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STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY KICKS OFF SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Once upon a summer, the children of Stratford discovered the joys of reading, exploring, and creating together. Their imaginations soared through the clouds and their hearts danced with delight!

Throughout July and August, Stratford Public Library will be offering a wide variety of programs for kids. Some are focused on reading while others promote engaging with the community, building social and cultural connections, exploring local parks, and learning new coding and STEAM skills.

Programs such as sPark Literacy, Baby and Me Under a Shady Tree, Acorns and Oak Trees, Full STEAM Ahead, Beat the Heat, and Exploring Stratford are free drop-in programs held in community locations.

“We are delighted to be heading out into community parks this summer to connect with participants and offer fun, engaging programs for children of all ages. We’re happy to be offering something for everyone because we know that community connection is more important now than ever before.” says Trish MacGregor, PLOW & Children’s Program Coordinator. “We love finding new and exciting ways to connect with our community.”

Families looking for programs at the library can join Indigenous Stories & Art, Reading Buddies, and LEGOmania. We are also offering a virtual program called Super Coders that will give children the opportunity to learn coding skills and create websites, games and their own superhero avatars.

Jay Cairns and Haley Kavelman, Summer Program Coordinators, are excited to introduce and run these new programs and are looking forward to a fun summer.

The library’s MakerSpace will be offering an end of summer bonus program for makers ages 6+ where over the course of a week, participants can help create a giant multiverse out of recyclables, old toys, LEDs, robotics, and their imaginations.

Open Lab appointments will continue to be available for people of all ages. Unleash your creativity with the 3D printer, button maker, vinyl cutter, robotics, and more. The MakerSpace is open to children ages 9+ and those under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

We’re also encouraging children to read this summer through free TD Summer Reading Club kits that are packed with fun reading-related activities. When you register, you’ll receive a Read Your Way Through Summer game board that rewards those who meet their reading goals with a spin of the ever-popular prize wheel. The TD Summer Reading Club is sponsored by TD Canada and is funded in part by the Government of Canada.

Children can register for the TD Summer Reading Club beginning June 14 by visiting the library. For more information on our Summer Programs visit splibrary.ca/summer.

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