarin! **No registration required.**

**Teddy Bear Picnic** (Family)  
Saturday, May 31 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Families and their teddies are invited to a picnic on the Library Lawn! We will share juice boxes, cookies and stories that the teddies will love! Please bring blankets for your own comfort. **No registration required.**



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

10AM - 2PM  
AT THE  
WOODSTOCK  
PUBLIC LIBRARY





# TD Summer Reading Club!

**Get Your Summer Read On!** (Family)  
Saturday, June 21 – 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Join us for our official launch event for the TD Summer Reading Club. Drop by the library between 10 a.m.–4 p.m. to sign-up for the Summer Reading Club and have some FUN! We will have a variety of activities and entertainment for the whole family.

10:30–11:30 a.m. – Storytime with author Ashlee Campbell  
(in the Children’s Department)

2:30–3:30 p.m. – Rumpel & Friends Magic Show  
(on the Library Lawn)

**TD Summer Reading Club** (3–12 years)  
June 21–August 30, during Library open hours

Travel around the world with the TD Summer Reading Club this summer through stories, activities, and more! When you register for the club, you’ll receive a Reading Club Kit that includes a notebook to help track your reading. Great activities and prizes to win all summer long!



**Registration for summer programs opens June 23.**  
Visit our website for details:  
[www.mywpl.ca](http://www.mywpl.ca)



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# Programs for Children



Celebrate all things comics and graphic novels in a weekend full of activities and programs for all ages! Meet Graphic Novelist Stephanie Cooke and discover tips and tricks to writing your own graphic novel, participate in our fun Star Wars themed activities, and more. **No registration required.**

## **Free Comic Book Day** (All Ages)

**Saturday, May 3 – 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Celebrate all things comics with a free comic book! Drop into the Children's Department to pick up your free comic from L.A. Mood Comics and Games. While supplies last!

## **May the Fourth** (All Ages)

**Saturday, May 3 – 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 4 – 1–4 p.m.**

Dress as your favourite character from Star Wars and take a photobooth picture. Do a scavenger hunt, help write an out-of-this-world story, and more!

## **Graphic Novel Writing with**

**Stephanie Cooke** (8+ years)

**Saturday, May 3 – 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

Ever wonder how comic books and graphic novels are made? Are you looking to make your own? Join Stephanie Cooke as she delves into the world of comic books and shows you how to write a graphic novel.

## **Craft Club** (10+ years)

**Saturday, May 3 – 2:30-4 p.m.**

Create your own Star Wars comic strip! Illustrate your favourite scene or create a new scene with your favourite characters.

## **Retro Video Gaming Night!** (All Ages)

**Tuesdays, May 6 & June 3 – 6–8 p.m.**

Feeling nostalgic about the games from your youth? Then come on down for an evening of Retro Gaming! Play a sampling of retro games on various consoles. In partnership with Operandi Gaming Community. **No registration required.**

## **Homeschool Meet-Up** (Family)

**Mondays, May 12 & June 9 – 1–3 p.m.**

Meet other Homeschooling families for an afternoon of fun! Play board games or test out a robot. Snacks provided. **No registration required.**

## **Two Row Learning** (6–12 years)

**Mondays, May 12 & June 9 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

Immerse yourself in Indigenous culture and 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. **No registration required.**

## **Afterschool Hang Out** (9+ years)

**Thursdays, May 22 & June 19 – 3:30–5 p.m.**

Drop in to the library after school and try out some fun games, robots, and crafts! Snacks provided. **No registration required.**

## **PA Day Movie: *Moana 2*** (Family)

**Friday, May 30 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.**

Join us for a family friendly movie: *Moana 2* (PG). Popcorn included! **No registration required.**

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

**Saturday, May 17 – 2:30-4:30 p.m.**

Watch a movie in French! This month's film will be *Brave*. English subtitles will be available. Popcorn included! **No registration required.**

## Programs for Teens

### Coding: Wearable Technologies (14–18 years) Monday, May 5 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Learn the basics of wearable technologies, create an interactive project, and explore how technology can be integrated into everyday clothing and accessories. Facilitated by the University of Waterloo Stratford School of Interaction Design and Business. Registration required. Registration now open.

### Yoga for Teens (12–18 years) Tuesday, May 21 – 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of yoga (just for teens!) with a certified instructor from the Woodstock School of Dance and Yoga! No experience necessary. Registration required. Registration opens May 7 at 10 a.m.

### Teen Trivia Night (12–18 years) Tuesday, May 27 – 6–8 p.m.

Test your knowledge on a breadth of subjects! Participants can play alone or in teams of up to 4 people. Winner(s) will receive a prize! No registration required.

### Tote-ally Awesome Tote Bags! (12–18 years) Tuesday, June 24 – 6–8 p.m.

Decorate a tote bag! We will be painting the totes, so come prepared to get a little messy. All materials provided. No registration required.

## Programs for Adults

### Chit Chat Circle Tuesdays in May and June – 2–3:30 p.m.

Socialize in a safe space hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). We will discuss a variety of wellness topics. Refreshments provided. No registration required.

### Fraud Protection with CPA Canada Wednesday, May 7 – 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Join us for an instructional session on fraud protection presented by CPA Canada. Learn what fraud is and how it works, how to identify the signs of fraud, the most prevalent scams, and what to do if you are a victim of fraud. Registration Required. Registration now open.

### Knitting and Crochet Drop-In Saturdays, May 10 & 24 and June 21 – 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, May 13 & June 10 – 2–3 p.m. Thursdays, May 8 & June 12 – 7–8 p.m.

Begin each month with a good read! Join us for our afternoon or evening session for a lively discussion on the title selected. Open to all. No registration required.

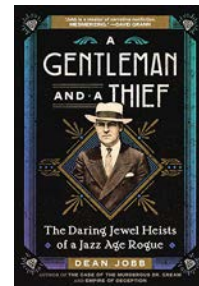
#### May Title

*Ruff*  
Rod Carley



#### June Title

*A Gentleman and a Thief*  
Dean Jobb



### Queer Conversations (16+ years) Tuesdays, May 20 & June 17 – 6:30–8 p.m.

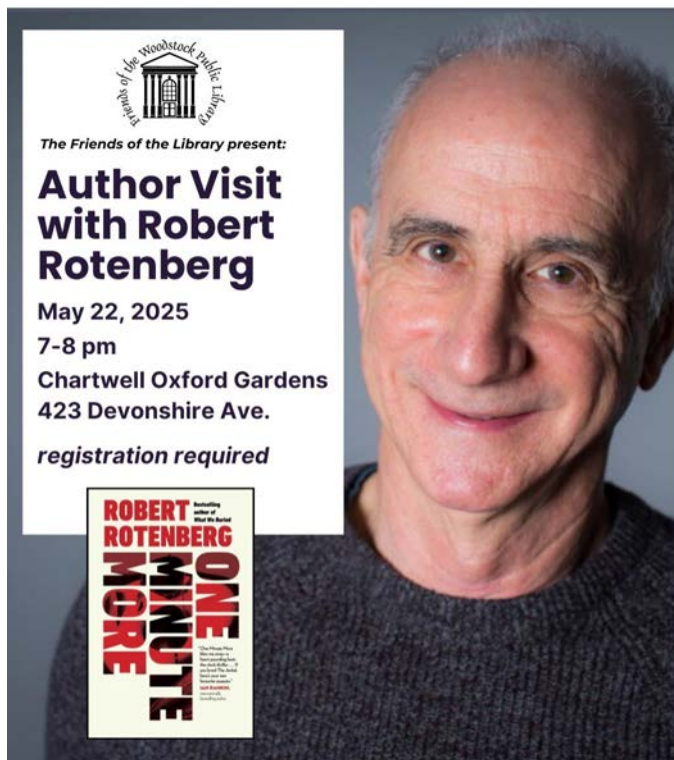
Join us and the Oxford County Community Health Centre for a gathering of 2SLGBTQIA+ community and conversation. No registration required.

# Programs for Adults

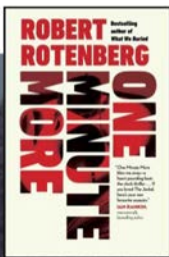
## Pub Trivia

Wednesday, May 21 – 7–8:30 p.m.

Join us at Upper Thames Brewing Company where you and your teammates can test your smarts against other beer enthusiasts. Upper Thames Brewing Co. will sell the drinks and WPL will provide the questions! **No registration required.**



The Friends of the Library present:  
**Author Visit  
with Robert  
Rotenberg**  
May 22, 2025  
7-8 pm  
Chartwell Oxford Gardens  
423 Devonshire Ave.  
*registration required*



**ROBERT  
ROTENBERG**  
**ONE  
MINUTE  
MORE**

The author of the award-winning novel 'The Book of David' and the memoir 'The Book of David' returns with a new novel, 'One Minute More'. This is a story of love, loss, and redemption. It is a powerful and moving story that will stay with you long after you've finished reading it.

## Oxford Winds Community Concert (All Ages)

Thursday, May 29 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Enjoy a free outdoor concert at the library, hosted by Oxford Winds Community Concert Band. Donations are welcome. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair. **No registration required.**

## Crafty Adults

Thursdays, May 29 & June 26 – 7–8 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.

## Tornadoes in Woodstock with Michael Newark

Saturday, June 7 – 2:30–4 p.m.

Michael Newark, a retired meteorologist with a 32-year career with Environment and Climate Change Canada, will speak about historic tornadoes in Woodstock and the surrounding area. **Registration required.** Registration opens May 24 at 10 a.m.

## Travelogue: In the Footsteps of the Group of Seven and Tom Thomson with Jim & Sue Waddington

Wednesday, June 11 – 6:30–8 p.m.

For almost five decades, Jim and Sue have searched for places that inspired the Group of Seven painters and Tom Thomson. This presentation will compare photographs of some of the 800 painting sites they have found with the corresponding Group of Seven artwork. **Registration required.** Registration opens May 28 at 10 a.m.



## Cyber Assist

Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m.  
Fridays, 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.

## Genealogy Assist

Book a one-on-one session with a genealogy specialist librarian. Learn how to use the library's digital microfilm readers and e-Resources. Each session is 50 minutes in length. **Registration required.** Check our website or call 519-539-4801, extension 3006 for available dates and times.



**Summer Hours: Open Mondays from May 26 to Aug. 31**

**PA Day Camps**

**Grown in Canada Day Camp**

May. 30 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Do you know which foods are grown in Canada and which foods aren't? Join us as we visit the market, plant our own vegetables, make Canadiana crafts and play fun Canadian games too. Please ensure your child has this day off school before booking. **Ages: 5-12**

**\$55 (Members \$49.50)**

**I (Eye) Spy Day Camps**

Jun. 6 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m. & Jun. 13 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Campers will set off on an exciting adventure featuring scavenger hunts, mystery challenges, and engaging puzzles. They'll enhance their observation skills while uncovering clues and enjoying a day full of exploration and excitement! Please ensure your child has the day off school before booking. **Ages: 5-12**

**\$55 (Members \$49.50)**

**Family Programs**

**Physics Matters for Families**

May. 27 | 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Join us for an hour of guided science good times with your family at the Woodstock Museum. Explore the hands-on Physics Matters exhibit and try out other group science activities. Chose one of the times to attend. All family members to register online. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages: 7+**

**\$6 (Members Free)**



**Adult Programs**

**Lunch & Learn: Our Stories on Stage**

May 20 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Some of our best local history stories have been turned into sold-out theatre productions right here in Woodstock and Oxford. Perhaps you've seen "Kai the Barbarian" about George Leslie MacKay and the Taiwan connection. Or plays on the lives of Joe Boyle, Aimee Semple McPherson and Cassie Chadwick! Bill Butt will share how his plays have gotten made, and some local stories still waiting to be written and put on stage. The presentation will be followed by a light lunch. Register in advance online to reserve your spot. **Ages: 16+**

**\$20**

**Museum Month Tour**

May 26 | 7 p.m.

May is Museum Month, and we'd love to show you around the Woodstock Museum. Never been before? An excellent opportunity to learn about Woodstock's history, our most recent exhibit and what makes our city so unique. Book yourself a spot online. **Ages: 14+**

**\$6 (Members Free)**

**Learn to Play Dungeons & Dragons**

May 24 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Are you interested in playing Dungeons & Dragons but not sure where to start? Sign up for a D&D training session! Learn the basic rules and how to create a character, then play a game session. You'll also get tips on how to find online and in-person games. Pizza lunch included. **Ages: 16+**

**\$55 (Members \$49.50)**



## Summer Camps

Join in all the fun this summer with learning, history, games, excursions, special guests and unique themes! Register now or sign up for the waitlist to be notified if a spot becomes available in a full camp.

Camps run on weekdays from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (no extended care).

Week	Camp	Ages	Cost
July 2–4	Dino Camp – <b>Full</b>	4–6	\$120 (Members \$108)
July 7–11	Totally Jurassic Camp	7–12	\$200 (Members \$180)
July 14–18	Spectacular Science Jr. – <b>Full</b>	5–8	\$200 (Members \$180)
July 21–25	Spectacular Science	7–12	\$200 (Members \$180)
July 28–Aug. 1	Unicorn Camp – <b>Full</b>	4–7	\$200 (Members \$180)
Aug. 5–8	Villain Con Camp	7–12	\$160 (Members \$144)
Aug. 11–15	Culture Camp: Woodstock Art Gallery & Woodstock Museum	6–12	\$300 (Members \$250)
Aug. 18–22	Fairy Tale Camp	4–6	\$200 (Members \$180)

**PHYSICS MATTERS**

An Interactive Science Exhibit  
Grade 3 to 5 Curriculum

January 25 to October 4

Created by the Woodstock Museum NHS



# SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMS

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Seniors: May 7 & 21  
Juniors: May 14 & 28  
4 – 5:30 p.m.

This program includes guided gallery tours, art lessons and self-guided activities, offering time and space for interactive creativity and social engagement. Registration required.

Age: 5 – 8 (Juniors) and 9 – 12 (Seniors)  
Cost: \$8

## START WITH ART

May 14 & 28  
11 – 11:45 a.m.

Preschool aged children and their caregivers will discover a variety of artistic fundamentals, techniques and materials.

Age: 5 and under  
Must be accompanied by an adult.  
Cost: \$8

## CREATIVE PA DAY

Friday, May 30  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Creative PA Day programs include art-making activities and lessons, lunch break, two snack breaks and outdoor play.

Age: 5 – 12  
Cost: \$75 (Members \$60)  
Extended care included.

## NATURE ART CAMP

July 7 – 11  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Uncover the beauty of nature through art! Explore a variety of ecosystems at our local parks and trails, learn about climate change and examine the importance of conservation practices with the City of Woodstock's Parks and Forestry experts, and appreciate the deeply interconnected relationship between art and nature.

Age: 6 – 12  
Cost: \$350 (Members \$300)

## MINI MAKERS

July 14-18, August 5-8, & August 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)

## GRAFFITI ART CAMP

July 21 – 25  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Unleash your inner graffiti artist, design your own tag and express yourself! This camp will reveal the fascinating world of graffiti, urban art and murals. Discover numerous graffiti techniques, non-traditional tools and specialty equipment with guidance from art professionals and special guest artists.

Age: 6 – 12  
Cost: \$350 (Members \$300)


## 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)

## CURRENT EXHIBITIONS


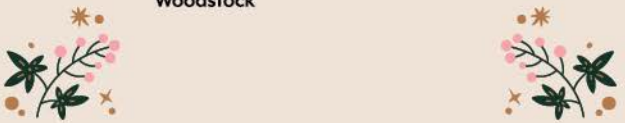




# Natural Connections

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

April 22 – June 21, 2025

**Collaborative community project with the City of Woodstock Parks & Forestry Department and Focus on Nature**




# GATHERING FICTIONS

A Dialogue on Painting


Michel Daigneault + Janet Jones

Feb. 15 – June 21, 2025  
Curator: Anik Glaude

Organized by



Michel Daigneault, *Rose*, 2023  
Janet Jones, *Voices of Love*, 2021



# STUDENT OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, June 18  
5 – 7 p.m.

Join us in celebrating the recipient of the 2025 Friends of the Woodstock Art Gallery Legacy Scholarship and *Natural Connections: Student Photography Exhibition!*

# BETTY McARTHUR

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Betty McArthur, *Four Geese with Heads Up*, 1987

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