



Summer Programs 2022

Registration for (Adult) Main Library events, please call 716-286-4881 or nfref@nioga.org

Registration for (Tween/Teen and children's) events, please call 716-286-4902

Registration for LaSalle Branch events, please call 716-283-8309

Adult Programming

ADULT SUMMER READING — Oceans of Possibilities

Dates: June 27 – August 19

Read a book (fiction or true) set around the water — an ocean, river, pond, waterfall! Submit a brief review and earn a ticket for the final summer reading prize drawing. Read as many books as you like — earn a ticket for each review. Read a library book in print or listen to an audiobook or explore online on Hoopla and Overdrive. See the Summer Reading display or webpage for details.



SPICE-OF-THE-MONTH CONTINUES!

Select Rosemary in June, Lavender in July (think Lavender Lemonade!), and Tarragon in August. Kits come with a sample of spice, fun facts, and recipes. This is a Take-and-Make program, available one per family while quantities last. *Generously funded by the Friends of the Library.*



ADULT FILM VIEWING @ MAIN LIBRARY

Enjoy a movie (based on a book) in the air-conditioned comfort of our 2nd-floor auditorium.

Dates: Wednesdays, June 1 and 15, July 6 and 20, August 3 and 17

Time: 6pm – 8 pm

Location: Main Library, 2nd-floor auditorium
Registration required.

June 1: Fences (PG-13)

June 15: Crazy Rich Asians (PG-13)

July 6: The Hours (PG-13)

July 20: In the Time of Butterflies (PG-13)

August 3: Loving Vincent (PG-13)

August 17: Smoke Signals (PG-13)

SUMMER DIGITAL LITERACY AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Tech Help @ the Main Library. 25-minute sessions using sound-dampening booths, with staff support for health and business, including research, telehealth, online forms, and job interviews (reserve two sessions back to back for job interviews).

This technology is supported by a grant from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health under cooperative agreement number UG4LM013729.

June 8, 10, 15, and 17

10 am – Noon. By Appointment Only.

July 5, 12, 19

6 pm – 8 pm. By Appointment Only.

Main Library

Registration required.

A-PER-TURE BOOK CLUB

Read and discuss narratives that help expand our views of the world around us.

June: *The Leavers* by Lisa Ko

July: *Lost Children Archive* by Valeria Luiselli

August: *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi

Dates: Wednesday, June 8, July 13, August 10

Time: 7 pm – 8 pm

Location: Main Library, meeting room

Registration required.

OR

Dates: Thursday, June 9, July 14, August 11

Time: Noon – 1 pm

Location: LaSalle Library, meeting room 3

Registration required.



WRITING GROUP

The writing group meets on the third Friday of every month, from 10 to 11 am, at Main in the second-floor conference room. Practice free-write exercises in the beginning of each class, then share your writing with others based on a particular topic or theme of the month. All are welcome to participate, no matter the writing skill level.

Date: June 17, July 15, and August 19

Time: 10 am – 11 am

Location: Main Library, 2nd-floor conference room

Registration required.

KUMIHIMO BRACELET BRAIDING

Join us in the makerspace to learn about kumihimo, or Japanese braiding. Using silky cords in an array of colors and a donut-shaped disk, this braiding technique is easy to learn. Supplies provided.

Date: June 14

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Main Library, Makerspace

Registration required.

MAKE MUSIC DAY!

Join in a sing-along. Bring your light, portable acoustic instrument, or just sing! All ages welcome.

Date: June 21

Time: 2 pm – 3 pm

*Location: Main Library, front garden
(weather permitting)*

Registration not required.

OR

Date: June 24

Time: 2 pm – 3 pm

*Location: LaSalle Library, front garden
(weather permitting)*

Registration not required.



INTRODUCTION TO SEWING BY HAND

Join us in the maker space for a beginner's lesson in hand sewing. Learn how to thread a needle, prepare fabric for sewing, do a basic running stitch through a piece of fabric, finish off your running stitch and if time allows, how to sew on a button. Absolutely no experience is necessary! Supplies provided.

Date: June 28 or July 26

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Main Library, Makerspace

Registration required.

EASY ADULT SUMMERTIME CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

Try something fun with an ocean theme. Space and supplies are limited. Waiver required for Laughter Yoga participation. Craft supplies are generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Dates: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 2 pm – 3 pm

Location: LaSalle Library

Registration required.

July 1: Beaded Seaglass Pendant Craft

July 8: Oceans of Laughter – Laughter Yoga

July 15: Jellyfish Door Decor Craft

July 22: Ocean Explosion Boxes Craft

July 29: Retro Time! – Boondoggle Keychain Craft

MANDALA ROCKS

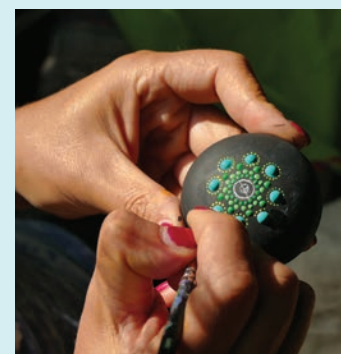
Mandalas are beautiful, often intricate designs made up of other smaller shapes, such as dots, circles and swirls. Join us to decorate a rock using this awesome technique! Supplies provided.

Date: August 16

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Main Library, Makerspace

Registration required.



Tween/Teen Programming



FLASHPOP! MINI-COMICS MAKING CLUB

Comic book lovers who want to create their own mini-comics. The workshop will walk participants through some of the basic building blocks used by comics and graphic novel creators to tell a story by creating your own mini-comic. Sessions will run twice weekly. At the end of the three weeks, the participants will have their own comics to take home. Snacks and art supplies will be provided.

Date: Wednesdays and Fridays, July 20, July 22, 27, 29 and August 3 and 5

Time: 2 pm – 4 pm

*Location: Main Library, 2nd-floor conference room
Registration required.*

STEM ROBOTICS CLASS

(for those entering grades 4-7)

For two weeks in our new Makerspace. Come explore the basics of robotics as you build, guide, and program one of our mBot robots! Participants will be served a snack and will have a chance to follow guided lessons as well as open time to explore. Limited to 12 participants

Date: Mondays through Fridays, July 11 to July 22

Time: 10.30 am – Noon

*Location: Main Library, Makerspace
Registration required.*

TEEN SUMMER READING CRAFTS:

Summer Reading for our Teen Crafts programs, for ages 12 – 18. We will have a craft and a snack for participants.

At LaSalle Branch

Date: Mondays, July 11, 18, 25, August 1

Time: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: LaSalle Library

Registration required.

July 11: Dessert Sushi

July 18: Pokemon Planters

July 25: Mandala Rocks

August 1: Shaving Cream Marbled Paper

At Main Branch

Date: Tuesdays July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2

Time: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Main Library

Registration required.

July 5: Serpent Eye Magnet

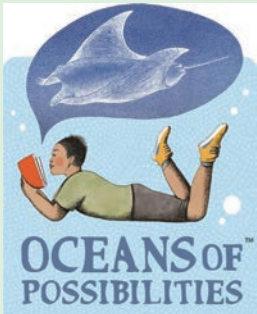
July 12: Dessert Sushi

July 19: Pokemon Planters

July 26: Mandala Rocks

August 2: Shaving Cream Marbled Paper

Children's Programming



Get ready for loads of aquatic-themed fun for children and families as we present this summer's program theme, *Oceans of Possibilities*.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE FOR AGES 4 – 11

June 27 – August 19

The Read and Bead challenge is back — build an all-new reading chain this summer! Receive your chain when you sign up for a reading log. Then read, read, read to earn cool sea life and other colorful beads to fill it up. Complete 30 days of reading and earn a special character charm! Sign up at Main or LaSalle beginning on June 27.

LIT/LOOT BOXES FOR GRADES 5-8

Readers in grades 5–8 are invited to pick up two free, book-themed goodie boxes this summer! Each box will contain a book to keep, along with snacks and other fun surprises. The first box will be released beginning on July 1, the second on August 1, and will remain available as long as supplies last, with preference given to those who register in advance, starting June 27. *This program was made possible through the Guillemont Memorial Grant.* Established in 2011 by Niagara Falls resident and lifelong member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church Dr. John G. Guillemont, this grant funds projects that benefit the health, education and welfare of the citizens of Niagara County. *We thank the Warden's and Vestry of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.*



LIBRARY CAFE – FREE LUNCH FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

The Main Library will again be a site for the Niagara County Youth Bureau Summer Food Service Program. The Summer Food Service Program is a federally funded program designed to ensure that all children continue to receive nutritious meals during summer vacation. Any child age 18 and under is welcome to come and enjoy a free lunch!

Dates: Monday through Friday, July 5 – August 26

Time: 12 pm – 1 pm

Location: Main Library, Children's room

SUMMER READING KICKOFF MAGIC SHOW

Designed for children ages 4 – 12, plus any fun-loving adults! Professional Magician Cris Johnson will be here to get everyone excited to read with his show "I Love to Read!" Get your summer reading log, and enjoy astonishing tricks, music, age-appropriate humor, fun magic, audience participation, and more designed around this summer's theme, "Oceans of Possibilities". Every child who attends will receive a fun, free magic trick to try at home.

Date: Friday, July 1

Time: 2 pm

Location: Main Library, 2nd-floor auditorium

Registration required.

SUMMER FUN CLUB FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K – 5

Oceans of fun each week with aquatic-themed stories, games, crafts, science, and more!

Dates: Tuesdays, July 5 – August 9

Time: 2:30 pm

Location: Main Library Meeting Room

Registration required.

July 5: Arrrgh! Pirates!

July 12: Aaaaaaaa! Sharks!

July 19: Beach Blanket Bingo

July 26: Lego Aquarium

August 2: Float Your Boat

August 9: Cool Coral Reefs

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Children's Programming

SUMMER FUN CLUB FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K – 5 *(continued)*

OR

Dates: Thursdays, July 7 – August 11

Time: 2:30 pm

Location: LaSalle Library Auditorium

Registration required.

July 7: Arrrgh! Pirates!

July 14: Aaaaaaaa! Sharks!

July 21: Beach Blanket Bingo

July 28: Lego Aquarium

August 4: Float Your Boat

August 11: Cool Coral Reefs

STORYTIME FOR TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS

Oceans of early literacy fun and learning each week with aquatic-themed stories, games, crafts, science and more!

Dates: Wednesdays, July 6 – August 10

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Main Library Meeting Room

Registration required.

July 6: Arrrgh! Pirates!

July 13: Aaaaaaaa! Sharks!

July 20: Let's Go to the Beach

July 27: Let's Go to the Aquarium

August 3: Row, Row, Row Your Boat

August 10: Under the Sea

OR

Dates: Thursdays: July 7 – August 11

Time: 10:30 am

Location: LaSalle Library Auditorium

Registration required.

July 7: Arrrgh! Pirates!

July 14: Aaaaaaaa! Sharks!

July 21: Let's Go to the Beach

July 28: Let's Go to the Aquarium

August 4: Row, Row, Row Your Boat

August 11: Under the Sea



AQUARIUM FRIDAYS

The Aquarium of Niagara will be here with some aquatic ambassadors - learn their stories and get an up-close encounter with some amazing animals!

Dates: Fridays, July 8 and 22

Time: 2 pm

Location: Main Library Meeting Room

Registration required.

OR

Dates: Fridays, July 15 & 29

Time: 2:00pm

Location: LaSalle Library Auditorium

Registration required.

GRAND FINALE: UNDER THE SEA PARTY FEATURING "THE LITTLE MERMAID"

Ariel will be coming back to land to bring us a very special event to wrap up our summer of ocean fun. She'll lead us in activities that include a fairytale storybook reading, sing-along, dance-along, royal training, a game, and a chance for pictures and autographs. She'll also give each child a special token from the sea!

Date: Tuesday, August 16

Time: 2:30 pm

Location: Main Library Meeting Room

Registration required.

OR

Date: Thursday, August 18

Time: 2:30 pm

Location: LaSalle Library Auditorium

Registration required.

Other Happenings

LOCAL HISTORY

Check out some of the local History displays planned for our Summer months

State Reservation at Niagara Exhibit

Dates: June 1 – August 31

Location: Main Library

This exhibit will showcase items relating to the history and start of the Niagara Falls State Park. It will be located on the 1st floor of the library and available whenever the library is open.

Nathaniel Dett Exhibit

Dates: June 1 – December 31

Location: LaSalle Library

This exhibit will showcase items relating to the African American composer. Dett was a Canadian-American Black composer, organist, pianist, choral director, and music professor.

LIBRARY NEWS

Pardon our dust...

During your visit in early summer, a number of building improvements will be occurring to help improve the visitor experience. Patrons will notice at Main Library: new cost-efficient LED lighting in public areas, new LED lighting (exterior and parking lot) at the Main building, new computer furniture in both the Adult and Children's areas, new floor covering in the second-floor meeting rooms, repaired windows, new ADA drinking fountains and bottle fillers. And at LaSalle Branch: a new outdoor book drop, new soft seating, new public study tables and ADA drinking fountains with bottle fillers. Both branches will see new modern computers for both public and staff usage. All work is funded via an NYS SAM grant as well as an NYS Library Construction grant. *We thank Mr. Angelo Morinello, our NY Assemblyman for his sponsorship.*



LOCAL HISTORY INVENTORY PHASE III AND PHASE IV

In July 2022, a team of archivists will be completing Phase III of our ongoing comprehensive four-phase inventory of the entire NFPL's local history collection. Phase IV to be completed concurrently in August and September 2022. A complete inventory has never been under taken and this will give us a better sense of storage needs and space requirements in future building projects as well as better protect our fragile collection. *This phase has been graciously funded through grants by Walmart Giving Grants, the Orrin E. Dunlop Trust, the Niagara Falls National Heritage Foundation Area, the Friends of Local History, the American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries, [an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA)], the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and NYS State Budget Aid Thank you NYS Senator Robert Ort.*

DIGITIZATION OF LOCAL ORAL HISTORIES

We will be preserving a collection of oral history interviews and presentations from the 1990's-early 2000s on the history of Niagara Falls. Included are interviews of persons from the communities, presentations reflecting different ethnic communities, and the changing landscape of NF city. An in-person display and virtual exhibit of these digitized items are planned for January 2023. *Made possible through a generous donation by Humanities New York – Action Grant.*

WIFI SPEED

Visitors to Main Library will notice that the WiFi upload speed will jump to 300 mbps as of July 1, 2022. A Federal Communication Commission E-rate grant has reduced the cost of WiFi by 90% for the coming year, yet will speed up the service which so many patrons rely on. Plans are afoot to offer this program to LaSalle Branch in the coming year.

Other Happenings

STUDY PODS

While a bit of an anomaly, three 'pods' will appear on the first floor of the Main Library by mid-May 2022. These pods will accommodate patrons with telehealth research as well as video conferencing needs. Access to a Gale Health database as well as Zoom calling their medical professional, all in a private environment. Pods will accommodate groups of one, or four and be ADA accessible. *Two pods and all equipment were graciously funded through a grant from the National Library of Medicine.*



NEW COMPUTERS

Patrons at both LaSalle and Main Branches will notice new technology by mid-Summer 2022. New upgraded public computer terminals, new mounted tablets as public search terminals and improved printer services.



COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORTS

Our yearly community annual report will be available online and in print in July 2022.



MAIN LIBRARY:

1425 Main St, Niagara Falls, NY 14305 • 716-286-4894 • niagarafallspubliclib.org

LASALLE LIBRARY:

8728 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 • 716-283-8309 • niagarafallspubliclib.org

MISSION IGNITE GRANT

In partnership with the Lockport Public Library, Western New York Library Resource Council (WNYLRC), and Mission Ignite, the Niagara Falls Public Library (Main and LaSalle locations) to offer computer training free of charge between July and December 2022. Call either branch for more information and to fill out a skills assessment survey. *Graciously funded through a Western New York Library Resource Council – America Rescue Plan Act Grant.*

DISCOVER NIAGARA SHUTTLE

Jump on the Discover Niagara shuttle for free. Stops are planned at the NFPL Main Library, 1425 Main Street. For more information <https://www.discoverniagarashuttle.com/>

REDDY BIKES

NFPL is pleased to partner with ReddyBikeshare. Bike stands are available at both Main Library and LaSalle Branch for low-cost rental. For more information <https://reddybikeshare.socialbicycles.com/>



BIKE REPAIR STATIONS



Beginning this summer, both branches will soon feature a new bike repair station for patrons to complete their own minor bike repairs as well as pump up their bike tires. Looking for info relating to how to fix your bike? Check out a book or video from our 629 shelves.